

Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission cleans Peckman River in Cedar Grove



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Heavy rains turn the Peckman River near Ozone Avenue along the Verona-Cedar Grove border into a fast-moving torrent.

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The Passaic-Valley Sewerage Commission was expected to survey and clean areas of the Peckman River in Cedar Grove this week.

Thomas Tucci, chairman of the commission and Cedar Grove's township manager, said the preliminary cleaning was expected to commence around 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, beginning by Bradford Avenue and ending by the Little Falls town line.

Members of the commission plan to clean debris, falling trees, and any other obstructions that could cause flooding if not removed, Tucci said. The chairman said it was best to clean the Peckman River after the recent snowstorm because debris likely accumulated after the blizzard.

The commission is cleaning the river as a courtesy to the community at no cost, and they will do so again in the late fall. Commission members clean the river twice a year, Tucci added.

Former Cedar Grove Mayor Bob O'Toole has been an enormous volunteer, Tucci said. O'Toole has mapped out where debris is located throughout the entire Cedar Grove stream.

Tucci said another broken up paddle boat was found in the river, and the commission will be removing it so Cedar Grove's Department of Public Work's officials can clean it up by the end of the week.

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