

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

December 15, 2008

TITLE:

Presentation from the 2008 Kentlands/Lakelands 5K Race Committee to the City of Gaithersburg

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Michele R. Potter
 Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Presentation (5 minutes)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proclamation/Certificate
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Work Session Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

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Introduced	
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Hearing Held	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

The 14th Annual Kentlands/Lakelands 5K Race and Kid's Fun Runs, hosted by the Kentlands Community Foundation in partnership with the City of Gaithersburg, were held on September 1st. As a nonprofit and philanthropic organization, the Foundation hosts the 5K Race to raise funds, promote volunteerism, and showcase the benefits of new urbanism and walkable communities. The Race drew over 1,600 runners in the combined 5K race and Kids Fun Run, and was supported by more than 200 volunteers. The Kids Fun Run had almost 300 participants.

The course allowed runners to tour through a variety of award winning new urbanism streets in both the Kentlands and Lakelands neighborhoods equally. Athletes listened to cheers of local pompom units and musicians performing an assortment of tunes. This race officially ushered in the 2008 Maryland Senior Olympics, an inaugural event in Montgomery County. Eighty one year old Nianxiang Xie of Rockville ran the race in 27 minutes and 6 seconds, well ahead of hundreds of younger runners. Twenty two Montgomery County runners aged 50 and older qualified for the 2009 National Senior Olympics in San Francisco.

Winners of the Women's and Men's races each posted new 5K course records: Dagne Alemu, of Silver Springs, was the overall male champion in a time of 14:33 while Alemgena Deseta also of Silver Springs, was the overall woman champion, in a time of 16:37. Both results were under the guidelines for United States Track and Field Guidelines.

Fifty percent of the proceeds of this race will benefit charities. The Dolores C. Swoyer Scholarship fund that provides a summer of learning and activities to children who are unable, without assistance, to meet the financial requirements to attend the City's summer camp program, will receive \$10,500 from this year's 5K. This past summer, with the average cost of both elementary and middle school camps being approximately \$148 per session, this generous donation has provided the opportunity for 68 children to attend full day camp in 2008.

Lee Wilson, Foundation Chair, John Schlichting, Vice Chair, and Steve Solbeck, Race Director of 5K, will make a presentation.

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Presentation of Plaque and Check.

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