



PATTON TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2015



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PARKS SURVEY RESULTS

In late November of 2014, a park survey was mailed to a random selection of households in the township. The purpose of this survey was to collect opinions from residents on their thoughts on the recreational offerings in Patton Township.

This data will be used as part of an analysis in a Parks Plan that will provide the Board of Supervisors with recommendations for future parkland acquisition and development.

This is part of what we learned from your opinions:

- The use of parks continues to be dominated by walking/exercise and open space enjoyment.
- The three (3) most highly used parks are Circleville Park, Patton Woods Natural Recreation Area and Bernel Road Park.
- An overwhelming majority (95%) of residents feel that the existing parks are either very good or good and almost all residents (99%) feel that the parks are well maintained.
- Many residents (63%) feel there are enough parks.
- Most residents (88%) would like to see better and more biking/pedestrian opportunities between parks and throughout the community.

Once the Parks Plan is completed, the Recreation Advisory Committee will provide it to the Board of Supervisors for review and adoption. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to provide us with your comments and insight!

LOCAL CANDIDATE COVERAGE



C-NET encourages every eligible resident to exercise their right to vote. But along with that right comes the responsibility of becoming informed about the candidates on the ballot.

To assist Centre County voters in making the right choice at the polls, C-NET coordinates candidate interviews for each Primary and General election. For the upcoming May Primary Election, invitations to take part in a C-NET candidate interview will be sent to all candidates on the ballot in C-NET member municipalities. This includes the Townships of College, Ferguson, Halfmoon, Harris and Patton, and the Boroughs of Bellefonte and State College.

Along with municipal offices, interviews will also be conducted with candidates for both the State College and Bellefonte Area School Boards, Centre County Commissioners, and all Centre County Row Offices.

Interviews will take place in April and will be televised on C-NET Channels 7 and 98, and available to view online at cnet1.org. For the airing schedule of the interviews, visit cnet1.org beginning in late April, or call the C-NET office at (814) 238-5031. If you would like to be notified as soon as the interviews are available to view online, or would like to receive an airing schedule, please send an email with your request to chahn@centreconnect.org.

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

Requesting HOA Contact Info

Patton Township is requesting contact information from the Home Owners Associations in the Township. This information will be used to distribute information about Township activities including Snow Emergencies, Road Closings, and development plans that come before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. We are requesting contact info for at least two officers from each HOA to include names, office, phone and email. Info can be submitted by:

Calling 234-0271 and asking for Lawana, Emailing info to patton@twp.patton.pa.us or responding to a short survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hoacontact> Thank you.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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PATTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement

The Patton Township Police Department, in partnership with our community, provides impartial, ethical, and professional law enforcement service and protection. We strive to maintain the trust and confidence of our citizens while working to improve the quality of life.



PATTON TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The PTBA meets monthly, on the 4th Wednesday, at the Township building at noon. The PTBA was organized in 1975 to advance the commercial, industrial and civic interests of the citizens of Patton Township. The Association promotes integrity, good faith, and high principles in business and endeavors to represent the business interests of Patton Township.

WADDLE ROAD INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The preliminary engineering work is currently being completed for significant upgrades to the Waddle Road/I99 Interchange and Waddle Road from Strouse Avenue to Toftrees Avenue. PennDOT is expecting to bid out the final engineering and construction in a Design-Build package early this summer. This project is to be paid for by a combination of federal, state and Patton Township funds.

At the end of the project the new interchange will have a six lane bridge with bike lanes on each side and a protected pedestrian walkway. Improvements will also include dual left turn lanes from the southbound I99 off ramp, and an additional through lane on Waddle Road from the interchange to Oakwood Avenue. Construction is expected to last from 18 to 24 months. Additional information is available on the Township's website.

ATHERTON STREET CONSTRUCTION

In mid-march Columbia Gas and PennDOT will begin extensive construction projects on North Atherton Street between Colonnade Way and Aaron Drive. Lane closures can be expected almost every week day. PennDOT is expected to provide weekly notices of upcoming work. Patton Township will actively monitor the work zones for safety concerns and to ensure that business access is maintained as much as is practicable. The work is expected to conclude in September with milling and repaving.

