

Trumbull Nature Commission
Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, March 16, 2021
7:00 pm
Trumbull Nature & Arts Center
7115 Main Street, Trumbull, CT 06611

Agenda

Call To Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments

Approve Minutes (December 2020)

TNAC Q&A:

1. Commission Questions/Comments regarding written Director Report

Old Business:

1. TNAC Building & Grounds
 - a. February 2021 Meeting – Jack Boynton & Patrons
 - i. Retaining wall, etc.
 - ii. Follow up, needed?

New Business:

1. March 16, 2021 Board of Finance Hearing, Review

Adjournment

Virtual Sign In:

Trumbull Nature and Arts Commission Regular Meeting

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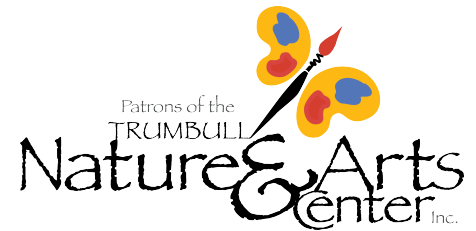
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Subject: Report to Nature Commission: March 2021

TNAC Building and Grounds:

- In February 2021, the Patrons had a Zoom meeting with George Estrada (Public Works Director) and Dmitri Paris (Parks & Recreation Superintendent).
 - o Issues with the building were discussed, including the cement retaining wall at the south end of the building, and an in-person meeting will be held this summer

Upcoming Field Trips, In-School Visits and Programs:

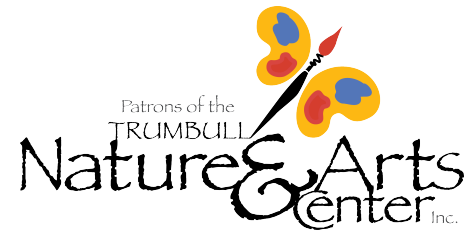
- In discussion with Liz Doherty, Trumbull Public Schools K-8 Science Director
 - o Final confirmation is needed, but tentative plans are:
 - Lead Instructor Mark Ceneri to bring live chicks to all of the Trumbull Kindergarten classes in May.
 - Program to be held outside
 - TNAC instructors to provide in-school outside programs to all Trumbull Grade 2 classes
 - Activities may include seed dispersal, beaver dams, nature walk
- Two Trumbull elementary teachers have reached out for possible at-school Kindergarten programs at Daniels Farm and Jane Ryan
- Building Blocks Pre-K has reached out about a possible field trip visit in May
 - o Would include 2 small classes (9 and 12/13 students per class)

Programs Held: (note: all guests are required to wear a face mask)

- Groundhog Day program was held on January 30th.
 - o The program included a walk around the property to look for signs of animal hibernation, and a viewing of a groundhog burrow. Children received a take-home pop-up groundhog craft
 - o 18 visitors
- How Cool is That?! program was held on February 20th
 - o The program included animal tracking in the snow, and each family was given a photo mobile craft to take home
 - o 9 visitors
- Maple Sugaring program was held on March 7th
 - o Instead of a taste sampling, all children ages 4 and up were given maple leaf collage craft kits to take home
 - o Two sessions were held:
 - AM session: 44 visitors
 - PM session: 33 visitors

Upcoming Programs:

- St. Patrick's Day Rainbow Search and Take-home Clover Pot program to be held on March 13th
 - o Two sessions: AM at 11am, PM at 12:15pm
 - o Both sessions are sold out
 - o Each family will use a map to locate the 7 colors of the rainbow, along with objects that have significance in Irish culture and history. After their walk, families will receive lucky



- clover seeds, potting soil and a small pot to decorate and take home. One clover kit will be given to each family.
- Trumbull Community Women Paper Shredding
 - April 17th, 9am – 12pm
- Earth Day 2021 Let's Celebrate Trees
 - April 25th, two sessions: 12:15 and 1:30
 - To include a tree plug to take home
 - Other activities TBD
- Trumbull Community Women Food Drive for Trumbull Food Pantry
 - May 15th, 9am – 12pm
- TNAC and TCW cooperative program (name TBD)
 - June 12th (time TBD)
 - TCW will help children pot up seeds using newspaper pots
 - Sustainable CT will be asked to give a talk on the pollinator pathway
- More programs are pending, with details to come

Publicity:

- A Connecticut Post photographer attended the event.
 - A feature article on the front page and inside page with two large photos was printed in the March 8th CT Post
- The state of CT's tourism website, ctvisit.com has a page dedicated to TNAC. The page links to TNAC's website and displays information about current TNAC programs

Volunteers

- Wakeman Boys & Girls Club – to be confirmed
 - A group of teens may be helping to clear out the south side of the butterfly garden.
 - They would fundraise and plant pollinator attracting plants in the garden
 - Dates in May
- Long Hill Garden Club
 - Will continue to maintain the butterfly garden
- Eagle Scouts Projects – still pending
 - Possible chalkboard replacement project, with June 2021 installation date
 - Possible carpenter bee houses installation project, to be constructed over the winter and installed in spring 2021

Fundraising

- Amazon
 - The Patrons received a \$10,000 donation from Amazon's NeighborGood program

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