



PATTON TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2018



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C-NET: Connecting You and Your Local Government

When it comes to receiving information, advances in technology, especially in the “media landscape” affect us all. Most people are getting their news and information from a wide variety of sources now, including print, TV, online, and through social media. The constant flow of information about national politics can be overwhelming, but reliable information about your local government may be harder to find.

That is one reason why C-NET coverage is so important to local communities. C-NET coverage of Patton Township Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings is “gavel to gavel”, providing residents with complete information about legislation, developments, and initiatives affecting them where they live. There is no substitute for being able to watch full and complete deliberations, and C-NET’s mission is to provide citizens with the information they need to fully participate in their local government.

Patton Township Board of Supervisors meetings are recorded by C-NET and televised on Comcast Channel 7 at the following times in the six days following a meeting:

Wednesday at 7:00 pm (LIVE)
Saturday at 12:00 Noon
Monday at 6:00 am
Tuesday at 12:00 am

Patton Township Planning Commission meetings follow the airing schedule above, however the Wednesday night airing is not live. Should the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors meet during the same week, the Supervisors meeting take precedence, and the Planning Commission meeting will air the following week.

In addition to the televised airings, all C-NET programs are also available to view online, on-demand at cnet1.org. Online meetings are “bookmarked” by agenda items, so that viewers may click on an agenda item of interest to them and be taken directly to that point in the meeting. C-NET programs are also available to view via the Roku set-top box or streaming stick.

In addition to meetings, C-NET is pleased to cover a wide variety of local events in the community. State College Area School



Election Day is Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

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

Patton North 1 – Patton Township Municipal Bldg,
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**

District concerts, military history lectures, public issues forums, high school sports, Penn State lectures, and other events are recorded, televised and web streamed by C-NET throughout the year.

For residents who would like to receive notice when programs are available to view online, C-NET is pleased to offer an “Email Notification Service”. Simply email Executive Director, Cynthia Hahn, at chahn@cnet1.org and indicate for which programs you would like to receive notice. Along with Patton Township meetings, residents may be interested in the meetings of the State College Area School Board, the Centre County Commissioners, the Centre Region COG, the Centre Regional Planning Commission, Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the State College Borough Water Authority.

The program schedules for C-NET Channels 7 and 98 are posted on the Channel 7 and Channel 98 Bulletin Boards, as well as on cnet1.org. For more information about C-NET’s programming, or other services to Patton Township, visit cnet1.org, call the C-NET office at (814) 238-5031, or email cnet@cnet1.org

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Larry Pegher, Director of Finance & Administration
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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:

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, 2017. For information, call the PA Department of Revenue at 1-888-222-9190 or visit www.revenue.state.pa.us

PARKS FAQs ANSWERED!

How can I find a park if I am 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 Centre Region. This website also provides information on Aquatics, Leagues, Millbrook Marsh Nature Center, Active Adult Centre and, Special Programs and Events. Please visit their website at www.crpr.org

What are the hours of use in a Township Park?

Parks are only open for use during daylight hours, unless otherwise posted.

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 at all. The one exception to this rule is Patton Woods Natural Recreation Area where dogs are allowed off-leash if they are under owner control.

What are the regulations regarding smoking in parks?

A resolution was adopted in 2011 promoting "Young Lungs at Play" to establish tobacco-free zones in parks. Signs are posted in tot lots and in active play areas used by children indicating "no smoking" zones.

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.

Are there new parks planned for Patton Township?

2018 will see the construction of a new playground at Gray's Woods Park, located off Gray's Woods Boulevard, near the Brynwood neighborhood. Construction should be complete by Fall 2018 and will boast an environmentally themed play area with educational elements to teach users about wetlands and resident species. There will also be a pavilion with a "green" roof!

The Patton Township Police Department would like to extend our thanks to the residents of Patton Township for their assistance, commitment and desire to have a safe community. The Police Department proudly shares this honor with you.

The Department would like to congratulate Detective Richard Saupp on his retirement. Det. Saupp served the residents of Patton Township for 35.5 years. We appreciate the hard work and dedicated service of Det. Saupp in helping to make Patton Township a safe place for everyone who lives, works, and visits here.

The Police Department would like to congratulate Officer Scott Stroud on his promotion to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Stroud has been with the Police Department for the past 11 years.

The Patton Township Police Department recently added two new patrol officers to our force. We would like to welcome Officer Elijah Vardzel and Officer Vincent Finochio. Both officers were hired in February, 2018 and are excited to serve our community.

The Police Department asks residents to be vigilant and alert.

As a reminder, please remember to secure your residence and vehicles when you are away from them.

You can contact the Patton Township Police Department 3 ways:

- 1.) 911 – Emergencies.
- 2.) 1-800-479-0050 – Non-emergencies.
- 3.) 814-234-0271 – Township office (M-F 8:30AM-4:30PM)

YOUTH SAFETY

Say **NO** to drugs and alcohol.
Wear your bicycle helmet when riding.
Don't talk to Strangers or go in their cars.

