



## A Tale of Two Groundhogs

You've all heard of Punxsutawney Phil, right? He's the little furry guy in Pennsylvania who comes out, sees his shadow, and declares six more weeks of winter. In the off season (which is the other 364 days of the year, incidentally) Phil lives in a nice cozy niche at the public library in downtown Punxsutawney.

Then there's Augustus T. Groundhog, better known as Grand Rapids Gus. He's Phil's much more interesting cousin. More importantly, Gus is hanging out with cool people at places other than the library, doing fun things, and schmoozing the groundhog babes. Unlike Phil, who it seems can only see shadows, Gus has much better eyesight and can look at a calendar on February 2 and know that spring doesn't start for six weeks.

Gus suggested that instead of lamenting over six more weeks of winter, we should EMBRACE the cold and snow and do something fun. The Groundhog Day Marathon was born.

## Events

### The main event Groundhog Day, February 2

**The Groundhog Day Marathon and Half Marathon.** It's a movie-like experience, running a race, crossing the Finish Line, and then enjoying the same experience again and again. Held on a 4.4 mile course, six times for the marathon or three for the half marathon.

### The Warmup

**The Groundhog Eve 1/6 Marathon** – one loop of our course at 6:30 p.m. in the moonlight.

**The Groundhog Gus Snowshoe 5K** – A 5K snowshoe trail course planned for the Butterworth Park

## **The Snowshoe Series**

Three snowshoe races, including the **Groundhog Gus Snowshoe 5K** will be held.  
**Metro Health Village**, Saturday, January 12, 2013  
**Groundhog Marathon site**, Friday, February 1, 2013  
**Holland, Michigan 10K & 5K**, Saturday, February 9

## **Media**

Website: <http://www.groundhogmarathon.com/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/GroundhogMarathon>

Newsletter: Over 13,000 member mailing list receive regular newsletters from Grand Rapids Marathon races

## **Sponsorship**

Title sponsorship is still available for the marathon, half marathon, and the Snowshoe Series races. Supporting & in-kind sponsorship are also available.

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