

Hemlocks

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"A lot of people are just watching their trees die and then having someone come and take them down," said Mark Sobeck, president of the Protective Association. "Part of the beauty of the lake is the trees. We'd like to do everything we can to make sure they don't get devoured by the Woolly Adelgid."

Cotrone said the hemlock woolly adelgid, characterized by small cottony masses that feed off the needles of hemlocks, has been around since the 1960s, with relatively little damage attributed to it. But in the last few years, the aphid-like insect has been blamed for killing the state tree throughout the eastern half of Pennsylvania and Eastern Seaboard.

"The big issue is its non-native, so we don't have any active predators to feed on them," said Cotrone.



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Tony Kalinosky, of Kalinosky Landscaping, who has been keeping up with the latest Woolly Adelgid news by attending all of the Penn State Extension workshops, explained how this 30 foot tree across from Garrity Realty at the lake has been treated and is expected to survive.

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Sobek said the death of so many hemlocks is threatening to change the character of the lake. "There are other trees, but this happens to be one that's very prominent around the lake," he said. Because of their slow growing nature, he said if cut down, he believes residents won't have the opportunity to see trees like that again at the lake in their lifetime.

Sobek gave numerous examples of residents who have already lost their trees. He said near pole 259 there used to be a large stand of hemlocks, but one by one, over the last few years, they have died. "There are two left," he said.

He said a row of hemlocks on his own property has been steadily losing their needles. He used to joke that he didn't need to close his curtains because the trees were enough of a screen. "The trees at my house are 20 years old; well now you can see right through them. If we don't stop it this year, they'll die."

Cotrone said spraying is effective in controlling the insect. Two different types of sprays

are available to treat infected trees. However, regulations make it illegal to do so near the lake. "You can't have drift falling into the lake," he said. The concern is "it would wind up starting to kill fish."

Cotrone said besides the obvious damage to property value and the aesthetics at the lake, losing trees can damage the watershed.

"If you're starting to remove trees from the lake watershed, it changes storm water patterns," said Cotrone. "If people are concerned about the lake, the land should be forested," he added.

Cotrone said not all trees that are affected by the insect can be saved, but many can, it depends on the health of each in-

dividual tree. "If the tree has lost 40-50 percent of its needles, you can kill off the Woolly Adelgids, but the plant is so unhealthy at that point it will keep on dying," said Cotrone.

Sobek said part of his goal as the new protective association president is to educate residents about the tree crisis. At the meeting, residents will learn about treatment methods. Cotrone said one method that could be used at the lake is root injections. He said as long as done properly, injections can be very effective.

In addition to residents of Harveys Lake, Sobek said the protective association has opened up the meeting to the general public. "Hopefully people come to the meeting to get a

better handle on what's happening to the Hemlocks," said Sobek. "I want to see everybody educated about the Woolly Adelgid so they are not scratching their heads going 'what's happening to our trees.'"

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse the week of January 17-23, 2003.

- Thomas J. Burke estate to George Manzoni et ux, Lts 140, 40A Sec C, Dallas Borough \$10,000.
- John E. Halbing partner to Frederick Hockenbury, L 107-12 Maplewood Hgts, Dallas Twp., \$25,000.
- Michael Liuzzi Jr. to Michael Liuzzi Jr et ux, Lts 1, 2, Harveys Lake Bor., \$47,348.
- Andrea Vasil et al to Janene A. Kasarda, Lts 53, 55 Rhoads Terr, Harveys Lake Bor., \$60,000.
- Robert Smith et al to Glenn Weaver et ux, Lot 17 Windsor Farms, Kingston Twp., \$79,000.
- Back Mountain Rentals, Inc. to Lee Ann McDermott, see deed, Kingston Twp., \$117,000.
- Joseph A. Moore co partner to Pramithesh Sandhya Sesai, Lot 7 Woodridge II, Kingston Twp., \$82,500.
- Luther J. Cease estate to Edward Warkevitz et ux, Lot 202, 03 & 259, 60, Lehman Twp., \$10,000.
- John Menzel to Joseph Contardi et ux, 4.913 ac, Lot 6, Lehman Twp., \$185,000.
- Tammy M. Whitford per sheriff Countrywide Home Loans, 110 Davenport St., Dallas Borough, \$1,639.
- Christopher Razawich to Todd Hrivnak, see deed, Dallas Twp., \$86,300.
- John Halbing III et ux to Scott Jones et ux, Lot 15 Ondish Hills, Dallas Twp., \$32,000.
- Mary Holodnak estate to Richard Chihorek et ux, 47.220 acres, Franklin Twp., \$185,000.
- Arielle Smith to Stephen Arnold et ux, Lot 10 Truska PLT., Harveys Lake Bor., \$140,000.
- Ruth Hiller exutrix per sheriff Fef Nat'l Mtg Assoc, L 131, 32 McGovern PLOT, Lehman Twp., \$2,321.
- John Menzel to Joseph Contardi et ux, 4.913 ac Lot 6, Lehman Twp., \$185,000.
- Daniel Riley et ux to Kenneth R. Lembke, Lts 32, 33 Dallas Terrace, Dallas Borough, \$90,000.
- David Klinger et ux to Andrei Mikhailov, Lot 40 Wallo PLOT, Dallas Bor-

- ough, \$86,000.
- Henry Evans et ux to William R. Haskell, 460 Main St., Dallas Borough, \$120,000.
- Jeffrey Young et ux to James McGinn, Lot 1-C, Harveys Lake Bor., \$48,500.
- Joseph Paglianite et ux to Robert Mitchell et ux, Lot 1, 1.869 ac, Harveys Lake Bor., \$200,000.
- Washington Mutual Bank to Anthony Tucker et ux, 855 Park Ave. West, Jackson Twp., \$129,900.
- Umid R. Nejb estate to Mohammed Najib, Lot 95 Meadowcrest, Kingston Twp., \$68,000.
- Robert Smith et ux to Chris Carver et ux, Windsor Farm, Kingston Twp., \$56,500.
- John H. Kennedy to Laura L. VanJura, Ut127D Orchard East, Dallas Borough, \$76,000.
- Gracey Ann Hicks to Walter F. Glahn III, 447 Main St., Dallas Borough, \$79,000.
- Associates Finance Service Co. to Robert Cook, 106 Parrish St., Dallas Borough, \$39,000.
- Donna Janosky to Tracie Redmond, Lot 3, 4B Glenview Terr, Dallas Twp., \$94,000.
- John Halbing, III et ux to William W. Richards, Lot 3 Ondish Hills, Dallas Twp., \$35,000.
- Peter Rejus et ux to James Brennan et ux, Lot 36 Blk19, Harveys Lake Bor., \$53,210.
- Jean Melkus to David Bryant et ux, 3 parcels, Harveys Lake Bor., \$33,000.
- James G. Pilger to Michael Hoefler et ux, L17-79 Maple Brook, Harveys Lake Bor., \$10,500.
- Mary Ann Kile estate to Robert C. Sarley et ux, Lot 59, Kingston Twp., \$10,500.
- Gerald Fisher Jr. et al to Brian Lee Baker, Lt22-24 Meadowcrest, Kingston Twp., \$100,000.
- Charles Siegel et ux to Margaret Bryant, see deed, Lake Twp., \$1,500.
- Kathryn Baloh to Charles Vollrath et ux, 10 Pine Dr., Lehman Twp., \$115,000.
- Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assoc. to John Malenzi, Lots131,132, Lehman Twp., \$47,000.

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