



PATTON TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2015

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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.



C-NET Channels LIVE Online

C-NET is pleased to announce that our two channels, CGTV (Government Programming) and CETV (Educational Programming) are now streaming live online from our website, cnet1.org. The live online channels may be accessed by visiting cnet1.org, clicking on the button labeled "Click Here to Watch" and choosing "CGTV" or "CETV" from the video player's drop down menu.

Residents may also view previously recorded programs "on demand" by choosing from one of the categories on the video player and clicking on the program they wish to watch. Click on the tab labeled "Chapters" to access a listing of individual agenda items. Viewers may click on an agenda item to be taken immediately to that point in the meeting.



- 1. Make your lawn Bay-friendly.** Use native plants that don't require water or fertilizer and limit chemical herbicides and pesticides.
- 2. Don't pour toxins down storm drains.** Household chemicals are harmful to the Bay's streams and waterways.
- 3. Plant a tree.** Trees prevent erosion, soak up fertilizers, and even reduce home energy bills.
- 4. Drive less.** Vehicle exhaust contributes much of the nitrogen that enters Bay waters.
- 5. Buy local foods.** It minimizes transportation-related emissions and keeps Bay farmers in business.

To learn more – and join the thousands of others who are fighting for the Bay – please visit cbf.org/joinCBF.

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Weekend and Other Short-term Rental Accommodations in Patton Township

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@centrecounty.pa.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

For the 2012 tax year and beyond, 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 CTA is located in the Finance Department of the State College Borough Municipal Building, 243 S Allen St, State College, PA.

For questions relating to tax years prior to 2012, contact the Patton Township Tax Office at 814-234-6617.

Local Services Tax

This is a \$52.00 per year tax levied at \$1 per week on people working in the Township. A low income exemption is available for individuals earning less than \$12,000 annually. Individuals who work for more than one employer and have had the tax deducted more than once may claim a refund.

For more information, please contact the collector, State College Borough, at 814-234-7120.

LEASH LAW KEEPS DOGS AND PEOPLE SAFE

In Patton Township, dogs must be kept on a leash at all times outside of their home. This ordinance is in place not only for the safety of the dogs, but for the safety of our residents as well. Also be reminded that owners must pick up and dispose of pet waste when their pet is not on their own property.

In parks, the same rules apply. Recently, new signs have been posted in our parks to remind dog owners to keep their dogs on-leash and to pick up waste. In parks, every dog must be on a leash that does not exceed 6' in length. Thank you for paying attention to these signs. Dog waste should be disposed of in the trash cans. Often, dog waste bags are thrown into bushes or onto the ground which creates a hazard for curious children and a hazard for our mowing crews.

PATTON WOODS NATURAL RECREATION AREA

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 changing color of the foliage. Please remember that special regulations apply to the Natural Recreation Area. Dogs are allowed off-leash if they are within sight 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.

REMINDERS!

**Primary Election Day is
Tuesday, November 3, 2014.**

**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 Blvd

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**



Annual **PATTON TOWNSHIP SAFETY FAIR**

**Come join us!
Kids and Adults**

**October 17, 2015
10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Colonnade Parking Lot
(in front of Target)**

This is a fun opportunity to meet police, fire, EMS, and other first responders in a relaxed and comfortable setting.

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.



BULK WASTE COLLECTION: OCTOBER 12 - 16, 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 4th quarter billing insert in the October invoice or go online to <http://crcog.net/refuse> (Residential Program).



IMPORTANT TRASH & RECYCLING DATES

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:

- September 7 - Labor Day**
- November 26 - Thanksgiving Day**
- November 30 - First Day of Buck Season**
- December 25 - Christmas Day**

FALL BULK WASTE WEEK
October 12 - 16, 2015

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>

FALL 2015 PATTON TOWNSHIP LEAF AND BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

This calendar is also available on the Township website.

September

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

October

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

November

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

December

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		1	2	3	4	5
6	LB 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 2016

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

February

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	Hol 15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

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.**

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 drives 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.

MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS

Patton Township would like to remind residents of the maintenance requirements of sidewalks adjacent to their property.

1. Owners and occupiers of properties are required to keep the width of the sidewalk clear of any tree branches, bushes, and landscaping.
2. Sidewalk blocks are to be repaired or replaced when they begin to deteriorate or cause tripping hazards.

For detailed repair/replacement criteria or if you have questions concerning sidewalk conditions, please contact the Public Works Department at 234-0271.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

A: If a street light is out, 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: For any questions regarding your Comcast bill, 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, Mary Kay Lupton (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.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 7** Labor Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Sept. 9** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Sept. 14** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30PM
- Sept. 21** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:30PM
- Sept. 22** Recreation Advisory Committee - 4:00PM (Park Tour)
- Sept. 23** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Oct. 5** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30PM
- Oct. 8** Open Space Stewardship Comm. Meeting - 5:00PM
- Oct.12** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:30PM
- Oct. 12-16** Bulk Waste Collection
- Oct. 14** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Oct. 20** Recreation Advisory Committee – 7:30PM
- Oct. 28** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Oct. 29** Trick-or-Treat Night – 6:00 – 8:00PM
- Nov. 2** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30PM
- Nov. 3** Election Day
- Nov. 4** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Nov. 9** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:30PM
- Nov. 11** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Nov. 17** Recreation Advisory Committee – 7:30PM
- Nov. 18** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Nov. 26** Thanksgiving – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Nov. 27** Black Friday – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Dec. 7** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30PM
- Dec. 9** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Dec.10** Open Space Stewardship Comm. Meeting - 5:00PM
- Dec. 14** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:30PM
- Dec. 15** Recreation Advisory Committee – 12:00PM
- Dec. 25** Christmas – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Jan. 1** New Years – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Jan. 4** Board of Supervisors Meeting (Organization) - 4:00PM
- Jan. 11** Planning Commission Meeting (Organization) - 7:30PM
- Jan.18** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Jan. 19** Recreation Advisory Committee (Organization) - 7:30PM
- Feb. 15** Presidents Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED

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