

August 16, 2015

Dear Members of the Racine Department of Public Works Committee:

Thank you for once again considering Real Racine's proposal to use city streets for the Biggest Loser RunWalk Half Marathon and 5k, scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 13 at North Beach Park.

This is the fourth year of the event here in Racine. We expect about 500 participants for the Half Marathon and 500 participants for the 5k as well.

This year I am proposing a much different course—one that should be more favorable for the city and its residents. (Please see the attached map and step-by-step course directions.) I propose a 6.55-mile course (rather than a full 13.1-mile course) that participants would run twice to complete the half marathon.

I met in early August with Lt. Dave Wohlgemuth from the Racine PD and Randy Eschmann from the DPW to discuss this new option and both were in favor of the change.

The new course proposal would:

- Limited the number of road closures and overall streets impacted by the race course.
- Have less of an impact and inconvenience on traffic, residents and businesses.
- Utilize all possible pathways, rather than city streets, as much as possible.
- Reduce the need a high amount of police officers, course equipment, staffing, etc.
- Make the course more accessible for spectators.

You will also note that the proposed new course will run through the Racine Zoo. I have had conversations with Beth Heidorn at the Racine Zoo and as of 8/16, I still do not have a final approval for the course to run through the zoo, but am confident we will be able to work something out.

Also to note, this course would not close the course to traffic in MOST areas. We are only requesting the full closure of roads for:

- Hoffert Drive from Barker St. to Michigan Blvd.
- Main Street from Gas Light Drive to Dodge St. I have submitted a request to Tom Eeg to place a request with the Coast Guard to keep the Main St. Bridge down from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lt. Wohlgemuth has a plan in place to station police officers along the course's intersections to allow traffic to pass through when there is a break in runner traffic.

Real Racine will once again take care of creating Neighborhood Notices that will be personally distributed to neighbors and businesses more than a week before the event to alert them of potential course delays.

Here is an event schedule:

-Saturday, Sept. 12: North Beach venue setup. Runner check-in scheduled from Noon to 4 p.m. Kids race scheduled for 2 p.m. (Will only use pathways.) Set up of the start and finish line will begin on Saturday afternoon. The portion of Hoffert Drive from just north of the entrance to the Kids Cove parking lot and north will need to be closed to traffic from mid-afternoon on.

Late afternoon No Parking signs will go up along the course. No parking along the course will go into effect at 2 a.m.

-Sunday, Sept. 13:

KIDS COVE PARKING LOT CLOSED TO GENERAL TRAFFIC. HOFFERT DRIVE CLOSED.

5 a.m.: Course set up and coning begins

6 a.m.: North Beach runner check-in opens

7:30 a.m.: Half Marathon start

8:00 a.m.: 5k start

8:15 a.m.: First 5k finisher

9:00 a.m.: All 5k runners off course

8:50 a.m.: First Half Marathon finisher

1:00 p.m.: Final Half Marathon finisher

3:00 p.m.: Venue cleaned and everything completed

Race staff will remove cones and equipment from course immediately following the last runner. No Parking signs will be removed immediately following the last runner.

Thank you, once again, for the consideration of holding this wonderful national event in Racine.

I appreciate your support.

Kari Dawson

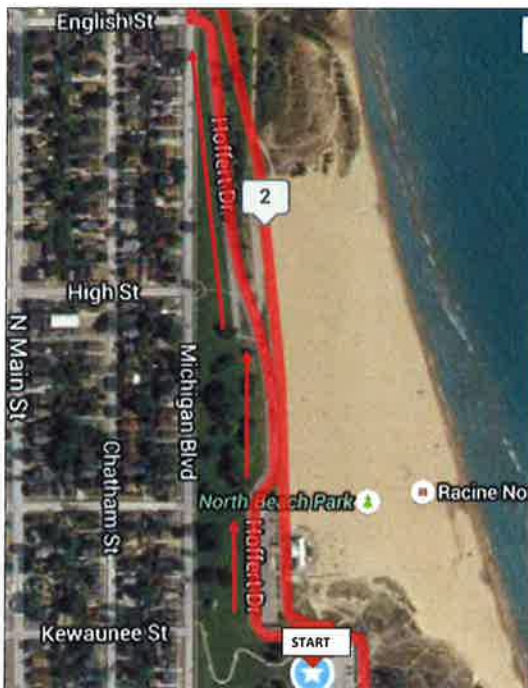
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2015 Biggest Loser RunWalk 5k Course

