

Police Report

September 2020

1. Beltzville State Park continues experiencing overwhelming visitations, which at times has affected Bethlehem Authority property at Wild Creek. The Park has volunteers who patrol the area trying to prevent illegal parking and trespass. Volunteers have recently informed the Authority Deputy on more than one occasion that vehicles were about to park on Authority property. The drivers of some vehicles actually had the Wild Creek Reservoir in their GPS units as their destination. Discussions on securing the property frontage are on-going and estimates on several types of barriers have been requested.
2. The Lantern Fly infestation in Carbon County is not nearly as bad as it is in the Lehigh Valley. However, the Authority officer recently discovered many Lantern Flies floating in the Wild Creek Reservoir.
3. Cole Kominsky, nearby resident, was found riding his ATV on Hell Hollow RD. He was stopped and warned about driving on Authority property.
4. Molly Giles, Game Commission Biologist, has set up duck traps at both the Bear Swamp and Rocky Ridge hunting camps. Molly is hoping to capture and band ducks during the month of September as part of an ongoing Game Commission Study.
5. Bob and Sally Ross met with one of the Authority Deputies while walking their dog in the area of Hell Hollow. The Ross's stated they live in Bethlehem, but frequently come up to the reservoir area because they love walking the fire lanes and beauty of the area. They were also appreciative of the Authority patrols.
6. All summer long the Authority cameras have been capturing many people hiking into the Hell Hollow area. The Deputies looked into the situation as to why so many people and often families. The Deputies discovered this area is a very popular and active site for geo-caching. This is a hobby where people use GPS units to find hidden items.
7. Authority Patrols reported on Labor Day weekend that several vehicles with out of state plates were driving Hatchery Rd. along the reservoirs looking for a place to picnic. Beltzville Park had blocked off Pohopoco Drive preventing any traffic from approaching the park. The patrols focused on that area and no issues developed. However, patrol coverage was lessened in other areas of the watershed.