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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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# **City Prepares for Annual Cleveland Marathon**

*Race Day is Sunday, May 20, 2018*

**CLEVELAND** – On Sunday, May 20, 2018, the annual Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon will kick-off in downtown Cleveland. Thousands of runners and spectators are expected to take part in the festivities over the weekend and, as always, safety is our main priority. The Division of Police would like to encourage all who plan on attending the Marathon to review the following tips to ensure a seamless and positive experience.

### **Know the route**

The Marathon begins at 7 a.m. in downtown Cleveland and continues west along Lake Avenue into Lakewood and Rocky River. See the [course map here and familiarize](#) yourself with the route if you plan to participate, watch or travel during the duration of the event.

### **Parking and Traveling**

Parking along the race route will be prohibited until the Division of Police reopens any closed routes. If you'll be traveling near the route on race day, expect delays and closures. Plan accordingly or utilize [RTA](#). RTA will reroute some of its buses. [Click here to see which routes will be affected.](#)

### **Avoid bringing bags and backpacks**

Bags and backpacks are strongly discouraged at the Start/Finish areas on race day. Participants and spectators are asked to travel lightly. Those with diaper bags, purses and other items should note that they are subject to search in the vicinity of Start/Finish lines. Unattended bags are subject to search and removal from the premises.

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## **Be safe**

With the possibility of showers, weather may be a factor in planning for a safe experience. Please exercise caution if you are a participant or spectator. Water will be available throughout the race at select locations. Cleveland Police and EMS will be on hand if assistance is needed. Report any suspicious activity to authorities. If you see something, say something.

Visit <http://www.clevelandmarathon.com/> for more information on the race and details regarding the day of the event.

## **About the City of Cleveland**

The City of Cleveland is committed to improving quality of life its residents by strengthening neighborhoods, delivering superior services, embracing diversity and making Cleveland a desirable, safe city in which to live, work and play. For more information on the City of Cleveland, visit online at [www.city.cleveland.oh.us](http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us), Twitter at [@cityofcleveland](https://twitter.com/cityofcleveland) or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cityofcleveland](https://www.facebook.com/cityofcleveland).

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