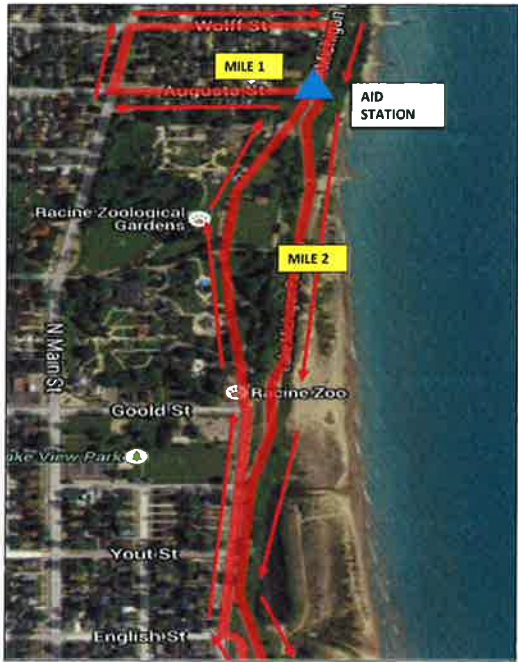
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START: On Hoffert Drive in front of the Kids' Cove parking lot. (The entire Hoffert Drive from Barker to Michigan needs to be closed for the race. THIS IS THE SAME START AT THE HALF MARATHON.)

-Runners head north on Hoffert.

-Go right on Michigan Blvd. (Runners keep to the right.)



- Continue north on Michigan Blvd (in right lane) until the service entrance at the Racine Zoo (similar to Ironman).
- Runners enter the Michigan/Goold service entrance. Continue on the pathways through the Racine Zoo.
- Runners exit the Racine Zoo from the north service entrance.
- Go left on Augusta St. (Runners cross the street here and stay right.)
- *There will be a water/aid station at the intersection of Augusta and Michigan.
- Go right on Main Street. (Runners keep right in shoulder.)
- *NOTE: THIS IS DIFFERENT THAN HALF MARATHON.**
- Go right on WOLFF Street. (Runners keep right.)
- Go right on Michigan Blvd. (Runners cross street here and keep left on Michigan.
- Enter and head south on the Lake Michigan Pathway at the intersection of Michigan & Augusta.
- Follow Lake Michigan Pathway south through North Beach Park.



- Runners continue south on the Lake Michigan Pathway through North Beach Park
- *There will be an aid station located along the pathway in front of the Kids Cove Playground.
- Continue south on the Lake Michigan Pathway until it hits Reichert Ct.
- Go right on Reichert Ct.
- Turn right on Michigan Blvd. Runners keep right.
- At Barker Street, runners turn right and cross the street. Run on the left side of the street.
- Turn left on Hoffert Drive to finish the race where it started.

**2015 Biggest Loser Racine
5K COURSE**

**Sunday, Sept 13
North Beach Park
8:00 a.m.**

Step-by-Step Details

This is a NEW course this year. It is very similar to the Half Marathon with some minor exceptions.

START: Hoffert Drive just north of the driveway into the Kids Cove parking lot. (Kids Cove parking lot will be closed to general traffic. It will be used for VIP parking, staff staging area and police command.)

-Runners head north on Hoffert Drive to the top of the hill at Michigan Blvd. The entire width of the street is closed to traffic.

-Go right onto Michigan Blvd. Runners keep to the right side of the street.

-Enter the Racine Zoo (similar to Ironman) at the south service entrance to the Racine Zoo.

-Follow the designated path (similar to Ironman) through the Racine Zoo.

-Exit the Racine Zoo from the north service entrance at Michigan & Augusta. (*There will be an aid station positioned at Michigan & Augusta.)

