

# Montgomery County Parks, Trails & Historic Sites Bulletin

## December 2021, Region 1 (as of 11/30/21)

### **Pottsgrove Manor:**

Pottsgrove Manor is giving guided holiday tours during open hours. Tours can be pre-booked. Please join us for in-person and virtual programs. Frost Fair is December 12<sup>th</sup>. Visit us on our website or Facebook for more info. Site Closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Lower Perkiomen Valley Park (LPVP) and adjacent Trails:**

Please note that the regional trails are continually being repaired from storm damage and regular wear and tear. **Trail users are expected to exercise caution and heed all signs posted for their own safety and that of the people performing the work.** Trails may close at any time due to conditions. A Penn DOT project may result in trail closures/detours near the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit/Barbados Street in Norristown. This work will end sometime in December. Please use caution. **A closure of the Perkiomen Trail from Cider Mill Road to Upper Indianhead Road is still in place. We are unsure of the timing due to repairs to an emergency situation that occurred. Please follow all signage. PLEASE OBSERVE THE DISMOUNT SIGNS AS YOU APPROACH ROSS STREET ON THE SRT.** TRAILS RECEIVED DAMAGE DURING HURRICANE IDA. THE SRT FROM THE OAKS BRIDGE TO REYNOLDS DOG PARK IS CURRENTLY CLOSED. WE ARE WORKING TO GET AREAS REPAIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. VFNHP will continue their deer management program this winter. See their website for details. Trails are closed on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.

LPVP—The Park suffered severe damage during hurricane Ida. The site is recovering/still cleaning up. The office is open by appointment, call 610-666-5371 or e-mail [Lowerperkiomenvalley@montcopa.org](mailto:Lowerperkiomenvalley@montcopa.org). We will continue to respond to e-mails and phone calls during normal weekday hours of 8:15 - 3. Park is closed Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. A piece of playground equipment is in the process of being replaced—other areas have the mulch restored and can be used. The reservation system for pavilions is operational. **Park users are able to check open dates and reserve their pavilion themselves on-line!** The on-line reservation system reserves your pavilion as soon as the transaction is complete. If you do not see the pavilion you want or the date you want, it is most likely booked/unavailable. Dates for 2022 will open in January. Pavilion doors on the main pavilion are installed. They will remain up for the winter. See the link on our webpage to recdesk. Special Use Permits in December: none.

### **Upper Schuylkill Valley Park (USVP):**

The Park is open. Buildings will close at intervals for cleaning. Please join us for in person and virtual programs. There are many upgrades to enclosures happening on site. Please be aware of work in progress. Please respect all signage and directions. Site is closed Dec 25<sup>th</sup> and Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. AT THIS TIME, THE SCHUYLKILL EAST TRAIL IS CLOSED, but should open by the end of the year.

### **Mill Grove:**

Mill Grove is open. Please call the site for more details. The cottage on site suffered storm damage--options are being evaluated. The Audubon loop is open. Site and trails are closed on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Lock 60:**

The Park is open. Programming is run by the Schuylkill Canal Association. Please remember that dock systems are used in conjunction with varied terrain. Use caution when exiting and entering the areas. A new dock near the Locktender's house is being developed. Join the Schuylkill Canal Association for a towpath clean-up on Dec. 4 and 5. Check their Facebook page for more details. Site is closed on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. AT THIS TIME, THE SCHUYLKILL EAST TRAIL IS CLOSED, but should open by the end of the year.

**We remind visitors that there is no swimming, jumping or diving at this location.**

REGION 1 OFFICE: LOWER PERKIOMEN VALLEY PARK, 610-666-5371

**Call 911 for emergencies or to report illegal activity.** Regional Park Ranger 610-960-9281

**PLEASE NOTE:** **At this time, masks are to be worn in all county buildings.** This includes restrooms, offices, historic sites and indoor animal exhibits. For more and the most up to date information, please visit:

<https://www.montcopa.org/9/COVID-19>