



# Newcomers News

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Visit us on the web at  
[gtnewcomers.org](http://gtnewcomers.org)

## Join us for our annual NEWCOMERS PICNIC

Sunday, June 8, 3:00 PM  
Gilbert Lodge at Twin Lakes  
6800 North Long Lake Road

Jumpstart your summer fun by attending the Newcomers annual summer picnic. This Newcomers event is a fun activity for all.

**Bring a dish to share at the picnic.** Baked chicken and table service will be provided. Since this is a county facility, **no alcohol** is permitted, but bring another favorite beverage to enjoy. Activities to welcome new members and the awarding of door prizes will occur throughout the afternoon.

You may want to come early to enjoy hiking the beautiful trails, swimming and kayaking (deep waters, at your own risk).

Contact Michele Richard at [richard.michele@rocketmail.com](mailto:richard.michele@rocketmail.com) or 231-357-3039 for information or to RSVP. There is a \$5.00 charge per person to cover rental of the Lodge and food. Please make checks payable to Newcomers Club of Grand Traverse.

**Directions:** At Front and Division, head west on Front Street. Go 4.7 miles, through four traffic lights (last one at West High School). Turn right into Twin Lakes Park-Gilbert Lodge Road. Gilbert Lodge is on the left.

## COME JOIN THE FUN!

## FREE (yes, free) MEMBERSHIP!!

Give your membership person a break. If you renew your Newcomers membership by September 1, you will be entered in a drawing to receive a free membership for the coming year (one to be awarded).

Download the Renewal Membership form from our website (from Home page>Join Us>for a renewal form [click here](#)) and send it to the address on the form with your check.

Sorry, members of the board are not eligible.

**GOOD LUCK!!**

## May 2014

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Dave Richard & Kathy Tuckerman  
2013-2014  
Co-Presidents

The Snowbirds are back and spring hasn't quite sprung (but it is trying) so it must mean the current Newcomers' season is winding down!

And what a year it has been. From the Coast Guard Air Station to a Chocolatier, with Shipwrecks, TCFF, Botanical Gardens and Cherries in the middle, we had something of interest for all. A big thanks to Linda Proffitt and Brenda Knaack for all their efforts on putting these programs together for our members.

The final program of the year is the Annual Picnic on Sunday June 8 at Gilbert Lodge. Also a great one time activity is detailed in **this Newcomers News** and check your email for possible additional one time activities over the summer and see *The News* for activities that continue throughout the summer including golf, paddling, poker, needlers and the garden group.

The picnic is a great opportunity to meet a large number of your fellow Newcomers, so we hope to see many of you there. Speaking of large numbers, the latest member counts is 436 (176 couples and 84 singles). This is amazing growth for a club that was in the 200's when I joined in October 2009. This is an exciting time for the club with so many new people bringing new ideas and new energy to keep us moving forward.

My term as Co-President is over soon. I have truly enjoyed my time on the board as Co-Vice-President and Co-President with Dan Klimaszewski and Dave Richard. Being on the board was the perfect way to get more involved in the club and to meet so many great people. It was a pleasure to work on this board; and a special thanks to my fellow board members whose terms are also over.

I especially want to acknowledge three people - Michele Richard, Pat Haber and Robbin Stott. Michele did an outstanding job as our Event Planner, not only for her work on the Kick-off Dinner and Holiday Party, but her introduction and management of Cocktails and Conversation and the one-time event Mystery Weekend. Pat Haber, as Activity Chair, not only oversaw all our varied activities but was instrumental in the introduction of "One-Time Events" which are some of the most popular and interesting events we hold for members. Robbin, our Newsletter Editor, probably did more work than most, but her behind the scenes work wasn't evident, yet was critical to the club's success. I wish the incoming board continued success in 2014-2015!



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## One Time Activity—The Leelanau Conservancy

Learn about and hike The Leelanau Conservancy on Thursday, June 5, 12:30-3:00 PM. For 25 years, the Leelanau Conservancy has been preserving the land, water and scenic character of Leelanau County.

