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**Groundhog Day is Monday 2/2.**

**Someone mentioned another groundhog that lives in Pennsylvania, but we wonder why anyone in Connecticut would care. You have to ask a home grown groundhog if you want an accurate prediction of our weather.**

**You will not need to go far. The official rodent prognosticator of Connecticut's weather resides at the Lutz Children's Museum in Manchester. Hundreds of people flock to the museum each year to hear the news straight from the groundhog's mouth (with a little help from the Mayor).**

**This year will be extra special as Chuckles VI steps down from his official duties and is replaced by Chuckles VII (also known as "Molly"), the first female "Connecticut Chuckles".**

**Our doors will open to the public at 6:00 AM. Media can get early entry, if needed. Hot coffee and breakfast foods will be available so that you can head straight to school or work after the ceremony. Then, at precisely 7:03 AM, the newly sworn-in Chuckles VII will take to the stage and make her first official weather prediction. Be here to witness history in the making.**

**The Lutz Children's Museum is a non-profit organization that has been offering educational programs for young children since 1953. Learn more about the museum at our website [www.lutzmuseum.org](http://www.lutzmuseum.org).**

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