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Friends Receives Award from the Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Department

Friends is pleased and honored to be recognized by the Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Department as their 2014 New Work Site of the Year. Through the Department's Community Alternative Work Service Program (C.A.W.S.), Friends provided program participants the opportunity to plant trees in Cedar Creek Parkway as part of our Hurricane Sandy Tree Replacement initiative.

Youth learned new skills associated with proper tree placement, planting and mulching. One participant, already versed in landscaping activities as a result of the Department's cooperative program with Lehigh-Carbon Community College, imparted his knowledge in the use of edging tools to create perfect edging circles around trees.

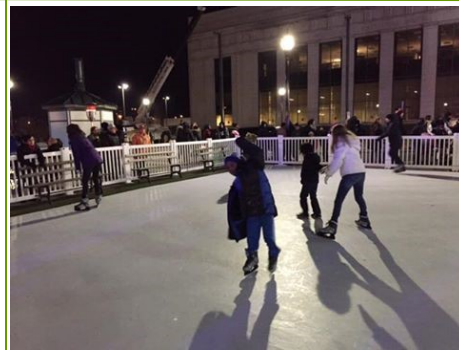
We look forward to continuing our cooperative venture with the Department and the C.A.W.S. program.

The C.A.W.S. program of the Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Department utilizes community service to teach youthful offenders new skills and foster the development and sense of caring for others. To learn more about this program phone 610-782-3143 or visit http://www.lccpa.org/juvenile/CAWS/.



Iron Pigs Charities Grant Award

Our sincere thanks to the Iron Pigs Charities which recently announced its award of a \$2,000 grant to Friends of the Allentown Parks for a collaborative recreational venture between Friends and the Allentown Department of Parks and Recreation. Funds will be utilized to hold several softball clinics in efforts to actively promote and engage middle school-aged girls in the sport.



Outdoor Ice Skating at 7th & Hamilton

Just in time for the New Year's Eve celebration as well as the anticipated frigid winter weather, the Allentown Department of Parks

and Recreation set up a new portable ice skating rink on the southeast corner of 7th and Hamilton Streets. Open daily, it provides a perfect opportunity to enjoy Allentown's redevelopment from a different perspective. And when it gets too cold, warm up by visiting any of the fine new downtown eating establishments.

A second rink will be available at Irving Park (near Dieruff High School) in the coming weeks.



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