



## **Press Release Koman Promise Run**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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The Susan G. Koman Promise Run will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2013. The main events include a ½ marathon, ½ marathon relay and walk near the race finish line. The events are expected to bring in approximately 2000 runners to participate in the first year. The race course and overall event will be staffed by representatives from the Peoria Police, Peoria Office of Emergency Management, Peoria County Sheriff's Office, East Peoria Police, Peoria Park Police, Peoria and East Peoria Fire, Peoria Public Works, Advance Medical Transport and REMERT. In addition, numerous volunteers from throughout the area will be assisting officers, participants and spectators. The starting times for the 1/2 marathon and walk will employ a wave start.

#### **Timeline**

0700 ½ Marathon scheduled to begin ( ½ Marathoners, Relay Teams)

Walk to follow in and around the Peoria Civic Center

1100 ½ Marathon officially ends.

Once the route has been shut down for the race it will be kept closed until instructed to be opened by the command post.

The Koman ½ Marathon Race will start on William Kumpf in the area of John Gwynn. The race course will follow the following route:

- William Kumpf east to the Bob Michael Bridge
- Across the Bob Michael Bridge into East Peoria
- West Washington to Clock Tower Drive
- Return West Washington to Bob Michael Bridge
- North on Adams Street to Main Street
- Main Street to West Main
- West Main to Farmington Road
- Farmington Road to Park Road
- Park Road to Nebraska Avenue
- East on Nebraska to Shea Stadium
- Turn around at Shea Stadium and return same route to Downtown
- Main Street to Northeast Monroe Street
- Monroe Street to Abington Street
- Abington Street to lower Glen Oak Park and turn around back to Monroe Street
- Monroe Street to Bryan Street
- Bryan Street to Northeast Jefferson
- South on Northeast Jefferson to front of Civic Center
- Finish line at Civic Center

The Bob Michael Bridge will be completely shut down at the beginning of the race. It will be opened as soon as the runners have cleared East Peoria around 7:45 a.m. All other bridges into the city will be open. Some of the streets along the course will be fully closed and most streets will be open to traffic with only a portion of the roadway dedicated for the use by race participants. The intersections along the course will be controlled by a combination of police officers and race volunteers. The traffic signals along the course will be placed on flash and they will be controlled by a uniformed officer directing traffic. Farmington Road traffic will be allowed to go up the hill toward Main Street but no traffic will be allowed down the hill from Main Street to Park. Traffic on Main Street will be limited to east bound only during the race will possible closures at times.

In most cases, traffic will be allowed to cross the race course when it can be done in a safe manner for the runners. The primary role of the volunteers and police officers along the route is the safety of the runners and participants. There will be delays in some locations and we ask for patience during these time.

In East Peoria, the off ramps in both directions of the I-74 flyover will be shut down for a short duration to prevent vehicles from entering the race course. There will be sign boards placed on I-74 by IDOT to assist with notification to drivers of the closure. The closure will be from 6:45 a.m. till approximately 8:00 a.m. East Peoria Police Officers will be assigned to areas of the closures to control the area and assure that drivers do not bypass the barricades.

The race course will be opened as soon as possible as the last racers pass the traffic posts and cleared of barricades and cones by Peoria Public Works.