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### **Details coming together for candle light vigil**

City officials are putting plans in place for a large crowd to gather Saturday night on Commercial Street for a candle light march in memory of Hailey Owens.

The grassroots event is organized by Joe Bridges, and a Facebook event shows that nearly 6,000 people plan to attend.

Participants should park south of Commercial Street in public parking lots. Organizations, such as CoxHealth, Convoy of Hope and Central Assemblies of God have agreed to allow overflow parking in their lots further south off Boonville. ([View a parking map](#)).

Commercial Street will be blocked off from Lyon to Washington from 7 -9:15 p.m. The march will begin at Campbell and Commercial at 8:15 and proceed east to the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge. Springfield Public Works will illuminate the bridge with purple lights, one of Hailey's reported favorite colors. Please bring your own candles, as they will not be provided.

"We hope this will be healing moment for our community," said Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Seifried. "Many people have expressed to me the need to come together as a community in support of Hailey's family and friends, and honor her memory.

Both Springfield Police and Fire Departments will provide public safety services, and CoxHealth and Mercy have volunteered to provide standby EMS service. Event support is provided by Urban Districts Alliance and the Commercial Club.

No solicitation or mobile food vendors are allowed at this event.

**Media:** Parking for live trucks is available at the lot near the C-Street pavilion, just west of the footbridge. That is where a collective moment of silence will occur.

Questions concerning this event can be directed to:

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