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ROAD CLOSINGS, TRAFFIC CROSSINGS PLANNED DURING MARATHON EVENTS

The annual Marquette Marathon, Half Marathon, and 5k and kids fun runs will be held Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

The Friday, Aug. 31 Kids Fun Run will start at 7 p.m. at Lakeview Arena. Runners will cross Pine Street to the multi-use path, then continue north on the multi-use path for approximately 0.75 miles, crossing Wright Street, before turning around and returning along the same route.

The Saturday, Sept. 1 5k begins at Presque Isle at 8 a.m. and follows the multi-use path south to Fair Avenue, then west on Fair Avenue to Third Street, then south on Third to the finish on Michigan Street.

The Saturday, Sept. 1 marathon and half marathon begin west of the City limits and enter the City on the Iron Ore Heritage Trail. Runners are expected to arrive within the City limits at approximately 8:30 a.m. and follow the Heritage trail to McClellan Avenue, then continue on the multi-use path to Lakeshore Boulevard. At that point, runners will divide as follows:

- Marathon participants will turn south on the path to a turn-around point at Founders Landing, then continue north on the path around Presque Isle before returning south towards Pine Street.
- Half marathon participants will turn north on the path and run to Pine Street.

The marathon and half marathon will recombine at Pine Street and continue south to Fair Avenue then west on Fair Avenue to Third Street, then south on Third to the finish near Michigan Street.

The races cross numerous streets including Wilson, McClellan, Fifth, Fourth, Third, Front, Lakeshore, Wright, and Hawley. Road closures include Peter White Drive at Presque Isle, Pine from Lakeshore to Fair, Fair from Pine to Presque Isle, Third from Fair to Michigan, and Michigan from Third to Front. In addition, Presque Isle will be closed to truck traffic from Fair Avenue to Wright due to the ongoing construction. Northbound truck traffic will be detoured west on College Avenue. Southbound Truck traffic will be detoured east onto Lakeshore Boulevard. Magnetic Street between Front and Presque Isle will be open.

Roads will be closed from 5 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., except for Michigan, which will be closed until 4 p.m. All the other roads will be open with crossings manned by volunteers and City Police, who will stop cars to allow runners to cross from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. At that point, crossings will revert to rules of the road. The public is advised to use caution when driving and to obey the police and all road crossing attendants.