

IN THE PIPELINE

OCTOBER 2022

SPOTLIGHT ON LANTERNFLYS

It's time to turn the lights out on the Spotted Lanternfly in Cranberry Township!

The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) is an invasive planthopper native to Asia first discovered in Pennsylvania in 2014.

They feed on sap from a myriad of plants and prefer those important to Pennsylvania's economy including grapevines, maples, black walnut, birch, and willow.

SLF's feeding damage stresses plants which can decrease their health and in some cases cause death. SLF excrete honeydew, a sugary waste that attracts bees, wasps and other insects. The build-up of waste also leads to the growth of sooty mold and black-colored fungi.

What can a resident do?

Any efforts in destroying the Spotted Lanternfly or its' egg masses help reduce populations on properties and in communities.



**Spotted
Lanternfly**

SLF can be controlled by a combination of:

- physical removal at any life stage
- removal of Tree-of-Heaven host trees
- pesticide applications

See something? Say something! The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture asks residents to report sightings.

Learn more on how to report and get more information at extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly.

COMMUNITY PARK STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT IMPROVES FLOW

The first project focused on the Township's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Plan is under construction in Community Park.

The project consists of re-routing and restoring the Community Park Stream. Marked by jagged cliffs and sharp cuts, the stream was hardly a calm, serene presence in the heavily used park.

The Township's Engineering and Public Works departments set about calming the stream, restoring the banks, and planting vegetation in the floodplain as a means of reducing erosion and sediment.

In addition to creating a more stable stream, the project will serve as an educational tool with signage explaining the importance of stream maintenance to the environment.

COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION, PARK, AND OPEN SPACE SURVEY

Cranberry Township is kicking off an exciting process to create a long-range Comprehensive Recreation Park and Open Space Plan.

The plan will define local visions, goals, and practical steps that will help the Township make decisions about parks, programs, connections, budgeting, capital improvements, and establish priorities for years to come. Community input is essential to create a plan that reflects what's most important to those who live and work here. Residents, business owners and other stakeholders are encouraged to take the anonymous survey.

By providing an email address at the end of the survey, one will be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 gift card which can be used toward Township programs, pool membership, or facility rentals. For more information about the plan, please visit www.cranberrytownship.org/parksplan.

Thanks in advance of sharing your thoughts!

Scan to take survey



**Flip page for fall,
family fun!**



Cranberry Township will celebrate Halloween with the annual Trick-or-Treat from 6-8 pm
Monday, October 31, rain or shine.



Customer Service: 724-776-4806
Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
After-Hours Call Service : 724-720-6464



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Hallow-**SCREAM** for our Halloween Activities



KIDS & FAMILIES



registration links



OCTOBER 2022

All
Month
Long!

SPOOKTACULAR PET COSTUME CONTEST ONLINE

Enter your best pet costume photo by October 16 and vote for your favorite pet costume between October 18-28! Pet photos can be submitted via Facebook @cranberrytwp. Winners will be announced October 31! Boo!

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BAKER'S DOZEN: HALLOWEEN CAKES 10AM-NOON

Creative kids can measure, mix, and bake their own Halloween-inspired cakes at the Municipal Center! Use frosting, fondant, spooky decorations and more! Aprons are provided to enhance the baker's experience.

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MAD SCIENCE: HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR 6:30-8PM

Our Mad Scientist needs help solving some Halloween hijinks! Break a witch's spell, watch objects float, and make bubbling potions in this children's program suited for ages 5-12. Plus, learn how to make dry ice - science has never been so cool!

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GREAT PUMPKIN FESTIVAL 6-8PM

Have some boo-tiful family fun at the Great Pumpkin Festival, hosted by Cranberry Township Parks & Recreation and Cranberry Public Library. Pick out and paint your own pumpkin, play games, make festive crafts, meet characters from Princess and Superhero Parties Pittsburgh, and more!

Costumes are encouraged and don't forget your candy bags and cameras!

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TRICK OR TREAT 6-8PM

Happy Halloween! Cranberry Township residents can "Trick or Treat" on Monday, October 31 from 6-8PM rain or shine. Homeowners are asked to keep their lights on if treats will be given. There will be added Police, Fire and EMS personnel on duty to ensure a safe night for residents. Be aware!



www.cranberrytownship.org/recreation



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