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**SATURDAY, JULY 23RD AT THE SHOP OF BARRY & CRYSTAL MUTZABAUGH Jr.
– of Mutzabaugh Excavating, 540 Mountain Rd, Dauphin PA 17018.**

There will be short board meeting at 1pm with the Picnic to start immediately following. There will be beef, pork and chickens all smoked along with side salads, fire roasted corn on the cob, drinks and desserts. Everything is provided – we will just need you to let us know how many will be coming by July 18th by calling Joanie at 724-866-1082 or by email @ pennsylvanialica@gmail.com.

Come spend the day relaxing and enjoying the company of other PALICA members! If you have a travel camper, you're welcome to bring and park on the property. There are also several hotels in the area if you need to spend the night, as another option. Hope to see you there.....

WELCOME

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TO:

President's Message



Hello, I hope all is well! We are halfway through a rough year for various reasons. I am sure I don't have to say anymore. We are having our summer picnic and scholarship presentation in July at my place of business. Come to the meeting and see what's going on it PALICA and then stay for a great cookout – eat, drink and be merry! Relax for the day – it's good for the soul! We hope to see many of you there. All food/drinks are provided. **All you need to do is RSVP the number coming and we'll take care of the rest.** Contact Joanie Micsky, our Executive Director either by email: pennsylvanialica@gmail.com or at 724-866-1082 by July 18th so we can plan accordingly!!

Barry Mutzabaugh

UPCOMING EVENTS: Mark your Calendars!!

1. Industrial Forklift & Telehandler Certification – At Best Line Equipment, 140 Hawbaker Industrial Drive, State College, PA-June 27th (7:30am-3:30pm-preregistration required)
2. SUMMER PICNIC WILL BE HELD AT BARRY MUTZABAUGH'S AGAIN ON SATURDAY JULY 23RD WHERE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED.
3. August 11th, Wilkes-Barre 811 Show @ Mohegan Sun Pocono, 1280 Highway 315
4. August 9th-11th – Penn State Ag Progress Days
5. September 20th Erie 811 Show @ Bayfront Convention Center, 1 Sassafra Pier
6. DOT Event in Lehigh County – more details to come
7. February 2023 – PALICA State Convention, Toftrees Golf Resort

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Federal REAL ID Enforcement Begins May 3, 2023



Harrisburg, PA – With the one-year countdown beginning today for the federal enforcement of REAL ID for commercial domestic air travel and other federal purposes, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) joined the Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) and Philadelphia International Airport officials to remind Pennsylvania residents who want REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and photo ID cards and have not yet gotten one to gather the needed documents now to ensure they leave plenty of time to get their REAL ID before the federal enforcement date.

To date, PennDOT has issued approximately 1.6 million REAL ID products.

REAL ID is a federal law that affects how states issue driver's licenses and ID cards if they are going to be acceptable for federal purposes, such as boarding a domestic flight or entering a federal building that requires federally acceptable ID upon entry. A federally acceptable form of identification (whether it's a Pennsylvania REAL ID driver's license or ID card, a valid U.S. Passport/Passport Card, a military ID, etc.) must be used for these purposes on and after May 3, 2023.

There is no requirement that any resident obtain a REAL ID; PennDOT continues to offer standard-issue driver's licenses and photo IDs.

"Although a year seems like a long time to get ready, the deadline will be upon us before you know it. We encourage our customers who want a REAL ID to get one as soon as possible," said PennDOT Acting Executive Deputy Secretary Melissa Batula. "We continue to focus on providing the best possible customer service to all of our customers as the federal deadline approaches."

Since March 1, 2019, PennDOT has processed about 8.3 million customers, with more than 1.6 million individuals choosing to opt into the REAL ID program. The remaining 6.7 million have chosen not to participate or use an alternative federally acceptable form of ID come the May 2023 deadline.

"We see plenty of travelers who reside in neighboring Delaware and New Jersey who fly out of Philadelphia International Airport regularly, and like all travelers from out-of-state who want to fly after May 3, 2023, they also will need to have a REAL ID compliant driver's license or other acceptable form of ID when they approach our TSA travel document podium," said TSA Federal Security Director Gerardo Spero. "The REAL ID law is for all Americans who want to fly out of any domestic airport across the country starting one year from now. My advice is to go to your local state's department of motor vehicles or department of transportation to get your upgraded REAL ID driver's license now. Don't wait."

