

Trail News and Other Schuylkill River Greenways Updates

March 2018

New Trail Bridge Plans Celebrated



On Saturday March 3 we were joined by about 40 trail enthusiasts as we celebrated the project initiation of a new pedestrian bridge that will be built over Route 724 in Union Township. The new bridge will improve safety for trail users at an intersection where trail users currently must negotiate steep slopes and poor site distances. During the ceremony, donor Peggy Whittaker was honored for providing a generous donation that helped fill a funding gap, allowing for bridge construction to begin early next year. The bridge will be named in honor of her late husband, Dr. Richard Whittaker, an avid cyclist and trail lover. It is expected to be completed by the end of 2019.



- [Read The Mercury article about the ceremony](#)
- [Read a Reading Eagle article about the bridge](#)
- [Watch a WFMZ News Clip about the ceremony](#)

An Amazing Heritage & Hops Brew Tour



On Feb. 24, we held our first ever Heritage & Hops Brew Tour, taking 45 participants on a bus tour to four local breweries from Phoenixville to Reading. This proved to be an incredibly fun day, with each brewery provide two tastings and a presentation about the history, heritage or other aspect of that particular business. We learned a lot about each of the fascinating breweries we visited and

we had so much fun doing it. We hope to hold another Heritage & Hops Tour in the future.

[Check out our blog post about the tour](#)

[Read a Reading Eagle article about it](#)

Were you on the tour? Don't forget to fill out our short survey to let us know

We're Hiring a Summer Fellow!



We are seeking a summer fellow to assist us with watershed education programs for a 12-week period from June through August. The fellow will work in tandem with our returning fellow from 2017 to develop and implement educational programming for children and youth at our Pottstown offices. This is a paid, full-time position for students or recent graduates aged 18-24. It is available through

the [Alliance for Watershed Education for the Delaware River](#), which consists of 23 centers in the Delaware River Watershed. Fellows from the 23 centers will participate in an overnight training and a end of summer summit and must complete a capstone project.

[Click here for complete job description.](#)

[Learn more about the fellows](#)

Join Us for an SRT Spree Earth Day Trail Cleanup



Once again we are partnering up with Sly Fox Brewery to celebrate the Earth Day return of SRT Ale! We're hosting three trail cleanups along the Schuylkill River Trail on April 20 & 21 and then celebrating at the Sly Fox Tastin' Room on April 20 and the SRT Spree Festival on April 21. Sign up today for one or more of our SRT Spree Trail Cleanups! All volunteers will get SRT Spree swag; all aged 21 and up will get a voucher

for one free SRT Ale. [Click here to learn more or sign up](#)

Help us Celebrate the Opening of Trail Season on Saturday April 7



Hey folks! It's almost trail season! The official opening day for trails is April 7, and we are joining the [Circuit Trails Coalition](#) in a region-wide celebration consisting of trail cleanups and other events.

We are hosting an Opening Day event on Saturday from April 7 from 11am-1:30pm beginning at Fork & Ale in Union

Township. Join us for a trail cleanup in that area, or a group bike ride along the trail to the connecting Big Woods Trail. [Learn more.](#)

If you want to help with the cleanup, email Fork & Ale at: cheers@forkandale.com to let them know you are coming!

Pottstown Riverfront Park Bridge Repairs Complete



Officials gathered at the Schuylkill River Trail bridge in Pottstown's Riverfront Park recently to view the completed work to repair the span over Manatawny Creek. The roughly \$70,000 project was necessitated after erosion along the bank undermined the bridge's foundation. Funding for the project came from a \$40,000 Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation grant which was awarded to the Schuylkill River Greenways NHA.

That grant was matched by an additional \$40,000 commitment from the Scott & Susan Bentley Fund. [Read more](#)

We Want to Hear From You!

Help us Plan Our Recreation Hub System



We are currently working to develop a [Recreational Hub System](#) of kayak/bike rentals and shuttles along the Schuylkill River. To create this system, we have contracted with Temple University's Fox School of Business' Management Consulting program, and they are assisting us by developing a business plan. But we need your help! We want to know how you spend

your free time and how you use the Schuylkill River Trail. Our consultants have developed an online survey aimed at helping us create the best recreation hub system possible.

[Take Survey Now](#)

The survey will take about about 5-10 minutes to complete.

Congratulations to Jack Koury!

Our long time board member Jack Koury was the winner of the Trek Verve bicycle that was raffled off as part of our year-end membership campaign. Koury's name was randomly selected from all who donated \$150 and above by January 31. We extend our special thanks to [Trek Bicycles of Pottstown](#) which provided the bike at a generous discount.



We also extend our sincere gratitude to all who joined or renewed their Schuylkill River Greenways membership for 2018. Your donation helps support our efforts to build and improve the Schuylkill River Trail, protect the watershed and connect people and communities to the Schuylkill River.

Didn't get around to sending in your check? It's never too late to become a member! [Click here to learn more or donate.](#)

Deadline for Schuylkill Acts & Impacts is March 23

Schuylkill Acts & Impacts is a program organized by our partners for high school students that will take place June 16-23. It is a weeklong watershed expedition that is offered to a team of 12 high school students from the 5 counties (Schuylkill, Berks, Montgomery, Chester,



Philadelphia) in the Schuylkill River watershed. Students will spend the week learning about different water quality impacts in the watershed, do hands-on testing, learn from and interact with environmental professionals throughout the watershed, and will camp, kayak, and have tons of fun!! [Click here for application](#)

[and more details](#)

Save the Date! Schuylkill River Sojourn Registration Opens April 2!



The 20th Annual Schuylkill River Sojourn will take place from June 2-8, 2018! Registration opens April 2. [Learn more.](#)

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