We will meet at 12:30 PM at the Leland Village Green, on the corner of Front and Pearl Street, for lunch. Bring a brown bag lunch or pick up a sandwich, and after a brief presentation we will drive to nearby Swanson Preserve for a one hour hike. Dress according to the weather and bring a water bottle. Our docents will be Newcomers who are members and active volunteers with the Conservancy.

**PLEASE RSVP to Linda Proffitt at [lindajproffitt@gmail.com](mailto:lindajproffitt@gmail.com) or 231-421-5389, so we know how many folks to plan on.** Parking is available on Pearl and Main Streets near the Leland Village Green and at the Swanson Preserve for the hike.

### Your 2014-2015 Newcomers Board

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### Newcomers eCookbook



As you eat your way through Newcomers activities, remember to save those favorite recipes to share in our eCookbook.

Send recipes to Sandy Stockemer – [sandystockemer@gmail.com](mailto:sandystockemer@gmail.com).

To access the ecookbook, go to [gtnewcomers.org](http://gtnewcomers.org)>Activities>click on “Culinary” on the left side>scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the link.

#### Don't Miss the Latest.....

Add [newcomerstc1@gmail.com](mailto:newcomerstc1@gmail.com) to your address book to ensure you get the latest information from your Newcomers Club.

### News to Use....

- **You have received a mailed, paper newsletter** to inform you of Newcomers events needing an RSVP and payment. The next newsletter will arrive in your mailbox in late August.
- **Save the date** - The Kickoff Dinner will be held September 23 at the Hagarty Center. Mark your calendar!!
- **There is still time to volunteer for pin sales** at the National Cherry Festival, July 4-12. Contact Don Eastway at [luremug@yahoo.com](mailto:luremug@yahoo.com) for information or to volunteer.

# ACTIVITY GROUPS

## **BIKING**

**Saturday, June 7, 11:00 AM**

The June ride will be on the TART Trail and will leave from Harrington's By the Bay, riding on the TART Trail to the 10 mile mark. We will meet at 11:00 AM in the parking lot behind Harringtons, and bike approximately eight miles. We will have lunch at Xylo after the ride.

**Directions:** Take Grandview Parkway to M-22 and turn into Harrington's By the Bay. Go to the back of the parking lot that borders the TART Trail.

**If you are interested, contact Ira Wasserman at [carole\\_wasserman@hotmail.com](mailto:carole_wasserman@hotmail.com) or 231-922-1581.**

**Saturday, July 19, 11:00 AM**

In July, we'll ride the new Sleeping Bear Dunes trail from Empire to Glen Arbor through Sleeping Bear Dunes. We will meet in Empire, take the new trail to Glen Arbor and have lunch in Glen Arbor before returning to Empire.

**Directions:** Take M-72 to Empire and we will meet at the start of the trail.

**If you are interested, contact Ira Wasserman at [carole\\_wasserman@hotmail.com](mailto:carole_wasserman@hotmail.com) or 231-922-1581.**

**Saturday, August 9, 11:00 AM**

In August, we'll take the TART Trail from Harrington's By the Bay to Acme and return. We will meet at 11:00 AM in the parking lot behind Harrington's, bike to Acme and return to Harrington's. We will have lunch at Sleders after the ride.

**Directions:** Take Grandview Parkway to M-22 and turn into Harrington's By the Bay. Go to the back of the parking lot that borders the TART Trail.

**If you are interested, contact Ira Wasserman at [carole\\_wasserman@hotmail.com](mailto:carole_wasserman@hotmail.com) or 231-922-1581.**

## **BOOK CLUB – MEN'S**

**Monday, June 23 10:00 AM**

**Monday, July 28, 10:00 AM**

**Monday, August 25, 10:00 AM**

The June selection is *Duty: A Father, His Son and the Man Who Won the War* by Robert Green. The selections for the months of July through December will be available after the June meeting.

We meet in the lower level of Horizon Books. For more information, contact Dave Amos, 231-271-0665 or [mideamos@hotmail.com](mailto:mideamos@hotmail.com).

## **BOOK GROUP – WOMEN'S—AM**

**Tuesday, June 3, 10:00 AM**

The morning book group is reading *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini.

The group meets in the lower level of Horizon Books and will go to lunch at Poppycocks, 128 East Front Street, following the discussion. For questions, contact Carole Wasserman at [carole\\_wasserman@hotmail.com](mailto:carole_wasserman@hotmail.com) or 231-922-1581.

