



WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY...



What Is It?

The spotted lanternfly is an invasive insect from Asia, currently found in southeastern PA and surrounding areas. This pest threatens agricultural commodities including: grape, hardwood, tree fruit, landscape and nursery industries. The lanternfly feeds on sap and excretes a sticky, sugary substance called honeydew, which attracts stinging insects such as bees, promotes the growth of sooty mold and causes a messy nuisance. To help stop the spread of the lanternfly, PA state has issued a quarantine order requiring the inspection of all items moving within or out of the area to prevent the transport of any living life stage of the pest.

Know What To Look For

The spotted lanternfly adults are about 1 inch long and half inch wide with wings folded. Nymphs are 1/4 to 1/2 inch long and develop through four stages, all of which are wingless. Egg masses have a gray, mud-like covering, which can become dry and cracked over time. Older egg masses may lose their covering and appear as columns of 30-50 seed-like eggs. Egg masses can be found on trees, rocks and other hard surfaces.



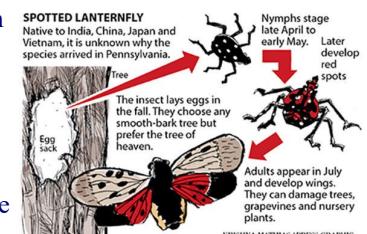
Tree-of-Heaven

This is the preferred host for the spotted lanternfly. Tree-of-heaven is named because of its rapid growth; it can grow up to 100 feet tall and 6 feet in diameter. The bark of the tree is similar to the outside of a cantaloupe. When crushed, the leaves put off a foul odor that is described as rotten peanut butter. They spread by seed and will also produce "clones" by their roots. This tree can be mistaken for other tree species such as black walnut, hickory and staghorn sumac. Although, the tree-of-heaven is a preferred host, the spotted lanternfly feeds on a large variety of plants, including many trees in our backyards.

What Can I Do?

1. Destroy all life stages of the spotted lanternfly that you find.
2. Check your car and outdoor equipment for spotted lanternfly eggs, nymphs and adults before moving within or out of the quarantine zone. Don't move firewood.
3. Walk around your property to check for egg masses on trees, cement blocks, rocks and any other hard surface. If you find an egg mass from Sept - May, scrape them off using a plastic card or putty knife. Scrape them into a bag or container filled with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer. **This is the most effective way to kill the eggs**, but they can also be smashed and burned. Remember some eggs will be laid at the tops of the trees and may not be possible to reach.
4. Wrap tree trunks with sticky tape and trap the nymphs. Banding trees is most effective for the nymph stage. Be advised that some birds and small mammals can also get stuck to the tape. This is rare, but has been reported. Putting chicken wire over the bands prevents this.
5. Insecticides can be used. Only use insecticides that are registered by the EPA to treat any insect on your property. Home remedies should not be used against the SLF because they may be unsafe to humans, pets and plants. Contact insecticides kill the SLF when the chemical contacts the insect as a direct spray or when the insect walks over a surface with insecticides residue on it. When insecticides are used, the SLF is killed as it feeds on any part of the tree, even if it was not sprayed directly.
6. Share your spotted lanternfly knowledge with others!

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY



Spotted Lanternfly Permit for Businesses

Businesses and organizations must have SLF permits if they move vehicles, products or other conveyances within or out of **the quarantine zone which includes the counties of Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia and Schuylkill**. Businesses located in other states with established SLF populations must also have a SLF permit if traveling or transporting goods into PA. An owner, manager, supervisor, or other designated employee must complete an online permit course to demonstrate knowledge of this destructive pest and the quarantine requirements. To access this free course visit: extension.psu.edu/slf-permit. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will begin compliance verifications on May 1, 2019. Businesses should obtain their permit prior to this date. For more in-depth information on the Spotted Lanternfly, visit the township website: www.westcocalicotownship.com.

REINHOLDS AMBULANCE

We have an excellent crew of emergency medical technicians and emergency medical responders to cover most evenings and weekend hours. However, due to the lack of available crew members during daytime hours, we have two full-time paid EMT's on staff. This has brought an increase in salaries and this is all paid through the Reinholds Community Ambulance Association. We need your continual support financially to be able to meet our expenses such as equipment, salaries, medical supplies, training, building expenses and repairs. Reinholds Ambulance had 651 dispatches in 2018. We have 15 volunteers in addition to the 2 full-time staff members. If you are interested in volunteering and training, call the station at 717-336-0217.



