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Roxbury Running Series To Resume With Staggered-start Race

ROXBURY – The Roxbury Road Runners Club series will resume with one of its annual featured events – the one that is designed to have everyone enter the finish timing carpet simultaneously.

The 2.4-mile staggered-start race is slated for Saturday, October 3, 8:30 a.m., over a loop that will include a trip down the steep hill on Chalybes Road.

The race was initiated in 1988 by Ed Sandifer of Newtown, the Western Connecticut State University Math and Business professor who would capture the Roxbury season championship 12 times.

In recent times, Janet Levy, a Roxbury resident who has been running in the series for about 25 years, has done the math for the event. The runners, based on their race times during the season in the weekly series, take off on a stagger based on their ability that, in theory, should have them finish together.

Through the years it has been a popular event as slower and faster runners converge over the final stretch of the race.

In 2025, Jeff Lipchus was the first finisher in actual time and Cindy Scannell captured the staggered-start title.

Runners who have not yet run this year in the series are welcome to participate. They can provide their typical time for a similar race and be placed on the stagger list.

The 3.2-mile race scheduled for Saturday, September 26, was canceled because of the Nor'easter.

With eight races remaining on the calendar, Chris Deming, 59, of Danbury is leading the men's season standings. Miriam Acevedo, 49, of New Milford tops the female standings.

The races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish near the Everett B. Hurlburt community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

Registration is available through [Roxbury Road Runners Club](#).

Runners should arrive early and check in so that they are logged into the computer system or sign the entry sheet near the starting area.

The series will collect non-perishable foods for the Roxbury Food Pantry at the Church of Christ in Roxbury during the races from October 24 through December 5.

Current and former military personnel, current and former first responders and youth entrants should inquire about discount fees. The general charge is \$45 for a season pass and \$10 for the weekly waiver.

The Roxbury Fall Classic, which includes a 50-kilometer race, marathon and half-marathon, is scheduled for Saturday, November 14. Registration is available at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Roxbury/RoxburyMarathonHalfMarathonand50k>.

The ninth annual Roxbury Thanksgiving Day Charity Race is slated for Thursday, November 26, 9 a.m., over a 3.1-mile route.

Registration can be accessed via

<https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Roxbury/RoxburyThanksgivingDayCharityRace>.

The fee is \$10 plus a \$1.60 handling charge – for a grand total of \$11.60. Race-day registration of \$15 per runner – plus a \$1.90 handling fee for a grand total of \$16.90 - - will be available November 26 at the pavilion to the community park from 7:30 to 8:50 a.m.

If you are interested in working as a registration table attendant or course marshal for the Thanksgiving Day race, please contact Scott Benjamin at ScottBenjaminWCSU2014@gmail.com or (v/m) (860) 354-3521. Additional information on the series is available via the Roxbury Races Facebook Page.