

Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

THE CURRENT

FEBRUARY 19, 2015

After a month of unseasonably warm weather, we were hit with a round of bitter cold and annoying snow. I think the January newsletter started out the same way. FPRF continues to plot and plan. Look for more information on the "Grand Opening" for Tutty's Crossing and Freeport Downtown Development on improvements and bike trails. Many good things are being planned. The Pecatonica River Water Trail is one of the focal points and will continue to develop as a tourism attraction. The Pecatonica River has good paddling when other rivers are too low to paddle.

FPRF will continue developing Atten's Landing. The entrance and drive will be one focus, excavation of the oxbows a second focus, and the fishing piers and picnic table, with grill, overlook/fishing piers on site, and preliminary electrical service on the site.

An ongoing project is our mud removal equipment. The Pecatonica River carries a lot of silt. As the river level changes, the silt is left on launch ramps. Mud removal is a continuing problem and FPRF is working to develop a solution.

We meet on the third Thursday of every month and welcome visitors to the meetings. We really welcome people to work and people with ideas for current and future projects. FPRF is always interested to acquire river history! We consider it to be part of our local heritage.

Roger Schamberger, a founder and one of our lead planners, is recovering nicely and should be back in March. He is keeping very busy planning.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Everyone is invited. Bring your ideas!

Feb 19	Monthly Meeting Rafters
Mar 19	Monthly Meeting Rafters
Mar 13-15	Canoeopia Madison WI
Mar 28	The Spring Thaw Rafters 5:00pm / Dinner 6:00pm
Jun 13	Grand Opening Tutty's Crossing
JUL 18	Summer Flotilla The Pecatonica River
JUL 19	Canoe/Kayak Race The Pecatonica River
Sep 11	Fish Fry Rock Hollow

Other Events & Activities

Freeport/Stephenson County
Convention & Visitors Bureau
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Freeport, IL 61032
1-815-233-1357 / 1-800-369-2955
<http://stephenson-county-il.org>



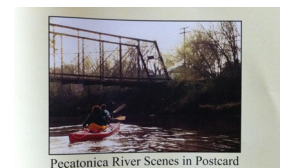
Watch Tom Lindblade's "Illinois' Friendliest Paddle"
<http://bit.ly/paddlethepec>

Freeport Park District
1122 S. Burchard Ave.
Freeport, IL 61032
1-815-235-6114

www.freeportparkdistrict.org

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609 N. Schuler St.
Lena, IL 61048
1-815-369-5351

www.lenaparks.org



Pecatonica River Scenes in Postcard
\$10/\$13
www.pecriver.org/projects

One of my favorite things is history. That and fund raising was the reason for FPRF having "Pecatonica River in Postcards" printed. I have enough to print another book. Are people interested? That's the question. Can I tempt you with a sample? Let us know.



Albany Wis.



Boating on the Pecatonica, Freeport, Illinois

Please visit our website or contact us for more information, advice, or consultation for individuals & organizations interested in paddling or organizing river events as well as any ideas to improve stewardship of the river.

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