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Funding to Help Volunteer Fire Companies and Smokey the Bear's 75th

By Terry Brady

DCNR - Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn and State Fire Commissioner Bruce Trego today announced more than 130 wildfire fighting grants totaling nearly \$620,000 to assist volunteer fire companies throughout the state.

The new funding was announced at the gathering at Pine Grove Furnace State Park marking Smokey Bear's historic impact on forest fire prevention.

"Across the state, a total of \$617,809 will benefit volunteers serving rural areas and communities where forest and brush fires are common," DCNR Sec. Dunn said. "To appreciate the value of well-equipped and highly trained wildfire fighters, one only has to look outside Pennsylvania to the horrific fires that sometimes plague other states."

Locally in Monroe and Northampton County grants were awarded to: Monroe - Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Co, Reeders, \$2,931, Kunkletown Volunteer Fire Co, Kunkletown, \$9,629, Tunkhannock Township Vol Fire Co, Long Pond, \$8,916.

In Northampton County - Bath Vol Fire Fighters & Ambulance Corps Inc, Bath, \$5,150, Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company, Bangor, \$5,000. "So, this is a fun day -- and a very serious day -- as some of our coworkers and neighbors could well be called upon again to battle wildfires in Pennsylvania and far beyond our state"

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Spotted Lanternfly Permit Classes Offered in 14 Pennsylvania Counties

By DCNR

HARRISBURG - In an effort to help Pennsylvania businesses more easily navigate the spotted lanternfly permitting process, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will offer 31 in-person permit classes throughout the 14-county quarantine zone.

The classes will be held Thursday, August 15, through Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

Businesses that operate within the quarantined counties -- and those that cross through in transit -- are required to have a permit demonstrating that they know how to recognize the destructive pest and keep from spreading it to new areas.

Training classes are free, and a permit is issued to those who successfully complete the two-hour class. To register, contact the Department of Agriculture at 717-787-5674 or slfpermit@pa.gov.

Permit training also can be accessed online at any time through the Penn State Extension.

The spotted lanternfly is a serious threat to Pennsylvania's agri-

cultural crops such as grapes, hops, and hardwoods. If you have an infestation of spotted lanternfly and its preferred host plant, tree of heaven, follow these steps to help combat this bad bug:

Kill about 90% of tree heaven on your property -- Simply cutting down tree of heaven is not enough to kill it; you must apply herbicide to the stump. Trees selected to be killed should be females, or those that bear seeds.

Treat the remaining tree of heaven on your property with an insecticide -- When spotted lanternfly starts to congregate to tree of heaven in late July, they will feed on your trap trees and are killed.

Scrape Egg Masses -- Egg masses are live and viable from about October through July. Volunteers can scrape them off of trees or smooth surfaces and place the eggs in alcohol or hand sanitizer to kill them.

Use an insecticide -- You could still find spotted lanternfly on your property even if there are no tree of heaven.

In Pennsylvania, application of insecticide (PDF) is site specific, meaning you can use insecticides labeled for use on ornamentals. For more information on these methods and the spotted lanternfly, visit the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's website at <https://t.e2ma.net/click/2hob1f/2ddo0k/iyfsezb>


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Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scout Bruno Henning. This young man has reached the highest level in scouting through hard work and commitment he will forever be an Eagle" said State Senator Mario Scavello.

LOOKOUT FIRE CO. #1

84th Annual LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

Park open: Friday Aug. 30, 2019 5:00 – 11:00 PM

Saturday Aug. 31, 2019 5:00 – 11:00PM

Sunday Sept. 1, 2019 3:00 – 11:00PM

Monday Sept. 2, 2019 2:00 – 9:00 PM



Entertainment:

Friday – Philadelphia Funk Authority 7:00 – 10:30PM

Saturday – Sidekicks Band 6:30 – 10:30 PM

Fireworks 11:00 PM

Sunday – Now Serving Band 4:30 – 10:30PM

Baby parade registration 3:00 – 3:30PM

Big Wheel Race registration 4:30 – 5:00PM

Monday – The Headliners 4:00 – 8:30PM

Parade registration at Boro. Hall 9 AM – Noon

84th Annual Labor Day Parade – 1 PM

Grand Raffle Drawing – 9 PM.

Ride Specials: Friday \$15 6:00 – Close

Sunday \$15 4:00 – 8:00PM

Free admission, free parking, free live entertainment, food, drinks, rides, cash bingo and much more. All proceeds benefit Lookout Fire Co.#1 building fund. For more information visit www.lookoutfireco.com.

Upper Mount Bethel Township Sewage Facilities Planning

By Judy Henckel

UMBT -Upper Mount Bethel Township (UMBT) has been exploring a revision to its 1990 Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan at Supervisor and public meetings. The draft revised plan will be submitted to DEP for approval at the end of the comment period September 24.

The Township website home page, umbt.org, displays a one page notice that includes five major recommendations with information on viewing a copy of the plan at the Township office. A digital comment submission page follows the notice.

The entire detailed plan and other pertinent information can be viewed online on the home page under Act 537 plan at the top left of the page. Written paper copy comments and/or questions can be submitted. The website states "all questions and/or comments received from the general public will be reviewed and added to the Act 537 plan along with the township's response."

Public participation is encouraged to determine support for various methods of sewage disposal and the effects on the community as a whole. This is not an isolated event to upgrade facilities in village centers in a rural township. It also sets the vision on future growth and how to achieve a balance that most residents can accept. The opportunity to express concerns is now, not when the shovels start hitting the ground.

NOTICE

DRAFT ACT 537 SEWAGE FACILITIES PLAN FOR UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP

In accordance with PA Code Title 25, Chapter 71, Upper Mount Bethel Township, is accepting written comments on the "Draft Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan for Upper Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania"

This is a proposed revision to the 1990 Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan for Upper Mount Bethel Township with the purpose of resolving inconsistencies with the Township Comprehensive Plan and to address recommendations from the 1990 Township Act 537 Plan. The plan focuses on several "Areas of Concern" (AOCs) within the Township.

Major recommendations include the following:

- Continued use of individual and community On Lot Sewage Disposal Systems (OLDS) throughout the majority of the Township, coupled with the adoption of a Sewage Management Program (SMP).
- Construction of a public sewer collection system extending from the Portland Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant at Demi Road to Delaware Drive (Route 611 Corridor) and south along the Route 611 Corridor to a point approximately 900 feet south of Mount Bethel Highway (AOC A).
- Construction of public sewer extensions to serve areas of the Township designated for Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA), the purpose of which is to accommodate and encourage businesses to relocate to Upper Mount Bethel Township.
- Construction of a public sewer extension from Roseto Borough, which is connected to the Bangor Borough Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant, to the Shooktown Road Area of Upper Mount Bethel Township (AOC C).
- Construction of a low pressure sewer extension from the end of the Shooktown Road Area to Lake Minsi Drive, from Valley View Drive to Fox Gap Road and beyond to Persimmon Lane (AOC C-1). Flow from this area would also be treated at Bangor Borough Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A copy of the "Draft Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan for Upper Mount Bethel Township" is available for public review Monday through Friday between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. at the offices of Upper Mount Bethel Township, 387 Ye Olde Highway, Mount Bethel, PA 18343. Written comments will be accepted by the Township for a 30-day period following the date of this publication.

Rick Fisher, Township Manager

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