



# MONTOUR TRAIL-LETTER

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## *The Montour Trail On the Web*

As with all things nowadays, the Montour Trail is increasingly finding that a presence on the World Wide Web is a must in maintaining relations with its members as well as those who are new to the concept of rail-trails. To that end, there are a couple of places where you can have your questions answered about the Trail.

### *The Official MTC Web Site:*

[www.montourtrail.org](http://www.montourtrail.org)

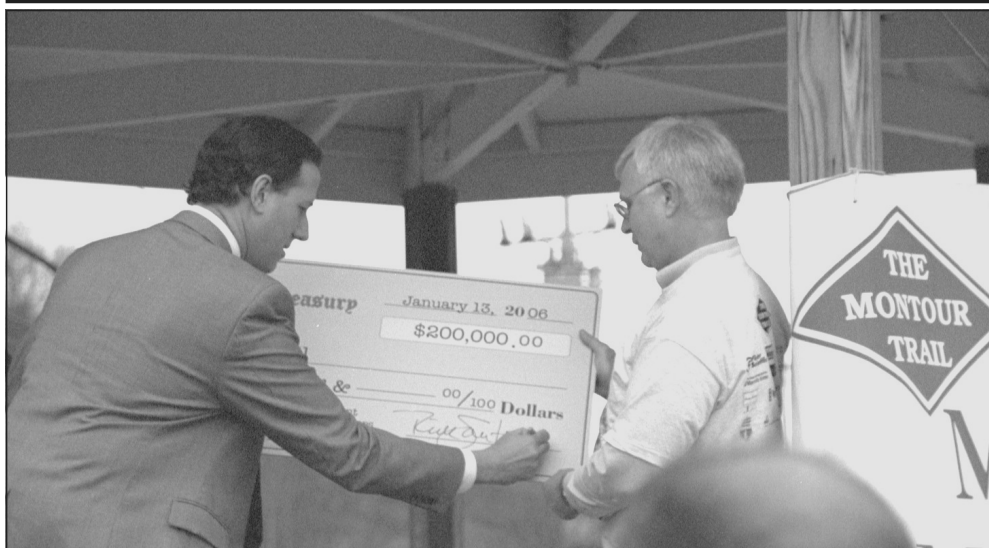
### *An email based Montour Trail Yahoo Discussion Group can be accessed at:*

<http://montourtrail.org/membership/egroup.html> (all one line)

And finally, a **NEW** cyber-trail-community has been created at:  
[www.ClubMTC.com](http://www.ClubMTC.com)

*See ya' on the 'net!'*

## Montour Trail Receives \$200,000 Funding to Begin 2006!



*Photo by Ned Williams*

**U.S. Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA) presenting Montour Trail president Dennis Pfeiffer with a check for \$200,000 to help complete the Montour Trail.**

**Senator Santorum secured this funding for the Montour Trail in the recently passed SAFETEA-LU federal transportation bill.**

### *And the Prez sez...*

Hello to the members and friends of the Montour Trail.

The Montour Trail Council was very fortunate last year that Congressman Tim Murphy secured \$1,600,000 and Senator Rick Santorum secured \$200,000 in the transportation bill for construction of the Montour Trail. In addition Congressman Murphy was able to secure another \$250,000 in the Appropriations bill for 2006. This new funding, while not all available this year, has allowed planning to commence for the 2006 construction season.

Our Chairman of the Engineering & Construction committee Ned Williams and Development Director

Dave Wright are leading our efforts to determine possible construction projects for 2006. Updated costs and design status already have been obtained from Mackin engineering for the Washington County structures. Due to some technicalities we have been required to create a new engineering contract with PENNDOT for the Allegheny County projects. This new contract is now under review in PENNDOT's Harrisburg central office.

Our next step is to meet with our PENNDOT enhancement coordinator Adam Smith in the district 12.0 Uniontown office in early February. The purpose of this meeting is twofold.

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## Trail Talk

*From the editor's desk*

### Newsletter Volunteers Wanted

You're reading this newsletter considerably later than we normally get our first issue of the year out. We apologize for any inconvenience of our delay, and assure you that we're working to improve upon that going forward. First of all we'd like to thank our past newsletter editor, Astrid Cook, for her fine volunteer work these past several years putting together an informative and professionally-done newsletter. Unfortunately for us, her family situation has changed, leaving her insufficient time to continue in that role. We'll certainly miss her!

Moving forward, the MTC board is seeking interested persons who are willing to volunteer their efforts toward producing and distributing this publication. We hope to find both a publication leader/editor and a group of individuals who can assist in soliciting and creating content, as well as take responsibility for the mechanics of producing it. If you have the talent, desire, and time to volunteer, we'd like to hear from you. Interested parties are requested to contact Mark Imgrund at [mcimgrund@adelphia.net](mailto:mcimgrund@adelphia.net), or by phone at: 412-257-3011.

