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5th Annual Kids Gone Fishin'

The beautiful weather has everyone thinking about the great outdoors. So dust off those fishing poles, find your utility boxes, clean out the buckets and get ready for our annual Kids Gone Fishin' event. It's a fun morning for the whole family!

Register today; space is limited. Phone 610-432-7275 or on-line at http://wp.me/PRKIF-7QB

Event poster for Kids Gone Fishin' on April 22, 2017 at Daddona Lake. Includes registration times, prize categories for boys and girls, and logos for Friends of the Allentown Parks, Cabela's, and Parks and Recreation.

Grant Award Staples Foundation

Friends of the Allentown Parks has been awarded a grant by Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc. through a program called 2 Million and Change that allows Staples associates around the globe to direct donations in the total amount of about \$2 million each year.

This grant supports our Get Back to Nature! environmental education program which uses workbooks and hands-on activities to bring key environmental issues to life such as bird and bat conservation, water conservation and more.



Executive Director Karen El-Chaar to receive Community Champion Award

The Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society, Inc. (PRPS) recently advised that Friends Executive Director Karen El-Chaar has been named as the recipient of the 2017 Community Champion Award.

The nomination was submitted by the Allentown Dept. of Parks and Recreation in recognition of Ms. El-Chaar's contributions and continuing interest in recreation and parks, leadership in annually engaging more than 2,000 volunteers in cleanup and other projects in Allentown's 2,000+ acre park system, on-going major commitment of financial and other resources to enhance park facilities and programs, and more.

The award will be conferred at the Awards Banquet at the PRPS Annual Conference at the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center on March 28.

Congratulations, Karen!

Save the Date

4th Annual Allentown Cherry Blossom Festival Saturday April 29 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cedar Beach/Cedar Creek Parkway

Exhibits, demos, children's activities, great food, great music and more! Fun for the whole family!

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Founded in 1935, the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) is the principal state organization promoting quality recreation and park training, networking, and leadership opportunities for those working and volunteering in the field.