

# SPECTATOR GUIDE

Every year the Marathon runners and walkers consistently tell us how wonderful the spectators are throughout the course and are so encouraged along the way because of their enthusiastic support. There are a selected number of areas which we believe are the best to cheer on runners and walkers. These suggestions are geared towards those spectators who may plan to view the marathoners from multiple locations. There are, of course, many other selected spots which may be more isolated.

## WEST SIDE

This includes areas near the start and finish as well as areas in Northwest Portland:

## START

- SW 3rd & SW Salmon: This year the area where runners and walkers assemble for the start is not open to spectators. The area closest to the start that is both a safe and viable viewpoint for spectators will be along Broadway Ave. heading north from SW Salmon & on. Stay on the east side of Broadway, though, so that if you wish to view runners and walkers as they head back in the other direction on Front Ave., you can get there easily by walking east on Taylor. (If you are on the west side of Broadway, you will not be able to cross the procession of marathoners.)

## NAITO BLVD.

- SW Naito Blvd. from SW Morrison to SW Market: Runners and walkers can be viewed at Mile 1.3-2.0 and Mile 4.7-5.0. This area runs from SW Morrison up to SW Market by the Marriott Hotel. It includes the bridge overpasses. NOTE: We suggest that spectators not try to go along the loop from Mile 2 through Mile 4 because of serious traffic congestion.

## NW PORTLAND

- NW Portland along NW Raleigh between NW 17th and NW 25th: This area is readily accessible by car for an individual who has earlier watched runners and walkers on both SW Broadway and SW Naito. There is adequate parking in the Northwest neighborhood area, particularly between NW 17th and NW 20th (see map). This area is near Mile 12. NOTE: We do not recommend spectators drive or view along St. Helens Road (Route 30) from Mile 12.5 through Mile 17 at the St. Johns Bridge. This is a state highway which is blocked off by the Department of Transportation. It is dangerous to park and try to cross the fast-moving restricted lanes of traffic. Runners and walkers are perfectly safe, but it is a poor location for spectators.

## EAST SIDE – ST. JOHNS AND WILLAMETTE BLVD.

- East side of the course from the St. Johns area by the St. Johns Bridge along the North side of North Willamette Blvd.: North Willamette Blvd. runs along the East side of the Willamette River. A spectator who views the start, Naito Blvd. and in the Northwest can also easily drive to I-5 and get off at Lombard (west exit) and work their way to any location from Mile 17.5 through Mile 21.5 (see map). It may be necessary to park a block or two from Willamette Blvd. in the neighborhoods and then walk to viewing locations along Willamette Blvd. NOTE: There is no access along Greeley or Interstate as runners head toward the Rose Quarter and the Steel Bridge.

## FINISH AREA

- SW Naito Blvd., and along SW Salmon to SW 3rd: Please note, however, that viewpoints along SW 3rd from Salmon to the finish at the steps of the Justice are restricted to the east side of SW 3rd.

Spectators, friends and relatives of participants are reminded that there is a Reunion Area on SW 3rd Avenue between SW Salmon and SW Taylor. You may only enter and exit this area from SW Taylor at 3rd. Large letters of the alphabet will be posted so that finishers can easily locate their family and friends by arranging to meet them under the first letter of their last name.