

115th Boston Marathon invitational numbers available

The Boston Athletic Association (BAA) makes invitational applications available to the towns along the route of the Boston Marathon. This is done as a way of thanking these communities for their coordination and cooperation during the Marathon. The 115th Boston Marathon will take place on April 18, 2011. The goal of the invitational entries is to allow these communities to raise funds for charities and good causes.

This year, the Board of Selectmen will make several numbers available for the purposes of raising funds for The Fund for Wellesley and Miles for Miracles for Children's Hospital Boston. The Fund for Wellesley is an endowment to benefit all residents of Wellesley now and for the future. The Fund fosters and supports innovative programs and deserving organizations that collaborate to meet town needs and opportunities. Miles for Miracles raises money for Children's Hospital Boston by engaging athletes in a variety of events, including the Boston Marathon. The Board of

Selectmen intends to distribute four numbers in support of Miles for Miracles and 10 numbers for The Fund for Wellesley. Each entrant is required to pay the entry fee of \$250 (\$300 if postmarked after Feb. 1, 2011). Entrants must make a minimum fundraising contribution of \$2,500 to either Miles for Miracles or to The Fund for Wellesley on or before June 1, 2011.

Applications will be available in the Board of Selectmen's office, Wellesley Town Hall, third floor, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011. All applicants must complete the application form and return it to the Board of Selectmen's office by e-mail or in person by 5 p.m. on Jan. 18, 2011. The invitational entries will be chosen by lottery on Jan. 19, 2011 at 1 PM. Recipients will be notified by 5 p.m. on the 19th.

If you are a Wellesley resident and have an interest in applying for an invitational number to the 115th Boston Marathon, please contact Chris Ketchen, Board of Selectmen's office, Wellesley Town Hall, 781-431-0910, ext. 2205 or e-mail cketchen@wellesleyma.gov.

