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**A PERFECT TRIBUTE ON  
THIS PRESIDENT'S DAY**

For the past several days members and friends of the Lehigh Valley Audubon Society have been out and about identifying birds as part of the Great Backyard Bird Count, a program of the National Audubon Society.

We are pleased to report that there were several Bald Eagle sightings in the Allentown area! The work of local residents and organizations, Friends of the Allentown Parks and the Allentown Department of Parks and Recreation in creating native plant habitat has yielded results.

The next time you stroll through an Allentown park, check out the skies and the tree tops. You never know what wonderful discoveries you may find.

Photo courtesy of Frank Dickman

**Grant Award  
Century Fund**

Our sincere thanks to the **Century Fund** whose trustees recently awarded **Friends of the Allentown Parks** a generous **\$2,500** grant in support of our 3rd Annual Cherry Blossom Festival.

The Festival is an annual event highlighting Allentown's beautiful Cherry Blossom Row (Ott Street between Hamilton Blvd. and Parkway Blvd). The event features activities of Asian cultures (eg, Japanese bonsai demonstrations, Balinese gamelan music, origami, Buddhist meditations), environmental stewardship and offers a wide variety of children's activities. Celebrate Arbor Day, Earth Day and World Tai Chi & Qigong Day.

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**Grant Award  
Staples Foundation**

**Friends of the Allentown Parks** is pleased to announce receipt of a **\$1,000** grant from the **Staples Foundation** as part of their "2 Million & Change" program.



The grants are part of a philanthropic initiative which allows Staples associates around the world to direct funding to non-profit organizations that are focused on education or job skills.

Our sincere thanks to a local Staples associate for their kind and generous support.



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