

= Shawnee on Delaware , Pennsylvania =

Shawnee on Delaware is an unincorporated community on the Delaware River , part of Smithfield Township in Monroe County , Pennsylvania . It is situated just south of the foothills of the Pocono Mountains , 2 @. @ 6 miles ( 4 @. @ 2 km ) southwest of the Shawnee Mountain Ski Area and about 75 miles ( 121 km ) west of New York City .

The first white settler , Nicholas Depuy , arrived from New Amsterdam in 1727 . His home was used as a fort during the French and Indian War ( 1754 ? 1763 ) . In 1904 , Worthington Hall , later known as the Shawnee Playhouse , was built in the village . Shawnee is also the home of the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort , originally built as the Buckwood Inn with a course designed by A. W. Tillinghast in the early 20th century . The largest red cedar tree in the state is situated at Shawnee Presbyterian Church Cemetery , standing 36 feet ( 11 m ) high and 67 inches ( 1 @. @ 7 m ) around the trunk .

= = History = =

Shawnee tribe refugees from Ohio settled in the area in 1692 . The first white settler was Nicholas Depuy , from New Amsterdam , New York , who arrived in 1727 and bought 3 @, @ 000 acres ( 1 @, @ 200 ha ) of land from the local Minsi tribe of Lenape Indians . During the French and Indian War ( 1754 ? 1763 ) his home was used as a fort , and became known as Fort Depuy . The village was given its name by a surveyor sent by William Penn , who mistakenly thought the local Indians were Shawnee .

In 1736 , a ferry began to operate , traveling from Shawnee between Shawnee Island and Depuy Island , then across the Delaware River to New Jersey . By 1740 Aaron Depuy was operating a store , and in 1753 he built a stone and log church used by ministers of the Dutch Reformed Church . The cornerstone of this church remains , now part of the Shawnee Presbyterian Church . The farming community grew steadily , using the river to transport produce . A post office was built in 1843 , and a brick church was erected in 1853 on the foundation of the old stone and log church . Some of the original beams still remain , as well as the original sounding board . Judge J. Depue LeBar moved to Shawnee from Pahaquarry Township , New Jersey in about 1850 , and by the end of the decade he 'd opened a general store in the village . In 1888 the River School was built near Shawnee , made of stone and sporting a roof @-@ framing system with wood and iron truss members .

Charles Campbell Worthington was a successful businessman , owner of the Worthington Pump and Machinery Corporation . In the late 1890s Worthington began to spend an increasing amount of time at his country home in Shawnee on Delaware , and in 1900 he retired to live in Shawnee . In 1904 he built Worthington Hall , later known as the Shawnee Playhouse . It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1978 , but the building was de @-@ listed in 1986 after being demolished following a fire caused by arson on June 24 , 1985 . The playhouse was rebuilt with help from the people of Shawnee on Delaware , the Seabees , the Hughes Foundation , the National Endowment for the Arts , The National Trust , a Community Development Block Grant , and others . Charles Campbell Worthington also established the Worthington Society , a society dedicated to ornithology which was directed by Charles W. Miller . The society caught over 300 pigeons on the grounds in less than three months .

= = Geography = =

The village is just south of the foothills of the Pocono Mountains , and is 2 @. @ 6 miles ( 4 @. @ 2 km ) southwest of the Shawnee Mountain Ski Area along a forested valley route . It is about 75 miles ( 121 km ) to the west of New York City , and lies 5 @. @ 9 miles ( 9 @. @ 5 km ) to the northeast of Stroudsburg , Pennsylvania . The village is separated from the main channel of the Delaware River by Depuy Island . Just downstream from this island is Swanee Island , now the location of the Shawnee Inn golf course . About 2 @. @ 5 miles ( 4 @. @ 0 km ) upstream from Shawnee is Tocks Island , the site of a proposed controversial dam project following flooding on the

river in 1955 . The largest red cedar tree in the state is situated at Shawnee Presbyterian Church Cemetery , standing 36 feet ( 11 m ) high and 67 inches ( 1 @. @ 7 m ) around the trunk , with a 36 feet ( 11 m ) crown .

