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Canal News

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Our Mission

*The Friends of the Delaware Canal
is an independent, non-profit
organization working to restore,
preserve, and improve the
Delaware Canal and
its surroundings.*

*Our primary goals are to ensure
that the Canal is fully watered
from Easton to Bristol and the
towpath trail is useable over its
entire length.*

*We embrace this mission in order
to sustain a unique link to
our heritage, protect beautiful and
diverse natural areas, provide
recreational and educational
opportunities, and enable the
Canal to serve as a community
and economic asset.*

Let It Flow

Water and Visitors Are On the Move



Lehigh River water beginning to fill the Canal in Lumberville on June 27.

At 8 a.m. on June 26, member Bill Getchell left a message on the Friends' phone, "There's a strange phenomenon happening here in Point Pleasant. The Canal is full of water, and it's flowing nicely."

No, aliens from a watery planet have not dumped their cargo into the Delaware Canal. The water that is now flowing southward is from the Lehigh River, just as it is meant to. The major repair to the stone wall at Lock 20 south of Kintnersville has been completed, sinkholes have been filled, the Park maintenance staff has done some prism clearing, and there are no impediments to having the Lehigh River water flow down the Canal. Knock on wood!

The Park officials intend to let the Lehigh River water flow south as far as it can go this summer. Having it reach Lock 11 in New Hope would be extraordinary because the temporary fixes at Kleinhans Aqueduct south of

Easton and at the Tinicum Aqueduct do restrict the volume of water that the Canal can carry. Let's hope for the extraordinary and more.

All the rain that has been pouring down this summer has kept the Delaware River level well above the level of the New Hope inlet, so the Canal from the former Odette's site to Bristol has been full, except for drawdowns to prevent the Canal from overtopping its banks during extended downpours. The electrical equipment to run a pump, which will augment the southern end water supply should the River level fall for an extended period of time, is here and ready to be installed when DCNR gives the go-ahead.

Visitors are flowing more freely along the towpath, too. The official opening of the tunnel through the USX railroad embankment south of Morrisville took place on June 11 with DCNR

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Let It Flow *cont'd*



The official opening of the new tunnel.

Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn and PennDOT Secretary Leslie Richards doing the honors. The long-distance trail organizations—the D&L Trail, the Circuit Trail, and the East Coast Greenway—were there to celebrate as well as state, county and local officials, towpath users, and, of course, the Friends. The end of a nearly 20-year-long process to rid the Canal towpath of its most dangerous obstruction was

enthusiastically lauded. The railroad lines in the vicinity put on a show at the same time with Septa, Amtrak, USX, and NJ Transit trains all passing by. It was a good demonstration of the need for the tunnel.

Construction of the pedestrian walkway across the Scudder Falls Bridge on I-295 is underway. When complete, the walkway will connect the Delaware Canal and Delaware and Raritan Canal towpaths and be the seventh connector in the PA/NJ Loop Trail system.



Another way to cross the Delaware River is now being built.

Smithtown's New Sign



Marge Copenhaver with the new Smithtown interpretive sign.

A new interpretive sign stands by Locks 15/16 north of Point Pleasant. It tells the story of settler Joseph Smith, the industry-focused village that he developed, and how the Delaware Canal changed the area. It's a great story, and the new sign allows it to be shared with the Canal's many visitors.

A generous contribution from Margaret Copenhaver, in memory of her husband Tom, made the development and fabrication of the sign possible. It is a wonderful, thoughtful gift to the Canal,

and we are most grateful. Here Marge describes why she chose the project.

"Tom loved the Canal and was a long-time member of the Friends of the Delaware Canal. When we bought a house between the Canal and Delaware River in Smithtown in 2000, it was a dream come true—a lovely retreat that we could easily visit on weekends, as we looked ahead to moving here permanently to spend our retirement years. One of our favorite things was walking on the towpath on a summer's day and rafting or tubing back home on the river. It didn't get any better than that, with the possible exception of listening to the enchanting concert emanating from the Canal, provided by the always-unseen peepers, announcing that spring and summer were imminent.

Tom passed away in the spring of 2015. Working with Susan Taylor, many ideas were discussed as to what would be a nice tribute to Tom's legacy, while also being of benefit to the Friends. I'm delighted with the sign and feel it was the perfect choice. I know that Tom would definitely approve."

SAWN AND CHIPPED



Only an expert should wield a chain saw while standing in a kayak in the Canal.

