



June, 2024

Dear Athletes.

The **Charlevoix Marathon** is rapidly approaching! The popularity of this event in the northern Michigan City of Charlevoix has grown enormously over the last (can you believe it) **EIGHTEEN** years. Yes, we are celebrating our year-18th anniversary!

We are so thankful to have the amazing support from the City of Charlevoix, the City Police, the County Sheriff's Department, The Charlevoix EMT units, Family Fare Market, Charlevoix EZ Mart, Olson Market, EZ Mart Center, The Hotel Earl, Kilwins of Charlevoix and Boyne City, The Cantina, the Chamber of Commerce, and their member merchants to help promote our sport and to support the athletes. It will be very evident on race day that the City is supporting you!

This year:

- We will have packet pickup Friday, June 14 from 12:00pm – 8:00pm and race morning beginning at 5:00AM. The location is Bridge Park in the downtown area of Charlevoix.
- **The registration area is where the snacks water and POWERADE are available immediately following your race.**
- **Please refer to the website and Facebook for more information on packet pick up and late registration. There will be updated information**
- The Marathon starts at 6:00AM. Please line up behind the start line.
- The Half Marathon starts at 6:30AM:
- The 10k will start at 7:00AM:
- The 5K will start at 7:15AM:
- There will be an awards ceremony in Bridge Park beginning at approx. 10:30am. We will recognize the 5k and 10k winners leading up to the Marathon award winners

- There will be finishers medals for all events: Marathon, Half and 10K/5K combo.
- The Charlevoix Police will be at the finish line to assist with traffic and spectators. Please use caution when crossing Michigan Avenue
- **Per the City of Charlevoix Police Department. No spectators are permitted in the start/finish area, inside the barricaded area or on the street for the safety of the athletes.**
- **We know that your family and friends want to take a picture of your amazing accomplishment but due to the design of the shoot, we cannot permit it. We want this to be an enjoyable event for you, your fellow athletes and your family.**
- **Water will be available at the finish line for athletes only.**

- **Restaurants will be open as early as 5 am for your family to catch a cup of coffee or an amazing meal. Check out the website for the list of various places and times.**
- **There will be a photographer there to capture you crossing the mats.**
- The medic tent is located at the finish line. Manned by the Charlevoix EMT's, a registered nurse and a dedicated EMT at the finish.
- The **Charlevoix** marathon course has been certified as a **Boston Marathon** qualifying course. The **Half Marathon** course is certified, also.

We look forward to meeting you, your families and celebrating with you at the finish line. Thank you again for participating in the **2024 Charlevoix Marathon**.

Best Regards,

Sharon, Jennifer, Jeff, Ron

Good Boy Events

<http://www.goodboyevents.com>

<http://charlevoixmarathon.com/>

OFFICIAL SCHEDULE

Friday June 14, 2024

- **12:00 PM– 8:00 PM:** Packet Pickup in Bridge Park next to the famous Charlevoix Bridge at the corner of Bridge Street and Park Avenue
- **11:00 – 8:00pm:** Our retail clothing is available for purchase or for viewing

RACE DAY

Saturday June 15, 2024

- 5:00AM Late Package Packet pickup at Bridge Park (see website for more specific information and times)
- 5:50AM National Anthem
- **6:00AM** **Marathon Start**
- 6:00AM Aid stations open
- **6:30 AM** **Half Marathon Start**
- **7:00 AM** **10K Start**
- **7:15 AM** **5K Start**
- 8:00 AM Bag Snacks available. Your bib is needed to get a snack (same place where you did packet pickup)
- 10:30AM Award ceremony beginning with the 5k and 10k awards

- 1:00 PM Finish line removed from the street
Athletes must finish on the sidewalk after 1PM
- 1:00 PM Timing company removes equipment - anyone finishing after 1:00 PM may submit their time to support@rftiming.com

- Finisher's medals will be awarded at the finish line for the Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K/ 5K combo

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the summary of the Charlevoix safety protocols?**
 - Start times are earlier to take advantage of the cool morning air
 - Charlevoix volunteers, workers and EMT will be available at all times
 - Aid stations will be “self-service”
 - Water, Powerade, GU, candy snack, Pickle Juice and limited first aid available at the aid stations
 - Bacon Station at the entrance to bike path on Waller Road
 - Medals at the finish line will be wrapped and available for the finisher. Volunteers will not drape your medal but hand to you
 - Water at the finish line will be in iced tubs
 - All snacks at the post race food tent will come wrapped from the manufacturer.
 - There will be an awards ceremony beginning at approximately 10:30
 - Retail shirts, hats, jackets, sweats, shorts, sox, and many more race items are available in the merchandise tent and on line.
- **What are the line ups and time starts?**

Marathon will gather at the start line at 5:50am.

