Message From the Chairman

Dear Friends,

We have all been through a difficult and uncertain time during the last few months. Concern about the coronavirus pandemic has been at the forefront of our day-to-day thoughts. But that is the situation we find ourselves in and all we can do is to pull together as a community and make the best of a bad situation.

My fellow Township Supervisors and I are doing what we can to help out. A substantial $10,000 donation was provided to The Open Link to help out the needy. The real estate tax discount period was extended to the end of May and the face value period was extended to the end of September. As these newsletter articles convey, Upper Hanover Township, with its dedicated staff, is working hard to keep things running and to move our 2020 work plans forward.

We strongly urge our residents to stay informed and to remain current with the latest guidelines related to the coronavirus pandemic. We will get through this. Stay well and stay safe.

Eugene F. Fried, Chairman
Upper Hanover Township Board of Supervisors

2020 Township Work Plan

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic delayed some of the planned 2020 Township projects. But the ambitious schedule remains intact and things are once again moving ahead on the following:

- ADA Improvements at the Municipal Building, including updated outside sidewalks and ramps, the installation of power button operated entrance doors, and the installation of further restroom accessibility;
- Completion of LED lighting upgrades at the Municipal Building;
- Repaving of the Municipal Building parking lot;
- Installation of a fuel island canopy at the Maintenance Building;
- Completion of the annual oil and chip road maintenance and paving projects;
- Continuation of the annual right-of-way tree maintenance program;
- Installation of a gazebo at Camelot Park;
- Completion of installation of bench shelters/dugouts at the Camelot Park softball fields;
- Replacement of the Newman Road culvert; and,
- Construction of a new bridge at Tagart Road in place of the existing bridge.

At left: The new fuel island canopy at the Maintenance Building
WE’re HERE FOR YOU
St. Luke’s Hospital ERs are SAFE.

Heart attacks, strokes and other medical emergencies come on suddenly.

- Hospitals are SAFE and provide immediate life-saving medical care.
- Chest pain and discomfort, facial drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty & blurred or double vision are signs of a medical emergency.

If you have symptoms…
CALL 911

We ensure the safe living of your loved ones.

To all of our caregivers, for your unwavering commitment and dedication to serve others,

We Thank You!

The nurses, home care aides, and live-in caregivers at Family Caregivers, continue to provide essential home care services to seniors in our communities during Covid 19. If you or your loved one are in need of care at home, please contact us!

215 • 541 • 9030 / www.family-caregivers.com
Township Supervisor Profile: Tim Woodward

Timothy Woodward is the newest member of the Board of Supervisors. Since taking office in January, Tim has been appointed to the Public Safety Committee and also serves as the alternate to the Township Planning Commission and the Upper Perkiomen Valley Regional Planning Commission. Tim lives on a permanently preserved farm in Upper Hanover Township with his wife Maureen and their three children.

After serving his country in the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Woodward worked as a police officer for several years before working for the Montgomery County Detective Bureau. While a county detective, Mr. Woodward served as a detective in the Major Crimes unit, lieutenant of the Narcotics and Homicide units and as Deputy Chief. While a county detective, Mr. Woodward obtained his undergraduate and law degrees, and after obtaining his law degree, tried many of Montgomery County’s biggest cases as a special assistant district attorney.

After serving as a county detective for twenty-three years, he served as First Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Woodward is currently working as a criminal defense attorney with Tim Woodward Law and is recognized as one of the preeminent trial attorneys in Pennsylvania.

“Upper Hanover Township is a great place to live and work,” said Mr. Woodward. “I will do all that I can to preserve our wonderful quality of life and to help move the Township forward in a responsible and fiscally sound manner in the years ahead.”

Supervisors Approve Face Period Tax Payment Extension

In recognition of the declared state of emergency due to the widespread outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and in support of Township residents during the severe economic hardship associated with the Stay-at-Home order and the cessation of most businesses, the Upper Hanover Township Board of Supervisors determined that it is in the best interest of our residents to extend the real estate tax bill face period by three (3) months from the usual June 30, 2020 due date to September 30, 2020. This follows the Board’s prior decision to extend the 2% discount period through the end of May.

