



# PATTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

Spring 2013

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## RECYCLING NEWS

### New Miscellaneous Plastics DROP-OFF Recycling Container Added



We've added Miscellaneous Plastics to our recycling program. You now have two locations to bring items such as yogurt containers, sour cream containers, clam shell containers, roasted chicken containers, butter and margarine containers, etc. This is not a curbside program.

### There are currently two locations to drop-off your MISCELLANEOUS PLASTIC CONTAINERS:

1. The Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority, located at 253 Transfer Road, in Bellefonte (between the Nittany Mall and Rockview Prison, off of Route 26.) The recycling container is located outside of Gate 3, on Transfer Road.
2. Between the Patton Township Fire Station (2598 Green Tech Drive) and ClearWater Conservancy (2555 N. Atherton St.).

### Computers and Televisions No Longer Accepted as Trash

As of January 1, 2012 desktop computers, monitors, laptops, mice, speakers and televisions must be recycled. Don't place these items in your curbside trash. Residents must take them to a drop off location or recycle them at the curb during Bulk Waste. For more information see our website: [www.crcog.net/refuse](http://www.crcog.net/refuse)

### Many other electronic devices will be accepted for recycling.

#### Electronic Recycling Includes:

- All types of televisions and remotes
- Computer towers, laptops & monitors
- Keyboards, mice and speakers
- Printers, copiers, scanners & office equipment
- Stereo equipment and CD players
- Small kitchen appliances & microwaves
- Small household appliances & vacuum cleaners
- Digital cameras & camcorders
- Power tools, cables & power cords
- Phones & answering machines
- Hairdryers, curling irons & holiday lights

**IF IT HAS A PLUG, IT CAN BE RECYCLED!**

## PATTON TOWNSHIP Meetings ONLINE at [cnet1.org](http://cnet1.org)!



Did you know that meetings of the Patton Township Supervisors and Planning Commission are online? C-NET, the Government and Education Access Network for Centre County, makes all of its local programming available on its website: [cnet1.org](http://cnet1.org). Meetings are "bookmarked" by agenda item, so it is easy to simply click on those agenda items of interest, and be taken exactly that point in the meeting!

C-NET will even send you a simple email whenever a program of interest to you is posted online. To sign up, email Cynthia Hahn at [chahn@centreconnect.org](mailto:chahn@centreconnect.org), and specify for which programs you would like to receive email notification. It's a simple way to keep informed about the current topics and important issues facing Patton Township.

For those of you who prefer watching C-NET on television, the regular airing times for the Patton Township Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings on C-NET Channel 7 are listed below. In the event that a Planning Commission meeting and a Supervisors meeting are held on the same week, the Supervisors meeting will air that week, and the Planning Commission meeting will air during the following week.

Wednesday at 7:00 pm (Supervisors Meetings aired LIVE)  
Sunday at 12 Noon  
Monday at 6 am and 1 pm  
Tuesday at 12 am

Due to changes in meeting schedules, these schedules are subject to change. Please visit [cnet1.org](http://cnet1.org) for the most accurate and up to date schedule information.

For more information about C-NET schedules or services to the community, please contact C-NET at (814) 238-5031 or by email at [cnet@centreconnect.org](mailto:cnet@centreconnect.org).

### Where Can I Recycle Electronics?

- Center Region Recycling and Refuse Authority
- Best Buy
- Paul and Tony's Stereo
- Staples
- Radio Shack
- Computer Ministry
- Skills of Central PA



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#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Ken Soder, Zoning Officer

# Tax Happenings

## NEWS FROM THE TAX OFFICE

### Real Estate Taxes:

There are three Real Estate bills per year. County and Township bills are delivered by March 1, and the School District bills are delivered sometime after July 1. There are discount, face and penalty periods for both sets of bills. Please see bill for due dates. Owners of new homes will receive a supplemental tax bill for partial year occupancy of their home.

### Taxes Paid from Escrow:

Not all lending institutions request tax bills from our Tax Office. If there is no notation on your bill, please forward your bill to your lender with a note requesting that they submit a letter in writing to the Tax Office for the next billing cycle. Supplemental bills might not be paid through escrow. Please contact your mortgage company for payment information.

### Earned Income Tax Returns:

For the 2012 tax year, Centre Tax Agency is responsible for collecting and processing earned income tax payments and returns. The Centre Tax Agency (CTA), also known as the State College Borough, was established as a result of Act 32 of 2008. The Centre Tax Agency is located in the Finance Department of the State College Borough Municipal Building, 243 S Allen St, State College, PA.