 - **There are pacers with signs to help identify their times/group.**
 - Half marathon will corral for a 6:30 start. Pacers will have signs to identify their group.
 - 10K runners and 5K runners will corral and prepare to start:
 - 10K will be one wave at 7am
 - 5k will be one wave at 7:15am
 - You can find the various pacer times on the website.
- **Where are the porta potties?**
 - **There is a large public restroom maintained by the City in the area below Bridge Park (registration area); inside the Beaver Island Boat Company building and Porta Johns on Bridge Park Drive.**
 - **At the Marina there are public restrooms maintained by the City**
 - **There are Porta Johns at the 5k turn; 10k turn; at the end of the wooden bridge; at the Half Marathon turn; (also there are latrines in the Roadside Park just beyond the Half turn); at the roadside park on the Marathon course; and one at the Marathon turn. In all, 26 Porta Johns.**
- **What about parking on race day?**
 - **There are several lots in the downtown area plus ample street parking early race morning. All metered street parking is free until 12:00 noon. You will be ticketed after 12:00 pm.**

The town will be busy. The parking lot map can be found on our website under the F.A.Q. tab.
- **Will there be a “bacon station” this year?**

- **Yes! The bacon is located on Waller Road just before entering the bike path.**
- **What flavors GU are on the course?**
 - **This year we have an assortment of flavors**
- **Will the course be marked?**
 - **Yes, very well. It is marked with white permanent paint mile markings on the roads and trails, plus yellow chalk mile markings and red arrow signs. Our mile markers are on sandwich boards for the marathon and half)**
- **Will we receive a Finishers Medal?**
- **All finishers will receive a custom designed medal. This is our 18th Anniversary Medal. Check it out on the website. Another amazing design to add to your Charlevoix collection**
- **Who will receive an award?**
 - **Top Three Overall – Male and Female – Marathon and Half Marathon,**
 - **Top Three Masters Overall – Male and Female – Marathon and Half Marathon**
 - **Top Three Overall– Male and Female – 10K and 5K**
 - **Age Group awards – Male and Female. 5 year increments.**
 - **Awards will NOT be mailed.**

Where and when will the award ceremony be held?

- **There an awards ceremony this year beginning at approx. 10:30. Award ceremony is in Bridge Park**
- **What about shirts? Will I receive a Charlevoix shirt? What if I want to change my distance?**
 - **Yes. All participants will receive a commemorative 18th anniversary Charlevoix Marathon shirt.**
 - **All shirt exchanges must be done after packet pick up is over. Please don't ask to do it when you are picking up your shirt.**
 - **All shirt sizes can be switched online prior to June 8.**
 - **ALL DISTANCE SWITCHES MUST BE DONE BY JUNE 8. No exceptions.**
 - **IF you need to switch after June 8 and there's room in another distance you will need to do it on site.**
 - **You must pick up your original bib and shirt at packet pick up. Then bring it to the registration tent. The timing company will make the switch.**

The distances are limited. Don't wait until day of if you can avoid it.

What if I can't make it? How do I cancel my registration? Can I transfer to another athlete? How do I contact the race insurance company to file a claim?

If you can't make it, please email Sharon@charlevoixmarathon.com if you want to transfer to another athlete. Same thing, contact Sharon if you're injured, called up for active duty, have an emergency other than work related, the information is on the website under the Race Info drop down tabs - Race Insurance.

- Email Sharon@CHARLEVOIXMARATHON.COM to make the switches, ask a question or just want to talk about something else.

- **Is the course hilly?**
 - Almost too late to be worried about that now!! I believe everyone will be happy with the course and the beauty surrounding Charlevoix. The course is relatively flat however you will experience several inclines that extend for about ¼ mile each. There is a wooden bridge that goes for about 1-mile that is fun running and should make up for any inclines! The steepest hill is on the Marathon course, just after the Half Marathon turn and goes for about 50 yards. On the Marathon return there is another hill that extends for about 100 yards leading up to mile marker 25

- **Where specifically, are the turns for each event?**
 - The 5k turn is the first aid station; 1.55 mile mark. This aid station is serviced by the Hospice Team of Charlevoix;
 - The 10k turn is the second aid station mile mark 3.1 at the corner of Old Orchard and Waller Road and is serviced by the Township Fire Department of Charlevoix.
 - The Half Marathon turn is an aid station at the Road Side Park and is serviced by the Track Team of Charlevoix
 - The Marathon turn is after crossing Camp Daggett Road; the 9th aid station and is "manned" and serviced by the Boys Varsity Soccer Team of Harbor Springs
 - Note: All turns are at an Aid Station and are clearly marked with signage and flags. There are sandwich boards with the turn clearly marked. The half and marathon turn have huge red inflatable arches

