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ALONG THE SCENIC
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NORTHERN BERKS AND
SOUTHERN SCHUYLKILL
COUNTIES.



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WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

As the summer of 2016 drew to a close, Blue Mountain Wildlife struggled to deal with a new reality. The area north of the basin was closed off to all but maintenance personnel. The property owner, PA Department of Environmental Protection, was in the process of reviewing and amending the license agreement governing the use of the property. This new reality cast a level of uncertainty over the future of BMW and the Kerny.

Blue Mountain Wildlife has been adjusting to this new reality by concentrating on trash collection and security in the short-term, improvements to the Monument Parking Lot area in the mid-term, and creating the best strategy to restore public access to the rest of the property while preserving the wildlife and wetlands of the Kerny.

BMW's efforts in the short-term include focusing on improving security at the Monument Parking Lot with some security lighting and

cameras, balancing the need to deter vandalism with the desire to keep the area wildlife-friendly.

In the mid-term, BMW is looking at improving the new DS Trail by adding benches, constructing raised wildflower gardens between the DS Trail and the Parking Lot, and adding a gate and replacing the deteriorating posts along the north side of the Parking Lot.

In the long-term, BMW is investigating the possibility of removing the dam and restoring the Schuylkill to its natural state. BMW hopes that this will make the area less attractive to the crowds that inundated the area last summer seeking a "free waterpark", while improving the river itself and making the area more attractive to the State or County as a potential park.

"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood..."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2017

- Friday January 27, 2017...BMW Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet 6:00 to 8:00 pm
C.J. Hummel's Restaurant, Lenhartsville
- Thursday February 9, 2017...BMW Monthly Business Meeting 6:00 to 8:00 pm Hamburg Library
- Thursday March 9, 2017...BMW Monthly Business Meeting 6:00 to 8:00 pm Hamburg Library
- Thursday April 13, 2017...BMW Monthly Business Meeting 6:00 to 8:00 pm Hamburg Library
- Saturday April 22, 2017...Earth Day Clean-Up 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Kernsville Dam Recreation Area
- Saturday April 22, 2017...BMW Trail Race Series Bartram Breeze 10K/5K or 2K 9:00 a.m. Kernsville Dam Recreation Area
- Saturday May 20, 2017...BMW Trail Race Series Mad Dash 5-Mile, 5K and 2.5K Trail Races 9:00 a.m. Hamburg Reservoir, Windsor Township
- Sunday June 24, 2017...BMW Trail Race Series Run to the Rock 10K/5K or 2.5K Trail Races 9:00 a.m. Hamburg Community Park
- Saturday September 2, 2017...Dine & Dash Burgers & Trail Race Taste of Hamburg-er Festival 10:30 a.m. 2nd and State Streets, Hamburg

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THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BANQUET

GREGG ADAMS

The Officers and Directors of Blue Mountain Wildlife invite you to join us for the Thirteenth Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet. This is always a wonderful opportunity to meet the folks who give a bit of themselves to protect and improve the Kerny, to find out what's been going on at the Kerny and what's being planned for the future, and to join and enjoy our little community. The Banquet will be held at The Loft in C.J. Hummel's Restaurant in Lenhartsville on Friday January 27th. The festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. with the committee reports, election of officers, honors ceremony and "A Look Ahead". This year, we will be enjoying a buffet meal, which will include tossed salad, choice of two entrees (roast beef or turkey) and three sides, fruits, din-

ner rolls and non-alcoholic drinks. The cost of the buffet will be \$19.11 per person. If you prefer vegetarian, C.J. Hummel's will offer a cheese tortellini substitute for the entrees - please let us know you'd prefer the vegetarian choice when RSVPing. After the meal service, we are lining up a guest speaker to discuss dam removals. The Annual Banquet has been growing in popularity over the last several years and, although reservations are not required, it is recommended that you RSVP by January 25th. To do so, call Gregg Adams at 610-562-2386, join the event on Facebook or email info@bluemountainwildlife.com.



THE FISHERMAN

JOE SWIDER

Having just experienced yet one more life threatening adventure, I thought it might be of some value to someone somewhere if I would take the time to share my thoughts on this subject. Let's talk about the reality of death as I see it. She is always with me I am never ever lonely or abandoned. Many times we have made love for various reasons and we never get to the part where she wants to take me home to meet the family. What I always get is, "Joe you have so much to learn yet. I will teach you just what I can but the rest is up to you. I will never let you go, my wonderful companion Joe. I am never to be neglected or feared, for I love you and will be

with you just a little bit longer."

Remember to treat every day as if it were your last, for it may well be. If you have something to say or do, especially with or to the ones you care about, then don't hesitate to accomplish this thing immediately. Sometimes the things we say or do may seem somewhat insignificant at the moment we share them but, believe me, they aren't to the ones we share with. One word can make all the difference in the world to someone who needs to hear it. Feel the love, my friends. Feel the love.



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