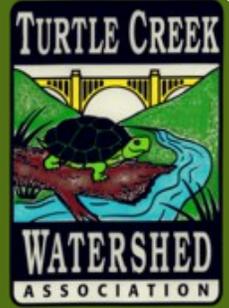


Turtle Creek Watershed Association Newsletter



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A Message From the President

The Turtle Creek Watershed Association (TCWA) was established in 1971 as a 501 (3) c non-profit organization focusing on erosion, sedimentation, flood control, sewage and abandoned mine drainage issues within the 147 square mile Turtle Creek watershed. There are 33 municipalities located within the Turtle Creek watershed. Sixty-six percent of the watershed is situated in Westmoreland County and thirty-four percent in Allegheny County.

I have been a TCWA member for 28 years, serving the last 17 years as President. I joined the TCWA as I managed a sewage treatment plant serving seven municipalities along Turtle Creek ... clean water is my business and passion for the Turtle Creek watershed.

I am asking you to join the TCWA, come to our meetings and get involved. Working together we can make things happen: trash clean-ups, trail projects, Earth Day projects, seed plantings, storm water awareness projects and much more. But it takes people, like you and your friends, to make things happen, so get involved and make a difference!

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

James C. Brucker, President TCWA

Photo Contest!

The Turtle Creek Watershed Association is sponsoring a contest to find the photographs that best

illustrate the natural beauty, resources or recreational opportunities in the Turtle Creek Watershed.

The rules are simple: submit a recent photograph via email (turtlecreekwa@gmail.com) from a location or activity in the Turtle Creek watershed that illustrates your idea of the natural beauty, resources or recreational opportunities in the watershed. The information accompanying the photograph must include the location of the photograph, your name, address, email address and phone number. Basic photo editing is allowed, but no major additions or subtractions using Photoshop or similar editors. All entries must be submitted by May 15th, 2018.

Entries may be posted on the Turtle Creek Watershed Facebook Page. Entries will be judged by the Turtle Creek Watershed Association Board of Directors who will pick the winner. The winner will be awarded a \$50 gift card.



Save the Date!

Rubber Ducky Race Fundraiser for TCWA and the Westmoreland Heritage Trail

Keep your eyes peeled for more information on the first annual upcoming Rubber Ducky Race Fundraiser! The tentative date and location are April 7th, 2018 at the Sloan Elementary School on Sardis Rd in Murrysville. Make sure you follow our Facebook page for updated information on tickets and event information.

New and Upcoming Developments

- ◆ Upcoming volunteer opportunities for the new year will include:
 - ⇒ installing and staining a new kiosk on the Westmoreland Heritage Trail
 - ⇒ trash pickup day along the Westmoreland Heritage Trail
- ◆ Plans are in the works for two possible lawn-to-meadow conversions in Monroeville that will create healthier, more natural pollinator habitats
- ◆ Multiple donors have answered our WishBook grant request which will be used to create seed packets and purchase aluminum storm drain markers
- ◆ TCWA has two new Directors Emeritus who were elected at our annual meeting in December: **John Mores and Ed Fischer**. Both men have served on the board since 1971! We thank you for all of your past, current, and future service to the association!

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Get Involved!

- Our meetings are conducted on the final Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Come and join us!
- Interested in becoming a member? Fill out the membership form and send it in!
- Follow us on Facebook for all the latest updates on our activities, projects, and volunteer opportunities.