## **BOOK CLUB – WOMEN'S – PM**

**Tuesday, June 3, 1:00 PM**

The afternoon book group will read *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. The group meets in the lower level of Horizon Books.

Please remember to send the titles you would like the group to consider for next year to Mary Wayne, group leader, at [mwayne44@hotmail.com](mailto:mwayne44@hotmail.com).

## **BRIDGE**

**June 25 July 23, August 27**

The group meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, in different members' homes. If there are conflicts, the group may decide to change the date.

Newcomer's social bridge is just that - social, not competitive. We enjoy playing but are also enjoying getting to know each other. Haven't played in a while? Join us and watch over our shoulders to get refreshed.

**Anyone interested in playing or for information, contact Mike Semrau at 231-421-8171 or [izzyandmike@yahoo.com](mailto:izzyandmike@yahoo.com).**

## **COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION**

Cocktails and Conversation continues throughout the summer months offering a chance to meet some new members and visit with some old friends. This is an excellent opportunity to chat, mingle, sip and perhaps enjoy some sunshine and fellowship.

Your hosts will open their homes to you on the day and time they select and provide basic set ups for your convenience. Hosts have volunteered for June, July and August. There will be no event in September, and we have a host to start the 2014-2015 season in October.

This activity depends on our volunteer hosts. Please consider volunteering to host this event. To volunteer or for more information, contact Michele Richard at [richard.michele@rocketmail.com](mailto:richard.michele@rocketmail.com) or 231-357-3039.

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## DINNER FOR EIGHT

We had a great season with Dinner for Eight and we hope to see everyone at the Kickoff Dinner in September when you can sign up for the 2014-2015 season.

## DINNER OUT

This activity will resume in the fall.

## EUCHRE

Euchre groups meet once a month in each others' homes. We currently have ten groups. Each group is made up of three to four tables. Group members change tables and partners throughout the evening which makes for a lot of opportunity for lively conversation. Of course, food and beverage are involved. The players within any group are of varying levels of experience. Euchre, in Newcomers, is a social, not a competitive event.

If you would like to be added to the sub list, contact Ed Crippen at [edcrippen@yahoo.com](mailto:edcrippen@yahoo.com).

## FILM GROUP

This activity will resume in the fall.

## FISHING

Summer is here and fishing should improve as the high water and cold temperatures recede. Lake trout and salmon charters will be organized as needed from June through mid-September. Be careful out there with boating, mosquitoes, poison ivy, etc. Fish consumption advisories remain the same as last year. Enjoy the summer!

Contact Pete Albers at [phalbers99@gmail.com](mailto:phalbers99@gmail.com) or 231-922-7289 if you're interested in joining the group.

## GARDENING

**Wednesday, June 25; Thursday, July 17; August, TBA; Wednesday, September 17**

Hooray – summer is on its way and we're planning to have some fun! Our outings are listed below with leaders for each activity. Check your email for more detailed information before each of the coming events and RSVP to the specific group leader. Let's get out and enjoy the warmer weather and all the beautiful gardens in this region.

**June 25** – A garden and house tour with Dee Blair at her "Secret Garden" on Sixth Street. Judy Pelto and Sandy Stockemer will lead this outing and will find a nice place for lunch.

**July 17** – Lori Brickman will organize the group for the Friendly Garden Club's annual Garden Tour and, of course,

a nice lunch somewhere nearby.

**August** – The date is not set, but Wendy Keys will gather us for a program by nurseryman Brian Zimmerman of Four Seasons Nursery.

**September 17** – Gloria Dean is planning an activity for us in September. By that time we will have many garden stories to share.

Please contact Judy Pelto at [jpelto1@charter.net](mailto:jpelto1@charter.net) or 231-668-6490, or Sandy Stockemer at [sandystockemer@gmail.com](mailto:sandystockemer@gmail.com) or 231-932-2276 with any questions.

## GOLF

The Monday golf group is off to rather rainy start as we have had to cancel the first two weeks because of rain. We have five starts in June, with the first on June 2 at Briar North for a fee of \$25.00. For those that played last year, you will know that this includes a pizza for each group of four.