ON-LOT SEWAGE SYSTEMS

In October 2018, the Board of Supervisors passed an Ordinance requiring all On-lot Sewage Systems be pumped every 3 years.

This will go into effect over the next couple of years. The township has been divided into 3 districts. The first group (District 1) inspections will be wrapped up by June 30, 2019.

The next round of letters (District 2) will be mailed out in early June 2019. If you are in District 2, you will need to have your system pumped by June 30, 2020. **To see which district you are in, please visit the township website.**

When your system is pumped, please return the pumping report along with \$25 fee to the township. **Please include total number of gallons pumped.** If you had the system pumped prior to receiving your letter, please submit a copy of the receipt, so that we can change your pumping date in our system.

For more information regarding On-Lot Sewage Systems such as: registered pumpers/haulers, districts, and FAQs, please visit the township website: www.westcocalicotownship.com



PAVILION RENTALS

Anyone may reserve a pavilion in any of the township parks: Chapel Gate Park, Main Street Park or Schoeneck Park. The rental fee is **\$50.00** and is **non-refundable**. Please call the Township Office at (717) 336-8720 to make your reservation.

A rental agreement form **MUST** be signed and submitted with your \$50.00 rental fee to the township office. Forms can be found on the township website or picked up at the Township Office. **Please abide by all the rules listed on Pavilion Rental Agreement Form.**

Schoeneck and Chapel Gate pavilions have a refrigerator. If you are interested in using the area with the refrigerator, **an additional \$50.00 fee will be charged**. This fee is refundable.



For more information visit westcocalicotownship.com

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at any of the township parks.

Renters are responsible for removing all trash from pavilions.

Thank you for adhering to this.

TREE DONATION

If you would like to donate a tree to one of the township parks in memory of a loved one, please contact the Township Office during regular hours or attend a Park Board Meeting held the 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. in the Township Meeting Room.



This is a Rain Garden...

It captures runoff from the roof and allows it to infiltrate slowly into the soil. Rain gardens help prevent pollution and erosion by keeping stormwater from racing away into nearby streams. The native shrubs and perennials planted here attract birds and butterflies and need minimal care.



If you are interested in seeing a Rain Garden in person, you can visit Chapel Gate Park. The Rain Garden is between the basketball court and railroad tracks.





WOODY WASTE DISPOSAL

55 Woodcrest Road
Ephrata, PA 17522

For a small fee, Martin's Mulch will help dispose of your woody waste such as tree branches, shrubs, etc.
You can contact them by calling (717) 733-1602.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you notice a street light outage, please obtain the two pole numbers located at the bottom of the pole, the one begins with a "4" and the other with an "S" and call the township office at (717) 336-8720 with this information. We need this info to report the light outage to PPL.
Thanks for your help!

BURN PERMITS

If you are planning to do open burning of woody yard waste/brush, you will need to pick up a burn permit. Burn permits are only good for a maximum of 30 days. After 30 days, you must obtain a new permit.

Burn Permits are available in the township office Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.



LANDSCAPE REMINDERS



With Spring finally here, please remember when landscaping or planting, do not plant shrubbery, trees, crops or place decorative stones close to the roads.

It's important to stay several feet from the roadway so the flow of traffic or the sight of motorists are not hindered.

Drop Box available after hours

You may drop off:

- Water/Sewer Payments
- Street Light Tax Payments
- Building Permit Applications, etc.



The Drop Box is located to the right of the front door.



Permits **ARE** required for **ALL** construction projects as well as a fence, shed, or a change in use of a property.

Permits **ARE NOT** required for sealing driveways, painting, wall-papering, new flooring, sidewalks, replacement windows, swings, and replacement of siding or roofs (unless there is a structural change)

TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held monthly in the township meeting room on the following days:

Supervisors:

1st Thursday at 7 p.m.
3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.



Planning Commission:

2nd Monday at 7 p.m.

Authority

2nd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Zoning Hearing:

2nd Thursday at 7 p.m.

Park Board:

4th Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Please visit the township website for meeting dates and times, as well as, park information, community events, meeting minutes and zoning hearing ads:

www.westcocalicotownship.com

STREET LIGHT TAX BILL

The 2019 Street Light Tax Bills were mailed on March 1, 2019.



