



27th STRATFORD ROTARY DRAGONBOAT FESTIVAL: SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

August 31, 2024

Hello Paddlers!

We are ready for the Dragon to be awakened. Just a few notes to clarify about the races.

- **Mary's edit: I will bring a Waiver form to our practices this week and next for all team participants to sign. On Race Day, at 7:30 am, I will submit the Waivers and the Roster to the Registration Tent.**
- There will be a hydration station on site, so please remember to bring refillable water bottles.
- The races will go on rain or shine, so please be prepared for the weather.
- Rotary will provide the services of an ATM, using their 'square', at the beer tent from 8:00am to 5:30pm.
- There will be **team photos taken on the island following your first race**. Please stick around and we will post the pictures on our website by the end of September.
- There is no on-site parking. We have now secured three off-site parking areas. You may drop off team gear at the corner of Queen Street and Lakeside Drive. Then, you can park your vehicle at:
 1. The Zehrs parking lot at 865 Ontario Street, OR
 2. The River Garden Retirement Residence at Romeo and Delamere, OR
 3. The overflow parking behind the Festival Marketplace Mall, just east of Zehrs.

There will be a Stratford Transit bus shuttle that will run, every 20 minutes, from 6:30am to 7:00pm. The shuttle goes to the Festival Theatre parking lot on Lakeside Drive. (See maps.)

- Teams do not have assigned spaces in the athletes' village. Please wander the site to locate your team.
- Medal Ceremonies are at the end of the day, which is generally around 5:30.
- Disputes should be reported by the Team Manager within 10 minutes of the race in question, to the information tent.
- A Gold Sponsor, the Stratford Festival, is once again offering discounted prices for tickets for performances during the weekend of the event including performances at the Festival Theatre, the Avon Theatre, the Tom Patterson and the Studio Theatre. Please see the attached, "2024 Flexi Group Dragon Boat" offer, for more information.
- **IMPORTANT** – If you have extra paddlers, please let the registration tent know as many teams are short paddlers. There will be a place to list your team and then those looking for paddlers will contact you directly at your tent.
- **Schedule of first heat will be emailed out when ready and on the Rotary website.**

See you on the water!!

Susan Roach, Registration Committee



SAVE AT THE STRATFORD FESTIVAL WITH FLEXI-GROUP PRICING!

Unlock group savings with this pricing offer exclusively available for the **Dragon Boat Festival** patrons. Get tickets to this season's hottest shows at special reduced rates* using promotion code **115191**. This deal is available starting on **Monday, April 22, 2024** for the performances listed below:

