



Contributing to local charities is a year-round commitment by Montour employees

Throughout the year, employees at PPL's Montour power plant can be found volunteering at a number of local organizations. Employees also help fund many of the programs they support by giving generously, either directly to the organization or through the United Way.

"Montour employees and PPL gave nearly a half-million dollars to the seven United Way agencies closest to the plant," said Plant Manager Michael Munroe. "This year, our business manager, Tom Hummer, has stepped up as the campaign chairman here at Montour."

As chairman, Hummer coordinated



Michael Munroe (left) and Tom Hummer

the efforts of a number of staff members to hold various fundraisers and solicitation meetings.

PPL employees and the corporation contributed more than \$2.2 million last year to United Way organizations.



Proposed new regulations could prevent beneficial reuse of coal residuals

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has proposed regulations for the handling and disposal of coal combustion residuals, which includes coal ash and the synthetic gypsum produced by the scrubbers at the Montour power plant.

The Montour plant beneficially uses 100 percent of the coal residuals produced by the plant. Coal ash is now being beneficially used to help prevent skidding in the winter and to reclaim coal mines. Synthetic gypsum is provided to the nearby U.S. Gypsum

plant for use in manufacturing drywall. The U.S. Gypsum plant has created a significant number of local jobs.

An environmental supervisor for PPL, Craig Shamory, said that EPA regulation of these products as a hazardous waste could have profound environmental and economic impacts by severely limiting beneficial uses such as drywall manufacturing because of the stigma attached to using a potentially "hazardous" waste.

PPL supports federal regulation of

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Teri MacBride, PPL's regional community relations director, hands David Soltz, Bloomsburg University president, left, and Jim Hollister, assistant vice president, a check to support the Celebrity Artist Series.

PPL supports art series at Bloomsburg University

PPL is a proud sponsor of the Celebrity Artist Series that brings the sounds of disco, rock and jazz, as well as dance, theater and comedy acts to Bloomsburg University.

"Our contribution helps bring big-name entertainers to north-central Pennsylvania," said Teri MacBride, regional community relations director for the area surrounding the Montour plant. "It's one way we can help ensure a variety of cultural opportunities are available locally."

The program also supports scholarships for Bloomsburg University students in music, theater and art.

Local volunteers come out in force to support Montour drill

More than 45 local volunteers joined a team of PPL Montour employees to practice the plant's emergency plan in September.

The drill scenario involved significant flooding from Lake Chillisquaque, which provides a backup source of water for cooling at the plant.

The volunteers practiced calling community emergency responders to drive door to door to alert residents about the potential for a flood. Responders also reviewed maps of the area, simulated calling local authorities to help set up road blocks, and calling agencies like the Red Cross to arrange for temporary housing.

"Knowing we have so many volunteers ready to help us protect the public during emergency events, however unlikely they may be, is a great comfort to us," said John Tripoli, Safety, Health and Environmental Compliance manager at Montour. "We sincerely appreciated the time and effort they put in to ensuring we're able to carry out the plan in a timely manner."



Gary Mordan, Washingtonville first assistant fire chief, is ready with a dry suit and water rescue boat during the drill to simulate possible flooding.



From left, Gary Roberts, Washingtonville fire chief, Dave Hopper, PPL engineering manager, and David Brown, Warrior Run assistant fire chief, study a map of the areas surrounding the Montour plant.

Local volunteer organizations that participated in the drill

- Washingtonville Fire Company
- Warrior Run Fire Company
- Liberty Township Fire Company
- Valley Township Fire Company
- Turbotville Fire Company
- Danville Ambulance Association
- Derry Township emergency planner



Steve Everson and Kathy Maylath support the Multiple Sclerosis Society by riding in charity events as part of the PPL Power Pedalers team of PPL employees and retirees from across the company.

Montour employees bike for a cause

Two Montour employees raised hundreds of dollars for the Multiple Sclerosis Society by participating in a bike-a-thon in Lancaster this summer.

The funds raised by Steve Everson, a senior engineer, and Kathy Maylath, also a senior engineer, contributed to the \$10,700 total raised by PPL employees. Maylath participated as a safety marshal for the event.

The 50-mile tour, called "To Paradise and Back 2010," is sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania MS Chapter and begins and ends at Millersville University.

