

2015 33rd Annual Greenfield Glide 5K Run/Walk
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Nothing marks the beginning of summer quite like the gun blast at the start line of the Greenfield Glide. The Greenfield glide has been held the first weekend of June for 33 years and this year the race ran June 7th at 8:30am. Over 413 people registered for the event. The weather was fantastic and people poured to the start line early to register and collect the stylish white t-shirt. For the first time, the Glide invited a real singer to celebrate the National Anthem as Matt Belliston started the ceremonies with a beautiful tribute to our country. Thank you to Guy Costa and Jim Griffin that also made the start line successful.

Once the race started, it wasn't very long before it was over. In the fastest time in 8 years - the winner of the 2015 Glide was Ean DiSilvio as he finished in 15 minutes and 35 seconds. That means he averaged a 5:2 minute mile along the distance of the race. He finished almost 45 seconds ahead of anyone else! Local Greenfield residents didn't go down without a fight and showed up big in the results. Mark Tressler finished second overall with 16:18 and lives in Greenfield. Micah Black was the second 11 year old to cross the finish line, but the first from Greenfield with a time of 24:05. Henry Marriott was close on his heels and finished third in the category. Micah Pugh won the 12-15 year old category for Greenfield. He was only a few seconds faster than Noah Black also from the neighborhood. Scott Duda ran second in the 30-34 year old males with a time of 19:43 finishing 20th overall.

We have some amazing ladies here in town. The first woman to cross the finish line was Greenfield's own Elizabeth Perry at 18:55. She was 10th overall and finished strong for the third time as the first place woman. Jennifer Sylves and Dighan Kelly also finished in the top 5 overall women (both from Greenfield). Kenna Campbell was the first to cross for the Under 11 category and had a strong finish with 27:06. Christen Olson, Dina Teitelbaum, and Leah Olson also finished in the top 10. Lauren Olson was the first Greenfielder (3rd in the group) to cross for 12-15 year old girls. Lindy Brennan won the 16-19 category for Greenfield. Liz Margana took 2nd in the 30-34 year old women with an amazing 7:30 mile average. Margaret Lahaie from Greenfield took 3rd in the 35-39 year old women and made her daughters proud. Congratulations to all the female winners, young and old.

Running is only HALF the fun at the Greenfield Glide. Free hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers and veggie burgers were provided while the awards were announced. You don't have to run 5 minute miles to win in Greenfield. Unlike all the other races in the city, Greenfield Community Association runs a post-race Raffle. All runners and walkers are entered into the pot for over 30 different prizes! Steelers Tickets, a television, Kindle Fire, and gift cards are only a sample of the enormous prize list that awaited participants as they finished the race. Geoff took home a hoola-hoop that his whole family can enjoy, Donna may still be lost in the Escape Room, Margaret already used the lawn darts during a camping trip, and Bob has already read a few books on the Kindle Fire. Amy can't wait to set up her new TV! We all look forward to tasting the beer brewed by Lincoln at Copper Kettle and Annalise will look like a new preschooler after Salon Louie is done with her! Many people went home with a prize, but everyone was guaranteed a healthy start to their Sunday.

The Greenfield Community Association and Citiparks through the City of Pittsburgh Department of Parks and Recreation along with staff of Magee Recreation Center manage the event. The event however, would not be possible without the dedicated sponsors that donate to the event. Public health is truly the greatest investment we can make in each other and in our children, and we would like to publically thank each sponsor for your investment in the Greenfield Glide. Once the investment is made, it all came together and was possible because of the dedicated service of over 25 volunteers that managed

the creation, organization, registration, fundraising, water stations, clean-up, and food service for over 400 people! Thank you for your dedication to our neighborhood! You make it a better place for everyone.

Save the Date for 2016: SEE YOU JUNE 5TH! See you next year Athletes! Here's to another summer full of good health for all!

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