

# Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

June 20, 2013

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## Scheduled Events!

**FPRF is sponsoring a July 20<sup>th</sup> flotilla, the July 21<sup>st</sup> canoe-kayak race, and October 5<sup>th</sup> flotilla, in 2013, at McConnell's Bobtown Landing. Check our website for information or race registration requirements.**

Check with the Freeport/Stephenson County Convention and Visitors Bureau for events and activities in our area.

4596 U.S. 20 East, Freeport, IL 61032  
1-815-233-1357 & 1-800-963-2955

The Lena Community Park District will sponsor the Catfish events at McNeil's Damascus Landing.

If your organization wants to conduct a paddle or river event, contact FPRF! If you have a plan that involves the river, and want advice, information, consultation, contact FPRF. If you have an idea to improve stewardship of the river, contact us! If you don't like something we do, contact us.

Freeport Park District  
1122 S. Burchard Ave.  
Freeport, IL 61032

815-235-6114 [www.freeportparkdistrict.org](http://www.freeportparkdistrict.org)

Lena Community Park District  
609 N. Schuler St., Lena, IL 61048  
815-369-5351 [www.lenaparks.org](http://www.lenaparks.org)

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Community Foundation of Northern Illinois.

Membership and support packages can be viewed at:

**[www.pecriver.org](http://www.pecriver.org)**

## CHECK OUR WEBSITE!

Other web sites:

[www.paddlethepec.com](http://www.paddlethepec.com) [www.illinoispadding.org](http://www.illinoispadding.org)

You can email us at [pecriver@hotmail.com](mailto:pecriver@hotmail.com)

Or write us at:

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## Current

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We really want to hear from you! Without people using the Pecatonica River there is no reason to have Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation. The FPRF board members know the people in the IDNR and the Army Corps of Engineers. We have worked with them on projects concerning the Pecatonica River. Your voice is necessary in the process of creating a Pecatonica River water trail.

What are you doing on the Pec? How is the Fishing and what effect has the flooding had on fishing? The catfish are found on the Pec and are reportedly caught in Wisconsin and Illinois with good success as are Walleye, carp, Bass and Bluegill.

How is the boating on the Pec? Are there obstructions? Boaters on the Pec have kept the river open to boating for years and should be recognized for their efforts. Rock Hollow deserves a huge "thank you" for their efforts to clean the river.

Removal of logjams is not in the books. Clearing a path for boating through a logjam would be considered. Fish habituate would have to be protected and experts consulted before any action.

There was a letter to the editor concerning the boat ramp at Tutty's Crossing. We agree the launch would have been better if angled downstream. FPRF commented, but were not part of the process. We are working to become part of the process and want the community to be heard. Mayor Gitz Wants the community involved and trails to move forward.

## Local Scheduled Events

The **June 20th** meeting is at Rafters at 7:00PM. The next meeting is **July 18th 2013**. Everyone is invited. Bring your ideas!

**Pecatonica River Scenes in Postcard** Selling for \$10, \$13 mails order, still available. See September newsletter at [www.pecriver.org](http://www.pecriver.org).