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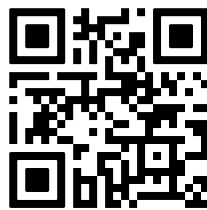
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WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Every year, July 4 arrives with a sense of anticipation. Months of planning are behind us, but until race morning I never quite know what the day will become.

Then the sun comes up (thankfully behind some clouds for much of the morning this year), the corrals begin to fill, and Atlanta does what Atlanta always does.

It shows up.

As I think back on the 2026 Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race, I don't think first about the finish times, the records or even the size of the event. I think about the countless moments that make the Peachtree unlike any other race in the world: the runner nervously waiting to complete their first 10K; multi-generational families making it part of their Independence Day tradition; spectators ringing cowbells, holding handmade signs and cheering for people they've never met. I think about the smiles, the high-fives, the hugs at the finish line and the overwhelming sense of accomplishment that stretches across the city.

Most of all, I think about the community that comes together to make this day possible. The Peachtree belongs to Atlanta, and it succeeds because Atlantans embrace it as their own.

I'm deeply grateful to the thousands of volunteers who spent their holiday – this year, the 250th anniversary of our country – serving others. I am equally grateful to the City of Atlanta and the many public safety agencies, departments and community partners who support this event. While participants see 6.2 miles of roadway, what stands behind it is an extraordinary collaboration involving countless people working together to create a safe and memorable experience.

This year's race was a tremendous success, but I would be the first to tell you that success does not mean perfection. An event that welcomes tens of thousands of participants across the heart of a major city will always present opportunities to learn and improve. We take that responsibility seriously. Every piece of feedback we receive is reviewed, every challenge is evaluated, and every year we ask ourselves the same question: How can we make next year's Peachtree even better? For instance, what is the best way to address the delays and lines at the Expo, and where should that Expo be held?

While this magazine celebrates the memories of July 4, 2026, our team is already planning for July 4, 2027, building on what worked this year and addressing the areas where we can improve. That commitment is what has helped sustain the Peachtree for more than five decades, and it remains central to everything we do.

For now, though, I hope you'll spend time reliving your race experience through the stories, photographs and results in these pages. Whether you ran your first Peachtree or your 50th, you are part of something much bigger than a road race. You are part of a tradition that brings our city together, challenges us to achieve more than we thought possible, and reminds us of the power of community.

Thank you for making the 2026 Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race such a remarkable day. I look forward to seeing you at the start line next year.

Rich Kenah

CEO, Atlanta Track Club
Race Director, Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race

NORTHSIDE HOSPITAL PEACHTREE ROAD RACE



A 6.2-MILE CELEBRATION OF THE 250th AND EACH OTHER

By Barbara Huebner



Let's give Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens the first word.

"Today is an inspiring day, 250 years of America's independence," he said at the start line of the Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race. "And at the same time, we're celebrating the FIFA World Cup matches that are here in Atlanta and we're running down iconic Peachtree Street. It doesn't get much better than that."

If it does, you might be hard-pressed to convince the 55,000 registered participants in the 57th Running of this annual Fourth of July tradition, a parade of metro Atlanta pride that doubles as the world's largest 10K, hosting visitors from 30 countries and all 50 states along with tens of thousands of Georgians.

"This is what it means to be American, being inclusive, being brought together to celebrate the red, white and blue and celebrate each other," said Dickens.

The truth was self-evident: Peachtree Unites.

As July 4 dawned, Atlanta led the nation into its 250th anniversary with a flag-festooned extravaganza of fanciful tutus, tiaras and butterfly wings augmenting the basics of stars-and-stripes shorts, skorts, knee socks and even a few bare chests.

With weather conditions friendlier than predicted, participants danced, pranced and even romanced their way from Lenox Square to Piedmont Park ("Husband in Training" read his shirt. "Wife of the Party" read hers. The veil was a nice touch). With more than a dozen official entertainment stations along the course, from the 116th United States Army Band to DJ Cardio Cous, the festivities had a soundtrack almost every inch of the way.

"I've heard time and time again since race day – 'I'm not sure I've ever seen more energy out there,'" said Rich Kenah, CEO of Atlanta Track Club and race director of the Peachtree. "It's always special, but this year everything felt even bigger and better."

Special, too, was the debut of Northside Hospital as the race's

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first new title partner in 50 years.

But this was no blind date: Northside had already been involved with the Club through Peachtree and the Northside Hospital Women's 4-Miler for the past decade. Said Jerry Tolk, vice president of marketing and communications: "Our missions of creating healthy lifestyles are so closely aligned, expanding that really was a natural next step."

Tolk took his own next step by signing up for In-Training for Peachtree, which the hospital offered free of charge to every employee (see page 33).

"They turned me into a runner," said Tolk, who on July 4 ran his first Peachtree, calling it a tremendous experience. "I'd heard how amazing it was, but even all those accolades didn't do it justice."

In a hospital initiative to help educate people on their value and to support an already well-equipped team of first responders, 50 trained volunteers (two in each wave) carried AEDs as they ran. Almost 1,200 employees ran or walked the event this year, and the goal for next year is 10 percent of its 36,000 employees.

"We want to make the world's largest 10K also the world's largest health care 10K," said Tolk.

Along the route, participants and spectators alike were greeted by a series of billboards, their rotating messages of hope and the democratic ideal reminding everyone of the day's significance. Among them: "We

become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic...” from President Jimmy Carter in 1976, the bicentennial year. Carter served as Official Starter of the Peachtree in 1971, when he was governor of Georgia.

Upon reaching the finish, everyone headed to the Meadow – some by way of a new, additional chute right after the line to ease crowding – to start sharing race stories over a welcome bottle of Dasani or a can of SweetWater. Some sported a cooling headband from Coke and Delta Air Lines while others, if they were wearing adidas shoes, collected a World Cup-patterned soccer ball and had chance to win two tickets to the Egypt-Argentina match (see page 34).

Among the revelers were training partners Savannah Peppenhorst of Norcross and Laura Pifer of Suwanee.

“It’s just so special,” said Peppenhorst, the first female Georgia finisher. “There’s really nothing like it outside of those big-city marathons. You’re together, it’s community, it’s that wonderful holiday feeling.”

Added Pifer, the female masters winner, just before cracking open a can of that SweetWater: “It’s like get together, suffer together, and then celebrate together. So yay, USA!”



THE SHIRT HEARD 'ROUND THE (PEACHTREE) WORLD

For more than five decades, the Peachtree finisher's T-shirt has been more than fabric and ink. It's been a badge of honor, a conversation starter – and yes, the source of spirited debate.

Perhaps no year illustrated this better than the race's 25th Running in 1994, when dissatisfaction with the design was so intense that participants drove by Atlanta Track Club's office and tossed their shirts onto the front lawn. This reaction ultimately helped inspire creation of the Peachtree T-Shirt Design Contest, giving participants a voice in shaping the race's most-cherished tradition.

A quarter-century later, for the 50th Running, some felt the shirt fell short of meeting the milestone moment. Over the years, opinions have been offered on everything from graphics and logos to the move from cotton to lighter, moisture-wicking performance fabrics. This year, social feeds and the Club's customer service inbox were filled with unfiltered thoughts on the use of bright yellow for a race celebrating America's 250th birthday.

And yet, maybe that's exactly the point.

The annual conversation about the Peachtree shirt has become as much a part of race day as the hills and the finish line. Some years runners love the shirt. Some years, some of them don't. But every year they care enough to talk about it – and that's a tradition that's been with us almost as long as the shirt itself.

In a race built on traditions, perhaps the most enduring one is this: Before the first shirt is handed out, everyone wonders what it will look like. And after the last one is claimed, everyone is free to offer their opinion.

Now that's freedom!

RICH KENAH

THE RUNDOWN

Top Georgia Resident

Vladimir Zander-Velloso	30:40
Savannah Peppenhorst	35:28

Masters

James Thompson	35:26
Laura Pifer	35:56

Non-Binary

Callum McEachron	40:07
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Push-Assist

Ricardo Aranda	38:15
Bentley Grace-Hicks	40:12

Oldest Participant

Christine Beard	95
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Youngest Participant (tie)

Philip Southerland	10 (b. 7/4/16)
Athena Carroll	10 (b. 7/4/16)



A TITLE DEFENSE, A DUEL TO THE LINE, AND A DOMINANT DUO

By Barbara Huebner

Sometimes, the best place to start is with the numbers. In a field of professional road racers, that usually means a laser focus on the finish-line clock. But not always.

For instance, here are some striking numbers from this year's Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race:

27.

2.

9x2.

For the first time in 27 years, the men's open field produced a back-to-back champion.

The women's footrace came down to two warriors, neither prepared to give an inch of ground.

And both victors in the Shepherd Center Wheelchair Division earned their record-extending ninth victories.

Add up those numbers and you get a great day of racing at the

highest level among some of the best athletes in the world.

Start with Patrick Kiprop. In repeating as winner of the men's footrace, he became the first man to successfully defend his Peachtree title since Khalid Khannouchi in 1999.

The 26-year-old Kenyan had a lot more company than he did in last year's victory, when he took off alone at the get-go. At Mile 1, the lead pack still numbered about a dozen. Soon thereafter, Kiprop tossed in a little surge, trying to stretch things out, but nobody let him get away.

The pack still numbered 10 at 3 miles; it began to thin going up Cardiac Hill as Kiprop again appeared to try to take control. This time fewer rivals answered the call, but it was Alex Matata, the #3 road racer in the world making his Peachtree debut, who had a 1-second lead at the 4-mile mark. Also still there was Nicholas Kipkorir, a two-time Olympian currently ranked the #4 road racer in the world.





MEN'S OPEN

Patrick Kiprop	Kenya	27:37
Nicholas Kipkorir	Kenya	27:41
Raphael Dapash	Kenya	27:43
Alex Matata	Kenya	27:48
Kiprono Sitonik	Kenya	28:03
Tadese Worku	Ethiopia	28:10
Dawit Seare	Eritrea	28:21
William Amponsah	Ghana	28:24

WOMEN'S OPEN

Tsigie Gebreselama	Ethiopia	31:02
Melknat Wudu	Ethiopia	31:03
Irine Cheptai	Kenya	31:11
Gladys Kwamboka Mong'are	Kenya	31:36
Stacy Ndiwa	Kenya	31:55
Maurine Jepkoech Chebor	Kenya	31:55
Selah Jepleting Busieni	Kenya	31:56
Gela Degefa	Ethiopia	31:57

MEN'S WHEELCHAIR

Daniel Romanchuk	USA	19:00
Aaron Pike	USA	19:50
Miguel Jimenez Vergara	USA	19:52
Josh Cassidy	Canada	20:28
Geert Schipper	Netherlands	20:32
Jason Robinson	USA	20:59
Evan Correll	USA	20:59
Valera Allen	USA	21:11

WOMEN'S WHEELCHAIR

Tatyana McFadden	USA	23:02
Kendall Gretsich	USA	23:47
Emelia Perry	USA	24:35
Hoda Elshorbagy	Egypt	25:45
Hannah Babalola	Nigeria	27:02
Hannah Dederick	USA	27:17
Isabel Crew	USA	27:47
Chelsea Stein	USA	30:45



At 5 miles, Kiprop led them and lesser-known Raphael Dapash by just one second, but just before the turn onto 10th Street – thanks in part to putting on a master class in running the tangents – he finally took ultimate command, breaking the tape in 27:37.

