

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
RESOLUTION 2025-043**

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN OUTDOOR SPECIAL EVENT,
HOPTOBERFEST FUNDRAISER, TO BE HELD AT MELLODY FARM, AND WAIVING FEES
ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT**

WHEREAS, the Village of Vernon Hills has received a special event application from the School District 73 PTO to operate a fundraiser at Mellody Farm, to be held on October 11, 2025, as described in the materials attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-7-6 of the Zoning Code authorizes the Village Board to approve outdoor uses within the B-1 General Business District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, on review of the application at its meeting on August 12, 2025, finds the application and plans comply with Section 13-7-6 of the Zoning Code, and that approval the request is therefore justified.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Vernon Hills, that:

Section 1. The Special Event Permit for the District 73 PTO to host a fundraiser at Mellody Farm is hereby granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. The event shall be operated in substantial conformance with the materials attached as **Exhibit A**.
2. The event organizers shall provide BASSET certificates for servers providing alcohol at establishments that are not current liquor license holders.
3. Participating businesses serving outdoors must provide a defined area for alcohol service and consumption.
4. The hours of operation shall be 1pm to 4pm, with an outdoor movie to follow.
5. Garbage receptacles shall be provided and the grounds shall be cleaned immediately after the event.

Section 2. The fees associated with the special event permit and liquor license are hereby waived.

Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4 – Marquardt, Schenk, Lundeen, Koch

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Forster, Oppenheim, Takaoka



Thom Koch, Jr., Village President

PASSED: 08/12/2025

APPROVED: 08/12/2025

ATTEST: 08/12/2025



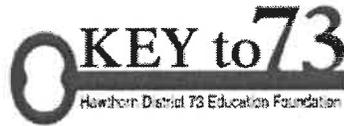
Kevin Timony, Village Clerk



EXHIBIT A

**Special Event Permit
to Operate an Outdoor Event at Melody Farm
(D73 Hoptoberfest Fundraiser)**

Plans and Exhibits



D73 Hawthorn Hoptoberfest Fundraiser

Event Name: Hawthorn Hoptoberfest

Event Hosts: D73 Hawthorn PTO, Key to 73 Foundation, Melody Farm

Location: Melody Farm, Vernon Hills

Event Date: Saturday, October 11, 2025

Event Time: 1:00PM - 4:00PM with movie in the Outparcel to follow

Number of Attendees: Maximum 400

This community engagement event with D73 families and surrounding community members is a celebration of Oktoberfest while raising funds for the D73 PTO and Key to 73 Foundation.

Participants will purchase tickets ahead of time to attend the event. Designated driver tickets will be available for a severely discounted rate. The day of the event, participants will check in to one of two check-in locations where they will show their ID for proof of drinking age and receive their event wristband, event drinking cup (mini glass stein or boot, TBD, still sourcing), and swag items provided by participating businesses. Designated drivers will receive a different colored wristband.

Throughout the course of the event, participants will stroll through Melody Farm stopping in at businesses participating to get a single 2-4 ounce pour of beer (actual amount will depend on the glass we purchase) at each location. Food will also be served at participating businesses. Beer will be sourced from the businesses in Melody Farm that brew their own beer to help promote our local brews.

Participants will not be allowed to leave the participating business area with beer still in their glasses. There will be pour buckets at the exit of each location where participants will be asked to empty their glasses before continuing to the next location.

We have tentatively proposed a VIP section where participants are able to donate some amount more than the initial ticket to get elevated swag, entered into a raffle for some big prizes, and have a gathering location away from the main crowd.

All Melody Farm Tenants, regardless of if they are participating in offering pours, are welcome to run deals that day (whole day or event time only).

For businesses that do not already have liquor licenses, the event hosts will be providing certified bartenders through an approved catering company to provide the pours at those locations.



D73 Hawthorn Hoptoberfest Fundraiser

At the conclusion of the event, we will be hosting a wind-down movie event where people can hang out in the Outparcel and eat snacks and drink soft drinks and water.

Current Participating Businesses as of 8/4/25 (this list will change as businesses commit to the event):

- Check-in Stations:
 - Madison Reed
 - Crisp & Green
- Pour Station
 - Tangled Roots
 - City Works
 - Sitka
 - Shake Shack
 - Lazy Dog
 - OVME
- VIP Section
 - West Elm