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Making Headway on the Greer Tunnel Re-opening

With about a third of the work completed, good progress has been made on the Greer Tunnel lining installation project that began in mid-July.

The tunnel, at about mile marker 28.5 of the trail, could be re-opened in early to mid-November if the work stays on track. Swank Construction of New Kensington, the contractor that built the new Fern Hollow Bridge in the East End of Pittsburgh after it failed in January 2022, is leading the work to install a permanent steel ceiling-liner system at the eastern portal to extend approximately 120 feet into the Greer Tunnel. The lining will stabilize the existing concrete structure.

The heavily-used Greer Tunnel is on one of the most scenic sections of the Montour Trail. The 235-foot-long tunnel was constructed by the Montour Railroad Co. in 1913. The tunnel ceiling has been slowly deteriorating to the point where Trail Council volunteers months ago installed a temporary scaffold-and-plywood shield to safeguard trail users from debris falling from the ceiling.

Prior to the beginning of the lining installation project, the trail was closed from the Linwood parking lot to the western portal of the bridge over Chartiers Creek. Swank then began its work by excavating near the tunnel walls to cast and form the concrete foundations. The foundations are designed with a drainage system to collect and carry water out of the tunnel and towards the slope. The concrete foundations will eventually have structural steel beams mounted to them and form the “ribs” of the tunnel’s liner.



Power-washing the Greer Tunnel (photo: Ned Williams)

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Help Keep the Greer Clear

The cost of the Greer Tunnel project is unknown with much of the work still ahead. The current estimate is in the range of \$800,000. Would you help?

In 2022, the nonprofit Montour Trail Council applied for and received a \$240,000 grant from the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington to install a permanent ceiling liner – half of the total cost at that time, with a commitment from the MTC to contribute an additional \$250,000. In May, trail volunteers discovered that a portal on the east end of the tunnel had separated from the tunnel. It was temporarily closed to protect trail users and engineers immediately addressed this issue. This added an additional \$110,000 cost to the tunnel rehab.

The Montour Trail Council has launched a grass-roots fundraising campaign for the Greer Tunnel project. Trail users have been very generous, contributing more than \$31,000 thus far to the campaign. If you’d like to contribute, please click the Greer Tunnel donation link on MontourTrail.org

Election Time: MTC Board Nominations

Each fall, the Montour Trail Council asks members to vote on nominees to the Board of Directors. The six nominees listed below are running for the 2024-2026 board term.

Voting will begin at the end of September. Ballots can be mailed and voting can be done electronically using MyMTC. See the link on the home page of MontourTrail.org to vote. Results will be tabulated and announced at the annual meeting on Sunday, November 5 (see article on page 4).

Fran Hensler is an avid outdoor enthusiast, notably as a cyclist. A longtime trail supporter and an occasional MTC volunteer since the 2000s, she stepped up service a few years ago and currently serves as board secretary and co-chair of the operations committee. Fran played a leading role making the Montour Trail website user-friendly, continuing today by providing info that is easy to access and relevant to the user community – a skill she honed over a lifetime career in marketing communications. Her home office is in Brentwood.

Dave Jackel is nominated for his second term on the board and has been an active volunteer with the MTC for several years. In addition to being a contributing member of the trail’s South Hills Friends group, he serves on the engineering & construction committee. He’s a dedicated teammate on the trail maintenance crew, devoting many hours each month year-round to trail maintenance, resurfacing and equipment maintenance. Dave was a mechanical engineer, engineering manager, and project director at the Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory, retiring in 2018 after 38 years of service supporting the U.S. Nuclear Navy. Dave and his wife Theresa are frequent trail users and reside in South Park Township.

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Prez Says

by Ned Williams

Hello again to all of you, throughout the widespread Montour Trail community. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer, and are looking forward to a fine fall season with us.

First of all, the Montour Trail Council expresses a large debt of gratitude to Mr. Dennis Sims, the longtime editor of this newsletter. In the Spring of 1990, Dennis saw the need for a clear, attractive, and well-organized newsletter that would be the central voice of the Trail. Under his firm guidance, which in turn could be both delicate and persuasive, hundreds of news articles, in-depth stories, trail notices, and historical perspectives were beautifully packaged and sent out to tell the complex and evolving story of the Montour Trail. The great work of the volunteers, the active support of the municipalities and other entities of the public sector, the setbacks and the openings of new sections – all was told right here.

