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10th annual Brian J. Honan 5K Road Race to traverse Allston, Brighton on Sun. Sept. 22

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Approximately 400 Harvard University runners joined a total of 1,500 participants in the ninth annual Brian Honan 5K Run/Walk in 2012.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

The 10th annual Brian J. Honan 5K Road Race presented by New Balance is scheduled to tour parts of Allston and Brighton on Sunday, Sept. 22.

The charitable race is held in honor of the late City Councilor Brian J. Honan, a life-long neighborhood resident and Boston College alumnus who represented the Allston-Brighton district for more than seven years. In 2002, at age 39, he died of complications following surgery for cancer.

The event raises money to benefit the Brian J. Honan Charitable Fund, which aims to foster local and national programs supporting education, recreation, housing and healthcare. The 5K also benefits scholarships for the Allston Board of Trade and the Brighton Board of Trade.

Covering 3.1 miles, the family-friendly run/walk draws participants from competitive runners to families with strollers. The USA Track and Field certified course begins at the Tavern in the Square bar and restaurant at 161 Brighton Ave. in Allston Village,

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passes through Union Square, onto Cambridge Street, and then onto Washington Street through Brighton Center before looping back to finish at Tavern in the Square.

Water and timing stations will be set up and free T-shirts will be given to those who pre-register. All who finish will receive a medal.

The race will begin at noon on Sept. 22. Last year's race drew more than 1,500 participants.

To preregister, visit www.brianhonan.org. Race-day registration will also be available.

The 22nd will be a busy day in the Allston and Brighton neighborhoods. The annual Allston Village Street Fair festival and the annual Allston-Brighton Parade are also scheduled for that afternoon.

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