

4th of July Celebration in the Slate Belt

Upper Mt. Bethel and Portland Parade

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'Friends Of Minsi Lake' Mentioned In Article About Successful Purple Martin Monitoring Project At Minsi Lake

By Michael Ortoski / Chair of Friends of Minsi Lake

UPPER MT. BETHEL - The Purple Martin Monitoring Project at Minsi Lake, which now boasts the largest nesting colony in the region: Purple martins are thriving in these lakeside condos. Here's how you can help study them. - [lehighvalleylive.com](https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/outdoors/2025/06/purple-martins-are-thriving-in-these-lakeside-condos-heres-how-you-can-help-study-them.html?gift=9252dfce-35b5-497a-b916-6615b528c8df) click here to see full article <https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/outdoors/2025/06/purple-martins-are-thriving-in-these-lakeside-condos-heres-how-you-can-help-study-them.html?gift=9252dfce-35b5-497a-b916-6615b528c8df>.

The martin colony & volunteers are now part of a natal dispersal project being led by the University of Delaware & in partnership with the PA Game Commission, LV Audubon Society & NorCo Parks & Rec. Friends of Minsi Lake (FOML) paid for the first two towers in a lakeside colony that now includes eight towers that support 144 condos.

FOML started banding martin chicks this year last Saturday & will continue to do so each Saturday starting at 9am in the West Shore Parking Lot. Only six of the 69 chicks were old enough to band last week. Plus there were 340 martin eggs yet to hatch. So FOML will be busy weighing, measuring & banding martin nestlings on weekends into August. Come join FOML if you can!



Mariska Hargitay's 'My
Mom Jayne' Filmed in Easton
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