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**Lace-Up Your Running Shoes!
Applications for the 2020 Team Framingham Boston Marathon Program Open Today**

FRAMINGHAM – The application period for the 2020 Team Framingham Boston Marathon program opens today, Monday, September 23, and closes Friday, October 25. Applications for both runners and charities are available on the City’s website at <https://www.framinghamma.gov/2205/Team-Framingham>.

The Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A) provided the City of Framingham with 22 invitational Boston Marathon entries due to our “host community” status. The Team Framingham program was established in 2014 with a mission to *“Train, mentor and foster camaraderie among runners who have City of Framingham Boston Marathon invitational entries to successfully cross the marathon finish line while raising money for selected Framingham charities.”*

“Since its inception, the Team Framingham Boston Marathon program has been extraordinarily successful. 132 runners have completed the 26.2 mile Boston Marathon, raising more than \$486,000 for local charities, said Jenifer Feaster, Team Framingham Steering Committee member. “We expect a high level of interest in the community and among City employees for a coveted invitational entry for the 2020 Boston Marathon, and we are excited to far exceed the half-million-dollar fundraising mark this year.”

The random selection lottery for runners and charities will take place on Tuesday, November 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ablondi Room of the Memorial Building. It will be open to the public.

No prior marathon experience is required for runners, who need only meet Framingham residency or employment requirements. Framingham-focused 501c3 organizations are also chosen by random lottery to benefit from runner fundraising.

Submissions of completed applications can be made via email to TeamFraminghamMarathon@gmail.com or by drop off or US mail to the Jennique Horrigan, Mayor’s Office – Memorial Building, 150 Concord St., Framingham, MA 01702.

Questions? Contact Team Framingham at TeamFraminghamMarathon@gmail.com

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