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**Join us**

The TETC meets at the Kinsmen Centre on Bauline Line on the last Wednesday of each month (except December and July) at 7:30 pm. The meetings are open to the public and new members are always welcome.

**Property Beautification Awards**



Each year TETC organizes the Property Beautification Awards, which are sponsored by the Town of Torbay, Traverse Gardens, and other local merchants. This year we adopted a new format with separate categories for Mature Garden, Beginner Garden (<5 years), Vegetable Garden, and Naturalized

Garden, along with an overall winner from these categories. Thanks to all of the local businesses who provided prizes, to the Newfoundland Horticultural Society for judging, and to all of the property owners for maintaining such beautiful gardens!

The award recipients for 2002 are:

- Residential Overall - Joan and Kevin Joy
- Mature Garden - Joan and Kevin Joy
- Beginner Garden - Margie Burke and Gerald Stoyles
- Vegetable Garden - Gabe and Bev Houlihan
- Naturalized Garden - Wayne and Renee Molloy
- Commercial - Garland Autobody (Torbay Road)
- Honorable Mentions - Ron & Brenda Dunphy,  
 Joe & Sandy Molloy, Norval & Claire Thorne.

This year's generous sponsors are:

Traverse Gardens, Town of Torbay, Cabot Metals, W.J. Caul Funeral Home, District Drugs, Kent Building

Supplies, Sobeyes (Torbay Road), Dominion - Cabot Square, Royal Bank (Torbay), Torbay Unisex and Tanning Salon, The Glass Unicorn, Harvey Codner Brokerage, Bridie Molloy's, Torbay Family Hair Care and Tanning Salon, Coady's Eatery, Brian Power, Metal World, Garland's Autobody, S.E.A. Contracting, Mary Brown's, Videoplex, The Head Room, Conservation Corps, and Nutri Lawn.

**Trail Mapping**



Do you know how many trails, paths, and right-of-ways there are in Torbay? Can you identify their location and name them? We invite your help.

TETC has started to map the trails including the old military roads and right-of-ways. During the summer we partnered with the GIS and Remote Sensing Laboratory of the Geography Department of Memorial University. Two students under the direction of Dr. Alvin Simms digitalized the information from older maps, created a database and produced a map showing the trails as they were in the early 1980's. This information is available to the Town and can be used for a number of purposes. Memorial's participation has been invaluable to this project.

The map has been divided into six sections. Individuals or groups have undertaken to walk the trails to determine which still exist, which have disappeared as the town developed, and if any new ones have been added. If you see individuals wandering around your neighbourhood with maps and possibly a hand-held GPS unit and with a perplexed look, they are not lost, just looking for a lost trail!



After the groundwork is completed by late winter or early spring, we will work with the Heritage Committee to research the traditional names and historic trails, and with Memorial University to capture the new data and rework the map. In late 2003 or early 2004, we hope to start a public discussion to develop a trails policy and plan for the town.

Marathon Holdings and the Recreation Committee have helped generously with funds to augment the budget provided by the Town. If you would like to help in any way or get a copy of our discussion paper about the project, give Harvey Best a call (437-1618) or send him an e-mail ([harvey.mabel@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:harvey.mabel@nf.sympatico.ca)).

## **Hazardous Household Waste**



There has been interest in having a Hazardous Household Waste collection in Torbay and the town hopes to plan that for next year. Meanwhile, here are some suggestions for where to dispose of your hazardous household waste in environmentally friendly ways.

- Rechargeable batteries (e.g., Ni-Cad or lithium) - Radio Shack and Future Shop
- Old paint and car batteries - Powers Surplus and Salvage (Temperance St. or Ropewalk Ln.)
- Used engine oil - Crosbie's Industrial (small fee applies, Logy Bay Rd.); as of 1 April, used engine oil can be returned to the place of purchase free of charge
- Scrap metal and appliances - Newco Metal and Auto Recycling (Robin Hood Bay Rd.)
- Tires - Tires are now banned from landfills, but that doesn't mean they should be dumped in the woods instead! Newfoundland Envirotire Shreds (1-866-343-8473) will collect used tires and recycle them. The program is funded by a levy of \$3.00 on all new car and light truck tires, but there is no charge to properly dispose of old tires. Tires can be dropped off at Nova Recycling (near corner of Portugal Cove Rd. and Airport Heights, during their business hours) or left at the retailer if you are buying new tires.

## **Forest Landing**

Western Island Pond has long been a recreational destination for Torbay residents and public access to the pond is being maintained. Construction of a public walking trail from Indian Meal Line to the pond has already started. In addition, TETC will be working with property owners at Forest Landing to help preserve and protect this unique wetland.

## **Energy Conservation Tips**



- If you wash your clothes in cold water rather than hot, you'll save nearly 1000 kilowatt hours a year (or about \$70) and eliminate over 700 kg of carbon dioxide emissions.
- Seal all leaks around your doors and windows and save up to 20% on your heating bill.
- Use energy efficient lighting products such as compact fluorescent bulbs, which last 10 times longer and use 75% less energy than regular bulbs.

The Conservation Corps of Newfoundland and Labrador will do a 'HomeGreenUp' or 'EnerGuide' assessment of the energy efficiency of your home for a fee. Contact them for details of this program at 729-7265.

## **Community Hikes**

In May we explored the South Pond wetland. We went through some backcountry trails to the airport boundary and returned via a different trail to South Pond. A boil-up was enjoyed by all. In August we had our first 'almost' full moon hike. We met at the beach at 8 pm and about 20 people hiked to Gallow's Cove, then back to Tapper's Cove for a bonfire and ghost stories. The weather was great and the moonlight led our way on the paths. See our website for news on future hikes (as well as photos from past hikes). In September we helped organize the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pat McGrath Community Walk. The purpose of the walk is to raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society and this year we had about 60 walkers who raised over \$6000. Thank you to all those who walked and also to those who contributed to this cause.

## **Wood Burning Tips**



Here are some tips from the 'Guide to Residential Wood Heating' (available from Natural Resources Canada, [www.burnitsmart.org](http://www.burnitsmart.org)):

- Burn only clean, well-seasonal wood that has been split and dried.
- Start your fire with newspaper and dried kindling.
- Never use gasoline, kerosene or charcoal starter.
- Remove ashes from your stove or fireplace regularly and store in a covered metal container.
- Protect floor from sparks with a non-combustible base or a properly fitted screen.
- Install carbon monoxide and smoke detectors and keep a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Make sure your existing unit is inspected and cleaned at least once a year.
- You should never smell smoke in the house.

## **TETC Website**

Check our website (<http://www.torbay-enviro.ca>) for more information about TETC activities, links to other environmental websites, a slideshow of iceberg photos and lots more.



*Happy Holidays to All  
from the  
Torbay Environment and Trails  
Committee*