



News from the watershed...

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New Office Space for TCWA

Beginning November 1st, TCWA will have an office space located at 332 E. Holum Street in DeForest. Setting TCWA up in an office located near the watershed will enable us further organization, as well as providing a space for volunteers to work. Coordinator Jennie Nuese will work from approximately 9-3 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Stop by and say hello!

Have you visited the Pulver Conservancy lately?

This summer saw many changes in the conservancy. In June the WI DNR notched the berms that separated the trout rearing ponds from the creek, allowing the ponds to drain. Throughout the summer, members of TCWA, the Town of Windsor's Conservancy Committee, Trout Unlimited and other volunteers helped to clear brush and invasive trees from within the conservancy. If you haven't yet seen the results of these efforts, please do take an autumn hike in the conservancy area and check out how very different it looks. The springs, now revealed from under the ponds, are numerous and flowing with clear, cool water into Token Creek. Many thanks to those involved with workdays for a job well done!

The Calendar Project: Cooperation between TCWA and our local Schools

This year TCWA is embarking on a new project: Educating school-age children in our community on watershed awareness and issues. We invited the Sun Prairie and DeForest School art teachers to spend a day working on art relating to "The watershed where I live." The children's artwork will be submitted to TCWA for inclusion in a printed calendar, available in December. In addition, all submitted artwork will be on display throughout the community in early spring of next year. This project marks an exciting turn in TCWA's involvement with our local schools, and has already spawned several opportunities for TCWA to present watershed information to classrooms. We'll keep you posted on when the calendar will be available.

Have you noticed...

...That you receive TCWA news twice a year at best? The Watershed Association is desperately in need of volunteers to help write articles and piece together the TCWA news. Communicating with TCWA members is crucial to empowering our organization. If have a knack or an interest in graphics, writing or the distribution of our newsletter, please contact Coordinator Jennie Nuese at 334-8941 or email coordinator@tokencreek.org.

Monitoring our creek

This fall we welcome UW student Don Barrette, who is performing water quality testing on Token Creek for an independent study class. Don will be regularly testing the water at Harbison's Tributary, the site of the old dam, at the springs in the conservancy, at Tierney Tributary and at the main stem of the creek north of Hwy C. Don lives in the Waunakee area and has an interest in continuing testing the creek beyond his independent study.

TCWA would like to get a small group of members together to attend training on water quality testing, and to continue monitoring the creek over the long term. If you have any interest in helping monitor Token Creek please give Coordinator Jennie Nuese a call at 334-8941.



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