

December 29, 2021

Mayor Mike Sidari
Village of Medina
119 Park Avenue
Medina NY 14103

Dear Mayor Sidari,

Today, in the United States, over 5 million people are living with Alzheimer's disease, and every 68 seconds another person is diagnosed. This fatal disease is the 6th leading cause of death in our country and, of the top ten leading causes of death, it's the only one that cannot be prevented, slowed, or cured.

The Alzheimer's Association is working to stop this epidemic and improve the lives of millions in Western New York and across the nation. Our local Chapter provides education, care, and support for those living with all forms of dementia and their caregivers, in all eight counties of Western New York. And, as the leading non-profit funder of Alzheimer's research, the Association advances studies around the world to end this disease.

The Alzheimer's Association, WNY Chapter, requests permission to hold an Orleans County Walk To End Alzheimer's event at State Street Park in Medina on Saturday, October 8, 2022. Last year over 200 people attended this event. The Walk is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. The Walks call on participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease!

The Western New York chapter of the Alzheimer's Association hosts five other Walks (in Buffalo, Lewiston, Dunkirk, Batavia, and Olean), and we would like to continue to hold one in Medina for all of Orleans County. There will be music, entertainment, light refreshments, and a 1.8 mile Walk. The projected timeline follows:

7:00 am	Staff and volunteers arrive for set up
9:00 am	Registration opens
10:00 am	Opening remarks
10:15 am	Walk begins
11:00 am	Wrap up and clean up

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the event or chapter and I may be reached at mrweitz@alz.org or 716-913-9809.

Thank you for your consideration,



Maddie Weitz, Orleans County Walk to End Alzheimer's Manager