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Volunteer Recognition

South Street Park Cleanup



We thank the Swain School for including Friends of the Allentown Parks in its list of community partners to enrich their students' understanding of community service.



About ten middle school-aged students worked energetically to: prepare the South Street Park flowerbed for winter, collect litter throughout the park and playground area then graciously collected litter at the playground in Cedar Creek Parkway.



We hope this team of park enthusiasts enjoyed their service as well as the beautiful park surroundings.

Autumn weather is here and we encourage you to visit our parks and enjoy the beautiful fall foliage.



Boy Scout Works on Tree Identification Project at South Mountain Reservoir

Friends of the Allentown Parks annually holds a number of Discovery Walks at the beautiful South Mountain Reservoir park. Botanist Claudia Steckel leads our adventures and helps participants identify mosses, lichen, fungi and much more.

Participants frequently ask questions about the various trees at the park so when Boy Scout Zachary Lentz of Troop 58 inquired about a project he could utilize towards promotion to an Eagle Scout thoughts turned to tree identification. The project encompasses identification of trees in one sample area within the park in order to:

- ascertain the diversity of tree species within the area
- provide hikers and others information to identify specific trees and to understand their benefits to wildlife, and
- provide information to emergency services in the event of a fire.

While gathering data, Zachary and his team graciously collected litter within the sample area and adjacent locations.



We thank Zachary, members of his troop, friends and family for their hard work in developing this very valuable information and for their interest in Allentown's park system.

Staples Foundation Grant Award



We are pleased to announce that the Staples Foundation recently awarded Friends \$1,000 as part of the 2 Million & Change initiative, providing support to non-profits for education and/or job skills programs. We also sincerely thank our local Staples stores for their valuable support.



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