

# **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Roxbury Marathon Set For Dec. 13**

**ROXBURY – The Roxbury Marathon, which has grown steadily since its inception in 2004 attracting runners from throughout the country, will take off Saturday, Dec. 13, at 8:30 a.m. through a series of New England country roads.**

**Registration will commence Saturday, Aug. 30, at 12:01 p.m. at [www.roxburyraces.net](http://www.roxburyraces.net). There is a \$15 entry fee.**

**Since the advance registration was initiated in 2011 the field of about 100 runners has usually filled out by mid-September.**

**Erik Johnson, a former Newtown resident who now lives in Alaska, won the 26.2-mile trek for a second consecutive time in 2013. He covered the challenging layout, which starts and finishes near the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane, in 2-hours, 57-minutes and 24-seconds. Vanessa Russo was the first female finisher last year and placed ninth overall in 3:44:34.**

**The marathon will include supervised traffic control, mile markers, directional arrows, water stations and refreshments.**

**The top overall male and female finishers will receive awards.**

**If there is inclement weather, the marathon will be postponed to the alternate date of Saturday, Dec. 20, at 8:30 a.m. Information on a postponement will be promptly posted at [www.roxburyraces.net](http://www.roxburyraces.net).**

**Runners will be able to pick up their bib numbers starting the morning of the race at 7 o'clock.**

**The event is being sponsored by the Roxbury Road Race Series, which holds about 40 runs each year near the community park. The series is sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission.**

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