

NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

2026 BOSTON MARATHON

PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE

On Monday April 20th, the running of the Boston Marathon will take place once again. Participants will be running through Newton, entering from Wellesley on Washington Street heading east, then traveling onto Commonwealth Ave, heading east to the Boston line.

Please be advised that road closures along the route will be in place starting at **8:00 AM** and be in place until approximately **6:00 PM**. Expect traffic delays as no vehicles will be allowed to cross the Marathon Route or access the Carriage Lane of Commonwealth Ave until the route is reopened.

Parking Restrictions and tow-zones will be in place along the entire Marathon Route including the Carriage Lane of Commonwealth Ave as well as several streets around the course route. Parking restrictions will also be in place on portions of all streets that feed into the Marathon route.

All affected streets will be posted with No Parking- Tow Zones signs.

For the safety and convenience of residents, spectators and runners, all bags, backpacks, coolers and baby carriages/strollers are subject to be searched by Police. There is no alcohol or grills allowed on public property along the course route.

In the week prior to the Marathon there will be Low Flying Aircraft(s) along the entire Marathon route conducting Surveillance / Safety checks that have been authorized by the F.A.A.

The Newton Police Department in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety, US Department of Homeland Security, Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, Massachusetts State Police and the Boston Athletic Association are asking for the public's help prior to and on Marathon Day by reporting suspicious activity and persons.

Throughout the entire marathon route, cities and towns are participating in a public relations campaign called:

“SEE SOMETHING - SAY SOMETHING”

If anyone in the public sees suspicious activity or a suspicious bag or package, please call the Newton Police at 617-796-2100 or dial 9-1-1 immediately.