This means that for the purposes of the Local Tax Collection Law there shall be no penalty imposed upon real estate tax payments made on or before September 30, 2020. The penalty will be imposed only on payments made after September 30, 2020. This tax relief applies only to annual tax bills and not interim tax bills.
To obtain the latest updates on the coronavirus pandemic, you can make use of the following contact information:

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We are all hoping we will not have to continue to hold Board of Supervisors meetings remotely via the Zoom platform. That will depend upon how things proceed with the current coronavirus pandemic situation. However, the Zoom platform works great and is very easy to use.

If a meeting is planned to be conducted via Zoom, the information on how to participate in the meeting will be listed on the Township website (upperhanovertownship.org). You can access meetings from a computer, tablet, smartphone, or phone.

If you are using Zoom for the first time on a computer, tablet, or smartphone, you will need to first download the Zoom software with the link included on the Township website. From a computer, tablet, or smartphone you would click “Join a Meeting,” then enter the listed Zoom Meeting ID and Password.

By phone, you will call the listed number then enter the listed Zoom Meeting ID and Password.

As during any Township meeting, there is a designated time for citizens’ comments.

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**ABOUT UPPER HANOVER TOWNSHIP**

- Before 1741, Upper Hanover was part of Hanover Township, along with Douglass, Pottsgrove, New Hanover, and the Borough of Pottstown.
- In 1741, Upper Hanover contained the three villages of Palm, Kleinville, and Hillegassville in addition to the settlements that now constitute the boroughs of Pennsburg, Red Hill, and East Greenville.
- The 1871 Township Road Map divided Upper Hanover Township into 11 districts: Palm, Bethesda, Croll, Schwenk, Hillegassville, Reed, Kleinville, Wanner, Greenville, Pennsburg and Church.
- Upper Hanover shares boundaries with 3 counties and 11 municipalities.
- Built in 1835, the 301-foot long Knight Road Bridge (“The Kissing Bridge”) was once the longest and only remaining wooden covered bridge in Montgomery County prior to its demolition in 1956 as part of the Green Lane Reservoir Project.
- Six creeks run through the Township, including the Perkiomen Creek, West Branch of Perkiomen Creek, Hosensack Creek, Macoby Creek, Molasses Creek, and Stony Run Creek.
- The highest geographical point in Montgomery County is located in Upper Hanover Township at the Mill Hill Preservation Area at 715-feet above sea level.
How to Protect Yourself and Others from Coronavirus

Know how it spreads

• There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
• The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.
• The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
  » Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
  » Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
  » These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
  » Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

Everyone should
Clean your hands often

• Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
• If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
• Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact

• Stay home if you are sick.
• Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
• Put distance between yourself and other people.
  » Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
  » This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others

• You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
• Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
  » Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
• The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
• Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
• Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

Cover coughs and sneezes

• If you are in a private setting and do not have on your cloth face covering, remember to always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
• Throw used tissues in the trash.
• Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Clean and disinfect

• Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks. www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html
• If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
• Then, use a household disinfectant.

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
Yard/Leaf Waste Recycling

The John Miller and Son, Inc. recycling facility (2542 Geryville Pike) is the designated Upper Hanover Township Yard/Leaf Waste drop-off site and is free of charge for all Upper Hanover Township residents.

**Leaf waste must be delivered in biodegradable bags separated from all other garden residue, shrubbery, and tree trimmings.** Please check all wood waste for the presence of spotted lanternfly eggs and remove the eggs per approved procedures before delivering wood waste to the drop-off site.

