

# Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

# THE CURRENT

September 2021



Much is going on in the effort to maintain our launch sites. We mowed the picnic/fishing pier area at Atten's Landing (first picture) and part of the walking path around the oxbows.

The second picture is of Wes Block. Roger is working on the parking/unloading area. The concrete showing in the corner is the walkway to the floating dock. The locating arms and the brackets are ready. By the time you read this newsletter, the floating dock may be at Wes Block. It might not be in the water, but it could be there. We've been pushing to get this done.

I recently sent an email to all those who receive the FPRF Newsletter asking for support to list the DuPage River on the IDNR Navigable Rivers List. The Forest Preserve District of Will County voted on and passed a resolution supporting public access to the DuPage River.

I mentioned that Iowa has three whitewater parks. Illinois has only one at Yorkville, IL. Looking at the future of paddling on the Pecatonica River, I wonder if Pecatonica, IL could be a site for whitewater paddling. A whitewater park could be a great attraction.

The Pecatonica River is very low, which is better than having the river at record high levels. Both conditions change the dynamics of the river. Logjams cause motorboats to stay off the river to avoid damage to boats and props. Paddlers worry about obstructions.

We are beginning to think about next year. FPRF is considering a program promoting paddling the entire length of the Pecatonica River in Illinois. Stay tuned.

Joe Ginger, president

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

Everyone is invited. Bring your ideas!

Sept.. 16	RAFTERS 6:30 P.M.
Oct. 21	Next meeting.
Sept.4 Oct.3	Imagination Ride United Way 815-232-5184
Sept. 18	Northwest ILL Airshow Albertus Airport nwilairshow.com
Oct. 9	FPRF Fall Fundraiser Big O's On the Hollow 2 PM - 9 PM
Oct. 26	Culvers of Freeport Concrete For A Cause
Nov. 21	Mistletoe Walk
	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/d/il--freeport/events/">https://www.eventbrite.com/d/il--freeport/events/</a>

## Other Events & Activities

Freeport/Stephenson County  
Visitors Center  
4596 U.S. 20 East  
Freeport, IL 61032  
1-815-233-1357

## FPRF Events

### FPRF is resuming the Fall Fundrasier on October 9th.

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

[www.freeportparkdistrict.org](http://www.freeportparkdistrict.org)

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

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Until 1800 the northwest corner of Illinois was labeled "Indian Territory." This map, a cropped image from an official 1835 Illinois map, was created three years after the war with Black Hawk. 1835 is also the year Tutty Baker founded Freeport. Shown are the Pecatonica River, Sugar River, and most of the Rock River. The only Illinois town on the map is Galena, a center of commerce. Map image from Pinterest.

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 2021.

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