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## **Mayor Madden Announces Last Chance Registration and Security Expectations for 70th Troy Turkey Trot**

*Online Race Registration Extended to Wednesday, November 22*

*Event Participants Asked to Review Security Guidelines Ahead of Race Day*

**TROY, NY – Mayor Patrick Madden** today announced a few reminders to individuals who will be visiting the City of Troy for the 70<sup>th</sup> edition of the **Troy Turkey Trot** on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23.

“The Turkey Trot is more than just a foot race – it’s an opportunity for residents and visitors alike to come and enjoy Troy while celebrating our rich heritage and holiday traditions,” said **Mayor Patrick Madden**. “We are very pleased to see this race come together and anticipate another fun, family-filled event that brings thousands of people to our wonderful city on Thanksgiving morning.”

“The 70<sup>th</sup> edition field continues to grow and we’re expecting around 7,000 participants to take part this year,” added **Event Director George Regan**. “We’d like to encourage all participants to help out the less fortunate members of our community by supporting our two charities – the **Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York** and **Joseph’s House and Shelter**. A donation of five dollars can provide \$50 in food to feed a hungry family, or it can also provide warm shelter to homeless men, women and children in Rensselaer County. Trot participants have already donated \$9,000 and we’re hoping to exceed our \$15,000 goal.”

### **Registration**

Due to Thursday morning’s clear weather forecast (Partly sunny, high 38-42), **race organizers have extended online registration through the close of the second bib/chip/t-shirt pickup session on Wednesday, Nov. 22 from 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Troy Atrium.** Additionally, participants can sign up race morning from 6:15 a.m. to 15 minutes before the start of each event.

Event start times are as follows: 10K (8:00 a.m.), Grade School Mile (9:30 a.m.), Turkey Walk (9:35 a.m.) and 5K (10:00 a.m.)

### **Non-Perishable Items**

All participants and spectators are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to the Troy Atrium to donate to local food pantries. Items needed include:

- Canned proteins and entrees (i.e. tuna, chicken, beef stew and ravioli)
- Canned spaghetti sauce
- Canned soups and cereals
- Canned fruit in juice
- Canned 100% juice
- Non-food items: Bathroom tissue and paper towels,

*Items **not accepted** for donation:*

- *Home-canned food*
- *outdated food*
- *food without labels*

### **Event Parking**

Ample, free event parking is available at several Front and River Street parking lots. Additional parking will also be available in the Blitman Commons lot, located at 1800 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue beginning at 6:30 a.m. A comprehensive map of Troy parking lots can be found on the City of Troy, New York's official website at <http://www.troyny.gov/municipal-lots-garages/>

### **Race Day Security**

The Troy Police Department in conjunction with the Troy Turkey Trot race committee and the City of Troy has announced this year's security measures in connection with the Trot. The announced security measures are designed to ensure the safety of all participants and spectators:

- Any non-see-through packages (i.e. back packs, duffle bags, etc.) will not be permitted on the race site.
- Costumes covering the face will not be permitted. Bulky costumes that may interfere with others are also prohibited.
- All non-see-through bags should be safely secured in participants' vehicles. See-through plastic bags may be checked in at the Trot's baggage check located in The Atrium. (See-through bags will be available, while supplies last, at packet pick up on Wednesday, Nov. 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Troy Atrium and on race morning.) *All bags are subject to inspection.*
- Spectators will not be allowed on the sidewalks adjacent to the start on Fourth Street between Fulton Street and Broadway.
- Spectators will not be allowed in the finish chute. Please meet your runners in Monument Square after they exit the finish chute and proceed through participant refreshments.

Cooperation from participants and visitors is essential. Please help us provide a safe and pleasant environment for all at this venerable event. And remember, if you see something, say something by calling 911.

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### ***About the Troy Turkey Trot***

*Now in its 70th year, the Troy Turkey Trot is the nation's 12<sup>th</sup> and world's 64th oldest road race, as well as the 11<sup>th</sup> largest Turkey Trot in the nation. The event, which draws as many as 8,000 participants from 37 states and features a 5K, 10K, Grade School Mile and Turkey Walk, is designed to celebrate fitness, families and tradition against a backdrop of some of Troy's most historic neighborhoods, as well as raise funds for several local charities. For more information, visit [TroyTurkeyTrot.com](http://TroyTurkeyTrot.com).*

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