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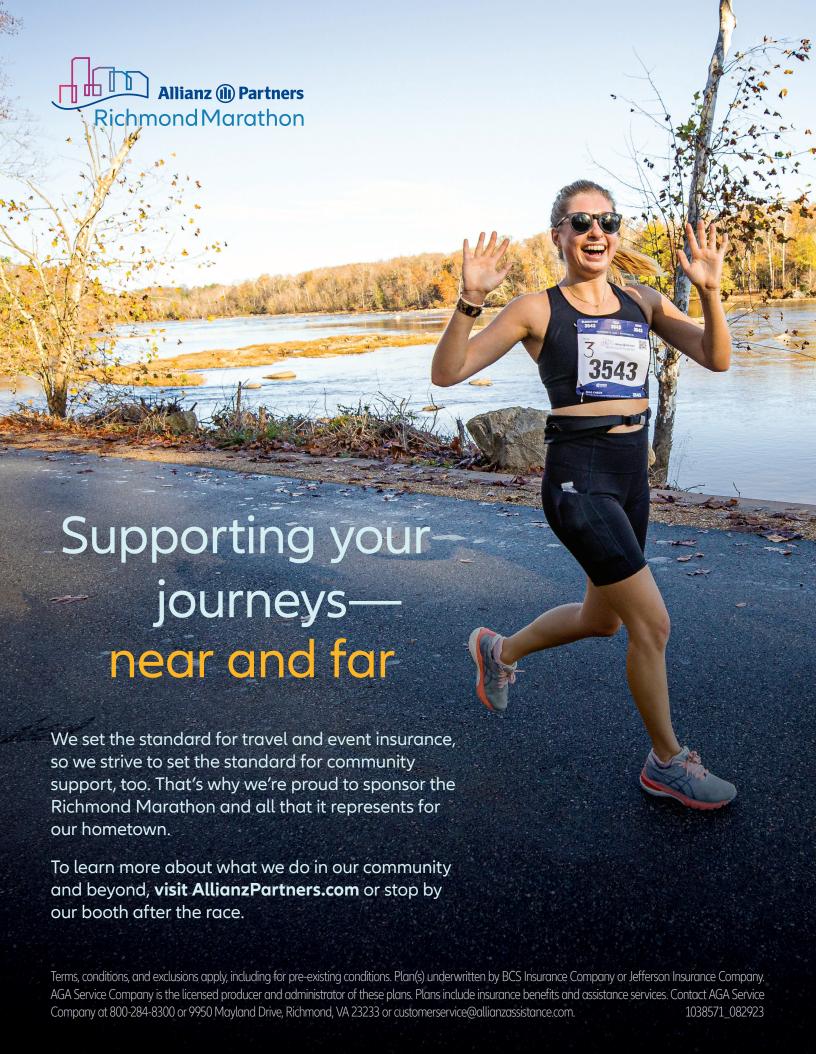






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# LET'S #RUNRICHMOND!

It's finally here! I and the entire Allianz Partners Richmond Marathon Race Committee are thrilled to welcome you to our beautiful city. We are so honored to have you join us as we celebrate the 46th running of the Allianz Partners Richmond Marathon and its companion races, the CarMax Richmond Half Marathon and VCU Health Richmond 8k.

Much of race day comes down to planning and execution, and our hope is that this Official Race Guide will be a comprehensive tool to help you have the best possible experience at the Walmart Health & Fitness Expo, from the start line to the downhill finish line, and at the CoStar Group Post Race Party. Because of all the hours, sweat, and energy you have poured into your training, we want to make sure your only focus for race weekend is getting to the finish line!

The Allianz Partners Richmond Marathon was dubbed "America's Friendliest Marathon" in 2001 and in 2009 Runner's World agreed. It has truly lived up to the hype ever since and we're thrilled

that you'll get to experience it for yourself this year. As you run, you'll encounter community spirit groups, party zones, bands, sponsors, volunteers, neighborhood groups, training team coaches, running clubs, and so many others cheering you on—it's an all-hands-on deck day for Richmond!

Whether you are a participant, volunteer, or spectator, each of you play an important role in making the Allianz Partners Richmond Marathon weekend a special weekend in Richmond. Thank you for your support and for being a part of our active community! We wish you all the best as you #RunRichmond. We are looking forward to congratulating you at the finish line and partying with you afterwards!

Megan Schultz Race Director

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#### **Schedule**

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

Virtual Allianz Partners Richmond Marathon, CarMax Richmond Half Marathon, and VCU Health Richmond 8k races open.