To help with the transition to one collector, all residents of the Centre County Tax Collection District will be invited to attend any of the four Open House Information sessions being offered in December. In January, Centre Tax Agency will mail paper returns to the residents of Centre County Tax Collection District. For more information please visit the Centre Tax Agency page of the Borough of State College's website at <http://www.statecollegepa.us/index.aspx?NID=1778>

### Federal and State Income Tax Assistance:

Federal income tax assistance is available by calling 1-800-829-1040. For online services and forms contact the IRS at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). State Income Tax Assistance may be available. Call 717-787-8201, visit [www.revenue.state.pa.us](http://www.revenue.state.pa.us) or contact State Representative Conklin's office by calling 814-238-5477.

### Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion:

An exclusion may be available by submitting an application to the Centre County Board of Assessment, 420 Holmes Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823. Applications are available at the County's Assessment Office (814-355-6721) or at our website.

### Property Tax/Rent Rebate Programs:

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program benefits older Pennsylvanians, surviving spouses age 50 and older, and people with disabilities age 18 and older. Reimbursement for a portion of property taxes or rent in the previous year may be available. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2012. For information, call the PA Department of Revenue at 1-888-222-9190 or visit [www.revenue.state.pa.us](http://www.revenue.state.pa.us)

## *Weekend and other Short-term Rental Accommodations in Patton Township*

Property owners are reminded that they are to required to remit Hotel Occupancy tax on short term rentals. The State rate is 6% and the County rate is 2.5%.

Centre County Treasurer's Office is responsible for the collection of the tax. For more information, please contact Richard Fornicola, Centre County Treasurer, in person at the Willowbank County Office Building, Bellefonte, PA, by phone (814) 355-6810 or by email [rafornic@centrecountypa.gov](mailto:rafornic@centrecountypa.gov)

## Parks

### PATTON TOWNSHIP PARKS

Patton Township developed and adopted their first *Parks Plan* in 1989. This plan has been updated in 2005 and 2010 and will be updated again in 2015. The purpose of the *Patton Township Parks Plan* is to survey the residents and to keep an inventory of the parks and their facilities. This information is then used to guide maintenance, development and redevelopment of the Township's parks.

Through survey data collection and public comment, we have found that residents highly desire walking paths and trails, open space, play equipment and picnic facilities. Over the past 10 years, construction at Circleville Park has been completed and four new parks have been built (Ambleside Park, Bernel Road Park, Carnegie Drive Tot Lot and Ghaner Drive Parklet). Additionally, refurbishments and upgrades have been added to all existing parks.

Beginning this spring, Master Planning will begin for the Gray's Woods Park in Patton Township. Over a period of 12 months, we will reach out to residents through advertising, surveys, direct mailing and public meetings to gather opinions and input for the design. This process will involve collecting information, developing sketch plans for review and revision, and finding the best fit of recreational amenities for this site. We look forward to hearing from you!

Spring brings with it a renewed interest in visiting the parks. Centre Region Parks and Recreation (CRPR) offers many programs for all ages. Their website has a full listing of programs and links to information on all the parks in Patton Township and throughout the Centre Region ([www.crpr.org](http://www.crpr.org)).

# SPRING 2013 PATTON TOWNSHIP LEAF AND BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

## March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	<b>LB</b> 4	5	6	7	8	9
10	<b>S</b> 11	12	13	14	→ 15	16
17	<b>S</b> 18	19	20	21	→ 22	23
24/30	<b>S</b> 25	26	27	→ 28	☺ 29	30

## April

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	<b>S</b> 1	2	3	4	→ 5	6
7	<b>S</b> 8	9	10	11	→ 12	13
14	<b>S</b> 15	16	17	18	→ 19	20
21	<b>S</b> 22	23	24	25	→ 26	27
28	<b>S</b> 29	→ 30				

## May

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			<b>S</b> 1	2	→ 3	4
5	<b>LB</b> 6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	☺ 27	28	29	30	31	

## June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	<b>LB</b> 3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

## July

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	<b>LB</b> 1	2	3	☺ 4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	<b>LB</b> 5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**LB** Monthly Collection

**S** → Spring Collection (Leaves & Brush)

☺ Township Holiday

## Monthly Collection

The Public Works Crew will collect leaves and brush on the first Monday of each month. ALL piles must be placed at the curb by 7AM on that Monday. The Public Works Crew will make ONE trip through your area. Rural residents are asked to contact the Public Works Department to notify us that you have piles for collection. New piles that are placed out after the Crew has been through your neighborhood will not be collected until the next monthly collection.

**NOTE:** It takes approximately three to four days to complete collection for the entire Township. Crews begin in Park Forest then go to Woodycrest, Toftrees, and finally rural routes. Patton Township asks for your patience during the collection. The brush crews are sent out first followed by the leaf vacuums to complete the collection.

