

New Volume 1 Edition 1
THE RANCOCAS CREEK
ASSOCIATION

The New Creekside News

"Reborn"

It has been many years since a publication of the Creekside News. We thought it would be a great idea to resurrect this community newsletter, not only to keep each other informed and up-to-date with our creek, but to document our history for those that follow. Please feel free to check our website for an early edition of our newsletter that was born in 1934!



Fall Foliage Float Festival 2017

The "New" Creekside News

is an e-newsletter for, about, and by the Rancocas Creek Association - free to all, projected to be published quarterly. (January, April, July, October) The Creekside News was previously distributed weekly to all residents free of charge - for the first copy - any additional copies were sold for 2 cents per copy!

Anyone interested in writing an article for our newsletter, or have news that they would like to share, should contact Teri Montgomery or Sharon Astorino. You may use our personal emails or our WebMaster will forward mail to us that is sent to Rancocas@gmail.com.



The October 15th Burlington County Fall Float Festival was a great success.

The Rancocas Creek Association manned a booth and had pamphlets available for visitors. On sale were RCA t-shirts, sweat-shirts, totes, and towels and visitors signed our guest book.

Thank you to Teri & Sharon for managing the booth for most of the day. Thank you to Craig Katz for arranging for the table and helping to set-up. Thank you to Gary Pollak & Jenna Champion and John & Claudia McNamara for their assistance. A very special thank you goes out to Talulla Pollak and her special fundraising skills! Talulla, beautifully decked out in her fall tutu, collected \$6.

Phil Joiner's donation of floaters was hugely successful - free floaters were made available to the paddlers at the launch table and at the RCA table. Thank you Phil!

Mill Race Theatrical Company



Congratulations goes out to Tom Greenfield, RCA Member. After years of hard work and the support of many organizations, including the Rancocas Creek Association (RCA), approvals have finally been awarded for the Theatre to reopen. For those of you that had the opportunity to see "The Poe Project", this is indeed a win for not only Tom, but the entire community as well! We look forward to many more wonderful productions!



Should we decide to offer the floaters again next year, we would add our website to the other side of the floaters.



The dock at Tom Kempton's was decorated and represented the RCA. Tom distributed, on behalf of RCA, complimentary bottles of water to paddlers. Great job Tom!

August 19, 2017 Creek CleanUp

The Creek Clean Up in August was chaired and organized by Morgan Astorino and Gary Pollak. While not many people turned out to clean, it was still a success. A few bags of trash were collected. It was noted that the creek level was higher than anticipated making the clean up a bit quicker and easier. Thank you to Morgan, Gary, Fred Poinsett, and Bill Jorge. A warm thank you to Phil who hosted a picnic for our crew. Thanks to Judy Loane, Mary Jane Barber, Craig, Jenna, Teri, and Sharon for assisting with the food and beverages.



Our guest of honor, Goosfraba, enjoyed the company, strolling and meandering along while the humans dined!

Reprint from 1934 Editorial

"One of the "Creekers" has very wisely raised the question as to what will happen if visitors to the creek continue to pick the wild flowers and shrubbery...unless the practice is discouraged, there will soon be a serious lack of wild flowers on the creek. Let us therefore strive to preserve the wild flowers and do all in our power to preserve and encourage their growth and thus further the beauty of the creek."

Morgan said the same in Heidi Winzinger's documentary; we do need to replenish some natural flora, as there was indeed some over-picking.

If anyone would like to undertake the research to find out what flowers adorned our banks, please let Teri or Sharon know and we will share your findings with the community.

Heidi's documentary should be published in the near future and the RCA membership will be notified.

The Ornithologist Corner



Prior editions of our newsletter had information concerning natives to our area. A common bird along our banks is the beautiful cardinal. A study conducted in 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia on West Nile virus (WNV) transmission in the United States, found that unlike other species, cardinals biologically suppress the disease upon infection.

Cardinals eat mostly seeds, insects, and berries though their diet is quite varied. They will feed on many insects, including beetles, true bugs, grasshoppers, caterpillars, ants, flies, and many others, also spiders, centipedes, and snails. Most of diet is vegetable matter, including seeds of weeds and grasses, waste grain, leaf buds, flowers, and many berries and wild fruits. Young are fed mostly insects. The male cardinal sings to defend nesting territory, actively attacking intruding males (and attacking his own reflection in windows and mirrors). In courtship, male and female raise heads high, sway back and forth while singing softly; a male cardinal often feeds the female early in breeding season. The female cardinal sings mainly in spring before start of nesting. A

nest, built by the female, is usually well hidden in dense shrubs, vines, or low trees, placed 3-10' above ground, sometimes higher. Nests are open cups made of twigs, weeds, grass, bark strips, leaves, rootlets, lined with fine grass or hair.



Happy Birthday to *Katie Loane* - wishing you an Outstanding birthday month of October.

Happy Birthday to *Ellie Genesway* - hoping that you have a Novel November, filled with wondrous things!

Please let Sharon know your birthday (years are necessary!) so that we can acknowledge your special day, or any other special events that you may want to share!



There were public tennis courts at the then Mount-View Service Station on

Route 38 between Pine Street and Madison Avenue. These tennis courts were opened for the 1934 season. A "moderate" hourly charge was made for the use of these courts! We are not sure of the amount of the "moderate" fee. Matlack's Homemade Ice Cream had a stand adjoining the tennis courts.



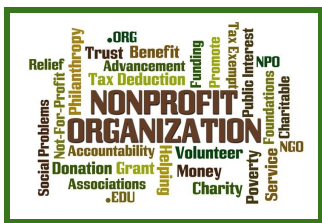
Our thanks to the following for their tax-deductible donations to The Rancocas Creek Association:

Craig Katz for paying the \$250 fee for our 501(c)3 status;

Phil Joiner for the RCA Floaters for the Fall Float;

Teri Montgomery for the bottles of water that were personalized - "Clean Creek brought to you by the Rancocas Creek Association - have fun!";

Mary Jane Barber for the above mentioned maxim!



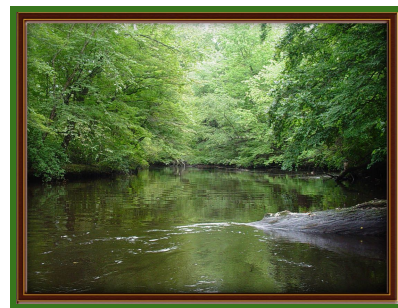
The RCA is now a non-profit organization!
Tax deductible donations may be forwarded to RCA at 249 Shreve Street, Mount Holly NJ 08060.

Volunteers Needed

The RCA would like to begin participating in area events. That would mean volunteers to man the booths, create displays, and possibly sell any existing inventory. If you are interested, please let Sharon know. Thanks!

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