



Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Oakland & Macomb County Walk Frequently Asked Questions

Where does the event start?

- The walk begins within Rochester Municipal Park, near the picnic area/playground next to the Rochester Police Station. [Here is the route map.](#)

Where is parking? And do I have to pay for parking?

- There is plenty of free parking available near the park.
- You can also see a downtown parking map at <https://www.downtownrochestermi.com/parking-map/>

What time does the walk start?

- Check-in and activities start at 9:00 a.m. The walk is a 1-time start at 10:00 a.m. Runners are welcomed to start before walkers. We recommend getting there early to park and enjoy the music, photo booth, giant pink blow up chair, strides merchandise tent before beginning to walk. There will be an opening ceremony starting at 9:30 a.m.

• Do I need to visit the Check-in Tent?

- You only need to visit the Check-in Tent if you are doing one of the following:
 - Turning in fundraising dollars or making a personal cash/check donation.
 - Pre-register: – **we are asking walkers to pre-register [online](#) or by calling 1.800.227.2345**
 - Day of registration: **Please scan one of the QR codes you see around our entrance, or at the check-in tent.**

Will there be snacks?

- Water and snacks will be available for you and your team members at the pavilion after the walk.

How long is the route?

- The route is a 5k (around 3 miles).

Permitted:

- Strollers, wheelchairs, and wagons are all welcome.

Not permitted:

- Pets (unless they are service animals) are **NOT** permitted at the walk. It for the safety of your pet as well as the walkers.



- Also, for the safety of all walkers, **no bikes and rollerblades are allowed at the event.** No BBQ or alcohol permitted. This is also a tobacco-free event, this includes vaping. No tents can be set, nothing staked into the ground, and fundraisers are not allowed as the focus of the event is celebrating our survivors and teams. No firearms.

Are there other activities happening that day?

- Yes! There is an activity area for survivors and their caregivers at the Survivor Pavilion. Get a group picture on the Giant Pink Chair and or the photo booth. Thank you to the Youth Against Cancer group for providing painted rocks along the walk for survivors and care givers to pick up.

Will there be t-shirts for sale?

- A limited quantity of t-shirts will be for sale for at the event. Shirts will be sold for a suggested donation of \$20 each and sold on a first come, first served basis. Look for the tent labeled merchandise tent. We will also be selling other Making Strides Swag Items! You can purchase Strides Swag and the 2023 Event Shirt on the newly revamped [ACS Event Store](#)!

Can I bring a banner or set up a table for my team?

- You can bring a team banner to carry on the walk route.

Can I turn in Money Early & Post-event?

- Yes! Download the [ACS FUNdraising App](#) to upload checks pre and post event. We encourage you to convert cash to a cashier's check and upload it via the App. Otherwise, contact Julie.Featherston@cancer.org to turn in money post event. Our walk is not the end to our Making Strides season. Our websites are active through December 31!
- If you need to mail donations, send them to:
American Cancer Society
MSABC Oakland & Macomb Counties
29777 Telegraph Road
Suite 1451
Southfield, Mi 48034

Check to American Cancer Society
Note: MSABC Oakland & Macomb Counties

How will I know any last-minute changes or updates?

- We STRONGLY encourage you to ["Like" us on Facebook](#). Facebook is the easiest, quickest way for us to send mass updates.

Who can I talk to if I have questions on the day of the event?



- You can also ask the volunteers at the check-in tent.

What should I wear?

- Dress according to the weather and, of course, LOTS OF PINK! Make Team Signs!

Where are the bathrooms located?

- There are port o johns located near the pavilion and one on the route towards the middle of the walk.

What else can you do to bring more awareness to our fight against breast cancer?

- Please share your pictures and videos with the following hashtag #MSABCOM21

OAKLAND EVENT PROGRAM

DJ's: Wild Wayne with Wayng Productions and John Rutherford

Emcee: Amy Andrews, Co-Anchor of FOX 2 News Morning Show

National Anthem: Leslie Locket

Survivor Speaker: Brenda Hauxwell

Warm Up: Club Pilates of Oakland County