

The controversy is about where and when.

Actually, depending on where you look on their site, the race either starts at 7:30pm at the corner of Smith and Morris Streets or at 8:30am (that's in the morning, folks) at the corner of Kanawha Blvd and Court Street. I was wondering if there might be two races? As it turns out, the 8:30am and Court Street info are wrong. I suspect that it is left over boilerplate from last year.

The race starts at 7:30 pm at Smith and Morris Streets, aka the right field corner of Appalachian Power Park. That's 1,200 feet (3 blocks) southeast of Leon Sullivan Way (aka Broad Street), 200 feet ( a long half-block) southwest of the railroad, 3,000 feet (6 blocks) northeast of the Kanawha River. Distances are loosely approximate. Google maps can help here.

The chili cook-off is the day after the race.