-Runners cross the street and go left on Augusta. Runners keep to the right side.)

-Go right on Main Street. Runners keep to the right shoulder.

-DIFFERENT FROM THE HALF MARATHON: Runners go right on Wolff Street. Keep right.

Race staff needs to place "5k turn right" signage here. A course marshal directing runners will also be positioned here.*

-Runners cross the street at Michigan, turn right and keep left.

-Continue south on Michigan until the Lake Michigan Pathway. (Again, water station is at Michigan & Augusta.)

-Continue south on the Lake Michigan Pathway through North Beach Park. (*There will be a water station along the pathway in front of the Kids Cove Playground. This is at about Mile 2.5.)

-Continue on the Lake Michigan Pathway past the Racine Yacht Club all the way to Reichert Ct.

-Go right on Reichert Court.

DIFFERENT THAN THE HALF MARATHON:

-Go right onto Michigan Blvd. Runners keep right.

****Race staff needs to place "5k turn right" signage here. A course marshal directing runners will also be positioned here.*****

-At Barker Street, runners turn right and cross over to the left side of the street.

***Note: There will be a police officer stationed at Michigan & Barker to control traffic and manage vehicles coming and going to the RYC.**

-Runners turn left at Hoffert Drive and finish the race where it started.

***There is not medical along the course, but there will be medical positioned at the finish line.**

2015 Biggest Loser RunWalk Half Marathon Course

Prepared by: Kari Dawson, Real Racine

Course can be viewed online at:

<http://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/820936209>



START: On Hoffert Drive in front of the Kids' Cove parking lot. (The entire Hoffert Drive from Barker to Michigan needs to be closed for the race.)

-Runners head north on Hoffert.

-Go right on Michigan Blvd. (Runners keep to the right.)



-Continue north on Michigan Blvd (in right lane) until the service entrance at the Racine Zoo (similar to Ironman).

-Runners enter the Michigan/Goold service entrance. Continue on the pathways through the Racine Zoo.



-Runners exit the Racine Zoo from the north service entrance.

-Go left on Augusta St. (Runners cross the street here and stay right.)

*There will be a water/aid station at the intersection of Augusta and Michigan. This will serve as the aid station for Miles 1 & 8.

-Go right on Main Street. (Runners keep right in shoulder.)

-Go right on William Street. (Runners keep right.)

-Go right on Michigan Blvd. (Runners cross street here and keep left on Michigan.)

-Enter and head south on the Lake Michigan Pathway at the intersection of Michigan & Augusta.

-Continue south on the Lake Michigan Pathway through North Beach Park

-Runners continue south on the Lake Michigan Pathway past the Racine Yacht Club.

*Note: Access to the RYC will not be restricted. There will be an access lane left open on Barker St.

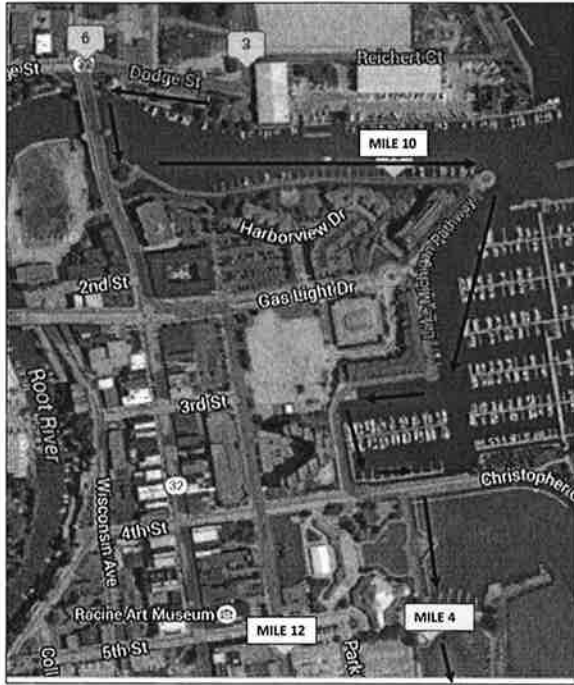
-Go right on Reichert Ct from the Lake Michigan Pathway.