This was Kiprop's third major victory this season after taking the honors at the recent Bolder Boulder 10K and B.A.A. 10K. In 2025, however, Peachtree was his first race at the distance after an All-American career after the University of Arkansas – he didn't even sign a pro contract until a few months after his win here.

"Last year, I wasn't expecting much, but this year I knew I had to do something," said the now two-time champion. "Plus, he added: "Knowing the course is always nice."

Ed Eyestone, winner of the 1991 and a member of this year's broadcast team, was impressed with Kiprop's performance.

"He came back, he defended his title and he showed that he can do

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it different from last year [when he had a 10-second lead over the pack by the 1-mile mark]. He waited, was a little bit more patient, was confident in his ability to finish strong, and then he finished strong.”

Finishing second and third, respectively, were fellow Kenyans Kipkorir (27:41) and Dapash (27:43). Top American was Wesley Kiptoo (12th, 28:40).

Winning the women’s race in 31:02 after a fierce duel down 10th Street was Tsigie Gebreselama, currently ranked the #4 road racer in the world. The 25-year-old Ethiopian was passed, seemingly for good, when 21-year-old compatriot Melknat Wudu laid down the hammer as they neared the finish line, only to put in one last, miraculous surge to retake the lead in the final strides.

Wudu, fifth here last year, would finish one second back (31:03), with Kenya’s Irine Cheptai placing third (31:11) after being dropped during the dramatic sprint.

“I knew her, she’s so strong,” said Gebreselama, aware she would need her kick against Wudu but confident nonetheless that she would prevail. “When I was coming from Ethiopia, my mind was to win, so I wasn’t nervous.”

The women, too, ran in a large pack until Cardiac Hill, when Gebreselama began to assert herself.

“It was up and down, but that’s OK because when I was training in Ethiopia the course was like this,” she said. “It was good for me.”

Four women followed in single file, and soon it was only Wudu and Irine Cheptai on her heels. Cheptai, runner-up here in 2022 and 2024, briefly took the lead, looking for a while as if her experience might finally pay off. Coming down 10th Street, she was still in the hunt.

But once the fireworks started, it was only Gebreselama and Wudu lighting up the final breathtaking meters.

Sydney Vaught, in her first professional season after an All-American career at the University of Arkansas, finished as the top American (9th, 32:18).

In the Shepherd Center Wheelchair Division, it was business as usual for Americans Daniel Romanchuk and Tatyana McFadden, who extended their reigns as the winningest athletes in Peachtree history with their ninth victories. Neither was seriously challenged.

McFadden, racing Peachtree for the 13th time, crossed the line in 23:02, her fastest victory here.

“This race is so unique,” she said. “I love the partnership of the two hospitals, the Shepherd Center and Northside – I think it’s so important to show patients what’s possible.”

For Romanchuk, it was another milestone after his return to racing this spring following a crash in the Sydney Marathon last August.

“I’m really taking the season one race a time, but I’m thankful for the opportunity to be on the start line,” he said. “It doesn’t feel like the Fourth of July without being here.”

PRIZE MONEY

1st	\$12,500
2nd	\$7,500
3rd	\$5,000
4th	\$3,000
5th	\$2,500
6th	\$2,000
7th	\$1,500
8th	\$1,000

BABY ON BOARD FOR SCARONI

For the first time since 2021, Susannah Scaroni was not the first woman across the line of the Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race this July 4.

That’s because she’s awaiting the birth of her first child, a boy due on August 19.

Now 35, Scaroni first raced in the Shepherd Center Wheelchair Division when she was just 11, after a spinal cord injury in a car accident at the age of 5. She has come blasting down the hill on 10th Street a dozen times over the

years, and in 2022 set the course record of 21:14.

The four-time defending champion – nominated for an ESPY this year – said recently that she can’t describe herself as feeling sad about missing this year’s race, given the joyful reason. “I’m happy spending time getting ready for the baby, she said, but added that she missed “seeing all the Shepherd Center people – that community is not something I take for granted.”

The Shepherd Center’s Rebecca Washburn, manager of the wheelchair field, says they can’t wait to have her back. Scaroni says that she’s already looking forward to it.





57th RUNNING THE TOP 1,000

By tradition, the first 1,000 finishers (500 men, 500 women) of the Peachtree, by gun time, are awarded a mug to honor their achievement. Here they are.

WOMEN

1	Savannah Peppenhorst	0:35:28	56	Carrie Birth-davis	0:40:53	112	Megan McCall	0:43:17	168	Eva Terry	0:44:58
2	Katie Blount	0:35:32	57	Ashley Mancini	0:40:53	113	Elle Mezzio	0:43:18	169	Jenna Ciszewski	0:45:02
3	Laura Pifer	0:35:56	58	Emma Shanklin	0:41:04	114	Samantha Aromin	0:43:18	170	Amy Koepf	0:45:05
4	Joanna Stephens	0:36:00	59	Abbie Kallbreier	0:41:06	115	Emily Maass	0:43:21	171	Sophia Miller	0:45:06
5	Hannah Wilson	0:36:01	60	Paula Sandoval	0:41:08	116	Kacy Seynders	0:43:22	172	Regan Colestock	0:45:09
6	Samantha Drop	0:36:14	61	Sarah Shadden	0:41:10	117	Ellie Maley	0:43:24	173	Hannah Rhodes	0:45:10
7	Dyuti Amin	0:36:15	62	Weezie Moore	0:41:11	118	Brittney Barnes	0:43:25	174	Andreea Petrean	0:45:17
8	Tyler Beling	0:36:19	63	Harper Stephens	0:41:11	119	Zoe Garcia	0:43:27	175	Alejandra Hardin	0:45:18
9	Grace Driskill	0:36:29	64	Megan Popp	0:41:14	120	Tamara Brabson	0:43:30	176	Meredith Van Veen	0:45:19
10	Andrea Masterson	0:36:44	65	Hannah Livingston	0:41:15	121	Caroline Spain	0:43:31	177	Ashlea Neal	0:45:19
11	Emily Haggerty	0:36:48	66	Asena Anderson	0:41:27	122	Alexandria Haage	0:43:31	178	Amanda Cody	0:45:22
12	Saskia Pingpank	0:36:54	67	Maxi George	0:41:30	123	Wendy Johnson	0:43:42	179	Destiny Jenkins	0:45:23
13	Clark Stewart	0:37:03	68	Maddie Jones	0:41:34	124	Keira Gunn	0:43:43	180	Savanah Rice	0:45:23
14	Liliana Beemer	0:37:06	69	Sandy Lam	0:41:40	125	Lindsay Riess	0:43:44	181	Courtney Butler	0:45:24
15	Allison Mercer	0:37:07	70	Janeen Smith	0:41:46	126	Maisie Wilderspin	0:43:47	182	Ellie Tanner	0:45:25
16	Ruby Little	0:37:12	71	Ava Coffey	0:41:53	127	Tyra Holloway	0:43:51	183	Shiyu Liu	0:45:27
17	Brenda Villase-zor	0:37:24	72	Ella Alberici	0:41:59	128	Wendy Carolina Vargas Lasso	0:43:51	184	Nicole Fegans Reynolds	0:45:28
18	Nyah Hernandez	0:37:38	73	Erin O.Äobrien	0:41:59	129	Maritza Padilla	0:43:52	185	Emily McBride	0:45:29
19	Paige Comstock	0:37:57	74	Morgan Huggins	0:41:59	130	Genie Beaver	0:43:53	186	Emily Taylor	0:45:32
20	Allison Hall	0:38:04	75	Helen Winter	0:42:06	131	Sarah Nawrocki	0:43:54	187	Ashley Zimmerman	0:45:34
21	Elise Wooddell	0:38:08	76	Jessica Marlier	0:42:06	132	Mary Lee Livingston	0:43:55	188	Anjali Smith	0:45:36
22	Cadee Benz	0:38:37	77	Charlotte Hamilton	0:42:06	133	Olivia Andrews	0:43:58	189	Colleen Thorson	0:45:38
23	Hallie Baffic	0:38:43	78	Sarah Lazar	0:42:12	134	Kate Selover	0:43:58	190	Amy Wolkin	0:45:39
24	Anna Grussing	0:38:51	79	Alissa Palladino	0:42:12	135	Josey Whitaker	0:43:58	191	Brynn Lautenbacher	0:45:40
25	Olivia Diquattro	0:39:05	80	Haley Allen	0:42:15	136	Danielle Sadoti	0:44:01	192	Alejandra Carrera	0:45:41
26	Nicole Pizzo	0:39:10	81	Alexandra Ross	0:42:15	137	Rebecca Ellis	0:44:01	193	Katie Roll	0:45:42
27	Norah Hickerson	0:39:10	82	Harriet Blaha	0:42:15	138	Phoebe Distin	0:44:02	194	Ellie Tama	0:45:45
28	Kailyn Mince	0:39:11	83	Bella Reiss	0:42:15	139	Krystina Stoner	0:44:05	195	Miranda Hrouda	0:45:48
29	Alyssa Trevino	0:39:17	84	Sybil Orman	0:42:15	140	Bri Mazzei	0:44:05	196	Lisa Ouellette	0:45:49
30	Gina Domaal	0:39:24	85	Reagan Gilmore	0:42:15	141	Rachel Weinthal	0:44:07	197	Lauren Godwin	0:45:49
31	Riley Davis	0:39:25	86	Tiffany Bellucci	0:42:17	142	Fran Edwards	0:44:09	198	Swaye Mohler	0:45:51
32	Elise Barron	0:39:32	87	Claire Hu	0:42:24	143	Kamila Soja	0:44:14	199	Danielle Thayer	0:45:51
33	Samantha Hartman	0:39:34	88	Gretchen Reifenberger	0:42:27	144	Julia Tiller	0:44:15	200	Lauren Zauche	0:45:51
34	Lily Farrell	0:39:35	89	Livana Lekas	0:42:29	145	Kimberly Bookout	0:44:15	201	Emily Crowell	0:45:52
35	Jacqueline Tierney	0:39:35	90	Emily Brown	0:42:35	146	April Hargis	0:44:18	202	Liping Xu	0:45:52
36	Riley Perlakowski	0:39:44	91	Emily Blaha	0:42:39	147	Allannah Duffy	0:44:19	203	Lia Sinitiere	0:45:53
37	Lauren Nesselroad	0:39:54	92	Ashley Hullender	0:42:41	148	Teri Bossard	0:44:23	204	Meghan White	0:45:56
38	Emily Golden	0:39:55	93	Rebecca Entrekin	0:42:43	149	Tessa Pope	0:44:24	205	Maggie Beaudreau	0:46:03
39	Scout Storms	0:39:56	94	Holly Woodward	0:42:45	150	Laura Blackwell	0:44:29	206	Katrin Maesse	0:46:05
40	Effie Ward	0:40:00	95	Lindsey Sanborn	0:42:46	151	Carly Jane Maday	0:44:32	207	Chandler Spivey	0:46:08
41	Laura Gold	0:40:01	96	Sarah Hales	0:42:47	152	Rachel Harris	0:44:33	208	Molly Garud	0:46:09
42	Amelia Shea	0:40:14	97	Naomi Ward	0:42:49	153	Stacey Bonetti	0:44:35	209	Courtney Strosnider	0:46:11
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47	Talley Pendleton	0:40:34	102	Poppy Deets-mchugh	0:43:03	158	Melissa Ryan	0:44:41	214	Elizabeth Rogers	0:46:17
48	Gracie Griffith	0:40:37	103	Alli Hay	0:43:06	159	Catherine Kuras	0:44:42	215	Vivian Mus	0:46:18
49	Alli Hicks	0:40:39	104	Katie Bennett	0:43:07	160	Ashley Schafer	0:44:42	216	Abby Reams	0:46:19
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DOBUR, BEEMER BREAK THE TAPE AND “TAKE IT ALL IN”

By Denali Lerch

For Georgia’s top distance runners, the Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race offers something few high school athletes ever experience: the opportunity to compete on one of running’s biggest stages while learning from some of the sport’s best athletes and coaches in a two-day immersive experience.