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

#### 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#### Walmart Health & Fitness Expo Open

Packet pick-up, bib assignment, and last-minute registration at the Richmond Raceway

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

#### 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

#### Walmart Health & Fitness Expo Open

Packet pick-up, bib assignment, and last-minute registration at the Richmond Raceway

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

#### 7:00 a.m.

Marathon Start (1st & Broad St.)

#### 7:15 a.m.

Half Marathon Start (7th & Broad St.)

#### 7:30 a.m.

8k Start (8th & Broad St.)

#### 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

CoStar Group Post Race Party on Brown's Island

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

**Last Day to Submit Your Virtual Results** 

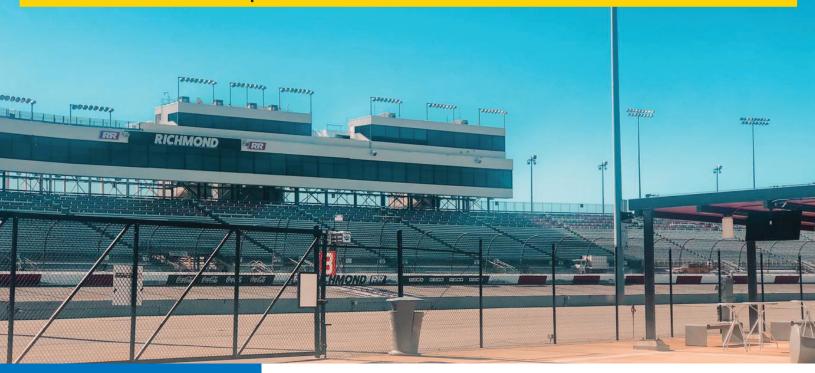




# Love every mile.



#### **Walmart Health & Fitness Expo**



# Walmart > ... HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO

THURSDAY, NOV 9 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV 10 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Expect increased traffic after 4pm

#### **LOCATION**

Richmond Raceway Infield
Gate 4 Entrance
900 E Laburnum Ave,
Richmond, VA 23222

Gate 6 Entrance 4216 Carolina Ave, Richmond, VA 23222

#### **Packet Pickup and Bib Assignment**

Packet pickup, to include your shirt and bib, will take place at the Walmart Health & Fitness Expo. Your bib number will be assigned upon your arrival. **A photo ID or registration QR Code is required to pick up your race packet.** You may pick up a race packet for another pre-registered runner, provided you have a copy of their photo ID.

#### **Expo Parking**

Free parking is provided, but you must enter through Gate 4 or 6. Directional signage will help guide you to the correct entrance, but we also urge you to plug one of the gate addresses (found to the left) into your gps.

#### **Last-Minute Registration**

Online registration and packet pick-up is available at the Walmart Health & Fitness Expo—simply register online and collect your packet during expo hours.

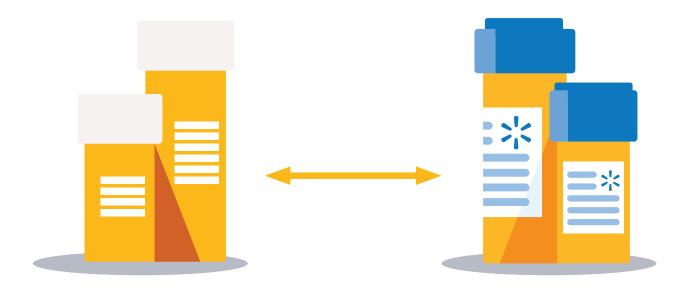
#### **Switching Races**

If you are already signed up for one race and want to switch to another, you may do so in person at the Expo. If you wish to switch to a shorter distance there is a \$10 fee. If you want to switch to a longer distance, there is a \$10 fee plus any applicable entry fee difference. There are no refunds of entry fees if you are switching to a less expensive event.

#### **Marathon and Half Marathon Pace Teams**

The Richmond Road Runners Club has lined up experienced pacers to help marathoners and half marathoners achieve their finish time goal. <u>Click here to join a pace group</u> or stop by the Richmond Road Runners Club booth at the expo.

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# SCHEDULE

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

**4:00 p.m. – Expo Opens** 

Packet Pickup, Bib Assignment, and Last-Minute Registration Open Walmart Mobile Wellness Open Sponsors and Vendors Open Sports Backers Store / Official Merchandise Open

4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Papa Johns Pizza Open

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**7:00** p.m. – **Expo Closes** 

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

11:00 a.m. - Expo Opens

Packet Pickup, Bib Assignment, and Last-Minute Registration Open Walmart Mobile Wellness Open Sponsors and Vendors Open Sports Backers Store / Official Merchandise Open

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Coalesce Coffee Open

1:00 p.m.

