

Waterways Association of Pittsburgh Newsletter

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January Highlights

A total of (28) twenty-eight members and guests were registered for the January 9, 2019 luncheon meeting at Bella Sera.

Navigation Committee Report

David Podurgiel provided the following report:

OHIO RIVER

1. Montgomery L/D - MP 31.7 OR Primary Lock Chamber Closed for Repairs to Install Lower Bulkhead Slots.
March 11 through June 14 (106 days) - First half of job, the primary chamber is closed with restricted width lockages provided every other weekend and the auxiliary chamber is open except when the primary chamber is open. Second half of job, the primary chamber is closed with restricted width lockages every 2 hours for 20hrs/day and daily night time restricted width lockages for 4hrs/day. The auxiliary chamber is closed for the entire second half of the job.
2. Willow Island L/D - MP 161.7 OR - Primary Lock Chamber Closed for Repairs to Miter Gates.
July 8 through September 30 (85 days).
3. Robert C Byrd L/D - MP 279.2 OR - Primary Lock Chamber Closed for Repairs to Miter Gates.
July 8 through August 6/September 5 (30 to 60 days).
4. Yet to Be Determined - Industry has requested the following to be scheduled concurrent with the Montgomery outage of March 11 through June 14:
 - A. Montgomery L/D - MP 31.7 OR - Intermittent lock closures to stabilize middle wall crack.
 - B. New Cumberland L/D - MP 54.4 OR - Intermittent lock closures to upgrade to hydraulic operating system.
 - C. Dashields L/D - MP 13.3 OR - intermittent lock closures for emergency slope stabilization behind upper guide wall - very unlikely for FY 2019.

ALLEGHENY RIVER

5. L/D #2 - MP 6.7 AR - Lock Chamber Closed for Repairs - as shown below:
August 5-26 - Closed no navigation permitted.
August 26-September 9 - Navigation permitted with 35' width restriction.
September 9-October 10 - Closed no navigation permitted.
October 10-25 - Navigation permitted with 35' width restriction.

KANAWHA RIVER

6. Winfield L/D - MP 31.1 KR - Primary Lock Chamber Closed for Repairs to Upper Land Wall Miter Gate Anchorage.

May 29 - July 1 (34 days) - Industry attempting to move to begin July 8 through August 10 to be concurrent with Robert C Byrd and Willow Island outages.

David also commented briefly on the Coast Guard report highlights which will be posted on the website.

Port of Pittsburgh Commission

Mary Ann Bucci reported on the following:

- The PPC launched its new website December 13, 2018. All are encouraged to visit the new site at www.portpitt.com.
- The PPC is issuing a Request for Proposal for an Economic Impact Study. The request is being posted this week.
- The PPC will be meeting with Rep. Guy Reschenthaler later this month to discuss the projects in our district.
- The PPC will be hosting a Round-Table event with Rep. Conor Lamb in the early Spring.
- The PPC met with Senator Toomey's Legislative Director, Brand Grantz to discuss infrastructure issues on the inland waterways.
- Waterways Council Inc. is hosting its Annual National Meeting in Pittsburgh in November.
- The PPC will be enhancing an outreach program for more visibility on all our Rivers.
- The PPC will be taking over the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Course. The Course will be offered once a year and will continue to partner with CMU.
- The Waterways Association will be traveling to Washington DC for our annual legislative meetings February 12-14, 2019.
- Several important conferences:
 - o PORTS '19 - September 15-18, 2019 at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown
 - o WCI Meeting and Waterways Symposium - November 6-8, 2019 at the Fairmont Pittsburgh

Legislative Report

Dean Marlin was unable to attend the meeting due to some health issues. Report was provided under the Port of Pittsburgh Commission.

Coast Guard News

Due to the partial government shutdown, Coast Guard representatives were unable to attend. However, the **attached** report was submitted.

Army Corp of Engineers

John Dilla presented the **attached** report.

National Weather Service

Alicia Miller provided the **attached** report.

Education Committee Report

Michael Graham notified members that the first "Who Works the Rivers" will be held on April 11, 2019. Mike reported that the tentative dates have been set for the following: Man Overboard on July 11, 2019 at the Clarion Hotel and October 10th for the Barge Breakaway at the Floreffé Fire Hall. The "Who Works the Rivers" fall date is October 3rd. Unless there are any conflicts, Mike will move to confirm those dates.

February Membership Meeting

The **next** membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at Chartiers Country Club). **PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE CHANGE DUE TO ANNUAL DC VISIT.** Cost of the luncheon will be **\$30**. Registration will begin at 11:45 a.m. and lunch served promptly at noon. Please call, email or fax the response form below by Friday, February 15, 2019 if you plan on attending the luncheon meeting.

**Waterways Association of Pittsburgh
Meeting Response Form**

Chartiers Country Club
February 20, 2019 @ Noon

Menu:

Mixed Field Greens Salad w/balsamic vinaigrette
Baked Stuffed Breast of Chicken/stuffed w/home-style dressing
Red Bliss Potatoes
Cherry Crisp w/vanilla ice cream
Coffee, tea and iced tea

Cost: *\$30/per member*

_____ YES, I will be attending

_____ No, I will not be attending

****Special Dietary Requirements:** _____

NAME: _____
(Please print)

COMPANY: _____

Please respond **by Friday, February 15, 2019** to:

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