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PARK PICKS

by

FRIENDS OF THE ALLENTOWN PARKS

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



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Welcome to Bird Town!

Allentown joins the growing list of Pennsylvania municipalities to become an Audubon Bird Town! In the coming months the Friends of Allentown Parks will work closely with Audubon Pennsylvania to provide information to residents on ways to create healthier, more sustainable and cost-effective landscapes.

Your landscape has the potential to provide for birds and also have positive impacts on stormwater, greenhouse gases, maintenance time, and aesthetics regardless of how big or small the property. Bird Town is not just about birds...it's about rediscovering your ecological address...the nature of your yard and the nature of Allentown.

Native plants are key in this equation and you'll be hearing more about where to get them, how to plant them, and what they can do for your green lifestyle. You may already have native plants on your property and perhaps provide bird feeders and a bird bath. You play a vital role in Allentown's Bird Town initiative. How? By registering your property with Audubon today! It's quick, easy, and free of charge (yard signs are available through donation). Simply go to http://pa.audubon.org/habitat and select the property type on the right—residential, school, or business. There is a lot of useful information on the website to help you improve your ecological footprint!



Friends of the Allentown Parks
Birdie for the Parks
2011 Golf Tourney



Friday September 9, 2011, 7:30 AM
 Allentown Municipal Golf Course
 3400 West Tilghman Street, Allentown PA 18104

Join us for an exciting day of golfing, games, prizes, and camaraderie. Activities begin at 7:30a.m. (7:58 Tee Time) with a modified shotgun four-person scramble, followed by buffet lunch provided by the Brew Works on the Green.

Cost: \$75 per player, proceeds benefit Friends of the Allentown Parks.

Please email info@allentownparks.org or call 610-437-7750 to reserve your spot today!

Reservation Deadline: August 26

Prize and hole sponsors welcome starting at \$20. Please contact us for details.

We are pleased to support the Allentown Recreation Department's "Introduction to Golf" sessions. Sign-up today; spots are limited.

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Great Prizes!
 Sangria
 Melt
 Pacifico
 Brew Works
 Crayola

Liberty Bell Museum
 Allentown Symphony Orchestra
 Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra
 Lehigh Valley Audubon Society
 ... and more ...

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Volunteers are also crucial to the success of this program. If you're interested in becoming a backyard advisor for the Bird Town project and would like to join our training (held monthly), please contact the **Friends of Allentown Parks** at info@allentownparks.org.

Audubon has created a fantastic web tool that is especially useful to Bird Town residents. You can now determine what your landscape provides to birds by going to <http://pabirdplants.org> and browsing the bird and plant lists. There are more tools and workshops coming designed specifically for Bird Town.

We are proud to be working with Allentown and look forward to many years of improved landscapes, nature experiences, and lots of birds! And since today's children are tomorrow's land stewards, we encourage sharing the experience of creating a garden or bird habitat with them. If you have any questions, please contact **Friends** or visit the Audubon website at <http://pa.audubon.org/AAH-BirdTown.html>.

Bird Town efforts in Allentown and other parts of the Lehigh Valley are supported by PPL.

Steven Saffier, Audubon Pennsylvania

Interested in these and other Friends programs? Have suggestions for future issues of Park Picks? Please contact us. Ideas are always welcome. See you in the parks!

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CITY OF ALLENTOWN, PA.



Proclamation

WHEREAS, birds are a visible and measurable indicator of the environmental health of an area, and Pennsylvania is a critical part of the Atlantic flyway, the eastern route for millions of migrating birds and critical to their survival; and

WHEREAS, Bird Town is a partnership between Audubon Pennsylvania and the City of Allentown to promote conservation, create a healthy and sustainable environment, and restore ecosystems to benefit both birds and city residents; and

WHEREAS, Audubon provides the means for Allentown to engage residents, schools and businesses in making ecologically-friendly decisions, conserving energy and preserving resources; and

WHEREAS, Allentown has been designated Pennsylvania's first Audubon Bird Town as the result of the joint efforts of PPL, Audubon Pennsylvania, The Baum School of Art, Friends of the Allentown Parks and the City of Allentown.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ED PAWLOWSKI, Mayor of the City of Allentown, Pennsylvania, urge all citizens to reflect on the tangible and intangible benefits birds bring to our lives, and to celebrate the important recognition this designation brings to our city and do furthermore hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 13, 2011 as




BIRD TOWN DAY
IN ALLENTOWN



Mayor Ed Pawlowski