

Ironman Michigan Event

Inbox



**Joshua Mills**

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Dear Township Supervisors:

The City of Frankfort and Frankfort-Elberta Area Chamber of Commerce was approached by TC Tourism and the Benzie County Chamber of Commerce regarding the possibility of hosting an Ironman event in 2021. After several discussions with Ironman and our Benzie County Emergency Service partners, the City of Frankfort has agreed to be a host for an Ironman event on September 12, 2021. We are looking forward to working closely with our Benzie County community partners on an event that will significantly enhance the overall social and economic well-being of our community.

It is proposed that the swim and running portion of the event will occur in the City of Frankfort and the Village of Elberta. The bike portion of the race is proposed to occur within the M22 corridor through Blaine Township, Gilmore Township, Village of Elberta, City of Frankfort, Crystal Lake Township, Lake Township and Platte Township; however, this requires approval and support from each Township. At this time, we are requesting an opportunity to discuss the event with Township officials regarding the proposed race route and the logistics associated with traffic flow and the necessary communication that would be required with residents during an event of this nature. The meeting held with our Emergency Service Partners (Benzie County Emergency Manager, Benzie County Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police, Frankfort Police Department, Frankfort Fire Department, MDOT and the Benzie County Road Commission) and Ironman went well and they believe that an Ironman event could be facilitated in Benzie County in a positive and safe manner.

Will you be available for a Zoom meeting on **December 16<sup>th</sup>** to engage in a conversation with Ironman regarding an event in Benzie County on September 12, 2021? There is flexibility on time but would 3:30 pm work? If we need to accommodate schedules, we can have the meeting earlier or later in the day or on a different day. Rebecca Hubers, Benzie County Emergency Manager, will also be available to answer pertinent questions as it pertains to traffic and other factors that will involve our emergency service partners.. We will handle the ZOOM invitations. If you don't have the ability to participate via Zoom, you are welcome to come to Frankfort City Hall and use an IPAD or other device.

Please let us know if you or a representative will be available to discuss this opportunity.

Thank you for your time.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (231) 651-9117 or via e-mail.

Sincerely,

Joshua Mills  
City Superintendent  
City of Frankfort