

It's Time For A Party!

Date: September 6, 2009 (Sunday of Labor Day Weekend)
Time: All day
Where: Each & every community along
The Delaware River
From Hancock, NY to Philadelphia, PA
What: A Labor Day party to celebrate the many works
of the Delaware River, its Basin and its people

How:

Each community will celebrate our River Culture differently. Some will show movies or sell river art. Some will picnic, play baseball, dance or...wing it.

But at dusk, each person will pour a cup of water into The River and light a candle of thanksgiving, forming a 330 mile vigil.

Shine a light on the Basin. To build the party in your community, donate & GET PARTY UPDATES:

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In cooperation with Damascus Citizens for Sustainability

A Short History of Natural Gas Drilling & Hydraulic Fracturing*

(*Deep drilling process that shoots water, sand and toxic chemicals into the earth under immense pressures)



The protected waters of the Delaware River
Photograph by Leni Santoro

December 16, 2005. Palo Pinto County, Texas. An explosion was caused when a drill bit struck a gas pocket setting off a massive explosion creating a 750 foot wide crater.

From Damascus Citizens for Sustainability: "Residents [Fort Worth, TX] have suffered from gas fumes, piercing noise pollution and tainted wells. The gas companies have left behind unsightly and dangerous sites that the municipality can ill-afford to correct."

From ProPublica: Dimock, PA. "Richard Seymour runs a certified natural farm... His well is now running red and turbid and bubbles with so much gas he fears he'll lose his agricultural certification."

From ProPublica: Dimock, PA. "...Norma Fiorentino's well was a time bomb. On New Year's morning, her well exploded. After the blast, state officials found methane in her drinking water... Down the road, Pat Farnelli spends more than \$100 of her monthly food stamp allotment to buy plastic jugs of water.... In February [2009], the [Department of Environmental Protection] sent Cabot [the gas drilling company] a list of violations it said led to methane seepage in other area wells. Investigators think the seepage was caused by a weakness in the well casing or an improper cementing job, much like what had been reported in Colorado and Ohio."