The Friends helped out the Delaware Canal State Park maintenance crews by contracting with T&T Tree Service for the removal of some of the most problematic trees along the Canal. The initial \$6,625 phase of the project went well, so the Friends also were able to fund the \$3,600 cost to remove two huge trees near the Locktender's House at Locks 22/23.

Gone are:

- A big box elder tree that had fallen into the Canal in Morrisville.

- A large black locust tree draped over the Canal in Lower Makefield Township.
- An old mulberry tree that was leaning “drastically” over the Canal in New Hope.
- A 400 ft. section of Tree of Heaven saplings on the canal bank in New Hope. The stumps were treated with herbicide, all the better to deprive the destructive invading Spotted Lanternflies of their favorite food.
- Two towering maple trees that threatened Locks 22/23 and the Locktender's House in Raubsville.

As you can see from the photographs, the project was quite a production number.

Many thanks to you who contributed to the Friends' Year-End Appeal. Its success made this Canal improvement project possible.



IT WORKED!

Last year, the Friends experimented by purchasing a kayak stabilizing device called a KayaArm. Canal Action Team (CAT) volunteers installed the aluminum cradle and post on the north dock at Locks 22/23 in Raubsville, and it was officially tested during a Friends' *Paddle the Canal* event. It received enthusiastic thumbs up from both the kayakers and the State Park educators responsible for getting people in and out of kayaks safely.

This success led to the desire to install KayaArms on all the other Delaware Canal docks—the south dock at Locks 22/23 and the two docks at the Durham Aqueduct and Lock. The funding stars aligned, and the Friends were able to buy three KayaArms using a past contribution from Riegelsville Borough with Council's permission. CAT has installed the three, and they are ready for action now that the Canal's water level has been restored.



Nathaniel Legg tried out the KayaArm that his grandfather Pete Rosswaag helped to install on the dock at Locks 22/23.

Thank you, Riegelsville Borough for helping to promote kayaking on the Canal by making it so much easier and safer to get in and out of the water!

Sharing the Towpath

Summer brings many visitors to Delaware Canal State Park—bicyclists, hikers, runners, walkers, birders, equestrians, scenery lovers, etc. [The Delaware Canal towpath is a trail for all](#) and it is important for visitors to be aware of and courteous to each other. Here are two tips for sharing the towpath trail:

Bicyclists: Please signal your approach verbally or by ringing a bell. It's easy to startle others when you're coming up quickly and quietly. Slowing down would be nice, too.

Walkers: Please stay to the right on the towpath, so that others can pass by safely.

“Passing on your left.”



Calendar of Events



The Locktender's House at Smithtown.

STROLLING TO SMITHTOWN

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 3 P.M.

The parking lot at #2 Bridge 2 Lane, Point Pleasant, PA

North of Point Pleasant there is a group of homes set in a narrow strip of land between the hillside and the Delaware River. While driving along River Road, it's easy to underestimate its size. Today the US Postal Service calls the area "Pipersville," but locals know it by its historic name, "Smithtown."

On this 4-1/2-mile roundtrip summer stroll on the towpath, we'll explore Smithtown and find out about its intriguing past.

Joseph Smith, an enterprising man, settled on this "forbidding spot along the banks of the Delaware River" in 1784. He established a gristmill, a sawmill, a blacksmith shop, and a plow-making shop along with four houses. The businesses thrived, and the "forbidding spot" became Smithtown. Then along came the Delaware Canal in 1829. The industrial buildings blocked its route and were demolished. Locks 15 and 16 and a locktender's house were constructed, and the town became a layover stop for canal workers and their mules.

The Friends recently installed a new wayside interpretive sign at the lock in Smithtown. We were able to undertake this project thanks to a generous contribution from Margaret Copenhaver, in memory of her husband Tom. The Copenhavers enjoyed living in Smithtown for many years. During the development of the sign, we came upon a wealth

of information about Joseph Smith, which will be shared during our walk, including his sale of a mould-board plow of his own invention to President Thomas Jefferson.

Join us for a stroll through time and discover what makes Smithtown such an interesting and scenic place along the Delaware River and Canal.

The Stroll is free, but contributions are very welcome.



Paddling on the Canal is cool in more ways than one!

PADDLING THE CANAL I

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

10 A.M.–NOON OR 1–3 P.M.

Meet at the Black Rock Road Picnic Area at the intersection of the Canal and Black Rock Road in Yardley.

