

# Slippery Rock Park Civic Association Newsletter

Spring 2023

Spring is in full bloom and the sun is shining more! Makes everyone happier.

I have been the President of the Association since I inadvertently became the President in 2008. The Board has accomplished much since then. The Association is a 501(c)(4). Our monies are being managed. We built the pavilion, Bocce Court and the playground. We have acquired the "Reserve Tract", which will change nothing about it's current use. We have continued social activities including the annual Picnic, Happy Hour and most importantly, Creek Clean-up. The board and the Association are a valuable resource for our community. I have served as the face of the Association with the Township, the County, and the State Police helping our community when issues have occurred. The years have gone quickly and it has been a great joy to serve as the President. Here it comes.....BUT time marches on and things change. We have many, many, new faces in the Park, we have new younger faces on the Board. We have many more children in the Park. The needs of the community are changing. I am trying to stay "relevant", but need to recognize the time is coming for someone else to "be President". I am not quite ready, but hope this message will resonate for someone. The President's job is very rewarding. 😊

**Interested in volunteering??** Yes, please. A huge thank-you to Sandy Wakefield for her time as Secretary!

After watching the "Flash Mob" of Worker, young people, older people, our community pulling together to clear the road of the huge tree. I am confident this community spirit will survive, grow, and continue. Our community was "visualized" almost 100 years ago. If you read Ralph Nicholas' description of our community on the back of the pull-out, his dream became our dream, which makes this a great community of people. 😊

## **And an ongoing thank-you to our current Board of Directors**

: Janet Powell, President, Donna Krepin, Vice President, Marilyn Martin, Treasurer, Jacki Mueller, Secretary. District Directors: Bob Clouse District One, - Charlotte Clements District Two, Jim Blaine District Four, Melinda Rhoads District Five, Ken Graber, District Six, Fred Powell District Seven, Joanna Creely- District Eight, Dave Spindler- District Nine and Ten and



The Annual Family Picnic will be August 5<sup>th</sup>, the first Saturday in August. There will be a short Association meeting at 4pm, followed by dinner at 5pm. The Board has voted to return the picnic to the origins of the Association providing hot dogs and hamburgers and the rest Potluck. We will be looking to hire someone to flip the burgers and dogs. 😊 The beverages will be BYOB, the Association providing water and iced tea, but no longer providing adult drinks. Again BYOB.

Charlotte Clements recently shared these old photos with me. The sawdust penny hunt. Remember when that entertained the kids for hours? It looks like we had a pianist at the picnic once, anyone know that history?



To the right is the recent "Flash Mob Work Crew" clearing the road.

Thank-you to one and all for the wonderful Community engagement.





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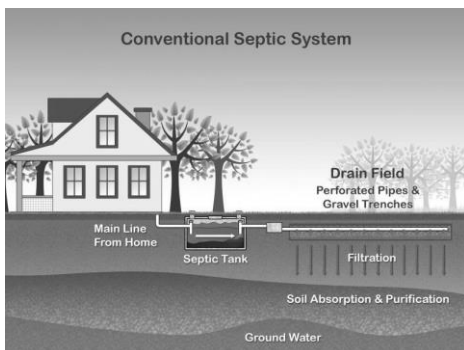
Remember to maintain your septic system to avoid costly replacement.

The Association replaced the original dam in the 1950's. There are more pictures on our web site under history showing the construction of the dam. The Association is responsible for maintaining the dam. There is a Deeded agreement that allows the Association ingress and egress to the dam to maintain it. Creek Clean-up is vital to prevent what happened in the 50's when the dam failed. The dam would not be replaced, which would make our 4.5 miles of navigable water mere puddles and low water. If you have a couple hours and want a "free lunch", please join Creek Clean-up to keep our beautiful creek flowing deeply. Most of the 4.5 miles average about 8-10 foot, dropping that 3 foot without the dam, makes for a shallow braided stream.

Remember to maintain your In Lot septic system. Prevention is less expensive than repair or replacement.

Table I. Septic Tank Pumping Frequency in Years

	Household size - Number of Occupants									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Tank-Gallons	Septic Tank Pumping Frequency in Years									
500*	5.8	2.6	1.5	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	--
750*	9.1	4.2	2.6	1.8	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3
900	11.0	5.2	3.3	2.3	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.5
1000	12.4	5.9	3.7	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.7
1250	15.6	7.5	4.8	3.4	2.6	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.0
1500	18.9	9.1	5.9	4.2	3.3	2.6	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.3
1750	22.1	10.7	6.9	5.0	3.9	3.1	2.6	2.2	1.9	1.6
2000	25.4	12.4	8.0	5.9	4.5	3.7	3.1	2.6	2.2	2.0
2250	28.6	14.0	9.1	6.7	5.2	4.2	3.5	3.0	2.6	2.3
2500	30.9	15.6	10.2	7.5	5.9	4.8	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.6







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The Beach is available to reserve at no cost to members. Non-members \$25 and they become members. It is a nice facility with a grill (donated), nice serving area with electric, a sandy beach, playground, and the Bocce Court. A Porta John is provided from May to September by the Association. Contact Janet Powell to reserve.



