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**Discovery Walk at Muhlenberg Lake**

Muhlenberg Lake, a 1930s Work Projects Administration creation, looks beautiful in spring! Saturday's Discovery Walk yielded an array of beautiful sights as Muhlenberg College professor Dr. Kimberly Heiman provided participants with a historical overview of the lake as well as why parks are so precious to a community's quality of life.



A joint project of Friends of the Allentown Parks and Dr. Heiman's Environmental Studies class yielded a number of recommendations on enhancements to the lake, such as creating/restoring bird habitat and placing an informational kiosk. Background work for this project included water analysis of the lake, upstream and downstream and considerable consultation with individuals knowledgeable in native plants and bird habitat. Watch future issues of Park Picks for additional information.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 11 @ 8:00 a.m.-noon** – West Park & Cedar Creek Parkway—**Hurricane Sandy Tree Replacement plantings, mulching & edging. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** info@allentownparks.org or 610-432-7275

**May 18 @ 10:00 a.m.** – Cedar Creek Parkway—They creep! They crawl! They sometimes fly! Entomologist Marten Edwards takes us on an **Insect Discovery Walk**. Fun for the whole family!

**Jordan Park Cleanup**



A number of volunteers led by **Andrew Kleiner**, formerly with the Allentown Environmental Advisory Council, worked diligently to collect litter at Allentown's Jordan Park (52.34 acres).



With the number of children at the playground as well as the basketball court, volunteers first sourced the playground then worked their way throughout the park, including both sides of Jordan Creek. We even stopped by to see how the Friends mini-rose garden was faring. Planted in 2010 during our first National Public Lands Day celebration, the roses were doing well and the Tulip Magnolia tree was just dropping its pink blooms.

Our thanks to the volunteers who spent a beautiful Saturday afternoon with us as well as the **Allentown Department of Parks and Recreation** for their continued support of our projects and providing the necessary tools and supplies.



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