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Date: September 14, 2023

To Milford Township Supervisors:

I first want to thank you for your continued support of Grey Towers and specifically for our large public events as we manage traffic and parking along Old Owego Turnpike safely. For the past 17 years, the public has descended on Grey Towers for our annual Festival of Wood. When the weather cooperates, this has resulted in upwards of 3,000 people and associated cars, trailers, etc., on our site over 48 hours. We plan to hold the Festival of Wood again this year on Saturday, September 23, 2023, and Sunday, September 24, 2023, from 10:00 to 16:00 each day. We are once again seeking your permission to close the upper end of Old Owego Turnpike at Route 6 on those dates. The closing of the top of Old Owego Turnpike helps improve visitor and employee safety during this hectic timeframe by restricting the traffic coming down Old Owego as the event necessitates the use of our lower fields off Old Owego Turnpike for overflow parking as well as ingress and egress at the main gate. As always, we will have staff to control traffic and parking.

If approved, the road would be closed on Saturday, September 23, 2023, and Sunday, September 24, 2023, from approximately 9:00 to 17:00.

Grey Towers NHS, as part of the Federal Government, is self-insured and, therefore, cannot provide a letter accepting liability for injuries or damages resulting from the road closure. Any liability on the part of the United States is limited to and determined by the provisions of the Federal Tort Claims Act.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter and look forward to having a wonderful community event. We also ask to have the use of the Township Road Closure sign and orange barriers as in past years to help facilitate the closure. The Forest Service will pick up and return the borrowed items. Thank you for considering this request, and please join us at the Festival. Please contact Beth Hawke at 570-832-7153.

Sincerely,

Joseph Koloski

Director

Grey Towers National Historic Site

