BIRD TOWN *FLYER*

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2015 Bird Town Awards

At our annual gathering, this year deemed the "roundtable" event, several awards were given out. Since this program is run by volunteers, it's only fitting that volunteer recognition be awarded. These awards were based on several factors including hours dedicated, pure numbers of people reached, size and diversity of landscapes impacted.

Volunteer Award: Jeannine Mitchell (Doylestown Township)
Volunteer Award: Cindy Nuss (Upper Dublin Township)
Volunteer of the Year: Leigh Altadonna (pictured) - eastern Montgomery County

Community Awards were handed out as well:

Bird Habitat Award (for most properties registered in a Bird Town):

New Britain Borough (Tom Price, representing)

Community Engagement Award (for involving a rich variety of community members, stakeholders, students, and more):

Morrisville Borough (Elizabeth Glaum-Lathbury and Annie Milionis representing.

Congrats to everyone! And thanks to **The Rhoads Garden** in North Wales for providing support for the awards.

The Red-Shouldered Hawks of Morrisville *by Annie Milionis*

The pair in town are very vocal and residents have become accustomed to them and vice versa for several years now when they arrive back after migration. An unusual behavior we have observed is one they practice at the football field. When the young are fledged the parents bring them to the field for flight practice and to teach them to get earth worms. After a good rain the adults will bring the young to the field by calling them and then one or the other adult will take turns landing on the field and hopping along the ground then collecting and eating the worms that have come to the surface. The adult on the ground will call one of the young down and "show" them what to do. The young will take awhile to get the gist of things and one is usually better than the other at first but after doing this over the course of several weeks I have witnessed both young (they usually have two young) down on the ground with one of the adults while the other adult stands watch from up high and they have all been pulling up worms. It is an unusual sight to see 3 good size hawks jumping across a field area! I think it is one of the reasons they nest in the vicinity.

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Audubon Properties Featured in Garden Tour

Bucks County Branch Woman's National Farm & Garden Assoc. And Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve's

"Designed for Nature" Garden Tour

Showcasing six Doylestown area homeowner gardens in transition to the use of native plantings and creative water management. Be inspired to see what you can do to bring nature back into your own private oasis.
Saturday, June 18, 2016 10:00am to 2:00pm Rain or Shine

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