

Hello teams,

I'm sending just a short note regarding an event scheduled for March 4th in Myrtle Beach. The running of the 20th Myrtle Beach Marathon is scheduled to begin at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 4th. Runners begin only a couple of blocks directly behind the Convention Center between Oak Street and Hwy 17 By-Pass. Runners will head south, then circle back and run North on Ocean Blvd.

Should you be staying at a hotel (not inside the Marathon route) or driving in you will want to do some planning to prevent being held up by the streets being blocked off. What we call the "bypass" which is US 17 is not part of the Marathon route, so it will be available all day. Crossing the marathon course to get to the Convention Center will be the challenge, especially as the morning progresses. Ocean Boulevard hotel guests will want to park on the west side of the Boulevard on Saturday morning, so they aren't blocked by runners. The southern end of the route will be busy first, obviously, with South Ocean Blvd. seeing runners by 7:15 or so. North Ocean Blvd, a portion of Kings Highway (Business 17) and Grissom Parkway will be busy from mid-morning until about 2:00 p.m. If you can get to the Convention Center around 7:30 a.m., you will miss the norther Marathon traffic. All of the congestion will clear by-midafternoon.

Please see attached map of the Marathon route. The Convention Center is located at the corner of 21st avenue and Oak Street, which is directly between the start of the Marathon and the ocean. I also spoke with Lt. Crosby of the MB Police Department. He advised that you visit www.police.cityofmyrtlebeach.com and look under the Special Events tab...then click on the 19th Annual MB Marathon link. There you can see additional information regarding street closing, etc.

This is a developing story and as we get additional information we will be sharing.

Please look for our final Team Email Blast that will be coming out later in this week.

Thanks for support.

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