



PATTON TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2019

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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.

REMINDERS!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

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

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

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

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.

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 raforcnic@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.

RECREATION IN PATTON TOWNSHIP

The much anticipated Valley Vista Shared Use Path project will begin construction in Spring 2020. It will be a variable width path that runs from Carnegie Drive in Patton Township to the Circleville/Tudek Bikeway in Ferguson Township. The overall length will be 1.8 miles and will connect users from their neighborhoods to the businesses near the movie theatre to Circleville Park and many other points of interest.

Interested residents should explore the shared use path and bicycle system in Centre Region by visiting the following link <https://www.crcog.net/bikes>

Gray's Woods Park is nearing final completion! It is a neighborhood park located on Gray's Wood's Boulevard near the Brynwood neighborhood. The overall park is 43 acres in size, however the area being developed is approximately 1.5 acres. There are paths in and around the woods that lead to a wetlands complex and the developed area consists of fun new equipment, benches, educational boards and limited parking.

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

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 streams, rivers 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

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Every year at the end of August, traffic inevitably seems to get a little bit heavier as those bright yellow school buses start their daily routes. It's easy to get frustrated if you are behind a school bus as it makes a dozen stops to pick up students – especially if you are already running late. But adding a few minutes to your commute should be a small price to pay for the safety of the more than 1.5 million students transported daily in Pennsylvania.

In Pennsylvania, it is illegal to pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing and stop arm is extended. If convicted of breaking this law, you could get a \$250 fine, five points on your driving record, and a 60-day suspension of your license.

As part of the law, motorists are required to stop at least 10 feet away when behind the bus, meeting the bus, or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped. Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety. It's important to note that if physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails, or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.

SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

- 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.
- Obey school zone speed limits!!!
- Always stop for crossing guards or police officers 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.

Additional Safety Tips for Parents

- 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.

HOME PROTECTION CHECKS

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 contact you or your emergency contact(s).

Call (814)234-0273 or stop by the Patton Township Police Department (100 Patton Plaza, State College, PA 16803) to complete a residence check form.

The Police Department asks residents to remain 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:

- 9-1-1 – Emergencies.
- 1-800-479-0050 – Non-Emergencies
- (814)234-0273 – Township Office (M-F 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, Closed Wed. 12-1:00 PM)

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, Tofrees 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.

Prescription Drug Take-Back Program

Patton Township participates in the Pennsylvania Prescription Drug Take-Back Program. A prescription drug drop-off box is located in the municipal building lobby. Please visit the Patton Township Website (twp.patton.pa.us) for more information.

BULK WASTE COLLECTION

for residential
curbside customers

OCTOBER 21-25



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: 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 2 - Labor Day

November 28 - Thanksgiving Day

December 25 - Christmas Day

January 1 - New Year's Day

NOTE: Regular collection week of Dec. 2

MISCELLANEOUS PLASTIC DROP-OFF SITES (Centre County)

1. The Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority, 253 Transfer Road, Bellefonte (between the Nittany Mall and Rockview Prison, off of Route 26). The recycling container is located outside of Gate 3, on Transfer Road.
2. Between the Patton Township Fire Station (2598 Green Tech Drive, State College) AND CLEARWATER CONSERVANCY.
3. CVS, 127 S. POTTER STREET, BELLEFONTE
4. HAMILTON SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER, 244 WEST HAMILTON AVENUE, STATE COLLEGE.
5. SNAPPYS CONVENIENCE STORE, 2892 EARLYSTOWN ROAD, CENTRE HALL.
6. RUSH TOWNSHIP BUILDING, 150 RICHARD STREET, PHILIPSBURG.

ATTENDING A PENN STATE GAME THIS FALL?

Fans Encouraged to Participate in Game Day Recycling Initiatives

Fans are encouraged to be environmentally responsible and participate in Penn State's recycling and sustainability efforts by separating recyclable items before, during and after the game. Blue recycling bags and clear trash bags are located throughout the Beaver Stadium parking lots, including the entrance to most lots.

Only plastic bottles, glass bottles and metal cans should be placed in the blue bags. All other items should be placed in the clear trash bags. Bags should be securely closed and left where fans parked and they will be picked up after the lots close.

Proper recycling and garbage disposal help to preserve the environment and keep the University grounds well maintained. Penn State encourages all fans to take responsibility for their tailgates, to clean up when their tailgate ends and make sure all garbage and recycling are properly collected and placed in the appropriate bag.

Blue bags are for:
Bottles
Cans

RECYCLE!
**TAKE A
BLUE BAG**

Clear bags are for:
Everything else



FALL 2019 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	Hol	2	3	4	5	6
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October

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13	F	14	15	16	17	18
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27	F	28	29	30	31	

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January 2020

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16	Hol	17	18	19	20	21
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

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 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. 2** Labor Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Sept. 9** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00PM
- Sept. 11** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Sept. 16** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:00PM
- Sept. 17** Recreation Advisory Committee – Parks Tour - 4:00PM
- Sept. 25** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Oct. 7** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00PM
- Oct. 9** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Oct. 14** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:00PM
- Oct. 15** Recreation Advisory Committee – 7:00PM
- Oct. 21-25** Bulk Waste Collection
- Oct. 23** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Oct. 31** Trick or Treat – 6:00PM to 8:00PM
- Nov. 4** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00PM
- Nov. 6** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Nov. 11** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:00PM
- Nov. 13** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Nov. 19** Recreation Advisory Committee – 7:00PM
- Nov. 20** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Nov. 28** Thanksgiving – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Nov. 29** Black Friday – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Dec. 2** Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00PM
- Dec. 9** Planning Commission Work Session – 7:00PM
- Dec. 11** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00PM
- Dec. 17** Recreation Advisory Committee – 7:00PM
- Dec. 25** Christmas Observance – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Jan. 1** New Years Observance – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Jan. 6** Board of Supervisors Meeting (Reorganizational) - 4:00PM
- Jan. 13** Planning Commission Meeting (Reorganizational) - 7:00PM
- Jan. 20** Martin Luther King Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Feb. 7** Presidents Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED

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Welcome

Patton Township would like to welcome Mike Dugal, who was hired as a part-time Ordinance Enforcement Officer (OEO). OEO Dugal will be checking properties in Patton Township for compliance with the Township Ordinances such as nuisance, weed/grass violations, and snow/ice sidewalk violations. OEO Dugal will also be strictly enforcing parking regulations around the Township. These include, but are not limited to Handicapped Zone, Fire Lane, on sidewalk, against traffic and snow parking. A full list of the Patton Township Ordinances can be found on the Township Website.