Customers can obtain a REAL ID by presenting documents for verification and processing at any driver license center. Federal regulations require that to be issued a REAL ID-compliant product, PennDOT must verify the below documents:

- **Proof of Identity:** Examples include original or certified copy of a birth certificate filed with the State Office of Vital Records/Statistics with a raised seal/embossed or valid, unexpired, U.S. Passport;
- **Proof of Social Security Number:** Social security card, in current legal name;
- **Two Proofs of Current, Physical PA Address:** Examples include a current, unexpired PA driver's license or identification card, vehicle registration or a utility bill with the same name and address; and

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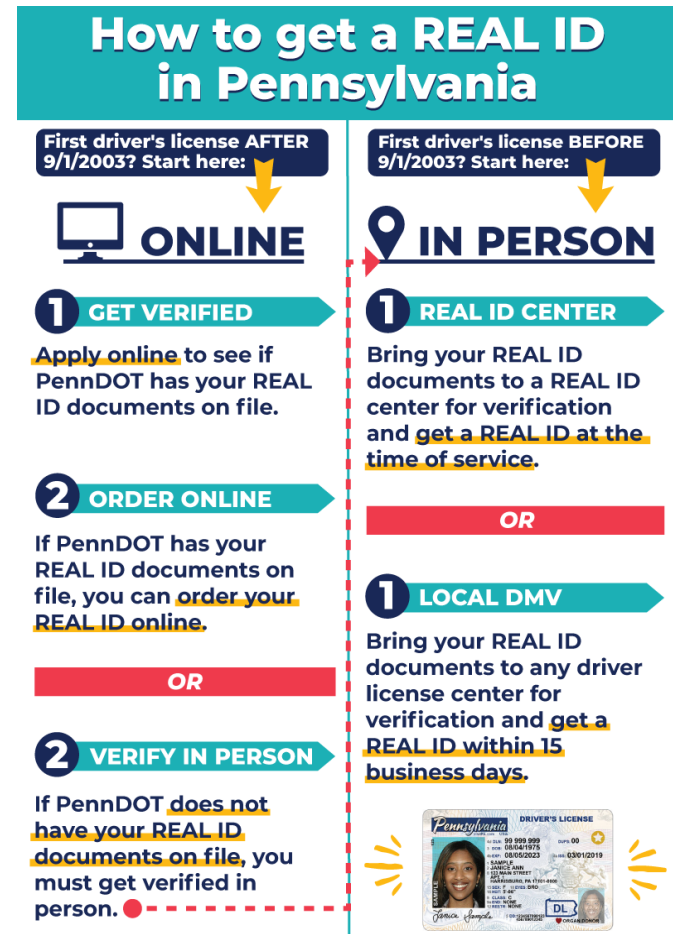
REAL ID – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW -- (Con't)

- **Proof of all Legal Name Changes** (if current legal name is different than what is reflected on proof of identity document): Examples include a certified marriage certificate(s) issued by the County Court for each marriage, court order(s) approving a change in legal name or amended birth certificate issued by the State Office of Vital Records/Statistics. If current name is the same as what is reflected on proof of identity document (usually birth certificate or passport), a customer does not need to show proof of legal name changes.

Customers have three options for obtaining a REAL ID product: Customers may order their REAL ID online if they have been pre-verified and their REAL ID product will be mailed to them within 15 business days; they can visit any PennDOT driver license center that is open for driver license services, have their documents verified and imaged, and their REAL ID product will be mailed to them within 15 business days; or they can visit one of 13 REAL ID Centers and receive their REAL ID product over the counter at the time of service.

When a customer gets their first REAL ID product, they pay a one-time fee of \$30, plus the applicable renewal fee (current renewal fee is \$30.50 for a four-year non-commercial driver's license, and \$31.50 for a photo ID). The expiration date of their initial REAL ID product will include any time remaining on their existing non-REAL ID product, plus an additional four years, unless the customer is over 65 and has a two-year license. This expiration date structure means that customers won't "lose" time that they've already paid for. After the initial REAL ID product expires, customers pay no additional fee, beyond regular renewal fees, to renew a REAL ID product.

REAL ID-compliant products are marked with a gold star in the upper right corner, standard-issue (non-compliant) products include the phrase "NOT FOR REAL ID PURPOSES," per federal regulations. Sample images can be viewed on PennDOT's website.



More information about REAL ID in Pennsylvania, including frequently asked questions and information on documents required for REAL ID, can be found at www.penndot.gov/REALID. For a full list of driver license centers and their services, please visit the PennDOT Driver and Vehicle Services website, www.dmv.pa.gov

New CDL Requirements Take Effect Monday and Could Cost You Up to \$8,500 and Weeks of Training (article from the spring newsletter)

IN THE SPRING ISSUE WE BROUGHT THE ISSUE OF THE NEW CDL REGULATIONS TO YOUR ATTENTION – WE’VE PARTNERED WITH NATIONAL LICA DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, NICK YAKSICH, TO COME UP WITH A LETTER YOU CAN ALL SEND TO YOUR PERSONAL LEGISLATORS TO BRING THEIR ATTENTION TO THE ISSUES YOU’RE ALL FACING REGARDING THIS CHANGE. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO COPY THE LETTER BELOW AND PUT ON YOUR PERSONAL LETTERHEAD AND FORWARD TO ALL THAT MIGHT HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE. **MANY VOICES MAKE MORE NOISE!**

June 2022

Congressman (add your legislator’s info here)

ADDRESS

Dear Congressman _____:

I want to bring to your attention a burdensome and costly mandate on small businesses like mine and ask that you research what can be done to delay or eliminate this costly federal requirement. I am very interested in your views on this matter.