We're pleased to offer four paddling adventures this year in cooperation with Delaware Canal State Park naturalists, Katie Martens and Gabie Lent. You don't even have to own a boat. The Park staff will have a limited number of equipped kayaks to loan for the morning and afternoon sessions. These are perfect opportunities to try out the sport of kayaking.

Katie and Gabie will lead the roundtrip journeys southward after instructing everyone on kayaking safety and technique. As we paddle, the sounds and sights of summer will surround us as we go through the widest of the Canal's widewaters. Trees tower overhead where mule-drawn canal boats pulled over to the side to get out of the way of "traffic," much like trucks pull over on highway shoulders today. The Canal widewaters have evolved into abundant habitats where turtles, great blue herons, ducks, frogs, fish and all sorts of other critters can be spotted.

You may bring your own kayak or

canoe and personal flotation device or you may borrow one of the equipped kayaks that the Park staff will have on hand. For each session, there will be 14 seats available in 12 single kayaks and 1 tandem.

Registration is required for this activity whether you plan to bring your own or borrow a boat.

Please do so early by contacting us at 215-862-2021 or e-mailing friends@fodc.org. If you are planning to use Park equipment, a \$10 per person donation is requested payable on the day of the event. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.



Paddle through a shady canal culvert and make some noise while you're in there.

PADDLING THE CANAL II

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

10 A.M.–NOON OR 1–3 P.M.

Meet near the General Sullivan Picnic Pavilion in the northern section of Washington Crossing Historic Park. Use the park entrance on River Road opposite Aquetong Road in New Hope, and then travel over the Canal to the parking area between the Canal and the River.

As summer winds down, take in both the Delaware Canal and our country's Revolutionary War history from a new, in-water vantage point. From the launch site at the Pidcock Creek overflow, we'll venture south past the Soldiers' Graves to the Bowman's Hill stop gate. After turning around, we'll head north by the Thompson-Neely House and under one of the six remaining camelback bridges on the Canal. Then we'll paddle through the echoing culvert to the scenic widewaters that lead toward the town of New Hope. We'll stop short of town and enjoy the scenery and wildlife on the way back.

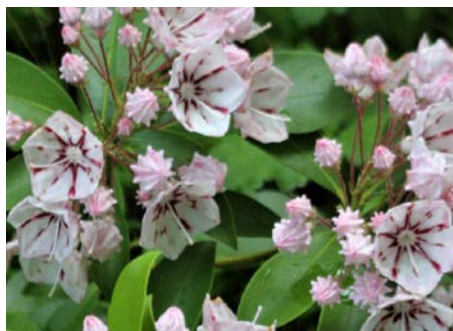
Delaware Canal State Park naturalists

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Katie Martens and Gabie Lent will be leading both the morning and afternoon sessions and will have fully equipped kayaks available to borrow. You may reserve a Park kayak or bring your own canoe or kayak and personal flotation device.

Registration is required. See details provided in the Paddling the Canal I article on previous page. Please don't wait to make your reservations; the sessions fill very quickly.



Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*) is a Pennsylvania native and also the State Flower. It's delicate, lovely, and much loved by white-tailed deer.

WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT PENNSYLVANIA'S NATIVE PLANTS?

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12,
7:30 P.M.

The Old Library by Lake Afton, 46 West Afton Avenue, Yardley, PA

Pennsylvania is home to about 3,000 plant species. About two-thirds of them are considered "native" because they occur naturally or have existed for many years in the Commonwealth. They have adapted to the local environment and can exist without direct or indirect human intervention. By using natives in our landscape, we can save time, money, and water while providing vital habitat for birds and other wildlife.

The mission of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)—Bureau of Forestry includes conserving native wild plants. Early this year, DCNR finalized new regulations regarding plant classifications, such as rare, threatened, endangered, vulnerable, and extirpated (destroyed completely). Nine plants were added, nine plants were moved to a higher classification, two plants were downgraded, and 31

were removed from the list.

Kayla Kehres, a Forester with the DCNR Bureau of Forestry, William Penn Forest District, will present an illustrated program about Pennsylvania's native plants. She will provide the basics as well as tell how they can be threatened, and what humans can do to help conserve them. The interesting facts about how the Commonwealth now classifies plants and promotes stewardship will also be shared.

Native plants can improve our land and our lives. Come find out how.



