

January 28, 2019

We are doing a route change per our discussion today with David Wohlgemuth. This route is a much better option than the original we proposed.

Here is what we came up with (See Route):

https://www.runwalk.events/GoogleMaps/CourseMap.asp?event_id=50347

- We would stage near Pepi's or even in Pepi's. (This would bring them extra business and give us cover if the weather is less than favorable)
- The Race would start just east of the roundabout and run the Parade Route in reverse ("*That's so Irish*").
- Our staff has radios and would not start until Parade Marshall's give us the green light.
- By running in reverse we are able to take advantage of the Lake Michigan Pathway and avoid intersections on Marquette, which for a variety of reasons (primarily policing) is out and no longer an option.
- Runners will all have exited the parade route within 5 to 7 minutes. Parade Marshall's will have a clear view that the runners are off the course.
- Lake Avenue is a non issue. Runners will not be running into any traffic. Police will be stationed at Lake and State at our expense to hold back traffic when runners are present. Runners will only cross once. So within 10 minutes, all the runners will have cleared that area.
- Upon return the route actually ends further east, so the Lake Avenue intersection is no longer used by the runners other than to cross like any other pedestrian.
- It also puts us back at the beginning of the parade route, which is where we need to be for the end of the parade if we are to have our top winners parade down the route in our vehicles.
- If there is snow on the Route and we need to cancel the 5K but the Parade is still ago, the 5K will become a St. Paddy's Day Dash and only run the length of the parade route.

We would be very happy with this scenario. Obviously we would have like to run the other direction but for safety reason, this is really a great option. And it's St. Patrick's Day, "*That's so Irish*" is a saying we use to describe something as backward. Make's perfect sense to this Irish Lad!

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have attached a proposed change to the St. Patrick's Day 5K Run/Walk. I am forwarding this as an option for the route, looking at minimizing the pedestrian/vehicle interchange points, and having the runners/walkers off of the parade route as soon as possible.

Patrick will still need to obtain approval from the St. Patrick's Day Parade Board, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department, Public Works Committee, and the Common Council; so, there are a few hurdles that have to be cleared before this is a go. However, if all approvals are obtained, I believe this route is the best option.

If you have access to Google Earth, this .kmz file will open in it and show you the route. If not, I have stepped out the route below:

- Start at the City Hall roundabout
- East on Sixth Street
- North on Main Street
- East on Gas Light Drive
- South on the Lake MI Pathway
- South across the Christopher Columbus Causeway
- South on the Lake MI Pathway
- Turn around at the south end of Meyer's Park
- North on the Lake MI Pathway
- North across the Christopher Columbus Causeway
- North on the Lake MI Pathway
- West on Gas Light Drive
- End prior to Lake Avenue

Gas Light Drive would only need to be shut down on the south side of the boulevard; vehicle traffic could utilize the north side of the roadway.

Patrick will get this onto the MapMyRun site so that everyone can view it via a link.

Again, please understand that I am only looking to provide a more viable route that minimizes traffic concerns and clears the runners from the roadway quickly. It is up to Patrick to reach out to each of you and obtain the required permissions.

Thank you,
Dave

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