



PATTON TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2018

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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 8, 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.

REMINDERS!

Election Day is
Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

**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 – Hampton Inn & Suites, 1955 Waddle
Road, Colonial Room

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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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 related 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.

NEW PATTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION PROJECTS!

A lot is happening in Patton Township parks with construction, project planning and engineering!

Gray's Woods Park is under construction, located on Gray's Woods Boulevard near the Brynwood neighborhood. The park itself is 43 acres in size, however the park area being developed will be about 1.5 acres and will be themed around environmental education. The park will have two play areas, one for tots and one for children aged 5-12 years with fun new equipment, benches, walking paths, educational boards and some parking. Construction should be complete by spring 2019.

Engineering design is underway for Bernel Road Park Phase 2A. This new section of the airport themed park located on Bernel Road will include two earthen pump tracks for bicycles, one for beginners and one for intermediate users. It will also include a fitness challenge course for teens, two basketball courts, expanded parking and walkway connections to the existing pathway system. Engineering design should be complete in 2019.

The Valley Vista Shared Use Path project is a bicycle/pedestrian path project planned to join Carnegie Drive in Patton Township to the Tudek/Circleville Bike Path in Ferguson Township. This cooperative municipal project will result in a path along the length of Valley Vista Drive that is 1.8 miles long. Engineering design is underway with construction planned for 2019. Design is being funded by Patton and Ferguson Townships and the construction funds for the project have been awarded from the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

The Patton Township Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) is a five member volunteer Committee that meets each month to work with Staff on planning and implementing recreation projects in the Township and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The Committee is currently working on a bike path master plan to make recommendations for future path connections.

To find out more about all the parks in Patton Township and recreation programs, visit www.crpr.org

Also, as a reminder, pets must be kept on a leash in all other parks. Please be respectful of all park users and keep your pets on-leash. Thank you!



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.epa.gov/nps or
www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater



BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

from the Patton Township Police Department

Summer vacation will soon be over and our children will be heading back to school. This will bring about a lot of congestion: School buses busy picking up and dropping off students, parents hurrying to drop off their kids before work and kids walking and riding their bikes to and from school. Here are a few tips to ensure the safety of our kids.

When dropping off or picking up your students, don't double park. It blocks visibility for other children and vehicles. In a school zone, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection.

Always stop for a crossing guard or police officer holding a stop sign.

Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in residential areas.

Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.

Also remember:

Teach children not to talk to strangers or accept rides from someone they don't know.

Make sure your child knows their phone number, address, how to get in touch with their parents at work, how to get in touch with another trusted adult, and how to dial 9-1-1.

The Patton Township Police Department looks forward to working with our schools to have another successful and safe school year.

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



C-NET: Helping to Build Community

The importance of local media - whether print, radio, television, or online – is something that most of us can agree upon. We should all want to foster a system that utilizes media to help build and strengthen our community. As an additional source of local information, along with Centre County's numerous print publications, and local radio and TV stations, C-NET strives to provide County residents with complete, unbiased information about local government and education.

While there is a constant flow of information about national politics, finding media coverage of local issues facing municipal, regional, and County government, along with local school districts, can be more challenging. Local issues often most directly affect our day to day lives, and that is why C-NET coverage is so important to our community.

C-NET coverage of Patton Township Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings is "gavel to gavel", providing residents with complete information. 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 televised live on Comcast Channel 7 and web streamed live on youtube (CNetCentreCounty). In addition to the live airing, the Supervisors meetings are recorded and televised on Channel 7 at the following times during the six days following a meeting:

Saturday at 12:00 Noon
Monday at 6:00 am
Tuesday at 12:00 am

Patton Township Planning Commission meetings are also covered by C-NET and follow the same airing schedule. The Planning Commission meetings, however, are not televised or web streamed live. Should the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors meet during the same week, the Supervisors meeting takes 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. Meetings are generally available online within 48 hours after the recording and are "bookmarked" by agenda item. 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 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.

To receive emails when particular programs of interest are available online, 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, and the State College Borough Water Authority.

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.

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, 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.

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.

