

Protecting Clean Water Together: What's the Big Deal About Water Anyway?

By Carol Hillestad for the Brodhead Watershed Association

HENRYVILLE- Clean water, yada yada. Why do we worry about water anyway? It's everywhere. It comes out of the sky! It comes out of the ground!

Here, in the watershed of the Brodhead Creek, it's true that water is abundant. We have more miles of creeks and streams in Pennsylvania than any other state except Alaska.

And thanks to local vigilance, of all the creeks in Pennsylvania, ours are the cleanest and most pristine. By far.

When there's so much of it, it's hard to remember that water is a highly delicate resource. It doesn't take much to impair it or to pollute it. And with every acre of woods that's clearcut, not to mention every new load of winter road salt, drinking water in our area is at risk.

If you paid attention after the heavy rains this past December, you saw creek water running brown. Some people may shrug it off, thinking "that's natural" or "it'll clear up." They're missing an important truth: that much muddy sediment is definitely not "normal."

Some cloudiness is natural — heavy rain means more friction between the fast-flowing water and the creek bed and banks. That stirs up particles of soil and organic matter from the bottom of the creek itself.

But when the water looks like milk chocolate, that's not natural. Brown water means heavy erosion from creek banks that have been mowed and stripped of vegetation, killing the natural net of roots that keeps the bank in place. Brown water means stormwater runoff is pouring from rooftops, miles of strip malls and paved parking lots, from overflowing detention basins and swales, and from expanses of once-forested, now-denuded land. Treating winter roads with salt adds another contaminant to oil, gas, and road debris.

All the water that ever existed on planet Earth is here now, naturally recycled and reused, endlessly, down the eons, since water first formed. Older than the hills, it is a gift from the past that we owe to the future.

You can help. If you see something that doesn't seem right in a stream, go to www.brodheadwatershed.org and click on Who to Call When You See a Problem in a Stream.



The Board of Supervisors is Seeking Candidates to Fill the Following Vacancies

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBER AND ALTERNATES

The Board of Supervisors is seeking volunteer members for the Recreation Committee. The goal of the Washington Township Recreation Committee is to enhance the recreational resources available to residents. The Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Washington Township residents that are interested are asked to submit a letter of interest to:

Washington Township Board of Supervisors
1021 Washington Blvd. Bangor, PA 18013

NOW HIRING

A GREAT PLACE TO WORK AND GROW!

WE'RE THE PREMIER PAVER RESTORATION SPECIALIST WHO VALUE THE SUCCESS OF OUR TEAM MEMBERS. COME SEE WHY!

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO AND TO APPLY ONLINE TODAY OR STOP BY OUR OFFICE

1506 ROUTE 209, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322

CLERICAL SUPPORT

- Part-time position
- General office tasks
- Flexible hours

CREW MEMBER

- Pressure washing
- Paver repair
- Sanding and sealing

FIELD SUPERVISOR

- Crew support
- Visit jobsites
- Client relations

SALES

- Part-time outside sales
- NO cold calls
- Flexible hours

THE CHELSEA AT BROOKFIELD

Join Our Team!

WE ARE HIRING

Training and Licensing Opportunities, Benefits, and Great Atmosphere!

Nursing Scholarships Available!

- Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN)
- Certified Medication Aides (CMA)
- Certified Home Health Aides (HHA)
- Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA)
- Resident Attendants (RA)

Grow your career and work with talented senior care professionals!

EMAIL RESUME OR CALL TO INQUIRE

khulser@csal.com 908.475.5556

1 Brookfield Court, Belvidere, NJ 07823

ChelseaSeniorLiving.com

Online/Mobile Banking & 11 CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

FIRST NORTHERN BANK AND TRUST CO.

firstnorthernbank.com • Member FDIC

ABE Laboratories, LLC

The Lehigh Valley's only locally owned state certified water testing laboratory for over 40 years

KEEP YOUR FAMILY'S WATER SAFE!

DO YOU HAVE:

SPOTTY GLASSES • CLOUDY OR DIRTY WATER • BROWN OR ORANGE STAINS
PIN HOLE LEAKS • SALTY, METALLIC OR BITTER TASTE • STOMACH PROBLEMS
BLUE/GREEN STAINING • BLACK SPECKS

610-837-7721

7596-B BETH-BATH PIKE, ROUTE 512, BATH, PA 18014

ABE-LABS.COM

Bring in this ad for \$15 off any residential safe water bundle (restrictions apply)!

WHAT'S YOUR STYLE?

KNEE HIGH **A**

KNEE HIGH **B**

CREW **C**

CREW **D**

Bangor Area Ski Club is having an upcoming fundraiser and they need your help deciding which colors and style will win the vote. Please choose which color combination should win. Pre-orders are available for those that can't wait to slip into some Slater Socks!!! \$15 for Knee High / \$13 for Crew

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1685762688660460/permalink/1685765401993522>