



Bowman's Hill News

February 2022

Upcoming Events

BHHA annual meeting
April 26th 7pm
Upper Allen Township Bldg.

Spring Yard Sale
April 29th and 30th

Fall Yard Sale
September 23rd and 24th

Township branch pick-up
begins May 4th

Board Meeting Notes

Maintenance of the Bowman's Hill common areas involves grass cutting, clearing weeds, mulching around the trees at our main entrance, snow removal on some sections of sidewalks, and keeping low hanging tree limbs trimmed.

The 2022 HOA dues bill will be going out soon. You will notice dues have increased \$10 to \$75.00. The increased cost of landscaping and snow removal have required this change. We have worked very hard to keep dues to a minimum and have been quite successful in not increasing dues for at least the past 10 years. Look for the bill coming to your mailbox soon. Thank you.

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Speed Limit 25

The speed limit in Bowman's Hill is 25mph. Speeding throughout our neighborhood has been a problem, particularly on Round Ridge Road. Please be more mindful of your speed, especially during school bus and van pick-ups/drop-offs. Though school vans do not have a stop sign like busses do, please be considerate and cautious when passing them to increase the safety of children.

Due to this ongoing and serious safety issue, residents have acted towards keeping our children and pets safe. Upper Allen Police Department has been notified and will be patrolling our neighborhood. In addition, license plate numbers of regular offenders will be reported to the police.

Only 40 Days till Spring!!!!

Friendly reminder to take down your outdoor Christmas décor and lights! 😊 And while you are up there, check your gutters. Trees that hang over roofs can cause clogging and back up your gutters and spouts, leading to erosion in your garden beds around the house.



PA Dept of Agriculture has a FB page with many interesting tips and information. Here are a few posts from the page:

Bradford Pear Trees

Callery pear, or *Pyrus calleryana*, commonly called Bradford Pear has been added to PA's list of noxious weeds — plants that cannot be legally sold or cultivated in the state.

The popular, non-native, flowering fruit tree naturalizes, spreading from planted landscapes, crowding out other plants and disrupting native ecosystems. ⚠️ The ban on sale and cultivation will take effect February 9, 2022, with enforcement phased in over two years.



Learn more: <https://buff.ly/3FqnYNw>

Don't Forget to License Your Dog!

For info and to apply: <https://on.pa.gov/3E87RTe>

PA DOG LICENSING 101

ALL DOGS 3 MONTHS AND OLDER ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A LICENSE IN PA

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

SPAYED/NEUTERED		NOT SPAYED/NEUTERED	
\$6.50	\$31.50	\$8.50	\$51.50
PER YEAR	LIFETIME	PER YEAR	LIFETIME

WHAT DOES THE MONEY SUPPORT?

- REUNITING LOST DOGS WITH FAMILIES
- KENNEL INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS
- PROTECTING THE PUBLIC FROM DANGEROUS DOGS
- KENNEL HEALTH AND SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Do Spotted Lanternflies Die in the Winter?

Wintry weather doesn't mean it's quiet on the home front. Spotted Lanternfly egg survive over winter. These eggs form egg-masses laid on trees, under bark, on rusty metal, on plastic yard objects, on cars and trailers, on outdoor grills, and on many other surfaces. Every egg mass you destroy this winter is 30-50 less next spring!



How to identify & destroy egg masses: <https://buff.ly/2WthG9C>



Here's **PA Landscape Group's** top five tips to prepare your landscape to make your yard look great as we get closer to the outdoor season.

✓ **Start with Yard Cleanup**

Your spring preparations should begin with a thorough yard cleanup. One of the first things you should do is remove debris that has deposited in your yard over the course of the cold season. Make sure you wear a thick pair of gloves in case any sharp branches or items that have found their way into your yard via a winter storm.

✓ **Rake it Up**

Then, break out the rake. It's time to remove the leaves that you missed in the fall or those that have blown-in over the long winter we have had. While you're raking the lawn, you will also want to remove pinecones, acorns, twigs, and branches. Raking will also break up and reinvigorate the clumped-up grass.

✓ **Get to Pruning**

Pruning just before spring or during early spring yields the best results for your trees and shrubs. Dormant pruning improves your trees' health and removes dangerous limbs, as well as helps to shape it into a more attractive shape. Pruning your bushes can help revitalize them in spring and keeps their size and shape under control which is important for keeping up your curb appeal.

✓ **Always Edge**

If you want to prepare your landscape for spring, edging is a must. Edging helps to define the line between your landscaping and lawn. Edging will prevent your grass from growing into your beds and keep them both looking neater. Clean edging will give your landscape a sharp and well-manicured look.

✓ **Refresh Your Mulching**

Mulching improves plant health by helping to control moisture absorption by the plants and by preventing weeds. Mulch helps moisture control by absorbing water from heavy rains and releasing it over time. Mulch prevents weeds from growing by keeping them covered and weighted down. It's a good idea to wait for your plants to sprout up, that way you know where they are and don't cover them and prevent them from growing.

Thanks for the attention you give to making our neighborhood look nice!