Now in its third year, the invitation-only Elite High School Division annually invites 36 of Georgia’s top high school distance runners to not only compete in the Peachtree, but also be treated like professional athletes, from their kit to the pre-race banquet alongside Olympians and world champions.

While this year’s races produced exciting finishes and standout performances, the lasting takeaway for many athletes was the experience itself.

On the boys side, Northgate High School’s Carson Dobur emerged victorious in the closest finish yet in the division’s history. The rising senior, who holds Georgia’s fastest times this season at both 1,600 and 3,200 meters, crossed the line in 31:11, edging defending champion Riley Comstock of Harrison High School by just 0.03 seconds.

The two runners battled throughout

the race before charging down the final stretch on 10th Street together. The athletes shared a moment after breaking the tape, reflecting on what Comstock described as an “insane, yet fun” finish.

“It’s always awesome to compete against someone who’s willing to battle the whole way,” said Dobur. “Those are the kinds of races you remember, because they bring out the best in everyone.”

Comstock entered the race with hopes of breaking 32 minutes, but found himself running faster as the morning unfolded. With roughly a half mile remaining, he trailed Dobur by nearly 20 seconds before making a dramatic late push that nearly erased the gap.

“It’s one of the greatest experiences a high school runner could have,” he said. “It is unheard of for an experience like this to take place. Being surrounded by so much talent, knowledge, and being kitted up with all the gear makes it feel different from anything else I do. Lining up behind the pros and warming up with them was my favorite part.”

His advice for future competitors was simple: “Take in everything.”



The girls race offered both triumph and perspective.

Evans High School's Liliana Beemer captured the championship in 37:06, marking her third and final appearance in the division with a victory after finishing second a year ago. Paige Comstock finished second in 37:57, followed by Cadee Benz in third.

The defining moment came late in the race and involved a fourth athlete: last year's champion, Bailey Brackett, who collapsed near the finish line, requiring medical attention, after building a substantial lead. As Beemer approached the line, she immediately sensed something was wrong when she saw the tape but not Brackett. "I hope Bailey's OK," she thought.

Brackett's mother posted later on Instagram that she "recovered quickly and is fine now."

After breaking the tape, Beemer quickly turned her attention to her rival. It was a moment that reflected the supportive environment that has become a hallmark of the division.

For Beemer, that sense of community is a major reason the event means so much to her.

Entering this year's race, she felt more excited than ever. Familiar with the course and confident after last year's runner-up finish, she embraced the opportunity not only to compete, but also to help younger athletes who were experiencing the event for the first time, encouraging them to maximize every opportunity it presents.

For Beemer, the value of the experience extends beyond race day. Coming from Evans High School, she doesn't have a large running community at home and often trains alone or alongside her father as he rides a bike. The Elite High School Division gives her a rare chance to be part of a larger team environment filled with athletes who share similar goals and passion.

"Drink water and take it all in," Beemer said she advises them. "Interact with everyone there and use it as a huge learning experience. Understand that everyone there wants the best for you, so use this as a learning resource."



BOYS

Carson Dobur	Northgate HS	31:11
Riley Comstock	Harrison HS	31:11
Dash Brackin	Carrollton HS	32:07
Bo Colpaert	Etowah HS	32:42
Levi Howard	Woodward Academy	33:16
Connor Griffin	Northgate HS	33:31
Malcolm Phillips	Brookwood HS	33:49
Gavin Quinn	Fellowship Christian School	34:33
Whatley Fountain	Deerfield-Windsor School	34:34
Witt Windham	Lumpkin County HS	34:47
Rowen Maloney	Pope HS	35:17
Jacob Grant	Denmark HS	35:41
Cooper Thomas	West Forsyth HS	35:50
Sanders Hearne	Atlanta Classical Academy	38:27

GIRLS

Liliana Beemer	Evans HS	37:06
Paige Comstock	Harrison HS	37:57
Cadee Benz	North Gwinnett HS	38:37
Olivia DiQuattro	Columbus HS	39:05
Norah Hickerson	Harrison HS	39:10
Alyssa Trevino	Marietta HS	39:17
Lily Farrell	Bleckley County HS	39:35
Aislynn Dunn	Pope HS	40:33
Hazel Davis	Marietta HS	40:33
James Roberts	Midtown HS	40:45
Caroline deButts	Westminster School	40:48
Weezie Moore	Wesleyan School	41:11
Harper Stephens	West Forsyth HS	41:11
Ella Alberici	Cambridge HS	41:59
Morgan Huggins	The Mount Vernon School	41:59
Summer Muxlow	North Hall HS	43:16



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JOSHUA HEEDING JOSHUA:

“DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED”

By Barbara Huebner

It was the day before the Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race, and Josh Henderson was hibernating in his hotel room, leg elevated as he nursed a chronic case of “turf toe” from an old softball injury. It hurt to walk.

He feared that his race would be over before it could begin.

But then the 27-year-old remembered a Bible verse that had gotten him through far worse.

“It definitely changed my whole mood and perked me up a ton,” said Henderson.

That night, Henderson enjoyed DMC’s DJ set at Lenox Square and then the fireworks afterward. On race morning, his mother moved back from Wave D to join him in Wave L so they could keep each other company until the start; once the flag dropped he took off, hoping to finish in 1:15. His “stretch” goal was 1:10. He crossed the line in 1:07:38.

“It is really a dream come true,” said his mother.

First came the nightmare. Around 9:30 p.m. on February

24, 2025, Henderson was heading back from the climbing gym when his much-treasured 2010 Toyota FJ Cruiser was T-boned at a Huntsville intersection.

Unresponsive, Henderson was intubated on site by first responders and rushed to Huntsville Hospital. His father and brother sped from Flowery Branch, GA, to Huntsville while his mother sat home and prayed, not knowing if her son would be alive when they got there.

In the intensive care unit, Henderson was put into a medically induced coma to ease the stresses of his traumatic brain injury. Nine days later, he came off the ventilator.

He remembers none of it.

But having sustained no other serious injuries, Henderson was able to start rehab quickly. On March 11 an ambulance brought him to the Shepherd Center, where over the next 38 days he would learn to walk, talk and feed himself again.

Two days after he arrived, a Facebook video – one in a series of posts over the following months that would keep friends and family informed of his progress – documents Henderson’s first steps toward this year’s Peachtree, a race he’d been running since he was 10 years old that soon became a goal once again.

In that session, assisted by three therapists, Henderson leans heavily on a giant rolling mobility device. “Don’t think about it, just walk,” prompts a therapist, keeping up a light patter of encouragement about sherpas and hiking and the Matterhorn as she physically lifts each leg one at a time and nudges it forward. “I’m kind of doing all of it,” the therapist tells his father, Craig.

A basketball and baseball player in high school who was skiing in Utah just a few weeks before the crash, Henderson appears to be unaware that he’s moving.

Over the next weeks, fighting double vision, pneumonia and still on a feeding tube, Henderson’s progress is laborious but steady.

Day 7: Struggles to grab a beanbag from an outstretched hand while apparently unable to turn his head; more-or-less plops it to the floor when asked to toss it toward a cornhole board.

Day 11: Grasping the handle of a shopping cart, moves his legs forward on his own as two therapists steady him.

Day 12: With help, manages to swallow a forkful of scrambled eggs.

Day 17: Feeding tube is removed.



"It feels amazing to not have to talk with a garden hose coming out of my face," he says, haltingly but clearly. He is walking with some confidence, aided down a hallway only by his father or on a stroll outdoors only by his mother. "His old personality is really coming back," she writes in her update.

Day 20: Encouraged by a roomful of spirited visitors, repeatedly tosses a ball from his bed, joking around while working on his slower-to-recover right arm.

From the outset, Henderson seldom woke up without a familiar face in the room to anchor him. Sometimes it was one of his parents – Craig made the 90-mile round trip from Flowery Branch at some point every day – sometimes it was church friends, sometimes a mom of a high school or college pal.

Day 23: Tightly gripping the rails on both sides, climbs up and down a set of three stairs.

Lisa begins her update with a Bible verse, Joshua 1:9, on which her son has focused throughout the ordeal. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Said Henderson a few weeks before Peachtree: "Because of my faith beforehand, it was never a question of if I was going to get better, it was always a question of when I would get better."

Day 24: Uses a walker for the first time,

Day 26: Throws a football.

Day 28: Shoots a basket.

Day 31: Celebrates 26th birthday with cake and a short, unassisted sprint down the hall.

Day 37: The day before he's released, successfully gets in and out of his mother's red Jeep during a practice session for the ride home to his parents' Flowery Branch home, where he would stay for most of the next seven months.

It still wasn't the finish line: For the next six weeks, mom or dad would chauffeur him Monday-Friday back down to the Shepherd Center for outpatient therapy, leaving at 6 a.m. to avoid traffic.

Then there was the well-equipped "Henderson gym," its paneling lined with photos from mountain-bike races and the Peachtree, their frames adorned by ribbons and medals. Both Craig and Lisa are mountain bikers and certified as personal trainers, as is Henderson – a sideline that has proved helpful under circumstances no one could have imagined at the time. Craig spent many hours in the Shepherd gym doing extra sessions with his son; back home, he and Lisa took turns working out with him.

On June 8, Lisa wrote: "We do ladder drills, hurdles, sprints, ball slams and various boxing drills. He is getting faster and so am I, so we are both really motivated to keep it going. On Saturday we did a 3-mile hike at Chicopee.

Combining Huntsville in-person and Flowery Branch remote, by September Henderson was back full time as a mechanical engineer for a defense contractor, and in late October he finished the Boo Run 5K in Flowery Branch in 27:27 – an



8:50/mile pace.

"Eight months ago, we were rejoicing that he could wiggle his fingers," wrote Lisa, "and on Saturday, he finished a 5K."

By early November, Henderson had a new vehicle, a Nissan truck he nicknamed Nigel, to replace Tammy the Toyota; around Thanksgiving, he started living on his own again in Huntsville.

He's still not 100 percent, calling himself a work in progress, but insisting: "We're coming back with Josh 2.0."

On July 4, Henderson returned to Peachtree Road, this time running past the Shepherd Center exactly one year and one day after his last day as an outpatient.

He had envisioned some of his most-beloved therapists still out in front of the Center, where patients – many of them in wheelchairs, even on IVs – line the course for the Shepherd Center Wheelchair Division in the early morning hours. ("I would think my recovery would be good encouragement to tell them to keep doing what they're doing," he explained.) Just the possibility of seeing them, he said, made his approach to Cardiac Hill his favorite part of the race.

