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Starting line for Via marathon moved to Lehigh Valley Hospital

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By EDWARD SIEGER

The Express-Times

Via of the Lehigh Valley opened registration and announced a new starting line and a half-marathon in addition to the third annual marathon.

The starting line for the Lehigh Valley Health Network Marathon on Sept. 13 will move from Ninth and Hamilton streets in Allentown to Lehigh Valley Hospital in Salisbury Township. The home stretch again includes a lap around Easton's Centre Square, but runners will finish the race on Larry Holmes Drive at Scott Park.

The marathon had finished the first two years at the amphitheatre in Riverside Park.

Via spokeswoman Lisa Walkiewicz said the only other major course change was to eliminate a roughly mile-long hill along Hope Road in Bethlehem Township.

The marathon attracted 820 runners in 2007. Via added a 5k walk last year, boosting total participation to about 1,650 people. Walkiewicz said about 400 people participated in the walk and more than 400 new runners registered for the race.

Via added a half-marathon category this year, and officials are hoping to push registration to at least 3,000 participants. Proceeds from the marathon - which can be used as a Boston Marathon qualifier -- go toward Via programs and services.

The marathon raised more than \$90,000 last year, according to Walkiewicz.

"There's a lot to be said for having a marathon in your backyard," she said. "People are pretty excited about the opportunity."

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