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Travers Day Traffic and Safety Plan

The Saratoga Springs Police Department wants to make sure that all of our residents and visitors to our lovely City on Travers Day have a safe and enjoyable experience. In the spirit of making that experience as enjoyable as possible, we are offering some traffic and safety tips for the day.

Racetrack Arrival:

Parking / Admission:

NYRA run parking lots will open at 6:45am and admission to the racetrack will begin at 7:00am. In an effort to reduce traffic congestion, lengthy delays parking and the potential for missing the start of the races, we are asking those attending the races to arrive early and leave yourselves plenty of time to make it in to the track. Post-time for the first race is 11:45am.

Private Parking Lots:

Are available on the Union Ave and Nelson Ave sides of the racetrack. Patrons of those lots should make sure to lock their vehicles and write down the address where the vehicle is parked so it can be found at the end of the day. Because of the high volume of private parking lots and patrons, police officers will not be available to assist someone in locating their vehicle until many hours after the races have concluded for the day.

Buses:

All Buses, regardless of size, will be directed to enter the Oklahoma Racetrack on East Avenue at Gate 21 (Potato Chip Lane). A NYRA employee will direct the buses to a parking location. This location on the Oklahoma Track is where patrons will be dropped off and should return to at the end of the day. Buses will NOT be allowed to drop-off or pick-up on Union Ave, East Ave or Nelson Ave.

Handicapped Parking:

NYRA has limited handicapped parking at the Main Gate Entrance, Rec Hall Entrance (Union Ave), and Oklahoma Track (Potato Chip Lane off of East Ave). The NYRA handicapped parking locations are paid parking.



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Taxis:

Should drop-off all patrons at the Wright Street Gate off of Nelson Ave. Taxis will NOT be allowed to stop in traffic on Union Ave or Nelson Ave to drop-off fares. Taxis will only be available at the Wright Street Gate at the end of the day and should instruct their fares throughout the day of that. There is a specifically designated area on Wright Street for Taxi's.

Limousines:

ALL Limousines are instructed to drop-off and pick-up on Frank Sullivan Place near the Clubhouse Gate. There is a designated drop-off/pick-up/parking area for Limousines.

Interstate 87:

We ask those using I-87 (North or South) to arrive at the racetrack take advantage of all three exits (13, 14, 15) to get to the racetrack. This alleviates lengthy traffic delays at exit 14 and then even further delays to find parking.

Exit 13N to Rt. 9. Follow Rt. 9 North and turn right on Crescent Ave, Crescent St, or Lincoln Ave. All three streets lead directly to the racetrack.

Exit 14 leads directly to Union Ave and the racetrack. This will be the most congested and will experience the longest delays.

Exit 15 to C.V. Whitney Highway, left on to East Ave, racetrack straight ahead 1 mile.

Message Board Signs:

Will be located on I-87, Union Ave and East Ave, indicating the track location, parking availability and return direction to the interstate. The message board signs will be updated continuously with present time information.

Residential Neighborhood:

The Saratoga Racetrack, one of the most historic and majestic sporting venues in the world, is surrounded by residential neighborhoods. Although the racetrack and the neighborhoods have long blended together to provide such a unique setting and experience, it also provides some challenges. We ask all patrons to be aware of heavy vehicular and pedestrian traffic throughout the neighborhoods and due caution should be given to both. All parking restrictions throughout the neighborhoods will be strictly enforced. Vehicles will be ticketed and towed at the owners expense if found to be in violation of the posted parking regulations, obstructing driveways or fire hydrants.



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Racetrack Departure:

Buses:

Shall load and depart through the Oklahoma Track to Henning Road. I-87 options will be visible when entering Henning Road.

Taxies:

At the racetrack, Taxi pick-up will only be permitted on Wright Street outside the Clubhouse Gate. NO Taxi pick-up will be permitted on Nelson Ave or Union Ave in the driving lanes near the racetrack.

Union Ave:

At 4pm on Travers Day, the traffic pattern on Union Ave will be slightly adjusted by taking away all U-Turns and Left-Turns. From 4pm – 9pm Union Ave will strictly run East and West from Nelson Ave to Henning Road. West on Union Ave will go toward Downtown, East on Union Ave will take vehicular traffic to the I-87 North / South ramps.

East Ave:

All vehicles parked along East Ave, on the Oklahoma side of East Ave and the private lots along East Ave, traffic will be directed to go North on East Ave. Once on East Ave those seeking Downtown can go left on Lake Ave, those seeking Rt. 29 east can go right on Lake Ave, and those seeking I-87 can continue straight on East Ave to the C.V. Whitney Highway and then east to Exit 15.

Nelson Ave:

All vehicles parked on the Nelson Ave or Westside of the racetrack, should take Nelson Ave south for I-87 North / South, and Nelson Ave north to Union Ave for Downtown.

We hope that everyone has a very safe and enjoyable weekend!!

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