



Frequently Asked Questions for Race Weekend

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This year's race is on MARCH 13th. It's always the Sunday before St. Patrick's Day. That gives area businesses a bigger chance for extra business – the Race, the Parade and St. Paddy's Day. The Kid's Race starts at 10:30 am, the Emerald Mile at 10:40 am and the Corktown 5K at 11:00 am.

Daylight Savings Time: Remember, clocks "Spring Forward" at 2:00 am, Sunday Morning, March 13th.

What's new for 2022?

- The St. Patrick's Parade and Corktown Races are honored and excited to return in person for 2022. We look forward to safe and enjoyable events on Sunday, March 13.
- The Corktown 5K is limited to 3,500 participants, the Dublin Double to 500.
- With the redevelopment of the Michigan Central Station and the surrounding area by Ford Motor Land Development, Vernor Avenue east of Roosevelt Park has been closed to all traffic. The finish of the race has been rerouted onto 14th St. then back to Vernor for the Finish Line in front of the Michigan Central Station.

Awards

The top 3 male and females receive unique gifts from the *Twisted Shamrock*.

There are NO age group awards or cash prizes.

Cancellation Policy

As with other races, we have a no refund, transfer or deferment policy for all race entries, unless you have been double billed. If you cannot participate, you or a friend may still pick up your shirt prior to the race at one of the satellite locations, or on race day. We do not mail out shirts if you cannot attend. Medals are for finishers only.

The Corktown Races, in accordance with race management, city officials and local law enforcement have the authority to cancel any of the events for emergency purposes such as, but not limited to, inclement weather or threat of terrorism. If such emergency conditions force cancellation, refunds cannot be provided since funds will have been spent in preparation for Race Day. T-shirts will be distributed.

Canned Goods

You are encouraged to bring a canned good to donate to the St. Patrick's Senior Center. There will be a booth inside the Vendor Tent in Roosevelt Park

Costumes

Wearing costumes for the Corktown Race is an honored tradition and highly encouraged! There is not a Costume Contest, however. No costume prizes are awarded.

Dogs

Due to safety reasons and previous problems on the course we will no longer be able to let dogs, or other animals, in the race. You are welcome to bring them to the park on a leash, just not on the course.

Dublin Double

The Double is a combination race – you compete in both the Emerald Mile and the Corktown 5K. You receive a unique timing bib and finishers medal.

You will start the Emerald Mile at 10:40 am in the wave you chose on registering. As you cross the finish line DO NOT TAKE A MEDAL. Go back to Michigan Avenue and line up in your wave for the 5K, beginning at 11:00 am. As you approach the finish line after the 5K, look for the "Dublin Double" sign on the left, and listen to the announcer. They will direct you to your two medals.

Facebook

The Cork Town Race group page on Facebook is the best place to find last minute changes, updates and information about the race - both before and after. Go to

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/264617490907/>

Finish Line

The Finish is located on northbound Vernor Hwy., in front of Michigan Central. You will receive your medal as you exit the finish chutes. Please continue moving through the chutes to the end. Do not wait for friends and/or family in the chutes; please do that in the park or nearby. (See "Meeting Friends & Family.")

Entertainment and Photo Ops

We have music stations around the course. At several locations around the park, look for giant inflatable leprechauns and photo back drops. Selfies are free! We'll even have volunteers to help you with them.

Food and Beverages

Runner refreshments (food & Absopure® water) will be available after you exit the finish chutes. Look for the fruit, snacks and water. There might be an adult beverage for finishers (21 & older) in the parking lot behind the Mercury Bar (to the east of the Finish Line.) Vendors will be set up near Roosevelt Park for spectators and runners alike. Local bars and restaurants will also be open.

F.O.U.I.

The Fraternal Order of United Irishmen are the organizers and one of the main sponsors of the Corktown Races.

Gear Check

We do not offer Gear Check. Parking is generally close enough to leave your gear and valuables locked in your vehicle.

Help Desk

Volunteers at the Help Desk will assist you with registration-related problems - lost & forgotten bibs, double charges, incorrect data, etc. The Help Desk is in the big Registration tent on Roosevelt Park.

