



SALEM – A FRIENDLY RUNNING COMMUNITY

To Whom It May Concern:

By way of introduction my name is Shari Hewson and I am the Co-President of the Wicked Running Club based in Salem, Massachusetts. I share the Presidency role with Alison Phelan and we are looking forward to a great year of running and friendship in Salem.

Salem is an historic city and attracts numerous tourists year round. The City of Salem is also home to a few organizations that are focused on and geared to health, fitness and friendship. Wicked Running Club is based in Salem and attracts members from surrounding North Shore communities. At any time of the year one will see people running the streets of Salem, the Salem Common, Winter Island and Salem Willows. Many races take place in and around these areas and provide scenic and historic views and routes.

Any time I am running down by Salem Willows or Winter Island I am always in awe by the beauty and comment on how fortunate we are to live by the ocean – the views are spectacular. It is rare to run in Salem and not encounter many fellow runners. The wave, nod or cheery “hello” makes everything a little brighter.

The history, views, people and commitment by organizations and clubs to running make Salem a very friendly running community. Area businesses also get involved and welcome runners to meet before and after runs and some sponsor area races.

I think given the chance to visit and partake in the activities, anyone would agree that Salem is a runner friendly community and there is never a loss for a race or group run. For these reasons I think the RRCA should choose Salem, Massachusetts as a runner friendly community.

Thank you.

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