If you normally receive a Street Light Tax Bill but did not this year, please call the township office at (717) 336-8720 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

YARD SALES

West Cocalico Township does not require a permit to hold a yard sale.

No yard sale signs are permitted to be nailed, stapled or taped to utility poles.



BEFORE YOU DIG

Safe digging is no accident! If you are installing a fence, deck, or digging for a mailbox post, patio or other excavation project, it is important to:

Know What's Below.
Dial 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776
before you dig.



AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

The following items are available at the township office for use in recycling:



* Household Battery Collection Bags

* Recycling Bins



COCALICO COMMUNITY DINNERS

These meals are 100% **free** to the Cocalico community. They are served by various churches within the community and offer fellowship along with a tasty meal. Each location provides easy handicap accessibility and friendly individuals that serve the meal and who are also ready to engage in conversation. In case of cancellation of the Thursday dinners, due to inclement weather, the signs at Trinity Church will be removed.

2019 Cocalico Community Dinner Schedule

Thurs. 3/28 - 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Trinity Methodist - 420 Main St, Denver
 Sun. 3/31 - 11:30 am - Salem Reformed -12 E. Church St, Reamstown
 Thurs. 4/25 - 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Trinity Methodist - 420 Main St, Denver
 Thurs. 5/9 - 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Trinity Methodist - 420 Main St, Denver
 Thurs. 5/23 - 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Trinity Methodist - 420 Main St, Denver
 Thurs. 6/27 - 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Trinity Methodist - 420 Main St, Denver
 Thurs. 6/30 - 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Trinity Methodist - 420 Main St, Denver
 Thurs. 7/11 - 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Trinity Methodist - 420 Main St, Denver
 Thurs. 7/25 - 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Trinity Methodist - 420 Main St, Denver
 Thurs. 8/22 - 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Trinity Methodist - 420 Main St, Denver
 Thurs. 9/19 - 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Trinity Methodist - 420 Main St, Denver

ADAMSTOWN LIBRARY
3000 N. Reading Road, P.O. Box 356
Adamstown, PA 19501
(717) 484-4200
www.adamstownarealibrary.org

5/1-5/4 - Annual Used Book Sale - Peace UCC, Denver. Donations are accepted at the Adamstown Library all year round. Donations can be dropped off at the library during regular operating hours.

5/11 - Star Wars Library Program - Children and Adults will experience real live Star Wars Characters. The characters will promote reading. Photo opportunities available! All ages welcome! Please register for event!!

6/1-8/10 - Summer Reading Program - Pick up your reading logs at the library.

For more information about each event, visit the library website.



WEST COCALICO WATER AUTHORITY

Water and Sewer bills are mailed quarterly,
 per the following schedule:

1st Qtr.	Jan/Feb/Mar	by April 15th
2nd Qtr.	Apr/May/June	by July 15th
3rd Qtr.	July/Aug/Sept	by October 15th
4th Qtr.	Oct/Nov/Dec	by January 15th

If you do not receive a bill or have any questions,
 call the Authority at (717) 336-6265.

Sump Pumps **MAY NOT** be connected to the public sewer system as this overloads the sewer treatment plant.

WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICER

Mack Engineering
(717) 990-8449
Email: mack@mackengineering.net

SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS & WHIRLPOOLS IN-GROUND & ABOVE-GROUND

- ✿ No swimming pool, spa or whirlpool shall be permitted without a filtering system.
- ✿ No swimming pool, spa or whirlpool shall be permitted unless it is enclosed by a permanent fence with a self-closing gate which is at least four (4) feet in height and conforms to other requirements listed in Section 1903. This requirement shall not apply to above-ground pools, spas or whirlpools having a wall measuring four (4) feet in height and having a retractable ladder.
- ✿ No swimming pool, spa or whirlpool shall be within ten (10) feet of any property line.
- ✿ No swimming pool, spa or whirlpool with a capacity of 10,000 gallons or more shall be constructed or installed unless the Township Engineer has certified that the drainage of such pool, spa or whirlpool is adequate and will not interfere with any domestic water facilities, any sanitary sewage facilities, any streets or any neighboring properties.
- ✿ No swimming pool, spa or whirlpool may be erected or installed within any required minimum front, side, or rear building setback.
- ✿ No swimming pool, spa or whirlpool shall be located closer to the front of the lot than the front wall of the principal building.
- ✿ Swimming pools, spas, or whirlpools shall be secured from unauthorized access by means of a lockable door, gate, cover or similar control device.
- ✿ No water from a pool shall be discharged onto any public street or alley.
- ✿ All swimming pool, spa or whirlpool electrical outlets and facilities shall have ground fault devices.
- ✿ Swimming pools, spas, or whirlpools shall be inspected by a West Cocalico Township Building Inspector. In-ground pools shall require two (2) inspections, a footer/foundation inspection and final electrical inspection.
- ✿ Pools, spas, or whirlpools shall not be put in use until after the electrical inspection has been completed.
- ✿ Permit fees shall be based upon the cost of the improvement plus cost for inspections.