As of February 7, 2022, CDL applicants are required to complete entry-level driver training from a provider listed on the new Training Provider Registry of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. This mandate comes at a time when local DOT officers are telling us that driver safety has significantly improved and hiring entry level drivers is already very challenging in this competitive job market.

I am asking for your help and know that other industry colleagues in your district and in Pennsylvania are struggling with this new federal mandate.

I would appreciate hearing your views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

PALICA’S CONTRACTOR CHALLENGE

The board of directors has come up with a challenge for our contractor members that will be well worth your time invested!

The member who recruits the most new members for the balance of 2022 will have an exemption from paying their 2023 dues, will receive two free registrations to the 2023 State Convention in State College next February, AND a very nice fleece green PALICA jacket.

Membership applications can be found on our website (pennsylvanialica.com) or can be obtained by emailing Joanie at pennsylvanialica@gmail.com. What better time to share with contractor friends, the benefits of a membership to PALICA. Feel free to share this newsletter with them as well. Give them the website address so they can see all the benefits that come with a membership along with upcoming events.

The winner will be announced after January 1st and will give you plenty of time to make plans to attend the state convention in February at the Toftree’s Golf Resort in State College.

READY, SET, GET RECRUITING!!!

Information you need to know as a business owner on the Spotted LanternFly in PA



ABOUT SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

The Spotted lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula* (White), is an invasive planthopper native to Asia that was first detected in Pennsylvania in 2014.

Spotted lanternflies feed on sap from a myriad of plants but have a strong preference for grapevines, maples, black walnut, birch and willow. Their feeding damage stresses plants which can decrease their health and in some cases cause death.

It's not just our plants at risk, it's our economy.

The spotted lanternfly can impact the viticulture (grape), fruit tree, plant nursery and timber industries, which contribute billions of dollars each year to PA's economy. A recent economic impact study estimates that, uncontrolled, this insect could cost the state \$324 million annually and more than 2,800 jobs.

Pennsylvanian's Quality of Life can be impacted.

Spotted lanternflies excrete honeydew, a sugary waste that attracts bees, wasps and other insects and this waste builds up on any surface below them. The build-up of waste also leads to the growth of sooty mold and black-colored fungi.



HOW TO STOP THE SPREAD OF SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

Know Your Zones: The spotted lanternfly is quarantined in several Eastern states, so drivers who travel through these areas need to be extra careful that they aren't moving this pest. [Find your zone through the interactive spotted lanternfly map.](#)

If your business operates in or near an infested area, or if you receive shipments from an infested area:

- **Check Your Vehicle:** Before leaving a parking lot or work site, inspect vehicles for spotted lanternfly egg or insects. Check doors, sides, bumpers, wheel wells, grills, and roofs. If found, destroy any eggs or insects you find.
- **Inspect Items Being Moved:** Check shipping containers, propane tanks, pallets and other items being stored outdoors before they are moved off-site. Inspect incoming goods for egg masses and insects.
- **Park with Windows Closed:** The spotted lanternfly and its nymphs can enter vehicles unsuspectingly. When parked, make sure to keep windows closed. If possible, try to park 15 feet away from trees if in a quarantine zone.
- **Remove and Destroy Pests:** Crush nymphs and adult insects. Crush or scrape egg masses into a plastic bag containing hand sanitizer or rubbing alcohol to kill them. Treatment information can be found through [Penn State Extension](#) at extension.psu.edu, keyword: spotted lanternfly management.
- **Remove Host Trees:** Spotted lanternflies prefer the ailanthus tree, also known as "[Tree of Heaven](#)." Try to remove trees from the business property to avoid attracting spotted lanternfly.
- **Report Sightings:** [Report online](#) or by calling 1-888-4BAD-FLY (1-888-422-3359), Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. If possible, take a picture or capture the insect in alcohol.
- **Comply with Permitting:** Businesses operating in quarantine zones must have permits to move equipment and goods. Visit agriculture.pa.gov/spottedlanternfly for more information about permits.

