

APRIL 2018

Special points of interest:

- Recycling the first Saturday of the month from 8-12 at the Township Building Lower Lot
- The Township Office will be closed:
May 28-Memorial Day
July 4-Independence Day

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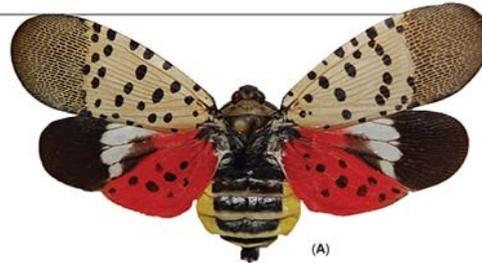
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HEIDELBERG HAPPENINGS

SPOTTED LANTERN FLY IN LEBANON COUNTY

As you may have heard from other news sources, the Spotted Lanternfly is invading Pennsylvania and has made its way to Lebanon County. As of November 2017, Lebanon County has been added to the Quarantine List for this invasive species. Below is an informational sheet from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture regarding the pest and what to do if you find one in your neighborhood.

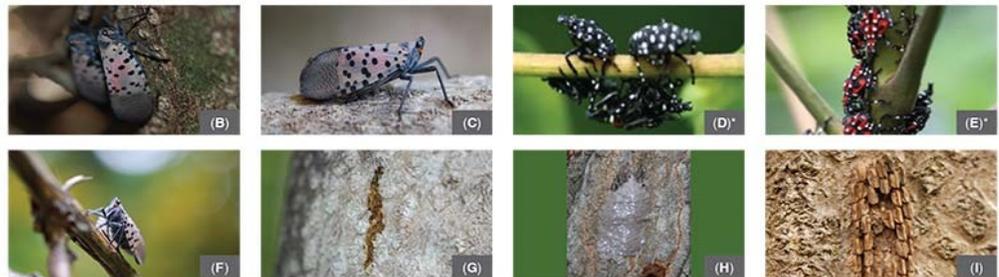
Pest Alert



Spotted Lanternfly

Lycorma delicatula (WHITE)
(Hemiptera: Fulgoridae)

The Spotted Lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula* (White), an invasive planthopper, has been discovered in Berks County, Pennsylvania. It is native to China, India, Vietnam, and introduced to Korea where it has become a major pest. This insect attacks many hosts including grapes, apples, stone fruits, and tree of heaven and has the potential to greatly impact the grape, fruit tree, and logging industries. Early detection is vital for the protection of Pennsylvania businesses and agriculture.



*Photos courtesy of Park et al. 2009, Biological Characteristics of *Lycorma delicatula* and the Control Effects of Some Insecticides.

(A) Spotted Lanternfly showing the fore and hind wings (B) Resting against bark (C) Lateral view (D) Early nymphs (E) Late nymphs (F) Feeding on wild *Vitis* sp. (G) Weeping sap trail on tree (H) Egg mass covered in waxy coating (I) Old hatched egg mass on a trunk.

Identification:

The Spotted Lanternfly adult is approximately 1" long and 1/2" wide at rest. The forewing is grey with black spots and the wings tips are reticulated black blocks outlined in grey (A, B, C). The hind wings have contrasting patches of red and black with a white band (A). The legs and head are black; the abdomen is yellow with broad black bands. Immature stages are black with white spots, and develop red patches as they grow (D,E).

Hosts:

In the fall, adults congregate on tree of heaven (*Allanthus altissima*) (F), willows (*Salix* sp.), and other trees, in groups of up to 20. Egg masses will be laid on medium to large trees, on trunk, branches, and limb bases. After hatching in the spring, nymphs will move off the tree and search out new hosts, including several kinds of agricultural crops. In Korea, it has been reported to attack 65 different species, 25+ of which are known to grow in Pennsylvania.

Signs and Symptoms:

Trees, such as tree of heaven and willow, will develop weeping wounds. These wounds will leave a greyish or black trail along the trunk (G). This sap will attract other insects to feed, notably wasps and ants. In late fall, adults will lay egg masses on host trees and nearby smooth surfaces like stone, outdoor furniture, vehicles, and structures. Newly laid egg masses have a grey mud-like covering which can take on a dry cracked appearance over time (H). Old egg masses appear as rows of 30-50 brownish seed-like deposits in 4-7 columns on the trunk, roughly an inch long (I).

What to do:

If you see egg masses, scrape them off, double bag them and throw them away. You can also place the eggs into alcohol or hand sanitizer to kill them. Please report all destroyed egg masses on our website listed below.

Collect a specimen: Specimens of any life stage can be turned in to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Entomology lab for verification. Directions for submission are on the reverse side of this alert.

Take a picture: A photograph of any life stage (including egg masses) can be submitted to Badbug@pa.gov.

Report a site: If you can't take a specimen or photograph, call the Automated Invasive Species Report Line at 1-866-253-7189 and leave a message detailing your sighting and contact information.

The last day of School is scheduled for June 12th. Be prepared to see kids in your neighborhood soon!



SOFTBALL TEAMS MAKE HEIDELBERG HOME BASE

Even though spring doesn't seem to want to peek out from the winter weather, spring sports are already in full practice mode. This year, Heidelberg Township is home to two new teams on the softball radar.

The newly formed Heidelberg Township Softball Association will be training two teams to compete in the Lebanon County Fast Pitch Softball League. Youth girls will be playing on age-based teams of either Under 10 or Under 12. Practices and games will be held on the softball field at the Township Building. Coaches are excited to call Heidelberg home and to get the players ready for game #1!

