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DETROIT FREE PRESS/TALMER BANK MARATHON UPDATES COURSE FOR 2015

In its 38th year, Marathon organizers continue to improve weekend events

WHAT: The 2015 Detroit Free Press/Talmer Bank Marathon, now in its 38th year, is the largest race in Michigan. This year, another registration record will be set with approximately 27,600 runners registered for all races. With updated courses for all races, runners are sure to make this a memorable Marathon year.

This year also marks a high for charity involvement, with 43 official charities participating, more than double last year's number, and a total of 70 charities benefitting from runner fundraising. Approximately \$2 million was raised last year and this year is sure to exceed.

WHEN/ Oct. 16-18, 2015, Detroit

WHERE: (See below for event-specific details.)

DETAILS:

- **Health and Fitness Expo – Oct. 16, 2-8 p.m., and Oct. 17, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.** – The Expo will host approximately 100 exhibitors at Cobo Center and will provide the opportunity to see the latest in running gear and technology, pick up race packets and 2015 Marathon gear.
- **American Home Fitness 5K – Oct. 17, 9 a.m.** – This 3.1 mile race Saturday morning starts at Atwater and St. Aubin. It takes runners through the Rivertown Warehouse District and around the Detroit RiverWalk before finishing near the DNR Outdoor Adventure Center.
- **Meijer Kids Fun Run – Oct. 17, 10:30 a.m.** – Kids ages four through 12 can participate in this one-mile fun run/walk near the 5K course, starting and finishing at the 5K finish line at Atwater and Orleans.
- **Disabilities Division – Oct. 18, 6:58 a.m.** – Handcycle and pushrim participants navigate the half- or full marathon course.
- **Marathon – Oct. 18, 7 a.m.** – The updated course offers international appeal, traversing downtown Detroit and Windsor, crossing the border at the Ambassador Bridge and Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Runners trek through historic neighborhoods like Indian Village,

around beautiful Belle Isle and along the spectacular RiverWalk, starting and finishing at W. Fort St. at Cass, new for this year.

- **Marathon Relay – Oct. 18, 7 a.m.** – Teams of three to five runners will cover the entire 26.2 mile distance. Each runner will run designated legs of three to seven miles throughout the course.
- **Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers International Half Marathon – Oct. 18, 7 a.m.** – The international half marathon runs the first half of the full marathon course, and ending back at the new W. Fort St. and Cass finish line.
- **Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers U.S. Half Marathon – Oct. 18, 10:30 a.m.** – The U.S.-only course takes place on the back half of the Marathon, starting at W. Congress near Bates St. and finishing at the same location as the full and international half marathon runners.
- **Conquered Afterparty – Oct. 18, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.** – Participants and friends and family are invited to celebrate the event with entertainment, official gear and great food at the Conquered Afterparty on Lafayette between Cass and Washington.

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