More picnic fun memories. I spy Marilyn Thompson and Cynthia Thompson. Peg Graber at Picnic registration and the once tradition of tug of war. Over the years the picnic has changed location and activities. The current group enjoys games. We have the traditional Bingo, along with new Trivia games.

Happy Hour is the last Wednesday of the month at 5pm. We will begin again at the Beach Pavilion the last Wednesday in May. We will continue the last Wednesday of the month until September. We bring an adult beverage of choice and a snack to share. Hope to see faces again after a long winter/Spring!

Remember the speed limit in the Park is 25 mph. Set your cruise control. 😊 Our section of Creek is a "No Wake Zone". This means you cannot go so fast your waves bounce off the shore. Relax and enjoy the adventure!

We are returning to the Roots of the Park picnic with the Pot Luck style meal. The Association will provide hot dogs and hamburgers along with water and tea. We will be looking to hire someone to cook. Adult beverages will be BYO. Bring a dish and/or desert to share. We will have the ever popular Bingo, Trivia games, kids games and Door Prizes. Ideas are readily accepted for this year along with volunteers. I would love to bring back a softball game if anyone interested.

A short list of local community resources:  
(if you would like to add a Contractor, please contact Janet Powell)

K and M Septic Tank Service 724-735-2978

B and L Air Conditioning, Heating, and Plumbing Services, Sean Ireland 724-794-5484

Stone Brothers Construction 724-290-2845

A-1 Piano Service, Bill Glesner, 412-367-3155

Waste Management 844-279-2503

Tri-County Industry 724-748-4705

Serafine 724-445-7488 (this company will go down private roads)

Kohler's Tree Service 724-637-2842

Campbell's Tree Service 724-794-1756

Workman Remodeling 724-496-9262

### 2023 Dates to remember:

**Association Board of Directors' Meeting:** Sunday, May 7th at the Powell's. Snowbirds should be home, if not, we can Zoom if anyone interested.

**Annual Yard Sale:** There is interest in a Yard Sale this year. The date is not yet chosen, the second or third weekend in June are possible dates. The Association does the advertising and signage for the Yard Sale. The date will be set at the Board meeting.

**Annual Corporation meeting and Family picnic:** Saturday, August 5th. The picnic location will be the Powell's. We are returning to Pot Luck with Hamburgers etc provided by the Association. Please volunteer. 😊

**Creek Cleanup:** At present no trees are blocking the creek for boating. Unless Mother Nature drops another, we will have creek Clean-up the second Saturday in June, July and August. Meet at the beach at 9am. Hoping the "Flash Mob Workers" want to have fun with Creek Clean-up. There is a "Free Lunch" at noon.



## Slippery Rock Park

### THE STORY OF SLIPPERY ROCK PARK

Since the late 1920's the summer community of Slippery Rock Park has dozed in the tranquil sunshine. It was known primarily by the few residents who owned land in the immediate vicinity and by the occasional traveler who unknowingly happened upon it. The winds of change have blown all around the Park. Projects such as Fymatuning Reservoir, Moraine State Park, and various private recreational ventures have been instituted and grown. Yet Slippery Rock Park has remained virtually unchanged and unaffected.

Now with the growing scarcity of recreational land the decision has been reached to sell the remaining homesites. Ten years from now it is doubtful whether much, if any, private recreational land will be available around the Pittsburgh area.

If you are at all interested in having a summer or permanent homesite in a beautiful area within easy driving distance of almost any location in Western Pennsylvania now is the time to act. Let the winds of change blow you will be secure in "the place that time forgot."

### HOMESITES AVAILABLE

CALL - 794-3731 FOR MORE INFORMATION

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO BUY LAND  
CONSIDER SLIPPERY ROCK PARK

### SLIPPERY ROCK PARK HAS:

- (1) PRIVACY (A COMMODITY EXTREMELY HARD TO FIND IN TODAY'S WORLD)
- (2) ACCESSIBILITY TO APPROXIMATELY FOUR AND ONE HALF MILES OF NAVIGABLE WATER, A GREAT DEAL OF WHICH IS UNDEVELOPED AND UNTOUCHED
- (3) A VARIETY OF HOMESITES INCLUDING MANY WITH TOWERING OAK TREES AND SOME CONSISTING OF ROLLING FIELDS. ALL LOTS ARE EITHER DIRECTLY ON THE CREEK OR HAVE ACCESS TO THE CREEK.
- (4) A SANDY BEACH
- (5) NO THRU TRAFFIC
- (6) A GOOD COMMUNITY SPIRIT

### SLIPPERY ROCK PARK IS:

- (1) LOCATED ON THE TRANQUIL BANKS OF THE LEGENDARY SLIPPERY ROCK CREEK
- (2) ONLY FIVE MINUTES FROM SUCH LANDMARKS AS NATIONALLY KNOWN SLIPPERY ROCK COLLEGE, THE OLD STONE HOUSE, AND JENNING'S BLAZING STAR PRARIE
- (3) ONLY TEN MINUTES FROM MORaine STATE PARK
- (4) ONLY 60 MINUTES FROM PITTSBURGH
- (5) PROTECTED (ALL HOMESITES NOW FOR SALE HAVE RESTRICTION)
- (6) AN ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY WITH BOTH PERMANENT AND SUMMER RESIDENTS