= = Government = =

Although Shawnee on Delaware is an unincorporated community with no municipal or governmental structure of its own , it is subordinate to the local government of Smithfield Township and the county government of Monroe County , Pennsylvania . The Shawnee Preservation Society is a not @-@ for @-@ profit , voluntary organization , which functions under state law , dedicated to " preserving the quality of life in Shawnee @-@ On @-@ Delaware , Smithfield Township , and surrounding areas " .

= = Economy = =

Lime , produced by burning limestone , was used to neutralize acidity and improve the fertility of the soil in the Shawnee area . One of the local farmers built a lime kiln into a slope on his property ; the kiln on John Turn Farm is well @-@ preserved and is listed as a historic place . Hiram , son of Judge J. Depue LeBar , farmed about three hundreds across on Shawnee Island , which included land of the present day golf course . A barn , 110 feet ( 34 m ) long by 60 feet ( 18 m ) was built which could hold some hundred tons of grain when full , with room to store forty acres of wheat and twenty acres of oats . A stone mill was also built in the vicinity , the first flour mill in Smithfield Township , which would be ground and loaded onto boats and sold in Philadelphia .

Worthington built the Buckwood Inn , an exclusive resort , with an eighteen @-@ hole golf course designed by A. W. Tillinghast . This later became the Shawnee Country Club . The course was completed around 1910 . In 1913 , John McDermott won the Shawnee Open golf tournament at Shawnee @-@ on @-@ Delaware , ahead of top Englishmen Harry Vardon and Ted Ray . After trying unsuccessfully to keep the fairways in shape by grazing sheep on them , Worthington designed the gang mower with three moving wheels . He launched the Shawnee Mower Factory to manufacture it .

With the depression the inn 's business suffered , and the building was not properly maintained . Worthington 's family sold the inn in 1943 to Fred Waring , a famous choral master . Waring made the inn his base , and during the 1950s his radio programs featuring Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians were broadcast from the Worthington Hall . During the 1940s and early 1950s , Waring and His Pennsylvanians produced a string of hits , selling millions of records . A few of his many choral hits include " Sleep , " " Battle Hymn of the Republic , " " Smoke Gets in Your Eyes , " " Button Up Your Overcoat , " " White Christmas , " " Give Me Your Tired , Your Poor " and " Dancing in the Dark . " Waring and some of his friends founded Words and Music Inc. in 1939 . In 1947 he moved the company to Shawnee and renamed it the Shawnee Press . The company became a major publisher of sacred and secular music . In 2009 it was acquired by the Hal Leonard Corporation .

Many of Waring 's celebrity friends visited the inn and played golf . Among them were Bob Hope , Art Carney , George Goebel , Arnold Palmer , Lucille Ball , Ed Sullivan , Eddie Fisher , Perry Como , President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Jackie Gleason . The golf architect Bill Diddle expanded the course to 27 holes . Waring sold the inn in 1974 to Philadelphia real estate developer Karl Hope who expanded the operation and made it less exclusive , introducing timesharing and adding skiing and water activities . Hope established the Shawnee Mountain Ski Area which contributes to the income received in the Shawnee area , employing Olympic Gold medalist Jean @-@ Claude Killy as director of ski operations .

= = Media = =

WCSD @-@ LP ( 104 @. @ 9 FM ) is a low @-@ power FM radio station broadcasting a variety

music format . The Federal Communications Commission issued a construction permit for the station on February 14 , 2003 . The station was assigned the WCSD @-@ LP call sign on March 18 , 2003 . It received its license to cover on November 4 , 2004 . Licensed to Shawnee @-@ on @-@ Delaware , the station serves the Stroudsburg , Pennsylvania area and is currently owned by Shawnee Presbyterian Church .