

PARK PICKS

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FRIENDS OF THE ALLENTOWN PARKS

Join us today! Become a member and help make Allentown's great park system even better.



"We are the World" - by Michael Jackson and Lionel Ritchie (1985)

We are the world, we are the children
We are the ones who make a brighter day
So let's start giving
There's a choice we're making
We're saving our own lives
it's true we'll make a better day
Just you and me .



Great Allentown Clean-Up

The fifth annual Great Allentown Clean-Up found Mayor Ed Pawlowski, employees of the Allentown Parks Dept., members of the Allentown Shade Tree Commission and numerous vol-

unteer groups working avidly to grace the sidewalks of Gordon Street between 6th and 9th Streets with beautiful new trees. Residents joined in, collected litter and even planted flowers to spruce up the neighborhood.

This undertaking was also in celebration of Earth Day 2011, Global Youth Service Day and a Tree Vitalize initiative .

Friends of the Allentown Parks thanks People to People International student chapter (Northampton, PA) as well as Connie Baikow and numerous volunteers for giving their time and energy to keep Allentown beautiful.



People to People International students & others collected litter at Hall Street lot

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Wire Mill Meadow Arboretum

Allentown's park system is fortunate to contain several beautiful "collections of trees." The Allentown Garden Club has played a prominent role in establishing many of these "arboretums," such as those found in Cedar Creek Parkway and near the Allentown Trout Nursery. Their most recent undertaking (begun in 1995) is the Wire Mill Meadow Arboretum in Fountain Park where one finds collections of conifer trees (a "pinetum"), native trees and plants as well as an oak grove.

The arboretum received its name from the factory that once stood on this site, the American Steel and Wire Company (itself an expansion of the former Iowa Barb Wire Company which arrived Allentown in 1886 and later bought by the U.S. Steel Corporation). Years after "the wire mill" closed, the site was designated for park purposes.

Today, beautiful Fountain Park and the Wire Mill Meadow Arboretum provide visitors welcome respite from the daily hustle and bustle. The Allentown Garden Club will hold its annual Arbor Day tree planting ceremony at the Arboretum (Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Lehigh Street) at 11:00 a.m. on Friday April 29, 2011. The public is most welcome to attend and celebrate an event which beautifies the park, creates additional habitat for birds and provides enormous health benefits to the community.

For additional information please phone 610-820-0849 (regarding Arbor Day ceremony) or 610-264-3045 (regarding Allentown Garden Club).

Park Reminders

With warm weather upon us, park usage will significantly increase and garage sales will abound. Please be mindful of several regulations (and help spread the word...)

Except by permit, one may not attach any rope, cable or other contrivance [including flyers] to any [park/street] tree...

Walk a dog without a leash, said leash to be no longer than six (6) feet

No person shall feed water fowl in the City's parks and the Municipal Golf Course.

For a complete list of regulations see city Code Title 7 § 951.