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PARRC Newsletter - Winter 2023-2024

Year-End Project Wrap-Up

PARRC worked with its partners throughout 2023 to complete projects that support its mission. This year's completed projects came in a variety of forms and will benefit residents and visitors throughout the region. The projects include:

- Establishment of The PARRC Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to further support PARRC project funding.
- The Borough of Pottstown, PARRC, and ArtFusion19464 continued the public art project, which added several signal box murals in the downtown. Also, two new murals were added to the Korean War Memorial at Veteran's Island in Memorial Park. The arts project is completely funded by private donations to the Borough.
- Three PARRC townships received new play equipment. East Coventry partnered with Owen J. Roberts School District to improve a playground at the former East Coventry Elementary School. Douglass Township's Douglass Park received a new playset, as did Lower Pottsgrove's Sanatoga Park, along with a new entrance sign.
- In North Coventry, the driveway and parking area at the Coventry Woods Chestnut Hill Road Access was resurfaced to prevent erosion. The pavilion at the trailhead was also renovated.
- The Sprugel's Run Trail in the Althouse Arboretum in Upper Pottsgrove was resurfaced, and ADA parking spaces were added to the Arboretum parking area.



New Funding for PARRC Projects

West Pottsgrove Township was recently awarded \$200,000 from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resource's Community Conservation Partnership (C2P2) Program and \$80,000 from the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation (PAHWF) to make field and lighting improvements to Old Timer's Field, which is used by the Pottsgrove/Pottstown Little League. PAHWF also awarded the Borough of Pottstown \$48,000 for the bridge replacement and streambank stabilization project in Memorial Park. PARRC thanks DCNR and PAHWF for these generous awards.



Upcoming Events in the PARRC Region

- **A Spinning Workshop with Ruth Konrad at Pottsgrove Manor**, Saturday, January 27th from 11:00am to 3:00pm, 100 W. King St., Pottstown. Explore the art of spinning wool fibers into thread. Participants will be able to sit at a wheel and learn the techniques to transform raw wool into usable yarn themselves! Textile researcher and expert spinner, Ruth Konrad, will share the stories of the natural fibers that were used to make yarn and thread for textiles. Ages 12+, \$60 fee for materials.
- **Steel River Playhouse Presents: The Cake**, Friday, Feb. 9th through Sunday, February 18th. Steel River Playhouse, 245 E. High Street, Pottstown. For more information and tickets, visit www.steelriver-playhouse.org.
- See PARRC's Winter events calendar at www.parrc.net and our Facebook page for more things do in the Pottstown area.





Santa Crosses the Schuylkill!

Click the image to watch as Santa and his elves and reindeer arrive in Pottstown's Riverfront Park via Dragon Boat! Photo by Evan Brandt, MediaNews Group.



Connect with PARRC

PARRC consists of eight municipalities in the Pottstown Metropolitan Region, in partnership with the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation and the Schuylkill River Greenway National Heritage Area. PARRC's mission is to advance the planning, development and maintenance of parks, trails and recreational facilities and encourage open space preservation for the enjoyment of all. In Montgomery County, PARRC includes Pottstown, Douglass Township, and Lower, Upper and West Pottsgrove Townships. In Chester County, PARRC includes East Coventry and North Coventry Townships, and in Berks County, Washington Township. Stay up to date and learn more about ongoing projects and events by visiting PARRC.net and on social media.

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