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Dear Neighbors of Tymor Park:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the 35th Annual Hudson Valley Hot-Air Balloon Festival, taking place September 4-6 at Tymor Park in Union Vale. We are diligently planning every detail to ensure we are respectful and considerate neighbors throughout the event.

First, I would like to invite you to be part of this wonderful summer tradition. In celebration of the festival's 35th year, we are planning an expanded experience. In addition to welcoming majestic hot-air balloons from across the country, the festival will feature live music, family games, food trucks, vendors, and entertainment, with each evening concluding with a fireworks display.

As you may know, hot-air balloons have limited steering capability and are guided by wind direction. We appreciate your understanding and hospitality toward pilots and crews you may encounter flying low over the neighborhood. When balloons are flying at lower altitudes, pilots are often searching for safe landing areas and will always request permission if a landowner is present. If your property has previously been included on our "red zone map," it will remain designated as such this year.

If you see a balloon flying close to the treetops, please do not be alarmed. This is a controlled maneuver used by pilots to slow the balloon's speed during descent. Any impact on trees is typically minimal, usually limited to a few leaves, with no lasting damage.

In accordance with Town Board requirements, we are committed to minimizing traffic disruptions to respect your daily routines, particularly along Bruzgul, Duncan, and Tymor Park Roads. While we will work to keep traffic flowing as smoothly as possible, we kindly suggest avoiding travel near Tymor Park during the festival when feasible. For pedestrian safety, Tymor Park Road will be closed for the duration of the event. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

As a token of our appreciation for your patience and hospitality, we are offering nearly 50% off admission for town residents. Discounted tickets are available for purchase at Town Hall now through August 21.

Our goal is to be good temporary neighbors by keeping you informed and minimizing any disruption. If you have suggestions on how we can further reduce the impact on you and the surrounding community, please feel free to contact the Town Supervisor, a member of the Town Council, or me directly at Frank@dcrcc.org. For the full festival schedule and additional information, please visit www.balloonfesthv.com.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Frank Castella Jr.
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