

FRIENDS OF BOYNE RIVER NEWS BULLETIN

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President's Message

The first quarter is a good time to review where we stand for the New Year. Friends of the Boyne River have several projects in process or planned.

The Nature Area is still near completion and waiting for Boyne City to complete the erosion control. It is open and available to the public all winter. Try snowshoeing there!

The Crowd Hydrology project is on hold for better weather.

The Bank Stabilization downstream of the hydro dam is being reviewed. Darryl Parish has identified several areas that require attention.

Jerry Swift has volunteered to take an active role in the Web Site for which we are all grateful.

We will have to carefully select new projects as the securing of grants and other financing is proving to be increasingly difficult. As usual I feel that a priority should be placed on attracting new members.

Although this is the coldest and snowiest winter I can remember spring will soon be here and we can start moving forward on our Projects.

Upcoming Meetings

The speaker for our February 12th meeting will be Dan Myers, Water Resource Specialist from the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council. His presentation is entitled "INCOMING! New Invasives on the Horizon." Come and hear about what the new invasives look like and what damage they can do to our lakes and rivers.

The speaker for the March 12th meeting will be Tom Bailey, Executive Director of the Little Traverse Conservancy. He will be talking about the past and future of the conservation movement. He will also talk about the Little Traverse Conservancy and the LTC preserves in our area.

Both meetings start at 7:00 pm in the Community Room of the Boyne District Library. Refreshments will be served.

Doc Fletcher to Speak

On Wednesday, June 25, at 6PM, enjoy an hour-long photographic journey with Doc Fletcher down rivers and streams from his canoeing and kayaking books. The event will be held at the Boyne District Library. There will be a book sale and signing afterward and a free kayak or canoe trip will be given away. In the meantime, check out Doc's website at www.canoeingmichiganrivers.com.

Christmas with the Friends

On December 14th, the Friends of the Boyne River enjoyed another Christmas celebration at Suzie Dickow's home. We enjoyed tasty homemade cuisine, while visiting with old friends and making new ones. Carole McCarus accompanied us on the piano as we sang our favorite Christmas carols. Bob Greene also entertained us with some jolly Christmas songs on his trumpet. In short, fun was had by all. We thank Suzie for her Christmas spirit and continuous hospitality

