

## Improvements needed on Rt. 59 in Monsey

one fatality.

As a result of the investigation, the DOT has installed countdown timers at the pedestrian crossing signals at 306 and Robert Pitt Drive, to make pedestrians aware of the time allotted to cross the intersections. The left-turn traffic light signals have also been adjusted to

better coincide with the crossing time.

In addition, the DOT will take the following actions:

- Pedestrian warning signs will be installed to alert oncoming motorists to pedestrian traffic; and

- The DOT will recommend this location for inclusion in a future sidewalk

project, and will recommend that sidewalks be installed on both sides of Route 59 from 306 to Robert Pitt Drive to create a safer environment for pedestrians.

"I commend the Department of Transportation for agreeing to perform this study, and am heartened by their plan of action," Wolfe

said. "The study affirmed what many in our community already recognized - that this stretch of road presents certain dangers to pedestrians. They determined that there were ways in which the safety of pedestrians could be improved, and have taken the steps necessary to address those dangers."



Larry Luxenberg of New City has been re-elected president of the Appalachian Trail Museum Society, which is getting set to open its museum, at right, on June 5. Luxenberg is the author of a book about the trail's history, culture and personalities.



## New City man re-elected president of Appalachian Trail Museum Society

GARDNERS, PENNSYLVANIA - The Appalachian Trail Museum Society has re-elected a New City man to lead its national board of directors as the organization nears the June 5, opening of the museum in south central Pennsylvania, about 15 miles west of Gettysburg.

The Appalachian Trail Museum Society was formed in 2002 as the non-profit organization to establish the museum as a tribute to the thousands of men, women and families who hike and maintain the trail. Arguably the most famous hiking trail in the world, the Appalachian Trail is 2,178 miles long and connects 14 states from Maine to Georgia.

Larry Luxenberg, who initiated the effort to cre-

ate a museum to honor the trail a dozen years ago, was re-elected president of the organization that he founded. A resident of New City, he thru-hiked the trail, or hiked it end-to-end, in 1980. His popular book, *Walking the Appalachian Trail*, covers the trail's history, its culture and the colorful personalities who hike the trail.

Terry Harley-Wilson of French Lick, Indiana, was elected vice president. Rich Evans of Mountain Top, Pennsylvania, was elected treasurer, and Bill O'Brien of Meriden, Connecticut, was elected secretary. Rounding out the 13-member board are:

- Robert Croyle from Savannah, Georgia

- Noel DeCavalcante from

Melbourne, Florida

- Tom Johnson from Vienna, Virginia

- Gwen Loose from York, Pennsylvania

- Steve Paradis from Harpers Ferry, West Virginia

- Joe Patterson from New Holland, Pennsylvania

- Laurie Potteiger from Harpers Ferry, West Virginia

- J.R. Tate from Woodlawn, Tennessee

- Kent Wilson from French Lick, Indiana

The Appalachian Trail Museum Society Board is working with volunteers nationwide, architects, display designers, historians and donors to renovate a 200-year-old grist mill in Pine Grove Furnace State Park. The mill will open on Saturday, June 5, 2010, at 11 a.m. as the only

museum in the United States dedicated to hiking.

About the Appalachian Trail Museum Society

The Appalachian Trail Museum Society, a 501-C-3 not-for-profit organization formed in 2002, is organizing volunteers and fundraising nationwide to establish the Appalachian Trail Museum as a tribute to the thousands of men, women and families who have hiked and maintained the 2,178 mile long hiking trail that passes through 14 states from Maine to Georgia. The museum is located in the Pine Grove Furnace State Park in Gardners, Pennsylvania, approximately 15 miles west of Gettysburg. Additional information is available at [www.atmuseum.org](http://www.atmuseum.org).