

WEST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP *Pennsylvania*



FALL AND WINTER 2019

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Soliciting or “No Soliciting”

Any individual or business who wants to solicit in the township requires a permit issued by the township prior to doing so. However, permits are only required when the individual or business is trying to sell you a product or service. If they are involved in some type of commercial enterprise in which they are trying to make money, then a permit is needed first from the township police department. If the solicitor is registered with us, each person conducting business will have a permit on them. Ask to see their “Township” issued solicitors license!



Now, if they are **NOT** involved in selling a product, goods or services, they **DO NOT** need a township permit. They are not even required to contact the township before going door to door. Examples of this would be religious groups or individuals who want to distribute political literature or pamphlets. They may do so without township authorization. Federal courts have upheld these groups rights and liberties to do so without government involvement. Several years ago, a federal court case that came from the US Supreme Court felt that as a free society that neighbors, religious groups, political groups, etc, should not be required to register with a township or local government in order to discuss religion or political issues with neighbors. The court found that by doing so, the local governments were violating their rights to free speech and discussions with their neighbors.

What does all this mean?

If a religious group or political group comes to your door, they have no requirement to come to the township first, to register, and get a permit. They have **no obligation** to even contact the township to let us know what they are doing, as courts have ruled, it would violate their free speech rights. Sometimes, as a courtesy, these groups will contact the township to let us know what they are doing.

This does not mean that these groups can harass you on your own property. They can come onto your property, to discuss religious or political information, but you have the right to ask them to leave. If they fail to leave after being told, they can be cited for trespassing if the owner wants to pursue the matter.

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Police 610-380-8201
(non 911 after hours 610-383-7000)

Emergency 911

F: Twp 610-384-4934
Police 610-384-0438

E: Twp township@wbrandywine.org
Police wbpolicy@wbrandywinepd.org

Public Meetings

Changes to schedules are advertised in the Daily Local News.

Board of Supervisors
1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:30pm

Comprehensive Plan Task Force
1st Wednesday at 3:30pm &
3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm

Citizens Finance Advisory Committee
3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm

Historical Commission
2nd Monday at 7:30pm

Municipal Authority
2nd Thursday at 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation Board
2nd Tuesday at 7:00pm

Open Space Review Board
4th Thursday at 7:00pm

Planning Commission
4th Thursday at 7:30pm

Trails Commission
4th Thursday at 6:00pm

Zoning Hearing
Meets as needed

Soliciting or “No Soliciting” *continued from cover*

What you can do

One way to prevent any solicitations on your property, whether it’s a solicitor with a permit or a group who does not need one, is to **post** your property “NO TRESPASSING” or “NO SOLICITATION.” In either case, the courts have ruled if your property is posted this way, it provides enough notice to not allow anyone on your property for these type reasons. If your property is posted and a solicitor comes on your property, then they can be charged immediately for ignoring the warning, since proper notice was given before they entered the property.

If you do not want to post your property with signs, you can register for “**No Solicitation**” via the Township Website at www.wbrandywine.org and we will place you on a “**Do Not Solicit**” address list that will be provided to the commercial solicitors. However, this will not prevent religious, nonprofit or political entities to come to your residence, unless you post your property, this will only be for commercial solicitation that requires permits.

Emergency Management - Protect the Ones You Love

Smart911 is a free, new service to help you when you call 9-1-1. Once you’ve signed up, Police, Fire and EMS will be aware of important information including medical issues, current location and even pets – that will help locate and help you in an emergency.



- A free service – Provided by your community
- Private and secure – You control your information
- Saves time in an emergency – When seconds count

Because every second counts. Sign up today.



We extend a special thanks to the business and professional members of our community whose support through advertising has made publication of this newsletter possible at no cost to taxpayers. Please support the local businesses that support the Township.



Recycling is Alive in Chester County



Chester County residents, “keep up the good work and keep making our recyclables cleaner.” The issue with recycling today is CONTAMINATION. When recyclables are clean and separated from trash correctly, there is a market for those items. BUT ONLY the items asked for.

We need your help to Educate the “wishful” recyclers who want to recycle everything. They have polluted the market with trash.