If they were there, he didn't spot them. But yet again, he was not discouraged. Crossing the finish line, he said, all he could think of was a cold drink of water and a Georgia peach. But afterward, he recalled how he felt coming up 10th Street:

"I definitely did have a big smile across my face, because the Lord has been so good to me. I never would have thought that I would be back to the point I am now."

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MARIETTA MOM REACHES HER GOAL, THEN REACHES IT AGAIN

By Laura Scholz

Before she had children, Bhuvaneswari Lakshmi Narayanan thrived on activity and adventure.

The Marietta woman studied classical Indian dance. She played multiple sports, including basketball and volleyball, and served as sports captain at her university in India. After marrying her husband in 2008, the pair bonded over adrenaline-pumping activities like tandem skydiving and riding roller coasters.

But due to partial paralysis after the birth of her first daughter in 2013, Narayanan faced long-term mobility challenges that brought those adventures to a halt.

After learning how to walk again and undergoing intensive physical therapy, she set her sights on a new athletic goal: completing her first Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race.

She stumbled across the event when searching for local Atlanta races where she could make her athletic comeback.

"I was trying to find something that could serve as a huge milestone for me, because when you set goals higher, you tend to reach for them," she said.

Narayanan progressed from simple strength exercises like squats and hip bridges to continuous, 30-minute walks – all while caring for her young daughter and working as a software engineer.

Five years after her intense medical setback, she finally made it to the starting line of her first Peachtree, in 2018.

Before beginning her 6.2-mile journey through the crowded city streets, she embraced her husband and then-4-year-old daughter.

"Hearing her say 'go Amma, go,' defined everything for me," said Narayanan.

"Every struggle I went through was to be that person in her eyes – someone who doesn't give up in spite of all the challenges thrown at them," she continued.

Her family was also waiting to embrace her after she crossed the iconic finish line in Piedmont Park, so the trio could celebrate together. "It was a life-defining moment for me, and I decided



then that I wanted to make it a yearly tradition," she said.

And the family was on track to do just that. In 2019, she and her husband walked the Peachtree together, while their daughter joined in the family tradition at the Peachtree Junior.

But in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic shut down in-person racing. And in 2021, Narayanan experienced yet another medical setback. Like Olympian Allyson Felix, Narayanan was diagnosed with preeclampsia, which left her unconscious for several hours after the birth of her second daughter.

Over the past few years, she rebuilt her strength and fitness with the same positive attitude and determination that carried her through her first Peachtree finish line.

To prepare for this year's race, she walked almost half an hour every day, often at Noonday Creek Trail or around East Cobb Park near her home. She even postponed a family vacation to India to restart her favorite Fourth of July tradition. Coming full circle, this time it would be her youngest daughter doing the Northside Hospital Peachtree Junior.

While walking with her husband on the hot, humid morning, Narayanan took advantage of misting stations and drew inspiration from older athletes, people decked out in costumes and funny signs along the course.

Her favorites? "Keep chafing your dream" and "You are faster than ATL traffic right now."

But for her, the best part of the race was spotting the 10th Street sign in the distance.

"It takes me back to THAT moment almost 13 years ago when I could hardly walk, and crossing this finish line is a great achievement for that woman," she said.



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THE QUEST FOR ANOTHER PHOTO FINISH, 24 YEARS LATER

By Théoden Janes



For more than two decades, a race photo has occupied a highly visible place in the Schwartz family home in Scotch Plains, N.J.

But it's hardly just any race photo.

The picture hangs on a wall above the landing of the family's staircase, capturing a moment from the 2002 Peachtree Road Race: Todd Schwartz and his father, Morty, crossing the finish line side by side and hand in hand, their smiles wide and their arms raised in celebration after completing their first Peachtree together.

"When we put our hands together like that, it wasn't something we planned. It was just the emotion of the day – Fourth of July, and the Peachtree is such a big part of Atlanta," said Todd, whose family lived in the city for a decade while he was growing up.

This month, after years of talking about re-creating the image – and after a couple of frustrating false starts – Todd, now 60, and his 30-year-old daughter, EJ, got the chance to try to pull it off.

The idea was EJ's.

Unlike her father, an accomplished endurance athlete and Ironman competitor, she has never considered herself much of a runner. But throughout her childhood, and later whenever she returned home to visit, she found herself drawn to the photograph.

"We love Papa Morty so much," she said of her grandfather. "Who he is as a person is honestly who we all aspire to be. A photo of him anywhere is meaningful, and then this photo, where he's with my dad, and he's crossing the finish line, and both of them just look so happy. I think that's what makes it really meaningful."

That's also why, in her 20s, she began imagining a similar photograph of her and her father crossing the same finish line together. She envisioned hanging it in her own home, in

Richmond, VA, next to a copy of the vintage shot from 2002.

But just as schedules aligned, in 2024, EJ came down with COVID shortly before the race. The following year, she had a bout with mononucleosis that forced another postponement.

Still, she refused to let go of the idea.

This year, finally, everything came together. Not just their schedules and their health, but ultimately, the family as well. What began as a father-daughter project evolved into one big July 4 reunion, with relatives traveling from seven states to gather in Atlanta over the holiday weekend to cheer – including Morty, now 92, returning to Atlanta from Florida nearly a quarter-century after he and Todd created the father-son photograph that inspired it all.

Race morning unfolded just as they'd hoped. Side by side, they threaded their way through the sea of runners toward the finish line.

As they approached it, they clasped hands and raised their arms well before reaching the cameras, hoping to give themselves every chance to create a worthy successor to the original photograph.

Unfortunately, despite all their planning, they were stuck in heavy crowds and the race photographers weren't able to capture the finish-line re-creation they had imagined.

But in the days that followed, the family laughed over the many near misses, experimented with Photoshop and even generated AI versions of the finish-line photo they never quite got.

After finally deciding to frame not one but two different pictures from the weekend – a not-quite-clear image of them finishing with hands clasped above their heads amid the crowd, and a posed photo wearing their medals afterward – EJ had just three words about the unfinished project:

"To be continued..."

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A THREE-GENERATION CELEBRATION “SET IN STONE”

By Jimmy Golen

The email the whole Carreker family is expecting every year comes about a month before the Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race:

“Well, it’s June. You know the drill.”

- Carbo-loading with a spaghetti dinner the night before – originally at the home of Lynne Carreker’s mother, known as Mummum, before the hosting duties passed to a granddaughter.
- A logistics meeting that takes a half hour, Lynne says, “as if we’ve never had the meeting before.”
- The next morning, the non-runners head to the bridge over the expressway, near the trombone player, to cheer their family on.

Some years, there are as many as 20 Carrekers, Allens and assorted grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews.

“It’s our Fourth celebration. It’s been going on since 1980. And it’s a celebration set in stone,” says Lynne, now 72, who started the tradition with her brothers, Graham and Don Allen, and passed it on to her children, Macrae and Justin, and then to a third generation. “It’s been wonderful to watch our children join in, and then our grandchildren are in. So that’s been very happy.”

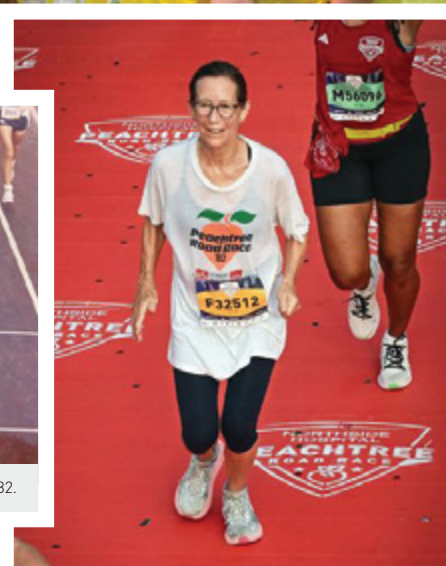
After the race, they all meet up at Woody’s for a post-race cheesesteak and Tropicalia beer, and then back to home base for grits casserole – “our reward,” Macrae Carreker says. They watch some Wimbledon on TV (mixing in the World Cup this year) and then head to the Braves game decked out in their road race T-shirts.

“We joke that going to Atlanta on the Fourth of July is probably the worst time to go to Atlanta,” Justin Carreker says. “But there’s something about the Peachtree that does draw people from all over the place.”

This year, 14 Carrekers, Allens and their offspring toed the line at Lenox Square, with 13-year-old William Carreker running his first race and Jeff Allen in it for the 42nd year in a



Lynne and Graham in 1982.



row. (Don retired last year at the age of 89 after 34 runs, and Graham, who’s 79, also sat this one out).

“The Fourth for me has always been an easy excuse at a big family reunion,” says Macrae, who is in the race for the 32nd year in a row, never missing one since she was 11. Two members of the family cheer section came all the way from Utah.

“I think for our family, we all kind of look forward to it in that way,” she says. “We got to see each other, gather at Mummum’s house; we’d spread out, sleep on the floor. Mummum didn’t even have air conditioning in Atlanta, we still slugged it out, all wanted to go.”

Marina Carreker, who ran for the North Carolina track team that won the ACC outdoor champs in 2000, had been the only member of the family to have finished in the top 1,000 before her husband, Justin, crossed 939th this year. Lynne Carreker finished sixth in her age group, after finishing third a year ago.

“[Marina] was very, very good. But she’s respectful and she doesn’t put any of us too much in our places at the Peachtree,” Macrae says with a laugh. “There’s always just a little bit of competition within it. It’s friendly competition. It’s nice to know it will be coming next year if this year wasn’t our best.”

But it’s not about the times: All 14 finished, and they’re all planning to be back in 2027, with three more members of the third generation waiting to make their debut.

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VOLUNTEER KNOX PANNILL SIGNS UP, STANDS OUT

By Théoden Janes



For weeks before almost 50,000 runners gathered for the 2026 Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race, Knox Pannill reported to work at the Atlanta Track Club headquarters.

Except it wasn't his job. No one was paying him.

Each day, the 73-year-old retired engineer drove to the club's Armour Drive headquarters, tackled whatever task needed doing, then headed home sweaty from working in the un-air-conditioned warehouse.

The next day, he'd do it again.

To Pannill, it's nothing special. "In fairness, there were a bunch of people swirling around me doing other things," said Pannill, who has now logged 35 years as a Peachtree volunteer. "I was just this little guy with a hammer and a staple gun – in the midst of this swirl of people."

But Natalie Cabanas, Atlanta Track Club's director of marketing and communications, argued that he definitely stood out.

"I saw him laying out these really long pieces of rope, and he's just drenched in sweat, working his little tail feathers off," she said. "I'm just thinking, 'this man is so dedicated to whatever his race day role is.' For him to spend that much time, energy and effort in our office leading up to race day – and he's a volunteer! – that really just spoke to me."

"I mean, it felt like he was in the office every day for weeks."

After all these decades, this year brought one of his biggest tasks yet.

Because the race had a new title sponsor, Northside Hospital, the volunteer team responsible for the start area had to rebuild all of its 84 start-wave signs from scratch. That's 168 individual sign faces that then needed to be mounted to new poles. Pannill also helped prepare 50-foot ropes that volunteers use to guide

each of the race's 20 start waves toward the starting line.

Over the two weeks before race day, Pannill estimates that he volunteered about 40 hours.

Then came race day.