## Spring Collection (Mid March until first week of May - weather permitting)

The Public Works Crew will collect leaves and brush. Crews begin in Park Forest then go to Woodycrest, Toftrees, and finally rural routes. The collection cycle, through all areas of the township for both leaf and brush takes approximately 1 week. The collection period is approximately 9 weeks. The Crew will continue this pace until the end of the collection period. Again, rural residents are asked to contact the Public Works Department if you have piles for collection.

## Guidelines for Leaf and Brush Collection

- 1) Leaves and/or brush are to be placed curbside prior to 7 AM.
- 2) Place leaves and brush within five (5) feet of the edge of the road.  
PLEASE DO NOT PLACE LEAVES OR BRUSH ON THE ROADWAY!
- 3) PILE ALL CUT ENDS OF BRUSH IN THE SAME DIRECTION TOWARDS THE STREET.
- 4) LEAVES AND BRUSH NEED TO BE IN SEPARATE PILES.
- 5) Limbs larger than 8-inches in diameter (stumps, logs, old firewood) cannot be chipped by the Township's equipment.
- 6) A maximum of four (4) truckloads of limbs and brush will be collected from a single property.
- 7) PLEASE DO NOT PARK VEHICLES IN FRONT OF PILES.



Effective November 21, 2012, Veolia E.S., your contracted trash and recycling hauler, combined with Advanced Disposal. The joint company will now be operating under the Advanced Disposal (AD) name.

While the company's name servicing your trash and recycling needs has changed, rest assured that your contacts are still valid, your service level and schedules will remain the same, and your drivers and customer service representatives are still there to serve you. The transition will be seamless to you with the exception of future logo changes in invoices, communications, vehicles and a redirect to the Advanced Disposal website.

Please know that you will still be able to pay your bill online just as you have in the past. NO changes are required.

Advanced Disposal (formerly Veolia E.S.) was awarded an extension of the current refuse & recycling service contract from January 1, 2013 until December 31, 2014. Residents will see a 16¢ per month increase in their refuse and recycling rates due to the contract extension specifications and increase in diesel fuel price.

For more information, visit [www.crcog.net/refuse](http://www.crcog.net/refuse)

## IMPORTANT TRASH & RECYCLING DATES FOR 2013

**HOLIDAYS:** If your weekly pickup day falls on or after the following Holidays, your trash and recycling service will be delayed by one (1) day during the week of the holiday:

**January 1 - New Year's Day**

**May 27 - Memorial Day**

**July 4 - Fourth of July**

**September 2 - Labor Day**

**November 28 - Thanksgiving Day**

**December 2 - First Day of Buck Season**

**December 25 - Christmas Day**

### SPRING BULK WASTE WEEK

May 13 - 17, 2013

### FALL BULK WASTE WEEK

October 14 - 18, 2013

### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Monday - Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority

**HOUSEHOLD  
HAZARDOUS WASTE  
COLLECTION**  
April 26 - 27, 2013

Refuse and Recycling  
website:  
<http://crcog.net/refuse>

## BULK WASTE COLLECTION May 13 - 17, 2013



Advanced Disposal (formerly Veolia Environmental Services) will collect old furniture, bedding, carpeting, appliances, and tires (some restrictions apply). Remember to have all items at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your regular collection day. No loose piles of debris will be removed - they must be bagged or bundled in order to be collected. Due to truck restrictions, no metal or wood items in excess of 5 feet in length can be accepted. Residents are asked to consider donating usable items to local charities. Please remember that up to 3 smaller bulky items (under 40 pounds each) may be placed curbside for regular weekly collection. Look for additional information to be included in the 2nd quarter billing insert in the April invoice or go online to <http://crcog.net/refuse> (Residential Program).

## CLIP AND SAVE REFUSE AND RECYCLING TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### Advanced Disposal

Contact for questions about  
your service or billing .....237-3713

### Centre County

### Recycling and Refuse

Authority .....238-7005

### Recycling Hotline

For information on what you  
should and shouldn't put in  
your red recycling bin .....238-6649

### COG Administration

Contact for questions regarding  
program requirements and  
problem resolution .....234-7198

<http://crcog.net/refuse>



## REMINDERS!

**Primary Election Day is  
Tuesday, May 21, 2013.**



**Patton Township Polling Locations  
(Open 7 AM to 8 PM):**

**Patton North 1** – Oakwood Presbyterian Church,  
1901 Waddle Road (Parking lot on Strouse Avenue)

**Patton North 2** – Good Shepherd Catholic Church,  
867 Gray's Woods Boulevard (Main Entrance)

**Patton South 1** – Park Forest Village United  
Methodist Church, 1833 Park Forest Avenue

**Patton South 2** – Oakwood Presbyterian Church,  
1901 Waddle Road (Parking lot on Strouse Avenue)

**Patton South 3** – Park Forest Baptist Church, 3030  
Carnegie Drive (One block behind the new Lowe's)

**Additional Election information is available at  
[www.co.centre.pa.us](http://www.co.centre.pa.us)**

## **PATTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS E-MAIL SERVICE LIST**

*The Patton Township Public Works Department provides updates and information to Township residents about road work, weather warnings, snow emergency notification, and other activities in Patton Township through e-mail notification. Sign up TODAY!! Please forward your name and e-mail address to [publicworks@twp.pattontownship.pa.us](mailto:publicworks@twp.pattontownship.pa.us).*