You should only recycle CLEAN mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, boxboard, aluminum and steel cans, glass bottles and jars, and plastics containers 1-5 +7 preferably with narrow necks.

We Do Not Want Things Like Your Rubber Hoses, Plastic Kiddie Pools, Foam, Toys, Baskets or Ice Chests.

Do not include plastic bags or any film plastic in your recycling bin. Plastic bags and film plastic can be taken back to the grocery store. Plastic bags will jam the machinery at the materials recovery facility where your recyclables are separated and baled for sale.

The Chester County recycling rate has been well over 60% for the last 6 years and residents should be proud of their performance. Keep up the good work but WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

Elected Officials

Board of Supervisors Joseph M. Morris, John W. Cassels, Jr., Charles A. Dobson, P.E.

Tax Collector Dr. Edward Pristernik

Board of Auditors Terrie Peterson, +2 vacancies

Constable Mike Canale

District Justice Michael J. Cabry, III

Appointed Officials

Manager/Code Officer/BCO Dale C. Barnett

Secretary Linda Formica

Treasurer Bonnie Lucy

Officer in Charge Lieutenant Jeff Kimes,

Emergency Management Coordinator Joseph Dell’Arciprete

Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators Michael Conway, Keith Davis, Joe Crawford

Public Works Director Thomas Maher

Important Contact Info

East Brandywine Fire Dept (Non-Emergency) 610-269-2625

Wagontown Fire Dept (Non-Emergency) 610-384-2770

Westwood Ambulance 610-383-0538

Brandywine Valley SPCA 610-692-6113

Dead Deer 484-340-3200

PECO (Emergency) 800-841-4141

Public Sewer (WBTMA) 610-383-7140

Public Water 877-987-2782 (Aqua)

Trash Hauler 610-942-2480 (Charles Blosenski)

PennDot Road Maintenance 484-340-3201

Township Tax

Checks Payable to:
Chester County Treasurer
313 West Market Street, Ste 3202
West Chester, PA 19382
610-344-6370

NOTICES:

- The current contract with Charles Blosenski will end on December 31, 2019. The Township is currently preparing a bid packet for trash/recycling pick up for 2020. Details will be posted on the Township Website and on Facebook.
- The Landfill now charges \$20 per mattress – if you are getting a new mattress delivered, please have the company haul your old mattress away. Fees for mattress charges from the Chester County Landfill will be passed onto the resident beginning in 2020.
- DEP has approved the Township’s new leaf processing center at the old Kimberwick Spray Irrigation site located at 4 Ramblewood Drive. The Board of Supervisors awarded the bid to fence in the area to New Holland Chainlink LLC, New Holland at its September 5, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting. The site will not impede on the rural character of the area and only encompasses the corner of Ramblewood and Route 322. The leaf composting site is not open to the public.

TRASH & RECYCLING INFORMATION

Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule

- Thanksgiving - November 28, 2019: Pick Up will move to Saturday, November 30, 2019

- Christmas – No change

Curbside Service for Trash/Recycling Pick Up

When: Every Thursday

All trash/recyclable materials are to be placed at the curb by 5am and no more than 24 hours in advance of the collection day. Place your trash bags into a container so they won’t get ripped open by animals.



Trash - pickup allows for up to 100 gallons placed in cans or secured in bags



Single Stream Recycling - Township provided 96-gallon Toter - paper, cardboard, cartons, glass, metal cans, clean aluminum foil, plastics #1-#5 & #7.

No plastic toys, Styrofoam, plastic bags, bottle caps/lids, or scrap metal.

**Recycling Toters are property of West Brandywine Township and are assigned a serial number linked to a Township address. Should you move, please place the container in a secure area for the next resident's use.*

Bulk Trash - one item (not to exceed 70 lbs)

Criteria for Bulk Items:

- For appliances that contain Freon, a certified technician must remove the Freon and tag the appliance
- Doors must be removed from refrigerators and freezers
- Mowers/engines must have gas and/or oils removed
- Rugs and other items must be bundled, tied, and may not exceed 4' in length