We'll be on the towpath and in the water during our Pedal and Paddle, but not at the same time.

PEDAL AND PADDLE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 10:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Meet at Tinicum Park, 963 River Road, Upper Black Eddy, PA

When entering the Park, follow the roadway back to the parking area closest to the Canal.

Join the Friends and the Delaware Canal State Park naturalists for our first ever *Pedal and Paddle*!

The day will begin with a leisurely, guided bicycle ride south along the towpath to Locks 15/16 in Smithtown. After a short break at the turn-around point, we will ride back to Tinicum Park, a 7-mile round-trip. There we will have a bring-your-own lunch in the covered picnic pavilion.

After lunch, we will take to the water for a 3-mile paddle to Uhlertown and back. At the "best preserved hamlet in America," we will pass under the only remaining covered bridge over the Canal and into Lock 18. Susan Taylor will share some of the town's tales.

TIPS FOR THE DAY:

- You must bring your own bicycle and helmet to this program. Helmets are required to participate in the Pedal and Paddle.
- The Park has one tandem and 12 single kayaks to lend to those who make reservations to borrow them. You may also choose to bring your own kayak or canoe and personal flotation device.
- Please pack a lunch and bring plenty of water. You can leave your lunch in your vehicle while we are on the ride. The Friends will provide dessert.
- Don't forget to bring a pair of comfortable shoes suitable for paddling.

Registration for this event

is necessary. Please make your reservations soon, especially if you would like to use a Park kayak, for which there is a fee of \$10 per person payable on the day of the event. To reserve, contact the Friends at 215-862-2021 or friends@fodc.org.

Be among the first to *Pedal and Paddle* with the Friends.



The oranges of autumn will be evident as the sun sets on the Delaware River in Upper Black Eddy.

AN ALMOST AUTUMN EQUINOX CRUISE ON THE DELAWARE RIVER THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Keller's Landing

1469 River Road, Upper Black Eddy, PA

Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall. — F. Scott Fitzgerald

Since we missed being on the River during the Summer Solstice because of a crazy weather forecast, we are having an Autumn Equinox Cruise. As the light and dark hours of the day match each other, join us for a sunset cruise on

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the *River Otter*. This 52-foot-long pontoon boat will take us upriver and back to view a section of the River known for its spectacular sunsets and scenery.

While on board, savories, sweets, wine, beer, and soft beverages will be served. Operated by the Bucks County Riverboat Company, the *River Otter* is fully-equipped with restrooms and air conditioning.

A donation of \$50 per person is requested. You'll want to make your reservations well in advance for this popular event. To do so, please visit "Events" at fodc.org or contact us at 215-862-2021 or friends@fodc.org.

See you down by the riverside!



Getting ready to paddle at Groundhog Lock.

PADDLING THE CANAL III SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 10 A.M.–NOON OR 1–3 P.M.

Meet in the upper parking area of the Theodore Roosevelt Recreation Area, aka Groundhog Lock, 198 Canal Road, Easton, PA. Parking is accessed from Route 611 between the towns of Riegelsville and Raubsville.

The mule teams didn't have to pull too hard to get canal boats from Easton down to Groundhog Lock. The rush of the Lehigh River water entering the Canal provided a good southward current, and that same current will make you put a bit more *oomph* into your paddling. Making our way north might require extra energy, but launching boats at Groundhog Lock is easy. There is a wooden dock at the Lock, and it's equipped with a KayaArm to make getting in and out of a kayak as effortless as can be.

The scenery along the Canal banks in Raubsville is lovely, and there are great tales to tell about the lost town of Uhlersville and the ill-fated hydroelectric plant that provided power for the Easton to Doylestown

trolley line. A special treat will be paddling under the beautifully restored Woody's Camelback Bridge.

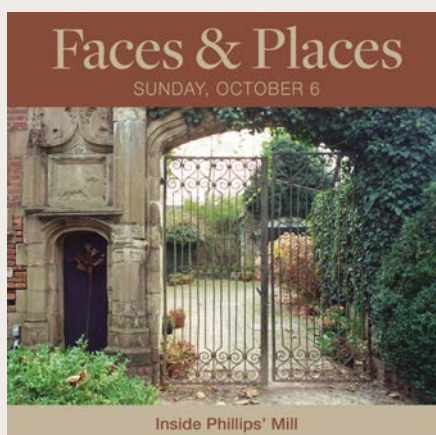
This early autumn paddle will be led by State Park Naturalist Gabie Lent, who will have fully-equipped kayaks available to borrow. You may reserve a Park kayak or bring your own

canoe or kayak and personal flotation device.

