Good afternoon Jen, Brendan & Maria,

I hope this finds you all well. I wanted to reach out regarding 2 upcoming events we’re planning to have at Ag Hall in July.

1. The Veteran’s Advocate Group of MV Community Services wants to have a Veteran’s meet & greet at the Ag Hall on 7/16 from 4-7pm. They are envisioning veteran’s coming by the hall during that time to meet other vets and hear about what the Advocate Group is working on. They will be serving light food. Parking will be in the front. They expect less than 100 people.
2. We are partnering with The Animal Shelter of Martha’s Vineyard for a “Celebration of Animals” on 7/23 from 2-4pm. One of the rings will feature Horse Archery, a Farm Animal Show and Large Animal Parade (obviously not at the same time). The other ring will feature dog demonstrations and a small animal parade. Rev. Baker and Rabbi Broitman will perform 2 Blessings of the Animals, 1 for the farm animals and 1 for the domestic pets. There will be other events such as a Tony the Pony painting demo, Alpacas and face painting. This will take between the Hall and the Barns. Parking will be in the front and along the Barn road if necessary. We also expect less than 100 people.

Both of these events are free and both organizations are nonprofits. The Celebration of Animals falls in line with our mission and the APR. We also feel the Veteran’s Meet & Greet falls under the APR clause, 2nd paragraph, page 2:

“WHEREAS, the historical activities of MVAS have also included, but have not been limited to, conducting horse and buggy rides, horse and cattle shows, farmers’ markets,……and a variety of activities of educational, community, recreational, and non-profit activities for government and civic groups, for the enjoyment of residents of Martha’s Vineyard, and for others;”

Please also note that 3 of the approved events from our 2022 Event List have not occurred and will not occur this year. Please see below:

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| June\* | Junina-Spring Festival\* | MVAS | MVAS Event/Community | 100 |
| June\* | WT Town Picnic | WT Town Hall | Town | 100 |
| July\* | Library Association Reading Kickoff | WT Library | Town | ? |

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything else.

Thank you so much
Lauren

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