Goat Yoga RVA with Pactamere Farm in Pavilion 3

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Papa Johns Pizza Open

3:00 p.m.

Live Panel Discussion moderated by Lindsey Hein and featuring Martinus Evans, Lisa Mitro, Trevor Spencer, and Another Mother Runner at the Victory Lane Stage

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Ten 4 One Band

8:00 p.m. – Expo Closes



### DON'T MISS THE WALMART MOBILE WELLNESS VEHICLE!

Walmart's licensed pharmacists will be onsite to provide health screenings including glucose, cholesterol, BMI, blood pressure and vision screening and will be able vaccinate eligible attendees of the event. Anyone can visit Walmart Mobile Wellness at the Walmart Health and Fitness Expo during the expo hours or on Brown's Island on Saturday, November 11. Walmart will be offering a variety of low-cost immunizations while COVID vaccines will be available at no cost. Patients should bring their insurance card if they have one.

#### Walmart Health & Fitness Expo

#### **Goat Yoga with Pactamere Farm - Only \$25**

Get ready to smile until you laugh and then laugh the rest of the way through! That's Goat Yoga for you! Experience joy and laughter, sprinkled with yoga poses and loving dwarf goats at the Walmart Health & Fitness Expo. This 60 minute experiece is perfect for beginners and seasoned yogis and includes:

- 45 minutes of yoga with goats taught by a certified yoga instructor
- 15 minutes of play time with the goats where you can pet the goats, take photos and snuggle with the goats
- Yoga mats will be provided for all participants

**BOOK NOW** 





LINDSEY HEIN OF "I'LL HAVE ANOTHER"

Friday, Nov 10 @ 3:00 pm at the Victory Lane Stage at the Walmart Health & Fitness Expo

Featuring

MARTINUS EVANS TREVOR SPENCER CYNTHIA VISSERS LISA MITRO

## LIVE Podcast featuring panel of Run-fluencers!

Community within the running industry looks different for everyone, and it is important to find what you need and enjoy. Come unpack how finding community has impacted well-known personalities in the running industry and how their individual journeys have differed. Lindsey Hein will moderate a discussion between Trevor Spencer of *Marathon Training Academy*, Martinus Evans of *300 Pounds and Running*, Cynthia Vissers of Another Mother Runner, and Lisa Mitro of *Rehab for Runners*. Don't miss this live event!

# HALEON





**READY** 



















FEB 10	YMCA 10k Training Team begins		
MAR 9	NEW! Virginia Credit Union River City Half & River City 5k		
APR 6	Great American Ride (Virtual Event) begins		
APR 20	25TH ANNIVERSARY! Ukrop's Monument Avenue 10k presented by Kroger and Atlantic Union Bank 10k Mini		
MAY 17-19	Dominion Energy Riverrock		
JUN 1/2	Sports Backers Marathon Training Team begins		
JUN 6	Anthem Corporate Run		
JUN 15	Great American 5000 (Virtual Event) begins		
AUG 10/11	Sports Backers Half Marathon Training Team begins		
SEPT 21	Sports Backers 8k Training Team begins		
NOV 16	Allianz Partners Richmond Marathon, CarMax Richmond Half Marathon, and VCU Health Richmond 8k		
DEC 14	CarMax Tacky Light Run		



























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#### Walmart Health & Fitness Expo

#### Official Event Merchandise

Be sure to shop the <u>Sports Backers Store</u> online or shop official merchandise at the Walmart Health & Fitness Expo. With a great selection of running apparel and commemorative items, there's sure to be something for everyone on your shopping list. On Saturday, check out the merchandise tent at the CoStar Group Post Race Party to get your finisher gear. We accept cash, credit, or Apple Pay.

Bonus! Every dollar you spend helps Sports Backers' nonprofit mission come to life. Celebrate your accomplishment and help build a more active community! Learn more about Sports Backers.

**SHOP NOW** 



#### **Honoring Veterans Day**

This year's 46th running takes on extra significance as the event takes place on Veterans Day. We are grateful for the service of our Veterans and are honored to have so many joining us on race day—thank you for your service!

If you are a Veteran or would like to run in honor of a Veteran stop by the Sports Backers Youth Programs booth at the expo to pickup a commemorative bib.



#### **First-time Stickers**

Is the Allianz Partners Richmond Marathon your first full marathon? Or maybe the CarMax Richmond Half Marathon or VCU Health Richmond 8k will be your first race? We have first-time stickers for you and hope you'll wear them loud and proud! Simply attach it to your shirt or bib and discover how America's Friendliest Marathon got it's name. We're all rooting for you!

Stop by the Sports Backers Youth Programs or Information booth at the expo to pickup your sticker!