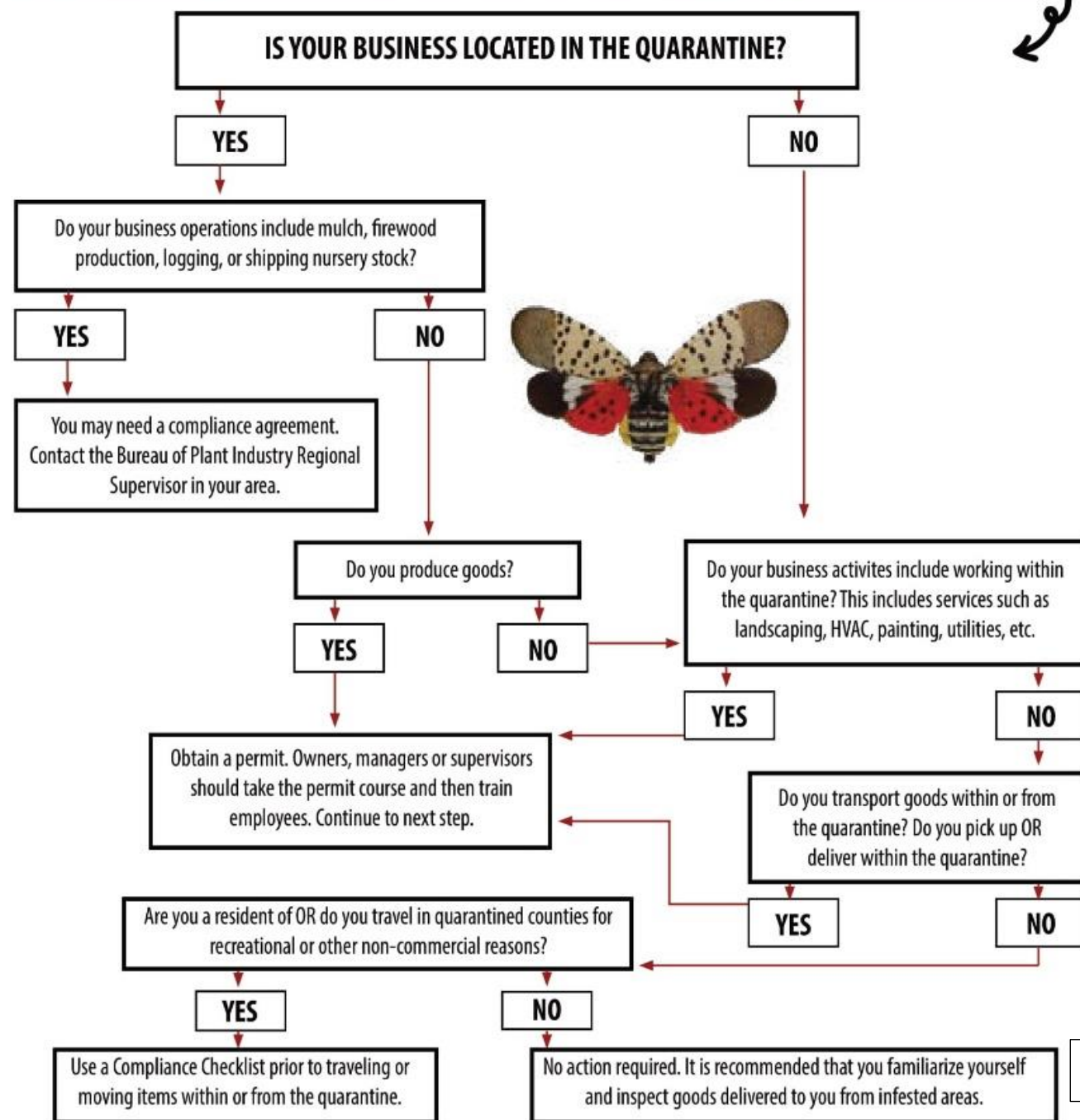
DETERMINING IF YOUR BUSINESS NEEDS A PERMIT

A Spotted Lanternfly permit is required for businesses, agencies and organizations (agricultural and non-agricultural) working within the [spotted lanternfly quarantine](#), which move regulated articles (defined as any living spotted lanternfly life stage, products, vehicles or other conveyances, etc.) within or out of the quarantine.

A county is placed under quarantine when evidence of a reproducing population of spotted lanternflies, such as an egg mass, is found by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

A permit is also required to move regulated articles into any part of Pennsylvania from areas in other states with established spotted lanternfly populations. You can use this decision tree to help determine if you need a permit or see the [Permit FAQs](#) for more guidance.

USE THIS DECISION TREE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO BE QUARANTINE COMPLIANT



MY BUSINESS NEEDS A PERMIT, NOW WHAT?

If your business or organization meets the criteria for requiring a spotted lanternfly permit, the designated employee(s) need to complete the [online course](#) offered by Penn State Extension and the Department of Agriculture.

This free, self-paced course will provide the information and resources necessary for the designated employee to then train fellow employees about best operating procedures within the quarantine zone. A permit will be issued to the designated employee after completing the online course.

[Downloadable training materials in English and Spanish are available.](#)

If you have questions about obtaining a SLF permit, please contact SLFPermit@PA.gov.

WE'RE PERMITTED - WHAT ELSE SHOULD WE DO?

The thing is, that if you are proactively taking steps to protect your business, your community and Pennsylvania's land you are actively protecting your partners, whether it's your vendors, suppliers or the very industries threatened by spotted lanternfly.

Businesses play a big role in stopping the spread and getting permitted is an important step in helping us stop spotted lanternfly from causing economic and environmental damage.

