

Spring, summer tips, tricks

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But with the warm weather new challenges emerge so now's a great time to remind your family about some important safety tips and post policies.

- Spring is time for ducks and other wildlife to build nests and wait for their eggs to hatch, but did you know these nests are protected by the Federal Wildlife Preservation Act? If you see one, please leave it undisturbed so the eggs can hatch naturally and the parents can care for the ducklings.
- Spring is also time for yellow jackets, bees and wasps to form nests. If you see one outside your home please call BBC so it can be taken care of safely.
- Fast, heavy rains can cause the Letort Spring Run to flood quickly, creating a dangerous situation for people and vehicles. Keep an eye to the sky and remember wading in the Letort is not permitted and that the lower parking lot behind Lovell Ave is prone to flooding.

- Warm weather and the end of school means more children out playing. The speed limit is 15 MPH on streets and 5 MPH in parking lots.
- Storms can cause tree limbs to fall, if you see one call DPW at (717) 245-4019 or in an emergency the Police Desk at (717) 245-4115.
- Dogs are required to be under control on leashes at all times unless they are in one of the two on-post dog parks. All waste needs to be picked up by owners as well.
- Fishing on post is permitted and all persons 16 years and older are required to possess a valid Pa fishing license. FISH-FOR-FREE DAYS – 2018 Sunday, May 27, 2018 & Wednesday, July 4, 2018 (Independence Day) Fish-for-Free Days allow anyone (resident or non-resident) to legally fish on Pennsylvania waterways on the designated days with NO FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED. *All other fishing regulations still apply.* Fish-for-Free Days are great ways for families to “catch” the fun of fishing.
- The use of fireworks on post is prohibited.
- Control Ticks Around Your Home - Keep grasses cut short and a sunny area in your yard. Ticks don't like the sun and wait in shady areas on brush and grasses. Keep your backyard free of ticks by ensuring the grasses are set back from the woods around your home by eight feet. Place a three-foot wood chip, gravel or mulch border area between grassy edges and tick-prone zones. Invite birds that thrive on ticks into your yard by supplying bird food and water. Preventing tick bites starts with ensuring that you are fully clothed when you venture outdoors into tall grasses, shrubs or bushes. Ticks wait at the end of long grasses to catch a ride on unsuspecting hosts. Wear light-colored clothing when working outdoors and spray on insect repellent on clothing. Walk in the middle of trails and try avoiding brushing up against bushes, grasses or low hanging trees. If you find ticks on your clothes, remove them by balling up a piece of tape and touching the tape to the tick.