

Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

THE CURRENT

March 2023



This picture is of Atten's Landing on March 6. On February 27, the Pecatonica River was 11.5 feet deep. That figure is considered a minor flood stage. The river is now at 12.98 feet. Our river more often floods in February, March, and April, followed by July and September.

In the past, the two fastest-growing paddling segments were fishing and women. You can think of this division as two distinct areas. Fishing kayakers often are very extensively outfitted and have several magazines devoted to their activities.

A male paddler might have an initial advantage in upper body strength. Women analyze the problem. A recent article on kayak slalom racing shows women having faster runs than men. For us, the objective is to be out enjoying nature and family. Check the paddling instruction websites for more information,

Joe Ginger, president

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Everyone is invited. Bring your ideas!

Mar. 9	RAFTERS 6:30 P.M.
Apr. 9	Next meeting.
Apr. 13 May 11	FPRF meetings are the second Thursday of the month. See "ALL IN. Stephenson County" for area events.
Jan. 9 Apr. 2	FHN Get Fit 2023
Apr. 22	Pretzel Fest
May 20	Pretzel City Wine Fest
June 2	Music on Chicago begins.
	https://www.eventbrite.com/d/il-freeport/events/

Other Events & Activities

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



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



Freeport Park District
1100 S Burchrd Ave.
Freeport, IL 61032
1-815-235-6114
www.freeportparkdistrict.org

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609 N. Schuler St.
Lena, IL 61048
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This is Stephenson Street in 1914. The trolley is crossing Van Buren Avenue. The Stephenson County Court House is behind the trees and I believe the National Bank has the columns on the south side of the street.
<https://hickscarworks.blogspot.com/2022/02/freeport-railway-light.html> All trolley service ended in 1933.

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 2023.

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