Registration is required. See details provided in the Paddling the Canal I article on Page 4. Call or e-mail as soon as you can, particularly if you're planning to paddle with family or friends.

MEMBERS FIRST: Our events have become more and more popular, and we now regularly run out of room at our activities that require preregistration. As a **new benefit** of being a Friends' member, we are going to give our dedicated supporters the chance to make their reservations **before** Constant Contact and Facebook announcements are made to the general public. Members will receive Constant Contact e-mail messages about upcoming events three days before they are posted for the public. We'll see how this window of opportunity works and make adjustments, if needed. Please keep an eye on your monitor or phone for our announcements and take advantage of your early notice, if you like.

Save the Date: October 6



The Friends of the Delaware Canal cordially invite you to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Faces & Places – A Celebration of the Arts and History along the Delaware Canal.

A scenic journey down River Road will lead us to Phillips' Mill, the historic and intriguing heart of the arts community in Bucks County.

On our chauffeured tour will be: **The "English Village"** created by Morgan Colt—architect, painter, woodworker,

and ironworker. Our visit to the Medieval-style complex will include a walk through Colt's studio and by his home, two workshops, and his kennel. The **fieldstone miller's house** where Pennsylvania Impressionist William Lathrop and his family lived. Lathrop's granddaughters will share stories on the lawn where legendary Sunday afternoon teas were served. **Phillips' Mill** from its origins as a grist mill in 1756 to its transformation to a renowned community arts center celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. And the **hidden home of RAD Miller**, a 20th century Modernist. Our host will be the current owner Daniel Dorian, noted journalist, filmmaker, and raconteur.

Ending the day, we'll gather in the hillside garden at the Black Bass Hotel in Lumberville for a champagne toast and then adjourn to the riverside dining room and patio for libations, hors d'oeuvres, and a buffet. Anticipate an after-dinner surprise or two.

For more information or to make reservations on-line, visit www.fodc.org and click on the Event link on the homepage. You may also e-mail friends@fodc.org or call 215-862-2021.

Individual tickets are \$150 each; patron tickets are \$250.

Special sponsorship opportunities are available.

Join us for Faces & Places in the heartland of art in Bucks County!

Join Canal Walk 2019

THE SEGMENTS ARE SHORTER!

Over the Canal Walk's 32-year history, we've heard many a comment, "I'd love to go, but I just can't walk that far." Those wishes for shorter walks will come true this year. The Canal's 58.9 miles have been divided into six sections, rather than the traditional five. The change was made because available parking at the northern end became farther and farther away from Easton AND we like happy feet.

As always, we'll see the sights and learn about the Delaware Canal's past, present and future while enjoying the company of good friends, new and old. We plan to start in Easton and walk to Bristol without impediments, knock on wood.

SEPTEMBER 28

The Forks of the Delaware River Recreation Area, 210 South Delaware Avenue (Route 611), Easton, PA to the PA Fish and Boat Commission parking lot, 1440 Easton Road (Route 611), Riegelsville, PA.

9.49 miles. Our journey will start where Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company boats entered the Delaware Canal. Imagine the endurance and determination of the shad that make their way through the many chambers of the fish ladder. Tour Groundhog Lock with its unique power house. Spy the delicate Roebling Bridge in Riegelsville.

Lunch Stop: Groundhog Lock

OCTOBER 5

PA Fish and Boat Commission parking lot, 1440 Easton Road (Route 611), Riegelsville, PA to Tinicum Park, 963 River Road, Erwinna, PA

10.9 miles. Pass Durham, home to the famous furnace, limestone cave and history-making boats. Be dwarfed by the Nockamixon Cliffs at the Narrows. See two authentic camelback bridges. Step back in time in Uhlerstown, the "best preserved canal hamlet in America."

Lunch Stop: Homestead Store

OCTOBER 12

Tinicum Park, 963 River Road, Erwinna, PA to the Virginia Forrest Recreation Area, 3211 River Road, New Hope, PA (1.3 miles north of Centre Bridge)

9.6 miles. Admire the village of Erwinna. Understand how canal water is handled at the Tinicum Aqueduct. Learn how Smithtown, plows and the famous Walking Purchase are connected. Cross the Tohickon Creek on the Canal's longest aqueduct. Find out whether Devil's Half Acre deserves its name. Be charmed by Lumberville.