Dennis was involved from the very beginning; he's one of the few with his name up in bronze on the Founders monument at Kurnick in the Cecil section. He's in the photo of the October 10, 1992 opening of the first section of the Montour, which was in Cecil. He devoted himself to its long term needs, too; spending untold hours mowing grass, trimming trailside brush, and clearing fallen trees. And he has served ever since then as the president of the Cecil Friends of the Trail. Among many other things, Dennis designed and conducted the winter temperature research project at National Tunnel, proving that enclosing it prevented ice formation. Note that he did all this trail stuff while working a full time job, as a professional meteorologist. Dennis' insights into upcoming weather have often proved useful for certain trail activities, like his recommendations as to when to close those tunnel doors. If you see Dennis out on the trail, be sure to thank him for his lifetime of effort as a leading MTC volunteer.

Now stepping up to serve as editor is Mr. Phillip Torrez. An MTC Board member who has worked with numerous environmental and trail issues over the years, Phillip has been assisting with the newsletter for some time. Starting with this issue, it will have something of a different look, but a continued commitment to portray the many facets of the Montour to an ever wider audience into the future. We thank Phillip for taking over this important communication function, and share his enthusiasm for it.

Phillip and Annemarie Torrez are serving as directors for the 2023 Tour the Montour event. This year they engaged an especially broad network of volunteers to help manage the many different parts of the Tour, each with a myriad of details to be worked through and smoothly coordinated. The numbers of Tour veterans and new volunteers, and the hours involved in planning, are greater than ever. (The many various preparation activities for the Tour effectively attracted new volunteers, eager to help.) Rider registration numbers are strong, as is the level of corporate sponsorship, led by Gateway Engineers. We are confident that the entire Montour Trail community will view the 2023 Tour as eminently successful in all respects.

Just before the Tour, the Montour Trail Maintenance Crew completed the leveling and resurfacing of the trail from Cliff Mine Road (mile 5.8) all the way down to mile 0. They graded the trail, fixed ditches and drainage, and placed an incredible 2,500 tons of crushed limestone, rolling it firm and smooth. The Tour riders should really appreciate that! Hats off to the Crew, whose regulars include Bill Capp, Dave Jackel, Bob Sutton, Dave Mikula, Andy Smith, Dennis Keith, Larry Castner, Mike Daily, Terry Bimle, Pete Merther, and Julian Wolfe. Including earlier work done in South Park and Peters, they're nearing nine miles of Montour Trail resurfacing for the year, a combined total of over 3,000 volunteer hours. Thanks, guys!

Under the able leadership of project manager Nick Koman, the rehabilitation of Greer Tunnel is proceeding apace, as is reported in detail elsewhere in this newsletter. Foundations are poured, the drainage layer is in, steel arch supports are up, and the lagging panels are being placed. Soon, a special lightweight concrete will be pumped in, to fill the space between the steel and the tunnel surface. Next will be the heavy reinforced concrete work at the east end of the tunnel. We are on schedule for a re-opening in November.

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Friends' Meetings and Work Parties

MTC Board Meeting:

Every third Monday of the month - 6:00 p.m. at 2589 Boyce Plaza Road, Suite 4 Upper St. Clair. Turn at the traffic signal on Boyce Road between the railroad and the creek. Call the Montour Trail Office for more information or to get on the agenda.

Airport Area Friends: (MP 0 to MP 12.6 and the 6.3 mile Airport Connector)

The Airport Area Friends of the Trail meet every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the MTC Western Corridor Garage, 450 Cliff Mine Road, North Fayette Township, PA 15108. New volunteers are always welcomed. Contact Mark Modispacher at 412 266-1544 for more information. Numerous "work parties" are held during the season. Please call 412-262-3748 to lend a hand at the work parties.

Fort Cherry Friends: (MP 12.6 to MP 20.7)

Friends of the Trail meeting: Second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the McDonald Trail Station, 160 S. McDonald Street, McDonald, PA 15057 (adjacent to the Panhandle Trail). Work and cleanup parties will be scheduled as needed. For more information, contact Tim Thomassy, 724-926-4617 or Chuck Hughey, 724-926-9436.

