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**Purpose:** "The Whitewater Canal Byway Association will create lasting and memorable experiences for visitors to the Whitewater Valley while strengthening the region's economy and enriching the quality of life for the valley's residents."

The Board of Directors meets on the third Wednesday each month, except December.

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# Along the Byway

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## PARK BELONGS TO US!

### WCBA Completes Purchase of Gateway Park

Nearly six years after an effort started to buy the MacLyn property at Metamora for use by the Whitewater Valley, the purchase was finalized on Aug. 31.

WCBA President Candy Yurcak was ecstatic. A special ceremony in which the FOR SALE signs will be cut down is being scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18.

It took regional support to clear the final hurdle, which was approval by the Franklin County Commissioners. In a special meeting of the commissioners on Aug. 31, regional supporters showed up at 7 a.m. Here, from the Sept. 2 *Franklin County Observer*, is a report:

"As the discussion progressed, Dearborn County Commissioner Ralph Thompson presented a letter supporting the Interpretive Park. During the meeting, other supporters in the audience were introduced and additional letters were presented. Among those in the audience were Connersville Mayor Leonard Urban, Mary Walker of Wayne County Tourism, Joe Jarzen of the Indiana National Road Asso-

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The former MacLyn Campground at Metamora now belongs to the Whitewater Canal Byway Association. It will become the Whitewater Valley Gateway Park.

### We are cutting down the "For Sale" signs!!! Saturday, September 18, 2010

The Whitewater Canal Byway Association has finally completed all the steps required by INDOT and Federal Highway and was able to purchase the MacLyn property on US 52 in Metamora.

On Saturday, September 18, (Celebration Day) we are having a party and you are invited!

The all-day event includes an open house, a pitch-in dinner, a work day and a party and you are invited.

Many have asked, "What can I do to help?" Here is one way. At 12 noon on "Celebration Day" bring your hammer, paint brush or broom (you got a cordless drill?) and help us spruce up the place a bit...that way it looks good for the pictures.

Many more have asked, "What is the Whitewater Gateway Park all about?" Here is your chance to learn. From 5 – 6 p.m. on "Celebration Day", we will be hosting an open house. Come tour the facilities and ask questions...then stay for dinner.

Now, we realize that on a beautiful Saturday in September, many of you are busy, but you can still be a part of this wonderful day. In the evening bring a covered dish (the meat and drinks will be provided by the WCBA) and join us at 6:30 for dinner and the "Party." This is the time where we will cut down the "for sale" signs and celebrate the wonderful people and places that make the Whitewater Valley such a great place!

**Hope to see you September 18.**

## PARK: After celebrating, the work begins

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ciation, Dearborn County Commissioner Tom Orschell, and Emmett Vaughan of the Whitewater Valley Railroad.

"Ms. Yurcak also gave Commissioners Roberts a folder of support letters. Among these was a letter from US Representative Mike Pence, calling the Interpretive park a "worthwhile project" and saying that he was a supporter of the WCBA's earlier efforts. He believes that "development of this park will strongly enhance cultural, tourism and economic opportuni-

ties in the region..."

"Another support letter from retired State Senator Robert Jackman reminded the commissioners that, while still a senator, he had supported the WCBA's efforts and participated in the original Interpretive Park committee. He said further that the commissioners should be "proud, as citizens of Franklin County, to support this project."

Now that the purchase is complete, work begins! Funding will become particularly important, as the park was secured partly with a loan from inter-

ested parties. That loan will need to be repaid in the future.

The park also will require development and ongoing maintenance and upkeep.

Plan to be part of many dynamic activities in the coming months and years.

In October, please join with us for the Haunted Depot and for the Governor's Masquerade Ball. And while you renew your own membership (we hope), please encourage friends to consider their own support for our efforts.