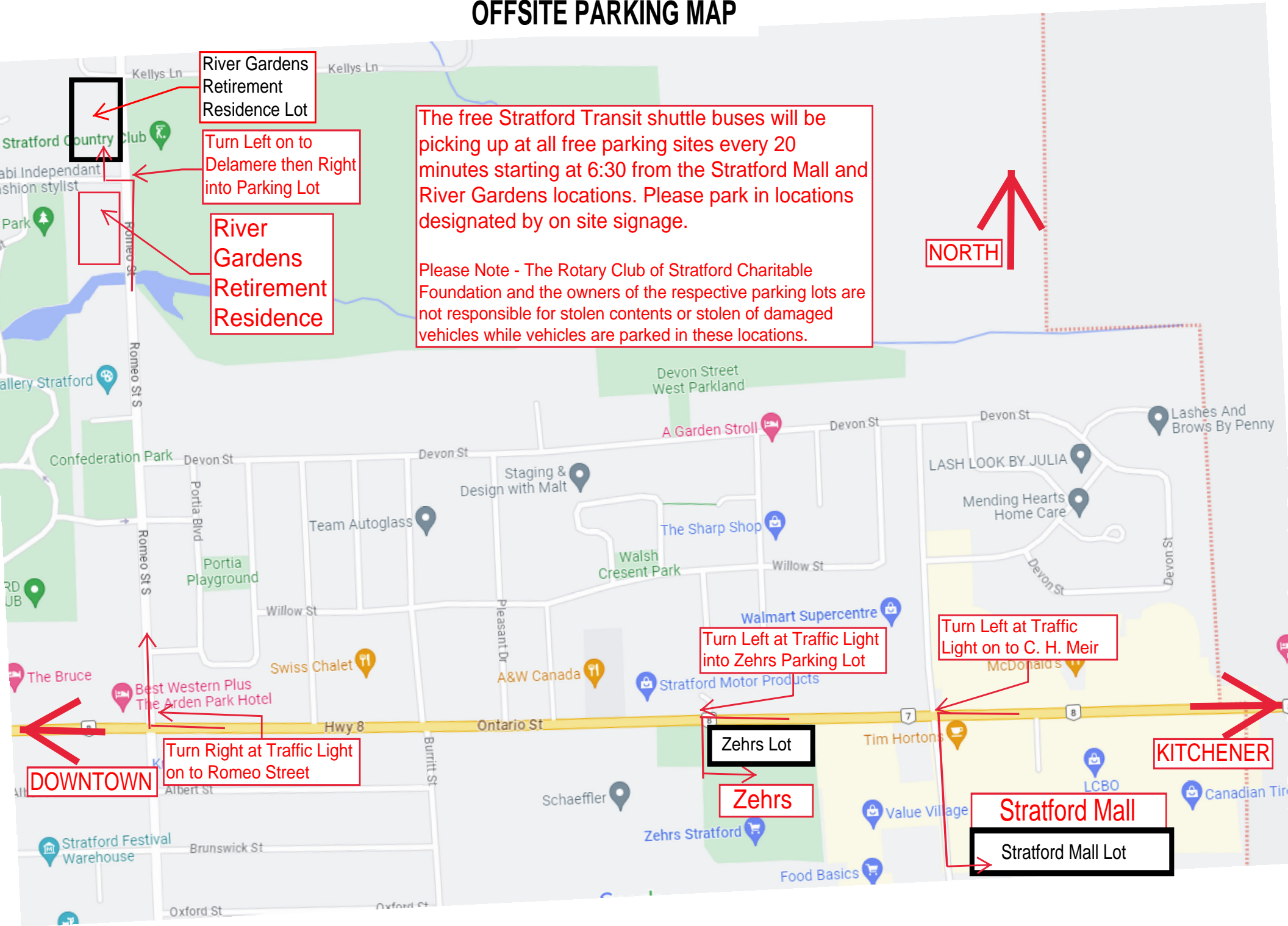
Weekday	Date	Name	Time	Venue
Friday	September 13, 2024	Something Rotten!	2 p.m.	Festival Theatre
Friday	September 13, 2024	Wendy and Peter Pan	2 p.m.	Avon Theatre
Friday	September 13, 2024	Hedda Gabler	2 p.m.	Tom Patterson Theatre
Friday	September 13, 2024	Twelfth Night	8 p.m.	Festival Theatre
Friday	September 13, 2024	The Diviners	8 p.m.	Tom Patterson Theatre
Friday	September 13, 2024	The Goat or, Who is Sylvia?	8 p.m.	Studio Theatre
Friday	September 13, 2024	Salesman in China	8 p.m.	Avon Theatre
Saturday	September 14, 2024	La Cage aux Folles	2 p.m.	Avon Theatre
Saturday	September 14, 2024	Cymbeline	2 p.m.	Tom Patterson Theatre
Saturday	September 14, 2024	Get That Hope	2 p.m.	Studio Theatre
Saturday	September 14, 2024	London Assurance	2 p.m.	Festival Theatre
Saturday	September 14, 2024	The Goat or, Who is Sylvia?	8 p.m.	Studio Theatre
Saturday	September 14, 2024	Hedda Gabler	8 p.m.	Tom Patterson Theatre
Saturday	September 14, 2024	Something Rotten!	8 p.m.	Festival Theatre
Sunday	September 15, 2024	Wendy and Peter Pan	8 p.m.	Avon Theatre
Sunday	September 15, 2024	La Cage aux Folles	2 p.m.	Avon Theatre
Sunday	September 15, 2024	The Diviners	2 p.m.	Tom Patterson Theatre
Sunday	September 15, 2024	The Goat or, Who is Sylvia?	2 p.m.	Studio Theatre
Sunday	September 15, 2024	Romeo and Juliet	2 p.m.	Festival Theatre

To order tickets:

- [Login](#) or call our Groups department at 1.800.567.1600 x 4 using promo code **115191**
- You can even choose to have your tickets delivered by email
- Add aisle zone seats for only \$7 extra!