Cecil Friends: (MP 22.0 to MP 28.5)

Friends of the Trail meeting, every fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are held at the Kurnick Access area along the trail off Cecil Henderson Road. Work and cleanup parties are scheduled as needed. Call 412-496-4308 for more information, or email densimwx@comcast.net

The Montour Railroad Historical Society:

For more information, email mrhs@montourrr.com

Peters Township Friends: (MP 28.5 to 30.4, Library Jct to near MP 35 and part of the Bethel Branch)

Friends of the Trail meeting, the first non-holiday Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at various locations depending on weather and time of year. Work and clean-up parties on the first Friday and third Saturday of every month at 8:30 am. For more information on meetings or work parties please email us at petersfriends@montourtrail.org

Bethel Park Friends: (The 2.75 mile Bethel Branch and a short piece of main line trail around MP 35).

Friends of the Trail meeting, every first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethel Park Municipal Building Caucus Room behind the Council Chambers. Anyone interested in the Bethel Park Trail segment is encouraged to come. Work and cleanup party, every second and fourth Saturday of the month - 8:30 a.m. Call Bill Capp at 412-833-5928 for location and information.

South Hills Friends: (MP 35.4 to 46.6)

Meeting second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at South Park Township Community Room or the Township Library located at the Township Building at 2675 Brownsville Road, South Park, 15129. Work and cleanup parties on the second Saturday of the month. For more information, contact David Oyler at 412-831-9288, davidoyler1950@gmail.com, or Paul McKeown at 412-835-6692, mckeownp@comcast.net

The Westland Friends: (MP 21.0 to 21.9, and Westland Branch)

Meets on the first Wednesday of the month. For more information, contact Deb Thompson at: intrepidscout@theneonweb.com

Remember When...

30 years ago, 1993: The first 5.2 miles of the trail open on October 10 in Moon and Robinson townships, and on November 12, the Cecil Friends of the Montour Trail organize

25 years ago, 1998: Bethel Park opens its first mile of trail, and the Trail Monitor Patrol Group holds its inaugural meeting at Trail Blazers Bike Shop

20 years ago, 2003: Dick Quasey, who served as MTC president, passes away just prior to Trestle Fest in McDonald marking the completion of Trail from Venice to and including the McDonald Viaduct and the connector to the Panhandle Trail

15 years ago, 2008: Ribbon-cutting is held for the West Peters route 19 to Chartiers Creek

10 years ago, 2013: Valley Brook Bridge #1 is opened on September 14

5 years ago, 2018: The rain holds off for the Tour the Montour until night

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Be aware, though, that these few items I have mentioned above, albeit highly visible, only barely scratch the surface. There is a truly vast amount of activity going on with the seven Friends Groups, the many Committees, and lots of other people - who wrestle every day with the bewildering array of issues that have to be engaged, resolved, and carefully woven together to keep the Montour Trail organization on track and moving forward. The trail that you walk on is the result. It really takes a village to keep it going.

If you, dear reader, live near the trail, perhaps ride or walk on it, or just have a casual interest, and have just a little bit of time, you could have more fun than you might imagine by helping out. There's a strong sense of personal accomplishment in using your abilities to contribute to the furthering of such a well-known, heavily used, and regionally beloved trail. Talk to a trailside volunteer, call a local friends group, (they're listed in this newsletter) or contact MTC by email or social media today. And prepare to have a good time.

A fine Fall season to you all!

Annual Meeting at Southpointe on November 5

The Montour Trail Council will celebrate its 2023 achievements at the annual meeting and dinner on Sunday, November 5, at the Loft Conference Center adjacent to the AC Hotel by Marriott in Southpointe. We'll start with a social hour and cash bar at 5 p.m. that provides a great opportunity to meet and talk with others who love and support the Montour Trail. A buffet dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and the business meeting will follow between 7–8 p.m.

Jeff Kotula, president of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce and Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency, will present the keynote address. He will focus his remarks on strategies to promote outdoor and recreational tourism and its economic impact on the region. Jeff and his team were instrumental in planning and funding the recently-opened Southpointe Connector to the Montour Trail as well as supporting and promoting trails across Washington County. Jeff has served as president of the 1,200-member Washington County Chamber of Commerce – the largest chamber of commerce in Southwestern Pennsylvania – since 1999.