BICYCLING SAFETY

Wear a helmet. Cyclists under age 12 are required to wear an approved bicycle helmet. (PA Vehicle Code)

Every person riding a pedalcycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle. (PA Vehicle Code)

Be visible. Wear bright clothes. Place reflectors on your wheels and on the front and rear of your bike.

Every pedalcycle, when in use between sunset and sunrise, shall be equipped on the front with a light. (PA Vehicle Code)

PA Vehicle Code requires that the driver of a motor vehicle, while overtaking a pedalcycle proceeding in the same direction, shall pass to the left of the pedalcycle no closer than 4 feet at a careful and prudent reduced speed.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Whom 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: Whom do I call regarding my Comcast bill?

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

Q: Whom 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, Mary Kay Lupton, at (814) 592-9217.

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 application fee, 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.

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 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.

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.

REMINDERS!

**Primary Election Day is
Tuesday, May 19, 2015.**



**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 – Patton Township Municipal Bldg,
100 Patton Plaza (Downstairs Meeting Room)

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 Lowe's)

**Additional Election information is available at
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.patton.pa.us.

Stormwater Pollution

What is pollution? Pollution is contaminates to the natural environment that can cause changes. When oil or gas leak from a vehicle onto the roadway or driveway, when fertilizers or pesticides are used on lawns, loose dirt in areas with no plants, not disposing of garbage or recycling properly, or animal droppings can cause pollution. When watering lawns or during rain storms, all of these pollutants can cause harm to our stormwater and animals that live in creeks or streams.

Word Search

See if you can find all the words that apply to stormwater and pollution

F H Q Z A N I M A L S G S S A R G A S M
K E L O W Y U C V I B N T T R K J G T H
S A R A R J C I R E O N T Z O P A W R U
F L Z T A X E H U E N B W O F R Y Q E P
V T C A I E S S I L U D T O R O M N A Q
I H X Q N L I Z B C N T Y N M O K W M E
L I B Q A S I U C Y L E Y H F F W K G Q
D P E J I O N Z W C J O P L E T O S K L
R C J I M K X I E E P I V N P O W K E O
I W T O X I N K R R E L V I N P M X E O
V Z N W G K L E E U G O K B W S Q H R Y
E X M R T U Q K L A P O L L U T I O N A
W I V N U F Q X K L E W X C O W P E N K
A S D R A I N G K H S N U R P W O J L O
Y I N B S S E R I O T P G L K L N Z W I
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Animals
Drain
Drinking Water
Driveway
Fish
Fertilizer
Garbage
Gas
Grass

Health
Lawn
Oil
Pesticides
Plants
Pollution
Rain
Recycle
Rooftops

Sediment
Storm
Stream
Toxin

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:

Centre Tax Agency is responsible for collecting and processing earned income tax payments and returns. The Centre Tax Agency (CTA) is operated by State College Borough and is located in the Finance Department of the State College Borough Municipal Building, 243 S Allen St, State College, PA. Forms and instructions as well as e-file are available at www.statecollegepa.us/index.aspx?nid=1446

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 May Be Available:

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, 2014. For information, call the PA Department of Revenue at 1-888-222-9190 or visit www.revenue.state.pa.us

SeeClickFix

Report non-emergency issues or problems to us at <http://seeclickfix.com/patton-townhsip>.

Residents can download iPhone and Android mobile apps at <http://www.seeclickfix.com/apps>.

DOGS IN PATTON TOWNSHIP PARKS

Under Township Park regulations all pets must be leashed and under owner control in parks. The one exception to this is Patton Woods Natural Recreation Area where dogs are allowed off-leash provided they are in sight of and under their owner's control.



Off-leash dogs are becoming more of a problem in our parks. This is not only evidenced by comments made to us in our recent Parks Survey. The reasons for keeping dogs on-leash are many, but most importantly dog owners cannot accurately predict 100% of the time how their dog will react around park users or other dogs. Park users, which includes people of all age ranges, should not have their park experience compromised by dogs being allowed to run free.

Please be respectful of other park users and keep your pets on-leash!



CIRCLEVILLE ROAD BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN PATH

Construction will begin on the new Circleville Road Bicycle/Pedestrian Path this spring. The path is almost 1 mile in length and will be located along Circleville Road between Circleville Park and the intersection of Circleville and Scotia Roads. It will be paved and will allow users a path that is located away from the roadway.