Lunch Stop: Former Kinsman Co.

OCTOBER 19

Virginia Forrest Recreation Area, 3211 River Road, New Hope, PA (1.3 miles north of Centre Bridge) to the entrance of Washington Crossing Historic Park located just south of the intersection of Route 532 and the Canal in Washington Crossing, PA

11.1 miles. Hear the tales of Hendrick Island. Admire the River vistas and homes in Centre Bridge. Peek in at the art colony at Phillips' Mill. Delight in the quirky tapestry that is New Hope. See where canal boats crossed the river to



See all six of the Delaware Canal's remaining authentic camelback bridges and cross one.

get to New York and how the area has changed. Recall our country's colonial history at the Thompson-Neely House and Soldiers' Graves.

Lunch Stop: Bowman's Hill

OCTOBER 26

The entrance to Washington Crossing Historic Park located just south of the intersection of Route 532 and the Canal in Washington Crossing, PA to the Quality Inn parking lot, 7 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Morrisville, PA

8.3 miles. Take in Taylorsville, as it was known in canal days. Learn about the unique David Library of the American Revolution while it's still in Bucks County. Spy the ship mast that was used to unload coal boats in Yardley. Marvel at nature's abundance at the wide waters. Hear the rich history of Morrisville.

Lunch Stop: Black Rock Road Picnic Area

NOVEMBER 2

Quality Inn parking lot, 7 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Morrisville, PA to Riverfront Park, 150 Basin Park, Bristol, PA

9.5 miles. Trek through industrialized Bucks County and find out how the coming of U.S. Steel changed the landscape. Appreciate the Canal as a green oasis. Use the new tunnel. Spot the landmark Grundy Clock Tower. Our Canal adventure will end at the Delaware River where canal boats waited in the basin to be towed to Philadelphia.

Lunch Stop: Levittown Parkway

All walks start at 9 a.m. sharp.

Return to the starting point is accomplished by carpooling.

Walk any or all of the segments. The walks are free, but donations to the Friends will be gratefully accepted. Becoming a member is even better!

For more information, call 215-862-2021 or e-mail friends@fodc.org



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Susan Redcay
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Ronald Stockham
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We Get By with a LOT of Help from Our Friends



Josh Gradwohl and Collin Stuart take stock of their finished work in Morrisville.

Three new Canal Tenders have stepped up to the task of caring for and monitoring sections of the waterway and towpath.

Chris Shebest is working on the Rabbit Run to Phillips' Mill stretch in Solebury Township.

Keller Arnold has adopted the Levittown Shopping Center to Wheatsheaf Road section in Tullytown Borough and Falls Township.

Christine Curtis is co-tending the Forks of the Delaware to Wy-Hit-Tuk Park area with **Bob Barth**.

THANK YOU ALL! And very special thanks to long-distance traveler, **Jeff Connell**, who is retiring from his tending duties in the southern end of the Canal.

Canal Action Team volunteers were very hard at work on June 5 digging holes, pouring concrete, leveling bases, prying open frames as they installed a PA/NJ Loop Trail sign in Morrisville and a new site-specific interpretive sign in Smithtown, removed a damaged directional sign, and replaced sign panels at Lock 11 in New Hope. **Josh Gradwohl** led the team of **Mark Frey, Ed Leydon, Pete Rosswaag, and Collin Stuart**.

Next up for CAT—the installation of small signs on each of the six remaining authentic camelback bridges along the Canal.

PARK UPDATES

June 28 was **George Calaba's** last day as Park Operations Manager for the Delaware Canal State Park Complex. He has taken a position in the private sector closer to his home. We wish him all the best! DCNR already has posted the opening and is expediting the selection process in hopes of having a new Manager in place by mid-July.

Two long-delayed projects—replacement of the **Kleinhans Aqueduct** south of Easton and significant repairs to and around the **Tinicum Aqueduct**—are going out to bid on July 10. Bids will be received by DCNR on August 8. If all goes well, construction should start this fall. This timing renews the hope that both projects can be undertaken simultaneously, thus reducing the length of time that the Canal might be without water.

Delaware Canal Clean-Up Day Stats

On and around April 6, 2019

310 volunteers removed **348** bags of trash and numerous other "big" pieces from the Canal's **58.9-** mile length.

THANK YOU!!!