From: Hanel, Tom
To: George Haddenhorst; .Mayor & Council
Subject: RE: RELAY FOR LIFE FIRE LANE VIOLATION
Date: Monday, July 11, 2011 4:32:15 PM

George,
Thank you for your communication. My truck was loaned for the use of hauling equipment, etc., for the relay, I will visit with the volunteers and certainly bring this to their attention.

Have a nice day,
Mayor Hanel

From: George Haddenhorst [GHaddenhorst@yecomt.com]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 9:35 AM
To: .Mayor & Council
Subject: RELAY FOR LIFE FIRE LANE VIOLATION

Dear Honorable Mayor and Council Members, I would like to thank the Mayor and his wife for their time in support of the Relay for Life event last Friday evening. The time and effort we all spend in support of this worthy cause is vital to the success of the event, and it makes a big difference when important officials show their public support in the fashion that you did.

However, I was very dismayed when I discovered that for most of the evening, a truck with "Hanel" on the license plate was parked in a fire zone near the entrance to the school. While I do not know for certain that the truck belongs to you, Mr. Mayor, it did have advertising for the realty on the side indicating an association with your realty company. Please see the attached picture that I took about 9:00 PM on Friday evening.

I've struggled with what to do with this situation throughout the weekend, as, for the life of me, I cannot think of one good reason that you would park there. My mother, an 85 year old survivor of cancer, parked over at the Hobby Lobby parking area and walked over. In the end, she was too tired to walk the one lap with the other survivors. That's certainly not your fault, as the parking lot was completely full (hopefully with survivor and handicapped parking needs). But, it does highlight the need to considerate and law abiding when it comes to limited parking.

I am writing in the hopes that you have an explanation, and will offer that up to the citizens of Billings. We look up to our civic leaders to be the shining stars of our community in all that they do, and to lead by example (as you usually do). With all due respect, please help me understand this particular situation more fully.

Best Regards,

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