

# MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP

## SPRING NEWSLETTER



As I write this, there is snow falling and the wind is finding its way into my office but I know brighter, warmer days are ahead of us. Soon, we will be mowing grass and trimming trees. I want to remind residents that the Township has a drop off site for yard waste - tree trimmings, leaves, garden plants and grass - next to 1246 Maiden creek Road, Fleetwood. Please enter in the gate next to the drop off center sign, pass the guard shack and drop off your yard waste on the concrete pad. No trash please. This facility is provided as a courtesy to residents by W.D. Zwicky for yard waste only.

**If using a Recycling Container other than the blue Township container, it must be marked, RECYCLING. The Township has stickers to place on containers. DO NOT put recyclables in plastic bags. They will not be picked up. Free bins and lids are also available at the Township office.**

**LEAF COLLECTION  
March 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Leaves and garden plants (without dirt attached) and ornamental grass will be picked up at this time. There is no need to call to schedule a pick up.

**BRUSH PICK UP DAYS  
March 26<sup>th</sup> & April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Please call the Township Office at 610-926-4920 (press 5 and leave your address) to be placed on the collection list by the Friday before collection date. The chipper can chip trees and branches with a diameter up to 12 inches.

**Township Board of Supervisors:**

Claude Beaver, Chairman \* Joseph Rudderow III, \* Heidi Fiedler

**Maidencreek Township Tax Collector:** Barbara Hassler, 16 Adele Ave., Blandon  
Phone: 610-916-1902 Please look at your real estate tax bill for tax collector office hours!

**District Justice:** Brian Strand, 2739 Bernville Rd., Leesport, PA 19533  
Phone: 610-916-4496

**Maidencreek Township  
1 Quarry Road, PO Box 319  
Blandon, PA 19510  
610-926-4920 Fax: 610-926-6314  
M - F 8am to 4pm  
[www.maidencreek.net](http://www.maidencreek.net)**



## PEST ALERT

Spotted Lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula* (White), an invasive planthopper, was first discovered on September 22, 2014 in eastern Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Many residents saw the Spotted Lantern Fly last summer and fall. It is expected that the infestation will increase this year. This pest feeds on many plants and trees and causes weeping wounds as well as a sooty mold, which can damage and kill the tree. This is major concern for grape growers and orchards, but also will impact the homeowner's garden and trees. One female can lay thirty to fifty eggs at a time and lays eggs multiple times in the late fall on any surface – trees, campers, tires, scrap metal, wood piles, etc. And while the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is studying how to destroy this leafhopper, the answer may be ten years away. The Berks County Conservation District attended the January 11, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting and presented a brief history and some things that residents can do to help kill the Spotted Lantern Fly. The power point presentation is available on our website – [www.maidencreek.net](http://www.maidencreek.net).

### Spotted Lantern Fly Life Cycle

**May – June** Eggs hatch. This is a good time to place sticky bands on trees to catch the nymphs as they emerge. Change bands as they become full, about every two weeks.

**June – July** The Spotted Lantern Fly's back begins to turn red and sticky bands no longer work. Treat trees with chemicals like Ortho Max Pro or Sevin. Follow all label instructions. Remove Tree of Heaven from your property.

**August - September** Adults appear. Stomp and smash Spotted Lantern Fly when you see them any time of year. Continue chemical treatment of trees.

**October – November** Adults begin to mate and congregate on Tree of Heaven before laying eggs.

**Late November to April** Egg masses can be found on smooth surfaces, trees, rusted metal. This is a good time to scrape egg masses, squish them or deposit into Ziplocs containing alcohol.



Egg Mass



Sticky Band & Sooty Mold



Tree of Heaven

**Important ways to prevent storm water pollution:**

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint - never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in storm water runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact storm water runoff.
- Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, which capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather - this is a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak in order to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.

REPORT STORM WATER POLLUTION TO Maiden creek Township 610-926-4920!



**Schaeffer Road Bridge:**

Construction is set to start on June 22, 2018 and be completed by September 11, 2018.

During this time the bridge is **CLOSED** and the intersection at Cornerstone Drive and Schaeffer Road is **CLOSED** as well.

**Recycling Events** *Free to Berks County Residents*

Household Hazardous Waste

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM April 14, 2018 - Governor Mifflin Intermediate School, 600 Governor Dr., Shillington

Paper Shredding

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM April 21, 2018 - Governor Mifflin Intermediate School, 600 Governor Dr., Shillington

Electronic Recycling

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 8:00 AM – Noon 1316 Hilltop Rd., Leesport, Pa. 19533

**Bandon Fire Company Easter Egg Hunt**



Saturday, March 31, 2018 beginning at 1p.m.  
36 West Wesner Road, Bandon



**NOTICE TO MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY WATER CUSTOMERS:** Customers can view the annual water quality report on-line at [www.maidencreek.net/files/CCR\\_Report2.pdf](http://www.maidencreek.net/files/CCR_Report2.pdf). This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. Please call 610 926 4173 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.

**AVISO A LOS CLIENTES DE LA AUTORIDAD DE AGUA DE MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP:** Los clientes ahora pueden ver su reporte de anual de la calidad de agua en línea a través de la línea web [www.maidencreek.net/files/CCR\\_Report2.pdf](http://www.maidencreek.net/files/CCR_Report2.pdf). Este reporte contiene información importante sobre la fuente y la calidad de su agua potable. Por favor llame al 610-926-4173 si deseas que le mande por correo su reporte en papel a su casa.

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