



The Liberty Bell Wanderers  
Welcomes You to  
**The Souderton Saunter**  
**"Souderton Borough plus 55+"**  
An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This walk offers 5km, 7km and 10km routes. All routes start out together for about 2.5 km before they split. Little Free Libraries (LFL) are on all routes (the 11km has 3 LFL). The 5km route includes walking near two 55+ communities. The 7km and 10km routes pass an additional 55+ community, the Souderton Mennonite Homes continuing care residential campus, and a labyrinth. All routes include some of Souderton Borough Historic and Business districts. The Souderton Historic District was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2011 for architecture. Souderton was incorporated in 1887 and was once home to cigar factories, silk hose factories and textile manufacturing. Univest Bank had its start in Souderton as Union National Bank and still has its National Headquarters in Souderton. You will notice many churches in Souderton. Souderton still has surrounding farmland, though much has been developed. For more about the history of Souderton and interesting anecdotal stories about early Souderton go to <http://soudertonborough.org/history/>

### **Walk Registration:**

Registration takes place online using the AVA Online Start Box, on [my.ava.org](http://my.ava.org). Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

### **Walk Completion and Walk Credit:**

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account, click on the "My Start Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then click on "Go to Finish Table" button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may choose to print out.

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**\*\*\* The walking paths around the 55+ communities may not be clear of snow & ice in winter. The footbridges may be icy even when sidewalks and paths are not.**

## 10km, 7km and 5km Walking Directions for the Souderton Saunter

### Starting Point Location:

The Parking Lot is next to a small cemetery located, (more or less) at 227 Leidy Rd, Souderton, PA close to the intersection of Cherry Lane and Leidy Rd.

**Notice:** There are 2 parking lots next to cemeteries on both sides of Leidy Rd near this address. The starting point parking lot is next to the small older cemetery that is on the southwest side of Leidy Rd, on the same side of the road as Harrington Village and across the road from a white post with #276 (which is actually the Abundant Life church's Cherry Lane address).



**From 476 Lansdale Exit:** Take the Lansdale/Kulpsville/Harleysville exit off of I-476 (PA Turnpike Extension). There are 2 exit ramps all lead to Sumneytown Pike. Whether you need to turn left or right depends on the exit ramp used. Upon reaching the Sumneytown Pike T intersection, turn so you are traveling northwest which is towards Harleysville and away from Lansdale. Then **RIGHT** on Wambold Rd., **LEFT** at the T intersection onto Allentown Rd., **RIGHT** onto Elroy, then **BEAR LEFT**, where Elroy makes a right, to AVA

continue on Beck Rd. **CROSS** Cowpath Rd to continue on Leidy Rd. Pass the first entrance to Harrington Village (Harrington Way) and follow Leidy Rd as it turns sharply to the left. The Starting Point Parking Lot is on the left immediately after passing the second entrance to Harrington Village (Harrington Way) next to a small old cemetery.

**From PA 309:** Take the Souderton exit to PA 113. If you were traveling South on 309, turn **RIGHT** on Broad St (PA 113). If you were traveling North on 309, turn **LEFT** on Broad Street (PA 113). **LEFT** on County Line Rd. **RIGHT** on Cherry Lane (shown as Church Street on some maps). Continue on Cherry Lane to the end at the Stop Sign and intersection with Leidy Rd. **LEFT** on Leidy Rd then the Starting Point Parking Lot is immediately on the right next to a small cemetery.

### Restrooms:

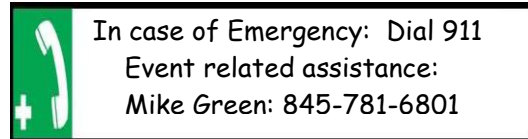
There are no public restrooms at the starting point. We recommend you stop at Royal Farms at the I-476 Exit (1780 Sumneytown Pike, Kulpsville, PA 19438) before continuing to the walk start. If you are not coming from I-476 there are businesses along 113 (aka Broad St) where you could find restrooms (gas station, Giant Food Store, CVS, McDonald's).

