



PATTON TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2014

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ALL RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED OF WINTER REGULATIONS

Parking is prohibited on Township Streets after a 2 inch snowfall or when a Snow Emergency is declared. Street parking is permitted after the Snow Emergency has been lifted by the Township, or 48 hours after the snowfall.

Sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice, for the entire width of the walk, within 24 hours of the end of a snowfall. The fine for failing to provide a safe walkway is \$15, when paid within 72 hours of the violation notice. No warnings are issued for this violation.

Residents who will be out-of-town must make arrangements to have their sidewalks cleared.

“My Two Cents” on C-NET

Do you have an opinion on a local matter? Have something to say about a local issue such as zoning, transportation, government finance, development projects, sustainability, or educational initiatives? C-NET, the government and education access network for Centre County, offers residents an opportunity to present their opinions on local issues by recording a “My Two Cents” video segment that will air on C-NET’s cable channels and online. “My Two Cents” segments may be thought of as “video letters to the editor”.

“My Two Cents” segments are a maximum of three minutes in length, and are recorded by the C-NET staff. Topics must pertain to local government and education issues, and may not contain commercial or political endorsements. Any resident of Centre County may record a “My Two Cents” segment, however each resident is limited to recording one segment every thirty days.

For more information about “My Two Cents”, please email chahn@centreconnect.org or call the C-NET office for more information at (814) 238-5031.



Thank you to all the participants and sponsors of the Annual Patton Township Children’s Safety Fair



September 13, 2014, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. at the Colonnade Parking lot (in front of Target)

Thank you to all of the emergency responders!

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SHORT-TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Property owners are reminded that they are 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.

Real Estate Tax Collection

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 all 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

Centre Tax Agency is responsible for collecting and processing earned income tax payments and returns. CTA is located in the Finance Department of the State College Borough Municipal Building, 243 S Allen St, State College, PA.

School is Once Again in Session Watch for Stopped School Buses

The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code requires that drivers of a vehicle meeting or overtaking any school bus stopped on a highway or trafficway shall stop at least ten (10) feet before reaching the school bus when the RED SIGNAL LIGHTS on the school bus are flashing and the SIDE STOP SIGNAL ARMS are activated. The penalty for violating this section is a \$250 fine plus court costs, a 60 day license suspension and five points on your license. Let's keep our children safe.

PATTON TOWNSHIP PARKS

Patton Township parks offer many recreational opportunities. There are paved walking paths, two 9-hole disc golf courses, basketball courts, tennis courts, tot and older age play equipment, and wooded nature trails.

Centre Region Parks and Recreation (CRPR) maintains many of the Township parks and they are also responsible for scheduling recreation programs, and reserving sports fields and picnic pavilions. www.crpr.org

The Patton Woods Natural Recreation Area is located at 2950 Circleville Road. This 63-acre wooded site offers walking/hiking trails and is beautiful in the fall with the foliage changing color. Please remember that special regulations apply to the Natural Recreation Area. Dogs are allowed off-leash if they are within sight distance of their owners and if they are under owner control. 24-hour use is permitted, and hunting is permitted from September 16 – January 31. *Please be aware that during hunting season, it is advisable that all Patton Township Natural Recreation Area users and their pets wear safety orange.*

As a reminder, pets must be kept on a leash in all other parks. Please be respectful and keep your pets on-leash. *Thank you!*

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PATTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS E-MAIL SERVICE LIST

The Patton Township Public Works Department provides updates and information about activities in Patton Township. Sign up TODAY!! Please forward your name and e-mail address to publicworks@twp.patton.pa.us.



WINTER MAINTENANCE

The Public Works Department would like to remind residents of the guidelines for winter weather.

1. Residents are advised to wait as long as possible to shovel or clear out the end of the driveway. Also, deposit the snow to the right of your driveway as you face the street. By doing this, when the plow returns, it will carry the snow away from the driveway. Snow placed on the left side will probably end up right back in the driveway the next time the plow makes a pass.
2. High volume streets and bus routes are plowed and salted first (Valley Vista Drive, Waddle Road, Vairo Boulevard, Toftrees Avenue, Cricklewood Drive.) Through-streets are cleared next, and cul-de-sacs and other dead end streets are cleared last. Not all the streets or roads in Patton Township are public. Private roads are maintained by owners, homeowners associations, or the developer. PennDOT is responsible for plowing and salting the following roadways: North Atherton Street, Mount Nittany Expressway, Buffalo Run Road, West Buffalo Run Road, Stevenson Road, Bernel Road, North Fillmore Road, Fox Hill Road, and Fox Hollow Road.
3. Township standards are to clear the road from edge-to-edge or curb-to-curb to provide safe traveling conditions and provide storage space for subsequent snow falls. To do this requires multiple passes with the plow to move the snow from the centerline to the edge of the road. This means until the street is completely clear, the plow will come by again. The plow is not lifted at driveways because this would leave snow on the street creating a hazard for drivers.

