

## **Re: 2020 Minute Man Race Postponed to 2021**

2020 Minute Man Race Update:

We at the Westport Young Woman's League want to notify you of the status of our Minute Man Race. Given the current CT state and local government ordinances due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we have decided to **postpone our April 26, 2020 Race to April 25, 2021.**

### **Why was the April 26, 2020 Race date moved?**

CT Governor Ned Lamont has issued [Executive Order No. 7](#) stating that gatherings of 250 people or more are prohibited through April 30, 2020, which affected our Race. Also, Westport Parks & Rec has suspended all event permits at Compo Beach indefinitely. Due to the unknowns of this situation, we as a League weighed the pros and cons of our options of when we could potentially move the Race, taking into consideration other scheduled League events/initiatives and Compo Beach restrictions, and the consensus was to defer until next year.

### **How can family, friends & colleagues register for the April 25, 2021 Race?**

All [Registration links remain the same](#) and we will continue to promote our Race throughout the year. When the time is right, it will be great to get back outside and socialize in large groups again. You should think about forming a run or walk group!

### **What can I expect from next year's Race?**

We're working on making enhancements to our event! We're adding food trucks, a social media picture tent, extending our Star 99.9 music tent and working on some other fun post-event activities.

### **Does moving the Race impact the WYWL's work in the community?**

We are disheartened that the outcome was to move this Race, but we needed to consider the health of our participants, volunteers and Town staff. Our MM Race net proceeds typically make up approximately 40% of our annual Grant dollars, therefore, postponing the Race will have an impact on how much money we will be able to allot for our 2021 [Grants Program](#). We will continue to support our community through volunteering and implementing our other fundraisers throughout the year, including [CraftWestport](#) on November 7-8, 2020.

Our annual events have allowed the WYWL to distribute \$80,000 in grants in 2019, \$90,000 this year and over \$4.3 million since 1956! Please continue to support our League!

### **How can I make a Donation to the WYWL?**

We welcome your support during this time! To make a donation to the WYWL and help contribute to our initiatives throughout Lower Fairfield County, [please visit our Donation Page](#). Any amount is much appreciated!

### **What if I have an existing Registration?**

**No action is needed on your part!** Although our policy states registration reimbursements are not provided, we greatly value our community members, so in good faith, we are rolling-over your current registration to next year's Race. **Be on the lookout for a revised Registration Confirmation in your inbox within the next 24 hours.** We're looking forward to running and walking together next April!

### **Questions?**

You may contact [MinuteMan@wywl.com](mailto:MinuteMan@wywl.com) with any inquiries. Our goal is to respond within 24 hours of your email. Please bear with us during this busy transition period.

We're looking forward to our future in-person events and continuing to serve our community! Please visit our [WYWL website](#) for further updates.

Sincerely,  
WYWL Minute Man Race Team