



PATTON TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2016

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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.



Annual PATTON TOWNSHIP CHILDREN'S FAIR

**Come join us!
Kids and Adults**

**September 10, 2016
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.

REMINDERS!

**Election Day is
Tuesday, November 8, 2016.**

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



Patton North 1 – Patton Township Municipal Building,
100 Patton Plaza

Patton North 2 – Good Shepard 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

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.



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Larry Pegher, Director of Finance and Administration
Ken Soder, Zoning Officer

Tax Happenings

NEWS FROM THE TAX OFFICE

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@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.

For questions relating to real estate taxes, contact the Patton Township Tax Office at 814-234-6617.

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.

C-NET: A Community Asset

C-NET, the Government and Educational Access Network for Centre County, is pleased to cover municipal meetings of all of the Centre Region municipalities and Bellefonte Borough, the school board meetings of the State College and Bellefonte Area School Districts, the Centre County Commissioners, the COG General Forum, and other meetings of community interest. But did you know that C-NET also provides coverage of a wide variety of community events? Events that showcase Centre County's talents, knowledge, families and philanthropic spirit?

Local cable access organizations like C-NET offer non-profit and educational organizations the opportunity to have their events televised locally and streamed online. So while coverage of local government and education remains the focus of our organization, C-NET strives to also showcase the wonderful array of community events of which Centre County can be proud.

C-NET is grateful to our thirteen member organizations, including Patton Township, for their decades of support. As a reminder, the meetings of the Patton Township Board of Supervisors are televised LIVE on C-NET Channel 7 and are re-cablecast at the following times during the six days following a meeting:

Saturday at 12:00 Noon
Monday at 6:00 am and 1:00 pm
Tuesday at 12:00 am

Patton Township Planning Commission meetings follow the same airing schedule, with the first airing being on the Wednesday night follow a Monday meeting. Should the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors meet during the same week, the Planning Commission meeting will be televised the week following.

To watch C-NET programs online, and for complete C-NET schedule information, please visit www.cnet1.org.

The Most Common Parks FAQs Answered!

What are the hours of use in a Township Park?

Parks are only open for use during daylight hours, unless otherwise posted, meaning that parks are closed at sunset. The one exception to this regulation is the Patton Woods Natural Recreation Area which is open for use 24 hours a day.

How do I reserve a pavilion?

Pavilion reservations may be made by calling Centre Region Parks and Recreation (CRPR) at 231-3071. There is a fee.

Can dogs be off-leash in parks?

Dogs must be kept on a leash that is 6' in length or shorter. Certain areas in parks, such as tot play areas, are posted as areas where dogs are not allowed.

The one exception to this rule is Patton Woods Natural Recreation Area where dogs are allowed off-leash provided they are in sight of and under owner control.

How can I find a park if I'm new to the area?

Centre Region Parks and Recreation (CRPR) maintains a detailed and comprehensive website that lists all the parks in Patton Township and the region. This website also provides information on programs. www.crpr.org

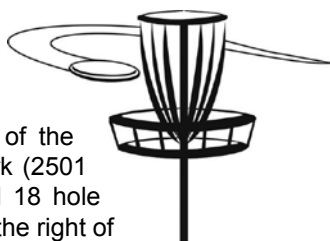
Patton Woods Natural Recreation Area

Patton Woods Natural Recreation Area is located at 2950 Circleville Road. This 63 acre wooded site offers walking/hiking trails. Please remember that special regulations apply to the Natural Recreation Area. Dogs are allowed off-leash under owner control, 24 hour use is permitted, and hunting is permitted from September 16 – January 31.

Please be reminded that during hunting season, it is advisable that all Patton Township Natural Recreation Area users and their pets wear safety orange!

Bernel Road Park Disc Golf

This year has seen the expansion of the disc golf course at Bernel Road Park (2501 Bernel Road) from 9 holes to a full 18 hole course. Tee pad #1 is located just to the right of the parking lot as you face the playground area and soon a course map will be installed in a kiosk at Tee pad #1. Many thanks to all the disc golfers and local disc golf clubs that helped in planning the newly expanded course design.



Help Us Save Our Streams

What is Storm Water Runoff?

When it rains, storm water flows over Lawns, streets and parking lots. Storm Water runoff can carry dirt, fertilizers and motor oil into storm drains, which are often located alongside streets and parking lots.

Where do Storm Drains Lead?

Storm drains lead directly to nearby rivers, Streams and lakes without any type of Treatment.

