



Shenango River Watchers, Inc.

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Partnership With Mercer County Trails Association

One of the newest partnerships we have formed is with the Mercer County Trails Association looking to put in a trail along the Shenango River from Greenville to Jamestown. The group found an illegal dumpsite along the proposed trail and adjacent to the river and has asked SRW to help with the clean up process. We further discussed this partnership with the Trails Associa-



tion and the Jamestown Lions Clubs at our December board meeting. We have chosen our first clean up of 2007 on April 21st as the date to tackle this project. As you can see (photos), we have a job ahead of us but with great rewards. Please contact the SRW office if you would like to volunteer your time. In advance of April 21st, SRW and the Mercer County Trails Association will organize heavy equipment to come in and do the initial moving of the dumpsite.

For more information regarding the Mercer County Trails Association, they may be contacted as follows:

Mercer County Trails Association, Inc.
91 Jefferson Avenue
Sharon, PA 16146
www.mctrails.org

Canoe Launch In Greenville

Unfortunately, we were unable to break ground on the Riverside Park canoe launch in Greenville this fall. The permit process is taking longer than expected and we may not even be able to begin the project until the fall of 2007. SRW has secured the funding for the project and is ready to begin as soon as the permits are received. We have other sites in mind for additional canoe launches along the Shenango River and have been working with other organizations and individuals to make our vision become a reality. SRW is committed to creating a canoe path along the entire Shenango River and we will not stop until we see each launch through to its completion!

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Put Your Artistic Skills To Work

Shenango River Watchers, Inc. is looking for a new t-shirt design. The deadline for entries is February 15, 2007. The winner will receive a free t-shirt with his or her design on it. The design can be done using pen, pencil, marker, or computer, however, there are a few guidelines:

1. The design must be submitted on white paper using black ink or pencil.
2. The paper size must be 8 ½ inches x 11 inches.
3. The design must be simple. Complex designs do not scan as well.

Please be sure to include your shirt size and contact information with your entry. Mail all entries to Shenango River Watchers; PO Box 986; Sharon, PA 16146. Thank you for your interest

Update On The DCNR Grant

The DCNR grant for the master site plan for Bicentennial Park was finally completed and submitted in September. "What a relief to have it finished and in the mail," stated Jennifer Barborak, the principal writer of the grant. "I would like to acknowledge Mr. Bob Good of Pashek and Associates in Greenville. He spent a lot of time helping me review the grant and made sure I had everything in place and correct before I mailed it. I could never have sent such an impressive application without his assistance."

Those who contributed to the \$10,000 match are listed at the end of the article, but I would like to specially thank the residents of Riverside and Connelly Manors who made two donations from fundraisers they held at the buildings. "Their excitement about this grant really helped to keep me on track!" A special thank you to the following businesses who donated \$1000.00 each to the project: UPMC Horizon Community Health Foundation, Aqua Pennsylvania, and Attorney Jarred Whalen who donated the final \$1000.00. Also, thank you to Joe Kurtanich of Kurtanich Engineering who agreed to provide us with over \$3,000.00 worth of engineering services. Keep your fingers crossed and we'll keep you informed of the progress.

Thank you to the following additional contributors towards the \$10,000 match: J. Bradley McGonigle's Funeral Home; Dr. Leonard Pleban; Attorney Carl Moses; Black, Bashor, and Porsch; Quaker Steak and Lube; Sharon Tube Company; Cowan Furnace Company; WalMart; English and Associates; Evans, Garvey, Lackey, and Ochs; HHSDR Architects and Engineers; Community Action Partnership of Mercer County; The Shenango Conservancy, and Ms. Chris Outrakis. If you or your business would like to be added to this list of names, please send your donation to Shenango River Watchers, Inc. and designate it to the "Bicentennial Park Master Site Plan project". We will need further funding to complete the project after the plan is completed.

Attention Teachers, Counselors, Parents, and Students:

Shenango River Watchers, Inc., Diamond Cleaners, MK Landscape & Supply and members Dennis and Anna Mary Hoovler and Mike and Ann Kotyk will award one \$1000.00 scholarship to a high school senior entering a four-year college who has shown an interest in the preservation of the environment by volunteering his or her time in recycling efforts, neighborhood cleanups, or any other environmental cause. The scholarship will be awarded as a \$1000.00 check to the winner at our annual banquet, March 31, 2007 (The winner will receive two complimentary tickets to the banquet). Interested students must attend a school within the Shenango River Watershed area, complete an application, and write an essay of 500 words or less on how his or her efforts have helped the environment in the community. The applicant must prove that he or she is dedicated to improving and preserving the environment, but DO NOT need to major in an environmental field. Applications are available from guidance counselors, biology teachers, and English teachers at schools within the Shenango Watershed. You can also download applications from our website at: www.shenangoriverwatchers.org.

