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**PARK PICKS
by
FRIENDS OF THE ALLENTOWN PARKS**



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

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We Need YOU to Participate in Our Parks Scavenger Hunt!

Several students attending a management class at **Muhlenberg College** worked with **Friends of the Allentown Parks** to develop a fun activity for friends and families. We supply the park name and location, clues to objects found in those parks, and YOU visit the parks, find the objects and e-mail us photos of what you think the clues describe.



We currently list 9 parks with more to come! Visit our website for details. www.allentownparks.org Scroll right column and click on Parks Scavenger Hunt.

Our thanks to students John Scuder, Patrick Doolittle, Jessica Mondesir, Rob Harkins and Ben Berkowitz for taking on this project and a job well done.



**Arbor Day Celebration at Wire Mill Meadow
April 27, 2012**

It was a beautiful sunny yet cool day at the **Wire Mill Meadow** as the **Allentown Garden Club** held its annual **Arbor Day** celebration.



Tim Dugan with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry was on hand to recognize Allentown as a **Tree City USA** community for the 34th consecutive year, and, presented the city with its 3rd annual **Tree City USA Growth Award**.



**Allentown Director of Parks & Recreation
Bids Fond Farewell**



Greg A. Weitzel loves Allentown, the diversity of its communities and its wonderful park system. So it was a very difficult decision for him to bid farewell to a city he now called home.

Unfortunately for us, but fortunately for the residents of Idaho Falls, Idaho Greg's energy, enthusiasm and expertise will be a major boon to the area.

Greg has been a major advocate and supporter of **Friends of the Allentown Parks** and he will be truly missed. We wish the Weitzel family well as they move to Idaho Falls, the gateway to Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks. Best wishes and thanks!



In celebration of Allentown's 250th anniversary, the Allentown Garden Club planted a special White Oak tree to commemorate the occasion.

Accomplishments during Weitzel's Tenure

- Established Friends of the Allentown Parks
- Improvements to Lil-Le-Hi Trout Nursery
- Ecological restorations to almost 1.5 miles of Trout Creek in Trout Creek Parkway
- Improvements to Cedar Creek Parkway
- Improvements to Keck Park
- Development of a Dog Park Master Plan
- Installation of the Destination Playground in Cedar Creek Parkway
- and much more...

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