***Yard waste, tires, electronics, TV's, and construction materials will not be collected.

24-hr Drop-Off Center

Maintenance Facility, 199 Lafayette Rd

- Paper Items: Paper, flattened and non-corrugated boxes tightly tied or bagged in paper bags, no plastic bags, and stacked neatly in specified container. **Paper is hauled to a local farmer where it is made into animal bedding – please no binder clips or spiral notebooks.**
- Corrugated Cardboard: Break down and flatten, cut into pieces no larger than 2' x 2', tie in bundles, and stack in specified container. No whole boxes are to be placed in the container. Remove packing foam from boxes and discard in regular trash.
- Used Clothing: Secured plastic bags.
- Medication Collection Box: Anonymously dispose of unwanted drugs and medication. Box is located inside the vestibule at the Township Building (open 24 hrs).
- Retiring Flags: Box is in the parking lot at the Township Building, 198 Lafayette Rd.

Drop Off During Twp. Business Hours

- Tire Recycling: Prepay at the Township Building. Tires must be off the rims and clean of debris and water. (Most tire stores recycle tires when you purchase new tires.) Bicycle tires are \$1.00 each, motorcycle/ small lawn mower tires are \$3.00 each, passenger car and small pickup truck tires are \$5.00 each and large truck/farm tires are \$25.00 each.

Dispose of your old-style television and monitors free of charge at Chester County Solid Waste Authority (Lanchester Landfill) located at 7224 Division Highway, Narvon, PA 17555. CCSWA is accepting TVs & Monitors for FREE for a limited time. Limit 3 per vehicle. Must unload yourself onto appropriate pallet. Lanchester Landfill does not accept any Hazardous Waste.

Recycling for Businesses

*Commercial, industrial, institutional, and privately-owned establishments are required to recycle and verify compliance via reporting: Aluminum/ bimetal cans, corrugated cardboard, glass (clear, brown, & green) newspaper & misc. paper, high-grade office paper, plastics with logos #1-5 & #7. Businesses can utilize the Township's paper and cardboard 24 hour drop off. Paper is now recycled into animal bedding for local farmers. Your recycled paper is needed! **Paper for animal bedding should be free of binder clips and spiral bound notebooks.***

Volunteer Township Organizations

Building Appeals Board

- John Callahan
- John A. Dell
- Douglas Howe
- Ronald M. Scott, Jr.

Comprehensive Plan Task Force

- John Jude Colton
- Jack Conti
- Barbara D'Angelo
- John Hoertz
- Allen Klein
- Aus Marburger
- Kevin Schneider
- Philip Sitsis
- Robert J. Weidner

Citizen's Finance Committee

- Linda Formica
- Kathleen Hoertz
- William J. Walker
- Robert Weidner
- Robert Westervelt

Historical Commission

- Maria Ciliberto
- Jeff Grossman
- Jay C. Hayes
- Allen Klein
- Hugh J. Redditt, Jr.
- John F. Vilcheck, Jr.
- + 1 vacancy

Municipal Authority

- Joseph S. Boldaz
- Sandra G. Martin
- Kent D. Nation
- Joseph Sawicki
- Richard Tisa

Open Space Review Board

- Joseph D. Arvay
- John Conti
- Joseph Dell'Arciprete
- John Hoertz
- Kim P. Hoopes
- Meghan Jackson
- Aus Marburger
- Thomas Scamuffa
- + 1 vacancy

Parks & Recreation Board

- Melissa Falvo
- Claudia Muntean
- Karen Sload
- Denise Stoltzfus
- + 1 vacancy

Planning Commission

- John Conti
- Joseph Dell'Arciprete
- Anita M Ferenz
- John Hoertz
- Kim P Hoopes
- Aus Marburger
- Kevin Schneider

Strategic Growth Plan Task Force

- Jack Conti
- Catherine Courageous
- Melissa Falvo
- Kathleen Franciscus
- Mark Kooser
- Richard Lescavage
- Kristin Roosevelt
- EB Smith
- James Smith

Trails Commission

- Joe Arvay
- John Conti
- Meghan Jackson
- Aus Marburger
- + 1 vacancy

Vacancy Board

- Kathleen Franciscus

Zoning Hearing Board

- Stephen D. Crane (alternate)
- David Frankland
- Richard K. Guest
- Andrew F. Reczek

Interested in serving? Please fill out an online application or email manager@wbrandywine.org

Pennsylvania's First Farm Bill Invests Millions to Address Challenges Facing the Ag Industry

Pennsylvania's first-ever farm bill will invest \$23.1 million to help farmers better cope with the challenges threatening their livelihoods while creating opportunities for future generations. "The [bill] is bold, aggressive, and necessary to protect our farming heritage," Gov. Tom Wolf said at the recent bill signing, adding that these "historic investments...will improve the lives of all residents for years to come and create a pathway for a dynamic and prosperous farming economy in Pennsylvania." "In my 20 years of public service," Ag Secretary Russell Redding said, "this is the largest investment I've ever seen made in Pennsylvania agriculture."



