

Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

September 19, 2013

FPRF Founded November 13, 08

Scheduled Events!

October 5th – Fall Flotilla!

FPRF is sponsoring a paddle from McConnell's Bobtown Landing to McNeil's Damascus Landing with no admission charge. The 7.9-mile trip will feature brats, hot dogs, chips, etc. at the finish.

Check our website for information on registration requirements.

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

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1-815-233-1357 & 1-800-963-2955

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, or 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

Lena Community Park District
609 N. Schuler St., Lena, IL 61048
815-369-5351 www.lenaparks.org

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Community Foundation of Northern Illinois.
Membership and support packages can be viewed at:

www.pecriver.org

CHECK OUR WEBSITE!

Other web sites:

www.paddlethepec.com www.illinoispadding.org

You can email us at pecriver@pecriver.org

Or write us at:

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Fish Fry

The fish fry fundraiser was a success and will enable FPRF to move some projects forward. However, the best part of the event is the chance to hear from the people out there boating or paddling on the Pecatonica River. Lee, Jim, myself and especially John Fritz, spent a lot of time talking with those that were able to attend. We deeply appreciate you coming out to support FPRF.

One thing we heard a lot was interest in Atten's Landing and when would we have a canoe and kayak launch out at Atten's? I wish I had a firm date. We expect to get the permits for the entry, from the County, this week or next. With that in hand we can finish the entry ramp and start the walking path, the wetland area and the two river overlook and fishing structures. We already have all the required Army Corps of Engineers permits. We received County permission to apply for a BAAD Grant from the IDNR. Grant awards are typically announced in the spring. Revenue for this state funded program is derived from marine motor fuel tax and boat/canoe registration fees.

Grant application was also written to finish the boat launch at Tutty's Crossing and the Tutty's Crossing Coalition is working to organize the completion of site improvements. An overlook fishing-pier, picnic tables, landscaping and signage are the amenities under consideration. The City of Freeport and Northwest Illinois Trails Foundation have each allocated \$5000 for Tutty's.

Also the "Walk of Fame" at Tutty's Crossing will be organized and developed by another group.

Local Scheduled Events

The **Sept. 19th** meeting is at Rafters at 7:00PM. The next meeting is **Oct. 17th, 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.