**When:** Second Saturday of Each Month, 8 a.m. to noon

**Where:** John Miller & Son, Inc., 2542 Geryville Pike, Pennsburg, PA 18073

**Directions:** Heading North on Route 663 turn right at Geryville Pike. Continue 2.5 miles on Geryville Pike past the intersection with James Road and past the entrance to The Loft at Sweetwater Country Club. Cross the small bridge and the John Miller and Son, Inc. facility is located approximately 50 yards further on the right hand side.

**What:** Yard/Leaf Waste includes leaves, garden residue, shrubbery, and tree trimmings no larger than four (4) inches in diameter.

**Who:** Free of charge for all Upper Hanover Township residents. Yard waste from non-residents, landscapers or other private haulers or businesses will not be accepted.

**Why:** The burning of leaf waste and yard waste, and/or any item, substance or material designated as a Recyclable Material under the Code of the Township of Upper Hanover, Chapter 409, Solid Waste, as amended, is prohibited.

**More Info:**
- No grass clippings will be accepted.
- Leaves must be contained in biodegradable bags provided by the resident. The Township will not sell or provide leaf/yard waste bags.
- Tree trunks greater than four (4) inches in diameter and all tree stumps will not be accepted.
- Twigs and branches should be placed in biodegradable bags and or tied with biodegradable twine in packages no greater than six (6) feet in length.
- No duct tape or binding other than biodegradable twine is allowed.
- Mud and dirt should be cleared from all twigs and branches.
- Materials prohibited from being dropped off at the site are sod, soil, stones. demolition materials, stumps, logs (greater than four inches in diameter), trash or treated lumber.

*John Miller and Son, Inc. also accepts office paper and most metals free of charge.*
A Brief History of Upper Hanover Township

Native Americans, probably “Lenape” of the Delaware tribe, made use of the abundant resources found in the Upper Hanover Township area along with much of what we know of now as southeastern Pennsylvania. They were some of the first people to make contact with European explorers and both benefited and sacrificed from these very early seventeenth century interactions.

According to Dr. Paul A. W. Wallace’s book *Indian Paths of Pennsylvania*, “a path ran north from an Indian town on the Schuylkill at the mouth of the Perkiomen Creek (about a mile south of Oaks) to the Vera Cruz jasper quarries” in Lehigh County. The path was reported to have run up the west side of the Perkiomen Creek, past modern-day Schwenksville and Perkiomenville. It was reported to have crossed the water where the Perkiomen and Macoby creeks meet in Green Lane. From there, the path crossed the hills between the two creeks and continued north along the Macoby and Stony Run creeks, through Kleinville, in Upper Hanover Township, and on to Geryville, Hosensack, and the Jasper mines at Vera Cruz.

Ultimately, the land came under the control of the William Penn family who, through an aggressive settlement campaign, eventually moved the Native American populations further westward.

Meanwhile religious, social, and economic tensions in the Germanic city-states of Europe, particularly religious intolerance and the unrest resulting from the Thirty Years War (1618-1648), drove many German-speaking people away from their homes. Large numbers fled to Philadelphia, induced by the promise of religious tolerance and a vision of economic opportunity. From there, some made their way to what is now Upper Hanover Township. Among the many German-language religious groups settling this township were Lutherans, Reformed, Catholic, Mennonites, and Schwenkfelders.

Before 1741, Upper Hanover was part of Hanover Township along with Douglass, Pottsgrove, and New Hanover townships and the Borough of Pottstown. Upper Hanover became a separate township from Hanover Township in 1741 and, at that time, its boundaries also included the three villages of Palm, Kleinville, and Hillegassville, in addition to the settlements that now constitute the boroughs of Pennsburg, Red Hill, and East Greenville.

The township’s rich soil attracted excellent German farmers who settled in the area. Industrial activity was second only to agriculture in importance during this early period. The primary industry was building construction. Utilizing granite boulders provided from the Hosensack Hills facilitated this. Waterpower was also available from the Perkiomen Creek and propelled water wheels for five gristmills and four sawmills.