Pennsylvania's farms not only provide food, clothing, and other goods for people around the world, but they're also important to the economic vitality of townships of all sizes and all regions, urban, suburban, and rural. Wolf has described the agricultural industry as "the backbone of Pennsylvania's economy."

"You don't have to drive too far in Pennsylvania to come across a farm," said David M. Sanko, executive director of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors. "Agriculture is a significant part of the commonwealth's landscape and culture while employing thousands of township residents.

"The farm bill," he added, "preserves and strengthens a generational industry that is a key part of the fabric that makes Pennsylvania a great place to live, work, and raise a family."

Support for young farmers

A major hurdle facing the industry, however, is that the average age of farmers is increasing. "Pennsylvania's farming population is getting older, and serious conversations are taking place about where the next generation will come from," Pa. Farm Bureau President Rick Ebert said. "Making access to farmland more affordable for younger farmers can help remove obstacles facing the next generation on the farm."

Under the farm bill, landowners who rent or sell to young farmers will be eligible for a tax credit. "The lack of affordable farmland to rent or buy is often listed as the number one reason why young people do not pursue careers in farming," Ebert said. "We are hopeful that this new tax credit program will create more opportunities for Pennsylvania agriculture and inspire the next generation of farmers in the state."

The new farm bill will also:

Develop new resources for agriculture business development and succession planning.

- Two million dollars will be invested to create the Agriculture Business Development Center, which will provide business planning, marketing, diversification, and transition planning services to farmers.
- Landowners who transfer preserved farmland to a qualified beginning farmer will be exempt from the realty transfer tax.

Increase opportunities for Pennsylvania's agricultural workforce.

- With \$500,000 in seed money from the farm bill, the state will create the Pa. Farm-to-School Grant Program, which will increase nutrition and agriculture education for pre-kindergarten through fifth grade students.
- Another \$500,000 has been set aside to re-establish the Agriculture and Youth Development Grant Program, which provides workforce initiatives for organizations such as FFA and 4-H.

Remove regulatory burdens and strengthen the state's agricultural business climate.

- The Agriculture Linked Investment Program will receive \$500,000 to provide low-interest loans for conservation practices.
- The state has also allocated \$2.5 million to the Conservation Excellence Grant Program, which will fund best-management practices in priority areas of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Increase market opportunities and expand the organic farming sector.

- The state is providing \$1.6 million to support the Pa. Preferred Program and create the Pa. Preferred Organic Initiative. An additional \$1 million will be given to Pa. Preferred to increase enrollment in the Homegrown by Heroes Program, which supports products grown by veterans.
- The new Specialty Crop Block Grant Program will receive \$500,000 to invest in hardwoods, hemp, hops, and other priority crops.

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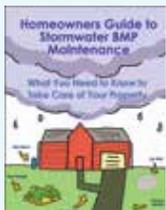
Protect agriculture infrastructure.

- Under the farm bill, \$4 million has been set aside to create the Pennsylvania Rapid Response Disaster Readiness Account, which will provide a quick response to agricultural disasters. This funding will also help continue the fight against the spotted lanternfly, an invasive insect that poses a significant threat to Pennsylvania agriculture.

State budget sets aside more money for farming

In addition to the farm bill, the recently passed 2019-2020 state budget includes additional funding to support agriculture. State lawmakers approved at least \$7 million for such initiatives as the Agricultural Business and Workforce Investment Program, the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission, and the Livestock and Consumer Health Protection Program. Research and cooperative extension programs also received funding increases. “We believe the heavy focus on agriculture this year is a recognition by the General Assembly and the governor that a prosperous farming community is essential to the economic health of rural communities and the state’s economy,” Ebert said. “The new programs and increased funding for other programs come at a time when many farmers have struggled to stay in business after five consecutive years of depressed prices.”