## HERE ARE TWO WAYS TO HAVE FUN AND SUPPORT YOUR NEW WHITEWATER VALLEY GATEWAY PARK!

### PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE MASQUERADE BALL!

The Governor's Masquerade Ball, "Celebrating the Creative Spirit of the Whitewater Valley," will be Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Whitewater Valley Gateway Park in Metamora, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Governor's Masquerade Ball is an eight county, (Wayne, Fayette, Union, Ripley, Franklin, Dearborn, Butler and Hamilton Counties) two state (Indiana and Ohio) collaborative event, to raise funds for the Whitewater Valley Gateway Park while celebrating all this valley has to offer.

The event's name "The Governor's Masquerade Ball" is in honor of the many Governors to the state of Indiana and Ohio that were born and raised in the Whitewater Valley and two leaders that went on to serve as President of the United States (William Henry Harrison and Benjamin Harrison).

The event will showcase the many talents in the Whitewater Valley, from the local chefs preparing the meal using ingredients raised or made in the Whitewater Valley, to the wines from local wineries, and art and antiques from local artisans and area antique shops for the live and silent action. Dinner music and evening entertainment will be provided by gifted local musicians.

All proceeds from this wonderful event will be used towards the development of the Whitewater Valley Gateway Park

### HAUNTED DEPOT WILL SCARE YOU FOR MONEY

For four consecutive weeks ends in October, the old Brookville Depot at the Whitewater Valley Gateway Park will scare the kazeebes out of guests to the park.

There are rumors that the Depot is haunted, but only in October, and the good folks of the WCBA along with many volunteers will raise funds for the Interpretive Park by taking brave visitors on a tour through the old Depot.

On your walk-through, watch out, you never know what may be lurking around the next corner or sneaking up behind you. Only the bravest of souls should try this on any of these weekends; October 8 & 9, 15 & 16, 22 & 23, and 29 & 30.

Mark your calendar now for a frightful night in October. More haunting details will follow in WCBA newsletters, our Facebook page, and on our web site [www.whitewatercanalscenicbyway.org](http://www.whitewatercanalscenicbyway.org).



# Join the Whitewater Adventure 2010

Residents and visitors in southeastern Indiana and southwestern Ohio can participate in The Whitewater Adventure from Sept. 19-26. It's a series of Bike-Hike-Paddle events to discover the cultural heritage and natural beauty of the Whitewater River Valley. The annual event is presented by the Whitewater Canal Byway Association with generous support from sponsors throughout the region.

The 2010 Whitewater Adventure will include the Fifth Annual Whitewater Walk, and it will be joined by a "Run the River" excursion. People can choose to participate in the bike ride, the river event, or any of the Walk's daily activities. "The Whitewater Adventure will do more than just get people physically fit," said Candy Yurcak, president of the Whitewater Canal Byway Association. "It will inspire. It will rejuvenate the body, mind, and spirit. It will help communities get 'fit' to work together and improve the Valley for the benefit of all."

The 5th Annual Whitewater Walk starts on Sunday, Sept. 19 and concludes on Sunday, Sept. 26. This year's "walk" includes a casual bike ride, boating, a "Run the River" excursion, camping, train ride, and walking. Each day will provide participants with a different way to discover the treasures that led to the creation of the state-designated Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway and its loops in the Valley.

The Walk begins with a casual bicycle ride from Hagerstown, at the historic Canal's northern terminus, to Cam-

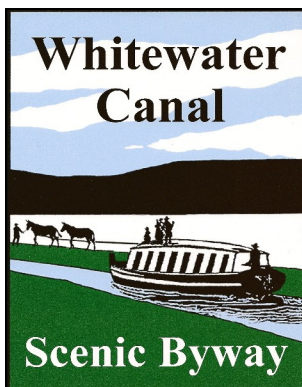
**You can participate in the Whitewater Adventure 2010 for a single registration fee of \$20, which includes T-shirt. The Run the River portion requires a separate \$35 fee.**

bridge City where the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway intersects with the historic National Road, an All-American Highway and one

the nation's first scenic byways. Over the next several days, the Walk will lead hikers through the Whitewater Valley before concluding in Lawrenceburg on the Ohio River. Check the schedule for details of each day's activities. Along with the main Walk, participants can also join a twilight walk in several historic communities that dot the hills and valleys of this beautiful region.