We have a very large group this year, with 45 men and ten women.

Dale Wentzloff [dale@wentzloff.com](mailto:dale@wentzloff.com) and Mike Huffman [wcdspike@yahoo.com](mailto:wcdspike@yahoo.com) are co-leaders this year. You will receive an email every week on Tuesday announcing the course we will be playing the following Monday. You will have until Friday at 5:00 PM to reserve your spot by responding to that email.

Date	Course	Time
June 2	Briar North (pizza)	9:30 AM
June 9	Grandview	9:30 AM
June 16	Leelanau Club	9:30 AM
June 23	A-Ga-Ming Torch	9:30 AM
June 30	Emerald Vale	9:30 AM
July 7	Pinecroft	9:30 AM
July 14	Crystal Mountain Mountain	9:30 AM
July 21	Crystal Lake	9:30 AM
July 28	A-Ga-Ming Sundance	9:30 AM
August 4	Briar North (pizza)	9:30 AM
August 11	Crystal Mtn., Betsie Valley	9:30 AM
August 18	Champion Hill	9:30 AM
August 25	Emerald Vale	9:30 AM
September 8	Eldorado	10:00 AM
September 15	A-Ga-Ming Antrim Dells	10:00 AM
September 22	Grandview	10:00 AM
September 29	Leelanau Club	10:00 AM
October 6	Elmbrook	10:00 AM
October 13	The Crown	10:00 AM

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## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**Wednesday, June 11, 9:00 AM**

**Wednesday, July 9, 9:00 AM**

**Wednesday, August 13, 9:00 AM**

This group meets at the Omelette Shoppe next to the Wild Birds Unlimited store in Campus Plaza every second Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM. We meet all year around and always meet regardless of the weather. Bring all the testosterone you can muster.

Contact George Kobernus at [gekobernus@chartermi.net](mailto:gekobernus@chartermi.net) or 231-933-9321.

## **MICROBREW GROUP**

The Microbrew Group will be meeting monthly throughout the summer. The next tentative date is Thursday, June 26.

If you have questions/comments, or wish to join the group, please contact Joel McElrath at [jmcelrath@epri.com](mailto:jmcelrath@epri.com) or 650-714-4557.

## **NEWCOMERS NEEDLERS**

**Thursday, June 5 & 19, 1:00-3:00 PM**

**Thursday, July 3 & 17, 1:00-3:00 PM**

**Thursday, August 7 & 21, 1:00-3:00 PM**

Join us twice a month for a couple of hours of uninterrupted knitting, crocheting, needlepoint or rug hooking. Our low-key group enjoys working on our projects in the company of others. Come with a project, or just to chat. If you need help, someone is probably able to assist you.

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, at Aroma's Coffee Shop at the intersection of M-22 and M-72, across from Tom's West Bay. We meet in the conference room.

Have questions, want to be on the email list, or just want to let us know you'll be there? Contact Robbin Stott, [stottrobbin@gmail.com](mailto:stottrobbin@gmail.com) or 231-932-1709 for information.

## **OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH**

**Wednesday, June 11, 1:00 PM**

The group will go to lunch at The Restaurant at LochenHeath, 7951 Turnberry Court, Williamsburg.

LochenHeath has sweeping views of Grand Traverse Bay and a menu that features local farm-fresh ingredients and unique flavors.

**RSVP to Sis Leake, [sisleake@charter.net](mailto:sisleake@charter.net) or 231-313-3310, by Monday, June 9.**

## **PADDLING**

If you're interested in paddling, contact Paula Hartmann at the beginning of the month. Paula will have the date and the destination by the twelfth of the month.

Paula can be reached at [phartmann1625@gmail.com](mailto:phartmann1625@gmail.com) or 231-922-1625.

## **POKER**

**Wednesday, June 11, 6:00 – 9:00 PM**

The poker group meets the first Tuesday of the month, with winter hours of 1:00 – 4:00 PM and summer hours of 6:00 – 9:00 PM. The group meets on a rotating basis at each member's home. The game is small stakes to keep the game and conversation fun and friendly and no weapons are produced. We play Dealers Choice, which sometimes evokes the response, "Did you just make that up?" The group likes new games they haven't played before. The host merely has to provide the home and setup, while members bring snacks and drinks.

