



Tri-Community Anglers Association

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In 1998 a small group of individuals gathered to form what is now a 100+ member Tri-Community Anglers Association. With the help of our members we hope to celebrate many more years to come. Since that day in 1998, Peters Creek has been transformed into a well diversified and stocked trout fishing stream for anglers' need to fish or just relax. So let us keep up the good work for the future!

In 2011, we held two clean-up days: one in April and one in September. We stocked the stream two times during the year. The stockings took place in April and September. The September stocking was for our annual **Kid's Day**, which was held on September 24th from 1 - 4 p.m. There were 97 kids for a great day of fishing! All kids received a prize at the end of the event. We need to thank all the volunteers who helped make it happen. Also special thanks to all the following groups and sponsors: *Shad Lure, Allegheny County Conservation District, Angelo's Trout Farm, South Park Township, Giant Eagle (Elizabeth), Elrama Gun Club, Montour Trail Council, Elizabeth Township Sportsman Association, Peters Creek Watershed Association, Large Hotel and the Vario family.*



Kid's Day -

Saturday, September 24, 2011

On July 7, 2011 a water main burst in Green Man's Tunnel and flushed half of South Park's salt storage deposit into Piney Fork and Peters Creek. This event caused a fish kill in Peters Creek all the way to the Mon River. The Pennsylvania American Water Company has stepped up and provided \$34,512.39 to the Tri-Community Anglers and the Peters Creek Watershed Association so that we can restore damage and continue work to improve Peters Creek. We thank them for being good neighbors. We determined that sufficient insect and macro life in the stream survived the spill to resume stocking; the first being for Kids Day 2011. Now, more than ever, we are in need of your membership, time and support so that we can make fishing in Peters Creek as memorable as ever!

The Peters Creek Sanitary Authority is proposing to build a sewage treatment plant that would discharge into Peters Creek about a mile above the stocked portion of the stream even though a sewer line already exists to pipe this sewage down to the Clairton Municipal Authority Treatment plant near the mouth of Peters Creek. We are already familiar with the effect that sewage treatment plant discharges can have on our creeks including contributing to excessive algae and fish kills of their own. Upgrading the Clairton facility would make a new sewage treatment plant along Peters Creek unnecessary.

Jen Cramer's 7th grade science students have supported TCAA by raising trout from eggs and stocking the young into Peters Creek. They have also participated in plantings of native trees and shrubs along the stream. Now they need our help. They recently entered Samsung's "Solve for Tomorrow" contest and have been chosen as 1 of 12 national finalists from over 1500 entries. They produced a video about managing invasive (alien) plant species along Peters Creek and now need as many votes as possible to win \$100,000 for the Pleasant Hills Middle School.

Visit the www.samsung.com/solvefortomorrow website and vote for their video! See the TCAA website for more info.

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Our membership dues are the same as 2011. **Cost for regular members is still \$15.00 and \$7.00 for Juniors (ages 16 and under).** So, let's get the word out about the best kept secret of great fishing and recreation on Peters Creek from South Park to Clairton! We are trying to get our membership to an all time high this year. So get out there and let everyone know!!!

We are planning two **clean-up days** in 2012. First cleanup will be Saturday, April 7 at 9:00 a.m. We will meet at the "Iron Bridge" located 1/2 miles from Large on Peters Creek Road. The second clean-up will be on Saturday, September 15 at 9:00 a.m., same starting point.

Kid's Day will be held on Saturday, September 22 at 1- 4 p.m. and will be located at the intersection of Peters Creek Road and Waterman Road.

We will have the creek stocked with hungry trout for another season of some great fishing and fun!

For more information visit our website at tcaa.peterscreek.org.

2012 Meeting Dates

January 9th

February 13th

March 12th

April 9th

May 14th

June 11th

July 9th

August 13th

September 10th

October 8th

November 12th

December 10th

Our meetings are held at 8:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 75, 660 Miller Avenue, Clairton. We are always looking forward to new members joining us at our monthly meetings. All are welcome and any ideas or input is well appreciated. 2011 was a good year for TCAA and we are looking forward to an even better year in 2012! So send in your dues and please join us at one of the meetings, and hope to see you stream side some time this season!

Thanks to all from the TCAA.