The "Run the River" segment on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24, and 25, encourages people to canoe or kayak the Whitewater River and discover the state's fastest flowing river and steepest river valley. It will begin in Brookville and includes an overnight camp on the river before concluding near Elizabethtown, Ohio.

Online registration and detailed schedules will be available on the WCBA website in the near future. The Whitewater Adventure showcases the Whitewater River Valley and its charming communities. As people bike, hike, and paddle the valley they will travel two newly designated scenic byways, the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway in Indiana and the Presidential Pathways Byway in Ohio. They will cross the Indiana National Road Byway in the north and the Ohio River Scenic Byway in the south experiences for residents and visitors alike.



Donate to the WCBA to purchase signs like this one that will mark the highway route of the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway.

## Buy a Sign to Help Mark the Route

You can help mark the route of the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway by purchasing a sign.

The handsome new sign, designed by Paul Baudendistel, features a canal boat and the hills of southeastern Indiana.

An initial order of signs has

already been placed but many more are needed. Sign chairman Chuck Andres said that at least 200 are needed for adequate marking of the highway where the byway turns.

Each sign costs \$100. They will be put up by the Indiana Department of Transportation

and will have a sticker on the back denoting the donor. Signs also can be donated in honor of or in memoriam.

To donate a sign, please fill out the form below and return it to the WCBA at P.O. Box 75, Metamora IN 47030.

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Byway signs at \$100 each.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

My sticker should read: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail form and funds to WCBA, P.O. Box 75, Metamora IN 47030.

## Please Join the Whitewater Canal Byway Association

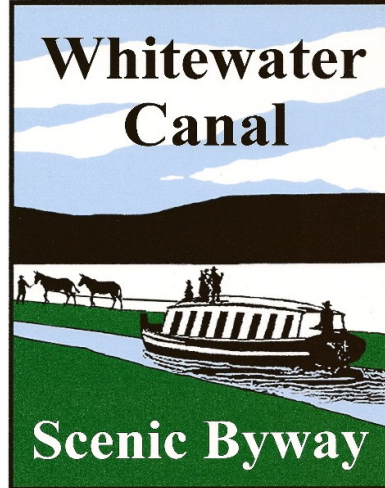
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The WCBA has lofty goals. Through the Indiana State designated Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway and the development of the Whitewater Valley Gateway Park, we have the tools to reach these goals. But we need your help.

Join us now as together we can.

### JOIN THE WHITEWATER CANAL BYWAY ASSOCIATION!

- ✦ \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Explorer (student)
- ✦ \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 Pioneer (family or single adult)
- ✦ \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 Helmsman (sustaining level)
- ✦ \_\_\_\_\_ \$200.00 Canal Boat Captain (contributing level)
- ✦ \_\_\_\_\_ \$500.00 Canal Boat Builder (sponsoring level)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000.00 Settler (lifetime single adult membership)



### BECOME A FOUNDER

As a Founder your name or ORGANIZATION name will go on a brass plaque, displayed in the Welcome Center of the Whitewater Valley Regional Interpretive Park. You will be listed on our website with a link to your web site and your ORGANIZATION business logo will be used on brochures for one year or up to five years if you become a sustaining member after the first year.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5,000.00 Founder (Opportunity available only through December 31, 2010)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Last Name First Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Address

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\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address

In addition to my membership, I am enclosing a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to:  
Whitewater Canal Byway Association,  
and mail to:

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PO Box 75  
Metamora, Indiana 47030

With our thanks for joining and supporting the efforts of the Whitewater Canal Byway Association, you will receive a magnetic "mini" Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway road sign and the WCBA quarterly newsletter.

\_\_\_\_\_ Many volunteers are needed to help us reach the goals of the WCBA. Please check here if you would like information on becoming a volunteer,.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here for information on automatic renewals of my annual membership using my credit card