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and providing enjoyment of our watershed.

Coldbrook Creek Community Newsletter

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Welcome!

Feel free to share the word about us!

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Meeting...Join Us!

6pm-7:30pm, September 20, 2021

Outside, behind Linear Restaurant

1001 Monroe Ave. NW*

It's been too long since we've gotten together and we have lots to discuss and accomplish...so let's do this! Here are some highlights of what to expect:

- Updates on our three focus areas: stewardship, education, and awareness.
- Opportunities to take part in what interests you.
- A tour by the GR Water Dept. of the historic Coldbrook pump house.
- Door prize of a gift card for a complete meal experience for 2 at Linear (thank you [Linear!](#)).
- A safe environment (ugh, it continues): meeting is outside, social distancing encouraged, as are masks when we can't.

New members are both welcome and needed, so please spread the word to others not on the email list...the more the merrier! See you there!

*Rain location is Coldbrook pump house, 1101 Monroe Ave. NW

New Outreach Efforts

We now have wonderful ways to reach new members of our community...logos, brochures, bumper stickers, display table with custom coverings, and more!

First, take a look at the top of this page at our new logo. It beautifully yet simply shows how the creek starts in the wetlands of Reeds Lake and flows toward downtown GR.

Next, a bumper sticker was also developed incorporating those same themes with the added tagline, "The Water Connects Us". There are lots available, get one for your car today!

Lastly, we now have a portable table and chairs for events such as the Farmers Market. It has a custom made ice-dyed covering as well as a printed logo banner. Together they make us look very professional. Let's get out in the community!



Team members Sean and Nat at the farmer's market.

A big thanks to our talented graphic artist team members Chris and Lisa Olsen for all their work on this!

Mayor's Grand River Cleanup

Sunday, Sept. 12, 12p-3p
Reeds Lake, EGR

Join our team as we participate in WMEAC's Mayors' Grand River Cleanup! Stop by for an hour, or stay for the whole time as we remove trash from the headwaters of Coldbrook Creek, Reeds Lake. This is a big area, so we will meet at noon at the [EGR Public Works parking lot, 2310 Reed's Lake Blvd.](#), to break into smaller groups. If you arrive late, no problem...we will have an info table set up near the boardwalk across the street and someone there can direct you.

We are partnering on this event with [E-GRen Sustainability Initiative](#). Lots of groups have overlapping missions, and we are looking forward to more partnerships in the future.

Lastly, WMEAC asks that participants register. You can do so by clicking on [our Eventbrite team page](#) and filling out the form (if prompted, password is 'cleanitup2021'). This will also help us in planning our workgroups. Let us know if you have trouble with the online form, we'd be happy to help clarify things.

Sign up today, and see you on Sept. 12!

Upcoming events

- Sept. 12, 12p-3p: [WMEAC Mayor's Grand River Cleanup](#), Reeds Lake, EGR
- Sept. 18, 9a-12p: Coldbrook Creek Community at Fulton Market
- Sept. 20, 6p-7:30p: Coldbrook Creek Community meeting, behind Linear Restaurant, 1001 Monroe Ave. NW
- Sept. 25, 10a-11p: [Global Water Fest GR](#), Canal Park, downtown GR

There's More! New Testing Kit

We recently received a backpack full of testing supplies and equipment to start better tracking Coldbrook Creek water quality! Included are tests for conductivity, dissolved oxygen, nitrate and phosphate, pH, and turbidity. There is also a way to report the information we gather to an online database. This is a great citizen science opportunity!

A big thanks to LGROW, as they were able to piggyback us on a project from Central Michigan University to get this kit to us.



Water Quality test kit

LGROW Resilience Plan

An interactive, dynamic website was recently unveiled which encourages citizen engagement to help make our watershed more resilient to environmental changes. They want to hear from you about the environmental impacts you're seeing on the the watershed and your ideas for environmental improvements. To participate and add your voice visit [their website](#).