# THINK STRONG, BE STRONG.

**GOOD LUCK, RUNNERS!** 



#### **Race Day Traffic and Parking**

#### **Race Day Traffic**

You can now use the Waze traffic app to help navigate around Richmond on race day. Road closures have been pre-loaded into the app, which should allow you to move about town using the most efficient route possible. town using the most efficient route possible.



#### **Race Day Parking**

With over 90 parking decks and lots in the downtown area, there is plenty of parking available on Race Day. The Start and Finish lines are all located on Broad Street, between 1st & 8th Street. Here is a partial listing of the parking decks/lots open on Race Day:

#### Parking Near the Start

(recommended for 8k entrants)

1st & Marshall

3rd & Marshall

5th & Marshall

7th & Marshall

8th & Marshall (surface lot)

8th & Grace/Franklin

#### **Parking Near the Finish**

James Center (10th & Canal)

3rd & Main (surface lot)

4th & Main

4th & Cary (surface lot)

6th & Main

8th & Cary

8th & Main

12th & Canal

14th & Cary

15th & Main

15th & Cary

Virginia & Canal



**VIEW PARKING GARAGES ON GOOGLE MAPS** 



If traveling by vehicle, navigating around race day traffic might require or suggest for you to travel on toll roads. If you do not have an E-ZPass®, we highly recommend having change to allow for quicker transactions.

#### **Post Race Shuttle**

A free shuttle service will be available to take participants and spectators from the CoStar Group Post Race Party back to parking areas located near the Start. The shuttle will run on a loop from 8 a.m. until the conclusion of the event. You can pick up the shuttle in the cobblestone circle on 7th Street just across the pedestrian bridge from Brown's Island.

#### **Travel by Bus**

You can consider hopping on a GRTC bus to get from one side of town to the other or grab the GRTC Pulse for rapid bus transit along the 7.6-mile route along Broad Street and Main Street, from Rocketts Landing in the City of Richmond to Willow Lawn in Henrico County. GRTC is also zero fare! Please use their <u>trip planner tool</u> to ensure that race day road closures are taken in consideration.

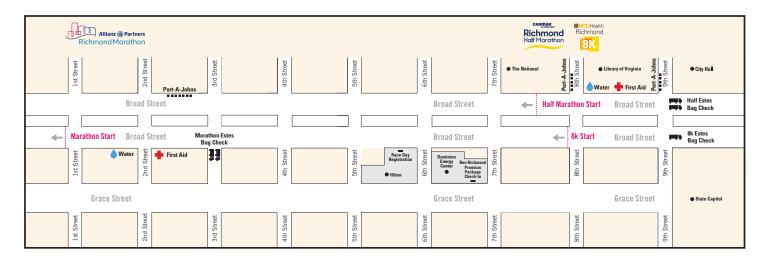
#### **Estes Bag Check Available to All Runners**

We are excited to welcome Estes back on board and thank them for making bag check possible! Estes will offer bag check on race morning near the start of each race. It is important that you utilize the bag check area associated with your race (located nearest to your start line and shown on the map below). You must utilize a clear bag. Volunteers will be on hand to help you attach the tear-off tag on your race bib to your clear bag. Once you have finished your race, you can pick up your bag in the parking lot of the American Civil War Museum at Historic Tredegar, adjacent to the CoStar Group Post Race Party.

#### **NEW! Clear Bag Policy**

If you want to utilize Estes Bag Check, you MUST use a clear plastic bag for your belongings. Clear bags will be provided at the Estes booth at the Walmart Health & Fitness Expo and on race morning at bag check. You may also bring your own clear plastic bag.

#### **START AREA**



#### **Pre-Race Support**

#### Marathon

- Pre-race water available at the Start area on the south side of Broad Street near 2nd Street
- VCU Health First Aid tent located at 2nd and Broad Street

#### Half Marathon & 8k

- Pre-race water available at the Start area on the north side of Broad Street near 8th Street
- VCU Health First Aid tent located on Broad Street near 9th Street

#### Discarded Clothing to be Donated to Blessing Warriors RVA

<u>Blessing Warriors RVA</u>, with the help of Mechanicsville Cub Scout Troop, will collect clothes discarded by participants at the start line of each race. There will be donation bins located along the barricade of each start line to collect the clothing items. Clothes will be laundered and provided to people experiencing homelessness in Richmond.

Please note: Unless properly bag checked, items left at or near the Start will be collected and donated.

#### MARATHON, HALF MARATHON, AND 8K COURSE SUPPORT



#### **GU Energy Gel**

Vanilla Bean and Strawberry Banana GU Energy Gel is available at Miles 14 and 21 on the marathon course, and at Mile 7 on the half marathon course.