In 1851, the Goshenhoppen and Green Lane Turnpike (today known as Route 29 or Gravel Pike) was completed. The Geryville and Sumneytown Turnpike, finished in 1865, also crossed the eastern portion of the township.

The Perkiomen Railroad, aided by the Reading Railroad, constructed and opened a rail line from Collegeville to Upper Hanover Township in 1873. The line was extended to Emmaus in 1874. By 1878, mail service, via the railroad, reached the train stations in Upper Hanover Township.

Livestock arrived on the rail cars for the large, public auctions in the Township. Lumber, coal, and raw materials to supply the local factories also arrived by train. Finished goods, milk, and vegetables were shipped to the city in the same way.

With the railroad, travelers were able to enjoy a much easier commute to the popular township recreation destinations.

The railroad also brought the ice industry to the township. Its proximity to the exceptional waters of the Perkiomen Creek and access to the railroad made ice making a major industry between 1890 and the early 1920s.

The largest icthouse built in Upper Hanover Township was the structure erected in Palm by the Hancock Ice Company. Built in 1897, it was 311 feet long, 90 feet wide and 42 feet high. The coming of electric freezers made the ice industry obsolete and the flood of 1935 wiped out almost all of the ice dams on the Perkiomen Creek that had once supported the ice industry.

During World War II, many of the valley’s workers traveled to industrial centers (i.e. Pottstown, Allentown, Lansdale, etc.) outside the valley to find employment in the war effort.

In 1950, a fierce controversy gripped the valley. The Philadelphia Suburban Water Company wanted to impound three billion gallons of the Perkiomen Creek’s water to supply municipalities at the eastern end of Montgomery County. Valley residents felt their water rights were being confiscated. The citizens of the valley organized, took the issue to court, and lost. Construction on the dam started in 1954. The reservoir and its surrounding parklands are now an important landmark and recreation area for the valley.

In 1948, Upper Hanover Township had a total of nine schoolhouses. Though it had been discussed on numerous occasions, the formation of the Upper Perkiomen School District was still several years away. Schools in East Greenville and Pennsburg were growing, but student enrollment in Upper Hanover was waning. Five of the schoolhouses, one dating back to 1855, were sold in 1948.

The Upper Perkiomen Valley School District was formed in 1954. Red Hill, Pennsburg, East Greenville, Green Lane, Marlborough, Upper Hanover, and Hereford in Berks County merged to better serve school needs in the valley. A multimillion-dollar high school was constructed, spanning part of Red Hill and Upper Hanover Township.

Over the next few decades, major growth and changes occurred in Upper Hanover Township. Industries such as Knoll, Inc., Brown Printing, and Blommer Chocolates located their business in the Township. Housing development flourished in the early years of the 21st century and boosted the population to 7,124 by 2016. A major shopping center, The Shoppes at Upper Hanover, opened for business in 2006. Despite the recent growth, Upper Hanover Township has maintained its rural character through active coordination with the Montgomery County Open Space Program and the Farmland Preservation Program.
Things that aren't there ANYMORE...

WWII Watch Tower

Perkiomen Heights Hotel

Beltzville Store
Do you know where these places were located?

Millside Amusement Park

Palm Ice House

Perkiomen Paper Mill
This is a new era of

Life without joint pain.

Orthopaedic Care at Grand View Health

Putting your pain in the past is our way of life. Learn about our groundbreaking orthopaedic treatments and partnership with Penn Orthopaedics at GVH.org/ortho.

New Grand View Health Orthopaedic Center, Rte. 309 in Colmar
NOW SCHEDULING: 215-257-3700
2019 In Review: A Busy Year!