**10km Route:** Porta-Pots are found at the playground at S 4<sup>th</sup> St & Erie Ave (at about 5km) **7 & 10km Routes:**

Public restrooms may be open seasonally at about 3.5km at the Parkside Grill adjacent to the Souderton Community Pool on Wile Ave. and a restroom building with 4 unisex restrooms in the Souderton Community (3.5km into the 7K route and 6.1 km into the 10km).

**5km Route:** A porta-pot is located at Chestnut St Park next to Chestnut St after Wile Ave (at about 2.5 km).

### Emergency Numbers:



### Walking Instructions:

Abbreviations used:

ns - No Sign. There is no street sign.

C&P - Cross and/or Pass. Usage - {C&P: 1<sup>st</sup> St & 2<sup>nd</sup> St.}

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

**Walk Directions:**

1) Facing Leidy Rd (the parking lot entrance) turn **RIGHT** onto the macadam path then immediately **RIGHT** on macadam path to proceed to pedestrian bridge on right.

*You are walking behind the carriage homes of Harrington Village, a 55plus community of 120 homes built 2005-2007.*

2) **RIGHT** to cross pedestrian bridge.

3) **LEFT** on Macadam path proceeding uphill.

4) **CONTINUE** about 0.4 km until the macadam path changes to a mulch covered path.

5) **CONTINUE** on the mulch covered path passing a Little Free Library and bench on right, ignoring intersecting paths on the right, to a bridge.

*The intersecting trails on the right are maintained by S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violating the Earth). The Student Environmental Education Campus is behind Broad St Elementary School, on your right.*

6) **CROSS** the bridge and **CONTINUE** on the macadam path uphill to Broad St (ns).

7) **CAREFULLY CROSS** Broad St (no cross walk here) to the sidewalk on the other side.

8) **LEFT** on the sidewalk proceeding slightly downhill to the first macadam path on the right.

9) **RIGHT** on the macadam path and follow this path for 0.6 km (C&P: Lions Gate path use sign and a Gazebo) to its end, Chestnut St (ns).

*The homes on the right are part of the Lions Gate 55+ community of 156 quad-homes built 1996-2000.*

10) **RIGHT** on Chestnut St proceeding uphill to the first Alley on the left, just after house # 371.

**5 KM WALKERS ONLY:**

- a) **CONTINUE** on Chestnut St {C&P: Hunsberger Ln, Mifflin St, West St, Wile Ave, Chestnut St Park - Porta-Pot, Penn Ave, Tilly Mint's Tea Room @ 20 West Chestnut, and the Downtown Scoop Ice Cream Parlor @ 11 West Chestnut} to Main St.

*Tilly is a Mayflower surname (Special Program). Upon reaching Main St, notice the "day" and "night" murals (Sol Luna) on both walls of the Chestnut St railroad overpass on the other side of Main St.*

- b) **RIGHT** on Main St {C&P: Lumber St} to Broad St (traffic light).

*Notice large clock on corner of the Univest bank building on the other side of Broad St. (Clock Special Program)*

- c) **RIGHT** on Broad St for one block to Washington St.  
 d) **CROSS** and **LEFT** on Washington St, using crosswalk, to Highland Ave.  
 e) **RIGHT** on Highland Ave using the crosswalk and **GO TO INSTRUCTION # 48)**

**7 and 10 KM WALKERS ONLY:**

11) **LEFT** on the Alley proceeding downhill to bridge.

12) **CROSS** the Bridge then turn **LEFT** on to macadam path, crossing another small bridge, path curves to the right and proceed for 0.4 km (ignoring intersecting paths) to Green St (ns).

*The homes on the left are part of the Kingsfield 55+ community of 66 single family homes built 2000-2003.*

13) **CROSS** Green St then cross the sidewalk and walk straight uphill on the grass for a very short distance to macadam path.

14) **LEFT** on the macadam path {C&P: 0.6-mile marker, path turns right, Gazebo, .5 marker, .4 marker, and another Gazebo} to Valley View Dr.

*On the right is the Souderton Mennonite Homes campus that has about 400 residents living in independent living, personal care, memory care and health care.*

15) **LEFT** on Valley View Dr proceeding uphill to Menno Home Dr.

16) **RIGHT** on Menno Home Dr following drive as turns right then continue on sidewalk {C&P: Main Entrance to Souderton Mennonite Homes} to where it turns left.

