

# THE TOWN CRIER



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### HOW TO HELP LIMIT THE SPREAD OF THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

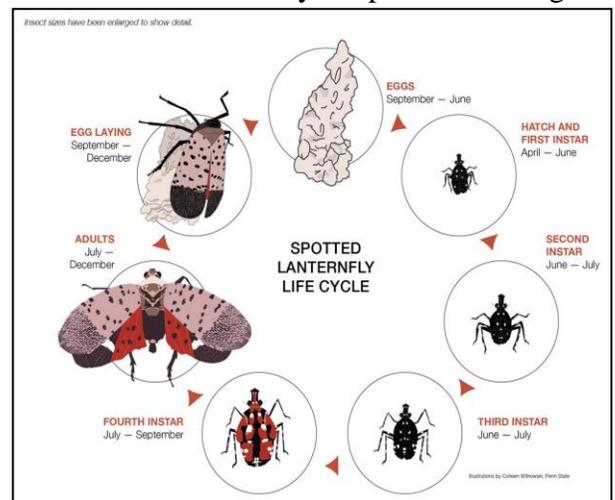
The spotted lanternfly is an invasive species that was first identified in neighboring Berks County in 2014. Since then it has firmly established itself as a nuisance with great potential to harm agricultural crops, especially fruit. They are specifically attracted to the tree of heaven but have readily adapted to feeding on over 70 tree species in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania is working to contain and control the spread of this pest; one control method it has identified for the public to use is scraping and disposing of lanternfly egg masses in the winter and fall months. Lanternflies spend the winter as eggs which hatch in the spring. After going through multiple juvenile stages, adults appear from July to as late as December, with adults laying eggs from September to December. In addition to the tree of heaven, egg masses may also appear on a wide variety of trees including birch, oak, and tuliptree, as well as on boulders and cars.

The State has great information (including videos on how to effectively scrape egg masses) available online at <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>. Please do your

part by scraping off any egg masses you identify on your property, double bagging them or placing them in a container filled with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer to kill them, and throwing them away. As the State is trying to track and limit the spread of the lanternfly, you can report the location of any lanternfly or egg masses you identify at 1-888-4-BADFLY or via a link on the Township website at [www.annilletwp.com](http://www.annilletwp.com).

\*Excerpts of this article are borrowed with appreciation from Sally Schach's article in the Winter 2019-2020 edition of *The Natural Observer*, the newsletter of the Governor Dick Environmental Center



### SOUTH SPRUCE STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT COMPLETED

After many years of planning, securing funding, design work, and ultimately construction, the 1930's-era single-lane bridge on South Spruce Street was successfully replaced last year with a modern, two-lane bridge.



95% of the project's funding came from Federal and State sources and total project costs were more than 40% below the initial estimate. The two lanes are a clear safety improvement and the weight limits that previously affected larger vehicles such as firetrucks and buses have been removed. Thank you for your patience as the work for these necessary upgrades was underway!

# ◆ TOWNSHIP INFORMATION ◆

## REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM SIDEWALKS

With the onset of colder temperatures and wintry weather, residents are reminded snow and ice must be removed from all Township sidewalks within 24 hours after a storm has ended. Chapter 21 of the Township Code of Ordinances requires property owners to clear a snow-free and ice-free path of at least 30 inches wide along their sidewalks and sets fines and penalties for non-compliance. Thanks for your assistance in making Annville a pedestrian-friendly community year-round!

## BE ON THE ALERT FOR LEAKS

Sewer bills are calculated based upon water usage, and a water leak can impact this usage—and your sewer bill—more than you might think. For instance, a silent leak from a worn toilet flapper can generate more than 30,000 gallons of usage in a quarter, which equates to hundreds of dollars in sewer fees. Whatever the reason for a leak, pay attention to your monthly water bills—identifying large changes there can alert you to the need for locating and addressing leaks, which if caught early can mitigate high costs on your quarterly sewer bill.

## NUTRIENT POLLUTION: WHY IS IT A CONCERN?

Phosphorus and nitrogen provide the nutrients plants and animals need to survive, but too much nitrogen and phosphorus in streams can harm aquatic life, local ecosystems, and even humans. These nutrients are commonly found in fertilizers, sewage, and waste materials, and stormwater runoff can carry them to surface waters.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- In winter, start shoveling early—the more snow you remove, the less salt and sand you'll need
- Don't pile snow on top of storm drains
- Fertilize your lawn only when necessary
- Consider using a mulching lawn mower
- Pick up pet waste and dispose in a trash can
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash so sudsy water does not drain into the storm sewer
- Do not dump grass clippings in a storm drain
- If you see anyone discharging into the storm drains, report this violation to the Township immediately at (717) 867-4476 or, if after regular business hours, contact County Dispatch by phone at (717) 272-2054

\*Excerpts of this article are borrowed from fact sheet at [www.rettew.com](http://www.rettew.com)

## 2020 CALENDAR

April 10	Good Friday	Office closed
April 28	Primary Election Day	Office closed
May 23	Annville Memorial Day Parade	Begins at 9:00 AM
May 25	Memorial Day	10:00 AM service at Mount Annville Cemetery; office closed
June 13	Historic Old Annville Day	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM; call (717) 480-1584 for information
July 4	Independence Day	Office closed for holiday on July 3
August 4	Community Night Out Against Crime	5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at St. Paul's Church; call (717) 867-2711 for any questions or to be a sponsor or volunteer
September 7	Labor Day	Office closed
November 3	Election Day	Office closed
November 26	Thanksgiving	Office closed
December 25	Christmas	Office closed for holiday on December 24 and 25

## DUMPSTER CHANGES AT PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

As residential cardboard is now being collected curbside and office and computer paper are no longer collected curbside as recyclables, please note the cardboard container at the Public Works facility has been replaced by a container accepting white office and computer paper only. Residents are encouraged to break down cardboard and place curbside with their other recyclables.

