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Jimmy will make his prognostication on Saturday, February 2, 2019!

The City of Sun Prairie is celebrating the 71st annual Sun Prairie Groundhog Day Prognostication ceremony on Saturday, February 2, 2019 in Downtown Sun Prairie's Cannery Square. The ceremony will begin at 6:50AM with the Prognostication taking place at sunrise (7:11AM). Young and old alike will gather to welcome Jimmy the Groundhog to Sun Prairie and hear his Groundhog Day prediction! Join us for the fun morning filled with surprises to hear Jimmy's prediction live! Jimmy the Groundhog has an extremely high accuracy rate on his annual predictions, making him an outstanding leader in meteorological circles.

The event will kick off with the National Anthem with the Sun Prairie Police Department Color Guard, declarations from City of Sun Prairie Mayor Paul Esser, and a Gubernatorial Proclamation presented by State Representative Gary Hebl declaring it officially Groundhog Day in the State of Wisconsin. The Prognostication will be translated into Spanish and Hmong. Sign language interpreting services will be provided by Purple Communications Inc.

Radio personalities from 103.5FM, The Sun will emcee this year's event.

Don't miss a special appearance by the Sun Prairie 'Jimmy the Groundhog' Mascot! The 'Jimmy the Groundhog' Mascot will arrive with his Fire Department escort to the ceremony. Be sure to stick around after the ceremony to get your photo taken with the 'Jimmy the Groundhog' Mascot!

FREE pairs of sunglasses will be distributed at the event, courtesy of New Perspective Senior Living.



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Businesses and organizations throughout the City of Sun Prairie will be offering many Groundhog Day Specials for the hardy crowd the morning of the Prognostication, as well as before and after the event:

- **Beans 'n Cream Coffeehouse** will open at 5:30AM and will offer \$3.00 16oz. Jimmy lattes all day! Also, enjoy a special Jimmy Sundae because it's also Ice Cream for Breakfast Day!
- **Buck 'n Honey's** will open at 11:00AM and will feature a special Groundhog Happy Hour from 11:00AM–4:00PM. Enjoy half price appetizers and \$1.00 off drinks in the lounge area.
- **Burn Boot Camp** will offer a FREE community workout at 9:00AM.
- **Christine K Designs** will sell unique, handmade Jimmy the Groundhog fleece hats in child or adult sizes for during the event!
- **Eddie's Alehouse & Eatery** will serve breakfast biscuits and gravy along and other items from 7:00AM-11:00AM, and the "Jimmy" signature sandwich all day long. Special drink "Tom & Jimmy's" will be available all day.
- **Faded Roots Boutique** will have a 20% off your entire purchase sale (excluding artisan goods). Enjoy live music from 1:30PM-3:00PM by musicians Ed Ford and Kane Harrell of the Two Hearted River Band.
- Stop by **MCV Salon** to enter for your chance to win a Facial Treatment if Jimmy predicts more winter, or a Pedicure if Jimmy predicts an early spring. One entry per person, no purchase required. The drawing will take place immediately following the Prognostication.
- **Marcus Palace Theatres** will play the 1993 classic movie *Groundhog Day* in the Take5 Lounge from 8:00AM-6:00PM. There is no cost to view movies in the Take5 Lounge.
- **Market Street Diner** will open early at 6:00AM and will serve their full menu to Groundhog Day revelers. After the event, stop in for a hot coffee and to pick up Jimmy-themed bakery items!
- **Nest Interior Design** will host a "Find Jimmy" event in the store on Friday, February 1 from 8:30AM-4:00PM and Saturday, February 2 from 7:30AM-3:00PM. Kids can come in and look for "Jimmy" who will be hidden in the store. Nest will also have coloring pages, cookies, and cider available to shoppers. Nest will also be have a FIND JIMMY FLASH SALE with 40% off inventory clearance event.