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Q: Who do I call if a street light is out?**

**A:** Please contact West Penn Power at 1-800-686-0021. If possible, get the pole number. This will make it easier for West Penn Power to locate the proper pole.

**Q: Who do I call regarding my Comcast bill?**

**A:** Please contact Comcast at (800) 266-2278.

**Q: Who do I call about a sewer problem?**

**A:** If you are on the public sewer system, please call the University Area Joint Authority (UAJA) at (814) 238-9662. If you have a private septic system, please call Patton Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer, Ralph Houck, at (814) 692-7116.

**Q: Where can I take my grass clippings?**

**A:** Residents may take their grass clippings to the Glenn O. Hawbaker Recycle Center at no charge.

**Q: What items are needed for a zoning application?**

**A:** For a complete permit submission, please include water, sewer and/or septic permits, and all appropriate information, along with a sketch of the house on the lot showing the distances to all property lines.

## **OPEN BURNING**

An "Open Burn Permit" is needed prior to the burning of brush or other open burning. Brush may not exceed four inches in diameter and may not be garden vegetation or leaves. Exceptions: Permits are not needed for cooking fires, recreational fires or outdoor fireplaces, as long as the total fuel area does not exceed three (3) feet in diameter and two (2) feet in height.

For more information on the regulations of open burning or to obtain a permit, please contact the Centre Region Code Administration at (814) 231-3056 at least 24-hours in advance.

## **BRUSH, GRASS, AND WEEDS**

Per Chapter 58 of the Township Code, the unlawful growth of grass, weeds, and other vegetation that exceeds a height of six inches or that which throws off any unpleasant or obnoxious odor or to conceal any debris or to create or to produce pollen is prohibited. Upon discovery of the first initial violation a written notice will be given. After a period of 72 hours, the Township will inspect the premises for compliance. If compliance is not met, a violation notice will be issued. Each 24-hour period shall constitute a separate violation and a violation notice may be issued every 24 hours. If violation notices are received, payment of \$35 for each violation shall be made payable to Patton Township.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Mar. 27** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM  
**Mar. 29** Good Friday – Municipal Offices CLOSED  
**April 1** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30 PM  
**April 8** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:30 PM  
**April 10** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM  
**April 16** Recreation Advisory Committee – 7:30 PM  
**April 24** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM  
**May 6** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30 PM  
**May 8** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM  
**May 13** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:30 PM  
**May 21** Recreation Advisory Committee - 5:00 PM (Park Tour)  
**May 22** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM  
**May 27** Memorial Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED  
**June 3** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30 PM  
**June 10** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:30 PM  
**June 18** Recreation Advisory Committee – 7:30 PM  
**June 19** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM  
**July 1** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30 PM  
**July 4** Independence Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED  
**July 8** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:30 PM  
**July 16** Recreation Advisory Committee – 7:30 PM  
**July 17** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM  
**Aug. 5** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30 PM  
**Aug. 12** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:30 PM  
**Aug. 20** Recreation Advisory Committee – 7:30 PM  
**Aug. 21** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM  
**Sept. 2** Labor Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED  
**Sept. 9** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30 PM  
**Sept. 11** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM  
**Sept.16** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:30 PM  
**Sept. 17** Recreation Advisory Committee - 9:00 AM (Park Tour)  
**Sept. 25** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM

## PATTON TOWNSHIP

100 Patton Plaza  
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PRSRT STD  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
State College PA  
Permit No. 21

## The Police Line

### Home Protection Checks

If you will be away from your house for an extended period of time, you are welcome to contact the Patton Township Police Department for a residence check. If police notice any suspicious activity while you are away, officers will immediately notify the emergency contact(s) you have provided.

**OnGuard  
Online.gov**



OnGuardOnline.gov and ftc.gov/idtheft provide practical tips from the federal government and the technology industry to help you be on guard against internet fraud, secure your computer, and protect your personal information.



### TAKE 25 PROGRAM

*What is Take 25?*

Take 25 is a national child safety campaign which encourages parents and guardians to take 25 minutes to talk to their children about ways to stay safer.

For more information, please visit: [www.take25.org](http://www.take25.org)