Going away? Don't worry about a thing!

The Ephrata Police Department will come and check up on your home while you're away as a courtesy to you.

Call Ephrata Police Department
(717) 738-9265

REINHOLDS FIRE COMPANY
138 W. Main Street, Reinholds, PA 17569
(717) 336-7753 www.reinholdsfirecompany.com

Tuesday, May 21 - Election Day Soup & Sub Sale
7am until SOLD OUT

Saturday, June 8 - Pulled Pork Sandwich 11am-1pm
Includes sandwich, slaw, fries & drink
Advance tickets available; limited amount at the door
Take-out ONLY - Contact any fireman for pre-order

Sunday, July 28 - Meat Bingo - Doors open at 11:30am
Bingo starts at 1pm
Winners take home fresh meat.

Saturday, September 7 - Pit Beef Sandwich 11am-1pm
Includes sandwich, baked beans, fries & drink
Advance tickets available; limited amount at the door
Take-out ONLY - Contact any fireman for pre-order

Sunday, October 13 - Gift Card Bingo - Doors open at 11:30am
Bingo starts at 1pm

Wednesday, October 30 - Clam Patty Mix Sale
Contact any fireman for pre-order by October 23.

Tuesday, November 5 - Election Day Soup & Sub Sale
7 am until SOLD OUT

Banquet Hall Rentals: (717) 336-6266 - leave a message or
email: hallrent18@yahoo.com

All fundraisers are held at the
Reinholds Fire Company Banquet Hall

For detailed information on events, please
visit the Reinholds Fire Company website.



TOWNSHIP BRIDGES

Horseshoe Trail Road Bridge and Mill Road Bridge are expected to reopen by early Fall 2019.



Thank you for your patience.



DID YOU KNOW...

90% of the Chesapeake Bay's freshwater comes from 10 major river systems, and 50% of it comes from the Susquehanna River. (19 million gallons of water per minute)



ANNOUNCING IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

The **County and Township Tax Bill (Spring Taxes)** is sent to you by the **County of Lancaster**. Payments are to be made to the Treasurer of Lancaster. If you have questions about your Spring Taxes, please call (717) 299-8222.

Your **School Tax or (Fall Taxes)** is mailed to you by the **Cocalico School District**. If you have questions, please call the tax office (717) 336-1406.

The **West Cocalico Township Office** mails the **Street Light Tax** to residents that have a street light on their street. If you have questions, please call (717) 336-8720.

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2019 TAX RATES

REAL ESTATE TAX	2.175 Mills
REALTY TRANSFER TAX	0.005%
EARNED INCOME TAX	0.005%

STREET LIGHTS \$1.56 per street front foot with a 100 foot maximum

SCHOENECK FIRE COMPANY
125 N. King Street, Denver, PA 17517
(717) 336-6767 www.schoeneckfire.com

April 20 - Mud Sale - 9AM
Quilt Auction - 11AM

May 4 - Yard Sale
7AM - ?
Big John Nolt Chicken BBQ dinner
9AM until SOLD OUT

May 18 - Fish Fry
3PM - 7PM (Advance Tickets Required)
Last day to purchase tickets is May 11th.

July 13 - Gospel Singing
Time TBD

Banquet Hall Rentals: Contact David High
davidhigh@emypople.net



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Schoeneck Fire Company Banquet Hall

For detailed information on events, please
visit the Schoeneck Fire Company website.

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Except Holidays

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westcocalicotownship.com
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wcocalico@gmail.com

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