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**GEORGETOWN ROAD AND 16TH STREET CLOSED TO VEHICLES DURING THIS YEAR'S
RUNNING OF THE INDIANAPOLIS 500 MILE RACE**

As in years past, the Speedway Police Department will be closing Georgetown Road and 16th Street to all vehicular traffic during this year's running of the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race, on Sunday, May 26, 2019.

In an effort to increase the safety and security of race patrons, Georgetown Road will be closed south of 25th Street beginning at 7:00 AM race morning to all vehicular traffic. After Georgetown Road is closed, no vehicular traffic, including placarded traffic, will be allowed to access the road way. Those race patrons with placards who are accustomed to entering IMS Gate 7 will have to enter through Gate 2 (W. 16th Street) or Gate 10 (30th Street). Local residents who reside on this stretch of Georgetown Road are encouraged to make provisions for this temporary traffic restriction as vehicles will not be permitted to access Georgetown Road from McCray Street, 24th Street, and all other access points in this area. Upon completion of the race, Georgetown Road will remain closed to vehicular traffic until the vast majority of race pedestrian foot traffic clears from the roadway (approximately 1 hour after the race).

Sixteenth (16th) Street will also be closed during the running of this year's 500 Mile Race between Olin Avenue on the east to the 16th Street roundabout on the west from approximately 12:00 Noon until the end of the race. In addition, 16th Street will not be accessible from Polco Street, as it will be blocked at 10th Street.

Traffic traveling east on Crawfordsville Road from the west will be turned around at the 16th Street roundabout. Traffic traveling west on 16th Street from downtown will be diverted south on Olin Avenue.

These road closure restrictions and additional security measures are being established to ensure the safety of our residents, businesses and visitors during and after the race. The Speedway Police Department appreciates everyone's cooperation during these temporary restrictions and apologizes for any inconvenience they may cause.

Residents are reminded that these restrictions are for race day only, Sunday, May 26, 2019. **Keep in mind that should there be a rain out of the Indianapolis 500, it may become necessary to impose these same restrictions the following day.**

For more information about this event and other events around Speedway, including road closures and construction, find us on Facebook at Speedway PD or on Twitter @SpeedwayPD.

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