17) Continue Straight through parking lot to Colonial Drive (ns - Stop Sign).

18) **LEFT** Colonial Dr to the sidewalk on the right next to the community swimming pool

19) **RIGHT** on the sidewalk keeping the swimming pool on the left passing a Little Free Library to Wile Ave (ns).

**7 KM WALKERS ONLY:**

- a) **CROSS** Wile Ave then proceed through the parking lot to macadam path between the Picnic Shelter and the Restrooms bldg.

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- b) **Immediately** after passing the Restrooms building turn **RIGHT** on the macadam path.  
 c) **7KM Walkers Go to Step 34)**

**10 KM WALKERS ONLY:**

20) **LEFT** on Wile Ave, keeping pool facility on left, (You will pass the Parkside Grill and Restrooms that are open seasonally on the left and the Souderton Community Park on the right), to Reliance Rd.

21) **CONTINUE** on Wile, carefully crossing Reliance Road to Harleysville Pike (ns - "T" intersection).

22) LEFT on Harleysville Pike to Cowpath Rd {Pass Crest Ave at Indian Crest Middle School} to Cowpath Rd (Stoplight).

23) RIGHT on Cowpath Rd at the stoplight. Where the sidewalk ends at Pleasant Valley Dr - Cross Cowpath to other side and continue on sidewalk.

24) RIGHT on Erie Ave to South 4<sup>th</sup> St.

*Erie Ave is the qualifier for Great Lakes SP.*

25) RIGHT on South 4<sup>th</sup> St {C&P Playground, Porta-Pot on right, Post Office, Grain Elevators SP} to Reliance

26) RIGHT on Reliance Rd to Main St (stoplight).

27) CROSS N. Main to traffic island then CROSS Harleysville Pike (NS) (using the 2 crosswalks)

28) LEFT to CROSS Reliance Rd, then RIGHT to CONTINUE on Reliance Rd to Souderton Borough sign and town clock on right.

*The town clock on the corner was presented by the MacCalla Lodge # 596 of Free and Accepted Masons to Souderton Borough in 2002. It was made by the Verdin Clock Company.*

29) CONTINUE on Reliance Rd to the first macadam path on the left.

30) LEFT then RIGHT on the macadam path through a small parking to the macadam drive next to the Souderton Community Park Band Shell.

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31) LEFT on the macadam drive to the first macadam path on the right.

32) RIGHT on the macadam path then immediately LEFT and RIGHT to the Picnic Shelter and restrooms building.

33) RIGHT on the macadam path in front of the restrooms building.

### 34) 7 and 10 KM WALKERS:

*There are 4 unisex bathrooms in the restrooms building that are open 8AM to 8PM daily except during the winter months.*

35) Continue on the macadam as it bears left in between the playground and the adult fitness area to an L intersection.

36) RIGHT on the macadam path that becomes a gravel path that turns left to the next T intersection.

37) RIGHT on the macadam path proceeding through the parking lot, then on a macadam drive, passing the Souderton Community building on the right to Summit Ave (ns - WAWA, with no public restrooms, across the street).

38) RIGHT On Summit Ave to Wile Ave.

39) CROSS and LEFT on Wile Ave to entrance drive on the Zwingli United Church of Christ.

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40) RIGHT on the entrance drive to the first lamp post.

41) LEFT proceeding downhill on the grass to a labyrinth.

*The labyrinth path is lined with buried bricks that are mostly overgrown with grass, but it is walkable since the turns in the path are near the labyrinth entrance where the bricks are more visible.*

42) Facing the trees (with your back to the church) turn LEFT and proceed on the grass to Wile Ave.

43) RIGHT on Wile Ave, for very short distance, to Diamond St.

44) LEFT on Diamond S {C&P: Gnomes at 205 Diamond St, (Wild Things SP)} to N. Main St

45) RIGHT on N. Main St {C&P: Green St, Hillside Ave, Montgomery Theater, Chestnut St where on the left is a railroad overpass with murals, Lumber St (ns)} to W. Broad St (ns? - traffic light).

