

## **Inaugural “Newport News One City Marathon” to be held in 2015** *Event conceived as a way for the City to show its community pride and promote healthy living*

**Newport News, VA, June 23, 2014** – City officials recently announced a new event in Newport News. The inaugural *Newport News One City Marathon*, the Virginia Peninsula’s first full marathon – will take place on Sunday, March 15, 2015.

Presented by Newport News Shipbuilding, the marathon will cover the entire 26-mile length of the city, with Newport News Park near Fort Eustis serving as the starting line and the Victory Arch in Downtown Newport News acting as the finish line.

“The geography of the city is ideal for a marathon,” said City Manager James M. Bourey, an avid runner. “This is a perfect way for our citizens to celebrate all that is good in our city and at the same time gain additional national exposure for Newport News.”

Along the 26.2 mile course, participants will run along the James River, past museums and other attractions, through the campus of Christopher Newport University, and by businesses and through neighborhoods. The marathon, which also offers a relay option, culminates with a community festival at Victory Landing Park as runners end the marathon at the Victory Arch finish line.

In addition to the marathon, there will be an 8K Run/Walk and a Kids Fun Run. Marathon weekend will also include a Health and Wellness Expo at the Newport News Marriott at City Center.

“Newport News is a great city with much diversity and many assets,” Bourey said. “The marathon was developed as a way to help bring the City together.”

At the marathon announcement, a video message from Boston Marathon race director Dave McGillivray was shown. McGillivray was the first runner to register for the *Newport News One City Marathon* and will be the featured speaker at the pre-race dinner on March 14. Additionally, Newport News Shipbuilding was announced as the lead sponsor. Its president, Matt Mulherin, was presented with a racing bib that donned the number 1886 on it – the year the shipyard was founded.

Visit [www.onecitymarathon.com](http://www.onecitymarathon.com) for additional information.

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