## TRASH & RECYCLING PICK-UP

Residents are reminded to place trash and recyclables curbside on Monday evening for pick-up on the following day. Please note collection will be delayed by one day (Wednesday pick-up) for the following holidays:

- Memorial Day (Pick-up on May 27, 2020)
- Labor Day (Pick-up on September 9, 2020)

**Please report missed pick-ups at (717) 867-4476**

# ◆ TOWNSHIP EVENTS & COMMUNITY GROUPS ◆



## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – May 23

The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Day Parade will be held Saturday, May 23, 2020. As in past years, this year's parade will honor all military, past and present, who have served in peacetime or in wartime. The parade is held rain or shine and will begin at 9 AM and follow a two-mile route lasting approximately two and a half hours. A popular and fun golf event to raise funds for the parade will be held on Friday, September 4 starting at 1 PM at the Lebanon Valley Golf Course in Myerstown. For \$65 you are invited to participate in the golf outing, which includes a steak dinner. For more info on the fundraising event or the parade itself, or if you are a veteran (or know one) who would like to be a part of the parade, please contact Becky Gacono at (717) 269-8586.

## HISTORIC OLD ANNVILLE DAY – June 13

The Friends of Old Annville invite you to attend Historic Old Annville Day (HOAD) on Saturday, June 13, 2020 from 9 AM to 2 PM. This year will be the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual celebration to take place in historic downtown Annville! The history of this event goes back nearly a century to Annville Days at Hersheypark when members of the community would travel by train and trolley to the park for a day of picnicking, rides, swimming and other sports. In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, West Main Street in Annville is closed for the day to create a massive street fair with 150 vendors, a great variety of food, and three stages of music performances. As in past years, historic reenactors will demonstrate 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century building techniques near historic homes on Main Street. Please plan on participating and making this our most successful year yet. If you have a business or are involved with a non-profit, consider renting a stall at HOAD and sharing products or information from your organization. Applications are available on the Friends of Old Annville website at [www.fooa.org](http://www.fooa.org) and on the Annville Township website. To reserve a space, for any vendor information, or any other questions about the event please contact Doug Nyce at (717) 480-1584 or by email at [douglasnyce@gmail.com](mailto:douglasnyce@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!



## FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As a volunteer fire department, the Union Hose Company is always looking to welcome new members to join its team.



The Union Hose needs active firefighters and fire police, and training will be provided. It is also looking for administrative help with fundraising, accounting, and file organization. In addition, the Union Hose is accepting members ages 16 and 17 for its junior program. If you are interested, please stop by the Fire Hall at 215 East Main Street, contact them at (717) 867-4971, or email Fire Chief Philip Snaveley at [philip.k.snaveley@gmail.com](mailto:philip.k.snaveley@gmail.com) for info on joining this team which continues to help protect Annville Township and the surrounding community.

## ANNVILLE FREE LIBRARY 2020 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

There's always lots going on at the Annville Free Library, and 2020 is no exception! Call the library at (717) 867-1802 or visit its website at <https://annville.lclibs.org> to learn about all the activities it offers, such as baby, preschool, and after-school story times, an after-school youth room for grades 4 through 8, and special interest groups including knitting, spinning, painting, chess, yoga, Women's Circle, book discussion groups, and ukulele jam sessions. Summer reading programs begin for all ages on June 8, as well. The library's annual book sale fundraiser will take place in the basement of the Annville United Methodist Church from April 23 through 25, with a preview night (\$5 admission) scheduled for April 22. And don't forget to sign up for the annual "Book It!" 5K Run/Walk beginning at 8 AM on June 13. Please visit <https://friendsofafl.com> for more info in order to participate!

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## 2020 DUMPSTER SCHEDULE AT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

This service is for residents only, **not** contractors!!

Dumpsters for bulk trash, green waste and white office/computer paper will be available at the Annville Township Public Works Department at 675 West Main Street as follows:



**March 11, 2020 through October 31, 2020\***

**Wednesday – 12 Noon to 6:00 PM**

**Saturday – 6:00 AM to 12 Noon**

**(Closed April 11, May 23, June 13, July 4, and September 5)**

**\*Please note this timeframe follows Daylight Savings Time**

### DUMPSTER GUIDELINES:

**\*\*\*\*\*NO Electronics Equipment Allowed in the Dumpsters\*\*\*\*\***

#### Bulk Trash

- No appliances with Freon
- No bags of green waste
- No car parts, tires or batteries
- To dispose of household hazardous waste items, call Lebanon County's Household Hazardous Waste Hotline at 1-800-449-7587

#### Green Waste

- No plastic bags or containers in the dumpster

#### Office/Computer Paper

- Must be white (no color or tint)
- Cannot be soiled

**Bulk Trash Pick-Up** may be scheduled from mid-March through October at **\$40.00 per load (no electronics)**

**Branches/Green Waste Pick-Up** is also available during that timeframe at **\$40.00 for a 4 foot by 4 foot pile**

Registration forms are available at the Town Hall Office for the bulk trash pick-up and the branches/green waste pick-up; call the Town Hall Office at (717) 867-4476 for more information. Registration forms and payment should be forwarded to Annville Township at 36 North Lancaster Street, P.O. Box 178, Annville, PA 17003.

### **Reminder: These services are for Annville Township residents only**

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