Everson biked in honor of a colleague who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis several years ago and who passed away last year.

New bulldozer improves reliability, reduces maintenance costs



Scott Tobin, Cleveland Brothers (left), hands Larry Miller, coal equipment operator for Montour, the keys to the new dozer.



PPL employees are now cruising with a new 44-foot-long bulldozer. Workers from Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co., a Caterpillar dealer in Turbotville, spent two weeks putting the massive vehicle together.

“The new vehicle represents a significant investment in equipment for our plant,” said Michael Munroe, Montour’s plant manager. “Those investment dollars benefited our local Caterpillar dealer.”

The vehicle’s engine has an improved design and hooks up to computerized diagnosis equipment more easily. It can push 58 cubic yards of material — enough to fill the living room and kitchen in an average home.

Montour Preserve enhances pheasant habitat to help increase population levels

In years past, hunters would see as many as 15 ring-necked pheasants while walking through a field in Montour County. Thanks to a new program sponsored by the Pennsylvania Game Commission, hunters may once again see large numbers of the popular bird in the area.

From 2007 through 2009, the Game Commission and Pheasants Forever, a conservation organization, re-introduced wild pheasants into recovery areas in Pennsylvania, including around Montour Preserve. The birds were trapped in South Dakota and Montana and released on public and private land in northern Northumberland, Montour and Columbia counties. The program’s goal is to restore populations of wild pheasants in suitable habitat.

PPL employees in cooperation with the Game Commission have helped turn areas at the preserve into prime pheasant habitat. The improvements also will benefit other grassland bird species as well.

To protect the pheasants and allow their population to grow, the Game Commission has passed the following regulations for designated wild pheasant recovery areas:

- It is unlawful to release pen-raised pheasants.
- It is unlawful to train dogs in any way from the end of the late small game season in early February to July 31.
- There is no open season for the taking of pheasants.

Field studies indicate the plan is working, but full recovery is still several years away. The Game Commission will announce when hunting these birds in the special areas will be allowed.

Flocking to online networks

Need a quick way to learn what’s happening at PPL’s Environmental Preserves?

Sign up for Twitter, a free online service that lets you keep in touch with short messages.

Then follow us at <http://twitter.com/pplpreserves> to get the latest news on how we preserve the land, care for endangered species and habitats, and provide opportunities for people to learn about and enjoy nature’s beauty near PPL’s

generating facilities.



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PPL Montour Environmental Preserve

Wings Over Water

Saturday, Nov. 20, 9-11 a.m.

Meet at Goose Cove Overlook

Presented by: Jon D. Beam, Senior Naturalist

The numbers and species of waterfowl moving through during migration can change from day to day, so we'll have a second look at migrants on Lake Chillisquaque. This is a great opportunity to observe migrant species we rarely see at other times of year. Bundle up to spend time outdoors to observe and identify water birds on the lake. Dress for the weather and plan for some walking. Bring binoculars or a spotting scope and a field guide if you have them.

Owl Prowl

Friday, 6-7:30 p.m., Dec. 3

What makes owls such excellent nocturnal predators? Join us for a

short introduction to owls and their remarkable adaptations. Then we will venture outdoors for a walk to try to hear one of these night hunters.

To learn more about programs, visit www.pplpreserves.com. To learn more about the Montour plant, visit www.pplmontour.com.

Montour Preserve showcased on TV show

PPL employees Jon Beam, a senior naturalist, and Fred Gast, Montour Preserve supervisor, highlighted the preserve's many attractions during a recent episode of Pennsylvania Outdoor Life.

You can view the video by visiting www.pplmontour.com, and clicking "Montour Environmental Preserve" on the top right.

New regulations

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coal combustion residuals that supports beneficial uses and is modeled after Pennsylvania's successful regulations.

"Pennsylvania regulators have thoroughly reviewed our programs and have approved them as an environmentally responsible option for managing these materials," Shamory said.

PPL representatives have testified at EPA hearings in Washington, Pittsburgh and Denver to express PPL's support for regulation that would allow continued beneficial uses.

For more information on this issue, and to express support for continued beneficial use of coal combustion residuals, visit www.regulatecoalashright.com, a website hosted by the Edison Electric Institute trade group. EPA will accept public comments until Nov. 19.