Pannill and his daughter, Annalaura Pannill, arrived around 2 a.m., hours before the first runners filled the corrals. She's a veteran as well, having volunteered alongside him since 2009, when she was 9 years old. At first, she tagged along during preparation days but was too young to help on race morning. By about 14, though, she had joined him then as well, handing out supplies and carrying equipment.

It's become one of their Fourth of July traditions.

As for his particular role, Pannill describes himself as "ground support" for the start-wave operation; he's officially a start wave coordinator. He checks on crew chiefs, solves last-minute problems and makes sure each wave has the equipment it needs.

He said he spends hours asking others – or himself – the same question: "What else do we need to do?" Then as answers arise, he focuses on getting done whatever needs to be done.

That mindset, Cabanas said, is exactly why volunteers like Pannill are indispensable.

"There's only 35 people on staff," she said. "So, we rely on an army of volunteers, and if we didn't have people like him that are leading the volunteers, there's just no way we would ever be able to put on the world's largest 10K."

But if you bring that up, Pannill again redirects the praise.

"It's a team effort," he said simply.

After 35 years, he still seems more interested in making sure everyone else gets to the starting line than in talking about his own role in getting them there.

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LEARNING THAT "WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND"

By Théoden Janes

Jason Smucker remembers exactly how he felt after his first Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race in 1995.

Sore.

Very sore.

At the time, Smucker was 20 and didn't have much of a running base. But he had a soccer background, and when his then-girlfriend Laura invited him to join her family's annual Fourth of July tradition, he figured he could handle a 10K.

He was wrong.

"I'd been in school for a few years, really hadn't done any training for personal fitness," Smucker recalled, "and I stepped in and ran the Peachtree with my [future] wife. We ran it together It's very packed, and everybody was kind of shuffling along, and ... we completed the race successfully, but wow, was I suffering for days afterwards because of the lack of training and preparation."

Once recovered, he vowed to start running more, with the goal of never feeling that way again.

And once he started running more, he discovered that regular running could boost his performance in his other athletic endeavor: competitive boomerang throwing.

Yes, competitive boomerang throwing.

Smucker's introduction to the sport came in high school, when his family hosted an exchange student from Australia who brought boomerangs as gifts. Curious about how they worked, Smucker began experimenting with them, got hooked, and eventually met a member of the U.S. National Boomerang Team at a demonstration.

That chance encounter led him into a surprisingly complex sport that tests speed, endurance, accuracy and athleticism. Contrary to popular assumptions, competitive boomerang throwers don't simply stand in one place and wait for their throws to return. They sprint after errant throws, react to changing wind conditions and, in some events, compete in relay-style team competitions.

"Yes, the ideal is always to throw it and have it come back accurately – but the reality is it's not always that precise," Smucker said. As he put it, "the better athlete you are, the better you can react, and the greater your potential for peak performance."



Smucker and daughter Rachel in last year's Peachtree

Running certainly helped him maximize that potential. Smucker has earned a place on the U.S. national team nine times, including in 2022 when the American squad won the World Boomerang Championships in France. This summer, he will return to the world championships in Indonesia, along with some fellow athletes he knows well: daughters Heidi, 19, and Rachel, 16, who both have earned spots on a developmental U.S. team that will compete there internationally.

The family's connection to sports runs deep.

Laura Smucker has run every Peachtree since 1995 except one, when she was pregnant with Rachel. Both daughters are runners as well, having participated in cross country and track in high school and become Peachtree regulars — they've run the race every year since 2021, either virtually or in person. And all four were out there again this year, with another daughter Laura, 22, cheering them on.

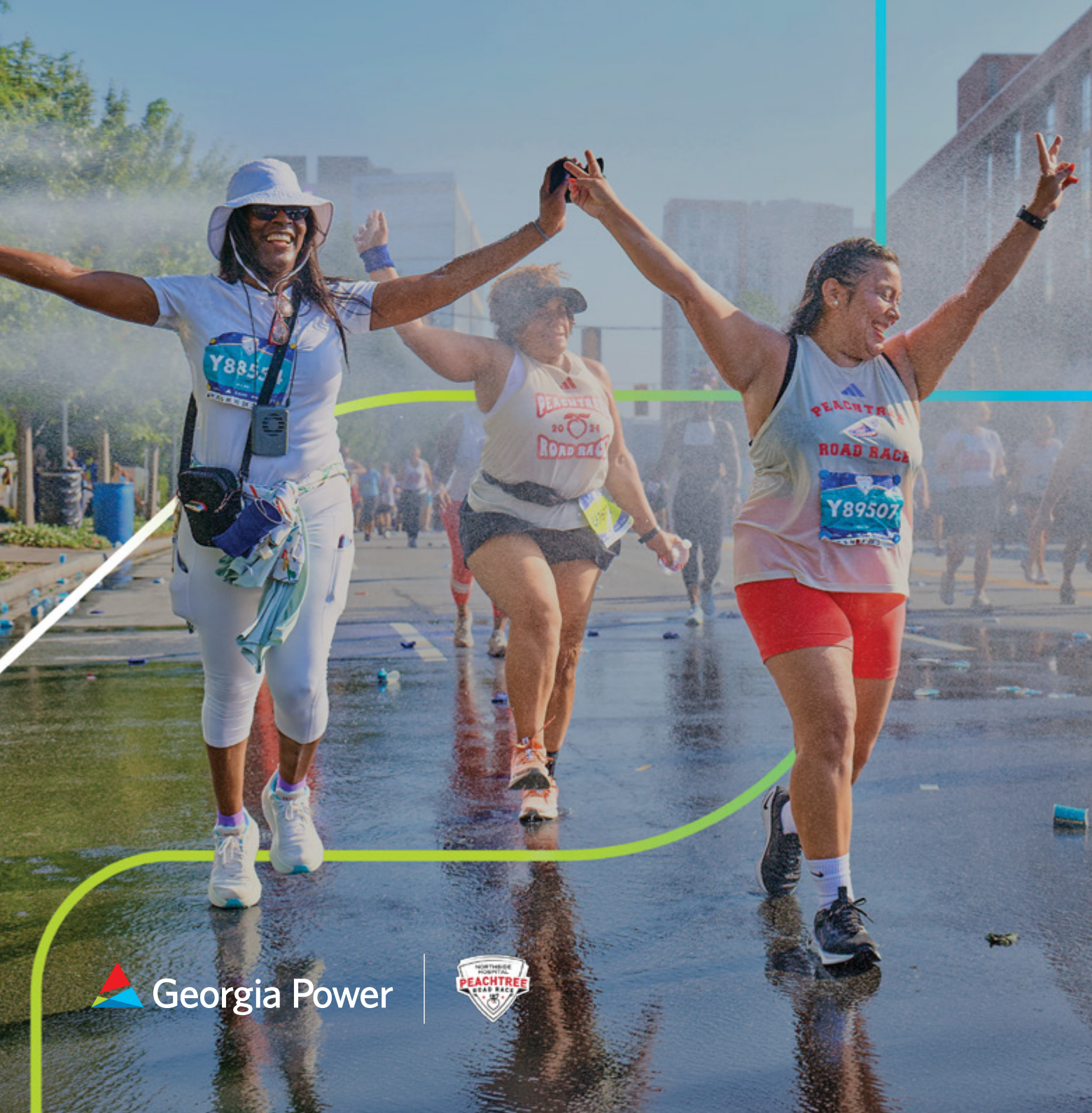
Then there's Jason.

Thirty-one years later, the Marietta resident's Peachtree streak remains intact, as does his belief in the lesson he first learned after that inauspicious debut: "Consistency over time often beats — or in my case, improves — any raw talent."

It's a consistency that has helped create a healthier lifestyle, a Smucker family tradition, and, somewhat unexpectedly, a pathway to world championship success.

Not bad for a runner who showed up unprepared in 1995 and vowed to never let that happen again.

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NORTHSIDE HOPES IN-TRAINING WILL HELP THEM HELP OTHERS

By Tim Wood

Healthcare workers spend so much energy helping their patients that many struggle to prioritize their own well-being. In its first year as title sponsor of the Peachtree, Northside Hospital tackled this problem head-on by offering all of its employees free access to Atlanta Track Club's In-Training for Peachtree.

Brittania Dean and Eve Bishop are two of the 137 employees who took advantage of the invitation.

A few years ago Dean, a nurse, knew it was time for a change. "I realized I'd gotten away from it when I became out of breath walking up the stairs," she said. "I was out there giving other people instructions about their health, but I wasn't doing the same thing for myself."

That led to Dean's first Peachtree, in 2019. She said: "My favorite part of the race every year is being with other people. When I saw I could be with other people while training this year, I thought that'd be even better!" She discovered that she loved meeting and running with different people each week and even got to know Northside employees she never would have met otherwise.

In addition to the structured programming, said Dean, "Getting to hear from the nutritionists and PTs throughout the program has also been a huge help, I'd tell anyone: If you don't know where to start, start with In-Training."

As for Bishop, the clinical educator at Northside and a longtime trail ultramarathoner was coming back from a foot injury this spring and wanted to chase a new challenge. "When I saw that Northside had a new role with the Peachtree and they were offering more support for employees, I decided to give it a try for the first time," she said.

Her subsequent enthusiasm even inspired a unit teammate, Christina Burton, to join In-Training.



Eve Bishop (right) and Christina Burton



Brittania Dean

The program helped Bishop to increase her speed, but that's not the only way she left her comfort zone. "Since I'm more of a trail runner, I never really run with other people. Running with the group brought a lot of energy in a way that encouraged me to expand my boundaries."

Race day gave them the chance to show the upshot of their decision.

"Going in, I was challenging myself to break 1 hour and 30 minutes," Dean said. But she felt great on the day and crossed the line in 1:18:22, nearly two minutes per mile faster than her goal.

Since this was Eve's first time in several years training for a shorter distance, her goals were more about feeling. She reached them: "There was so much energy that even when I got to Cardiac Hill, I was able to stay in the right zone. The training really helped with that."

Now, both women are on a mission to get more co-workers to sign up next year. "It's easy to get swept up in negative things when you're surrounded by the tough situations we see every day," said Bishop. "But it's also really easy to get swept up in the momentum when everyone around you has opportunities to do good things, too."

FACES OF THE RACE



Hunt (right) and Corbellini

ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

Noelle Hunt had no idea when she crossed the finish line at the Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race that she would be coming out of it with more than a T-shirt.

The Atlanta woman was ushered into a special chute for participants wearing adidas shoes, the adidas VIP Experience, where all participants were given a mini soccer ball and automatically entered into a raffle.

The next day, Hunt received a call telling her that she had won two tickets to the World Cup match in Atlanta between Argentina and Egypt.

For Hunt, seeing any World Cup game was a bucket list dream. But for her Argentinian fiancée, Mara Corbellini, it was a lifelong passion. They had looked into buying tickets but decided not to spend the money they were saving for their wedding.

“We were like ‘Oh, my gosh, wouldn’t it be so amazing to go,’” Hunt said. “And she was trying to look at tickets, but we’re getting married this year in October, so we’ve been trying to save money. So, we were just like ‘I don’t think we can afford it.’ Tickets were outrageous.”

Instead of paying \$1,800 apiece for the “upper, upper bowl,” the couple wound up down low, near midfield but on the side where Argentina scored three goals in 14 minutes to beat Egypt 3-2 and advance to the quarterfinals.