*Montgomery Theater (124 N Main St) is housed in what was once the Souderton Firehouse. It seats 122 and is the site of local productions of plays and musicals, stand-up comedy and children's acting camps.*

*Upon reaching Chestnut St, look to the left to see the "Day" and "Night" murals (Sol Luna) on railroad overpass walls.*

46) RIGHT Broad St to Washington Ave.

47) LEFT on Washington Ave to Highland Ave.

48) RIGHT on Highland Ave. {C&P: Penn Ave, Franklin Ave, Adams Alley (ns), Adams Ave, and Mifflin St} to Hunsberger Ln.

49) LEFT on Hunsberger Ln to Yale Ct/Hunsberger Ln.

50) LEFT to remain on Hunsberger Ln to Mifflin St.

51) RIGHT on Mifflin St to Lawn Ave

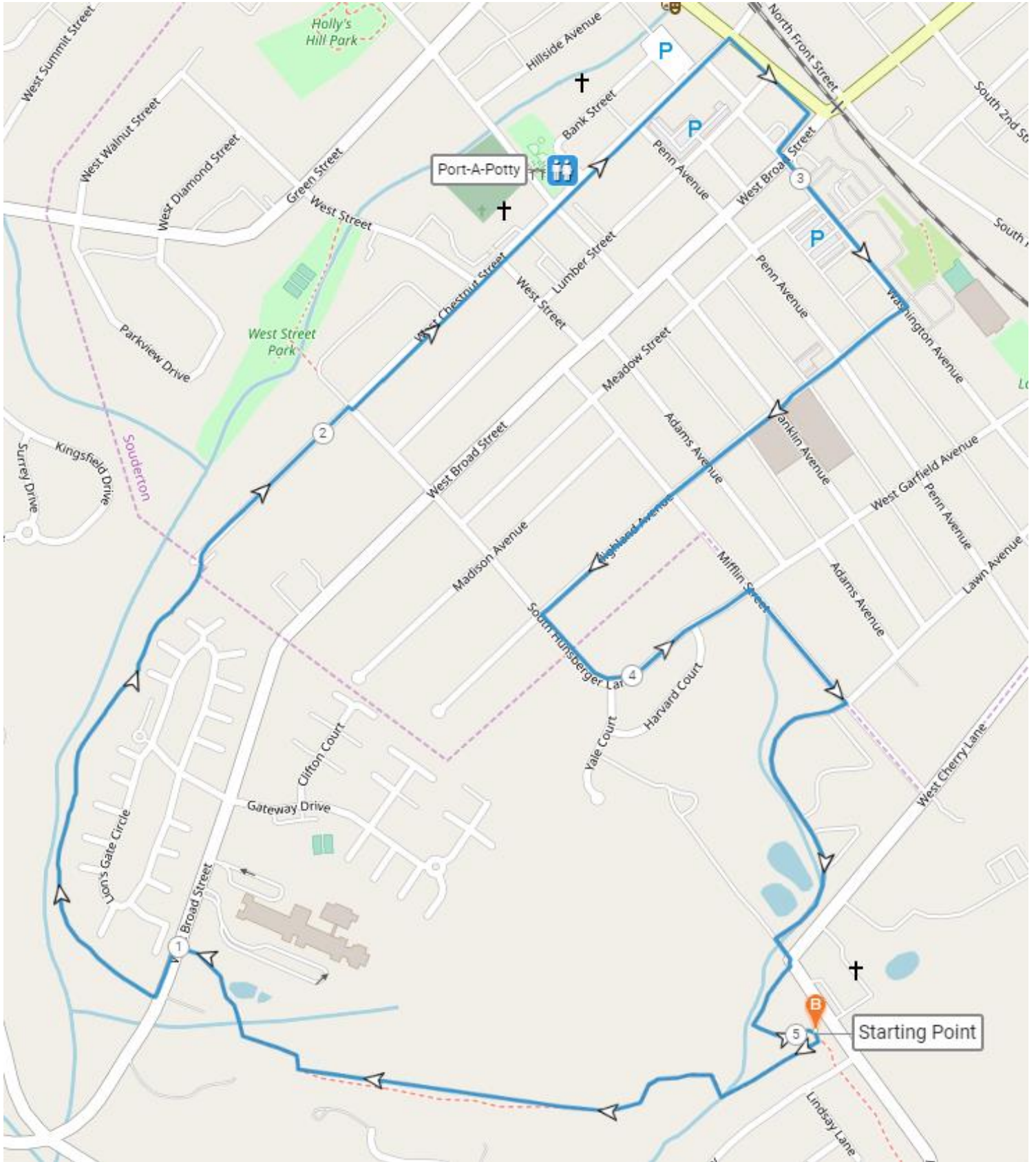
52) RIGHT on driveway of Immanuel Leidy Church parking lot (opposite Lawn Ave), remaining on driveway as it curves left and then right around the parking lot to a T-intersection.

