

Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

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February 20, 2014

FPRF Founded November 13, 08

Scheduled Events 2014!

Rafters on March 8.

Two meat Buffet. \$20 in advance,
\$22 at door, children \$10.

Cimino's on June 14,

Summer Flotilla on July 19,

Canoe/Kayak race on July 20,

Fish Fry on Sept 12

Fall Flotilla on October 4.

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

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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.

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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

Other web sites:

www.paddlethepec.com www.illinoispadding.org

Or write us at:

Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

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Mickie Dittmar – Membership Chair

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Make checks payable to: Community Foundation of Northern Illinois.

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Spring is coming! Spring is coming!

It doesn't seem like it now, but the first
day of spring is March 20th. Daylight saving time
begins on March 9th. Do you need more? On
March 7,8, and 9th, Rutabaga hosts Canoecopia.
If you want or need paddling equipment, of any
kind, Canoecopia is the place to be. It claims to
be "the largest Paddlesports consumer event in
the world, featuring kayaks, canoes, outdoor
equipment and clothing." Admission is \$15 and it
is held at the Alliant Energy Center-Exhibition
Hall, 1919 Alliant Energy Way, Madison, WI.
<http://www.canoecopia.com/canoecopia/page.asp?pgid=1001>

What are some other signs of spring? I'm
glad you asked! FPRF is beginning to plan our
work on 2014 projects. Hopefully you have read
about Atten's Landing and Tutty's Crossing. One
look at the water trail map and you will notice the
trail is divided into manageable length trips. If a
longer trip is what you want, you can put two
together. There is a long trip, fourteen miles,
from McNeil's Damascus Landing to Tutty's
Crossing. What is needed is a canoe/kayak
launch at Wes Block Trailhead.

Launching at this site is a challenge. A
floating dock was temporarily installed for a
LCPD event. The biggest problem is the ten foot
river fluctuation over the paddling season. The
site is under the Freeport Park District. Ideally
the site should be ADA compliant and it may take
some time to develop the site to that level. If
anyone has some ideas on how to accomplish
ADA, we want to hear from them! The FPD and
FPRF are talking and working to develop
recreation activities, for residents and visitors.

Meeting Schedule

The **Feb. 20th, 2014** meeting is at Rafters at
7:00PM. The next meeting is **Mar. 20th, 2014**.
Everyone is invited. Bring your ideas!

Pecatonica River Scenes in Postcard Selling for
\$10, \$13 mails order, still available.
Go to www.pecriver.org/projects