



2019 MetroWest Suicide Walk - September Options

14 messages

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March 6, 2019

To whom it may concern:

The Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention requests to host our MetroWest Out of the Darkness Community Walk in Natick – beginning at the Natick High School, following a three mile loop and returning back to the school. AFSP's Out of the Darkness Community Walks created a movement. They are held in hundreds of cities across the country, give people the courage to open up about their own struggle or loss, and the platform to change our culture's approach to mental health.

Our MetroWest Out of the Darkness Walk will take place on either Sunday, September 29th or Saturday, October 4th. This will be a 3-mile loop, beginning around 10:15am, following our opening ceremonies. Walk set-up will begin at 8am at the high school track and include tables, chairs, tents, food, merchandise, directional signs, banners and a DJ. Registration (pre-registered and on-site) will begin at 9am and continue until 10am for Walkers. During this time, Walkers will check-in, enjoy breakfast and our memorial activities while music plays by the DJ in the background. At 10:00am our opening ceremonies will begin which will include a couple speakers and a bead ceremony – a ceremony in which we draw attention to the reasons we walk.

Our Out of the Darkness Walks raise funds and awareness for mental health and suicide prevention. They allow us to fund research, education, advocacy initiatives and survivor support. This year's Natick Walk anticipates hosting 300 people from surrounding communities who are committed to suicide prevention.

Please let me know if you need anything further from me. We look forward to hosting our Out of the Darkness Walk in Natick and providing this event to those in the community.

Thank you,

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To: Paula Fleming <pffleming@boston.bbb.org>

So your preferred date is 9/29?

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Paula Fleming <pffleming@boston.bbb.org> Wed, Mar 6, 2019 at 11:11 AM
To: Patricia O'Neil <poneil@natickma.org>

Got it. Yes, that is preferred date.

Brian Lauzon <lauzon@natickpolice.com>
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Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 11:38 AM

Trish,

After review we would recommend favorably that the BOS approve this request for September 29th, 2019. As this event utilizes the available sidewalks, and has no major roadway crossings, we don't see the need to advocate for any police support for this walk.

Respectfully submitted, Lt.

Brian G. Lauzon