**Offer may expire without notice. Offer is not valid on previously purchased tickets, on exchanges or in combination with any other offer or discount, and is subject to availability. Other conditions may apply.*

26th STRATFORD ROTARY DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL OFFSITE PARKING MAP



River Gardens Retirement Residence Lot

Turn Left on to Delamere then Right into Parking Lot

River Gardens Retirement Residence

The free Stratford Transit shuttle buses will be picking up at all free parking sites every 20 minutes starting at 6:30 from the Stratford Mall and River Gardens locations. Please park in locations designated by on site signage.

Please Note - The Rotary Club of Stratford Charitable Foundation and the owners of the respective parking lots are not responsible for stolen contents or stolen or damaged vehicles while vehicles are parked in these locations.

NORTH

Turn Left at Traffic Light into Zehrs Parking Lot

Turn Left at Traffic Light on to C. H. Meir

Turn Right at Traffic Light on to Romeo Street

DOWNTOWN

Zehrs Lot

Zehrs

KITCHENER

Stratford Mall

Stratford Mall Lot

SHUTTLE #1 - 40 minutes

River Garden Departure	6:30	7:10	7:50	8:30	9:10	9:50		
Festival Theatre Lot	6:35	7:15	7:55	8:35	9:15	9:55		
Winners (behind Mall) (W)	6:45	7:25	8:05	8:45	9:25	10:05		
Mark's (behind Mall)	6:47	7:27	8:07	8:47	9:27	10:07		
Zehrs	6:50	7:30	8:10	8:50	9:30	10:10		
Festival Theatre Lot	7:00	7:40	8:20	9:00	9:40	10:20		
Festival Theatre Lot Departure (W)	7:05	7:45	8:25	9:05	9:45	10:25		

SHUTTLE #2 - 40 minutes - Option 2 - bus every 20 minutes

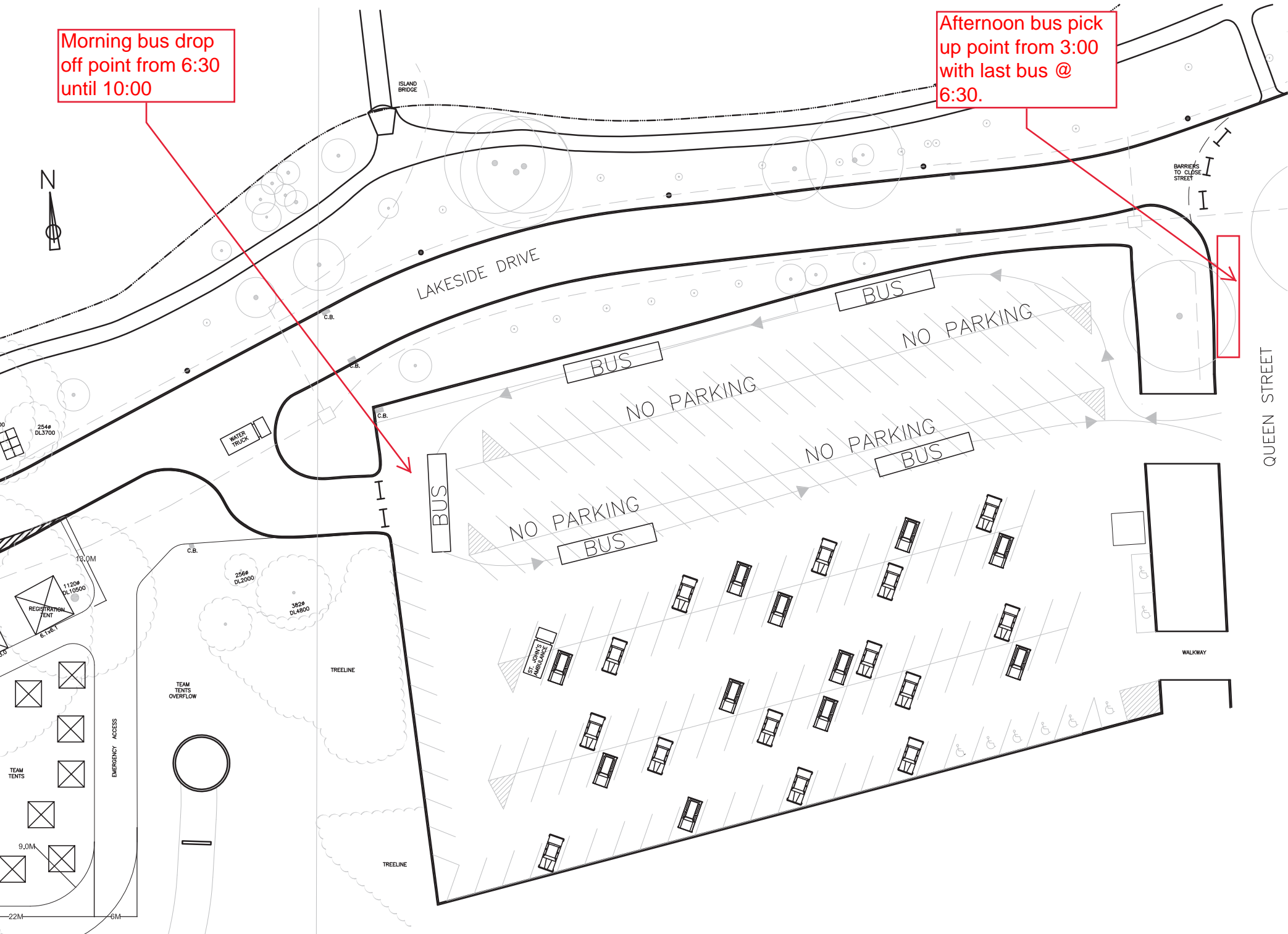
Winners (behind Mall) (W)	6:25	7:05	7:45	8:25	9:05	9:45		
Mark's (behind Mall)	6:27	7:07	7:47	8:27	9:07	9:47		
Zehrs	6:30	7:10	7:50	8:30	9:10	9:50		
Festival Theatre Lot	6:40	7:20	8:00	8:40	9:20	10:00		
Festival Theatre Lot Departure (W)	6:45	7:25	8:05	8:45	9:25	10:05		
River Garden Departure	6:50	7:30	8:10	8:50	9:30	10:10		
Festival Theatre Lot	6:55	7:35	8:15	8:55	9:35	10:15		

