

RECREATION CENTER

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RUNNING

MOTOR CITY STRIDERS 1998 LONG DISTANCE RUNNING SCHEDULE

(Times and dates subject to change)

| Date | Time | Event | Male winner | Female winner |
|--------------------|------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sunday, March 1 | 10 a.m. | 20th annual Bill Walker Memorial 3-Mile Run | Belle Isle, Detroit | |
| Sunday, March 15 | 12:30 p.m. | 16th annual St. Pat's Corktown Races | Tiger Stadium, Detroit | Alan Van Meter Kathy Rink |
| Saturday, March 21 | 10 a.m. | Detroit Pistons Fast Break 5K | The Palace, Auburn Hills | Keith Hanson |
| Saturday, March 29 | 10 a.m. | Renaissance Home Health Care 5K Spring Forward Sprint | Oakland University | |
| Saturday, April 25 | 8:30 a.m. | Susan O. Komen Race For The Cure 1 Mile & 5K Walk/Run | Detroit Zoo | |
| Sunday, May 10 | 9:30 a.m. | 20th annual Greater Berkley 1 Mile & 10K Run | Berkley Community Center | |
| Sunday, May 17 | 9 a.m. | 12th annual Ferndale Foot Frolic 1 Mile & 10K Run | Ferndale High School | |
| Saturday, May 30 | 9 a.m. | 21st Oak/Apple 2 Mile & 10K Run | Downtown Royal Oak | |
| Tuesday, June 2 | 7 p.m. | ITT Automotive Detroit Grand Prix 4-Mile Run | Belle Isle | |
| Saturday, June 6 | 9 a.m. | Oakland General Hospital 2-Mile Walk & 4-Mile Run | Madison Heights | |
| Friday, June 12 | 8:45 p.m. | Farmington YMCA 5-Mile Run | Farmington Hills | |
| Saturday, June 27 | 9 a.m. | Open Door 5K Julie Run/Walk | OC, Highland Lakes | |
| Thursday, July 2 | 6:30 p.m. | Big Boy Road Race Series 1 & 2 Mile Runs | Huntington Woods | |
| Saturday, July 4 | 9 a.m. | 15th annual Firecracker Mile | Clewon | |
| Thursday, July 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Big Boy Road Race Series 1 & 3 Mile Runs | Huntington Woods | |
| Thursday, July 16 | 6:30 p.m. | Big Boy Road Race Series 1 & 4 Mile Run & Club Picnic | Huntington Woods | |
| Saturday, July 18 | 9 a.m. | Just Zoo HI Organ Donor 5K Run and 1-Mile Walk | Detroit Zoo | |
| Saturday, July 25 | 8 a.m. | 13th annual Heart of the Hills 5K and 10K Run | Andover High School | |
| Saturday, Aug. 1 | 6 p.m. | 22nd annual Allen Park 1 Mile & 8K Run | Allen Park | |
| Sunday, Sept. 13 | 9:30 a.m. | Trot For Tots 5K & Kids' Quarter Mile | Royal Oak Kimball H.S. | |
| Sunday, Sept. 20 | 9 a.m. | Detroit Zoological Society Run Wild 5K | Detroit Zoo | |
| Sunday, Sept. 27 | 9 a.m. | 40th Chaucery Longwhite Memorial 5K & 10 Mile Run | Belle Isle | |
| Saturday, Oct. 3 | 9 a.m. | Dogs and Jocks 4-Mile Run and 1-Mile Walk | Portlao Silverdome | |
| Sunday, Oct. 4 | 10 a.m. | Gilda's Club 3-Mile Non-Competitive Walk | Cobo Hall | |
| Sunday, Oct. 18 | 7:30 a.m. | 21st annual Mazda International Marathon | Windsor, ONT./Detroit | |
| Sunday, Oct. 18 | 8 a.m. | Marathon Day 5K | Hart Plaza | |
| Sunday, Nov. 1 | 10 a.m. | 12th annual Margaret Perush Memorial 4 Mile Run | Ford Field, Dearborn | |
| Thursday, Nov. 26 | 8 a.m. | 16th annual Thanksgiving Turkey Trot 1 Mile & 10K Run | Cobo Hall | |
| Sunday, Dec. 6 | 10 a.m. | 11th annual Jingle Bell 5K Run For Arthritis | Birmingham | |
| Wednesday, Dec. 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Motor City Striders Annual Meeting | Huntington Woods Library | |

(Call 248-644-9099 or visit www.motorcitystriders.com for a membership application to the Motor City Striders or additional information on any of the upcoming events. The Recreation Center will publish race results as they become available. Where two races are listed for an event, the winners are from the longer of the two runs.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING FORWARD SPRINT
The Renaissance Home Health Care 5K Spring Forward Sprint comes to Oakland University in Rochester on Sunday, March 29. The run starts at 9 a.m., travels through the OU campus and finishes near Mendowbrook Hall. Entry fee is \$15 on race day. Call (248) 544-9099 for more information or visit www.motorcitystriders.com.