• The 2020 Township Budget was adopted in November without a real estate tax increase for the fifteenth (15th) straight year.
• The total Township assessed property value increased from $520,254,267 to $537,376,262.
• The Zoning Hearing Board heard and adjudicated three (3) zoning hearings.
• There was one (1) conditional use hearing.
• There were not any rezoning public hearings.
• The Board of Supervisors adopted 11 ordinances and 28 resolutions.
• The Board of Supervisors presented eight Service Recognition Awards to Township volunteers and employees.
• Developers filed four (4) new subdivision and land development plan. Five (5) plans were granted final plan approval. Four (4) previously filed plans were pending approval as of December 31.
• The Board of Supervisors provided a $63,600 local match for the James Yerger Farm Preservation on Wild Run Road (53 acres).
• The township issued 251 building permits, including 98 for new houses.
• The Pennsylvania State Police reported 2,055 incidents in Upper Hanover Township, including 383 traffic stops and 1,672 other incidents.
• 193 fire company calls occurred in 2019 with an estimated fire loss of $401,200.
• The annual road paving and oil and chip road projects were completed.
• The American Cancer Society 2019 Upper Bucks-Mont relay for Life event was held at Camelot Park.
• The PA Department of Agriculture quarantine due to the presence of the spotted lanternfly continued. The infestation was not as severe as in 2018.
• The Township was awarded a $130,000 grant through the Montco Transportation Program for use on the Otts Road Bridge Replacement Project.
• An emergency standby generator was installed at the Municipal Building. The building fuel source was converted to natural gas and a new HVAC system was installed.
• The Fennel Road Bridge was replaced with a new bridge at a construction cost of $230,000.
• A gazebo was installed at Macoby Run Park.
• The Township recovered from a flash flood event in July that seriously damaged four Township bridges. Three of the damaged bridges were reopened within one week after the storm and the fourth by the end of August.
• The Township prepared for the 2020 U.S. Census.

NEW TRUCK
The Township took delivery of a new 2020 Mack Dump in March.

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From Pennsylvania State Police Skippack Barracks

**Reporting Suspicious Activity**

**What Should I Consider Suspicious?**

- Overheard conversations in which individuals/patrons make unusual or alarming statements;
- Individuals found in areas that are off-limits to the public;
- Individuals acting nervous or impatient;
- Unknown persons asking for directions to sensitive areas on a property, including utility and security rooms;
- Individuals surveilling a public or industrial facility;
- Suspicious questioning regarding schedules, safety procedures, security equipment, (for example, the presence of surveillance cameras vs. uniformed officers), etc.;
- Individuals who are taking notes or calling on mobile phones while pacing off distances;
- Actions by a person that suggests he/she is trying to hide his identity (for example, wearing a bulky hat, scarf, or some other article of clothing to obscure his face) or the appearance of an individual wearing clerical garb/religious attire in what appears to be a means of disguising his true identity);
- Individuals asking for directions to non-tourist, high-profile locations;
- Unusual statements/off-handed comments made by an individual that suggests he/she may be planning a criminal act. Examples may include expressed admiration or indirect reference to individuals involved in a notorious, violent incident; subtle or direct mention of a radical, political, or religious point of view, etc.;
- Unusual questions about a special event (for example, parade, street festival, etc. scheduled to take place in the area; strange or ominous statements made about an event or location;
- Individuals who go out of their way to avoid law enforcement and security;
- Individuals bringing or attempting to bring unusual packages into a public or industrial area.

*It is important to remember that just because someone’s speech, actions, beliefs, appearance, or way of life is different, it does not mean that he or she is suspicious. Some of the activities, taken individually, could be innocent and must be examined by law enforcement professionals in a larger context to determine whether there is a basis to investigate.*

**What Should I Do?**

If you are experiencing an emergency or a crime in progress contact 911.

If you are the victim of a crime, contact your local police department.

A partnership between the public and law enforcement is essential to the success of anti-terrorism efforts. You can support this partnership by:

- Watching for people and actions that are out of place;
- Making note of suspicious statements, people, and/or vehicles;
- Talk to individuals, ask questions, and listen to and observe their responses.

**Do not jeopardize your safety or the safety of others.**

In addition to reporting suspicious activity to your local police department, you are encouraged to contact the Pennsylvania State Police Tip Line. This will enhance the Statewide in situational awareness and can potentially aid in the prevention of future terrorist acts through early identification and intervention.

