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FRIENDS OF THE ALLENTOWN PARKS



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"Happy Holiday"
- words and music
by Irving Berlin
(1942)

Happy holiday, happy holiday
While the merry bells keep ringing
May your ev'ry wish come true

Happy holiday, happy holiday
May the calendar keep bringing
Happy holidays to you

Little Lehigh Parkway

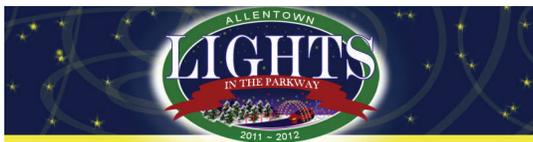


Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski recently announced that over 3,000 visitors have traveled through beautiful Lehigh Parkway to view the spectacular holiday light displays. The 16th annual Lights in the Parkway is in full swing and while you "ooh and aah" please consider the following:

- The employees of the watershed division of the Allentown Department of Parks and Recreation have the honor of setting up and maintaining the displays throughout the season
- Displays cover over one mile of the park and include hundreds of thousands of lights
- The park follows the Little Lehigh Creek for three miles and provides scenic trails, bridle paths and many fishing locations. It includes the Lil-Le-Hi trout nursery as well as the Museum of Indian Culture.



Whether you bike, run, participate in one of the many 5K races held in the park, take a leisurely stroll or merely enjoy the serenity and fresh air, the park itself encompasses almost 480 acres and is one of the most heavily used parks in Allentown.



For additional information on Lights in the Parkway visit www.lightsintheparkway.com

Check out a video of Lights in the Parkway!

Contribute to Friends of the Allentown Parks via United Way



Simply complete your **United Way Donor Designation Form** and list Friends of the Allentown Parks as **your designated charitable organization**.

If you've already submitted your form, you may change your designation by contacting Donna Rohrbach—610-807-5737 or donnar@unitedwayglv.org

Thank-you for your support!

Renovations Needed in Lehigh Parkway

The Great Depression began with the Wall Street Crash of October 1929. It resulted in widespread unemployment, poverty and much more. Allentown was not immune, however, families, businesses and government leaders worked together to mitigate the impact. President Franklin Roosevelt took office in 1933. Within a few years we had the New Deal which put many people back to work via government subsidized programs. The Works Projects Administration (W.P.A.) established in 1935 was the most active federal agency in Allentown. One of its projects in 1936 was building retaining walls and roads in Little Lehigh Parkway.



That construction has served the residents and visitors to Allentown for 75 years. Today, those retaining walls are in desperate need of reconstruction. In August a group of concerned citizens (photos above

and left) cleared debris from one of the curved retaining walls., however, more work is needed. **Friends of the Allentown Parks** is **seeking qualified masons** who will kindly volunteer their time and talents to assist in reconstruction efforts. For additional information please contact us at info@allentownparks.org or 610-432-7275. (photos courtesy of Michael Molovinsky)

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