## March 2006

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### Calendar of Events

Burgh's 10K Run & 2 mile  
Fun Walk—**April 23**

Airport Area Penny Day—  
**May 13**

IKEA / Montour 1/2 Mara-  
thon—**September 9**

Tour the Montour Trail  
Ride—**September 23**

## April 2006

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MTC Board Meeting—  
**Third Monday of the  
month**

For updated informa-  
tion, check out our  
new Events Calendar at  
**[www.montourtrail.org/g/events](http://www.montourtrail.org/g/events)**

### Newsletter Deadline

All articles for the March / April Trail-Letter  
will be due **no later than** February 25, 2006

The Montour Trail Council is an *all volunteer* organization founded in 1989 to convert the abandoned Montour Railroad right of way and the abandoned Peters Creek Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad into a fifty-five mile recreational trail for non-motorized activity regardless of physical ability or financial wherewithal.

# Friends' Meetings and Work Parties

- ◆ **MTC Board Meeting**, every **third Monday** of the month - **6:00 pm** at 304 Hickman St., Suite 3, Bridgeville, PA. Turn right off of the Bridgeville exit of I-79. Turn left at the next light, go straight at next light and make left turn onto Hickman St. just after the Post Office. Call Peter at 412-854-1835 for more information or to get on the agenda.
- ◆ **Cecil Events:**  
**Friends of the Trail meeting**, every **fourth Wednesday** of the month at **7:00 pm**. From May-August, meetings are held at the Kurnick Access area along the trail off Cecil-Henderson Road; other months meet at the MTC Offices, Call 412-257-2553 for more information. **Work & Clean-up party**, every **third Saturday** of the month - **9:00 am**. (Subject to change; check information boards.) Meet at the Storage shed at Hendersonville. Call 412-257-2553 for more info.
- ◆ **Moon/Robinson Events:**  
**Friends of the Trail meeting**, the **Wednesday** before the second Saturday of the month at **7:00 pm.**, at the Forest Grove Fire Department. Anyone from the communities of Moon and Robinson are encouraged to attend. Call 412-859-3020 for more information. **Work & Clean-up party**, every **second Saturday** of the month - **9:00 am**. Call 412-262-3748 for more information and location.
- ◆ **Findlay/North Fayette Events:**  
**Friends of the Trail**, call Don at 724-899-3695 or Pete at 412-788-4136 for more information. **Work & Clean-up party**, every **fourth Saturday** of the month - **9:00 am**. Meet at the Enlow Ballfield. Call 412-788-4136 for more information.
- ◆ **Bethel Park Events:**  
**Friends of the Trail meeting**, every **first Tuesday** of the month at **7:30 pm** in the Bethel Park Municipal Building Council Chambers. Anyone interested in the Bethel Park Trail segment is encouraged to come. For Clifton Road Bridge Committee meetings, contact Peter Kohnke at 412-854-1835 for more information. **Work & Clean-up party**, every **second and fourth Saturday** of the month - **8:30 am**. Call Bob O'Connell at 412-833-6259 for location and information.
- ◆ **South Hills Friends of the Trail**  
**Work & Clean-up party**, last **Saturday** of every month. All volunteers are welcome. For more information, call Paul McKeown at 412-835-6692.
- ◆ **Fort Cherry Events:**  
**Friends of the Trail Meeting**, **first Wednesday** of the month at McDonald Borough Bldg., Council chambers at 7:00 pm. **Work & Clean-up parties**, scheduled as needed. For more information, contact John Wasko at 724-796-3781, or Joe Seibel at 724-693-2523.
- ◆ **Peters Township Events:**  
**Friends of the Trail Meeting**, **first Monday** of the month at Peters Township Parks and Recreation Community Room at 7:45 pm. For more information on **Work & Clean-up parties**, please contact Mark Imgrund at 724-941-6351 or by e-mail at mcimgrund@adelphia.net.

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We will first review the status of our engineering plans. Then we hope to determine the amount and timing of enhancements funds that PENNDOT can program for construction. If the details can be worked out, there is a possibility PENNDOT could give us the OK to advertise for construction bids in the spring.

Lets hope for another productive construction season as we had last year with the well done, under budget and on time Muse-Bishop Road bridge project.

Happy Trails.

*Dennis Pfeiffer, President*

## Event Coordinator Needed

Looking for a unique volunteer opportunity? Do you like organizing events and working with people? We are looking for a volunteer to be the event coordinator for the Outback Steakhouse Montour

Trail Walkabout. The 2006 event will be in early August, with the exact date TBD. Responsibilities include coordinating the event with the Outback Steakhouse folks and organizing the event to maximize the possible proceeds of the event. A committee will be available to assist the new coordinator in all aspects of the position. If interested, or to find out more information please contact: Bill Orr at 724-695-2638 or email Bill at: william.orr@fishersci.com.

## Welcome New Board Members

The Montour Trail Council would like to extend a warm welcome to new board members Charlie Beaumariage, Gil McGurl, Phyllis McChesney, and Karen Robbins. At the same time a hearty "Thank You" goes out to past board members Astrid Cook, Jesse Forquer and Hoyt Hall for all their efforts on behalf of the Trail over the past years. Though no longer board members, we are glad to know that they are still going to be around to help!



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## South Hills Friends of the Trail Holds Inaugural Meeting

The first meeting of the new Montour Trail Friends group for South Park, Jefferson Hills and Clairton was held on Wednesday, February 1. Regular meetings of the Friends group are to be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Jefferson Hills Borough building, with the next meeting to take place on Wednesday, March 1. Additional information may also be obtained by phoning or emailing:

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