With your help, we can make the Commonwealth a safer place for all Pennsylvanians and visitors.

To report suspicious activities to the PSP tip line at any time:
- Call: 888-292-1919 or Email: tips at pa.go

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**Respond your way to the 2020 Census.**

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding. All of them are easy!

- Online
- By Phone
- By Mail

The 2020 Census marks the first time you will be invited to respond online—even on your mobile device. The online form is available in many different languages. Visit 2020CENSUS.GOV for more information about responding online.

2020CENSUS.GOV
2020 Census Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19

The 2020 Census is underway and more households across America are responding every day. Online, phone, and mailed self-responses will continue throughout the data collection process. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau is adjusting 2020 Census operations in order to:

- Protect the health and safety of the American public and Census Bureau employees.
- Implement guidance from federal, state, and local authorities regarding COVID-19.
- Ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities.

Under the adjusted 2020 Census operational plan, field activities would resume after June 1, 2020, as area census offices begin returning to full staff capacity. **In-person activities, including enumeration, office work, and processing activities, will incorporate the most current guidance from authorities to ensure the health and safety of staff and the public.**

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<td><strong>Self-Response Phase</strong></td>
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<td>Online, phone, and mailed self-responses continue through the data collection process.</td>
<td>March 12–July 31</td>
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<td><strong>Group Quarters (e-Response and Paper Enumeration)</strong></td>
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<td>Many group quarters have already begun responding through our e-response enumeration option.</td>
<td>April 2–June 5</td>
<td>April 2–September 3</td>
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<td><strong>Field Offices at Peak Operations</strong></td>
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<td>Managers and staff commence administrative, training, deployment, and support activities for peak data collection operations. This includes selecting and hiring field staff.</td>
<td>March 1</td>
<td>June 1</td>
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<td><strong>Update Leave – Stateside</strong></td>
<td>March 15–April 17</td>
<td>June 13–July 9</td>
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<td>Census takers drop off invitations to respond and paper questionnaires at the front doors of 5 million households stateside while updating the addresses.</td>
<td>May 13–July 31</td>
<td>August 11–October 31</td>
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<td><strong>Nonresponse Followup (NRFU)</strong></td>
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<td>Census takers will interview households in person.</td>
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<td><strong>In-Person Group Quarters Enumeration</strong></td>
<td>April 2–June 5</td>
<td>July 1–September 3</td>
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<td>Group quarters that remain a part of our in-person group quarters enumeration efforts will begin in July.</td>
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<td><strong>Service Based Enumeration</strong></td>
<td>March 30–April 1</td>
<td>Needs further review and coordination with outside partners and stakeholders.</td>
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<td>We’re working with service providers at soup kitchens, shelters, and regularly scheduled food vans to count the people they serve.</td>
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<td><strong>Mobile Questionnaire Assistance</strong></td>
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<td>Census Bureau staff assists people with responding online at places people gather (events, grocery stores, etc.).</td>
<td>March 30–July 31</td>
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<td><strong>Count of People Experiencing Homelessness Outdoors</strong></td>
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<td>Census takers count people under bridges, in parks, in all-night businesses, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>Enumeration of Transitory Locations</strong></td>
<td>April 9–May 4</td>
<td>Tentatively September 3–September 28, but may need further review and coordination.</td>
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<td>Census takers count people staying at campgrounds, RV parks, marinas, and hotels if they do not usually live elsewhere.</td>
<td>July 31, 2020–December 31, 2020</td>
<td>October 31, 2020–April 30, 2021</td>
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<td><strong>Process Apportionment Counts</strong></td>
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<td>After collection activities are complete, Census Bureau experts run and review output from programs to unduplicate responses, determine final housing unit status, populate any missing housing unit data on household size, and finalize the universe to be included in the apportionment count file.</td>
<td>January 1, 2021–March 30, 2021</td>
<td>May 1, 2021–July 31, 2021</td>
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<td><strong>Process Redistricting Data</strong></td>
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<td>Census Bureau experts run and review programs to populate any missing demographic data for each household, run differential privacy programs to ensure confidentiality, and run tabulation programs for each state delivery.</td>
<td>By December 31</td>
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<td><strong>Deliver Apportionment Counts to the President</strong></td>
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<td>By law, the Census Bureau will deliver each state’s population total, which determines its number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.</td>
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**Spotted Lanternfly Battle Heating Up for 2020**