Ira Wasserman will host the June meeting. Ira will be grilling, so if you want to eat, please be there by 5:00 PM.

**Contact Ira at [carole\\_wasserman@hotmail.com](mailto:carole_wasserman@hotmail.com) if you plan to attend. He will send out information and directions prior to the game.**

The group coordinator is Mike Huffman, [wcdspike@yahoo.com](mailto:wcdspike@yahoo.com) or 517-655-3374. Hosts haven't been determined for July and August, but the group will meet the first Tuesday or Wednesday from 6:00-9:00 PM.

## **VOLUNTEER AT THE STATE THEATRE**

Wednesday, June 4, 2:30 PM/State, approx. 4:00 PM/Bijou  
Thursday, June 19, 2:30 PM/State, approx. 4:00 PM/Bijou  
Wednesday, July 2, 2:30 PM/State, approx. 4:00 PM/Bijou  
Thursday, July 17, 2:30 PM/State, approx. 4:00 PM/Bijou  
Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2:30 PM/State, approx. 4:00 PM/Bijou  
Thursday, Aug. 21, 2:30 PM/State, approx. 4:00 PM/Bijou  
State Theatre Volunteers: Join us as we work in the concession area, take tickets, sweep floors, usher or run errands. Free popcorn and pop, a voucher for another movie, and tokens for the parking ramp complete the experience. Our afternoon shift is sometimes slow and sometimes busy. Give it a try and perhaps you might like to move to a busier time on your own. You are more than welcome to remain at this less active level too.

We have two shifts per month, and you may choose the one you prefer. We work on the first Wednesday and the third Thursday of each month from 2:30—5:15 PM at the State and 4:00—6:15 PM at the Bijou (subject to change as the movie schedule dictates). Join us for dinner after if you have time.

Space is limited, so please sign up via email with Nancy Johnson. Contact Nancy at [johns526@msu.edu](mailto:johns526@msu.edu) or 231-668-9633 if you would like to be added to the list of potential volunteers.

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## **THEATRE GROUP**

The Theatre Group is not formally active during the summer months; however, if a local play of interest presents itself we will shoot out an email to the group! We will begin actively in the fall when Old Town Playhouse kicks off its new season.

For information about this group, contact Terrill Persky at [terrillpersky@gmail.com](mailto:terrillpersky@gmail.com) or 231-922-8153, or Sandy Stockemer at [sandystockemer@gmail.com](mailto:sandystockemer@gmail.com) or 231-932-2276.

## **WALK IN THE WOODS**

**June 21, 11:00 AM**

The last walk (until fall) will take us to Maple Bay Natural Area.

The area is a 450 acre property that straddles both sides of North US-31.

**Directions:** Take US-31 north to Acme. At the intersection of US-31 and M-72, continue north on US-31 for 5 1/2 miles. Turn left into the driveway and follow it to the right to the parking lot.

**If you would like to join us on this walk, please contact Don Eastway at [luremug@yahoo.com](mailto:luremug@yahoo.com).**

## **WINE TASTING**

This activity will resume in the fall.