Stormwater Information for Homeowners



Booklet for Homeowners Guide to Stormwater and additional stormwater information can be found on the Township’s website.

Green, Jenny, “What Will Absorb Water in My Yard?”

Landscape for Absorption

Increase water absorption with plants that tolerate wet sites along with porous hardscaping materials. Replace concrete and other impermeable surfaces with porous pavers, stepping stones or porous concrete, and create garden beds with plants that tolerate wet soil to replace turf. Increase water infiltration at the lowest points where water collects by removing the topsoil and breaking up the subsoil, digging in gravel to improve drainage before replacing topsoil in the area. Plant ground-cover plants such as blue-green sedge (*Carex flacca*), which is hardy in U.S Department of Agriculture plant hardiness zones 4 through 9, for a low-maintenance alternative to grass.

Green, Jenny. “What Will Absorb Water in My Yard?” *Home Guides | SF Gate*, <http://homeguides.sfgate.com/absorb-water-yard-89913.html>. 14 December 2018.



Stormwater is Everybody’s Business

Stormwater picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, manure and other pollutants as it flows over surfaces such as driveways, road and lawns. Without proper stormwater management, this polluted runoff flows untreated into our streams, rivers and wetlands.



Polluted stormwater runoff is the greatest threat to clean water!



Residents, municipalities, businesses and developers need to work together to prevent stormwater pollution.



For more info call Brandywine Red Clay Alliance 610-793-1090 or visit our website at www.bandywineredclay.org

Leaf Pickup Fall 2019 (No Registration required)

Guidelines:

Bagged Leaf Pickup for Non-Subdivisions

- Only leaves are to be placed in the bags (no branches, trash, or other debris).
- Biodegradable paper bags are available at your local grocery and hardware stores.
- Leaves will not be picked up in any type of plastic bag.
- Leaves for collection must be placed at the curb for pick-up.
- Try to place bagged leaves out at the curb the night before your scheduled pickup day, and cover them with plastic if rain is in the forecast. Wet paper bags full of leaves are difficult to handle.

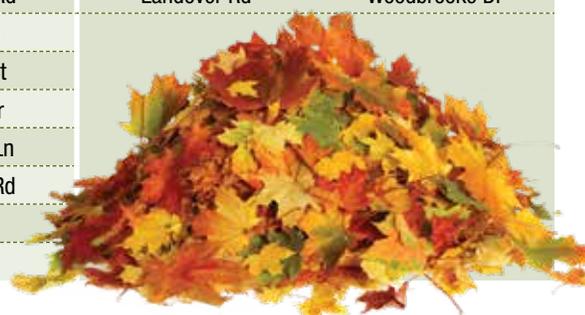
Vacuum Leaf Pickup for Subdivisions

- Leaves must be placed in a “row” along the edge of road but not in the street.
- The row of leaves must be within reach of the vacuum hose (5’ from edge of road).
- Leaves must be free from debris; sticks, stones, and trash which will damage the vacuum.
- Leaves must be on level ground, not in a drainage swale and not along a bank.
- Leaf vacuum service will occur in subdivisions only.
- All “private road/street” residents must bag their leaves and place them at the main road. (Township trucks will not travel on private streets.)

The Township is divided into three sections for leaf pickup. See the following for the pickup schedule.

