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### Hurricane Sandy Wreaks Devastation

We hope everyone weathered last week's storm well and that power and communications have been restored. With gusting winds, many trees were uprooted, crowns broken off or otherwise damaged. Witness the many trees downed along Allentown's streets and within our parks. In fact, virtually every park was hit. The Allentown Department of Parks and Recreation is working diligently to identify and remove street trees which are deemed safety hazards. Work within Allentown parks will commence as soon as possible. If you see a safety hazard involving a tree please contact the Parks Department at 610-437-7750.



Pedestrian bridge at Cedar Creek Parkway next to the Malcolm Gross Rose Garden



Several downed trees at Muhlenberg Lake

Right, West Park – compare size of large fallen oak tree base with squirrel



West Park—above, large fallen oak tree and surrounding damage; right, downed trees at park monuments



Fisherman conducts his own assessment of storm damage

### Allentown Halloween Parade—A Success

Despite the one week delay, 63 of the 78 scheduled groups participated in yesterday's Halloween Parade. Onlookers had the pleasure of seeing the Wells Fargo Stage Coach, area school marching bands, floats, cub scouts, cheerleaders and more at this festive occasion. Even Ferrous of the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs braved the chilly weather to entertain Allentown fans.



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