

2022 Civic Projects Report

Roxbury Road Runners Club

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The Roxbury Road Runners Club series sponsored 37 regular season races, a family race, a marathon and half marathon and a Thanksgiving Day Charity Race in 2022.

Reportedly, the club sponsors more races than any series in Connecticut and the most of any series in the East other than the Fresh Pond series in Cambridge, Mass. The Roxbury races start with a fun run in late February and conclude with another fun run in early December.

During 2022, it donated \$275 to the Roxbury Land Trust at its annual race in July at the River Road preserve.

The runners also raised \$1,487 at the fifth annual Roxbury Thanksgiving Day Charity Race. The money was donated to the Sydney Alworth Award through the Roxbury Scholarship Foundation.

At six races through November and December, the runners collected non-perishable goods that were donated to the Roxbury Food Pantry at the local Church of Christ.

At the final event of the year, the fun run on December 3, unwrapped toys were collected for the holiday drive at the Troop A state police headquarters in Southbury.

The runners also presented plaques to the top six female and the top six male finishers in the season standings. They also presented a plaque to a service award recipient.

As is the case each year, the runners held events named after former leaders in the series. Bill Burley, the founder and first race director of the series, was honored at the MidSummer Championship race in July and the late Larry

Kershner, the second race director of the series, was honored at the MidSpring Challenge race in May.