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LEADERSHIP LACKAWANNA INVITES YOU TO
“LEAVE YOUR MARK ON THE PARK”

Fundraiser and Event to Benefit Restoration of Historic Pavilion at Scranton’s Nay Aug Park

Scranton, PA – Leadership Lackawanna, a program of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, recently announced a group project from the current Leadership class focusing on the restoration of the Schimelfenig Pavilion at Nay Aug Park. The project also includes installing landscaping and a brick-paver walkway and patio on both sides of the pavilion.

“This group has taken on a tremendous task to beautify the park and ultimately benefit the community,” said Dr. Sherry S. Strain, Chair of the Leadership Lackawanna Board of Directors. “Over the years, so many amazing projects have come from these classes and this year is certainly no different.”

Leave Your Mark on the Park project involves restoring the Schimelfenig Pavilion, located at the north end of Nay Aug Park, near the pool complex. The pavilion, originally constructed in the early 1900s, is currently used for various events in the park. It was dedicated in 2005 to Mr. Fred “Butch” Schimelfenig.

“So many people visit and enjoy Nay Aug Park everyday,” said Salvatore Schiavone, project member. “We want them to be proud of all the improvements in the park. This is part of our community and we are asking people to invest time and money into the project so that they can help make a difference and invest in the future of the Scranton.”

Restoration of the pavilion will include replacing all exterior woodwork, facades, and panels with AZEK Trimboard. AZEK Building Products is donating all façade material for the project. Construction work is being donated by local contractors and volunteers.

Schiavone continued, “Our Leadership group is so thankful for all the support from these organizations and their dedication to the project. Anyone involved with the *Leave Your Mark on the Park* project can come away with the same sense of pride and dedication for our area.”

To raise funds for the restoration, group members are selling brick pavers that will be used for a brick-paver patio and walkway around the pavilion. Each brick can be engraved with up to four lines. 6”x9” brick pavers are available for \$100 each; corporate sponsorships are available on 12”x12” brick pavers for \$250 and can include a corporate logo for \$275.

To purchase your brick paver and/or for additional information contact Bonnie Urzen at (570) 963-2750 or blu2@psu.edu or visit www.electriccityr.com and click on the link for the *Leave Your Mark on the Park* group project.

A fundraising event is also planned to showcase the project. A *Leave Your Mark on the Park* happy hour will be held from 6 – 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 at the Hilton Scranton and Conference Center. Attendees will have the opportunity to view samples of the bricks, purchase their own brick-paver sponsorship, and learn more about the project.

“This is going to be a great time and a great opportunity,” said Schiavone. “There will be entertainment, sampling of some fabulous appetizers from the chefs at the Hilton, and the chance to support this great project.”

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ABOUT LEADERSHIP LACKWANNA:

Leadership Lackawanna is a program that develops community leaders for the greater Scranton/Lackawanna County area. Begun in 1982 under the sponsorship of The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Lackawanna seeks to identify leaders from various geographic, racial, ethnic, occupational and economic segments of the community. Through training, the program provides its participants with the ability to develop community leadership by understanding the problems, opportunities, and issues facing greater Scranton/Lackawanna County. Participants exchange ideas and interact with the individuals who are responsible for charting the future of Lackawanna County and promote the view that change can be anticipated, managed and directed for the betterment of our area. Leadership Lackawanna serves as a community source for capable, trained leaders. Participants develop leadership skills through individual and group activities.