Steps to take:

- Inspect both outgoing AND incoming goods and materials to protect yourself from spotted lanternfly from an outside source.
- Incorporate pest control into vegetation management plans
- Use the interactive [SLF Permit Map](#) to find future partners that are permit holders in the U.S. and Canada.
- Ensure suppliers have permits and are striving to prevent the spread spotted lanternfly on their materials and vehicles to your location. If they are not, voice your concerns and expectations before they deliver to your location.

Encourage your partners to do the same for you, getting a spotted lanternfly permit is simple and businesses are supported through the process. There are also a variety of resources and tools to help maintain compliance and make it easy to do your part to stop the spread.

- [Use logs and compliance documents to meet requirements](#)
- [Report spotted lanternfly sightings online](#) or by calling 1-888-422-3359
- [Implement best management practices based on your industry](#)
- [Check out helpful fact sheets, videos, and webinars from Penn State](#)

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY - CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION



(A) Egg Mass: September to May (B) Early Nymph: April to July (C) Late Nymph: July to September (D) Adult (Wings Closed): July to December (E) Adult (Wings Open): July to December

Prior to departing a location within the quarantine zone, inspect your vehicle and/or trailer, cargo and exterior equipment for Spotted Lanternfly (SLF). If you locate evidence of a SLF, you must destroy it.

REPORT SIGHTINGS TO: 1-888-422-3359 or <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>.

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY VEHICLE CHECK:

Driver Name: _____

**This inspection log template provides an example of what to document for SLF inspections on vehicle and/or exterior equipment. Documentation is required, but businesses may adapt format as needed to blend with other businesses practices.*

DATE	TIME	TRUCK	TRAILER	QUARANTINE LOCATION	SLF FOUND	SLF DESTROYED	SLF NOT FOUND

By signing this checklist, I am confirming that I have inspected my vehicle for SLF prior to traveling within or out of the quarantine zone.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY CHECKLIST FOR DRIVERS

Help keep spotted lanternfly from spreading. Before you leave your company lot or work site, check for spotted lanternflies on your vehicle's:

LIFE STAGES

EGG MASS - FRESH



EGG MASS - OLD



EARLY STAGE NYMPH



LATE STAGE NYMPH



ADULT

- ☐ Doors and sides
- ☐ Grill
- ☐ Bumpers
- ☐ Wheel wells
- ☐ Roof
- ☐ Cargo

Remember to park away from trees when possible, and close windows to keep spotted lanternflies out.

- Check items stored outside for the pest before moving them to a new location:**

- ☐ Propane tanks
- ☐ Outdoor machinery
- ☐ Wooden pallets
- ☐ Shipping containers

When you find an egg mass:

- ☐ Scrape it into a plastic bag or container that contains rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer.

When you find a nymph or an adult:

- ☐ Squash it.

Report any spotted lanternflies you see:

- ☐ Report [online](#) or by calling 1-888-4BAD-FLY (1-888-422-3359), Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. If possible, take a picture.



SLF VEHICLE / EQUIPMENT INSPECTION LOG

ALL RECORDS MUST BE KEPT FOR TWO (2) YEARS

NAME:

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THROUGHOUT PA THIS SUMMER & FALL IN
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PA One Call System, Inc., dba Pennsylvania 811, is the place to call when digging in Pennsylvania by dialing 811. It is the law to make the call three business days before excavating if using mechanized equipment to excavate. Every state has a one call system and dialing 811 has been an option since 2007. Much like 911, dialing the number takes one to the closest one call center to make a dig notification.

PA One Call is celebrating 50 years of service across Pennsylvania! Part of their educational outreach is hosting seven safety days across the state. Featured above is the safety day in Wilkes Barre, PA actually being held on August 11, 2022 (811 Day!). The other safety day locations include Allentown, Drexel Hill, Pittsburgh, York, Erie, and Altoona. More information and registration may be found by going to www.pa1call.org/safetyday.

The safety day events include no cost educational sessions, demonstrations, exhibits, an interactive locating exercise, a keynote speaker, lunch and chances to win prizes. PA One Call also offers many no-cost trainings. The trainings are available at www.pa1call.org/events and include professional development hours (pdh)s. Virtual and in person training is available through the Education Department with Damage Prevention Liaisons spread across the state to personally assist. To find your local Liaison, please visit www.pa1call.org/liaisons.

811 Shows: left is Pittsburgh (Dan Micsky & Kitty Davis)

Below is Allentown Show-Chris Wagner-LICA President, Eddy Mahen-LICA Educational Foundation for Veterans Executive Director, and Jerry Biuso Sr. – National LICA CEO





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Don't forget the summer National Convention is in St. Charles, MO at the Ameristar Casino & Spa Tuesday, July 12th through Saturday July 16th.

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After 97 Years, Caterpillar Relocating Headquarters Out of Illinois



four years after moving its corporate headquarters from Peoria to Deerfield, Illinois, [Caterpillar is moving](#) again – this time to Texas.