“This is hands down the best sporting event I’ve ever seen,” Hunt said. “I’m a huge sports person. I love multiple sports. Mara mainly just loves soccer, being from Argentina. And I mean this was just unbelievable.”

JIMMY GOLEN



Cierra Acker (front)

TURNING THE IMPOSSIBLE INTO POSSIBLE

“Because my body allows me to.” That’s Cierra Acker’s answer when people ask why she runs. It’s also where the name of her Atlanta-based run club came from.

For Acker, this year’s Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race stood as a moment of full-circle pride.

Her journey began three years ago after a PMOS (polyendocrine metabolic ovarian syndrome) diagnosis left her searching for a fitness outlet. She found a passion for running and began posting about her progress on social media, where she soon realized she was not the only woman finding joy in running regardless of pace. That discovery led her to formally launch “Because I Can Runners” in November of 2024, a non-profit dedicated to supporting slower-paced women that now includes an LA branch.

Acker herself now has almost 40,000 followers on Instagram, and “Because I Can” almost 950 on Strava. She said that in-person events in Atlanta have drawn up to 200 women.

The 2024 Peachtree was Acker’s first-ever 10K, and her crew showed their support with cheer stations along the route. She ran again in 2025, but this year took her turn on the sidelines to encourage the 20 or so members who participated.

“Watching our “Because I Can” runners come by felt like watching little sisters accomplish something they once thought was impossible,” she said. “Seeing their joy and pride reminded me why we built this community.”

KATHERINE TENCH

HELPING TO FUEL THE FUTURE

Karen Hampton first laid eyes on the Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race in high school, when she volunteered for her best friend’s church.

She was immediately enamored, she recalls, but “I never, ever, never thought I could do it.”

About 10 years later, after taking racewalking classes, she discovered that, yes, she could indeed do it. Hampton finished her first of 32-consecutive Peachtrees in 1994, began run-walking a decade later, and has never looked back – not as a participant, a volunteer, or a fundraiser. This year, the Atlanta native was again part of the race’s Fuel the Future Peachtree Charity Waves, which supports Atlanta Track Club’s Kilometer Kids program.

“It’s a great cause,” she said. “I’ve been encouraging my friends to get their kids involved.”

It’s hardly Hampton’s only foray into fundraising. With a kickstart from friends, who surprised her by collecting more than \$5,000 as a gift for her last fall when she retired as director of human resources for the Georgia Department of Economic Development and telling her to choose a charity to run for, she helped raise more than \$26,000 for the Atlanta Track Foundation as part of a team that ran last spring’s Boston Marathon.



“It’s a lot easier when it’s something I believe in, have done for so long, and know how Atlanta Track Club gives back to the community and inspires people to run,” she said.

Fittingly, one of her fondest Peachtree memories is the 2014 Kilometer Kids Charity Chase, when Boston Marathon champion Meb Keflezighi started in the back of the pack and passed her – and 22,779 other participants – to raise \$75,000.

Next month, Hampton will embark on a new kind of adventure: the Tour du Mont Blanc, a 10-day hike circling the mountain.

“OK,” Hampton said upon learning she had gotten into Boston after planning the retirement trip. “2026 is going to be an epic year.”

BARBARA HUEBNER

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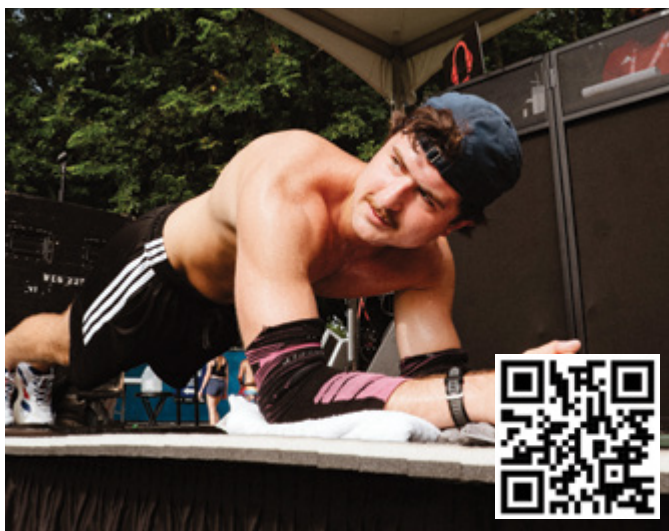
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RUNNING ON A PLANK OF FITNESS FOR ALL

Matt Valaoras toughed out the Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race, and he didn't even have to move his legs.

The University of Georgia finance student and fitness influencer spent the race planking, a core-strengthening exercise. In honor of the nation's 250th birthday, Valaoras held the position for 2 hours and 50 minutes, raising money for Kilometer Kids, the Atlanta Track Club's free youth running program (Scan the QR code to donate).

"The biggest thing I hope people take away is that you don't have to be born with incredible athletic ability to do something extraordinary," he said. "Planking is also one of the few exercises you can literally do almost anywhere, and I hope that encourages people to realize that getting healthier doesn't have to be complicated."

His fundraising total isn't final yet, but Valaoras previously raised about \$500 for the charity by planking from the start of the Atlanta Marathon until the first runner broke the tape – also more than 2.5 hours. He said he had even better community participation at the Peachtree.

"At one point, there was a whole group of people planking alongside me, which was really cool to see," he said. "One of my favorite parts was ... watching complete strangers stop what they were doing, get down beside me, and plank together. That's exactly what I hope this project becomes – a way to get people moving and prove that fitness can bring people together."

So far, his longest plank ever was 3 full hours, a time he is trying to increase as he sets his sights on the world record of 9:38:47 held by Czechia's Josef Šálek.

"Honestly, though, the 2 hours and 50 minutes at the Peachtree felt more like 5 or 6 hours because I was out in the sun the entire time under a heat advisory," he said. "It ended up being incredible training."

JIMMY GOLEN

PERFECTLY MATCHED PAIR CALLS AN AUDIBLE

As a former NFL offensive tackle, Willie Anderson is used to facing challenges head-on.

So, when a decade-long health battle resulted in a kidney transplant this March, Anderson approached it with the same grit and determination as he did in a career that began at Auburn and spanned 13 NFL seasons – 12 with the Cincinnati Bengals – before retiring in 2008.

His perfect match? His partner, Michal Allen. "It was one of the easiest decisions I've ever made," said Allen. "People often ask if I was scared, and my answer is always the same: I was far more afraid of watching someone I cared about continue to suffer than I was of the surgery itself."

After his initial recovery, Anderson and Allen decided to celebrate his successful transplant by together doing one of her favorite 4th of July traditions – the Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race.



"The Peachtree has always been part of how I celebrate Independence Day," said Allen, who has finished the race 11 times. "It brings together people from every neighborhood, every background, and every fitness level, and the city just comes alive."

After cheering Allen on from the sidelines the past few years, Anderson, now 50, had hoped to lace up this year as a participant for the first time, a goal that gave him strength and purpose during his long recovery. With a forecast of dangerous heat and humidity, he opted instead to once again cheer for his partner, now his donor as well.

They hope their experience reminds people of the importance of organ donation. "It's one decision that can literally save someone's life," said Anderson.

LAURA SCHOLZ

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COVETED T-SHIRT PROMPTS 50-YEAR STREAK

Carolyn Weeks, now 76, ran her first Peachtree Road Race in 1977.

Beforehand, she and a few of her colleagues from Atlanta Legal Aid met three times a week at the Emory University track to train for the event, which then started at the intersection of West Paces Ferry and Peachtree Road in Buckhead and finished at Five Points downtown.

In those days, participants had to finish the race in under 55 minutes to receive the coveted T-shirt.

"I didn't make the cutoff, but I was determined to get a shirt after that," said Weeks.

She did – 49 shirts, to be exact.

This year, Weeks completed her 50th consecutive Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race. In 1994, she even finished the race two months after giving birth to her son, Michael Johnson-Weeks, via emergency C-section. Weeks documents her finishing time on every race bib and frequently wears her beloved finisher's T-shirts on global travels, including on a run along the Great Wall of China.

A five-time marathoner, she counts the late Betty Lindberg and Jeff Galloway among her running mentors. Her very first race was sponsored by Galloway, the run-walk pioneer and winner of the inaugural Peachtree.

"It was a three-mile race that ended near Northlake Mall," Weeks recalled. "A friend and I were struggling up a hill at the end, and he ran with us and encouraged us."

It's that camaraderie that keeps Weeks returning to the Peachtree year after year.

"People along the course are very supportive, and they wave their bells and flags, and it keeps you going," she said.

Weeks is already thinking about next year – and encouraging that C-section son to keep up his own 18-year Peachtree streak.

"I told him he doesn't have too many years left to catch up to 50," she said.

LAURA SCHOLZ

A PEACHTREE CHAMPION COMING UP NEXT FOR "RUNNERS WHO READ"

Five years ago, distance star Sara Hall – who has earned U.S. titles at distances from the mile to the marathon in her two-decade career – won the Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race.

A few months later, Atlanta Track Club launched its official book club, "Runners Who Read." Fittingly, the club's September offering will be Hall's memoir, "For the Love of the Grind."

"We say that we are a book club that reads 'running-related' books, but we really just read about life," said Olivia Baker, who competes for Atlanta Track Club Elite and leads the club. "We read stories that are about running on the surface but are really a microcosm for the same challenges and triumphs we see in life and, as a result, this group of people who are brought together by a love of running and reading get to grow together by sharing our experiences."

Often, the book's author appears in a final Zoom gathering to talk more about the book and answer questions.

Among the books read by club members in the past five years have been "Let Your Mind Run," by Deena Kastor; "Grit: The Power and Passion and Perseverance," by Angela Duckworth; "26 Marathons: What I Learned About Faith, Identity, Running, and Life from My Marathon Career," by Meb Keflezighi; "Choosing to Run," by Des Linden; "Range," by David Epstein; and, most recently, "Don't Call It a Comeback," by Keira D'Amato.

Runners Who Read is free and open to everyone, with four or five books featured annually. If you're interested, information about how to join is available at atlantatrackclub.org/runners-who-read.



Olivia Baker, Atlanta Track Club Elite

RUNNING TO VICTORY WITH “WE THE PEACHES”

One minute, Dyan Szall was running the Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race.

The next, she learned that she had won the T-Shirt Design Contest.

“Oh my gosh I was so excited!” she said, of being handed the T-shirt – by tradition, not revealed until the first finisher crosses the line. “It means so much. I have been running this race basically my whole life; it’s such a big deal to even get one. ... I can’t wait to see people out today wearing them. I hope I get to see people around town wearing them for years.”

Szall, a 26-year-old graphic designer from Sandy Springs, titled her offering “We the Peaches,” a play on the first three words of the preamble to the U.S. Constitution.

For her winning design, Szall won the top prize of \$5,700, in honor of the race’s 57th Running. Runner-up was Jose Hadathy (\$2,000), with third-place honors going to Lydia Sweeney (\$1,000).

And if finalist Russ Vann’s name rings a bell (see facing page,) it might be because he not only won the contest last year but was also a finalist in 2022 and 2024.

Entries to the contest were up 41.6 percent over 2025, from 375 to 531, coming from 18 states.

