

DARIEN ROAD RACE INCLUDES NEW ACTIVITIES

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The Darien Road Race will celebrate its 29th year on Sunday, Sept. 21. **The** race is an annual opportunity for Darien residents and surrounding **communities** to enjoy an afternoon of exercise and fun on Darien's waterfront while supporting local social services and cancer treatment organizations. **The** race includes two events certified by USA Track & Field: a 10-kilometer race (6.2 miles) and a 1.5-mile fun run called "**The Loop.**" Both events, which begin at 1, will start and finish at Pear Tree Point Beach in Darien.

The Darien Road Race has raised more than \$800,000 in its nearly three decades of history. This year's proceeds will benefit **the Community Fund** of Darien, **the** Bennett Cancer Center at Stamford Hospital, and **the** Whittingham Cancer Center at Norwalk Hospital.

This year's race will have a new "Finish Line" under **the** big tent provided by **the** Darien Boat Club, where runners sign in and complete **the** race. **The** Finish Line features a gallery of booths where everyone can enjoy games and win prizes while they wait to hear **the** race results. Games and activities will be provided by race sponsors and beneficiary organizations. **The** Darien Lions Club will provide refreshments and food. Awards will be presented to men and women in **the** following categories: 10K (6.2 miles), first, second, third, overall, and in age categories; "**The Loop**" (1.5 miles), first, second, third, fourth and fifth. In addition, **the** Atria Darien Awards will be presented to **the** oldest and youngest runners with **the** best finish times in either of **the** two race events. **The** Jim Fixx Award, which honors **the** memory of **the** late author and running expert, goes to **the** individual who collects **the** most contributions to **the** race.

For more information, or to become a sponsor of **the** Darien Road Race, contact **the Community Fund** at 655-8775 or lisa@communityfunddarien.org.

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