#### Pickle Juice

While we all relish the challenge of the marathon and half marathon, no runner should have to dill with leg cramps during a race. That's why we're bringing the Pickle Juice Stop back to Mile 23 on the marathon course (Mile 10 on the half marathon course). We'll have volunteers on hand to make sure you don't mistakenly grab it instead of water. And if you find that cucumbersome, there will also be signage to alert you.



#### **Medical Assistance**

VCU Health will provide medical assistance at the Start and Finish lines, as well as Mile 14 and 22.5 on the marathon course (Mile 9 on the half marathon course), and in the post-race festival area. Bike medics will also be patrolling all courses.



#### Water

Water will be available at the start and every two miles until Mile 20, then every mile thereafter along the marathon course (Miles 2, 4, 6, and 8-12 on the half marathon course and miles 2 and 4 on the 8k course)



#### **Nuun Endurance**

Nuun Lemon-Lime Endurance electrolyte hydration will be available at every water stop along the course.



#### Port-o-johns

Port-o-johns are readily available at the Start and Finish and adjacent to every water stop along the course.



#### **Junk Food Stops**

Our Junk Food Stops are right there when you need an extra burst of energy at Miles 16 & 22 (Mile 9 on the half marathon course). Treat yourself to gummy bears, pretzels, oreos, and Coke!



#### **Wet Wash Cloths**

Whether the temps are unseasonably high, low, or as expected, a wet wash cloth feels great at Miles 17 & 23 (near Mile 10 on the half marathon course).



#### **STARTING CORRALS / WAVE STARTS**

#### **Starting Corrals for the Marathon and 8k**

Allianz Partners Richmond Marathon and VCU Health Richmond 8k participants will be assigned a bib number that corresponds to one of the corrals at the start of each race. Your bib number must be visible to enter your corral. If you would like to run with another participant, you are permitted to start in the slower person's corral. You may not move up into a faster corral on race day.

Allianz Partners Richmond Marathon - 7:00 a.m. Start for all Corrals

Corral #	Predicted Times
1	3:30 & under
2	3:31 – 3:59
3	4 hours – 4:14
4	4:15 – 4:30
5	4:31 – 5 hours
6	5:01 & up

VCU Health Richmond 8k - 7:30 a.m. Start for all Corrals

Corral #	Predicted Times
1	:49 & under
2	:50 – :59
3	1 hour – 1:10
4	1:11 & over

#### **Wave Starts for Half Marathon**

Due to the size of the race, the CarMax Richmond Half Marathon utilizes wave starts (starting two minutes apart beginning with Wave A at 7:15 a.m.). Participants start in waves with others of the same general speed based on the predicted time provided while registering. Look for a sign at the entrance to each corral that corresponds to the wave letter on your bib. Your bib number must be visible to enter your wave. If you would like to run with another participant, you are permitted to start in the slower person's wave. You may not move up into a faster wave on race day.

CarMax Richmond Half Marathon - 7:15 a.m. Start

Wave	Start Time	Predicted Times
A	7:15 a.m.	1:40 & under
В	7:17	1:41 – 1:50
C	7:19	1:51 – 1:59
D	7:21	2 hours
E	7:23	2:01 – 2:05
F	7:25	2:06 - 2:10
G	7:27	2:11 – 2:15
Н	7:29	2:16 - 2:29
J	7:31	2:30
K	7:33	2:31 – 2:59
L	7:35	3 hours & over

#### **COURSE TIME LIMITS**

#### Marathon 7-Hour Limit / Half Marathon 4-Hour Limit

If you are unable to maintain a pace that enables you to finish within the course time-limit, you will be asked to move to the sidewalk to enable the reopening of the streets to vehicular traffic. At that time, there will no longer be traffic protection, medical aid, or water stops offered. There will be four designated checkpoints along the marathon course with shuttles available to take participants back to the Finish area if anyone does not reach a checkpoint by these times:

MILE 7 by 9:05am

MILE 11 by 10:10am

MILE 16 by 11:30am

MILE 20 by 12:30pm

#### **Important Note About Race Start Times**

Each race will begin promptly at its designated start time. Participants are responsible for being on time for the start of their race. Starting mats must be turned off and moved immediately after the start of each race, so latecomers will not receive an accurate start time.

#### **EVENT ALERT SYSTEM**

Together with the help and support of local, state, and federal public safety agencies, we have plans in place to aide in the safety of our participants, volunteers, and spectators. We would like to share the Event Alert System with you and ask for your cooperation and support in following the recommended actions.