Organization members are also intending to use the existing concession stand located at the Township field during games. You can catch a game and a bite to eat! A HUGE Thank You is extended to Tom B. Morrissey TV & Appliance for donation of a stove and refrigerator to be used in the concession stand!

Heidelberg Township welcomes the HTSA Lady Bulldogs and wishes them luck in their upcoming season. Once the game schedule is posted on the HTSA Bulldog Girls' Softball website at www.htsabulldogs.org, pick a date and come out to support the teams!



ELCO ROTATRY SERVES COMMUNITY SINCE 1934

First, what is Rotary? It is a worldwide network of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. There are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians in more than 29,000 Rotary Clubs in 160 countries around the world. The principal motto of Rotary is "Service over Self", words they live by year round.

Our local Rotary Club in Myerstown (Myerstown-Elco) has

56 active members, who pride themselves in making a difference in our community, by improving the lives of people in need, as well as supporting community organizations who serve the Elco area.

In the past year the Club has donated almost \$70,000 plus provided volunteer hours toward a variety of local organizations. These entities include Lebanon County Food Bank, Boy and Girl Scouts, area fire companies, as well as other actively involved organizations and groups.

Rotary also sees fit to honor various community citizens, through student scholarships, the Student of the Month program, and the Flags for Heroes program which is dedicated to veterans and first responders.

Myerstown-Elco Rotary also seeks new members who are willing to share our commitment to community. For more information, visit the website, www.Myerstownelcorotary.org, and look for the contact section.

-Submitted by Rotarian Jack Cantwell

APRIL DENOTED AS SAFE DIGGING MONTH

The slogans “Know What’s Below, Call Before You Dig” or “Safe Digging Is No Accident” may sound familiar but do you know what they are all about? These phrases are reminders to anyone that intends to dig for a project that they should call the PA One-Call System before they begin.

The PA One-Call System is a utility service information center that mandates those intending to excavate to notify nearby utili-

ties about the planned excavation. The One-Call System alerts the utility companies about the proposed dig and gives them the opportunity to mark the utility lines in the ground so the excavator can avoid those areas.

To bring awareness of the PA One-Call System, Heidelberg Township as well as other municipalities across the state have designated April 2018 “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month”. Anyone preparing to

excavate is required to call 811 or 1-800-242-1776 at least three business days before digging to allow time to notify all utility owners. This action aids all involved to avoid loss of service, damages and injury.

If you have any questions about this program or to register, please view the PA One-Call website at www.pa811.org. Please be safe and call before you dig!



CITY OF LEBANON SEWER RATE INCREASE

Since the Heidelberg Township Sewer System does not have its own treatment facility, we send our municipal waste to the City of Lebanon Authority for treatment. Each quarter there is a charge on the sewer bills for the cost of the treatment service to each property and the maintenance of the sewer lines the waste travels through. Unfortunately, the City of Lebanon Authority will be raising their rates beginning with the first quarter of 2018.

If you have a copy of a previous sewer bill, you will see the

charges along the upper right hand side of the bill. The first charge to increase is coded CLOM which is the Operations and Maintenance charge from the City of Lebanon. A residential home and some small businesses are currently paying \$24.78/quarter. The rate will increase to \$26.02/quarter. Other larger users will see a similar increase in their CLOM rates as well. The waste treatment charge is coded CLTR and may vary in total from quarter to quarter. This charge is calculated based on the consumption taken from the meter on

your property. Currently you pay \$4.39/1000 gallons. The increase in the COLA rate will now calculate your treatment charge as \$4.61/1000 gallons.

These increases were made effective on the March 2018 sewer bills, but the Township wished to make sewer users aware of exactly where those charges stemmed from. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact the Heidelberg Township Office at (717) 949-3885

STATE OF THE AIR A FAILING GRADE IN LEBANON

The American Lung Association produces a report card each year for the air quality for each state. This report card, called The State of the Air, is based on information gathered from the US Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies for pollution in two categories; ozone (smog) and particle (soot). The report grades counties and cities on their performance in these pollution categories and the ALA has been

doing so for 18 years.

Unfortunately, Lebanon County’s grade was not good. Using data from years 2012-2015 to generate the 2017 report, Lebanon County received an F grade in both smog and soot pollution. What does that mean? In short, there are more days than there should be where Lebanon County has high levels of pollution in the air.

What can you do to make our air

better? Drive less, don’t burn what you’re not supposed to, use less electricity and stop smoking - those are some things you can do to aid in correcting the air quality for you and those around you. Your friends, your family and your lungs will thank you!

To find out more details about the air quality report, go to www.lung.org/sota.

**Heidelberg
Township
wishes to
thank all
members of
the US
Military, past
and present,
for their
service to our
county.**

HEIDELBERG HAPPENINGS

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SPRING/SUMMER 2018 EVENTS



Heidelberg Lioness:

Bingo, April 6th, Richland Fire Hall, Doors open 5:30PM, Bingo at 7:00PM

Historic Schaefferstown:

Antique Appraisal, April 28th, 9:00AM-1:00PM

Cherry Fair, June 23rd, 10:00AM-5:00PM

Afternoon Garden Tea, July 8th, 2:00PM

(see their website at www.hsimuseum.org for more details)

Schaefferstown Fire Company:

Antique Tractor Show & Pull

July 6th and 7th

(see their Facebook page at facebook.com/stownfc for more details)