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Subject:	FRIENDS OF BELTZVILLE WELCOME AND THANK YOU
Date:	Friday, September 9, 2022 10:43:15 AM

Welcome Michele,

Thank you for your donation and joining the Friends of Beltzville. We are a non-profit all volunteer group doing good works in the park. Please read this email, it has some important information.

We look forward to meeting you at our next gathering. Feel free to join any of the Projects or Programs. See below for the list of events, programs and projects. Let us know how you may want to volunteer.

You will receive a "Welcome Packet" when we see you. Lori Melbarde is our welcoming committee. There is a list of all the Board Members and the tasks we do, as well as our other committee members. Feel free to reach out to any of us if you have any questions.

I have highlighted things in red as they are some upcoming events and programs.

Volunteers are reminded to sign up as conservation volunteers for liability purposes with PPFF. Log in here: https://volunteers.dcnr.pa.gov/login.aspx.

Thank you,

Diane Szwajkowski, Chair Friends of Beltzville 213 230-0654 Dianeski13@gmail.com

Please respond to this email, so I know you have RECEIVED IT.

Mission Statement: The Friends of Beltzville State Park are dedicated to the enhancement and conservation of the park.

FOB HAPPENINGS AND EVENTS

Meet at the EIC for all events unless otherwise noted. All events and dates are subject to change. EIC is the Environmental Interpretive Center.

- **Friends Walking group** – 9/15/ 22 We will meet at the EIC. Every Thursday at 10:00am. Location varies. Contact Diane to get on the notification list. We are using the TeamReach app for this. Contact Deb for help with the app.

- **Fall Fest Meetings**: 9/12/22 @ EIC 11am. Seeking volunteers to help, please come to these meetings. Wednesday, planning Monday, September 12 at 11:00 – planning and for ALL volunteers Friday, September 30 at 5:00
- **FOB Arts and Crafts** – 9/15/22 11am @ EIC Sherry F – continue each month on the first Thursday. 11am. Group meets at 11am following the hike, however if the hike if rained out, we will meet at 10am.
- **Friends Reading Group** – September Reading Group will meet on SEPTEMBER 20TH at 9:00 AM at the EIC. The date is one week earlier and the time will stay at 9:00 AM last Tuesday at 10:00am. Contact Carol to get on the notification email. Contact Carol to attend this meeting.
- **Fall Fest/50th** – Saturday, Oct 1, rain date Oct 2, 10:00-3:00pm. Mark your calendar! Signups have taken place and committee has begun planning. Contact Diane Ski
- **Garden Cleanup** – This event is held monthly on the 4th Friday at 10am. TBA Contact Diane G for details.
- **Kayak/Lakeside Cleanup** – TBA. – late in August
- **Fall Roadside Clean Up** – TBA – October date.
- **Conservation Project:** TBA but will be the second or third week in September on a Saturday. Contact Diane G.
- **Next General Meeting** – Monday, October 3, 2022 and December 5, 2022 @ 6pm. December meeting to be a potluck.
- **Next Board Meetings** – Monday Sept 12 @ 10am Board members only. Wednesday, September 28 at 2:00.
- **Park Events** – Rob has a full calendar of events. These are not Friends activities but are sponsored by the Park through DCNR. Many Friends group members attend and participate Contact Rob directly if you would like to help. Remember working with children requires clearances which must be submitted in advance to Rob. https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/BeltzvilleStatePark

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

- **Tree Sawyers** - Nick Bedio - 610-577-5667, Joe Ski - 215-230-0654, Tom Roemer - 484-680-1106
- **Story Time and Craft -** Lori Cooper - 484-535-2996, ratdog331@yahoo.com
- **Reading/Discussion Group & Blue Bird Box Monitor -**Carol Schnaiter - schnaitercarol@gmail.com - 815-440-8640

FRIENDS OF BELTZVILLE (FOB) OFFICERS

Diane Ski - Chair - 215-230-0654

- Road side clean ups
- Kayak and shoreline clean ups
- Facebook posting and pictures
- Meetings and all chair tasks
- Expos and outreach

- Little Free Library
- Thursday Walk
- Fall Fest
- Art/Craft Group

John Dworsky - Vice Chair - 484-629-9038

- Spring and fall hikes
- Shed project
- Dog Station Project
- Volunteer T-shirts
- 50th Event

Linda Troia - Secretary - letroia@yahoo.com 610-810-8789

- Trail Leadership / Adopt a Trail
- Surveys
- Sunshine Droup

Diane Giffels - Treasurer - 570-977-0614

- Pollinator Garden
- Membership
- Fundraising Committee
- **Contact Diane Giffels i**f you would like to purchase Shoprite Gift Cards. (We use this as a fundraising program)

BOARD MEMBERS

Lori Melbarde - Board Member - 570-807-3531

- New member materials project
- Pop-ups
- Boscov's Friends Helping Friends
- Fundraising Committee
- Little Free Library

Deborah deBeauclair - Board Member - 610-217-9409

- Free Little Library Steward
- Fundraising Committee
- Trail Leadership / Adopt a Trail
- Team Reach

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- **Park Manager:** Ben Monk
- **Environmental Specialist/Educator**: Rob Bergstresser, rbergstres@pa.gov Phone: 610-377-0045