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- **Nitty Gritty's** Sun Prairie location will feature the Six More Weeks of Winter Burger and the Early Spring Burger, and the Groundhog Day Burger. The Sun Prairie Nitty Gritty location will also feature a special Groundhog Day cocktail for \$5.00; the drink recipe is the same as Andie MacDowell's favorite drink in the classic movie *Groundhog Day*! The beer special will be Ale Asylum's Unshadowed, a German Hefeweizen for \$4.00. All specials will be available Monday January 28 through Sunday, February 3.
- **Patrick Marsh.** Join staff from the Groundswell organization from 10:00AM-11:00AM for an informative winter walk at Patrick Marsh.
- **Prairie Athletic Club** will offer \$5.00 off ALL online orders on Saturday, February 2. Enter coupon code GROUNDHOG.
- **Prairie Flowers and Gifts** will have postcards, t-shirts, and plush products available for sale! Be sure to stop by the Sun Prairie Post Office special Commemorative Stamp table immediately following the Prognostication.
- **Razor Sharp Screen Printing** will open immediately following the Prognostication event, until 1:00PM offering snacks and refreshments. Check out the selection of Jimmy the Groundhog hat and clothing options. Pick up a stuffed animal groundhog to add to your collection! Razor Sharp Screen Printing will also be selling apparel at the Groundhog Day event.
- **Salvatore's Tomato Pies** will offer pints of Potosi's Sun Prairie Strong beer for \$3.00 all day.
- **Sun Prairie Ice Arena** will be home to the 19th annual Groundhog Tournament, organized by the Sun Prairie Hockey Boosters and sponsored by Harms Insurance. The tournament features boys high school hockey teams from the Big Eight (Madison Memorial and Sun Prairie), Badger North (Waunakee and DeForest), Badger South (Oregon and Monona Grove), and Classic Eight (Waukesha and Kettle Moraine) Conferences. Teams play conference games on Tuesday, January 29, and then converge at Sun Prairie Ice Arena for the remainder of the tournament play. Game times on Friday, February 1 at Sun Prairie Ice Arena are 5:15PM and 7:30PM on the Tubbs Rink and 6:00PM and 8:15PM on the Cardinal Rink. On Saturday, February 2, all games will be on the Cardinal Rink at noon, 2:15PM, 4:30PM, and 7:00PM.



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There will be an Open Groundhog Skate for the community on Sunday, February 3 from 2:15PM-4:15PM on the Cardinal Rink. Admission is \$5.00 per person, or \$20.00 for a family. Skate rental is \$3.00; the family rate includes skate rentals. Skates rentals are available while supplies last.

- Beginning Tuesday January 22, the **Sun Prairie Public Library** will have a display of Groundhog Day books; a Groundhog game will be available at the Children's Desk. On Saturday, February 2, join the library for a marathon screening of the 1993 classic movie *Groundhog Day*, all-day in the Welcome Area!
- Stop by **The Loft at 132** on Market Street in Downtown Sun Prairie. This beautiful new event facility will be open for you to check out! Enjoy coffee and bakery items while you take a tour.
- **The Wire Basket** will open at 7:00AM on Groundhog Day. Enter for your chance to win a gift basket, and browse the unique selection of vintage items. There will be in-store specials throughout the store.
- **Wisconsin Distributors** and **Wisconsin Brewing** will host The Groundhog Open, the 1st annual pub putt tournament in Downtown Sun Prairie. The event will take place from 10:00AM-4:00PM at participating locations (to be announced), with registration at the Nitty Gritty from 10:00AM-11:00AM. The cost for a 4-person team is \$40.00 with all proceeds donated to the Sun Prairie Lions Club. Purchase tickets online, at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-groundhog-open-with-wisconsin-brewing-company-tickets-54317148052> Putters will be provided. Must be 21+ to participate.

Do not forget to bring your Groundhog Day notes or Valentine's Day love letters to Prairie Flowers & Gifts – host to the Sun Prairie Post Office station immediately after the ceremony - to receive a commemorative postmark from the post office on your outgoing mail in honor of Groundhog Day! You can bring an already stamped item, or purchase a Groundhog Day Prognostication postcard at the station beginning at 7:00AM. This tradition has included a unique cancellation stamp for each year since 1951!

The Sun Prairie *Star* is hosting a Groundhog Day coloring contest, with entries due February 5. Coloring entries can be picked up and turned in at *The Star's* office at 804 Liberty Boulevard, Suite 201.



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The annual Groundhog Ball, presented by the Sun Prairie Knights of Columbus, will take place on Saturday, February 2 at the The Round Table, located at 1611 N Bristol Street in Sun Prairie. The Ball will be held from 1:00PM-5:00PM. The Carl Laake band will be performing at this year's Groundhog Ball. The cost is \$7.00 and all proceeds benefit Sun Prairie Youth Baseball and Softball (formerly Sun Prairie Little League). Tickets are available at the door or by contacting James Kueffer in advance, at 608-201-1376. A cash bar will be open to attendees 21 years of age or older. Event attire is casual. This event has been taking place for over thirty years!

The City of Sun Prairie would like to recognize and thank Wilderness Walk Zoo and Recreation Park, just outside of Hayward, Wisconsin. Wilderness Walk Zoo and Recreation Park is the official handler for this year's groundhog.

The official Prognostication will be posted on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/downtownsunprairie and at facebook.com/VisitSunPrairie

Check out the City of Sun Prairie's website page for the history of Groundhog Day:
<http://www.cityofsunprairie.com/840/Groundhog-Day>

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