HOME PROTECTION CHECKS

Provided by Patton Township
Police Department

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 make contact with your emergency contact(s).

Protect Your Home While You're Away

- Complete a Patton Township Police Department residence check form
- Have a neighbor check on your residence
- Stop or forward your mail, or have someone collect it daily
- Set lights on timers
- Have someone maintain your lawn and property
- It is important to make it appear that someone is home

Do you ever drive aggressively?

If you are:

- Speeding
- Running red lights
- Tailgating
- Making frequent lane changes
- Passing improperly
- Failing to yield the right of way



Then you are an aggressive driver!

How to avoid being an aggressive driver:

- Allow more time for travel
- Come to a full stop at red lights and stop signs
- Obey posted speed limits
- Don't follow other drivers too closely
- Concentrate on driving
- Minimize distractions such as cell phones, stereos or other passengers

Remember that you can't control traffic, but you can control yourself, your driving and your emotions.



PATTON TOWNSHIP CHILDREN'S FAIR

Come join us!
Kids and Adults

Saturday, May 19, 2018
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.



10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly

For more information, visit
www.dep.pa.gov or
MS4partners.org

Summer Reading 2018

Babies to Adults

ROCK libraries

Visit us online at
reading.schlowlibrary.org
to register beginning
Monday, May 21!

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PATTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS E-MAIL SERVICE LIST

The Patton Township Public Works Department provides updates and information regarding road work, weather warnings, snow emergency notifications, and other activities to interested people through e-mail notification. Sign up TODAY!! Please forward your name and e-mail address to publicworks@twp.patton.pa.us.

WHAT DO I DO.....?

Q. There is a street light out?

A. If a street light is out, please contact West Penn Power at 1-800-686-0021. If possible, give them the pole number from the metal tag affixed to the pole. This makes it easier for West Penn Power to locate it.

Q. I have a problem with my Comcast bill or service?

A. For any questions or issues regarding your Comcast service, please contact Comcast at (800) 266-2278.

Q. I think there's a problem with my sewer?

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. I need to dispose of my grass clippings after mowing the lawn?

A. Residents may take their grass clippings to the Glenn O. Hawbaker Recycle Center at no charge. (*The grass drop off area is located on the left at the concrete structure just as you enter the facility.*)

Q. I want to alter my house/garage/etc. and I need a zoning permit?

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. Visit <http://twp.patton.pa.us/departments/public-works/zoning> for more information.

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 (6) 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.

OPEN BURNING

An "Open Burn Permit" is needed prior to burning brush or other open burning. Brush may not exceed four inches in diameter and may **not** be garden vegetation or leaves. Exceptions: A Permit is **not** required 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.



BULK WASTE COLLECTION

May 7-11 2018

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



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://www.crcog.net/refuse>

IMPORTANT TRASH & RECYCLING DATES FOR 2018

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 28 - Memorial Day

July 4 - 4th of July

September 3 - Labor Day

November 22 - Thanksgiving Day

November 26 - First Day of Buck Season

December 25 - Christmas Day

SPRING BULK WASTE WEEK

May 7 - 11, 2018

FALL BULK WASTE WEEK

October 15 - 19, 2018

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

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

HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE
COLLECTION
April 27 - 28, 2018

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



BACKYARD COMPOST WORKSHOP MILLBROOK MARSH

May 6th at 1:00 pm
or May 30th at 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/> (search backyard composting) or call (814) 231-3071 to register.

SPRING 2018 PATTON TOWNSHIP LEAF AND BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

This calendar is also available on the Township website.

March

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

April

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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					

May

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6	LB 7	8	9	10	11	12
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	Hol 28	29	30	31		

June

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3	LB 4	5	6	7	8	9
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

July

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1	LB 2	3	Hol 4	5	6	7
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August

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			1	2	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	

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 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 & MEETING SCHEDULE

- April 11** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM
- April 17** Recreation Advisory Committee – 5:00 PM
- April 21** Watershed Cleanup Day
- April 25** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM
- May 7** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 PM
- May 9** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM
Public Hearing for Patton Crossing
- May 14** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:00 PM
- May 15** Election Day
- May 17** Recreation Advisory Committee (Parks Tour) 4:00 PM
- May 19** Children’s Fair
- May 23** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM
- May 28** Township Offices Closed
- June 4** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 PM
- June 11** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:00 PM
- June 19** Recreation Advisory Committee – 7:00 PM
- June 20** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM

- July 4** Township Offices Closed
- July 9** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 PM
- July 16** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:00 PM
- July 17** Recreation Advisory Committee – 7:00 PM
- July 18** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Aug. 6** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Aug. 13** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:00 PM
- Aug. 15** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Aug. 21** Recreation Advisory Committee – 7:00 PM

- Sept. 3** Township Offices Closed
- Sept. 10** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Sept. 12** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Sept. 17** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:00 PM
- Sept. 18** Recreation Advisory Committee (Parks Tour) 4:00 PM
- Sept. 26** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 PM

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