

PARK PICKS
by
FRIENDS OF THE ALLENTOWN PARKS



Community Service Recognition

Planting for birds?

While it seems that winter will never end, spring birds and plants are visible everywhere. Walk through a park or even outside your own door and you are likely to see daffodils and crocuses blooming, tulip flowers peeking out and forsythia bushes ready to burst into bloom. Birdwatchers have seen bluebirds, red-winged blackbirds and soon the hummingbirds will be here. Gardeners are checking their tools, designing their plots and searching for seeds, shrubs and trees.

The Pennsylvania Audubon Society has provided **Friends of the Allentown Parks** with a limited number of pocket brochures on "What Plant for Which Bird? - Ten Great Plants for an Ecological Landscape in Pennsylvania." If you are interested in a copy please contact us at 610-437-7750 or e-mail info@allentownparks.org. Information deals primarily in shrubs and trees such as:

Cherry tree: black, pin, chokeberry
Birds: 41 species including Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Cedar Waxwing, orioles species, all woodpecker species & all thrush species
General info: dry-moist soil, tolerates periods of drought, can reach 75 feet, often narrow, pyramidal shape

Holly: winterberry, inkberry, American
Birds: 36 species including thrushes, Brown Thrasher, White-eyed Vireo, woodpeckers
General info: evergreen and dense, winterberry is deciduous and tolerant of wet soil



Girl scouts of troop number 6402 collect litter in and around the new destination playground in Cedar Creek Parkway (3.27.11). The group is also a participant in **Friends'** Adopt-a-Flowerbed program.

We Want Your Comments

Friends of the Allentown Parks seeks comments on the things park/playground visitors enjoy about Allentown's parks as well as improvements which might make your visit more enjoyable. To take this brief survey please click on the below link. Thank-you for your time and comments!

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HRL29RC>

Looking for volunteer opportunities? Consider a Day of Caring in one of Allentown's parks or playgrounds. Contact us to schedule a perfect community service event for your group, friends or family.

Thank-you for your support.



For moments of quiet reflection and remembrance, **Memorial Bench** placed in an Allentown park by the **Smith Family** in memory of Heidi L. Smith.



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