-Take a quick left on Michigan Blvd.

*There will be a water/aid station at the corner of Michigan and Dodge that will serve Miles 3 & 6

-Go right on Dodge St. (Runners stay left. This portion of Dodge will be split for an out-and-back.)

-Go left on Main St over the bridge. (Runners stay left. This portion of Main will be split for an out-and-back.)



- Runners take a left onto the Lake Michigan Pathway.
- Exit the Lake Michigan Pathway at Christopher Columbus Cswy.
- Runners cross the street at C. Columbus and enter the Lake Michigan Pathway behind Festival Hall.
- Continue south on the Lake Michigan Pathway.



*There will be a water/aid station just past Mile 4 at the 6th Street boat launch just before turning onto the Pershing Park Pathway.

This will serve as the aid station for Miles 4 & 11.

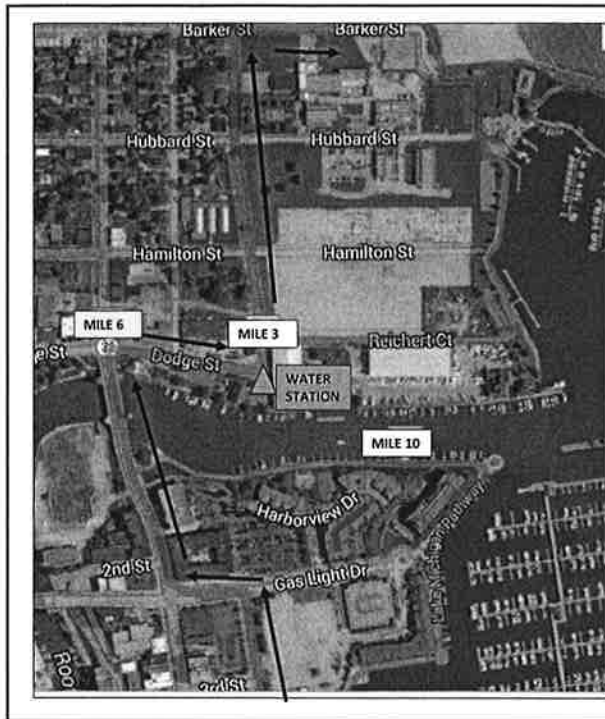
-Runners continue south on the Pershing Park Pathway.
(NOTE: Runners are on the pathway, NOT the street.)



- Runners continue south on the Pershing Pathway and wind on the pathway through Samuel Myers Park.
 - At 11th Street, runners cross the street and go left on 11th Street. (Runners keep right.)
 - Go right on Main Street. (Runners keep right.)
 - Go right on 10th Street. (Runners keep right.)
 - Go left on Lake Ave. (Runners keep right.)
- *There will be a water/aid station on Lake Ave & 8th Street in front of the Racine YMCA. This station will serve Miles 5 & 12.



- Runners continue north on Lake Avenue.
- Cross the street and turn left at Gas Light Drive. (Take the right-hand turn lane in front of Jimmy Johns.)
- Go right on Main Street. (Runners keep right.)



-Runners continue north on Main Street and cross the Main Street Bridge. (The portion of Main Street past the entrance to the pathway will be split for an out-and-back.)

-Go right on Dodge Street. (Runners keep left on the right side of the street. This street is split for an out-and-back.)

-Go left on Michigan Blvd. (The course will be split until Reichert Ct for an out-and-back. After that runners will keep right as they head north on Michigan.)

-Go right on Barker Street. (Runners will cross over at Barker and keep left.)

*A police officer will be stationed at the top of the hill at Michigan and Barker to control traffic that may be coming and going from the Racine Yacht Club.



-Runners head east down Barker Street.

-Turn left onto Hoffert Drive.

*Runners continue the SAME COURSE for a second loop.

*Runners who have completed their second loop, finish the race.

**2015 Biggest Loser Half Marathon Racine
HALF MARATHON COURSE**

**Sunday, Sept 13
North Beach Park
7:30 a.m.**

Step-by-Step Details

NEW THIS YEAR

This is a double-loop course. A single loop is 6.55 miles. Half marathon runners will run the course TWICE to complete the half marathon (13.1 miles) distance.

