Watch for Swarms of Spotted Lanternfly

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

SLATE BELT - Spotted Lanternfly, having grown into adults after storing up the summer warmth and energy, are beginning to swarm. They hunt for tall structures such as trees and houses in preparation to launch themselves into the wind, look for food and find a safe place to lay their eggs. The Spotted Lanternfly poses no harm to humans; however, they disrupt outdoor activity and feed off several types of trees.

These swarming events give researchers a good idea of where large populations might exist today, and where egg masses will likely be found in the winter months. Reporting these swarms via the Public Reporting Tool will aid researchers and treatment staff alike in the effort to slow the spread of this invasive insect.

In 2019, more than 90,000 sightings were reported to the PA Department of Agriculture, with the majority coming in during the September swarm. In 2020, the department saw a 50-80% increase in the number of early season peaks compared to 2019.

Johnsonville Inn

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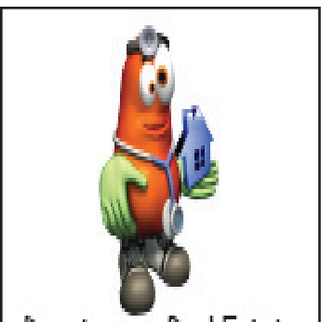
In 1889, the Constitution House was sold to Lewis Franklin Reimer who then renamed it the Johnsonville House. After the passing of Reimer in 1939, his grandson Ockey took over the Inn in 1941.

In 1976, the property was purchased and renamed the Red Geranium Country Inn until 1980 when Dan and Ethel Paolini took over the Inn. Danet's Red Geranium Country Inn was a local staple until Dan's passing in 2008.

The Inn changed ownership a few times between 2012 and 2015 until finally landing in the hands of Ed and Donna Curry in 2019. With renovations to bring it into the future, while looking back fondly to the past, it was renamed Johnsonville Inn in 2023.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