

Bethlehem Authority Police Report

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Hell Creek Feeding Penn Forest Reservoir

1. Deer Archery season is now open. I have already found a few deer stands to keep an eye on. Hunters sometimes damage trees with the accessories they mount to the trees. When we find any causing damage, we try to find the owner. We have not found any stands with owner information attached as required by PA Game Laws. This keeps us from moving forward with any prosecution.
2. Lehigh Authority is having some survey work performed. The surveyor contacted us to gain access via our property near the turnpike. We were cooperative and the surveyor did appreciate the access as it saved him several hours of hiking to get to these locations.
3. The Sky Lantern festival did not cause any issues for us this year. The only lanterns I found were on Monroe County and Nature Conservancy property. TNC personnel called me a few days ago. The Sky Lantern Festival littered their property with thousands of lanterns. TNC is not pleased with the Sky Lantern Companies clean up on their land. Several lanterns not picked up, and trash bags filled with lanterns left behind. This was the first time I have heard TNC complain about the lantern festival.
4. ATV traffic is still low with cameras having caught images one evening. I marked the area, and City maintenance will put more barriers in place.