



Grand Traverse Conservation District January 2009 eNewsletter – Happy New Year!

// Eco-Resolutions for the New Year

The New Year is here, which means so are those pesky resolutions that we always break! As you start brainstorming some resolutions for improving your physical or financial health, why not think about mother earth's as well? Better yet, why not make some resolutions that are good for the environment, your health and your bank account? As we all know resolutions are not always easy to keep, so we threw together some easy ones for you to try out this year. [Click here](#) to read up on them and start resolving to conserve our natural world today!

// Community Programs

Education Programs for January

Visit the Nature Center in January where you and/or your family can enjoy a snowshoe hike, catch a movie on animals, speak to the birds, track animals, learn where insects go for the winter and identify fossils. The full schedule of January's programs is online! [Click here](#). Programs at the Nature Center are offered every Wednesday evening from 6p-7p and every Saturday at various times. The Nature Center is open Tuesday-Saturday 10a-4p and Wednesday evenings until 8p.

“Peepers” begins this month!

The Nature Center will begin offering the "Peepers" program in January, a fun new nature education program for preschoolers (ages 3-5). Peepers will be offered every Tuesday morning from 10-11:30 a.m. The program begins on January 13 with the theme of snow. [Click here for details!](#) Drop ins are always welcome, or sign up for all 19 sessions!

// Private Land Services

Just Say “NO” to Flushing your Drugs

Do you know what to do with your old prescription and/or over the counter drugs? You don't want to flush them down the toilet because a septic system or your local sewage treatment plant will not treat them properly. The GTCD's Groundwater Stewardship Program Coordinator, Dan Busby, has been involved with On-site Wastewater of Northwest Michigan for many years. Education is the key to water quality and On-site Wastewater is a great group here to help. Learn more what you can do at <http://www.michigan-onsitewastewater.org/news.html>

// Support GTCD

Firefly

If your sweet tooth was not satisfied over the Holidays, you can stop by **Firefly** (downtown TC) to enjoy a tasty dessert. Firefly gives \$1 to GTCD for each dessert sold... Yum!

Thank You!

All of us at GTCD are extremely grateful for the wonderful support we've received this season. Even during these tough economic times, you have shown us how important it is to nurture our community's connection to nature. Thanks to your support, we are looking forward to a fabulous new year at the new Boardman River Nature Center. We'll keep you posted on exciting new programs to come for school groups, adults and families, and even a summer day camp for kids! Thank you again for giving to YOUR Conservation District. If you have any questions or comments about giving to the GTCD, please respond to this email.

Please pass this along to your friends...and Happy New Year!

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