

Upcoming Events

On Tuesday, September 13th, Joseph L. Paese will be giving a free presentation on "Protecting Your Estate: Charitable Giving Close to Home". The event will be held at Lehigh-Carbon Community College. Breakfast will be served at 8:00am and the presentation will begin at 8:30. RSVP is required by September 7th. Further details can be found on the flier located at the end of this newsletter.

The "Run for the River" 5K run/walk will be Sunday, October 9th in Mary D!! Come support the Schuylkill Headwaters Association, learn more about our work, and get your exercise! You can either register online, at <http://www.schuylkillheadwaters.org>, or print and mail in the registration form at the end of this newsletter! We hope to see you there! For more information, please contact Megan Blackmon at (570)622-3742 ext 119 or mblackmon@schuylkillheadwaters.org.

The 2nd Annual Wild and Scenic Film Festival will be held on Thursday, November 10th at the Sovereign Majestic in downtown Pottsville. For more information, please contact Adele Holzman at (570) 622-3742.

We've Been Busy!



On July 20th OSM/VISTA Adele Holzman accompanied the Schuylkill Conservation District's Education Coordinator, Porcupine Pat, to the Pottsville Area Development Corporation (PADCO)'s 2011 Pottsville Economic Summit. Held every five years, the invitation only event included 35 city representatives and was moderated by Barry Denk, director of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, Harrisburg. Over the course of four hours, attendees used a series of different discussions to help determine five initiatives for PADCO to focus on between now and the 2016 Pottsville Economic Summit:

- The construction of a retail incubator, in addition to the existing technology incubator at 1 South 2nd Street.
- Increased attention to housing, including the development of rentals for professionals and a strategy for reducing the blight associated with current residential properties.
- The construction of additional hotel/conference center facilities.
- Improving of communications between organizations, businesses and the public.
- Revising marketing strategies used to inform area students about community events.



On July 28th, 12 children from the Schuylkill YMCA's summer camp assisted SHA interns and staff members with the installation of 72 storm drain markings beside storm drains along Mahantongo Street in Pottsville. These markings are intended to encourage people to consider how stormwater carries pollutants into nearby waterways and, hopefully, think twice before throwing litter into or around storm drains. This initiative was in collaboration with the current efforts of the City of Pottsville to separate stormwater and sewer pipes and to reduce stormwater runoff.



From August 4-6, SHA President Bill Reichert, OSM/VISTA Adele Holzman, and Outreach Coordinator Megan Blackmon attended the 2011 PA AMR Conference. Held in Hazleton, the conference included speeches by PA DEP Secretary Michael Krancer, Office of Surface Mining Director Joseph Pizarchik, and Andrew Heath, who serves as the Executive Director of the Renew Growing Greener Coalition. The conference also included a tour of several AMR sites as well as the EPCAMR: Partnerships, Places & Pride Inaugural Dinner & Fundraiser, which celebrated EPCAMR's 15th Anniversary.

On Sunday, August 21st, 17 students from Penn State Schuylkill helped to spread stone for the first segment of the new Silver Creek AMD Trail which will parallel the Silver Creek treatment system. Built in 2010, the treatment system is located outside of New Philadelphia. When finished, the trail will serve as a site for both recreation and environmental education. Along the trail will be native plantings and signs to educate visitors about the native plants and their benefits, treatment of AMD, and common conservation practices. Additionally, the plants will also help to reclaim the area's habitat. If you are interested in donating time, money, or energy, please contact Megan Blackmon at (570)622-3742 ext. 119 or at mblackmon@schuylkillheadwaters.org.



For Your Information

During the Schuylkill Canal days, barges would carry coal down the Schuylkill River to Philadelphia. A legacy of this journey is a series of coal fines deposited at various locations within the Schuylkill River Basin. Many coal washeries and breakers along the route processed the coal through cleaning and sizing. These plants produced a "waste product" called coal fines or culm. These coal fines now have a value as a commercial product for use in co-generation plants and the steel industry.



During the 1940's, Pennsylvania engaged in the largest environmental project of the day by building dams known as desilting basins throughout the river channel. The dams collected the silt that polluted the river. As these desilting basins filled, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (PA DEP BAMR) would have the dams dredged to remove the collected sediment. Stoudt's Ferry Preparation Company operates a reclamation plant at the Auburn Desilting Basin near Landingville. The plant recovers different materials, including coal, from the basin's dredged sediment.



Representatives of PA DEP Mining, PA DEP BAMR, Schuylkill Conservation District, and Schuylkill Headwaters Association (SHA) met with a local landowner and a Stoudt's Ferry official to discuss the possibility of utilizing the plant to reclaim some of the other coal fine deposits located in the river basin. If more widely employed, this enterprise could recover an increased number of coal deposits and restore the area basin to a more natural state.



A surefire sign that summer will soon be drawing to a close: Just two weeks from now, on September 1st, the early Canada goose and dove hunting seasons will begin in Pennsylvania.

This year, the early season for resident geese continues through Saturday, Sept. 24th. The restrictions for those hunting the Atlantic Flyway include a daily bag limit of 8 and a possession limit of 16. Different restrictions are in affect for the Southern James Bay Population Canada Goose Zone and on the Pymatuning State Park Reservoir.

The early dove season is one of three separate seasons, with the first ending Saturday, Oct. 1. The second and third seasons will be held, respectively, from Saturday, Oct. 29, through Saturday, Nov. 26, and from Monday, Dec. 26, through Wednesday, Jan. 4. With all three seasons, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30. However, the hours will vary: during the early season, shooting hours are noon to sunset. During the two late seasons, shooting hours are one half-hour before sunrise until sunset.

A copy of the "Pennsylvania 2011-12 Guide to Migratory Bird Hunting" brochure can be found at www.pgc.state.pa.us. By the end of August, the brochure will be also available at United States Post Offices.

Hunters are encouraged to report leg-banded migratory game bird recoveries online at www.reportband.gov, or use the toll-free number (1-800-327-BAND). Hunters will be requested to provide information on where, when and what species were



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Important Dates

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