



## *2024 Race Weekend*

# 2024 Christie Clinic Within the Loop Marathon, Half Marathon, Relay, and 10K

After a five-year hiatus, “26.2 is back in C-U!”! The Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend will be back on the streets of Champaign-Urbana on April 25-27, 2024, with all events and a new marathon course that includes the Village of Savoy. We understand that the Race Weekend impacts many in the community, especially those who are within or need to get into one of the various loops of the race route. It is our desire to be a good community member and provide as many options as possible to help the community move around on the days of the event. This document provides specific information and instructions that should aid those who need to travel through the community on race day.

The marathon, half marathon, marathon relay, and 10K events are on Saturday, April 27, with events kicking off at approximately 7:31am. Saturday’s races begin with a wheelchair division. Wheelchair competitors travel faster than the runners, and the chairs sit lower to the ground, so it is critical to keep an extra eye out for them. Most of the wheelchair racers will be clear of the race route within an hour of the start. The marathon, half marathon, and marathon relay start together, in waves beginning at 7:33am. Finally, the 10K will start at 8:00am.

The Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend Beltway was created to help people navigate Champaign-Urbana on race day. It was designed to provide an alternative to having to cross the race route. The beltway decreases travel time, as motorists are not stuck in traffic trying to cross a section of the route. The beltway map can be found on the race website at [https://illinoismarathon.com/wp-content/uploads/IL\\_Marathon\\_beltway.pdf?x14262](https://illinoismarathon.com/wp-content/uploads/IL_Marathon_beltway.pdf?x14262).

At the beginning of the race in Champaign and moving into Urbana on Green St, runners will likely be bunched with small gaps between waves. As the race continues into Urbana and then returns to Champaign, the runners should be spaced out enough that course marshals may be able to pulse traffic across the route. Please note the course impact times on the website <https://illinoismarathon.com/wp-content/uploads/Course-Impact-Times.pdf?x14262> to help you plan any travel you may have in Champaign-Urbana on race day. Course marshals will be at intersections throughout the various routes to help vehicles cross the route. Please follow the guidance of these volunteers.

To help plan your day, we have included the map below.

### **Saturday Events — (see map below)**

Course closure will start at 7:00am on First Street south of Green and Green Street from First to Race Street. The race will start at 7:31am with the wheelchair racers, followed by full/half

marathoners and marathon relay (these starts will be in waves) The 10K will start at 8:00am. Stadium Drive, Kirby Avenue, and St Mary's Road will be closed to traffic east of Neil Street as of 7:00am to allow for a 7:31am race start. Traffic attempting to access event parking at State Farm Center should take Neil Street to Windsor Road (go east) to Fourth Street (go north). The City of Urbana should be clear of participants by 11:00am. Marathoners will be running south on Prospect Avenue, in the west-most curb lane, between Armory Avenue and Curtis Road. North and southbound traffic will continue throughout the event. Law enforcement will be at major intersections, pulsing traffic through as runner flow allows. The Village of Savoy should be clear of participants by 1:30pm.

**See Map below**

