

Here Come the Runners, Including Team Newton

Baseball at Fenway Park and the 127th Boston Marathon, both in person a week from today on Patriots Day, Monday, April 17: Great signs of spring!

Thirty thousand official runners from countries around the world will be crossing into Newton from Wellesley and making the turn at Washington Street onto Commonwealth Avenue at Newton's Fire Station 2 to head up Heartbreak Hill.

The road closures and parking restrictions in Newton begin at 8:00 a.m. along the route and stay in place until approximately 6:00 p.m. Please plan ahead for alternative routes as Newton is bisected by the course. Also plan for traffic delays as no cars will be allowed to cross the Marathon route until the course is reopened.

Parking restrictions and tow-zones will be in place along the entire Marathon route, including the Carriage Lane of Commonwealth Avenue, as well as several streets around the course route. Parking restrictions will also be in place on portions of all streets that feed into the Marathon route. All effected streets will be posted with No Parking - Tow Zones signs.

Don't worry if you see low flying aircraft(s) along the Marathon route. They are conducting Surveillance/Safety checks that have been authorized by the F.A.A. and are a usual part of security and emergency preparedness activities.

Hats off to so many people in the Newton Police, Newton Fire, Public Works and Parks, Recreation and Culture Departments who have been working for months on logistics and safety plans.

Please remember that "If you see something, say something." Call the Newton Police Department at 617-796-2100 or dial 911.

Team Newton

Our fingers are crossed for good running weather on Marathon Monday for all the athletes, including the 40 members of Team Newton (those who received bibs from the City of Newton). Every runner or charity on our team has a connection to Newton, including five City employees who are running.

Newton Fire Department – Running to support the Newton Firefighters' Children's Fund:

- Timothy Killilea

Newton Inspectional Services – Running to support Newton Veterans Services:

- John J. McGourty (a Veteran)

Newton Police Department – Running to support the Newton Police Memorial Association:

- Officer Brandon Baia
- Sergeant Declan Healy
- Officer Reid Larson

Find the list of athletes and the organization they're raising money for [here](#).

Good luck everyone.