The company announced June 14 that it will relocate its global headquarters to one of its offices in Irving in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Its headquarters will be leaving a state where it has been based since the Caterpillar Tractor Company was formed in 1925 and moved its headquarters from California to Peoria.

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker released a statement following Caterpillar's brief announcement: "It's disappointing to see Caterpillar move their 240 headquarters employees out of Deerfield over the next several years when so many companies are coming in. We will continue to support the 17,400 Illinoisans who work for the company in East Peoria, Mapleton, Mossville, Pontiac and Decatur – which remains Caterpillar's largest manufacturing plant in North America after the company's recent expansion."

Caterpillar plans to start the move this year. "We believe it's in the best strategic interest of the company to make this move, which supports Caterpillar's strategy for profitable growth as we help our customers build a better, more sustainable world," said Chairman and CEO Jim Umpleby.

The current home of Caterpillar's corporate headquarters in Deerfield, Illinois, will soon be vacated for a move to Irving, Texas. Caterpillar, the world's largest construction equipment maker has had a presence in Texas since the 1960s, the company says. It added in a news release that Illinois still holds the largest concentration of its employees worldwide. In 2017, [Caterpillar shocked Peoria](#) with the news it would move to Deerfield, a suburb of Chicago. The company and its predecessor have built equipment, starting with crawler tractors, in Peoria for 112 years.

Global headquarters moved to Corporate 500 office park in mid-2018 where it has leased space. At the time, the company cited the location's proximity to downtown Chicago and O'Hare International Airport, as well as quick access to major interstates and the area's commuter rail system.

It was also cited as a place that would help the company attract the best, diverse talent. Earlier this year, Caterpillar moved its Electric Power division, which makes generators, to Irving, where it consolidated leadership and support teams. "This location is home to a highly skilled workforce and provides global access to our customers and dealers with centralized proximity to DFW and Love Field airports," said Jason Kaiser, the division's vice president, in announcing that move. Caterpillar's announced move out of the Chicago area comes a month after Boeing announced it was moving its headquarters out of Chicago.



The move to Irving is designed to help the company attract new talent and improve global access to its employees, customers and dealer network, according to [Bloomberg News](#), quoting an email from Caterpillar spokeswoman Kate Kenny. "We believe being in the Dallas Fort-Worth market will give us the ability to attract new talent and provide additional career opportunities for our current employees to aid in retention," Kenny wrote in an email to the news outlet.

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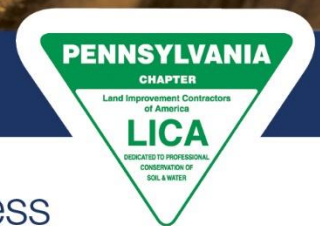


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Today's top companies are no longer just measured in dollars and cents. As a global leader in the rental equipment market, Sunbelt Rentals has chosen to lead by example. Second only to safety, we understand the importance of social responsibility in the communi-

ties that we serve all over the world. That responsibility is the catalyst for our ongoing efforts to promote volunteering, support and engage in charitable giving, and lesson negative impacts to our environment.

Driven to reduce carbon intensity by 35% before 2030, Sunbelt Rentals is investing in new low and zero carbon technologies. We are focused and committed to do the right things, and we know that by taking responsibility for our actions today, we are creating future positive outcomes for generations to come. It's right for our business, it's right for our customers, it's right for the communities that we serve, and it's right for our planet..

Sunbelt Rentals' iconic green equipment is easily recognizable and –with it– the value it brings to its customers. But, in addition to offering one of the world's largest rental equipment fleets, Sunbelt Rentals is also a premier solutions provider, able to supply expert advise, specialized equipment and, in some cases, engineered solutions and expert installation/removal for: Climate Control, Flooring Solutions, Power Generation & Climate Control (HVAC), Pumping & Fluids Handling, Ground Protection (Heavy-Civil Matting and Turf Protection Flooring), Shoring, Scaffolding, Oil & Gas, Industrial Tools, Industrial Heat, Temporary Structures and Temporary Containment Walls.

In this article, we will shine a spotlight on the capabilities and environmental benefits of products offered within **Sunbelt Rentals Ground Protection Division** and how these products and services can benefit LICA Members.

For decades, the professionals at Sunbelt Rentals Ground Protection have provided expert site access solutions that reduce your overall project costs, improve site safety, and reduce environmental impacts caused by civil construction. Sunbelt Rentals' experienced installation teams thrive in complex environments and provide superior products built to withstand the most demanding field conditions. They specialize in partnering with civil and/or E&S companies to ensure that all aspects of your project's site access and work platform needs are met –assuring you the safest and most ecologically sound method.