Students should send their completed application with all required attachments to the following address by February 15, 2007:

Shenango River Watchers
Environmental Scholarship Panel
PO Box 986
Sharon, PA 16146

SRW CAN RECYCLING

Due to vandalism and theft at the Shenango River Watchers Can Drop located in the parking garage, the board has decided to ask that you accumulate your cans. When you reach an amount that you would take to the drop, please contact any Board Member or the SRW Office at which time we will make arrangements to pick them up. OR bring to any SRW Clean up event. You may also drop off your cans at Rick and Jen's house at 199 Taylor Avenue, Sharon (Leave them in front of the garage door). We thank you for your support and contribution to our fundraising.

SRW NEW OFFICE

Shenango River Watchers, Inc. will soon be locating to our new office. Thanks to Nick at Niko & Lou's Coney Island for allowing SRW to house their office on the second floor above their establishment in downtown Sharon for a very reasonable rent. We hope to move into our new office by the end of January.

111,000,000 Americans Should Ask, "How Safe Is My Drinking Water"

When the federal EPA relaxes water rules, you may taste it at your tap. Especially if you live in California, New York, Pennsylvania, or seven other states with the most residents affected by a recent Supreme Court decision that will end protection for headwaters and seasonal streams under the Clean Water Act. According to the recent Sierra Club report, "from the Source to the Tap: Why America's Drinking-Water Sources Are at Risk," the tap-water supplies of more than 111 million Americans could be threatened by pollutants because these sources rely, at least in part, on streams that no longer have federal protection. Here's a look at the ten most vulnerable states:

State	Residents at risk	% of streams at risk
California	14,272,000	66
New York	10,220,056	55
Pennsylvania	7,979,560	59
Texas	7,284,836	75
Massachusetts	4,733,465	52
North Carolina	4,297,102	56
Georgia	3,810,208	57
Maryland	3,690,933	59
Colorado	3,583,330	68
Ohio	3,471,892	60

For the full report, go to sierraclub.org/cleanwater and click on "Reports and Factsheets."

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Another Way To Support SRW WHILE SHOPPING!!!!

Use this link (especials@shopforcharityday.com) to access all 1,000+ merchants uniquely coded for the Shenango River Watchers, Inc. so that SRW will get credit for all purchases.

Some examples of the stores participating are:

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| A&E Television Network | Overstock.com |
| All About Dance | Overstock.com Auctions |
| Apple Bottoms | Payless Shoes |
| Auto Parts Warehouse | PETSMART |
| Baby Phat | Roamans |
| Baseball Savings | ROOTS Direct |
| Becker Surfboards | Samsonite |
| Bose | Sears.com |
| CHEFS | Shirtcity USA |
| Contructive Playthings | Solutions |
| Converse | Spiegel |
| Costume Craze | Sports Endeavors |
| Design Within reach | StateLineTack.com |
| Eastern Mountain Sprts | Sunglass Hut |
| Eddie Bauer | Sur La Table |
| Edwin Watts Golf | The Bombay Company |
| EMS | The Swiss Colony |
| Fannie May Candies | Timbuk2 |
| Finish Line | Tower Records |
| Jackson & Perkins | Vermont teddy bear |
| Jos. A Bank | Viva Terra |
| Journey Kidz | West Marine |
| LaRedoute | Zales |
| Leaps and Bounds | 6pm.com |
| Mytwin.com | Waterford Cyrstal |
| NetMagazines.com | Orvis |
| Niche Retail Partners | Gicve Fun |
| One Step Ahead | Gift Certificates.com |

Becki' Famous Recipes

At the Annual SRW Members' Picnic, Tom Amundsen requested that Becki Clemetson, SRW Office Assistant, include the recipes for her famous peanut butter cookies and French apple pie in the next newsletter. So here they are:

Irresistible Peanut Butter Cookies

(makes 3 dozen cookies)

- 3/4 Cup Creamy Peanut Butter
- 1/2 Cup Butter Flavor Crisco
- 1 1/4 Cups Light Brown Sugar, firmly packed
- 3 Tablespoons milk
- 1 Tablespoons vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 3/4 Cups All-Purpose Flour
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda



1. Heat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Combine peanut butter, Crisco, brown sugar, milk, & vanilla in a large bowl. Beat at medium speed until well blended. Add egg. Beat just until blended.
3. Combine flour, salt, & baking soda. Add to creamed mixture at low speed. Mix just until blended. Drop by heaping teaspoonfuls 2 inches apart onto an ungreased baking sheet. Flatten slightly in a crisscross pattern with tines of a fork.
4. Bake at 375 degrees for 7-8 minutes, or until set & just beginning to brown. Cool 2 minutes on baking sheet. Remove cookies to cooling racks until completely cool.

