

Cranberry Highlands Golf Course Community Apiary Lease and Bylaws

What is the Pollinator Garden?

Cranberry's Pollinator Garden is designed to be a community resource for education about pollination and beekeeping. A part of Cranberry Highlands' Audubon Sanctuary certification program, the Garden provides a bee-friendly habitat adjacent to the municipal golf course for honey beehive placement and instruction. The Pollinator Garden is a joint project of Cranberry Township – which owns the facility – together with Cranberry Highlands and Burgh Bees. This document was created to explain the essential terms of your participation in the Garden project. We welcome your interest and involvement.

Annual Fee:

- An annual fee of \$75 per hive will be charged by Cranberry Township to help cover apiary expenses.
- Upon written verification by Cranberry Township that your hive and/or hives have been accepted, the appropriate fee can be sent to the following address:


**2525 Rochester Road Suite 400
Cranberry Township, Pa 16066**

Checks can be made payable to Linda Mackenstein

Lease Period/Training:

- The Lease period is from October 1st to September 30th
- Hive placement must occur between October 1st and May 1st
- Individuals not renewing their lease shall remove hives no later than March 1st the following spring
- All new lessee(s) must participate and in one introductory course to beekeeping prior to signing this agreement. Proof of participation must be given to Cranberry Township
- All new lessee(s) must attend an orientation and safety training offered by Cranberry Township. To schedule the orientation/safety training and hive placement please contact:

 Mason Miller

 724-776-4806 Ext 1513

 Mason.Miller@CranberryTownship.org

Hive Identification/Ownership/Exterior Maintenance:

- Hive(s) must be registered with the PA Department of Agriculture
- Have hive number displayed on lower right side of the bottom board in an easy to read format (number tags will be provided)
- Hives must be maintained to Cranberry Township's Standards
- Standard Langstroth hives are permitted. Cranberry Township reserves the right to approve or deny any other hive body style within the apiary.
- If there are co-owners of hive(s), both owners must agree to the lease and bylaws terms

Honey Bee Maintenance:

- All hive(s) will be maintained all year, as necessary, to maintain a healthy hive
- Best Management Practices prescribed by the PA Department of Agriculture shall be followed
- All beekeeping activities will take place between the hours of 10.30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the exception of hive transport
- Honeybees with a gentle temperament will be maintained to the best of the owner(s) ability. Aggressive hives will be re-queened at the hive owner's expense. Cranberry Township will determine if hives are aggressive
- Chemical treatments or feeding methods that will in any way affect OTHER hives shall not be used. This includes hive treatments or general maintenance in the apiary. No synthetic pest management treatments may be used at the apiary at any time without Cranberry Township's approval

Honey Bee Equipment Transport:

- Beekeeping equipment such as, but not limited to, hive tools and honeybee suites will be carry-in only

Honey Extraction:

- No honey extraction will take place within the golf course property unless approved by Cranberry Township

Vehicle Access:

- Apiary parking will take place at the club house parking lot
- If apiary vehicle access is necessary, arrangements must be made with Cranberry Township on Township's terms
- No automobiles will be permitted to be on the breast of the pond associated with the apiary
- The breast of the pond can be accessed by Cranberry Highlands golf carts only

Hive Inspection/Disease Management:

- All hive(s) are subject to inspection by Cranberry Township or Burgh Bees directors at any time without prior notice
- Shall the state bee Inspector wish to visit the apiary, notice will be given at least three days in advance to the owner(s) of the hive
- No hive(s) owned by another shall be maintained or inspected unless given permission by the owner of that hive or Cranberry Township
- If any sign of disease is discovered in a hive lessee(s) are required to contact the assigned Cranberry Township representative listed above, as well as the Apiary Manager from Burgh Bees listed below, in order to assess the risk and treatment of the condition. Both or either of the afore mentioned parties will report any disease deemed a risk to surrounding hive to the State Apiary Inspector, for testing and treatment protocols.



Kyle Pattison



724-448-5712



Kyle@BurghBees.com

- If Cranberry Township determines that lessee(s) hives have contracted any disease lessee(s) agrees to abide by Cranberry Townships quarantine conditions.

Hive Transport/Abandonment:

- If the hive must be moved or abandoned for any reason, owner(s) will notify Cranberry Township and schedule for the transport as soon as possible prior to moving. Cranberry Township will have the final right to determine when hive transport can take place

Apiary Maintenance

- Weeds within the apiary fence will be kept at a minimum and areas immediately surrounding the hive must be maintained to Cranberry Township's satisfaction
- Cranberry Highlands Golf Course staff will use herbicides for weed control using whatever type, frequency and concentration it determines is needed.
- Cranberry Township may assign maintenance practices and timelines for completion. Leese(s) agree to adhere to maintenance tasks and schedule
- Trash and litter will be kept out of the apiary

Hive Ejections:

- If the hive or stored equipment becomes unkempt, Cranberry Township will give at least a one week's notice to make repairs or the right to your location and the annual fee will be forfeited
- Cranberry Township has the right at any time to expel hive(s) from the apiary for any reason that they deem necessary
- If lessee(s) hive(s) are expelled, lease(s) will have two weeks to remove hive from apiary

Apiary Guests:

- Apiary guests are permitted and must follow all rules in this lease
- Apiary Guests must follow all safety rules listed in this lease
- Apiary guests must sign "Waiver of Liability and Assumption Risk" form before entering the apiary.

Safety

- At a minimum, veils must be worn by everyone inside the fenced area at all times, no exceptions unless temperatures are below 32 degrees Fahrenheit
- Any person who has a prescription for an Epi-pen shall carry it on their person at all times while working within the fenced area. Cranberry Township emergency medical services must be notified if an EpiPen is used by lessee and or lessee(s)
- Lessee(s) must sign in and out of apiary using the methods Cranberry Township has provided
- A "Waiver of Liability and Assumption Risk" form must be signed by lessee(s) and any guests prior to entering the apiary
- Pets shall not be allowed into the apiary fenced area at any time
- If at any time, Cranberry Township, Cranberry Highlands, or Burgh Bees directors feel that your actions are unsafe, they can ask you to leave the apiary

I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP, CRANBERRY HIGHLANDS, BURGH BEES, AND ANY OTHER ORGANIZAION INVOLVED WITH APIARY ACTIVITIES FOR LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE APIARY BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

Signature

Name (Print)

Date

Address: _____

Email:

Phone:

Signature

Name (Print)

Date

Address: _____

Email:

Phone:

Number of Hives being placed in apiary: _____

Make checks payable to Cranberry Township

**MAIL PAYMENTS TO: Cranberry Township, c/o Linda Mackenstein
2525 Rochester Road Suite 400, Cranberry Township, Pa 16066**

Cranberry Township Information

Hive identification number(s): _____

Dues Paid: Yes No

Apiary Director

Signature: _____

Effective Date: _____

Expiration Date: _____