CATABUS Service Changes

to Take Effect Saturday, August 18

CATA will introduce service changes to numerous CATABUS Community Service routes with the start of full service on Saturday, August 18. Changes to service, some of which are substantial and involve the incorporation of new routes, will affect the existing A (Park Forest Village), B (Boalsburg), C (Houserville), F (Pine Grove), G (Stormstown), HP (Toftrees/Scenery Park), M (Nittany Mall), NV (Havershire/Martin/Vairo/Toftrees), RP (Waupelani Drive/Downtown), VN (Toftrees/Vairo/Martin/Havershire), XB (Bellefonte) and XG (Pleasant Gap) Routes.

Detailed full service route and schedule information for all routes is available on the CATA website, www.catabus.com, in the Fall 2018 Ride Guide available on the buses and throughout the community starting Tuesday, August 7, and by calling CATA's Customer Service Center at (814) 238-CATA(2282).

BULK WASTE COLLECTION

for residential
curbside customers

OCTOBER 15-19



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 online: <http://www.crcog.net/refuse>

IMPORTANT TRASH & RECYCLING INFO

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 3 - Labor Day

November 22 - Thanksgiving Day

November 26 - First Day of Buck Season

December 25 - Christmas Day

January 1 - New Year's Day

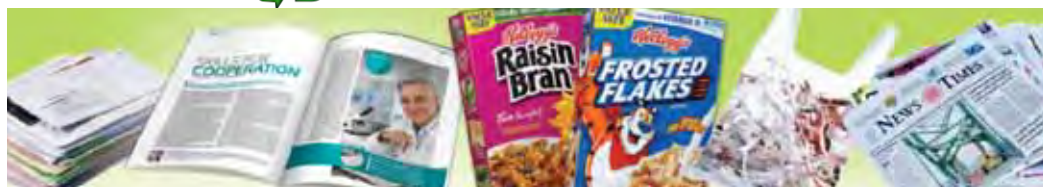
FALL BULK WASTE WEEK
October 15 - 19

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>



MIXED PAPER RECYCLING



Please **bag your paper** (plastic or paper) for recycling to keep it dry and prevent it from flying away.

All paper types—newspaper, office paper, magazines, junk mail and paperboard containers: cereal, tissue, cracker and pasta boxes, paper towel tubes, etc.—**should be bagged together.**

Corrugated cardboard is **NOT** recycled with mixed paper. Please flatten cardboard boxes and keep them separated from mixed paper.

FALL 2018 PATTON TOWNSHIP LEAF AND BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

This calendar is also available on the Township website.

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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, Tofrees, 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, Tofrees, 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 and 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. 3** Labor Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Sept. 8** Children's Safety Fair at Target Parking Lot
10:00AM-3:00PM
- Sept. 10** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00PM
- Sept. 12** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Sept. 17** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:00PM
- Sept. 18** Recreation Advisory Committee – Parks Tour - 4:00PM
- Sept. 26** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Sept. 27** Electrical Safety Demonstration – 10:00AM-6:00PM
- Oct. 1** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00PM
- Oct. 8** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:00PM
- Oct. 10** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Oct. 16** Recreation Advisory Committee – 7:30PM
- Oct. 24** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Oct. 31** Trick or Treat – 6:00PM to 8:00PM
- Nov. 5** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00PM
- Nov. 6** Election Day - Please Vote
- Nov. 7** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Nov. 12** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:00PM
- Nov. 14** Board of Supervisors Budget Meeting – 7:00PM
- Nov. 20** Recreation Advisory Committee – 7:30PM
- Nov. 20** Board of Supervisors Budget Meeting – 7:00PM
- Nov. 22** Thanksgiving – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Nov. 23** Black Friday – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Dec. 3** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00PM
- Dec. 10** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:00PM
- Dec. 12** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Dec. 18** Recreation Advisory Committee – 12:00PM
- Dec. 25** Christmas Observance – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Jan. 1** New Years Observance – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Jan. 7** Board of Supervisors Meeting (Organizational) - 4:00PM
- Jan. 7** Planning Commission Meeting (Organizational) - 7:00PM
- Jan. 21** Martin Luther King Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Jan. 15** Recreation Advisory Committee (Organizational) - 7:30PM
- Feb. 18** Presidents Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED

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