French Apple Pie

(makes 1-9 inch pie)

- 1-9 inch unbaked pie crust using recipe of your choice
- 3/4 Cup of sugar
- 1/4 Cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- Dash of salt
- 6 Cups of thinly sliced tart apples



Prepare pastry for a 9 inch one crust pie. Stir together sugar, flour, nutmeg, cinnamon, and salt; mix with apples. Place apple mixture in pastry lined pie pan and top with crumb topping. Cover pie with foil. Bake at 425 degrees for 40 minutes. Remove foil and bake for 10 additional minutes.

Crumb topping: Mix: 1 cup flour, 1/2 Cup butter, and 1/2 Cup packed brown sugar. Mix until crumbly.

2006 Events



Memberships

New Members

Marti Angott-Grata
 Richard Arnold
 Nick & Melissa Baron
 Carl Difeo
 Wayne Frederick
 Glenn Hink
 Joan Johnson
 Jami & Jenny King
 Mark Longietti
 Jeanne McClay
 Marilyn Morris
 Lee Weber

Gary & Renee Calleja
 William Clowes
 John & Audrey Columbo
 Katherine A. David
 Linda Enterline
 Doug & Deb Fitzgerald
 Darin Flower
 Renee Gerasimek
 Dan & Shari Getway
 Kathie Goodblood
 Art Hall
 Anna Mary Hoovler
 Dennis Hoovler
 Frank Hricik
 Gerald Hurayt
 Don Hunter
 Frank Jovenall
 Jan Keller
 Jessica Kosloski
 Marilyn Kosloski
 Caroline Krochka
 Stella Lazor
 Jerri Manos
 Trip McBride
 Edward McCullough

Brad McGonigle
 Judith Moroco
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 Emma Moyer
 Marcia Moyer
 Stewart Moyer
 Pat O'Maheny
 Chris Outrakis
 Walter Phillips
 Steven M. Preston
 Dale Rogers
 David Roshala
 Richard Slater
 Janet Smith
 Angelo Stamooolis
 Donna Stamooolis
 Jerry Stanley
 Matt Stefanak
 Perry Templeton
 James Tokar
 Elwood Walker
 Kathy Walker
 James Winner
 Pat Woodings
 Sam Woodings

Jack Wormley
 Bill Witt
 Sarah Witt
 Jeffery Yoder
 Lori Zikovich

Business Renewal

Community Action Partnership
 of Mercer County
 Flynn's Tire and Automotive
 Kurtanich Engineers &
 Associates
 League of Women Voters of
 Lawrence County
 Ralph Mehler Agency, Inc.

Membership Renewals

Bill & Inge Amundsen
 Karen A. Anderson
 Joseph Baldwin
 Brian Bader
 Ann M. Becker
 Vere & Pat Bellian
 Nancy Bergey
 Ray Bianco
 Jane Buckley
 Edward Buczo

Continous Supporters

Copyland
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 Ann & Mike Kotyk
 Lenbil's
 MK Landscape Supply
 Niko & Lou's Coney Island
 Surf724

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEMBERS - OLD AND NEW
 FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!!**

Membership Form

Yes, I would like to support Shenango River Watchers!

I have enclosed my donation of:

- _____ \$10 Individual Membership
- _____ \$20 Individual Membership + T-shirt
 (Please choose size)
- _____ \$25.00 Business Membership
- _____ \$35.00 Business Membership + T-shirt
 (Please choose size)
- _____ Other

 Name

 Address

 Phone

 Email

I want to help with:

- Clean Up Days
- Watershed Research Committee
- Financial Planning
- Fundraising
- Newsletter
- Water Testing
- Food Preparation for Clean Up Days

_____ Yes, send me a t-shirt. I've enclosed a donation (\$20 Individual; \$35 Business) and have picked my size below!

Size selection:

__ Small __ Medium __ Large __ Extra Large

SRW Fifth Annual Banquet

Don't let the dreary weather let you think that spring too far away. It will be here before you know it and that means it's time for the Fifth Annual Shenango River Watchers Banquet.

This year's banquet will be held on March 31, 2007 at the Hickory VFW. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. Once again a scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior (see page 2 for application information), the Business Friend of the River award, Friend of the River award, as well as the Chinese and Silent Auctions and the 50/50 Raffle.

If you are interested in helping with the planning, would like to assist the night of the banquet, purchase raffle tickets, or make a donation, please call the SRW office at 724-342-5453.

**MARK MARCH 31, 2007
ON YOUR CALENDARS
FOR THE FIFTH ANNUAL BANQUET
AND JOIN US!!!!**

REMINDER: The date of your membership expiration is listed on the mailing label. Please continue to support Shenango River Watchers - your contribution and interest are greatly appreciated.



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