During the meeting, results of the election of new Montour Trail Council board members will be announced. Please see the separate article in this Trail-Letter. We are using MyMTC (our electronic membership and donor database) for registration. Sign in to your MyMTC account, click the drop-down box in the upper right, and select "Upcoming Events." Alternatively, you can find the link on the MontourTrail.org home page. If you receive the printed Trail-Letter, you can use the attached form. Reservation requests must be received by 12 noon on Saturday, October 29. We hope you will join us.

MTC Board Nominations

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Don Thobaben is nominated for his fifth term on the board and is active on the executive, membership & community outreach, engineering & construction, operations, and camping committees. Don is an adventurous cyclist and a great source for information about local and national bike trails. Since retiring as administrative manager at Graybar Electric, Don works in customer service at Aero Tech Designs Cyclewear in Coraopolis. Don and his wife Jackie live in Mt. Lebanon.

Deb Thompson has served on the MTC board since 2017 and as president in 2021-22. Deb sits on the operations and technology committees. Prior to retirement, Deb held leadership positions in an environmental consulting firm. She was MTC's webmaster and served as chair of its technology committee from 2004-2018. Deb resides in Scott Township with her husband, Dave Hajnik, and enjoys cycling, hiking, and wildflower photography. Her website, myWildflowers.com, includes nearly 2,100 photos of over 430 species of flowers from trails of the northeastern U.S.

Julian Wolfe was born and raised in the Washington, DC, area, and grew up walking, running, and cycling the Chesapeake and Ohio towpath in Georgetown and suburban Maryland. He relocated to the Pittsburgh area in 2004 after assignments overseas for the U.S. government and recently retired after 32 years in the foreign service community. Julian is currently MTC vice president and a member of the Montour Trail's engineering & construction and finance committees. He also serves as secretary of the trail's Westland Friends. He resides in Upper St. Clair with his wife, two children, and two cats.

Tina Zottola is an associate vice president of Medicaid Financial Services within UPMC's insurance division and has previous experience as an accountant, auditor and CPA in Price Waterhouse's audit division. She is an accountant by education and holds her executive MBA. Tina has served as the chair of the MTC finance committee since September 2021. During this time, she efficiently managed two successful MTC audits improving the time to completion to less than 2-1/2 months. Tina has also led the development of practices that help enhance internal controls and streamline the MTC's business operations. She enjoys riding on the trail and entertaining friends in her humble abode in Moon Township.

The New Editor

Phillip Torrez was a reporter in his first career, chasing stories at three daily newspapers in Southern California over a dozen years. In his second career, he was a senior editor and publications manager for news & communications at the University of California president's office in Oakland, CA. In 1994, as the internet "broke," Torrez created one of the first digital university newsletters, *Berkeley Online*, which continues to this day. He and his family relocated to the Commonwealth in 2011. Torrez has been a member of the trail council since 2014, and is serving his second term on the MTC board. He is a member of the trail's Westland Friends and co-chair of the Gateway Engineers Tour the Montour.

Trail Tales from the Speakers Bureau

The Membership and Community Outreach Committee is continuing to live up to its name. Recently, it formed a Speakers Bureau to introduce and identify the Montour Trail to our neighbors. Our first endeavors included reaching out to libraries of the communities through which the Trail runs. We have been invited to speak at five libraries to date, including the McDonald Library, Moon Township Library, Bethel Park Library, South Park Library, and Frank Sarris Library. Montour Trail volunteers who are participating include Fran Hensler, Julian Wolfe, David Oyler, Jim Lapenta, and Patricia Friedsam. We hope more volunteers will join the ranks of speakers as more speaking opportunities develop. Also, please attend these informative sessions to learn more about your Trail.

The next scheduled talk is at the Bethel Park Library on October 4th. Please see adjoining graphic for details.

Our next endeavor will be to reach out to community groups such as church groups, scouts, and chambers of commerce, etc. Local high schools will hopefully be on the agenda for spring of 2024.