START: Hoffert Drive just north of the driveway into the Kids Cove parking lot. (Kids Cove parking lot will be closed to general traffic. It will be used for VIP parking, staff staging area and police command.)

-Runners head north on Hoffert Drive to the top of the hill at Michigan Blvd. The entire width of the street is closed to traffic.

-Go right onto Michigan Blvd. Runners keep to the right side of the street.

-Enter the Racine Zoo (similar to Ironman) at the south service entrance to the Racine Zoo.

-Follow the designated path (similar to Ironman) through the Racine Zoo.

-Exit the Racine Zoo from the north service entrance at Michigan & Augusta. (*There will be an aid station positioned at Michigan & Augusta.)

-Runners cross the street and go left on Augusta. Runners keep to the right side.)

-Go right on Main Street. Runners keep to the right shoulder.

-Go right on William Street. Runners keep to the right side.

-Runners cross the street at Michigan Blvd and keep to the left.

-Enter onto the Lake Michigan Pathway at Michigan & Augusta.

-Follow the Lake Michigan Pathway south through North Beach Park. (*There will be an aid station on the pathway in front of the Kids' Cove Playground.)

-Continue on the Lake Michigan Pathway past the Racine Yacht Club and along the lake all the way to Reichert Ct.

-Go left on Reichert Ct. Runners should keep left.

-Go left on Michigan Blvd. Keep left. (This area will be split for an out-and-back.) (*There will be an aid station located at the intersection of Michigan & Dodge.)

-Go right on Dodge St. Keep left. (This area will be split for an out-and-back.)

-Go left at Main Street and cross the Main St Bridge. Runners keep left. (This area will be split for an out-and back.)

*The entire stretch of Main Street from Dodge to 2nd St will be shut down. The bridge will remain down.

-Runners turn left onto the Lake Michigan Pathway just over the bridge (before the bank.)

-Runners follow the Lake Michigan Pathway all the way around to the exit at Christopher Columbus Causeway.

-Runners cross the street and re-enter the Lake Michigan Pathway behind Festival Hall.

-Continue to follow the Lake Michigan Pathway as it exits Festival Hall, winds through the boat launch area and turns into the Pershing Park Pathway. (*There will be an aid station at the bottom of 6th Street near one of the driveways into the boat launch.)

*Note—Runners are on the Pershing Park Pathway NOT Pershing Park Drive.

-Runners continue on Pershing Park Pathway as it wraps through Samuel Myers Park.

-At the end of the pathway, runners cross the street at 11th Street and keep right.

-Turn right onto Main Street and keep to the right shoulder.

-Right right onto 10th Street and keep right.

-Turn left onto Lake Ave and keep right. (*There will be an aid station on Lake Ave and 8th Street near the Racine YMCA.)

-Continue on Lake Ave (along the right side) all the way to Gas Light Circle.

-Runners cross the street at Gas Light Circle and keep right. They will run through the right-hand turn lane in front of Jimmy John's.

-Turn right onto Main Street. Main Street will be completely shut down north of Gaslight Circle.

-Once runners get to the entrance to the pathway (near the bank), the course will be split for an out-and-back. Runners will stay left.

-Turn right onto Dodge Street. The course will be split here for an out-and-back. Runners will keep left (but on the right side of the road.) (*Again, there is an aid station at Dodge and Michigan.)

-Go left at Michigan Blvd. The course will be split for an out-and-back just until Reichert Ct. Runners on the right side of the road, but keep left.

-Continue north on Michigan Blvd. Runners keep to the right.

-At Barker Street, runners cross the street and turn right onto Barker. Runners keep to the left.

*A police officer will be stationed at the top of the hill at Michigan & Barker to manage any traffic to and from the Racine Yacht Club.

-Runners go left at Hoffert Drive.

***Medical will be stationed along Hoffert Drive near the start/finish line for anyone needing assistance at the half way point of the race or the finish.

-If this is the first loop, runners continue for a second loop of the same, exact course. If it is the completion of the second loop, runners finish the race here.