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Lehigh Parkway Bluebird Trail Results Are In!

Last year at the end of February several dedicated volunteers helped establish a Bluebird Trail in Allentown's Lehigh Parkway. Walk along the path from the Lil-Le-Hi Trout Nursery past the Museum of Indian Culture to the Fly Fish Shop and visitors will see the "residences" to attract Eastern Bluebirds. Once established, Scott Burnet of the Lehigh Valley Audubon Society and a number of nest box stewards tended the boxes and gathered data on box usage. The results are in and for year one of this venture, the results are astounding!



In the 26 nest boxes placed, over 300 chicks from five species were successfully raised to independence. Bird species were: Eastern Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, House Wrens, Black-capped Chickadees and Tufted Titmice. That means that each box had at least two broods and two pairs of House Wrens were successful in raising four broods. We anticipate similar successful results for 2014.

WANT TO BE PART OF THIS EXCITING VENTURE?

We need BLUEBIRD NEST BOX STEWARDS to monitor and care for the boxes. Never done this before? Don't worry. Scott Burnett, Chair of LV Audubon's Habitat Development Committee, will provide training.

SIGN UP TODAY!

info@allentownparks.org or phone 610-432-7275

More Rare Bird Sightings—Muhlenberg Lake



Two Common Goldeneye Ducks were recently seen visiting Muhlenberg Lake! These migratory birds are found in the lakes and rivers of boreal forests across Canada, the northern United States, Scandinavia and northern Russia, and, local waterfowl experts confirm that this is the first recorded sighting of this species in the Allentown area.

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Upcoming Events

April 12, 2014— 8:00 a.m. – noon Kids Gone Fishin' - fishing contest for youth aged 15 and under. Dadonna Lake and Terrace. Donation: \$5/child

Advance registration now open!

http://fotap.wordpress.com/2014-great-events/trout-fishing-contest-kids-gone-fishin/

VOLUNTEERS—It's That Time of Year!



As the snow starts to melt thoughts turn to spring and venturing into the great outdoors. Interested in volunteer projects which help to beautify and keep Allentown parks clean? We have numerous opportunities for groups and individuals of all ages.



Projects undertaken between March 1 and May 31 are part of the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and Great American Cleanup Pennsylvania initiatives.

Looking for more than a one day volunteer activity?



Adopt-a-Flowerbed

Adopt-a-Park

Contact us for details!