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Greetings!

The verdict is in: Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow, so spring will be here before you know it. February 2016 is special - we have big announcements about the Indianapolis Half Marathon, our hotel block is opening, AND the leap year means you have one extra day of training! Read below for all the exciting news.

You will continue to receive these newsletters, whether or not you have previously registered. You can always confirm your registration with your [eventbrite account](#).

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Indianapolis Half Marathon News



Get the Lowest Prices in Years!

Registration for your hometown half marathon and 5k is opening soon! The 21st Annual Indianapolis Half Marathon and 5k will take place on Saturday, October 8, 2016 in historic Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park.

Registration is set to open on March 1, 2016 with the **lowest prices for this event in years!** Special early bird pricing of **\$50 for the half marathon**, and **\$20 for the 5k** available only until 11:55 p.m. on March 6. Don't miss this great special and savings as we celebrate the 21st birthday of the Indianapolis Half!

Stay tuned to www.hometownhalf.com for important updates through the month of February.

National Recognition from Runner's World



Runner's World recently released their "10 Best Marathons for First-Timers", and the Indianapolis Monumental Marathon made the list for its flat, fast course and great race

amenities. If you're trying to convert someone to the world of the marathon, have them [check out the full list here!](#)

We were also recently recognized for having 20 athletes qualify from the Olympic Trials out our events. Among full marathons, the Indianapolis Monumental Marathon had the 7th most qualifiers, and among half marathons we had the 5th most qualifiers. [Runner's World has a great list of all kinds of Olympic Trials Stats here.](#)

MARATHONS THAT PRODUCED THE MOST QUALIFIERS

RACE	LOCATION	QTY
1. CALIFORNIA INTERNATIONAL MARATHON	<i>California</i>	58
2. CHICAGO MARATHON	<i>Illinois</i>	46
3. TWIN CITIES MARATHON	<i>Minnesota</i>	38
4. GRANDMA'S MARATHON	<i>Minnesota</i>	31
5. CHEVRON HOUSTON MARATHON	<i>Texas</i>	21
6. BOSTON MARATHON	<i>Massachusetts</i>	17
7. INDIANAPOLIS MONUMENTAL MARATHON	<i>Indiana</i>	10
8. LA MARATHON	<i>California</i>	8
9. COLUMBUS MARATHON	<i>Ohio</i>	6
10. HARTFORD MARATHON	<i>Connecticut</i>	5
10. NEW YORK CITY MARATHON	<i>New York</i>	5
10. BERLIN MARATHON	<i>Germany</i>	5

HALF MARATHONS THAT PRODUCED THE MOST QUALIFIERS

RACE	LOCATION	QTY
1. HOUSTON HALF MARATHON	<i>Texas</i>	59
2. ROCK 'N' ROLL PHILADELPHIA HALF MARATHON	<i>Pennsylvania</i>	28
3. JACKSONVILLE BANK HALF MARATHON	<i>Florida</i>	27
4. GARRY BJORKLUND HALF MARATHON	<i>Minnesota</i>	11
5. INDIANAPOLIS MONUMENTAL HALF MARATHON	<i>Indiana</i>	10
6. PHILADELPHIA HALF MARATHON	<i>Pennsylvania</i>	5
6. ROCK 'N' ROLL ARIZONA HALF MARATHON	<i>Arizona</i>	5
8. NYC HALF	<i>New York</i>	4
9. RICHMOND HALF MARATHON	<i>Virginia</i>	4
10. ROCK 'N' ROLL LAS VEGAS HALF MARATHON	<i>Nevada</i>	2
10. ROCK 'N' ROLL SAN JOSE HALF MARATHON	<i>California</i>	2

Hotel Block: Coming Soon!



Our hotel block will open on February 17. Book through us to get the best deals right next to the start (and finish!) line in beautiful downtown Indianapolis.

Hotel block will be available on www.monumentalmarathon.com, stay tuned our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for updates.

