



Lehigh Parkway Elementary School Mural

Someone recently advised us of a beautiful mural painted at the entrance of the Lehigh Parkway Elementary School. Known for its love of the Parkway's iconic Bogert's Covered Bridge, the school has participated in a number of activities highlighting the bridge and the Parkway's history. From arranging a visit of Colonial period actors...to...painting pictures of the covered bridge for display at the

Photo courtesy of Chris Hendricks & Susan Williams

Allentown Cherry Blossom Festival, this mural exemplifies the connection between the students, faculty, history and culture that is Allentown.

Resident artist Matt Halm and approximately 100 Lehigh Parkway students created a very special mural during the spring 2016 semester. Halm and Lehigh Parkway art teacher, Katlyn Baer, worked with the students from grades 3, 4, and 5 to produce this amazing mural representing their view of the City of Allentown. The students worked on the mural over a period of ten intense artistic sessions. This Renaissance Arts project was funded by the Allentown School District Foundation and Crayola LLC. (*Students Create Outdoor Mural*; Retrieved 2018, March 21 from <https://lep.allentownsd.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=549991&pageId=963549>)



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Meet the artist: Matt Halm

Halm grew up on the south side of Allentown and now spends his days wrapping the walls and facades of his old stomping grounds in vibrant and public reflections of the city's spirit. He's a muralist with more than 15 large-scale pieces on display that have been commissioned by clients such as the Community Action Network of Allentown, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital, the Bethlehem Parks Department and Colgate University.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this wonderful project!

Upcoming Events

**4/21—8:00 am-12:00 pm—
Kids Gone Fishin' @
Daddona Lake & Terrace**

Kids Gone Fishin'
Trout fishing for youth ages 15 and under
April 21, 2018 Maximum: 100 participants
Event is 'Catch and Keep'
Lake Daddona (Union Terrace)
8:00am
REGISTRATION OPENS!
\$5.00 requested donation per child
Proceeds benefit: Friends of the Allentown Parks
9:00am
FISHING BEGINS!
Prize categories: Baggie Fish (only)
Prize categories:
Boys Ages 5-7, Ages 8-10, Ages 11-15
Girls Ages 5-7, Ages 8-10, Ages 11-15
Prizes provided by Cabela's
friends allentown parks | Cabela's WORLD'S FOREMOST OUTFITTER | Allentown PA
Advance registration available: 610-432-7275 or on-line at www.allentownparks.org

**4/28—10:00 am-5:00 pm—
5th Annual Allentown
Cherry Blossom Festival @
Cedar Beach Park**

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April 28, 2018
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Cedar Creek Parkway/Cedar Beach
Exhibitors Parasol painting Mock Turtle Marionette Theater Great food, music & more!
Dharma Talks Mandala art Martial arts demonstrations Special Event Feature
Lawn games Puppetmaking Melkar Sari Gamelan Ensemble 10:00 a.m.—Kick-off to celebrate
Origami Children's arts & crafts Bonsai demonstrations World Tai Chi & Qi Gong Day
Friends of the Allentown Parks | www.allentownparks.org | 610-432-7275 | info@allentownparks.org

**4/29—9:00 am-1:00 pm—
multi-park cleanup event—
Great PA Cleanup/
#LoveLehighValley**