The Event Alert System communicates the status of course conditions to event staff, participants, and volunteers leading up to and on race day. Colored flags, indicative of the alert level, will be displayed near the start line and expo entrance, at water stops, and medical tents along the course.

**ALERT LEVEL** 

**EXTREME** 

CONDITIONS ARE EXTREME AND DANGEROUS

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:** 

FOLLOW EVENT
OFFICIAL INSTRUCTION

**ALERT LEVEL** 

HIGH

CONDITIONS ARE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:** 

SLOW DOWN & OBSERVE COURSE CHANGES FOLLOW EVENT OFFICIAL INSTRUCTION CONSIDER STOPPING

ALERT LEVEL

**MODERATE** 

CONDITIONS ARE LESS THAN IDEAL

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:** 

SLOW DOWN

BE PREPARED FOR

WORSENING CONDITIONS

ALERT LEVEL

LOW

**CONDITIONS ARE GOOD** 

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:** 

ENJOY THE EVENT BE ALERT



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#### **CoStar Group Post Race Party**

After crossing the Finish Line, all race participants will be greeted by live music and helpful volunteers who will provide plenty of complimentary food and beverages. Friends and family are welcome to join you! Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

#### Post Race Food presented by Walmart

Walmart After crossing the Finish Line, all race participants can head to Post Race Food presented by Walmart to receive complimentary bananas, dried fruit mix, granola bars, and chips.

#### Papa Johns Pizza

Nothing quite refuels you the way a hot slice of Papa Johns Pizza does after you've crossed the Finish Line. All participants can enjoy a hot slice on us!

#### Hardywood Craft Beer & Tito's Handmade Vodka

After you cross the Finish Line, head over to the CoStar Group Post Race Party with your bib number and celebrate your accomplishment with a complimentary beer or vodka lemonade. Additional drink tickets will be for sale *while supplies last*.

#### Adult Beverage Menu:

Hardywood Richmond Lager - \$8 Hardywood Great Return IPA - \$8 Hardywood Tropication - \$8 Hardywood Gingerbread Stout - \$8 Tito's Vodka and Lemonade - \$10

## Complimentary One-on-One Professional Stretching brought to you by StretchLab

Don't just stretch—get stretched. StretchLab's team of highly trained Flexologists® will give you a deeper stretch than you could ever achieve on your own. Provided on a first-come, first-served basis for marathoners and half marathoners and available from 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m.



# Did you qualify for Boston? We want to celebrate with you at the Finish Line!

The Allianz Partners Richmond Marathon is proud to be one of the most frequently used races to qualify for the Boston Marathon. If you qualify for Boston at this year's Allianz Partners Richmond Marathon, be sure to stop by the Official Event Merchandise tent on Brown's Island to pick up your special Boston Qualifier gift!



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#### **Post Race Information**



#### **Finish Line Engravers**

We know the front of the finisher medal steals the show, but that doesn't have to be true! We're excited to share that Finish Line Engravers +kudoz will be onsite at the CoStar Group Post Race Party with engraving for purchase and they can't wait to help you personalize your medal. Give yourself the star treatment!

#### **Race Photos**



FinisherPix is the official photographer at the Allianz Partners Richmond Marathon, CarMax Richmond Half Marathon, and VCU Health Richmond 8k. Be sure your bib number is worn on the front and is visible at all times, smile when you see the FinisherPix team, and look up when you cross the finish line. Have a great race!

<u>Visit their website</u> after the race to see your photos.

#### **Finisher Certificates**

Free finisher certificates will be available on your official results page after the race. Just click and print!

#### Race Coverage on Richmond's NBC12



Be sure to watch for stories and marathon coverage on Richmond's NBC12 News the week leading

up to the marathon. On race morning there will be live coverage of the marathon—it'll surely capture all the sights and sounds of America's Friendliest Marathon. We'll be sure to share coverage on our social channels after the event!

#### **Lost & Found**

If you lose or find valuables on race day, please go to the Volunteer & Information Tent at the CoStar Group Post Race Party on Brown's Island.