Visit our website for answers to frequently asked questions:
twp.patton.pa.us

REPORT PROBLEMS HERE!

A mobile app is available for download to report non-emergency, quality-of-life issues and requests to Patton Township through SeeClickFix. The Patton Township SeeClickFix website can be found at: <http://www.seeclickfix.com/patton-township> and residents can download iPhone and Android apps at <http://www.seeclickfix.com/apps>.

IMPORTANT TRASH & RECYCLING DATES FOR 2014

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:

November 27 - Thanksgiving Day

December 1 - First Day of Buck Season

December 25 - Christmas Day

FALL BULK WASTE WEEK

October 13 - 17, 2014

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING *free*

Monday – Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority

Refuse and Recycling website:

<http://crcog.net/refuse>

BULK WASTE COLLECTION

October 13 - 17, 2014

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. Up to 3 smaller bulky items (under 40 pounds each) may be placed curbside for regular weekly collection. Look for additional information in the 4th quarter billing insert (April) or go online to <http://crcog.net/refuse> (Residential Program).

NEW REFUSE/RECYCLING CONTRACT

The Centre Region COG, acting as the agent for the Centre Region townships, is in the process of awarding the sixth Refuse and Recycling Contract since 1991.

A new five-year contract will commence on January 1, 2015. The Centre Region COG will make every effort to make the

transition between the contracts as seamless as possible for all affected residents. All services shall remain the same, and no major changes in billing, routes, or collection dates are foreseen at this time. Residents will receive further information from the contractor in November, and may contact the Centre Region COG at (814) 234-7198 with any questions or concerns.

FALL 2014 PATTON TOWNSHIP LEAF AND BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

This calendar is also available on the Township website.

September

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

October

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

November

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

December

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

January 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				Hol 1	2	3
4	LB 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

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	LB 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

LB Monthly Collection

F Fall Collection (Leaves and Brush)

Hol Township Holiday

Monthly Collection (Weather Permitting)

The Public Works Crew will collect leaves and brush on the first Monday of each month. **ALL** piles from residents must be placed out by 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 complete on 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.

Fall Collection (Weather Permitting)

The Public Works Crew will collect leaves and brush. Crews begin in Park Forest then go to Woodycrest, Toftrees, and complete on rural routes. The Crew can make a complete collection of the Township in approximately one week. 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. **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.**

IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 13** Children's Safety Fair – 10:00AM - 3:00PM
- Sept. 15** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:30PM
- Sept. 16** Recreation Advisory Committee - 9:00AM (Park Tour)
- Sept. 24** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Oct. 6** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30PM
- Oct. 8** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Oct. 13** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:30PM
- Oct. 14** Recreation Advisory Committee – 7:30PM
- Oct. 22** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Oct. 31** Trick-or-Treat Night – 6:00 – 8:00PM
- Nov. 3** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30PM
- Nov. 4** Election Day
- Nov. 5** Board of Supervisors Budget Meeting – 7:00PM
- Nov. 10** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:30PM
- Nov. 11** Veterans Day
- Nov. 12** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Nov. 18** Recreation Advisory Committee – 7:30PM
- Nov. 19** Board of Supervisors Budget Meeting – 7:00PM
- Nov. 27** Thanksgiving Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Nov. 28** Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Dec. 1** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30PM
- Dec. 8** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:30PM
- Dec. 10** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Dec. 16** Recreation Advisory Committee – 12:00PM
- Dec. 25** Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Jan. 1** Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Jan. 5** Board of Supervisors Meeting (Organization) - 4:00PM
- Jan. 12** Planning Commission Meeting (Organization) - 7:30PM
- Jan. 19** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Jan. 20** Recreation Advisory Committee (Organization) - 7:30PM
- Feb. 17** President's Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED

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*** * * SCAM ALERT * * ***

Credit card and other types of telephone scams are on the rise according to local police and the PA Attorney General's Office. The scammers are very convincing and increasingly more sophisticated. The Attorney General advises people to remain calm and not rush to act upon the requests.

Consumers are advised to take the following steps to avoid becoming a victim of phone scams:

- Never give out personal information over the phone such as social security numbers, bank account numbers or credit card numbers
- Never give out billing information over the phone, especially if you receive an unsolicited call from a stranger. Your credit card company, bank or the IRS will not call you; they will wait for you to contact them.
- Never wire money or purchase green-dot type prepaid cash cards in response to a telephone appeal, whether from a stranger or someone who claims to know you.
- Never let emotion or fear overcome your common sense. If you get a call for money from a friend or relative, slow down and verify everything. Don't let anyone rush you or push you into making a decision.
- Never give out sensitive information to anyone over the phone unless you initiated the call to a company you are certain is legitimate.
- Never forget that you are in control. You can always hang up, find a company's phone number from the phone book or internet and call it directly.

For more information or to file a complaint, contact the Bureau of Consumer Protection at 1-800-441-2555 or online at www.attorneygeneral.gov