If you see a spotted lanternfly – that beautiful but invasive species native to Asia that has spread to 14 counties in Pennsylvania since 2014 – don’t call the police. It’s not something they can do anything about.

“Kill it. Squash it, smash it. Just get rid of it,” advises the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. “These are called bad bugs for a reason.”

After you’ve dispatched the insect, you can report its presence online or by calling 1-888-4BADFLY.

The spotted lanternfly causes serious damage in trees, including oozing sap, wilting, leaf curling, and tree dieback. In addition to tree damage, when spotted lanternflies feed, they excrete a sugary substance, called honeydew, which encourages the growth of black sooty mold, which is harmless to people but causes damage to plants.

In counties infested and quarantined for the insect -- that includes Montgomery -- residents report hundreds of the insects that affect their quality of life and ability to enjoy the outdoors during the spring and summer months. Spotted Lanternflies will cover trees, swarm in the air, and their honeydew can coat decks and play equipment.

During the spring and early summer, experts advise destroying Spotted Lanternfly egg masses, which look like gray or tan, unevenly spread, smears of mortar or clay that appear on any smooth trunked tree, stone, or other flat smooth surfaces, including vehicles, campers, yard furniture, farm equipment or any other items stored outside. Simply scrape them off, double bag them, and throw them in the garbage, or place them in alcohol or hand sanitizer.

Penn State Extension has developed additional instructions for homeowners wanting to attack their own spotted lanternfly problems. They advise the following:

- Wrap tree trunks that the insects are climbing with sticky tape, which is available online and from local garden centers. Banding is most effective against nymphs in the spring, but homeowners have had success in trapping adults as well. But sticky tape has trapped birds and small mammals as well. That can be avoided by caging the sticky tape with wire or fencing material wrapped around the tree.

- Remove tree-of-heaven (Ailanthus altissima), a non-native, invasive plant common in landscape plantings and disturbed areas, such as along the sides of roads. It’s a preferred host plant of the spotted lanternfly.

- Attack the insects with pesticides. The extension website advises, “Only use insecticides that are registered by the Environmental Protection Agency to treat any insect on your property. All EPA-registered insecticides have an EPA registration number and a label for appropriate and legal use. Home remedies should not be used against spotted lanternfly because they may be unsafe to humans, pets, and plants, and could be illegal.”

**Why is it important to stop the spread of Spotted Lanternfly?** Well, in addition to being an annoyance, the insect can be destructive. A Penn State study 2019 projected worst-case scenario losses of $554 million annually and 5,000 jobs. It’s already blamed for estimated economic damages of $50.1 million per year and the loss of more than 400 jobs in the southeastern part of the state.

The Extension website holds an online course that provides businesses with the necessary training to receive a Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture permit, which is required for companies that move equipment and goods within and out of the quarantine zone.

Nearly 30,000 individuals have taken the course to date, including Penn State employees who travel to the quarantine zone on business.

“More and more people are identifying, reporting, and destroying the spotted lanternfly,” said Emelie Swackhamer, horticulture extension educator in Montgomery County. “Keeping the spotted lanternfly from reaching other parts of the state is crucial while we work, and every citizen can help by learning the steps they can take to help stop it.”

To learn more and report sightings, visit the Penn State Extension website or call the spotted lanternfly toll-free hotline at 888-422-3359. All reports are documented and investigated by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

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