

Dear 8 States for Maz Supporters,

You will get several notes this week, especially if you are participating in the Sunday, June 11th event doing the CommUnity Group Run/Walk with Brett of his final 3 Miles. Below is some preliminary information so you are most informed and prepared how this will work as it is NOT a RACE but a wonderful Welcome Home Celebration for Brett and an honoring and recognition of Fallen RPD Officer, Tony Mazurkiewicz and the Mazurkiewicz Family, along with all officers who serve or have served our communities.

When this concept began it started as a very intimate gathering of people running in with Brett for his final 3 miles. Today, with the help of an incredible team put together from RPD and MCSO this is truly going to be a thoughtful, one of a kind special CommUnity Event. Please read on...

First, Registration for the run/walk will remain open until Sunday morning, June 11th and donations of course are very very welcome. Currently over \$70K has been raised towards the \$100K goal. Thank you so very much.

The Event

Reminder: This is NOT A RACE. Run or Walk, whichever you'd like, as long as everyone stays behind Brett. As the creator of this and after his incredible daily marathon effort, Brett will be the leader guiding all of us in to the finish. Plus he wants to greet all of you in. His pace has been 9-10 minute mile. So Please DO NOT go ahead of Brett. We will follow behind as a procession.

The Start

The start is located at Genesee Valley Park just north of Elmwood Road where Genesee Waterways is located. We will be on the WEST side of the River. If you are familiar with the RUN585 Series, the start is where that start is. A map will come later this week of the exact locale.

The goal, as long as that daily marathon goes as planned, is for Brett to meet us at the park by 11:45AM. He will say a few words. And at 12PM – his final 3 miles will begin with all of us proceeding behind him like an incredibly powerful ceremonial procession.

The route is 3 miles and will be published along with the other maps later this week. A note will be sent and it will be on the website as well.

The Finish

The finish is located at the Hall of Justice Plaza at the corner of Exchange and Court Street in Downtown Rochester. Here you will venture up to the final steps of the plaza through a big finish arch where the celebration and recognition begins. Brett will be there cheering you all in. Honor Guards will be present at the RPD, MCSO and RFD Memorials that represent all the fallen of those departments. The music will be joyous. Delicious pizza will be served courtesy of Salvatore's Pizza. Then at 1:12PM an absolutely beautiful Coming Home Ceremony will begin recognizing Brett and his efforts while honoring several special guests including the Mazurkiewicz Family, The Pierson Family and the Sang Family. We do hope you will all stay for this very special appreciation observance. This acknowledgement is all the participant's way of saying Thank You to the Fallen and their families and that we value you.

Parking

If you plan on doing the run/walk, parking is available at the U of R Zone 3 Lot, Genesee Valley Park and Genesee Waterways Center

If you plan on coming as a spectator or the finish celebration, parking is available at the lot on Exchange across from the Public Safety Building

Complimentary Shuttle Busses

If you parked near the start, free shuttle busses will be starting near the finish on Court Street from 1:15AM to 2:30PM back to the start area.

Shirt Pickup and Shipping Update

There was an **overwhelming** response to the tees and the printers are working feverishly to get them done. Due to this there are actually various options now if you are eager to get yours before the event. Indeed we would love to see a sea of these tees along the streets to the finish.

Here are the options:

1. **Friday, June 9th:** Anyone can pick up their own or even a friend or family members tee at **Shirt Packet Pickup on Friday, June 9th at Fleet Feet @ The Armory in Rochester from 10AM-6PM.**
 - a. **Fleet Feet will donating 8% of ALL In Store Sales that day towards 8 States for Maz.**
 - b. If you purchased shipping and choose to pickup on Friday vs wait for the tee to be shipped, we will gladly refund the shipping fee at pickup or it can become a donation.
 - c. We do encourage choosing going to Shirt Pickup on June 9th as it will relieve any stress for you on event day and everyone can wear their shirt on event day.
2. **Sunday, June 11th:** Shirt purchasers can also pickup their tee at the "Start" line of 8 States for Maz before the group run/walk or AFTER the event is complete at the "Finish" Locale. It is highly advised not to wait for event day.
3. Any remaining that are to be shipped will be shipped on Monday, June 12th.

Please stay tuned as the maps get published. We thank you so much for supporting this effort and we hope Sunday will be a remarkable and special day for all.

Thank you for reading!!

Regards, Ellen at Fleet Feet