53) LEFT at T-intersection, then immediately RIGHT onto a macadam path at Stop Sign (small cemetery on your left) going a short distance to mulch path.

54) LEFT on mulch path, proceeding on gravel uphill to the parking lot and starting point.

*LBW thanks you for your participation. Don't forget to complete your walk online using the Online Start Box Finish Table.*

# Souderton 5km



# Souderton 11km & 7km



## 2024 KSVA Special Challenges and AVA Special and National Programs

<b>WALK NAME: SOUDERTON Saunter Plus 55+</b>					
<b>NUMBER: 125018 2024/Y2688</b>					
<b>KSVA SPECIAL CHALLENGES</b>					
67 Counties (no end date)			Montgomery		
AT Thru Hike (2017 -2020)			N/A		
<b>AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>					
<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>10 K</b>	<b>5 K</b>	<b>7 K</b>	<b>Information</b>
Airports	(2020 – 2022)				
A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths	(2024 – 2026)	X		X	Zwingli United Church of Christ, Wile Ave
Appalachian Trail	(2018 – 2028)				
Border Crossing	(2014 - 2023)				
Bridges – Spanning the USA	(2016 - 2018)	X	X	X	Footbridges
Carousels Across America	(2019 – 2021)				
Food for Thought	(2015 - 2017)				
Grain Elevators: Monarchs of the Plains	(2025-2028)	X			Moyers has large grain/feed silos on 4 <sup>th</sup> St after the Post Office. Note that 4 <sup>th</sup> St later becomes Railroad Ave.
Great Lakes, Great Fun, Great Fitness, Great Friendship	(2021 – 2023)	X			Erie Ave.
Ice Cream Parlors	(2017 -2019)	X	X	X	Downtown Scoops
Lady Liberty	(2016 - 2018)				
Little Free Libraries	(2019 - 2021)	X	X	X	1 <sup>st</sup> Mulch path; near Pool. Broad Street
Make A Wish – Water Fountains	(2016 – 2018)		X		At Uninvest Bank at Washington & Broad
Mayflower – 400 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	(2020 – 2022)	X	X	X	Tilly Mint’s Tearoom
National Parks Centennial	(2016 - 2018)				
Par for the Course	(2023 – 2025)	X		X	Souderton Community Park
Points of Reference	(2016 - 2018)		X		Northbound Restaurant on Broad St
Rockin’ Around the Clock	(2020 – 2022)	X	X	X	Bank Clock on Broad St. 10L - Corner of Main St and Reliance Rd.
State Street Sashay	(2016 - 2018)	X	X	X	Washington Ave
Step to the Beat	(2024 - 2026)	X		X	Souderton Community Park, Montgomery Theatre
Take A Walk in a City Park	(2016 - 2018)	X	X	X	Souderton Community Park
Treasure Hunt	(2016 - 2018)	X	X	X	5, 7, 10K: Keystone State;
United States Post Office	(2016 - 2018)	X			On 4 <sup>th</sup> street
Walking with America’s Veterans	(2021 - 2027)	X		X	American Legion Post 234 on Main St <u>and</u> the Memorial to Those Who Gave their Lives for their Country erected by American Legion Post 234
Walking with the Wild Things	(2025-2028)	X		X	Gnomes at 205 Diamond St.
<b>AVA NATIONAL PROGRAMS</b>					
<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>10K</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>7K</b>	<b>Information</b>
50 States / 51 Capitals	(no end date)	X	X	X	Pennsylvania
Walk the USA (A To Z)	(no end date)	X	X	X	S