R & D RACE DIRECTORS
R & D Race Directors has added some races to its impressive 1998 schedule. The Rochester-based organization will be in attendance at three races prior to the First Annual Great Lakes State Games Regional event on Sunday, May 3 at Independence Oaks in Clarkston. The Easter Express 5K and 1-Mile Walk is slated for 9 a.m. Saturday, April 4 in New Baltimore, Mich. Runners can then travel to Lake Orion for the Dragon Dash 8K at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 26, and the Community Mental Health Run is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2 in Flint.

For more information on these events or to be placed on R & D Directors' mailing list, call 1-800-763-9820 or check out www.Runmichigan.com.

HALF-MARATHON AND FUN RUN TIME

The 22nd Annual West Bloomfield Half-Marathon, 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run returns to the streets of West Bloomfield Sunday, April 19, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The event will begin at West Bloomfield High School and travel along rolling terrain through the city. Last year, 1,158 runners and walkers participated in the Half-Marathon, 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run. West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation co-sponsors the Half-Marathon and 5K with Henry Ford Medical Center-West Bloomfield, Henry Ford Health System's Maplegrove center co-sponsors the Kids Fun Run with Parks and Recreation. A portion of each entry fee from the Half-

Marathon will go toward Kaleidoscope Kids-Thespices of Henry Ford Health System. The event also requires the assistance of more than 150 volunteers, handling such duties as passing out water at aid stations, course marshals and registration. Each volunteer receives an t-shirt and invitation to a post-race banquet. For further information, contact West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation at (248) 738-2600.

RACE FOR THE CURE

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute will present Detroit's Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race For The Cure on Saturday, April 25 at The Detroit Zoo. An information and warm-up period begins at 7 a.m., the men's five-kilometer run starts at 8:30 a.m., a 6K run/walk for women, family and friends follows at 9 a.m., and a one-mile fun walk kicks off at 9:10 a.m. Cost is \$15 by Friday, April 3; \$18 by April 10; \$20 by April 17; and \$30 thereafter. There will be no race day registration. All proceeds support breast cancer research, screening and education. For more information, call 1-800-KARMANOS (627-6266) or (248) 544-9099. Online registration can be done at: www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure-Detroit.

GREATER BERKLEY 10K RUN

Scheduled for 9 a.m. Sunday, May 10 in Berkley, Early registration is: 10K, \$15; 1 Mile, \$12; 10K and 1 Mile, \$18. Late registration is: 10K, \$18; 1 Mile, \$15; 10K and 1 Mile, \$21. Starting Times are: 1 Mile race, 9 a.m.; 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk, 9:10 a.m.; 10K race, 9:30 a.m. Race day registration will be held from 8 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. at the Berkley Ice Arena (2300 Robina) located two blocks west of Coolidge at Catalpa, and within easy walking distance of the starting point for all races. The course starts and finishes in the parking lot behind Anderson Middle School and follows flat, paved roads through residential sections of the City of Berkley. Call (248) 544-9099 or visit www.motorcitystriders.com for more details.

Area runners shine at Corktown Races

Nearly 1,000 runners attended last Sunday's 16th annual St. Patrick's Parade Corktown Races in Detroit.

16TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S PARADE CORKTOWN RACES (March 15 in Detroit)

TOP MALE FINISHERS (4-MILE RUN)

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| 1. Keith Hanson, 33, (Hunt. Woods) 20:22 |
| 2. David Chomet, 29, (Berkley) 20:44 |
| 3. Alan Van Meter, 25, (Ann Arbor) 21:16 |
| 4. Alan Van Meter, 40, (Southfield) 21:16 |
| 5. Rob Thurston, 22, (Arlington, TX) 21:31 |
| 6. Brett Sanborn, 31, (Roch. Hills) 21:40 |
| 7. Adam Unsworth, 20, (Ferndale) 21:52 |
| 8. Chuck Block, 41, (Livonia) 21:53 |
| 9. Jeff Rizer, 25, (Warren) 22:16 |
| 10. Big Cobb, 25, (Brighton) 22:18 |
| 11. Jack Deegan, 27, (Royal Oak) 22:27 |
| 12. Jeremie Carbonaro, 23, (Windsor) 22:33 |
| 13. Rick Shaffer, 27, (Dearborn) 22:42 |
| 14. Gary Morgan, 36, (Clarkston) 22:50 |
| 15. Thomas Ceras, 40, (Canton) 22:59 |
| 16. Gary David, 27, (Royal Oak) 23:01 |
| 17. Alex Clark, 19, (Troy) 23:15 |
| 18. Patrick Belhan, 31, (Birmingham) 23:19 |
| 19. Brian Bragan, 36, (Petersburg) 23:21 |
| 20. Eric Heitner, 18, (Hoooville) 23:40 |
| 21. Ryan Molloy, 16, (Dearborn Hts.) 23:45 |
| 22. Franklin Carmona, 24, (Troy) 23:52 |
| 23. Bob Hatfield, 35, (Warren) 23:53 |
| 24. Graham Henckel, 33, (Lake Orion) 23:56 |
| 25. Burns O'Donohue, 25, (E. Lansing) 23:57 |
| 26. Christopher Gordon, 41, (Or. Lake) 23:58 |
| 27. Mike Stone, 47, (Southfield) 24:03 |
| 28. Chris Hendry, 35, (Grosse Ile) 24:07 |
| 29. Mark Hoekel, 35, (Warren) 24:08 |
| 30. Erin Irwin, 25, (Detroit) 24:09 |
| 31. Dave Thelen, 32, (Birmingham) 24:21 |
| 32. Steven Shelbin, 41, (Bloom. Hills) 24:44 |
| 33. Rolf Thomas, 33, Farmington Hills 25:36 |
| 34. Mark Kulakowski, 35, Bloom. Hills 26:01 |
| 35. Andrew McCloskey, 22, (Orion) 26:02 |
| 36. William Hancock, 34, (Bloom. Hills) 26:09 |
| 37. Rob Kammerer, 37, (Troy) 26:09 |
| 38. David Taylor, 30, (Southfield) 26:10 |
| 39. Paul Maguire, 40, (Troy) 26:19 |
| 40. Dale Young, 45, (Troy) 26:30 |

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| 77. Jim Allen, 30, (Walled Lake) 26:53 |
| 78. Kevin Taylor, 36, (W. Bloomfield) 26:58 |
| 79. Mike Condit, 37, (Birmingham) 27:02 |
| 80. Greg Stueand, 47, (Troy) 27:14 |
| 81. Rob Sylvester, 24, (Southfield) 27:32 |
| 82. Willie Johnson, 41, (Troy) 27:35 |

TOP FEMALE FINISHERS (4-MILE RUN)

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| 1. Kathy Rink, 31, (Bloomfield Hills) 22:47 |
| 2. Megan Fitzerald, 17, (St. Heights) 23:34 |
| 3. Mary Colburn, 20, (Commerce) 24:02 |
| 4. Elizabeth Kraft, 24, (Bloom. Hills) 25:01 |
| 5. Jeanine Chere, 19, (Shelby Twp.) 26:03 |
| 6. Jessica Forryth, 25, (Ann Arbor) 26:09 |
| 7. Carolla Dick, 50, (Ann Arbor) 26:30 |
| 8. Kathy Hoffman, 34, (Northville) 26:48 |
| 9. Gina Norris, 41, (Detroit) 26:53 |
| 10. Hope Calati, 25, (Royal Oak) 26:55 |
| 11. Patricia Ball, 42, (Ann Arbor) 27:17 |
| 12. Karl Nelson, 30, (Ann Arbor) 27:20 |
| 13. Theresa Hulahan, 21, (W. Bloom.) 27:26 |
| 14. Donna Otton, 48, (Bloom. Hills) 27:55 |
| 15. Mary Van Gordon, 30, (Howell) 28:18 |
| 16. Michelle Gline, 27, (Detroit) 28:19 |
| 17. Jackie McVittie, 34, (Westland) 28:19 |
| 18. Barbara Hoy, 50, (Detroit) 28:20 |
| 19. Ellen Nitz, 57, (Milford) 28:33 |
| 20. Susan Sweeney, 48, (Southfield) 28:40 |
| 21. Shannon Shea, 25, (Harper Woods) 28:46 |
| 22. Tracey Rizer, 26, (Warren) 28:59 |
| 23. Christina Davidson, 19, (Lin. Park) 29:15 |
| 24. Barbara Sherman, 43, (Rochester) 29:20 |
| 25. Tammy Sanborn, 31, (Roch. Hills) 29:21 |
| 26. Kathleen Quenneville, 30, (Windsor) 29:24 |
| 27. Joan McDonald, 44, (N. Baltimore) 29:25 |
| 28. Eliza Melis, 35, (Troy) 29:26 |
| 29. Tracey Cohen, 26, (Farm. Hills) 29:30 |
| 30. Petra Thomas, 33, (Farm. Hills) 29:45 |
| 31. Michelle Junker, 29, (Farm. Hills) 30:32 |
| 32. Andrea Bartl, 27, (Beverly Hills) 31:34 |
| 33. Laura Brass, 20, (Farm. Hills) 32:04 |
| 34. Elaine Brown, 25, (Farm. Hills) 32:11 |
| 35. Cheryl Casaroli, 24, (Farm. Hills) 32:43 |
| 36. Shelley Irwin, 27, (Rochester) 33:04 |
| 37. Jackie Rodney, 12, (Beverly Hills) 33:05 |