Information Desk

There will be a Corktown Race "Information" table under the big registration tent in Roosevelt Park. We can answer most of your questions about the event. There will also be several roving Info Volunteers available to answer questions. These rangers will be dressed in brightly colored, easily-recognized uniforms.

Kids Run

It's about a quarter of a mile course and strictly for kids, although we encourage adults to walk alongside the toddlers. Parents accompanying their children do not need to register. Registered children receive both a shirt and a finisher medal. Unregistered, accompanying adults do not.

Late Registration (Race Day Registration)

Late registration will take place at the big tent on Roosevelt Park on Sunday morning, beginning at approximately 9:00 am. Look for the "Race Day Registration" signs. Payment is by CASH OR CHECK (made out to F.O.U.I.). NO CHARGE OR DEBIT CARDS ACCEPTED. We cannot guarantee shirts to race day registrants.

Race Day Fees: 5K: \$45; 1 Mile: \$25; Dublin Double (1 Mile & 5K): \$55; Kids Run: \$25.

Lost & Found

"Lost & Found" is located at the Sound Stage on southbound Vernor (permanently closed to traffic). Any found items such as keys, phones or radios should be turned into the volunteers there. While the Corktown Race is not responsible for lost or stolen items, we will make every effort to return any items brought to us. Check with us for any items missing after your race. Since parking is available close by, we suggest leaving valuables locked in your vehicle's trunk.

Medals

There will be medals for the first 3,500 finishers. We had many medals left over from our last year and don't anticipate problems this year. Dublin Doublers should follow the signs and announcer to receive their one unique medal.

Medical Support

Hart Medical services the Corktown event. There will be a First Aid table in the vendor area (look for the red flutter flag). Emergency Volunteers (with bright green or yellow coats and hats) are located around the course. If you need to stop during the race, please alert the closest emergency volunteer if you cannot make it back to Roosevelt Park. The Information table also keeps a small first aid kit, with bandages, aspirin, etc.

Meeting Friends & Family

You should agree on a post-race meeting location before beginning your race - east side of the beer tent, at the "Found Persons" flag, your vehicle, the Information table, etc. You may use your cell phone, carry a sign or distinctive balloon, or make a unique sound - bagpipes might work. "At the finish line" will definitely NOT work, not with 3,500 participants expected - most of them wearing green. Plan ahead. We do not make announcements for individuals you cannot find.

Michigan/Vernor Intersection

Please be advised that pedestrians (runners/walkers/spectators) are not able to cross Michigan Avenue at Vernor/14th St., in front of the start line from 10:15 am until the last 5K wave has started (approximately 11:20 am). At that time crossing will be allowed on Michigan, west of Vernor. Racers come west on Michigan and turn onto northbound 14th St. to the finish line.

Packets

For those new to racing, a "packet" consists of your bib number and t-shirt. Bib numbers are worn on your front (jacket, shirt, shorts, etc.). The timing tag is on the back of the bib (5K and Double). Safety pins are available to secure the bibs.

Make sure your bibs are visible as you cross the finish line. You will also need your bib to partake of the adult beverage (21 and older).

Packet Pickup

You may pick up your packets at six convenient locations through 6:00 PM Friday, March 11th. There are NO pickups anywhere on Saturday, March 12th. Race day pickup begins at 9:00 AM Sunday, March 13th, at the big Registration Tent in Roosevelt Park. NOTE: there can be a back-up for Race Day Pickup. Do not wait until the last minute.

Parking on Race Day

Ford Land Development has given us access to the parking lot on 17th St. that we have used in the past. Over 200 spaces are available. We kindly request a donation to the Saint Patrick's Senior Center at this location. There will be a guard on duty. Please plan to leave the parking lot by 3:00 PM. Otherwise, there is some street parking surrounding the area, and other paid lots. The earlier you arrive, the easier it is to find parking. Be aware that several streets in the Corktown area are shut down, before and during the races and parade.

QR Code

If you are running/walking the 5K or the Dublin Double, your race bib contains a square QR code (a computerized identification symbol). After you finish your races, the code may be

scanned by a free smartphone app. There are several available. This code will give you your race results. You may also ask one of our Information volunteers to scan for you.

