

Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

THE CURRENT

APRIL 2020

First the good news. The kayak raffle was a success! FPRF raised over \$1100! This offsets not having the Spring Thaw at Logan's, due to the ongoing pandemic event. Tracy from Rockford was the winner!



Now for the rest of the news. The recommendation to continue "social distancing" remains in place, and while it is a really good idea, it makes working on projects difficult. Requiring a mask will help.

After some thought on paddling and "social distancing", I believe in most cases there should be no problem because of the size and shape of canoes and kayaks. It would be wise to measure and verify the six foot requirement in shorter canoes. It appears that a problem exists in getting people back to their transportation. It would not be good to load people in one vehicle to take them back to their cars unless each person has on a mask. The easy option would be to paddle upstream, as you do at Krape Park.

We require at least two people working at the same site as part of our safety plan. We had planned to start work on moving dirt around to prep the location for the sign at Atten's Landing, raising the electrical box to avoid high water, and riprapping the river bank.

Weather permitting, work at the Wes Block launch may begin this summer. This project is totally dependent on the river being near what can be considered normal flow. We may put the stairs back as a temporary measure. We really need to get the control panel in our Cat loader reconnected, so we can move some dirt for the walking path at Atten's.

Joe Ginger, president

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Everyone is invited. Bring your ideas!

Mar. 20	To be determined. 6:30 P.M.
May 21	Next meeting.
	Stay safe!
Jun. 5 Jul. 15 Aug. 7	Music on Chicago Freeport, IL
	Stay healthy!
	Stay home!
	Kayak Raffle Drawing

Other Events & Activities

Freeport/Stephenson County
Convention & Visitors Bureau
4596 U.S. 20 East
Freeport, IL 61032
1-815-233-1357
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www.celebratefreeport.com

FPRF Events

Comming.

FPRF at Big O's On the Hollow Fish Fry Sept. 18, 2020

Culver's Food Service Oct. 27, 2020 4 PM - 9 PM

Freeport Park District

1122 S. Burchard Ave.

Freeport, IL 61032

1-815-235-6114

www.freeportparkdistrict.org

Lena Community Park District

609 N. Schuler St.

Lena, IL 61048

1-815-369-5351

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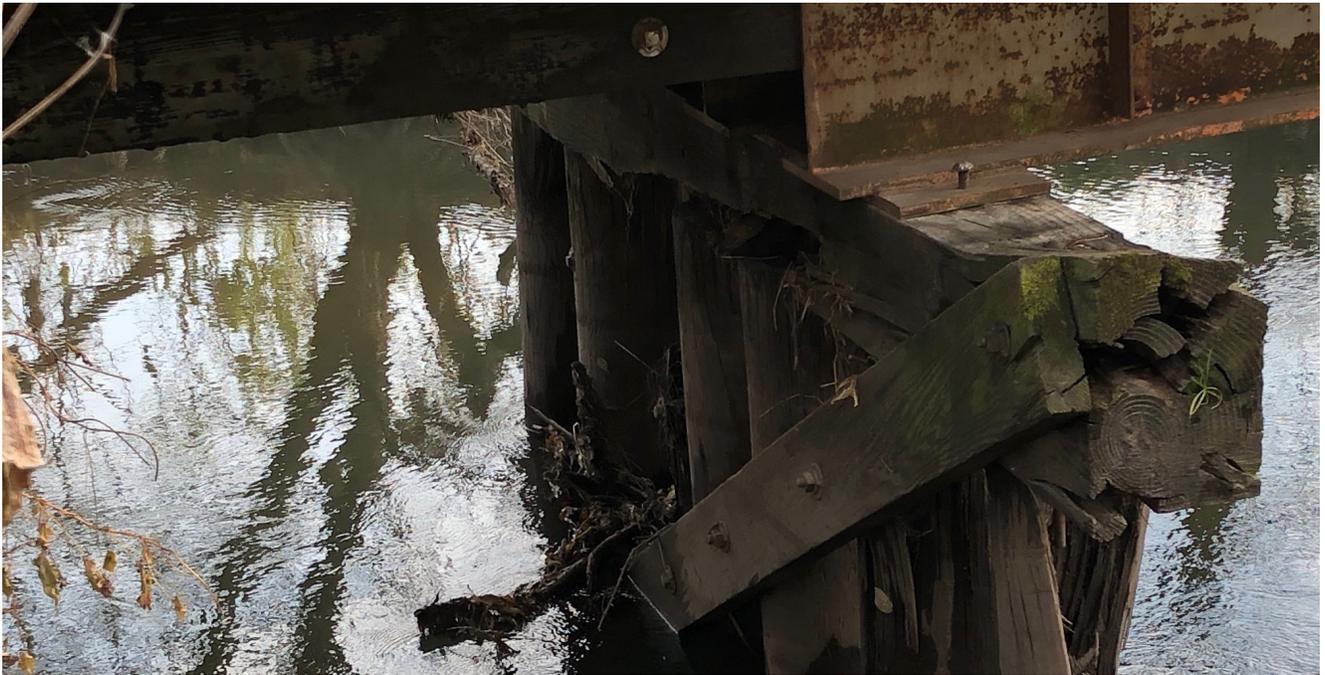
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The Illinois Central was chartered by the Illinois General Assembly on February 10, 1851 and completed in 1856. The IC was the world's longest railroad running from Cairo, Illinois to Galena, Illinois.

In 1886 the Chicago, Madison & Northern ran a line north from Freeport to Madison, Wisconsin completed by 1888. They joined the Illinois Central in 1903. The line ran through Scioto Mills and Red Oak. At Red Oak the Illinois Central built a junction station where the line branched. The northern branch, running through Buena Vista and Orangeville, became known as the Madison branch. This branch is what now constitutes the Jane Addams Trail. On February 1, 1888 the first train ran the entire distance between Freeport, Illinois and Madison, Wisconsin.

This bridge is on the Jane Addams Trail where the trail crosses Cedarville Road. It is about 133 years old and needs work. It may be necessary to help the Stephenson County Board find resources to help pay for the necessary repairs for this bridge and other bridges along the trail. Write your County Board representative.

If you are interested in improving river stewardship, promoting paddling, organizing river events, the history of the Pecatonica River and communities along the river, check our website and contact us.

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Dues are due in February. If you joined in July or later, you are good for 2020.

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