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CENTRAL AVENUE CLOSED SATURDAY FROM 7-10 A.M. FOR MARATHON

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, April 29, 2022) – With the Kentucky Derby Festival's mini & Marathon scheduled for Saturday, it is important for Dawn at the Downs guests to remember that Central Avenue will be closed from 3rd Street to Taylor Avenue from 7-10 a.m.

Guests are advised to enter Churchill Downs Racetrack off Taylor Boulevard and Racine Avenue or Longfield Avenue.

Runners in both the mini & Marathon are expected to run through the Churchill Downs infield between 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Saturday morning's workouts at Churchill Downs are expected to showcase 11 Kentucky Derby contenders and four Kentucky Oaks contenders.

Churchill Downs is open from 7-10 a.m. free-of-charge daily through Wednesday so guests can watch the nation's top 3-year-old Thoroughbreds train toward their engagements in this year's Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks.

Horses train on Churchill Downs' main track daily from 5:15-10 a.m. There is an exclusive training window only for Derby and Oaks participants from 7:30-7:45 a.m. following the 7-7:30 a.m. renovation break. Those horses are identified by special saddle towels which include their names: yellow saddle towels for Derby horses and pink saddle towels for Oaks contenders.

Kentucky Derby Morning Works presented by TwinSpires.com airs from 7-8 a.m. on www.kentuckyderby.com/works, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube through Thursday.

Guests can enter Churchill Downs through the Paddock Gate and should park for free in the nearby White Lot for convenient entry. Guests will be directed to Sections 115-117 to watch the morning workouts.

No outside food and beverage is allowed. Churchill Downs' Paddock Grill is open each morning with breakfast food and beverage options.

Also, the Churchill Downs Store is open daily featuring all of the best official race merchandise, collectibles, drinkwear, party supplies, gifts, apparel and gear for men and women in advance of the Kentucky Derby.

On Sunday and Monday, fans can enjoy a premium breakfast in Millionaires Row or the Stakes Room for Dawn at the Downs. Tickets start at \$41 and can be purchased on www.KentuckyDerby.com/tickets.

The 148th runnings of the \$1.25 Longines Kentucky Oaks (Grade I) and \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) will be held Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7, respectively. Opening Night of Derby Week and the 44-day Spring Meet is Saturday, April 30.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR MEDIA

Kentucky Derby Week Parking at Churchill Downs is reserved for those with onsite parking, and restrictions begin Saturday. Media without an onsite pass should park at the Kentucky Exposition Center. Enter via Gate 4 off Crittenden Drive and park in Lots E or J. Shuttles run to and from the Churchill Downs Transport Plaza in front of the Paddock Gate from 2 a.m. to 12 a.m.

Stable Area shuttle service to and from the Parlay Media Center and the barns begins Saturday from 4-11 a.m. However, shuttle service will be impacted between 8:30-10:30 a.m. while runners are in the Infield. Plan accordingly.

Also, media without a Stable Area parking pass may park in the Turquoise or Yellow Lot until 10:30 a.m. and walk into the Stable Area through Service Gate 11. Credentials will be scanned for admission.

SATURDAY IS OPENING NIGHT

- Gates Open at 5 p.m.
- First of 10 races at 6 p.m.
- All parking is reserved on property; pass holders only.
- Free parking and shuttles available at Kentucky Exposition Center
- Theme: Style Under the Stars
- Reminder: no umbrellas

ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK

Churchill Downs Racetrack ("CDRT"), the world's most legendary racetrack, has been the home of The Kentucky Derby, the longest continually held annual sporting event in the United States, since 1875. Located in Louisville, CDRT features a series of themed race days during Derby Week, including the Kentucky Oaks, and conducts Thoroughbred horse racing during three race meets in the Spring, September, and the Fall. CDRT is located on 175 acres and has a one-mile dirt track, a 7/8-mile turf track, a stabling area, and provides seating for approximately 60,000 guests. The saddling paddock and the stable area has barns sufficient to accommodate 1,400 horses and a 114-room dormitory for backstretch personnel. CDRT also has a year-round simulcast wagering facility. www.ChurchillDowns.com.

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