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PARK PICKS
by
FRIENDS OF THE ALLENTOWN



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

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2011 Annual Meeting—Special Report

Friends of the Allentown Parks held its first Annual Meeting in the beautiful Malcolm Gross Rose Garden on August 19, 2011. Members, volunteers, and citizens interested in knowing more about Friends attended and had “A Bloomin’ Good Time.”

Friends of the Allentown Parks
Annual Meeting
A Bloomin’ Good Time



August 19, 2011
Malcolm Gross Rose Garden
4:00-6:00 p.m.

2010 Programs and Events



Employees of **Traffic Planning and Design Inc.** cleared trails at South Mountain Reservoir

2010 was a banner year for programs and events. Accomplishments included:

- 4 educational programs (“Know Your Backyard”)
- 3 recreational programs (Yoga, Tai-Chi, Flyfishing)
- 2 park improvement projects (Cube & Thread sculpture, Cedar Creek playground)
- 9 volunteer events (Bucky Boyle Park, Franklin Park, Keck Park, 5th Street Playground, South Mountain Reservoir, Cedar Creek Parkway, Jordan Park, 2nd & Hamilton Street Pocket Park, West Park)



Become a member and play a vital role in these and other developments.

Visions for the Future

We need your help to continue existing programs as well as develop new initiatives to enhance and secure our parks system for future generations. Projects include:

- Botanical garden
- Rain gardens
- Greenhouse
- Bird Town



US Congressman Charlie Dent, Bob and Ilene Wood



Bruce Solt, Greg Weitzel, US Congressman Charlie Dent



2011 Programs and Events (to date)

Capitalizing on the momentum of 2010 activities, Friends expanded its program offerings...

- **New! Discovery Walks** — attracting children and families into Allentown parks including: “Birdwatching for Beginners,” “Insect Discoveries,” “Name that Tree,” a tour of the Lil Le-Hi Trout Nursery and more.
- **New! Adopt-a-Park** program — with over 2,000 acres of open space and 35 miles of trails, the park system provides many opportunities for beautification and clean-up activities.



...and continued others

- Volunteer events
- Adopt-a-Flowerbed
- Remembrance Tree Program
- Memorial Bench Program
- Recreational events



2011 Special Recognition Awards

“Magnolia” Volunteer Award- Robert C. Wood, Sodexo
In appreciation for his volunteer activities including 2010 National Public Lands Day

“Monarch” Benefactor Award—Greg A. Weitzel, Allentown Department of Parks and Recreation
In appreciation for his significant commitment and support

“Eagle” Special Recognition Award—Bruce C. Solt, Allentown Department of Parks and Recreation
In appreciation for assistance “above and beyond”

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