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LITH PD Notification and Response to UpRising Bakery and Cafe Drag Show Brunch

On July 6th, 2022, the Lake in the Hills Police Department began to receive messages from concerned citizens regarding a drag show performance being hosted by UpRising Bakery and Cafe, 2104 W. Algonquin Rd., scheduled for July 23rd. Residents expressed their concerns, citing an advertisement regarding children being allowed to attend the event. Since being notified of the event, the Police Department, along with Lake in the Hills Community Development Department, contacted the business owner and have been in regular communication regarding the event. The Police Department and Community Development Department have investigated the reported concerns. Subsequently, no violations of the Village of Lake in the Hills Municipal code were found and no nudity or sexually explicit content is reported to be a part of the scheduled performance. We encourage anyone who has a concern to contact us directly and not rely solely on the social media attention that has overtaken this event.

Since the posting of the advertisement, UpRising Bakery and Cafe's owner reported receiving in-person and online threats to the business, the Police Department has taken reports and is investigating these incidents.

In addition, the Police Department is aware of the protests and counter protests reportedly planned to occur the day of the event. The safety and Constitutional rights of everyone who may choose to participate is the priority of the Police Department. We are taking measures to ensure that everyone has the right to engage in peaceful protest. However, we wish to remind everyone that under no circumstances will the Police Department tolerate a disruption of this event or any activity that disrupts the peace. The department will be taking a zero-tolerance approach for those individuals who choose to attend with plans to engage in acts of violence or criminal activity.

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