- **How many aid stations and how are they stocked? PLEASE BE SURE TO DISCARD THE CUP AND WRAPPERS IN THE TRASH CONTAINERS**
 - There are 9 Aid Stations. All stations will be staffed by paid volunteers from various local groups
 - All stations will have a variety of flavors of GU, water, licorice, Pickle Juice and Powerade. There will be a limited first aid kit; Vaseline, Band-Aids, and other items needed to get you through the run.

The Aid Station are approximately every 1 ½ miles

- **Who is working the aid stations and helping at the finish line?**
 - **Aid Station #1 – Hospice of Northern Michigan**
 - **Aid Station #2 – Charlevoix Township Fire Department**
 - **Aid Station #3 - East Jordan Swim Team**
 - **Aid Station #4 - Charlevoix High School Track**
 - **Aid Station #5 - Charlevoix High School Track**
 - **Aid Station #6 – Zonta of Charlevoix**
 - **Aid Station #7 - Zonta**
 - **Aid Station #8 – Relay for Life**
 - **Aid Station #9 – Harbor Springs Varsity Soccer**
 - **Finish Line - Petoskey Running Club**

- **What time will the finish line come down?**
 - **The finish line will be removed from the street at 1:00PM.**
 - **Runners after 1:00 must finish on the sidewalk**
 - **If you finish after 1:00PM you can email your time to RF Timing Services: support@rftiming.com**

- **Can we use headphones or iPods?**
 - **Good Boy Events and the City of Charlevoix are doing everything to protect you and ensure that you have a good race! The course is not closed entirely to traffic and for your safety, please wear your headsets on the bike path only!**

- **Can I push a child in a stroller?**
 - a. **Strollers are permitted on the 5K course ONLY. Skateboards, wagons, roller blades, etc. are NOT permitted.**
 - b. **Please, no dogs, cats, horses, rabbits or turtles!**

- **What will the temperature be on race morning?**
 - **In northern Michigan we must expect the “unexpected”! At 6:00 AM the temps should be in the low 60’s, sunny and slight breezes off the lake. By noon, the temps could be in the mid 70’s to the low 80’s.**

- **Is this race a Boston Qualifier and what about timing?**
 - **Yes, the Marathon is certified as a Boston Marathon qualifier. The Half Marathon is certified. RF Timing are the official timers. They will forward your times to BAA.**

- Will my family and friends be able to track me on the Marathon or Half Marathon course?
 - Yes, they can track your progress on the course at the turns only. Type in www.rftiming.com/CVX on your smartphone, enter your name or bib number then select “track”. Or use this QR code!



- What happens if my results do not show up on the list?
 - To secure that your results are captured, wear your bib on the front of your shirt or leg. Do not fold or cover it.
 - If your results are not on the list, contact RF Timing either at the event or e-mail them - support@rftiming.com.
- How many people are you expecting?
 - The 18th annual Charlevoix Marathon will be the host for approximately 2,000 participants.
- Where should my friends and family position themselves for good viewing? There are several places.
 - For the Marathon, the G. Robert Adams Park along Rt 31 It has spectacular views of the water and the course.
 - For the Half Marathon, there's a park at the Half turn along Rt 31
 - Pa Be Shaun Road. (This would be for those doing the 10k, also). To get there; take Mercer north to Pa Be Shaun Road. Note that Waller Road at Old Orchard is closed to Hi-Way 31
 - There's a printable map on our website for parking and locations to watch you on the course.

- **The official Charlevoix Marathon benches are on the Marathon course between the 9 Mile Point Condos and Burgess Road and in Bridge Park.**
- **Will there be an official photographer for the event?**
 - **Yes, several will be on the course and at the finish line**
 - **Pictures will be available for purchase FinisherPix Photo's. The link will be posted on our website.**
 - **You will receive ONE free picture this year. Smile!!!!**
- **What about showers after the race? I have an early hotel check-out.**
 - **Two options for showers after the race:**
 - **Runners can go to the Marina (one block from Bridge Park) and take a shower for \$2. You will need to bring your own towels or purchase one at the Marina (The have large beach towels for sale).**
 - **The Charlevoix Pool near aid station #3 offers a shower and the pool for \$2. Bring a towel.**