Creating the winning shirt, Szall wrote when she submitted her entry, “has been a dream of mine since I was a kid. Born and raised in Marietta, my family and I have run the Peachtree almost every year since I was 12. Now, I can’t imagine a July 4th without fighting for my life on Cardiac Hill; getting a picture in front of my alma mater, SCAD; and stopping for a few beers just to get a juicy peach and a T-shirt at the finish.”

Szall wrote that she wanted to evoke what for her is the best part of the race: after the hills, “when you get to 17th Street and you can relax a little in the shade of the tree-line and the Midtown skyline.”

As for the specifics of the design, she replaces the asphalt on Peachtree Street with the U.S. Constitution, which forms Cardiac Hill, in honor of America’s 250th. Trees and iconic Atlanta buildings cascade from Buckhead to Midtown to Piedmont Park.

“We the Peaches celebrates the community we build on Peachtree Road every July 4th – the the runners, the walkers, the supporters and the volunteers,” she wrote. “From the start under the flag to the finish line, it champions the inclusivity of freedom and justice for all.”

Szall said after the race that she recently learned of an Atlanta History Center timeline of past T-shirts.

“To think about how this could be archived ... it’s kind of like a piece of history,” she said, sounding amazed.



Did you know? The Peachtree finisher shirt has sparked debate for decades. Read “The Shirt Heard ‘Round the (Peachtree) World,” page 7.

Artist: Jose Hadathy

Residence: Marietta, GA

Occupation: Manager, Creative Design at Atlanta United FC

Design Title: “Look Closer, Atlanta”

Inspiration: In this design, Atlanta’s landmarks spell out “Peachtree,” challenging viewers to look closer at the skyline they think they know. This year’s race is also a personal milestone for me. After a recent knee injury sidelined my lifelong passion for playing soccer, I am using my first-ever Peachtree Road Race as the finish line for my recovery. Professionally, I design retail collections for Atlanta United, and having the opportunity to design the Peachtree Road Race T-shirt during a World Cup year would truly be a dream come true.



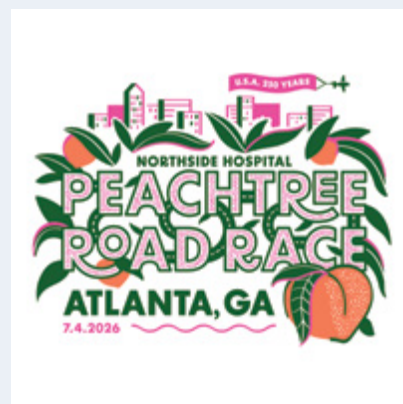
Artist: Lydia Sweeney

Residence: Opelika, AL

Occupation: Design Director, Ampersand

Design Title: “It’s Always Peachy in Atlanta”

Inspiration: The Peachtree has been a Sweeney tradition since the early ‘80s. As both a runner and a spectator, I am always inspired by the joy and community the race brings. I commute into ATL sometimes and illustrated the moment I see the city skyline, still surrounded by trees. There’s a lot of positive energy on race day (even on the 6 a.m. MARTA), which influenced the colors, movement and texture in my design.



Artist: Grace Cho

Residence: Atlanta, GA

Occupation: Creative Marketing Specialist

Design Title: “Atlanta at Heart”

Inspiration: My design reimagines the peach, Atlanta’s most recognizable symbol, as a heart formed by a winding road that begins in the heart of the city. For me, the Peachtree Road Race isn’t just a route on pavement, it’s a pulse. It starts in Atlanta and radiates through every neighborhood, every runner, every volunteer and every cheering spectator. The heart-shaped road represents how deeply this race is woven into the spirit of the city. On race day, miles turn into memories. Strangers become encouragers. The streets transform into a celebration of resilience, unity and pride.



Artist: Russ Vann

Residence: Atlanta, GA

Occupation: Creative Director

Design Title: “Big Peach Classic”

Inspiration: My design, “Big Peach Classic,” celebrates Atlanta’s most iconic race with elements inspired by one of the city’s nicknames and the patriotic energy of July 4th. As a runner who has participated in the race for many years, I wanted to create something that felt classic and simple. The big peach gives a nod to the nickname, while the other colors, stars, and stripes honor the July 4th race tradition and the America 250 celebration.



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MILES OF *SMILES* AND DASHES OF *JOY*

By Alexa Hoppenfeld and Barbara Huebner





Five-year-old Sophie said her favorite part of this year's Northside Hospital Peachtree Junior was when she finished fourth in her dash. Her brother Henry, 10, smashed his goal of running the mile in under 9 minutes by crossing the finish line in 8:19, but called the best part of the morning getting to decorate piggy banks at the Ameris Bank tent in the Youth Festival Area.

Mila, 9, ran a mile without stopping and is already looking forward to running farther someday. Her brother Jett's highlight was getting a dash medal. Older brother Copelan, 14, loved hearing everyone cheering.

They were among the 3,500 youngsters participating in either the mile (ages 6-14) or the 50-meter dash (6 and under) at Lenox Square, where kids running the mile had the chance to run beneath the iconic Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race start line the morning before the July 4 extravaganza.

In addition to featuring pushchair teams from the Kyle Pease Foundation for the first time, it was the largest Junior ever, owing largely to the decision two years ago to make the event free to all.

"Removing the cost of entry for Peachtree Junior seems to have accomplished what we wanted," said Rich Kenah, CEO of Atlanta Track Club and race director of the Peachtree. "Not only do we have more kids coming out, but it's clear that we're introducing the Peachtree tradition to a new and broader audience."

For Anya Kumar, the fun was doubled. First, the 14-year-old kicked things off by singing the Star-Spangled Banner, then she lined up for the mile. The latter, she said, was more difficult than the former.

"My dad used to get me to sing the anthem on the way to school every day for a couple of years, which definitely prepared me," she said. "I could sing it in my sleep."

A rising freshman at Lakeside High School whose mother, Dr. Lekshmi Kumar, is co-medical director of the Peachtree, Anya is passionate about music. She has performed in "a ton of musical theater" as a member of Davis Campbell Theatrics of Sandy Springs and earned All-Star recognition earlier this year at the Junior Theater Festival Atlanta, where her troupe staged an excerpt from her favorite, "Mean Girls."

None of whom were in sight on a morning that featured the largest mascot race ever, starring Pete the Peach; NoD Percussion marching the dash participants to their start line; an 8-year-old DJ sensation, Tandamonious, spinning the hits; and the chance to collect a medal or T-shirt from past Peachtree champions Sam Chelanga and Stacy Ndiwa or local high school stars, siblings Riley and Paige Comstock.

"It's really big, really important and really special," said Caryn Lamphier, manager of youth events. "It's great to give kids the experience of being in a big race like this, where they have to be brave, going off on their own without their parents next to them every step, as well as have fun."





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OUR PRIORITIES FROM NOW UNTIL 2028

You've just completed the Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race, so you likely understand Atlanta Track Club's interest in creating a more active and healthy Atlanta.

"Through running and walking we motivate, inspire and engage communities to enjoy a healthier lifestyle," reads the last sentence of the Club's Mission Statement. Just how it plans to continue to move Atlanta forward was unveiled in a strategic plan last year.

At the heart of the plan is development of a state-of-the-art indoor track and field facility, a transformative investment in the future of the city (see Page 49). The plan also outlines other key growth priorities, including the Club's commitment to establishing the Atlanta Marathon as a nationally recognized destination event and new efforts to expand Atlanta Track Club membership benefits.

And of course, the Club is always trying to reach out to potential new members, runners and walkers from Atlanta and beyond who share a desire to become healthier and share the Club's core values of community, camaraderie and competition.

Among the Club's other priorities over the next three years:

Evolve Events and Programming

- Improve the geographic diversity of our events by introducing new venues/locations across the region.
- Broaden participation by actively fostering a more inclusive and demographically diverse environment.
- Advance online programming capabilities that broaden our ability to serve the training needs of our members and participants.

Enrich the Member Experience

- Restructure membership benefits to provide differentiated offerings and experiences at our events and programming.
- Advance the member digital experience that improves all online interactions with Club.

Elevate Awareness of Mission and Core Values

- Showcase the mission at work locally, regionally and nationally through compelling storytelling from the broad communities served.
- Create impactful partnerships with healthcare organizations that support and amplify the mission.
- Demonstrate positive impacts to health and wellness through promotion and tracking of measurable results.
- Celebrate the inspirational and aspirational benefits of competition at all levels.

Strengthen and Grow the Community

- Develop online engagement opportunities that create meaningful touchpoints for community connection.
- Create opportunities to engage and support group participation that fosters a strong sense of belonging.
- Strengthen individual connections by recognizing accomplishments, providing personalized offerings, and supporting regular fitness routines.
- Build and retain a more robust volunteer base through targeted recruitment, community engagement, and recognition strategies.





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INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CENTER TAKES A BIG STEP TOWARD SUMMERHILL

Atlanta Track Club is literally building on its commitment to health and wellness for all: In the next step of its existing partnership with Atlanta Public Schools, the Club is moving further toward construction of an indoor track and field center in Summerhill, slated for completion in 2029.

The center, which would be the first indoor track facility in Georgia, would offer year-round access to Atlanta Track Club members, APS students and nearby residents, as well as host events at all levels of the sport.

Just as important, it also includes plans for a health care clinic, fitness center, community event and meeting space, STEM and financial wellness lab for APS students, sport-specific job training programs and a running specialty retailer. Senior citizens in Summerhill, one of the city's oldest and most-historic neighborhoods, would be offered free access to the facility.

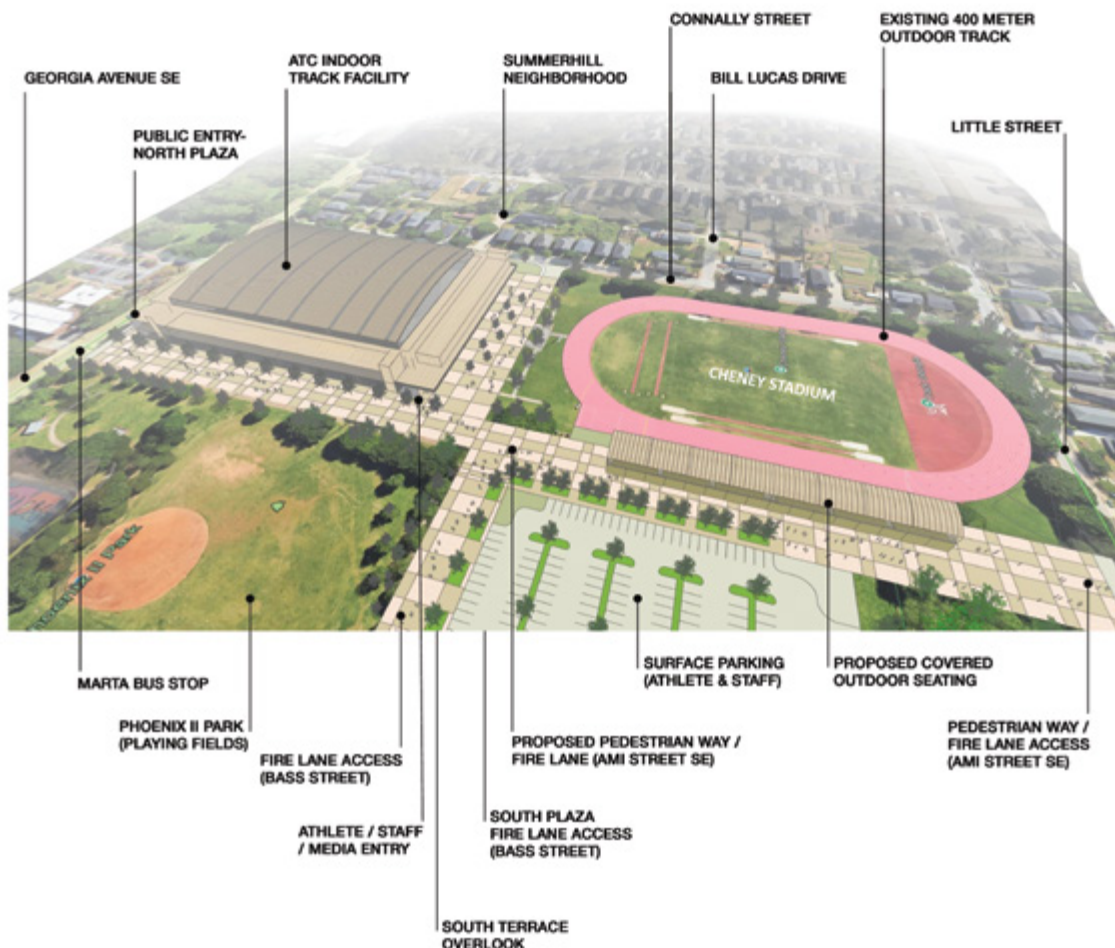
Highlighting the neighborhood's role in the 1996 Olympics, the center will be constructed adjacent to Cheney Track, the warm-up venue for track and field at those Games that Atlanta Track Club refurbished in 2017. The track will remain a place for the community to run, walk and exercise outdoors.

