

Canal Connection Entrants,

I want you to be aware of the circumstances surrounding the race this year. The village council granted permission for the VFW to hold a Veteran's Day parade at 1:00 on Sunday, Nov 7.

The village has reserved for the runners the area on the south side of the canal and the school. It is property with 4 large grain silos on it. We will have people to assist with the parking. It seems like there is enough room, but it is something we have never dealt with. So, if at all possible, share a ride with another runner.

A lot the traffic will be heading into town and we will be heading out, to L-P High School. There will still be congestion. If at all possible, try to get here earlier than usual. And upon registering, please board the buses for LaSalle. It is more important than ever to get the race started on time. It is necessary because it is the only way that runners who want to leave Utica without being caught in the parade, can. We are going to start the awards ceremony at 12:15 in order to allow everyone to leave the gym by 12:50 and get out of Utica, if you so desire. I'm sorry for the inconvenience, but these are the cards we were dealt. You won't be disappointed in the race though because it will still be a great and beautiful scenic course, a well organized event and have plenty of good food. See you on the 7th.

Jon Bastuck , race director