Schedule for Fall Leaf Pickup

SECTION 1 Monday 10/28 & 11/18		SECTION 2 Monday 11/4 & 12/2		SECTION 3 Monday 11/11 & 12/9	
Allison Dr	Jamie Lane	Andover Rd	Little Washington	Ashley Ct	Laurel Dr
Ashberry Ln	Jennifer Lane	Apple Dr	Lyndell	Barons Hill Rd	Manor Rd
Audrey Lynn Dr	Justin Ln	Beaver Creek Rd	Northfield Dr	Brandamore Rd	Mendenhall Dr
Baker Rd	Kathleen Ln	Berkley Dr	Michael Ct	Brandywine Dr	North Manor Rd
Beechwood Dr	Kingswood Ln	Briars Run Dr	Peach Tree Ln	Cedar Knoll Rd	Overlook Dr
Caln Meetinghouse Rd	Kristin Dr	Bridle Ct East	Pennswick Dr	Croce Ln	Pratts Dam Rd
Carol Ln	Main Lin Dr	Bridle Ct West	Pheasant Cove Dr	Ednas Ln	Red Oak Dr
Castle Ln	Monacy Rd	Brittany Ln	Ponds End Dr	Evelyn Dr	Reid Rd
Connies Dr	Netherwood Dr	Brook Cir	Post Run Rd	Fraser Blvd	Rockland Way
Country Ln	N Hawthorne Rd	Camberly Ct	Raleigh Dr	Freedom Valley Cir	Ryan Ln
Dogwood Dell Dr	Old Homestead R	Canter Ln	Ramblewood Dr	Gabel Rd	Telegraph Rd
Eachus Dr	Old Spring Rd	Casey Dr	Rebecca Ln	Germany Hollow Rd	Union Rd
East Kings Hwy	Old Willows Rd	Chelmsford Ct	Songbird Cir	Hibernia Rd	Vinelyn Ln
E Reeceville Rd	Patricias Ln	Cochran Dr	Southfield Dr	Hillside Ct	Wagontown Rd
Elmwood Ln	Prout Dr	Creeks Bend Dr	Springton Rd	Horseshoe Pk (W of 82)	Walden Way
Fox Ln	Reason Ln	Culbertson Run Rd	Steven Way	Icedale Rd	Westview Dr
Graces Dr	Reeceville Rd	Gabe Cir	Summers Ln	Kaolin Rd	Windle Ct
Greenhill Rd	Schoolhouse Ln	Glenview Dr	Sunshine Cir	Lafayette Rd	Windy Way
Hadfield Rd	S Hawthorne Rd	Highspire Rd	Swinehart Rd	Landover Rd	Woodbrooke Dr
Holly Dr	Sweet Briar Rd	Horseshoe Pk (E of 82)	Trotter Ln		
Hurley Rd	Virginia Dr	Hunter Dr	W Bridle Ct		
	Wynnewood Dr	Jolly Joe Dr	Warren Cir		
		Kailey Ct	Waterford Ln		
		Kimberwick Cir	Windy Hill Rd		
		Lahawa Dr	Wythe Dr		
		Lauren Ln			



Winter and Mailboxes

Kindly check the condition of your mailbox before winter sets in. Make sure the post is secure, the box is properly attached, and the box is in good shape with a secure door. Our snowplow drivers are asked to take precautions to avoid striking mailboxes with their plows. Please note that Pennsylvania law views mailboxes as an encroachment in the public way, put there at the owner's risk, and **municipalities are not legally liable for any damage or repairs to mailboxes due to plowing operations.**



Snow Clearing Tips

- Do not park on any Township streets. This is in compliance with the Township's "no parking" Ordinance.
- Wait for the snowplow to finish plowing before you finish shoveling the end of your driveway.
- When clearing your driveway, do not deposit the snow into the roadway. This can cause hazardous conditions to other motorists.
- Cul-de-sacs and storm drains are the final areas to be cleaned up after a storm.
- Please bear in mind, we cannot be everywhere at once. We will plow all roads in order of traffic priority; main roads, then secondary roads.

Yard Waste Drop-Off Schedule

Year Round: 1st Saturday of each month 8AM - 1PM

March – October: 3rd Wednesday of each month 4PM – 8PM

Proof of Residency Required (See website for details)



There has been a noticeable increase in debris on the Township roadways on Yard Waste Dropoff days. It is highly recommended to secure/cover your yard debris when transporting it to the Township. Operator can be cited for an unsecured load if yard debris falls out onto the roadway. Public Works will not accept unsecured loads.

2020 Live Christmas Tree & Natural Wreath Pickup Schedule

The following Monday's in January: 6th, 13th, and 20th. (Trees are picked up by WBT Public Works)

Please have your tree out at the curb by 7AM. Trees & wreaths must be clean with no decorations, stands, metal, or nails.

Help Needed!

