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PARK PICKS by FRIENDS OF THE ALLENTOWN PARKS



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D & L Trail Segment Dedicated

In the 16 May **Park Picks** we reported that of the 165-mile Delaware & Lehigh Trail, two miles within the City of Allentown are structurally complete. And, the section between Allentown and Catasauqua should be completed within the next two years thus ensuring trail passage north from Allentown to Cementon, Slatington, Weissport, Jim Thorpe and eventually to Wilkes-Barre.

On 22 August the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor dedicated the newest section of the trail in Lehigh County at the Slatington Trailhead on Main Street, Slatington. Richard Allan (Secretary of the PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources) as well as US Representative Charlie Dent, Lehigh County officials, local dignitaries, volunteers, and trail users joined to dedicate the recent completion of the 6.2-mile section between Laurys Station and Slatington.



DCNR Secretary Richard Allan
Lehigh County Executive Don Cunningham and US
Congressman Charlie Dent

With the completion of this project, trail users can now ride or walk 15 miles from Northampton to Bowmanstown on a smooth, crushed limestone trail with a minimal grade. Travelers can access the new trail section at the Laurys Station, Cove Road (under Treichlers Bridge), and Slatington trailheads.

Also announced was establishment of the D & L Trail Alliance whose purpose is to coordinate stewardship of the D & L Trail Network. The Alliance will comprise an advisory council of all municipal, state, and non-profit entities that own portions of the trail and three regional trail councils (Anthracite Region, Lehigh Valley, and Delaware Canal Region). Councils will consist of trail organizations, volunteers and concerned citizens. For additional details contact Silas Chamberlin at 610 -923-3548 x222 or silas@delawareandlehigh.org.

2011 Annual Meeting

Friends of the Allentown Parks held its first annual meeting in the midst of the beautiful flowers in the Malcolm Gross Rose Garden.



Intern Victoria
Benyo & member
Spyro Gellos.



US Congressman Charlie Dent &
2011 award recipient Bob Wood and wife Ilene

Undeterred by the predicted rainstorm, about forty members, volunteers and interested persons gathered for a review of 2010 activities, 2011 highlights and visions for the future. Watch for an upcoming **Special Edition** of **Park Picks** for more details.



Member Ray Wolf and Board members
Ibi Balog & Mike Bruckner.

Fall Discovery Walks

October 1 (Saturday) @ 10:00 a.m. at South Mountain Reservoir – **Mosses and more** led by botanist Claudia Steckel. Meeting location to be advised.

October 8 (Saturday) @ 9:00 a.m. at Cedar Beach (meet in parking lot). **Discover the World of Trees** and how to identify them with arborist Randy Fey. Event is rain or shine. Bring a chair, perhaps a hand lens, **and a friend.**
Leaf collectors welcome!

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