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**“Blue Skies”** - song by Irving Berlin (1926)

Blue skies  
Smiling at me  
Nothing but blue skies  
Do I see



Bluebirds  
Singing a song  
Nothing but bluebirds  
All day long



**Photo of the Week**

**Buttercups in Lehigh Parkway**

Spring is right around the corner and these little beauties were spied by **Barbara Rowley** on a walk through **Lehigh Parkway**.

Photo courtesy of Barbara Rowley



**Bluebird Trail in Lehigh Parkway**

Take a walk along the path from the Lil-Le-Hi Trout Nursery past the Museum of Indian Culture to the Fly Fish Shop and take notice of the new “residences” to attract Eastern Bluebirds. In cooperation with the Allentown Dept. of Parks

and Recreation and the Lehigh Valley Audubon Society 15 volunteers braved the cold and helped dig holes, place and secure posts for approximately 25 bluebird nest boxes and within five minutes several pairs of bluebirds began checking out the new accommodations.

**WANT TO BE PART OF THIS EXCITING VENTURE?**

This is just phase one of a system of Bluebird Trails within Allentown. Part of the project involves YOU as citizen scientists! We need **BLUEBIRD NEST BOX STEWARDS** to monitor and care for the boxes. Never done this before? Don't worry. Lehigh Valley Audubon Society's Scott Burnett, Chair of the Habitat Development Committee, will provide training.

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

For additional information contact us [info@allentownparks.org](mailto:info@allentownparks.org) or 610-432-7275.



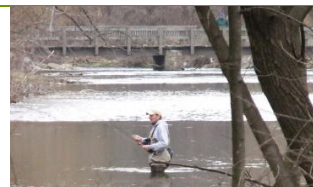
*Our thanks to the Allentown Dept. of Parks and Recreation for providing the equipment and tools necessary to place the boxes, all the wonderful volunteers who gave of their time and energy, Scott Burnett for building the nest boxes, and, Air Products and Chemicals, PPL and individual donors for their generous financial support of this project.*

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Today was a great day for fishing in Lehigh Parkway.  
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