Adopt-A-Roadway Program

The Township provides bags, gloves, signs, and vests to the Adopt-A-Roadway volunteers and the collected garbage is picked up by the Public Works Department. A one-time clean-up is also welcomed! If you are interested, stop by the police station and pick up an application or download an application from wbrandywine.org

ROADS THAT NEED TO BE ADOPTED:

Twp. Roadways:

- Highspire
- Hurley
- Lafayette
- Brandamore
- Pratts Dam
- Telegraph
- Union & Gabel
- Culbertson Run Road

State Roadways:

- East Reeceville
- Swinehart
- Little Washington
- Springton
- Cedar Knoll

ADOPTED ROADS:

- Barons Hill (Gaul Family)
- Beaver Creek (Saint Peter's Boy Scout #56)
- Icedale (Ethan Wait & Family)
- Monacy Road (Robert Rice)
- Rt 82, Between Hibernia & Rt 322 (St. Peter's RC Church Knights of Columbus)
- Swinehart to Highspire (Michelle Shields & Gregg Shields, Justin & Jordan Shields)
- Germany Hollow (Jim Kunkel)
- Hurley (Brandywine YMCA & Yoshitomi Family)

State Roadways:

- Hibernia (Boy Scouts Troop 116 - United Methodist Church)
- Rt. 82 South of Rt. 322 (St. Peter's RC Church Knights of Columbus)
- Reeceville & East Reeceville (Boy Scouts Cub Pack 36 - Friendship School)
- Rt. 322 (West Brandywine Police Department)
- Rt. 82 North of Rt. 322 (Jim & Linda Williams)

2019 Saturday with Santa & Tree Lighting

Saturday, November 30th

3PM to 6PM (Note Time Change from Prior Years)

Vendors, Santa & Mrs Claus, Caroling, Cookies & Milk

Upcoming 2020 Parks and Rec Events being planned

Easter Egg Hunt – April



West Brandywine's 1st Annual Township Wide Community Yard Sale

Saturday May 16, 2020 (Rain date Sunday May 17th)

\$10 Registration fee

- to reserve a spot at the Township building (*additional service fee charged for online payment by credit card company*)
- or have your address listed on our “community yard sale directory”.

Lists will be distributed at the township building week prior to sale OR can be downloaded from the township website at www.wbrandywine.org

Check the township website for more information and registration forms

Community Yard Sale



MORE



Save the dates (additional information to be posted on the Township's Website & Facebook)

- Saturday, June 20, 2020 ~ Car Show/Concert (rain date June 21st Father's Day)
- Saturday, July 4th ~ Fireworks
- Saturday, November 28, 2020 ~ Saturday with Santa

Spotted Lanternfly Expert Provides Tips for Home Management of Pest

“The spotted lanternfly has become a regular fixture in their yards, on the front page of their newspapers, in their social media feeds and, sometimes, even in their dreams,” said Heather Leach, spotted lanternfly extension associate in Penn State’s College of Agricultural Sciences, who has fielded calls from hundreds of frazzled homeowners in the current 14-county quarantine zone. “They just cannot get a break.”



The pest, which feeds on the sap of fruit trees, grapevines, hops, hardwoods and ornamentals, strikes a double whammy -- not only does it harm host plants but it also can render outdoor areas unusable by leaving behind a sugary excrement called honeydew, which attracts other insects and promotes the growth of sooty mold. The only consolation is that the insects do not bite or sting, nor do they cause structural damage.

Despite not being a native species (they are native to central Asia), the climate in Pennsylvania is suitable for the spotted lanternfly, and it has established a life cycle that completes one generation each year. It all begins in late summer, when adults mate and lay eggs -- gray-colored, flat clusters that resemble mud -- on a variety of surfaces.

While those adults do not survive the winter, their egg masses are hardy enough to withstand brutal weather conditions. Those eggs hatch in late spring, revealing nymphs with black and white spots. As they enter their “teens,” most of the insect’s black markings will turn red.

By mid-summer, the insects will be adults, measuring about an inch in length and sporting artfully patterned wings of red, black, white and tan, accented by dots. Throughout the transformation, one thing remains constant -- their voracious appetite, and that has homeowners scrambling to find ways to control the clusters that have taken up residence on their properties.

