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VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Our thanks to DeSales University for including Friends of the Allentown Parks in their summer program with the Nativity Preparatory School of Wilmington, Delaware.



Over 40 middle school aged students and several adults spent a hot and sunny summer afternoon cleaning up Jordan Park...



...followed by a cool dip in the pool! Great community collaboration.



CHIMNEY SWIFT TOWER/INFORMATION KIOSK COMPLETE



We are pleased to announce the completion of our Chimney Swift Tower/Information Kiosk near the lower parking lot of Cedar Beach/Cedar Creek Parkway. We can also report that the Chimney Swift conservation aspect of the structure has been successful!

Sincere thanks to those who made this possible: The Century Fund, Scott Burnet & the Lehigh Valley Audubon Society, Dan Poresky formerly of the Allentown Environmental Advisory Council and the Allentown Dept. of Parks and Recreation.

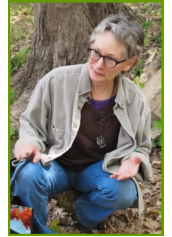
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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 25 @ 10:00 a.m. Wetland Plants of Muhlenberg Lake with botanist Claudia Steckel



Join us for a stroll around the lake eyeing a wide array of interesting wetland plants. Meeting point is the pathway along Parkway Blvd across from the Muhlenberg Lake island.

LEHIGH COUNTY BAT COUNT RESULTS

Friends of the Allentown Parks continues to participate in the Appalachian Bat Count (a program of the PA Game Commission), providing the only official registered bat count in Lehigh County. Bat biologist Sarah Bouboulis led a group of concerned citizen scientists in two recent bat counts, with hopeful results. Our June count of little brown bats yielded 45 bats and our recent July count saw a rise to 95!



Why is this important? Bats contribute to maintaining a healthy ecosystem. They eat several times their body weight in insects in a single evening which reduces the need for pesticides and insecticides. For the past several years, White Nose Syndrome has decimated little brown bat populations by 98%. Many PA sites now report no bats in their area. If you are aware of bat populations located in Lehigh County please let us know (info@allentownparks.org or 610-432-7275). Thank-you.

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE We also give special recognition to Muhlenberg College's Spring 2013 Local Sustainability students who worked diligently with us on the overall project.

September 2014



November 2014