## **NEW MEMBERS\***

**Joanie Abbott**  
Columbus, OH

**Marc & Susan Abramson**  
Franklin, MI

**Tom & Kristi Altobello**  
Dublin, OH

**Jon Andrade & Suzanne Hysell**  
Litchfield Park, AZ

**Robert & Marilyn Auberle**  
Clawson, MI

**Mike & Jackie Baker**  
Marshall, MI

**Steve & Dorothy Bakita**

**Robert & Kimberly Belles**  
Brighton, MI

**Sam & Susan Bender**  
Carmel, NY

**Harry Blaine & Reba Leiding**  
Harrisonburg/Elkton, VA

**Emily Bluemer & Carolyn Green**  
Davison, MI

**James Brown**

**Delynn Copping**  
Royal Oak, MI

**Nancy Cotcamp**  
Thompsonville, MI

**Gordon & Barbara Evans**  
New York, NY

**Albert & Diane Ferrari**  
West Bloomfield, MI

**Jim & Betsy Gardiner**  
Flint, MI area

**Ross & Marcia Graham**

**Nancy Grassnig**  
Trenton, MI

**Dick & Marilyn Hanson**  
Saginaw, MI

**Gary Harris & Donna Stein-Harris**  
Skokie, IL

**Stanton (deceased) & Ruth Hart**  
St. Stephen, NB, Canada

**Pam Hodges**  
Brighton, MI

**Tyne Hyslop**  
Bowling Green, OH

**John & Kathy Imboden**  
Columbus, OH

**Miles & Mary Kennedy**  
Rochester Hills, MI

**Mark & Susan Kimball**  
Greenville, NC

**Pamela Kish**  
Mattawan, MI

**Bob & Debi LoBue**  
Kennett Square, PA

**Pamela Locke**

**Barbara MacLaren**  
Indian River, MI

**Natalie Martin**  
Chillicothe, OH

**Debbie May**  
Chillicothe, OH

**Douglas & Sharron McCormick**  
Morehead City, NC

**Dave & Lauren McLean**  
West Bloomfield, MI

**Benson & Bette Munger**  
Cave Creek, AZ

**Annie Murphy**  
Pleasant Ridge, MI

**Daniel Naru**  
Albuquerque, NM

**Chuck & Cyndy Newton**  
Grand Rapids, MI

**Linda Pepper**  
Durango, CO

**Scott & Cappy Potter**  
Lansing Area

**Gerrie Rickert**  
Fenton, MI

**Dick & Karen Roeper**  
Richmond, IN

**Jean Rooney**  
Northville, MI

**Norm & Cathy Schmitt**  
Bloomfield Hills, MI

**Diane Scrivo**  
Ventura, CA

**Margaret Small**  
Knoxville, TN

**Dennis & Denise Stevanus**  
Saginaw, MI

**Elvin, Jr. & Karla Stretten**  
Gaylord, MI

**Barbara Strong**  
Harrisburg, PA

**Susan Thomas**  
Fenton, MI

**Jim & Kay Zivkovich**  
Sterling Heights, MI

\*October 15, 2013 to  
May 17, 2014

**Grand Traverse Area Named to "Best of...." Lists (these are only the 2013/2014 entries!)**

**Travel + Leisure Magazine** (February 2014) listed Traverse City one of "America's 20 Most Romantic Towns"

**Redbook Magazine** (January 2014) listed Traverse City among its "Best Travel Finds for 2014"

**Lonely Planet** (December 2013) named Grand Rapids, Traverse City and Michigan's 'Gold Coast' as the "Top US Travel Destination for 2014"

**The Daily Meal** (November 2013) listed Traverse City as one of "America's 11 Best Small Towns for Food"

**Travel + Leisure Magazine** (October 2013) named Traverse City one of "America's Favorite Towns" (#12 out of 20)

**FlipKey/TripAdvisor** (October 2013) named Traverse City one of their "Top Midwest Travel Spots"

**Fodor's** (August 2013) named Traverse City one of it's "5 Midwestern Small Towns to Visit Now"

**CNNTravel.com** (August 2013) named the Sleeping Bear Dunes as one of "20 More Can't-Miss Beaches"

**Livability** (July 2013) listed Traverse City #8 on their "Best Small Towns, 2013" list

**The Knot** (June 2013) named the Sleeping Bear Dunes as one of the "10 Most Adventurous Honeymoon"

**USA Today** (June 2013) names M-37 on the Old Mission Peninsula one of "The Best 10 Great Coastal Drives"

**BoatUS** (May 2013) listed Traverse City as one of its "Ten Great Boating Towns for Retirement"

**USA Today: The Best** (May 2013) named Traverse City among the "12 Best Places to Retire in the USA"

**Trekaroo.com** (May 2013) named Traverse City one of the "Top 10 Things for Families to Do in Michigan"

**Family Fun** (April 2013) named Traverse City one of "America's Top 10 Tourist Towns" and the nearby Sleeping Bear Dunes one of the 10 Favorite Family Destinations and Top 10 Nature Escapes

**Fodor's** (March 2013) named Traverse City one of the "10 Best Small Towns in America"

**Away.com** (Jan. 2013) named Traverse City one of its "Top Ten Places for a Four-Day Vacation in the U.S."



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