Keith Hanson of Huntington Woods captured top honors in the featured four-mile run for the second straight year.

Hanson's time of 20:22, which was seven seconds off last year's winning pace, left him 22 seconds ahead of runner-up David Chomet.

Southfield's Alan Van Meter, who crossed first at the Bill Walker Memorial 3-Mile Run, was the first master runner to finish. Van Meter's time of 21:16 left him fourth overall.

In the women's race, Kathy Rink of Bloomfield Hills clocked a time of 22:47 to finish first among female racers. Rink placed second at the race in 1997.

Three of the top four times recorded by female runners were turned in by area residents. In addition to Rink, Mary Colburn of Commerce placed third with a 24:02 and Elizabeth Kraft of Bloomfield Hills followed in fourth with a 25:01.

The top 30 male and female runners plus additional Eccentric-area finishers follow below.

In other racing news, the second annual Detroit Pistons Fast Break 6K was held yesterday at The Palace. Look for results in next Sunday's edition of the Recreation Center.

ADULT RECREATIONAL LEAGUES

TRIO PARKS AND RECREATION ADULT BASKETBALL STANDINGS

| Division | Team | W | L | PCT | GB |
|----------|------------------|----|----|------|----|
| A | Papa Romano's | 13 | 1 | .929 | |
| | Crew | 0 | 5 | .643 | 4 |
| B | GMAC | 5 | 4 | .643 | 4 |
| | Standard Federal | 5 | 5 | .557 | 8 |
| C | R & H Printing | 3 | 11 | .214 | 10 |
| | Credit Union One | 2 | 12 | .143 | 10 |

Division A Standings

| Team | W | L | PCT | GB |
|-------------------|----|----|------|----|
| Lucas Varsity | 11 | 3 | .786 | |
| Vehma | 10 | 4 | .714 | 1 |
| Mr. D's | 8 | 6 | .571 | 3 |
| EDS Eagles | 8 | 6 | .571 | 3 |
| Michigan National | 5 | 9 | .357 | 6 |
| Prego | 0 | 14 | .000 | 11 |

Division B Standings

| Team | W | L | PCT | GB |
|--------------------|----|---|------|----|
| Deutsche Financial | 11 | 3 | .786 | |
| Deeren Mayhew | 11 | 3 | .786 | |
| Salvay | 8 | 6 | .571 | 3 |
| Close To The Edge | 8 | 6 | .571 | 3 |

Division C Standings

| Team | W | L | PCT | GB |
|--------------------|----|---|------|----|
| Deutsche Financial | 11 | 3 | .786 | |
| Deeren Mayhew | 11 | 3 | .786 | |
| Salvay | 8 | 6 | .571 | 3 |
| Close To The Edge | 8 | 6 | .571 | 3 |

Division D Standings

| Team | W | L | PCT | GB |
|--------------------|----|---|------|----|
| Deutsche Financial | 11 | 3 | .786 | |
| Deeren Mayhew | 11 | 3 | .786 | |
| Salvay | 8 | 6 | .571 | 3 |
| Close To The Edge | 8 | 6 | .571 | 3 |

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