Sunbelt Rentals specializes in the design and installation of temporary, heavy-duty, composite construction matting manufactured from high-density polyethylene. While their recyclable composite mats perform well for any project requiring site access, they are an ideal choice in agricultural settings and ecologically sensitive areas such as marshes, swamps, bogs, fens, wet meadows, and tidal zones because of their inherent impermeability and buoyant property. Composite mats

do not get heavier or lose strength when wet, and they do not contain dangerous chemical preservatives or metal fasteners that can cause potential sickness or injury -which can be contained in wood construction mats.

Equally impressive is the fact that composite mats are non-conductive, and their impermeable properties eliminate the risk of rot, insect infestation, and warping. Simply put, these mats are engineered to deliver and built to last. Weighing approximately



1000 lbs., they contain UV-inhibitors to extend life and increase resiliency, and they provide up to 600 psi Load Bearing Capacity. Couple that with an integrated connection system that uses interlocking pins to secure overlapping panels, you have a continuous, treaded surface that helps to prevent slipping and provide for better traction in muddy, wet and icy conditions -while evenly distributing loads.



Sunbelt Rentals further complements its temporary access solution services by offering the

installation of heavy-duty, fixed-span, steel bridges (Swift Bridges®) and steel Trench-Crossing Units (TCUs). Swift Bridges® are available in 20', 30' and 40' lengths, and provide for a seamless transition over streams and other physical obstacles. Rollover Trench Crossing Units are available in 15' length and provide for safe crossing over trenches. The creative design of the Rollover



Trench Crossing Unit also makes it an ideal solution for "air-bridging" buried utilities.



With extensive operations and locations throughout the United States, Sunbelt Rentals is the preferred solution and industry leader in providing safe, effective, and environmentally-sound access roads and work areas for utility, infrastructure and general construction projects. Their Ground Protection Team and the entire Sunbelt Rentals company is ready to work collaboratively with you, early in the project cycle, to determine an optimal approach and ideal solution to your unique needs. Take advantage of the special LICA Membership Discount by contacting Sunbelt Rentals today!

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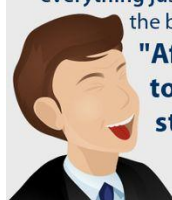
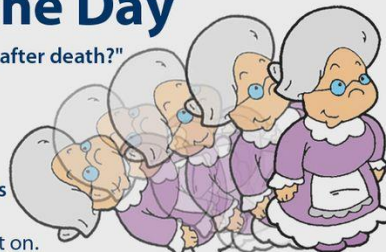
Joke of the Day

"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees.

"Yes, Sir," the new recruit replied.

"Well, then, that makes everything just fine," the boss went on.

"After you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you."



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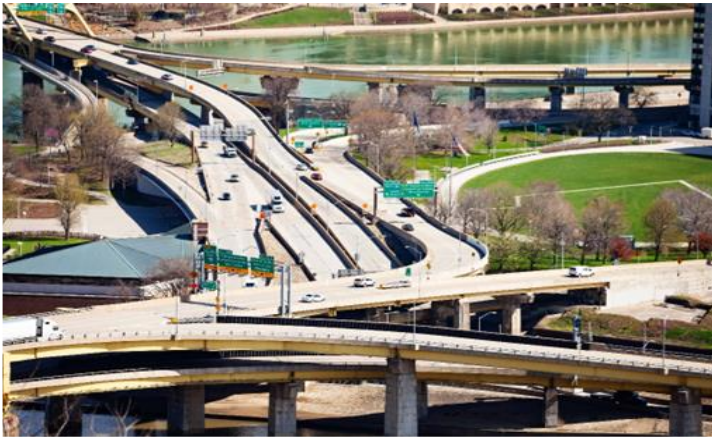
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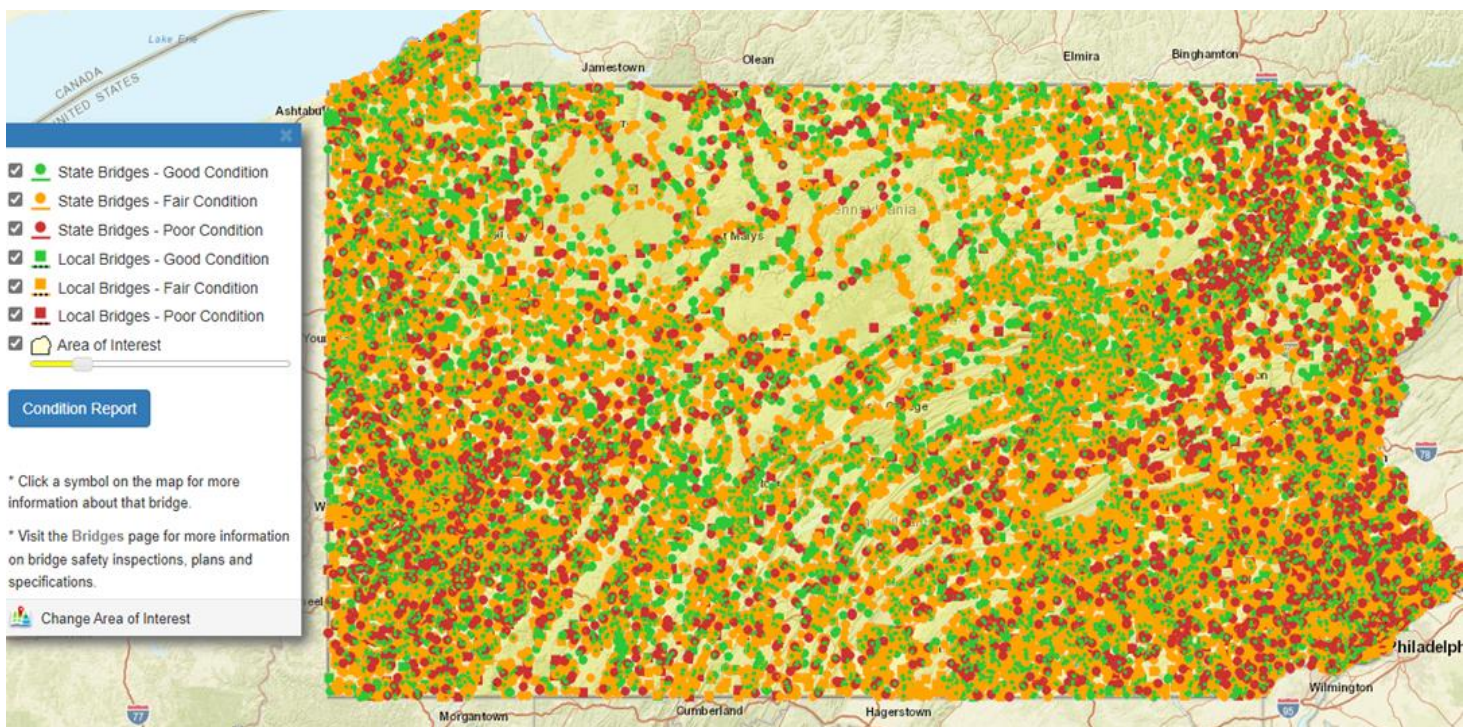
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INFRASTRUCTURE IN PENNSYLVANIA IS CRUMBLING. PA HAS ONE OF THE LARGEST NUMBER OF BRIDGES IN THE U.S. HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES ARE ALL A BIG PART OF PALICA CONTRACTORS' EVERY DAY.