If you are interested in participating, please contact: volunteer@montourtrail.org

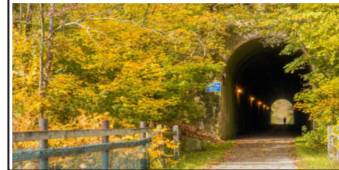
THE MONTOUR TRAIL A PENNSYLVANIA GEM

Presented by Julian Wolfe,

Vice President of the Montour Trail Council

Be introduced to the Trail, its history, present status, and future projects, as well as little known facts. Mr. Wolfe is a retired international policy analyst for the U.S. Department of State.

Wednesday,
October 4th
at 6:30pm
Bethel Park
Public Library



Please register online,
at the Front Desk or
call the Library at
412.835.2207.



Montour Trail Patrol: Who we are and what we do

By Jim Lapenta

You may have seen riders on the trail with t-shirts or jerseys that say "Trail Patrol" and wondered what that is about. The Montour Trail Council works because of its volunteers. We are organized into committees and groups responsible for specific areas that enable us to carry out our duties. One of those areas is safety and security. All of us wear a jersey, t-shirt, or armband that is easily identified and only available to Patrol members.

The Montour Trail Patrol is responsible for safety and security. We, along with others, are the eyes and ears of the MTC. Our first job is to ensure the safety and security of trail users. We monitor trail conditions and look for areas that may need attention from the maintenance crews due to downed trees, areas washed out by heavy rain and instances of vandalism.

Our second area of focus is seeing that users follow the rules of the trail. We do this by education and example. We greet cyclists, walkers and runners with a wave, hello or nod. We also will stop and ask if someone needs assistance. Many of us also carry extra water – don't hesitate to ask if this is the case.

Our job is to inform users of speed limits and leash rules for pets (all pets must be physically leashed and attached to the owner) and to respect other users by moving over and slowing down in congested areas. These rules can be found in the trail brochures and on the Montour Trail Council website.

The Montour Trail is not public property except for those areas that share a roadway with cars and trucks. It is private property, owned, operated, maintained, and managed for public use by the MTC. Trail rules are established by the Council, and the Trail Patrol is responsible for ensuring that they are followed by trail users.

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One challenge that Swank faced was working around the weight restrictions on the adjacent truss bridge at mile marker 28.8. Concrete trucks would be unable to safely cross the bridge. Swank addressed this by bringing in a team of powered buggies. Concrete trucks parked at the far end of the bridge where the buggies were loaded and driven across the bridge for delivery to the site. This was an efficient method that eliminated heavy loads across the structure.

Other work completed in the last month included powerwashing and shotcreting the tunnel face. Shotcrete is a method of applying concrete pumped through a hose. This method is great for overhead applications. The shotcrete will provide a smooth barrier for the drainage boards to be attached to. Upcoming work includes installing the drainage boards and beginning to place the steel beams on top of the foundations.

Thanks to Nicholas Koman, an engineer and the volunteer project manager of the Greer Tunnel project, who contributed to this article.

MONTOUR RAILROAD HISTORY

Montour Memories – Jim Lane Stories

by Bryan Seip & Tim Sposato, Montour Railroad Historical Society

Jim Lane became a fireman on the Montour Railroad in 1931, and after a few years, was promoted to engineer until his retirement in 1976. His brother, a son and a nephew also became Montour engineers.



Jim Lane in 1936

Jim was involved in several events that lived on in stories he would tell at family gatherings. Tim Sposato married Jim's granddaughter and has related in previous newsletter columns some of the stories he heard from "Big Jim."

You may recall from past articles that Jim was involved in the wreck of engine 76 when it was hit by a runaway flat car carrying an earthmover. Or the tale of shoveling coal from a steam engine's tender into a widow woman's yard, which earned him a discipline of "brownie points" and a suspension. Or the story of the rockslide that closed the railroad for several days. Jim certainly had an interesting career on the Montour and loved to talk about it. Here are a couple of other tales, as related by Big Jim.

The time era was the 1940s – during the steam era. The Montour Railroad used two terminals, Montour Junction and Mifflin Junction. Locomotives were assigned to each terminal where crews would report, and trains would be sent on their runs.

The Montour had two locals that ran five or six days a week working non-coal customers. One ran from each terminal. Departure times were close together with each train working local customers as they headed toward one another. They would eventually meet at Cowden or Peacock sidings and exchange any cars that needed to continue further on the line. Each train would then head back toward their starting terminal.

