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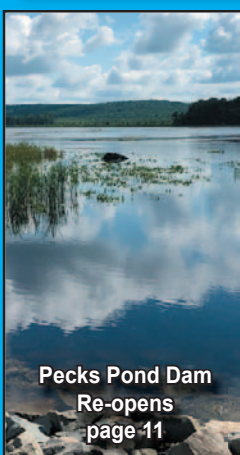
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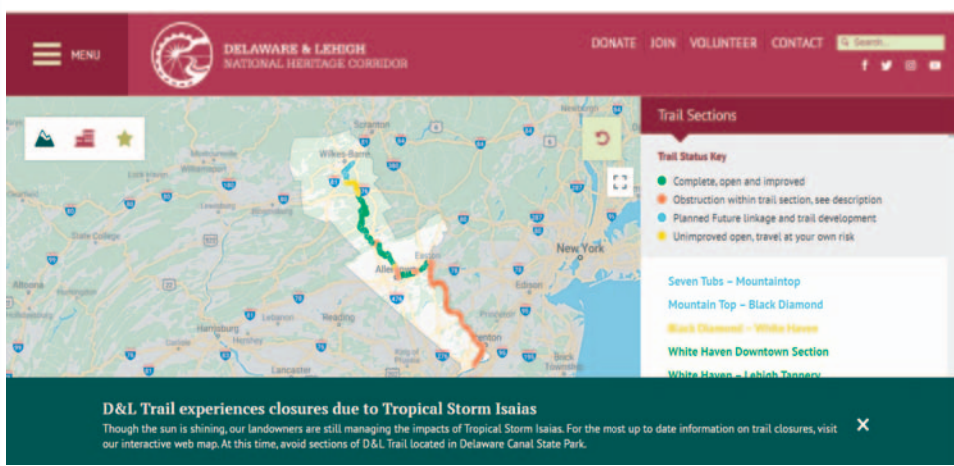
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Isaias Closes Sections of the D&L Trail

By DCRN
BUSHKILL - Due to the impacts of Tropical Storm Isaias sections of the D&L Trail are temporarily closed to allow landowners and local crews to remove obstructions and work on the D&L Trail and surrounding areas. For the most up to date information on these closures, we ask that you visit our online interactive map. As you plan your trips in the coming days, please plan ahead and try a new section.
 Go to <https://delawareandlehigh.org/map>.

History Happy Hour, Passport to History Weekend, Sigal 10th Birthday

By Michael Ortoski
EASTON - Sigal Museum Open Weekends, Welcome Back, Friends!
 After three months of closure during the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown, Sigal Museum will welcome visitors back to the museum starting July 18 and 19, 2020.
 Limited Hours: weekends only
 Timed Tickets: Advance online ticket purchase required
 "Pay What You Wish" Admission brought to you by Fulton Bank
 Masks required, social distancing, individual activity kits for families will be available
 Jane S. Moyer Library will remain closed until further notice. Please send research requests to info@northamptonctymuseum.org.
 The Museum Store will remain closed until further notice. New online store and curbside pick-up hours coming soon!
 Click here <https://sigalmuseum.org/sigal-museum-re-opening-green-phase-1/> for information, including mask requirements and our cleaning and safety protocols.



Greater Valley YMCA and Lehigh Valley Children's Centers Working Together



David Fagerstrom, President/CEO of GVV



Charles Dinofrio, President/CEO of LVCC

By Kate Cohen, MPA / Chief Development Officer GREATER VALLEY YMCA
LEHIGH VALLEY - Greater Valley YMCA and Lehigh Valley Children's Centers Respond to School Closures by Offering Fall Edu-Childcare Program To protect students and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic, several local school districts have decided to pursue fully virtual or hybrid scheduling.
 For many working parents and families, these decisions create a problem: how to support and supervise children's learning while also maintaining essential job income? This dilemma is shared by families throughout the Lehigh Valley, creating the need for a new virtual schooling childcare option. Accordingly, the Greater Valley YMCA (GVY) and Lehigh Valley Children's Centers (LVCC) are partnering to provide a Valley-wide Edu-Childcare Program framework this fall.

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The Edu-Childcare Program will provide an affordable, safe and accessible option for working families. Edu-Childcare will be offered at several locations throughout the Valley, at GYV Branches, LVCC Centers, other provider sites, as well as in local schools. In this program, children in Kindergarten through age thirteen will complete their remote lessons in a safe, well-equipped classroom with supervision and support. In addition, Edu-Childcare will provide opportunities for socialization, physical education, art, music, STEM and literacy activities. Nutritious daily meals are included.



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All Program sites will operate under strict safety guidelines informed by the Centers for Disease Control. "A challenge of this magnitude requires a community-wide response," comments Charles Dinofrio, President/CEO of LVCC. "Both LVCC and the GYV have decades of experience providing school-age childcare with homework support and recreation.

What's new in this plan is our intention to facilitate children's remote learning, and our desire to enlist other organizations in safely meeting the needs of every Lehigh Valley child and family." David Fagerstrom, President/CEO of GYV adds, "The GYV and LVCC hope to share this model with several additional childcare providers throughout the Valley, providing more capacity through an unprecedented coalition. I think that this is a real opportunity to break down traditional competitive barriers.

If we can convince other childcare providers here in the Valley to join the coalition, then we can provide families a Valley-wide solution. And I expect that it will take coordination with the School Districts, funders, and the business community to ensure the program is sustainable. After all, if people can't find childcare, they won't be able to return to work." United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley will be convening local childcare providers in the hopes of expanding this program Valley-wide.

"Partnering in new ways for the good of community is paramount to successfully stabilizing our kids and families. Our United Way is excited about the possibilities that exist with this blossoming collaboration to further support working families with school-age children," said Jill Pereira, Vice President, Education and Impact, United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

This virtual meeting will take place on Thursday, August 13th at 6:00pm. Providers interested in

joining this meeting should reach out to Madeline Falcone at madelinef@unitedwayglv.org. Both GYV and LVCC are seeking additional staff to support Edu-Childcare. These organizations seek enthusiastic, mission-driven applicants interested in supporting community families and children.

For more information on employment opportunities, or on Edu-Childcare Program cost, locations, enrollment and FAQs, visit the following sites: GYVMCA: GV-YMCA.org LVCC: LVCCOnline.org About the Greater Valley YMCA The Greater Valley YMCA is a volunteer-led, nonprofit, community organization.

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