Monumental Story: Tamara Black



Tamara Black is an ICU nurse. After losing her mom in 2012, she embarked on a personal journey through running and faith.

"I started getting out to run just 2 miles for some fresh air. Running made me feel as if the air was actually allowing my mind to be clear. Being out in the open road, I was free to take in every breath, like the one taken from my mom. I even found myself "choked-up" with emotions when I was running that as I ran I would started quoting scripture to get my mind focused.

My monumental moment was the turning point in my life. I didn't finish as fast as I intended but I finished."

[To read more of this incredible journey, click here](#)

Featured Elite Blog: Anna Weber



Anna Weber is an elite marathoner living and training in Indianapolis. After setting her sights on the Olympic Trials, she qualified with a 2:38:39 at the Twin Cities Marathon this past October. She is set to compete in the Olympic Trials in Los Angeles on February 13. This week, we feature her blog, ["A Reflection on Necessities"](#)

"This year, the prize purse for the Trials is higher than it has ever been. Money goes through 10 places on both sides, with 10th place receiving \$7,000. I was joking with my massage therapist the other day that \$7,000 could sustain me for the rest of the year. That got me thinking about the necessities in my life, and the things I wouldn't have wanted to train without during this cycle. You know, the things that have helped me run 114 miles in a week and not die."

[Read the blog here.](#)

Volunteer of the Month



This month we would like to recognize Kristin Garn as our volunteer of the month! She has been a member of the Monumental Advisory Committee since its inception in 2013. Kristin has contributed to various roles with the IMM including coordinating the Appreciation Celebration, helping with packet pick-up, and passing out water at a water station in 2014.

Kristin not only is a key volunteer for the IMM but she is also a fellow participant who completed the marathon in 2015!

Thank you Kristin for your continued commitment to the IMM!

If you would like to nominate a Volunteer of the Month, please contact casey.collins@monumentalmarathon.com

Two Great Winter Running Events Coming to You Downtown

Featured Event: Winter Warm Up

The 2nd Annual Winter Warm Up is a 4 and 8 mile event supporting Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc. in their commitment to keep the 8-mile Trail free of snow and ice through the winter.

[Register](#) and join runners and walkers on this event held entirely on the Cultural Trail or [Pay Not to Run](#) and support the Cultural Trail even if you cannot attend (donations over \$25 receive a free race T-shirt)!

Where: Indianapolis City Market (202 East Market Street, Indianapolis)

When: Saturday - **February 27, 2016**

7:30 a.m. - Registration + Packet Pickup

Pickup

9:00 a.m. - 8 Mile Run/ Walk begins

9:30 a.m.- 4 Mile Run/Walk begins

Cost: Pre-registration - \$25/ Race Day Registration - \$30

Details: <http://indyculturaltrail.org/winterwarmup/>



Circle City Donut Dash!

The tastiest 5k of the year benefits Teachers' Treasures! The Circle City Donut Dash 5k is a run/walk event featuring both a donut-eating and donut-free 5k. **Event date is**

Saturday, February 20, 2016!

[Click here for more Information and to Register!](#)



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**All Teachers will receive a free additional shopping trip at Teachers' Treasures when they sign up to participate.*



Clean Up with Prime Car Wash

Prime Car Wash is a full service car wash with a membership philosophy that allows people an amazing product. For \$49 a month members can have a clean car INSIDE and OUT every day regardless of crazy Indiana weather and regardless of the amount of little people you have in your car. They are currently located in

the Fishers/Noblesville and the Carmel/Zionsville area, and will also have a new location opening in Greenwood early 2016. Race in today and become a member with Prime Car Wash and start enjoying the many perks of being a Prime Member such as free coffee in our café, member only lane, monthly member days, discounts on details and much more. They look forward to seeing you soon! www.primecarwash.com



Remember! Registering early makes sure you get the best prices, and locks you in for a full year to #BeMonumental. We can't wait to have you join us in 2016.

REGISTER NOW

[Click here to confirm your registration on Eventbrite](#)

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