How Can I Help?

Report anyone dumping anything down a storm drain.
Take used motor oil to a quick lube or auto shop
Dispose of pet waste in a trash can
Avoid fertilizing your lawn before it rains
Wash your car on your lawn or take it to a commercial car wash

Additional Information

For additional information please visit these Websites:

www.ms4partners.org
www.dep.pa.gov

Tick Tips

Take preventive measures against ticks year-round, but be extra vigilant in warmer months (April-September) when ticks are most active. Avoid direct contact with ticks by avoiding wooded and brushy areas with high grass.



Repel Ticks

- Use repellents that contain 20 to 30% DEET on exposed skin and clothing for protection that lasts up to several hours.
- Use products that contain permethrin on clothing. It remains protective through several washings.

Find and Remove Ticks from Your Body

- Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors to wash off and more easily find ticks that are crawling on you.
- Conduct a full-body tick check using a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body.
- Examine gear and pets. Ticks can ride into the home on clothing and pets, then attach to a person later.
- Tumble dry clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors.

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, Toffrees 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.

BULK WASTE COLLECTION: OCTOBER 10 - 14, 2016

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 www.crcog.net/refuse (Residential Program).



NEW RECYCLABLE ITEM:

Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority is pleased to announce a new addition to metal recyclables: SPIRAL CANS!!!



What are spiral cans? They're the cans made out of a paperboard type material with a metal bottom. Peanuts, drink mixes, frozen juice concentrate, coffee, Comet®, and Pringles® containers are some of the cans now being collected.

These cans may be placed in your curbside recycling bin or brought to any of recycling drop off locations and placed in the compartment labeled for "metal cans".

FALL 2016 PATTON TOWNSHIP LEAF AND BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

This calendar is also available on the Township website.

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	Hol	5	LB	6	7	8
11	F	12	F	13	F	14
18	F	19	F	20	F	21
25	F	26	F	27	F	28

October

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	LB	3	4	5	6	7
9	F	10	F	11	F	12
16	F	17	F	18	F	19
23/30	F	24/31	F	25	F	26

November

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		F	1	F	2	F
6	F	7	F	8	F	9
13	F	14	F	15	F	16
20	F	21	F	22	F	23
27	F	28	F	29	F	30

December

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

January 2017

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

February

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

LB Monthly Collection

F Fall Collection (Leaves & 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) **GRASS CLIPPINGS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.** Ornamental grass will be collected and must be a separate pile.
- 6) Limbs larger than 8-inches in diameter (stumps, logs, old firewood) cannot be chipped by the Township's equipment.
- 7) A maximum of four (4) truckloads of limbs and brush will be collected from a single property.
- 8) **PLEASE DO NOT PARK VEHICLES IN FRONT OF PILES.**

IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 5** Labor Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Sept. 12** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00PM
- Sept. 14** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Sept. 19** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:00PM
- Sept. 20** Recreation Advisory Committee (Parks Tour) - 4:00PM
- Sept. 28** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Oct. 3** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00PM
- Oct. 10** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:00PM
- Oct. 12** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Oct. 18** Recreation Advisory Committee – 7:30PM
- Oct. 26** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Oct. 31** Trick or Treat – 6:00PM to 8:00PM
- Nov. 2** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Nov. 7** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00PM
- Nov. 8** Election Day - Please Vote
- Nov. 9** Board of Supervisors Budget Meeting – 7:00PM
- Nov. 14** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:00PM
- Nov. 15** Recreation Advisory Committee – 7:30PM
- Nov. 16** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Nov. 24** Thanksgiving – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Nov. 25** Black Friday – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Dec. 1** Recreation Advisory Committee – 12:00PM
- Dec. 5** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00PM
- Dec. 12** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:00PM
- Dec. 14** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Dec. 26** Christmas Observance - Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Jan. 2** New Years Observance - Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Jan. 3** Board of Supervisors Meeting (Organizational) - 4:00PM
- Jan. 9** Planning Commission Meeting (Organizational) - 7:00PM
- Jan. 16** Martin Luther King Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Jan. 17** Recreation Advisory Committee (Organizational) - 7:30PM
- Jan. 25** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Feb. 20** Presidents Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED

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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 5	Labor Day
November 24	Thanksgiving Day
November 28	First Day of Buck Season
Christmas Week	Regular Schedule

FALL BULK WASTE WEEK October 10 - 14, 2016

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>