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Cedar Creek Parkway & Bird Conservation



In September 2013 over 150 volunteers descended upon Muhlenberg Lake/Cedar Creek Parkway to clean up the lake, the shoreline as well as the island. Activities included removal of invasive plants, litter collection, creation of rain garden/buffer areas along the lake shoreline and removal of large debris from the lake itself. The most exciting aspect of that event was creating bird habitat and building a Chimney Swift tower on the island, the first such tower in an Allentown park.

Since then, a nesting pair of Great Horned Owls successfully raised two owlets in that area and a number of unique waterfowl as well as other bird species have been seen. Conservation efforts continue.



Given the recent number of Tree Swallow sightings, several nestboxes were added to the island. And in June, an informational kiosk which will house a second Chimney Swift tower will be placed in Cedar Creek Parkway.



Additional conservation plans are underway for other Allentown parks. Stay tuned!

Upcoming Events

June 7— 1:00 p.m.—Discovery Walk at Lehigh Parkway. Back by popular demand, view the wonderful WPA stone structures as Michael Molovinsky takes us on a journey in time. Meeting point is the Robin Hood bridge parking lot (the first parking lot on your right after entering the park via the 15th Street entrance).

July 5 -10:00 a.m.—noon. 3rd Annual Model Sailboat Building & Race. On the lawn of the stone house located at the beautiful Allentown Rose Garden (2700 Parkway Blvd). Free. Advance on-line registration will be available by June 7.

Discovery Walk—1930s WPA Projects Lehigh Parkway

June 7 @ 1:00 p.m.

Ever gaze at the great stone wall and cascading staircase at Lehigh Parkway? Perhaps the small kiln? Find out about these great stone structures from the 1930s, who built them and why at our next Discovery Walk. You'll be amazed!



Free and open to the public.



Friends Teams Up with Lehigh University/ Iacocca Institute's Pennsylvania School for Global Entrepreneurship

We are very pleased to announce our upcoming participation in this initiative commencing early July.

A former Pennsylvania Governor's School, the Global Entrepreneurship program was established in 2001 and is a unique learning experience for students. The program purpose is to expose students to topics of global entrepreneurship, team-building, project management and leadership. To date, over 859 American and international students have participated in this program.

Know Before You Go...

Before you pack up the family for a day at the park, here's what's coming up...

Lehigh Parkway

- June 7—7:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—Miles for Coco (5K)
June 8—7:00 a.m.—noon—United Way (5K)
June 14—8:00—11:00 a.m.—Lehigh Valley Road Runner Youth Series
June 21—8:00—11:00 a.m.—Lehigh Valley Road Runner Youth Series
June 22—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Wildlands Conservancy "Bike Through the Park"
June 28—7:00 a.m.—1:00 pm.—Run for Reily (5K)

Other Parks

- June 14-4:00-7:00 p.m.—Union Terrace—Noches de Ritmo
June 21—all day —West Park— "Art in the Park"
June 21—9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Lehigh Parkway west- Museum of Indian Culture presents Kids Native American Heritage Day
June 21—all day—Bucky Boyle Park— Allentown A's

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