SHUTTLE #3 - 30 minutes - follows Shuttle 2 schedule

Winners (behind Mall)	10:25	10:55	11:25	11:55	12:25	12:55	1:25	1:55	2:25	2:55	3:25	4:55	5:25	5:55	6:25	6:55	7:25	
Mark's (behind Mall)	10:27	10:57	11:27	11:57	12:27	12:57	1:27	1:57	2:27	2:57	3:27	4:57	5:27	5:57	6:27	6:57	7:27	
Zehrs	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	
River Garden Lot	10:40	11:10	11:40	12:10	12:40	1:10	1:40	2:10	2:40	3:10	3:40	5:10	5:40	6:10	6:40	7:10	7:40	
Lakeside at Queen	10:45	11:15	11:45	12:15	12:45	1:15	1:45	2:15	2:45	3:15	3:45	5:15	5:45	6:15	6:45	7:15		

Morning bus drop off point from 6:30 until 10:00

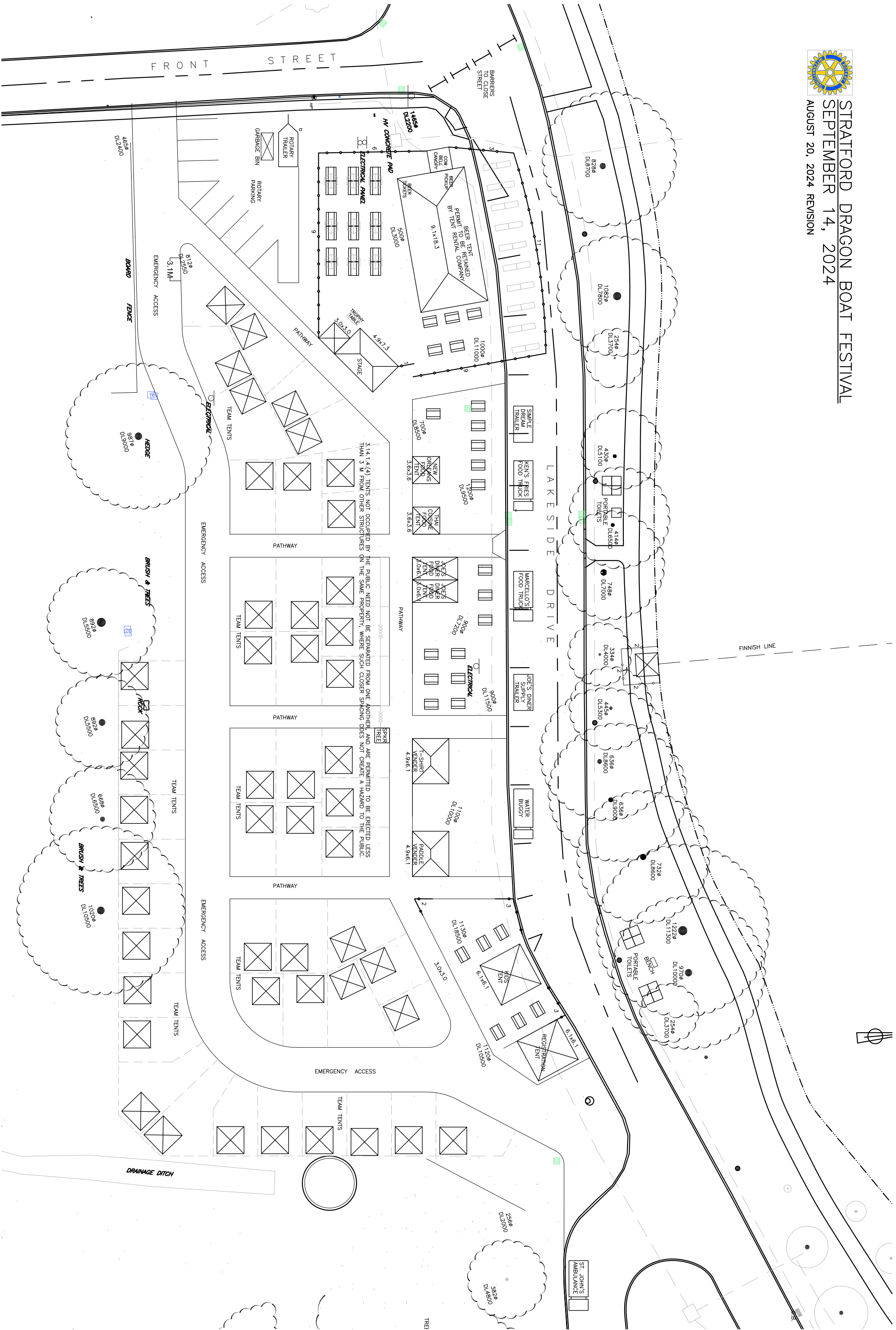
Afternoon bus pick up point from 3:00 with last bus @ 6:30.





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AUGUST 20, 2024 REVISION





Schedule of the Day 2024

- 6:30 am First shuttle bus from Zehrs to Race Site (6:30am to 7:00pm)
7:15 am Registration Tent opens
7:30 am Joe's Diner Breakfast and Coffee begins
7:30 am Captains Meeting at the Finish Line (Shell and Mary)
8:00 am First Race of the Day
11:00 am Opening Ceremonies including the dotting of the eye & Breast Cancer Survivor ceremony.
11:00 am Food Vendors open, Beer Tent opens
11:00 am Kid's area open (parental supervision required)
11:20 am Semi Final Round begins
1:00 pm Jenna Leduc will play 3 one-hour sets
2:00 pm 100 m Sprint Challenges begin
2:45 pm Consolation & Championship Races begin
5:30 pm Championship 2000 m Race
5:45 pm Closing Ceremonies and Awards
7:00 pm LAST shuttle bus to Zehrs

*Race times are approximate, please listen to announcements.

Gilly's Stage

- 1:00 pm Jenna Leduc; three one-hour sets (1:00, 2:30, 4:00)
with DJ, Gerry Bell and Nora Stephens performing between sets.

Vendors

Joe's Diner – Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks

New Orleans Pizza – Pizza

Stratford Thai Cuisine – Thai food, Bubble Tea

Ken's French Fries – Fries

Simple Dreams – Ice Cream

Marchello's – Italian Food

Regatta Sport – Clothing and Paddling Accessories

Chinook Paddles – Paddles