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MANGANO & RXR CEO SCOTT RECHLER ANNOUNCE 2017 RXR LONG ISLAND MARATHON

Security Protocols Announced for Athletes & Spectators

Mineola, NY – Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano and RXR CEO Scott Rechler today announce the 2017 RXR Long Island Marathon, which includes the traditional 26-mile race, a half marathon, 10k, 5k, 1-mile run, Kids Micro Marathon and other festivities. Events take place Friday, May 5th through Sunday, May, 7th. Last year's race was a great success with roughly 8,000 registrants.

"The Long Island Marathon is one of the region's most exciting athletic events, and I am pleased to once again team up with the community of runners and RXR for the 2017 Long Island Marathon," said County Executive Mangano. "While no specific threat exists, the Nassau County Police Department will be putting forth enhanced security measures for the safety of participants, spectators, and all members of our community. I also remind residents of our See Something Say Something Campaign - if something or someone seems suspicious, dial 911."

"We are very proud to once again sponsor the Long Island Marathon," said Scott Rechler, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of RXR Realty. "The Marathon weekend combines athletics and getting outdoors with healthy doses of economic activity and Long Island pride. I always enjoy running on that first Sunday in May and look forward to joining thousands of fellow Long Islanders and others from across the region and the country at the starting line."

Special thanks to Newsday – the presenting sponsor of the Marathon – for their support as well as the following sponsors: All Round Foods, WABC-TV, WBAB, WBLI, Suez, Long Island McDonalds Restaurants, and Snapple.

SCHEDULE OF FESTIVITIES

Friday, May 5th

- Sports & Fitness Expo at Mitchel Athletic Complex (3:00 pm – 8:00 pm)

Saturday, May 6th

- RXR Long Island Marathon Weekend 1 Mile Run (8:00 am) and 5K Race (8:30 am) in Eisenhower Park (new location)

For the latest news and events occurring in and around Nassau County, please visit www.nassaucountynewsnetwork.com and/or download the "Nassau Now" app today!

- RXR Long Island Marathon Weekend Kids Micro Marathon hosted by Ronald McDonald (10:30 am - free and open to kids 1 – 11 years of age) in Eisenhower Park's Safety Town (new location)
- Sports & Fitness Expo @ Mitchel Athletic Complex (10:00 am – 4:00 pm)

Sunday May 7th

- RXR Long Island Marathon (8:00 am)
- RXR Long Island Marathon Weekend Half Marathon (8:00 am)
- RXR Long Island Marathon Weekend 10K Race (8:00 am)
- Finish Line Festival, Eisenhower Park (9:00 am – 2:00 pm)

****Advance registration is open until April 16, 2017.**

****There is no race-day check-in for any RXR Long Island Marathon Weekend Events**

Complete race weekend information including dates, times and locations is available at www.thelimarathon.com

SECURITY PROTOCOLS

In an effort to keep everyone safe, County Executive Mangano and the Nassau County Police Department announced the following security protocols for the marathon:

- All vehicles at starting line and other staging areas must be credentialed and known in advance;
- Large contingent of uniformed police officers assigned to detail;
- Officers assigned with portable radiation detectors;
- All bags and back packs will be subject to K-9 explosive detection prior to going on the UPS trucks to the finish line. K-9's will be patrolling the general area.
- Participants should arrive early due to modified road closures around the start and finish line areas and should plan to leave enough time for parking and travel to starting line;
- Only registered participants will be permitted into the Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K starting line area on Charles Lindbergh Blvd on Sunday, May 7th.
- Participants may only use clear bags at the baggage check. Clear bags will be provided by race officials at participant check-in;
- Spectators may not bring bags into the finish line area in Eisenhower Park;
- Any bags or packages found on the ground will be discarded or destroyed. Participants should not stash personal items along the race route.
- Eisenhower Park finish line security at the spectator seating area includes: Modified Fencing around seating Entrance/Exit gateways and bags/backpacks are prohibited and/or will be searched.
- Finish line festival area will include fencing to limit gateways for ingress and egress.
- The staff and volunteer-only areas require vehicle credentials as well as individual credentials. Only previously credentialed individuals will be permitted in these areas.

Expanded parking areas at Nassau Community College, introduced last year, will ease morning congestion getting into Eisenhower Park; participants will have a relatively short walk to the starting lines of the Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K Race; there will be shuttle buses, provided by Guardian Bus, during race weekend; return shuttles from Eisenhower park back to NCC parking after the Sunday races; and shuttle buses from the Westbury LIRR station to

Mitchel Field for the Sports & Fitness Expo and to and from Start and Finish Areas on Sunday, May 7th.

2017 RXR Long Island Marathon Sponsors Include: RXR, Title Sponsor; **Newsday**, Presenting Sponsor; **WBAB / WBLI**, Radio partner; **WABC-TV**, Television partner; **All Round Foods**, Platinum Sponsor; **Suez**, Hydration Sponsor; **Suez**, Gold Sponsor; **Long Island McDonald's Restaurants**, Gold Sponsor.

For more information on becoming a 2017 RXR Long Island Marathon volunteer, citizens can visit www.thelimarathon.com/volunteer.

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