Lost and found items will be taken to the Sports Backers office on Monday, November 13. If you lose something, you can call 804-285-9495 or email marathon@sportsbackers.org

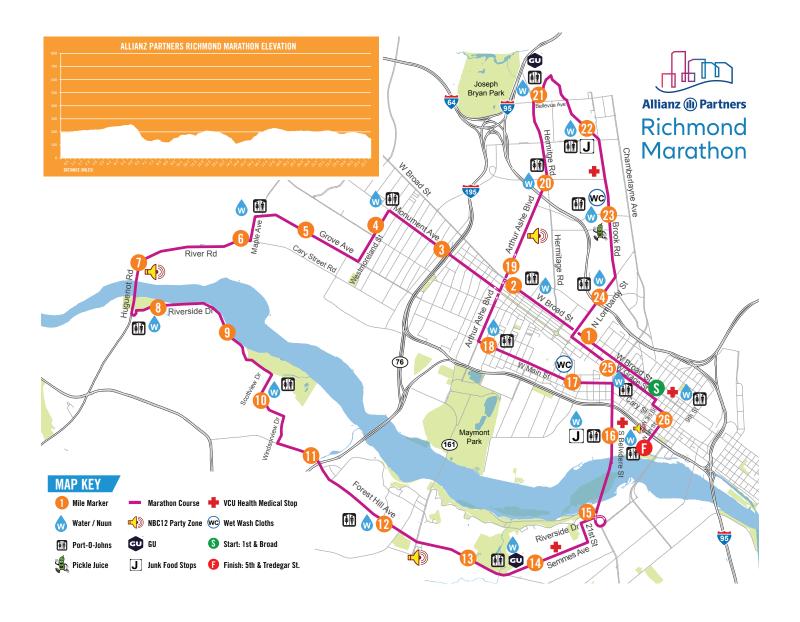
<u>Unofficial Live Results</u> - Available Saturday, November 11 Official Race Results - Available Sunday, November 12



# BEGREAL

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To view or print a PDF version of the Full Marathon map, click here.

To view an interactive Full Marathon map, click here.

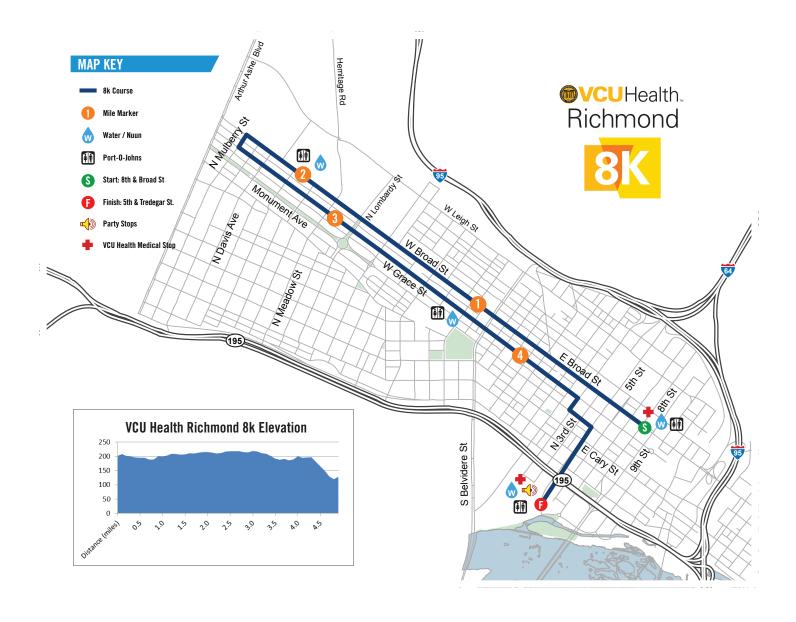
Click here for turn-by-turn Full Marathon course directions.



To view or print a PDF version of the Half Marathon map, click here.

To view an interactive Half Marathon map, click here.

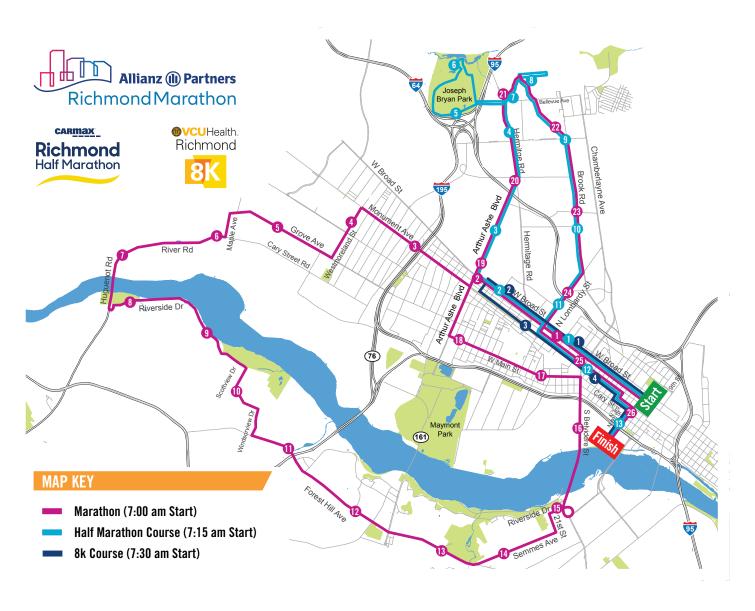
**Click here for turn-by-turn Half Marathon course directions.** 



To pview or print a PDF version of the 8k map, click here.