Race Results

Results will be posted online later Sunday at <https://hub.enmotive.com/results-and-photos>
You may also use a mobile phone app to read the QR code on your bib for results.

Refunds

As with other races, we have a no refund, transfer or deferment policy for all race entries, unless you have been double billed. If you cannot participate, you or a friend may still pick up your shirt prior to the race at one of the satellite locations, or on race day. We do not mail out shirts if you cannot attend. Medals are for finishers only.

Registration

In-person registration is available at five of six satellite locations during Advance Packet Pickup through 6:00 pm Friday, March 11th. (There is no onsite registration at McShane's Pub). Online registration is available through 11:59 pm, Friday, March 11th. There is NO registration on Saturday, March 12th. Race Day registration begins at 9:00 AM Sunday morning, March 13th in the Registration tent at Roosevelt Park.

Roosevelt Park

Located at Michigan Avenue and Vernor, Roosevelt Park is "Race Central," adjacent to both the Start and Finish lines. One of the two big tents contain Registration, Pickup, Help Desk, Information. The other has Volunteer Check-in, First Aid, various vendors and the canned food donation box.

Skateboards, Rollerblades, Bikes, etc.

These modes of covering the course are a safety issue and NOT permitted. Please keep them off the course.

Start Line

All races (Kids Run, Emerald Mile & Corktown 5K) all start on Michigan Avenue in front of Roosevelt Park and head east.

Please be advised that pedestrians (runners/walkers/spectators) are not able to cross Michigan Avenue at Vernor, in front of the start line from 10:15 am until the last 5K wave has started (approximately 11:20 am). At that time crossing will be allowed on Michigan, west of Vernor. Racers come west on Michigan and turn onto northbound Vernor to the finish line. Plan to be in your starting wave early.

Starting Times

9:00 AM – Registration & Packet Pickup Opens

10:30 AM – Kid's ¼ Mile Start

10:40 AM – Emerald Mile Start

11:00 AM – Huntington Bank Corktown Race 5K Start

11:30 AM – Approximate Start of Awards Ceremony

The St. Patrick's Parade begins at 1 PM.

Strollers/Joggers

We are stroller and jogger friendly. We do ask that you start near the back of your wave. As always, be mindful of other participants.

Tents

This year, there will be two large tents at Roosevelt Park – one will contain Registration, Pickup, Information and the Help Desk, as in previous years. There will be a second Vendor Tent with merchandise sales and informational vendors, as well as the volunteer check-in and food donation.

Timing

The Corktown Race uses "B" tags for timing the 5K. They are attached to the back of your bib number. Do not remove or fold the tag from the back of the bib. Both the mile and 5K are timed for the Dublin Double.

The Emerald Mile and Kids Run are clock-timed only – you need to mark your own start and finish times.

T-Shirt Exchange

Bring your unworn Corktown Races shirt to the **race day registration table**. If your new size is still available, you'll be able to exchange. There are NO shirt exchanges at the satellite locations.

Volunteers

We couldn't have the race without you, and we can always use more volunteers. If you, or someone you know is interested, please email Julie Maurer at julie.barnesmaurer@gmail.com. You may also sign-up online at: https://www.hugheswarevolunteersystem.com/become_a_volunteer/2022-st-patricks-parade-corktown-race. Or, just stop by the "Volunteer Check-in" tent in Roosevelt Park on Sunday morning. For identification, all volunteers will be wearing bright yellow/green vests.

Wave Start

To ease congestion, we have divided 5K participants into 4 waves – yellow, blue, green and white, based on your estimate of how long it takes you to go run/walk a mile. You entered this on your registration form. The yellow wave will line up first, with blue runners grouped behind them, then green followed by the white wave. Once the yellow wave has cleared the start area, the blue group will be brought forward to start. Likewise for the green and white waves. If you are not in your wave when it begins to move forward, you will have to enter a later wave.

There is no requirement that you **MUST** run/walk at the pace you selected.

Weather

The Corktown Races go on rain, shine, wind or snow. Dress appropriately. Layers are recommended. Shelter at the start is very limited. If the weather is not pleasant, you may want to wait in your vehicle until closer to your starting time. If you need to pick up your packet Sunday morning, do that upon arrival and then return to your vehicle if needed to keep warm and dry.

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