We are excited about this new recreational amenity and the opportunities it will provide!



BACKYARD COMPOST WORKSHOP MILLBROOK MARSH

April 28th or May 27th
6:30 pm

Learn how to turn your kitchen scraps and yard waste into black gold!

Join Mimi Cooper to learn the basics of backyard composting: why it's important to compost, what to add and not to add to a compost pile, how to maintain a compost pile, and how to use finished compost. Cost is \$20.00 and attendees will receive an Earth Machine composter. Visit <http://www.crpr.org/> or call (814) 231-3071 to register.

CLIP AND SAVE REFUSE AND RECYCLING TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Advanced Disposal
Contact for questions about your service or billing237-3713

Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority238-7005

Recycling Hotline
For information on what you should and shouldn't put in your red recycling bin238-6649

COG Administration
Contact for questions regarding program requirements and problem resolution234-7198

<http://crcog.net/refuse>

IMPORTANT TRASH & RECYCLING DATES FOR 2015

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:

May 25 - Memorial Day

July 4 - Fourth of July

September 7 - Labor Day

November 26 - Thanksgiving Day

November 30 - First Day of Buck Season

December 25 - Christmas Day

SPRING BULK WASTE WEEK

May 18 - 22, 2015

FALL BULK WASTE WEEK

October 12 - 16, 2015

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Monday – Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority

HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE
COLLECTION
May 1 - 2, 2015

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

BULK WASTE COLLECTION

May 18 - 22, 2015



Advanced Disposal 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).

SPRING 2015 PATTON TOWNSHIP LEAF AND BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

This calendar is also available on the Township website.

March

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

April

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

May

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

June

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	25	26	27
28	29	30				

July

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

LB Monthly Collection

S Spring Collection (Leaves & Brush)

Hol Township Holiday

Monthly Collection

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.

Spring Collection

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 that 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

- Mar. 11** Board of Supervisors Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Mar. 17** Recreation Advisory Committee - 7:30 PM
- Mar. 25** Board of Supervisors Meeting - 7:00 PM
- April 1** Open Space Task Force - 5:00 PM
- April 3** Good Friday - Municipal Offices CLOSED
- April 6** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 PM
- April 8** Board of Supervisors Meeting - 7:00 PM
- April 9** Open Space Stewardship Committee - 5:00 PM
- April 13** Planning Commission Work Session - 7:30 PM
- April 21** Recreation Advisory Committee - 7:30 PM
- April 22** Board of Supervisors Meeting - 7:00 PM
- May 4** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 PM
- May 6** Open Space Task Force - 5:00 PM
- May 11** Planning Commission Work Session - 7:30 PM
- May 13** Board of Supervisors Meeting - 7:00 PM
- May 19** Recreation Advisory Committee - 4:00 PM *(Park Tour)*
- May 25** Memorial Day - Municipal Offices CLOSED
- May 27** Board of Supervisors Meeting - 7:00 PM
- June 1** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 PM
- June 3** Open Space Task Force - 5:00 PM
- June 4** Open Space Stewardship Com. - 5:00 PM *(Property Tour)*
- June 8** Planning Commission Work Session - 7:30 PM
- June 16** Recreation Advisory Committee - 7:30 PM
- June 17** Board of Supervisors Meeting - 7:00 PM
- July 1** Open Space Task Force - 5:00 PM
- July 4** Independence Day - Municipal Offices CLOSED
- July 6** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 PM
- July 13** Planning Commission Work Session - 7:30 PM
- July 15** Board of Supervisors Meeting - 7:00 PM
- July 21** Recreation Advisory Committee - 7:30 PM
- Aug. 3** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 PM
- Aug. 5** Open Space Task Force - 5:00 PM
- Aug. 10** Planning Commission Work Session - 7:30 PM
- Aug. 18** Recreation Advisory Committee - 7:30 PM
- Aug. 19** Board of Supervisors Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Sept. 2** Open Space Task Force - 5:00 PM
- Sept. 7** Labor Day - Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Sept. 9** Board of Supervisors Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Sept. 14** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 PM
- Sept. 15** Recreation Advisory Committee - 9:00 AM *(Park Tour)*
- Sept. 21** Planning Commission Work Session - 7:30 PM
- Sept. 23** Board of Supervisors Meeting - 7:00 PM

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