To view an interactive MapMyRun 8k map, click here.

Click here for turn-by-turn 8k course directions.



To view a PDF version of this map, <u>click here</u>.



To view a PDF version of this map, <u>click here.</u>



For anyone hoping to spectate near the finish line, please note the construction zones labeled on the CoStar Group Post Race Party Map. Space will be very limited near the finish line.

We recommend the following alternatives: head to an NBC12 Party Zone, walk up 5th street to catch your loved one at any point in their last mile, hang out with DJ Mordecai at 5th and Cary St. (near the last .4 miles for all three routes).

More Spectator Information can be found on page 32.



#### **REAL-TIME TEXT MESSAGE UPDATES**

Runner tracking will be available on race day, allowing spectators to follow friends and family by receiving real-time text message updates and splits. You can electronically track multiple runners on the course by entering athlete bib number or name on the website. Updates will be received as runners cross the 10K, 13.1-mile, and 20-mile checkpoints, as well as the downhill finish line.

Sign up for runner tracking.

#### ALTERNATE TRACKING OPTIONS

#### **Download the RaceJoy App**

By tapping into the power of your smartphone, you can follow your runner's progress in real-time as they run their race. The RaceJoy app, provided by Sports Backers, delivers live tracking, GPS progress alerts, race specific information, and the ability for family and friends to send cheers from anywhere in the world! This will require your runner to carry a smartphone throughout the event. Runners should turn off their wifi to save their battery!

Set up Participant Tracking if you would like to be tracked.

Set up Spectator Tracking if you would like to track someone.

#### Garmin

If your runner is wearing a Garmin running watch, and carrying their smartphone, they can <u>turn on LiveTrack</u> via their Garmin Connect app on their phone. This allows runners to share their live location with friends and family via email, Facebook, or Twitter.

#### Apple iOS 15

If your athlete is running iOS 15 or higher on their iPhone or watchOS 8 or higher on their Apple Watch, they will be able to share their live location with you before setting off. <u>Follow this step-by-step guide</u> to enable live tracking. This will require your runner to carry a smartphone, unless they have an Apple Watch with cellular service.

#### Strava Beacon

Strava's Beacon app works with most modern Garmin running watches and Apple Watches newer than the Apple Watch Series 3 and allows runners to send a live tracking link to three different contacts. This will require your runner to carry a smartphone, unless they have cellular service for Apple Watch. Click here to send a Beacon.



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#### **NBC12 Party Zones Cater to Spectators**

Friends or relatives wanting to spectate along the course will want to visit our special NBC12 Party Zones at miles 7, 12.5, and 19 on the Marathon course and mile 6 on the Half Marathon course. Each location offers a prime viewing location and will feature music, noisemakers, and customizable signs. These zones are easy to locate and will serve as a hub for spectators to show their support and enthusiasm. View the complete list of locations and directions.

#### **Music Along the Course**

Live musical acts will be playing along the course to help inspire and motivate participants. To see who will be playing at the CoStar Group Post Race Party and for a full list of bands scheduled to play along the course, <u>click here</u>.

#### **Community Spirit Challenge**

The Allianz Partners Richmond Marathon has created the Community Spirit Challenge to boost entertainment and excitement along the Allianz Partners Richmond Marathon, CarMax Richmond Half Marathon, and VCU Health Richmond 8k courses. Prizes of up to \$500 will be awarded based on originality, theme, decorations, crowd size, and spirit. Keep an eye out for these amazing groups and be sure to give them a shoutout on social media! Snap a pic and tag @sportsbackers and use #RunRichmond!

#### **Runner Arrival Schedule**

Want to know when to expect runners at a certain point along the marathon course? <u>View our Pace Charts</u> to see when participants with the most common predicted times will be arriving at each mile mark.

#### **Spectator Parking Option**

Spectators can use the <u>Tyler Potterfield Pedestrian Bridge</u> to access the CoStar Group Post Race Party and the finish line. On-street parking and surface lots are available in the Manchester section of the city in the area around 10th & Semmes St.

#### **Bike Share**

Richmond offers Bike Share! There are stations near the start and finish areas and the bikes are a great way to get around the course to see your loved ones. <u>Click here</u> for more information and pricing. Reminder: Bikes are not allowed on the race course(s) during the event.







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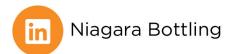


















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