

Woodstock Memorial Day 10K Race to offer cash prizes

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WOODSTOCK — “I am happy to announce that, for the first time in its 33-year history, the Woodstock Recreation Commission will offer cash prizes to winners of the Woodstock Memorial Day 10K race,” said Karen Fitzpatrick, director of the Woodstock Recreation Commission.

A total of \$600 in prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place overall winning runners (both male and female), and also to the first male and female Woodstock residents. Bet Zimmerman and Patrick Smith donated the funds in loving memory of their spouses.

“It is an honor to have such caring individuals in our community,” Fitzpatrick said.

Both Claudia Vincenti-Smith and Doug Zimmerman were Woodstock residents. Claudia was a Crabtree & Evelyn employee who lost her battle with cancer in 2008. Doug was an avid runner who competed in the race every year.

“The course is one of the most scenic runs in New England,” said Bet Zimmerman. “It is also quite challenging. Doug was a mountaineer, but his goal was to run — not crawl — up Child Hill. That stretch at the end of the race is our version of the Boston Marathon’s Heartbreak Hill. We hope there will be good turnout this year to demonstrate America’s resilience despite the tragic bombings in Boston.”

“We are doing something else new this year,” said Fitzpatrick. “The first 100 pre-registered runners [registered by April 25 [received] tech shirts. T-shirts will also be given out on race day to runners coming in to register, on a first come, first serve basis.”

In addition, the Woodstock Recreation Commission is collaborating with the Woodstock Fuel Assistance Program to raise funding for residents in need. During the 2012 race, \$480 was raised. This year, the goal is \$1,000.

The Recreation director also noted that “we have been very fortunate to have many corporations and

individuals generously sponsor this event, including: Roger’s Corporation, LineMaster Switch Corporation, S.A.S. Construction Co., The Citizen’s National Bank, Woodstock Academy, Vegware, Pomfret Lion’s Club, Putnam Lodge #46, Body By Design, Devon Point Farm, Woodstock Builder’s Association: Woodstock, LeBoeuf Rubbish Removal, Crabtree & Evelyn LTD, Dr. Joseph Botta & Associates LLC, Taylor Brooke Winery, Harrisville Golf Course, Attorney Stephen J. Adams, Soleil & Sons Bakery LLC, and Lighthouse Printworks.”

The Annual Memorial Day 10K Race is on Monday, May 27. This is a rain or shine event. The race begins from Woodstock Academy at 9 a.m. The registration fee (because it is after April 25) is \$25. Registration will be open in the Academy Field House Gym until 8:45 a.m. For questions, contact Fitzpatrick at 860-315-5175.

The registration form can be downloaded at: <http://tinyurl.com/cun7dh9>.



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