



**128<sup>TH</sup> BOSTON  
MARATHON<sup>®</sup>**



Memo to: Hopkinton residents and business owners  
From: The Boston Athletic Association  
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024  
Re: 128<sup>th</sup> Boston Marathon, April 15, 2024 – PATRIOTS’ DAY

It All Start Here! On Marathon Monday the town of Hopkinton will host runners from around the world for the 128<sup>th</sup> running of the Boston Marathon. Nearly 30,000 participants will cross the start line on their journey to Boston. We congratulate all of the runners who have earned the right to carry on this April tradition!

Once again, the Boston Athletic Association is working with a dedicated team representing Hopkinton – including Hopkinton Police Chief Joe Bennett; Hopkinton Fire Chief Gary Daugherty; Hopkinton Marathon Committee Chair Dorothy Ferriter-Wallace; and Hopkinton Select Board’s Office – and with the Massachusetts State Police, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and other State and Federal organizations to create an appropriate race day plan that will assure a safe and efficient start for the 2024 Boston Marathon.

Please note that some planning aspects have changed in advance of this year’s Boston Marathon. Please read the below items carefully to best understand what to expect on Race Day.

### **ROAD CLOSINGS**

- Roads in Hopkinton will close promptly at 7:00am
- Streets around Hopkinton Common (Hayden Rowe St., Park St., Ash St., and Main St.) will close at 6:00am.
- Roads used to support the Marathon will be posted NO PARKING. This will be very strictly enforced and vehicular traffic will be restricted.
- Roads are schedule to reopen no later than 1:30pm
- Please plan for additional time to get to your intended location.

### **ATHLETE AND SPECTATOR SCREENING AREAS**

- There will be a series of ‘screening stations’ established around the Start area and athletes’ corrals leading to the Start as well as at all Shuttle service locations.
- All spectators and athletes arriving downtown will be subject to screening and compliance with the baggage policy established for this year’s race. For specifics on the bag policy please visit [www.baa.org](http://www.baa.org)
- We strongly recommend that all runners access the corral system from the Athletes’ Village (at the Hopkinton Middle School/High School complex). Entering the system from other locations may cause delays in reaching your corral.
- Unofficial participants are prohibited from entering the race course.

### **ATHLETES’ VILLAGE**

The Athletes’ Village will be located behind the Hopkinton Middle School and High School complex. This secure location will be accessible to participants only and provides them with room to relax and stretch before they are called to the Start Line.



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## **ATHLETE SHUTTLE SERVICE**

Official buses from Boston will drop runners off at the Athletes' Village. For those driving to Hopkinton, satellite parking for a limited number of runners will be available at 52 and 80 South Street. Shuttle service from those locations will transport runners directly to the Athletes' Village. Screening stations will be established at all shuttle service locations.

## **SPECTATOR SHUTTLE SERVICE**

Spectator shuttle service will be provided from the Hopkinton State Park only. Shuttle service from this location will transport spectators to the downtown area. Screening stations will be established at all shuttle service locations.

## **WAVE STARTS**

In order to make the starting process more efficient and to reduce congestion, runners will again be split into four waves of approximately 7,500 runners each. Runner buses will leave Boston in a fashion that will limit the number of runners in Hopkinton to 15,000 at any given time. In addition, runners will be released from the Athletes' Village in the order of their Wave and Corral number, in order to increase efficiency.

Start Times:

9:02AM	Wheelchair Men
9:05AM	Wheelchair Women
9:30AM	Handcycle/Duo
9:37AM	Pro Men
9:47AM	Pro Women
9:50AM	Para Athletes
10:00AM	Wave One
10:25AM	Wave Two
10:50AM	Wave Three
11:15AM	Wave Four

We urge all residents and business owners to pay close attention to additional pre-event information that may be provided. We also request all residents and business owners in weeks leading up to Marathon Monday to report any unusual activity near or around their property to the Hopkinton Police Department at (508) 497-3401 or 911 in an emergency.

## **SANITATION**

The Boston Athletic Association has retained the services of a company to be dispatched to handle any isolated sanitation issues. This service will be available on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. Please call the Command Post at (508)497-2316 to report problems that need to be addressed. The Command Post is operational from Friday, April 12 through Monday April 15 at 2:00pm. Please direct all calls after that time to the Hopkinton Police Department.

The Boston Athletic Association in partnership with the Hopkinton Police Department wish to thank all residents and business owners for their anticipated cooperation for the 2024 Boston Marathon. We urge all athletes and spectators to respectfully adhere to all public safety measures that will be in place so all can enjoy a wonderful family friendly athletic event.