On one occasion, Jim was the engineer on the Mifflin local. They had already met the Montour Junction local and were returning east, including a boxcar of lumber received from the other local to be set off at McMurray Supply. Jim said they had been working steady 16-hour days and everyone was routinely tired. The last stop before Salida in Bethel Park was at McMurray. It was after dark as they approached McMurray with the boxcar just ahead of the caboose. Normal procedure was for the rear end crew to uncouple the caboose as they neared the switch and bring it to a halt using the hand brake. The rear brakeman would drop off and signal the head end once the boxcar had cleared the switch. Hand signals and lanterns were the only means of communication in this era.

Well, the caboose was cut off and the signal given, but the train, minus the caboose, continued east. The engine crew had forgotten the stop, and no one looked back as they headed for Bethel Park. The rear end conductor called the dispatcher from the local phone box to report the incident, but there were no signals or manned points until Salida, almost 10 miles distant.

When the train pulled into Salida, the crew waited for the conductor to walk up to the phone box to call for permission to enter the Pittsburgh & West Virginia RR tracks to Mifflin. When he didn't show up, they suddenly realized their error and reported it to the Montour dispatcher. Their orders were changed, their train was set off in Salida siding, and they ran the locomotive back to retrieve the forgotten caboose.

Jim laughed loudly as he recalled this event and the punishment of 25 "brownies" to his record and 30 days off with no pay. He did admit he wasn't laughing then.

Another event occurred in 1960 at the Brightwood Spur at the old Slater's Supply in Bethel Park. Jim was running engine 78, with a pick-up scheduled at Slater's. However, when the engine entered the spur off the main line, the conductor failed to notice that the derail was still set. The diesel ran over the derail, which did its job, and 78 was on the ground. The spur was set on the edge of an embankment and as the engine continued to move forward, it went over the edge of the bank and flopped over on its side, sliding partway down the bank. Jim said it was quite a ride and he and another trainman were taken to the hospital to be checked out for what were termed minor injuries. After a few days, the locomotive was recovered and later returned to service.



A newspaper photo of Montour engine 78 at Brightwood Spur. The arrow points to the location of the derail.

*You can contact the Montour Railroad Historical Society through Facebook by searching for **the Montour Railroad Historical Society**. There are currently 425 members from across the country. There you'll find a wealth of information about the Montour Railroad and you can pose questions of its membership. You can also check at montourrr.com*

I want to support Montour Trail Council!**Become a member now!**

Go to MontourTrail.org/help-us/join or scan the Q-R code with a smartphone.



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Date _____

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When a Trail Patrol member asks you to observe the rules, it is for the safety and security of all trail users.

Many of us are CPR/first aid-trained, carry essential tools for minor repairs and can advise on routes and locations of items of interest, as well as where to get good ice cream after a spell on the trail! When we are out riding, running, or walking, all of us are willing to help users make the most of the resource that the Montour Trail is.

The Trail Patrol is made up of 25 men and women who are volunteering their time and efforts to see that the experience of using the trail is enjoyable and safe. We welcome new volunteers.

For more information or find out how to join, please email: volunteer@montourtrail.org

Help Wanted: Finance Committee

The Montour Trail Council is seeking volunteers interested in exploring leadership positions with our Finance Committee. Volunteers will have opportunities to assist with management of trail finances, preparation of monthly and annual financial reports, and assisting with the annual audit and other financial oversight and reporting. A background in finance or accounting is essential, although a CPA is not. The time commitment varies with season and averages about six hours per month. This is a great opportunity to join a group of dedicated volunteers who enjoy and support the Montour Trail. Please send a message of interest to volunteer@montourtrail.org and we will arrange a phone call to follow up.

Welcome New Members

The Montour Trail Council welcomes these new members and thanks them for their support. We would also like to thank members who have recently renewed their membership and to remind all that a growing membership is one of the criteria foundations to look for when we apply for grants.

New Members

Greg Biernacki
Matt Brown
Nick Busia
Anthony Capriotti
Dennis Clawson
Chad Conry
Rob De Cortie
Carol Delfino
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Denise Faix
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