HERE ARE SOME STATS FROM PENNDOT THAT AREN'T VERY ENCOURAGING FOR THE FUTURE.

Many of Pennsylvania's highways and bridges are in need of replacement or rehabilitation. As of 2019, more than 2,500 bridges were rated in poor condition. The average bridge age is 50 years, and with a typical life span of approximately 75 years, this need is not going away anytime soon. Repairs are critical to maintain safety and our economy and making these repairs on our critical interstate bridges has required diverting funds from regional projects.



Through the RBR project, PennDOT will replace 558 structurally deficient bridges around the state while minimizing impacts to the traveling public. The RBR Project is unique because it is the first of its kind in the nation to bundle the replacement of hundreds of bridges in a public-private partnership (P3) agreement. No other P3 project in the country has embarked on a multi-asset, multi-location undertaking of this magnitude.

In addition to leveraging private investment, the innovative delivery of the RBR Project is increasing efficiency. By focusing on bridges of similar size and design, components can be mass produced, which results in a time and cost savings to taxpayers. **(Con't on next page)**

Pennsylvania's Infrastructure (Con't)

Where do we get our current bridge and highway funding?

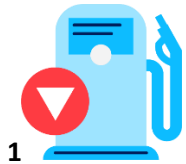
74%
Gas Taxes

17%
Vehicle Fees

9%
General Fund

But our funding is at risk. In 2019, the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) produced a report that identified six major risks to our funding. The largest two, at the time, were federal funding and gas tax. And now, after a global pandemic, we have new challenges that change the way people use our system.

The bottom line is that our current and future funding is at risk for three reasons:



1 Lower Revenue from Gas Tax (more fuel-efficient vehicles)

People are using less gas. Fuel efficiency is great for the environment and our pockets. But this means we are collecting less gas-tax revenue.



2 Unpredictable Federal Funding

The Federal gas tax hasn't been raised since 1993 — almost 30 years ago. To put this in perspective, an average cup of coffee was 75 cents then and now costs about \$1.59. Inflation caused the cost of a cup of coffee go up. And it also raised the cost of construction materials. In fact, the cost of construction materials has gone up 140% over the past 30 years. As a result, the Federal Highway Trust Fund does not provide the funding that is needed for national infrastructure.



3 Changes in Travel Patterns (COVID-19)

Vehicle miles traveled dropped 40% in the spring of 2020 and have recovered somewhat but still remain down 15%. This may have a lasting impact on our economy, where and how we work, and where and how we go to school. PennDOT estimates that gas tax revenue is down nearly \$500 million since last year, with losses still occurring.



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