To aid homeowners in reducing spotted lanternfly populations, Leach provides the following recommendations based on life cycle and season:

DESTROY EGG MASSES/FALL, WINTER AND SPRING

Walk around your property to check for egg masses on trees, cement blocks, rocks and any other hard surface. If you find egg masses on your property from September to June, scrape them off using a plastic card or putty knife, and then place the masses into a bag or container with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer. This is the most effective way to kill the eggs, but you also can smash or burn them, Leach pointed out.

TREE BANDING/SPRING AND SUMMER

When the nymphs first hatch, they will walk up the trees to feed on the softer new growth of the plant. Leach advises taking advantage of this behavior by wrapping tree trunks in sticky tape and trapping the nymphs. “It is essential to band trees in the spring when there are nymphs because many adult spotted lanternflies will avoid the tape,” Leach said.

She also recommends checking the traps on a regular basis because, while rare, birds and small mammals can become stuck to the tape. There are several ways to avoid this unfortunate outcome, including reducing the width of the bands and putting caging over the bands. Bands can be purchased from hardware or greenhouse stores and often are sold as flypaper.

REMOVAL OF TREE-OF-HEAVEN/SPRING AND SUMMER

While the spotted lanternfly will feast on a variety of plant species, they have a special fondness for Ailanthus, or tree-of-heaven, which is an invasive plant that is common in landscape plantings, agricultural areas and along the sides of roads. For this reason, there is a current push from spotted lanternfly experts to remove this tree. Leach said the best way to do this is to apply an herbicide to the tree using the hack-and-squirt method -- a critical step to prevent regrowth -- and cutting it down from July to September. Even when treated, multiple applications may be necessary over time to kill the tree, she emphasized.

USE OF INSECTICIDES/SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL

When dealing with large populations of the insect, homeowners may have little recourse other than to use chemical control. When used appropriately, insecticides can be a very effective and safe way to reduce lanternfly populations. Penn State Extension currently is researching which insecticides are best for controlling the pest, but preliminary results show insecticides with the active ingredients dinotefuran, imidacloprid, carbaryl and bifenthrin are most effective.

However, there are safety, environmental and sometime regulatory concerns that go along with the use of insecticides, so Leach advises homeowners to do research, weigh the pros and cons, and seek professional advice if needed. She warned against the use of home remedies such as cleaning and other household supplies as they can be unsafe for humans, pets, wildlife and the plants. In some cases, the application of home remedies may be illegal.

STOP THE SPREAD

Finally, Leach asks all citizens to help stop the insect’s spread by checking their vehicles closely -- undercarriages, windshield wipers, wheel wells, luggage racks and such -- for spotted lanternflies and egg masses before traveling in and out of the quarantine zone.

“Keeping the spotted lanternfly from reaching other parts of the state is crucial while we work toward developing long-term management and control solutions,” she said. “Every citizen can help by learning about the spotted lanternfly and the steps that can help stop it.”

Those steps, as well as a detailed integrated pest management calendar, can be found by visiting the Penn State Extension website at <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>.



Lucille & Timothy Hawkins Memorial Trail

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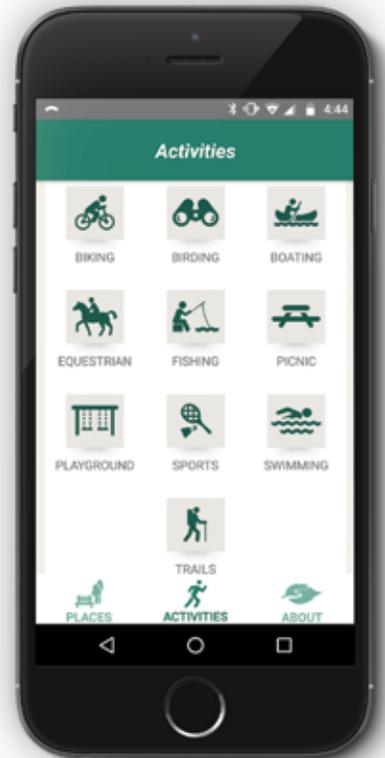
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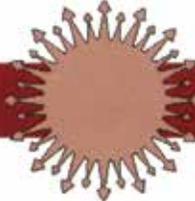
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