With the intention of hosting best-in-class youth, high school, collegiate and professional competitions, it is estimated that the facility will have a direct economic impact to the city of more than \$70 million a year.

APS, which owns the 16.47 acres of land on which the center would be built, is expected to vote on the proposal at its August meeting. If it succeeds, the Club and APS are expected to sign a long-term land agreement.

"At its core, this project is about opportunity," said Rich Kenah, CEO of the Atlanta Track Club. "We are building more than a world-class indoor track center – we are creating an open door for the neighborhood and all of Atlanta. From access to safe spaces for exercise to job training and local hiring, this center is designed to serve the community every day while also attracting the best indoor track and field events in the world."

SSOE, a global architectural firm with an office in Atlanta, will partner with Elkus | Manfredi Architects, whose projects include The TRACK at New Balance in the acclaimed Boston Landing development.



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- ☐ PNC Atlanta 10 Miler
October 25, 2026
- ☐ Invesco QQQ Thanksgiving Day Half Marathon
November 26, 2026

- ☐ Atlanta Marathon
March 7, 2027

Complete all 4 to become an Ultimate Peacher (55.5 Miles) and earn VIP perks on race day and an Ultimate Peach medal.

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HELP GUIDE THE FUTURE OF RUNNING CITY USA

Give yourself the green light to take your next step: Atlanta Track Club is now accepting nominations for its Board of Directors, the governing body for the Club, a 501(c)(3) not for profit. The Board is responsible for driving strategic direction aligned to its mission and vision of creating a healthier Atlanta through running and walking.

Nominees must be Atlanta Track Club members as of April 1 of the year of their nomination and reflect the diversity of the organization as well as the broader Atlanta, national and global running community. Prior non-profit board experience is a plus, but not a requirement.

“Serving on the Board is a great opportunity to give back to metro Atlanta,” said Aisha Wright-Burke, the current chair. “It’s a chance to partner with the staff to promote their goals and mission of making Atlanta a healthier city through things like its Kilometer Kids program and family opportunities for running and racing.”

A runner herself, Wright-Burke first got involved with the Club as an In-Training volunteer about 10 years ago, pacing a

half marathon group on what is now called Atlanta Marathon Weekend. Not only was it a way to serve the community, she said, “but it also held me accountable to my personal goals. I was hooked.”

In 2019, she became an Ambassador and soon after was elected to the Board. Getting to know her fellow Board members, the Atlanta Track Club staff and participants during In-Training, she said, has been a highlight of her tenure: “Everyone’s unique, and everyone has a story.”

Board members serve three-year terms and must attend monthly meetings as well as meetings of any committee on which they serve.

Those interested are asked to submit a resume or CV and a letter of intent describing why they should be a member of the board and how they would contribute to Atlanta Track Club. Nominations – of yourself or someone else – are due by 5 p.m. on August 15 and can be emailed to boardnominations@atlantatrackclub.org.



Cross the finish line with Fourth of July favorites.

Run to Publix for subs, platters, sweets, and supplies for your star-spangled celebration.



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BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS



Established in May 2021, the Atlanta Track Club Foundation supports Atlanta Track Club's mission to create a more active and healthy Atlanta. The Foundation oversees all fundraising efforts tied to community programs and general operations and seeks to create meaningful partnerships to expand community engagement. Thanks to donations, collaborative partnerships and additional funding, the Club is able to maintain, grow and develop programs that support runners and walkers at every stage of life. In addition, it awards two \$10,000 scholarships each year to high school graduating seniors who are cross country and/or track and field student-athletes in metro Atlanta.

Here are other ways your donations make a difference:

Kilometer Kids: In 2025, almost 6,000 children across 143 sites were introduced to running through this free, 10-week program. Guided by the motto "Word Hard. Be Kind. Have Fun," kids complete 13.1 or 26.2 miles through games and running activities.

Midweek Mile & Dash Series: This free, four-event series lets kids 14 and under run a 50-meter dash or timed mile, with

a chance to hurdle and jump guided by members of Atlanta Track Club Elite.

All Comers Track & Field Meets: A free Tuesday night series in May and June offers a variety of events for all ages and abilities.

Atlanta Public Schools Partnership: Since 2018, the Club has helped grow APS track and cross country with coaching support, athletic clinics, marketing help and event tools.

Atlanta Track Club Elite: Post-collegiate athletes receive coaching, facilities, travel and stipends as they train to compete at the highest levels while also serving the Club's programs and youth.

Youth Team: Founded in 2017, the team welcomes 4th-8th graders of all levels for spring Track & Field, winter Speed Academy and fall Cross Country. With a focus on long-term growth and sportsmanship, the program also offers scholarships to keep it accessible for all.

Adult In-Training: These programs support runners and walkers year-round in addition to offering targeted coaching leading up to major events such as the Peachtree. From beginner 5Ks to 26.2 miles, there's a place for everyone.

BY THE NUMBERS

81,383.59

Total miles covered by
Kilometer Kids in 2025

9,486

Registrants in our
13 free youth events

805

Finishers in the APS
Cross Country Series

24.7%

Growth in number of
participants in APS City
Championships since 2022

7:10.29

4x800-meter relay
World Record set by
Atlanta Track Club
in February 2026

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World Indoor
Championships bronze
medal, earned by
Luke Houser in 2025
at 1,500 meters

FUEL THE FUTURE

Your support and donations to the Atlanta Track Club Foundation will help guarantee that it can maintain its existing programs and expand its work for generations to come.

Donations can be made online at atlantatrackclub.org/donate or via mail to Atlanta Track Club Foundation, 201 Armour Drive, Atlanta GA 30324. Or, just scan the QR code. Thank you.





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"PEACHTREE WITH A PURPOSE" CLOSE TO HER HEART

By Théoden Janes

What worried her was whether she could raise the money.

The 36-year-old Alpharetta resident had less than a month to reach the suggested \$1,000 fundraising goal through Atlanta Track Club's "Peachtree with a Purpose" program, which this year connected runners with 12 nonprofit organizations in Georgia. Harris doubted she could do it.

She was willing to try, though, because the cause was so personal.

Harris had watched Parkinson's disease gradually rob her grandfather, John Ballard, of his independence over the final four years of his life, first forcing him to use a walker and eventually a wheelchair before he died in 2019. She also coaches kickboxing classes at her gym, where she often sees people living with Parkinson's using exercise to help offset their symptoms.

And when Harris shared that story on social media as part of her fundraising efforts for the Parkinson's Foundation, the response surprised her. Within a couple of weeks, Harris was almost two-thirds of the way to her goal.

Then, after posting exactly how much more she needed on Facebook, she woke up the next morning to find an email showing that a friend she hadn't spoken with in about a year had donated exactly \$345. There was no message. No comment on the post. Just the gift.

In the end, Harris raised more than \$2,300 – and it turned out to be the most emotional of the 11 Peachtrees she'd run over the years.

But the most overwhelming moment came for her after the race, when she arrived in the Charity Partners village to find among clusters of yard signs one that read:

"Chasmine Harris is running in honor of John Ballard."

"Just seeing his name on the board and wishing he could see it — that was when I got really emotional," she said. Harris immediately thought of her grandmother, who's spent the past several years without the husband she'd been married to for more than half a century. "I plan on bringing the sign to her tomorrow, and ... I know that's gonna make her smile. And I just wish that he was here to see it, too. ...

"Of course, that's not happening. But at least I can try to make a difference for someone else's family."



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24-25 SATURDAY & SUNDAY
OCTOBER



PNC ATLANTA 10 MILER & 5K, MILE & DASH
Atlantic Station

- Mile & Dash on Saturday
- 10 Miler & 5K on Sunday
- 10 Miler & 5K: All participants receive an adidas long-sleeve shirt and medal
- Mile & Dash: Free for ages 14 and under; all participants receive a commemorative item and a medal
- Deals and discounts from retailers and restaurants in Atlantic Station all weekend
- 10 Miler part of Triple Peach Race Series

22 SATURDAY
AUGUST



ATLANTA'S FINEST 5K
Pemberton Place

- Thank local law enforcement and public safety officials for keeping the roads safe during Atlanta Track Club's events throughout the year
- All participants receive an adidas short-sleeve shirt
- Benefits the Atlanta Police Foundation

26 THURSDAY
NOVEMBER



INVESCO QQQ THANKSGIVING DAY HALF MARATHON, 5K, MILE & DASH
7:45 a.m., Center Parc Stadium

- Atlanta's Thanksgiving tradition for all ages
- Half Marathon & 5K participants receive an adidas long-sleeve shirt and medal
- Mile & Dash: Free for ages 14 and under; participants receive a medal and commemorative item
- Half Marathon part of Triple Peach Race Series
- Dedicated wave in the 5K for strollers and dogs

12 SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER



FIREFIGHTER 5K, HOSTED BY ATLANTA'S BRAVEST
8:00 a.m., Atlanta Fire Rescue Station 1

- Third-annual event, traditionally held the weekend before or after September 11
- All participants receive an adidas shirt
- Benefits the Atlanta Fire Rescue Foundation

5 SATURDAY
DECEMBER



EASTSIDE BELTLINE 12K-3K PRESENTED BY RESURGENS ORTHOPAEDICS
Piedmont Park

- Final race of the Atlanta Beltline Race Series; participants who complete all four events receive commemorative Race the Loop medal
- 12K (ages 13 & up) is competitive and includes age group awards
- 3K (ages 7 & up) noncompetitive; timed, strollers and dogs welcome
- All participants receive an adidas long-sleeve shirt

Now that you've celebrated your Peachtree finish, check out these future Atlanta Track Club events at atlantatrackclub.org!



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