

PATTON TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER

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THANK YOU DOUG! WELCOME, AMY!

DOUG ERICKSON TO RETIRE AFTER 25 YEARS WITH PATTON TOWNSHIP

Doug Erickson has served Patton Township for 25 years, and the time has come for his retirement. Erickson started as Director of Public Works for Patton Township, and became Manager in 2006.

The staff at Patton would like to thank Doug for his dedication to this community, his work on the area's progress and development, and of course his strong relationship with our team.

We wish him all the best in his retirement years ahead!

PATTON TOWNSHIP WELCOMES NEW MANAGER

Amy Farkas will begin as the newly appointed Township Manager following the retirement of Doug Erickson in May 2023.

Ms. Farkas comes with 17 years of prior experience as Township Manager at Harris Township and we are very pleased to welcome her to our staff and community.



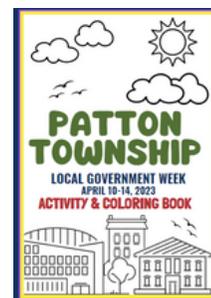
Welcome to Patton Township, Amy!

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

**APRIL 10-14 IS LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK!
HERE'S HOW YOU CAN CELEBRATE WITH US...**

**Kids Activity & Coloring Book:
COMPLETE & TURN IN TO
WIN A PRIZE!**

Download our activity book from our website, Print at home (or pick up a copy from the Township Office), Complete with your kids, and turn back in to claim a prize! Great for kids aged 4-12.



**Patton Township INSTAGRAM Photo Challenge: POST FOR
A CHANCE TO WIN A GIFT CARD!**

PATTON SCAVENGER HUNT PHOTO CHALLENGE: Adventure out into Patton Township and **TAKE 3 PHOTOS OF...**

1. A meal at a restaurant in Patton Township
2. A park in Patton Township
3. A place you've never been before in Patton Township!

Post all three photos to your Instagram feed using our hashtag: **#PATTONLOCALGOVTWEEK** for a chance to win \$100 to ANY Patton Township business of your choosing.
FOR MORE DETAILS, VISIT US ON INSTAGRAM @pattontownship

**Walk-Through Wednesday: Coffee Hour & Walk-Through
Tour at Patton Township with Department Heads
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12th from 9:00-10:00 AM**

Stop by the Patton Township office during Local Government Week on Wednesday, April 12th for a Walk-Through tour and Q&A with our Department Heads. Coffee and donuts will be provided! Can't make it? Tune in for a virtual tour of the office on Facebook at 12 p.m. followed by an online Q&A session.

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TAX REMINDERS

Real Estate Taxes

There is a drop box in the foyer at the Township Building for tax payments. A receipt will be mailed to you!



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 also available on their website: statecollegepa.us

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

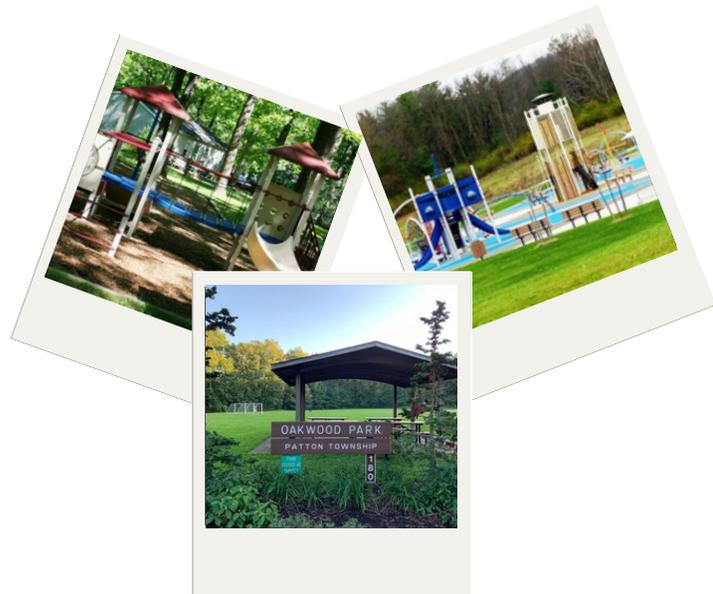
PARKS & RECREATION

Why Parks?

Parks provide safe places for children to play, they provide areas for adults to exercise, and they provide open spaces for all ages to enjoy. They provide a place for community activities where people come together to meet and can get to know one another. Parks are flexible spaces that encourage active lifestyles.

Patton Township strives to develop all of our parks so "there is something for everyone." Parks matter for so many reasons! In Patton Township, there are 16 parks of different sizes, offering many opportunities to satisfy different interests.

More information about the parks can be found at Centre Region Parks & Rec: www.crpr.org. What is your favorite Patton Park?



Reminder: Keep Your Dog Leashed

Dogs must always be kept on a leash of 6' in length or less in parks, both in Patton Township and other parks in the Centre Region. Please be respectful of other park users and keep your pets under control.



One exception to this rule in Patton Township is Patton Woods Natural Recreation Area (2950 Circleville Road) where dogs may be off-leash provided they are within sight of their owners and under voice control.



POLICE

Patton Township Police Hiring

The Patton Township Police Department is looking for motivated individuals who are interested in pursuing a rewarding career by making a difference in our local community. A written entrance exam will be offered for interested individuals on May 20, 2023. For more information, please visit our website and social media sites.

Drug Safety

tips courtesy of the National Police Association

If you have prescription medications at home, make sure they are stored in a secure location, up high, and out of sight of curious house guests or burglars.



- Never offer to share medications with someone else. You should be the only one taking your medications. Sharing is not only dangerous, but illegal.
- Keep your medications organized, in their original packaging, and occasionally keep count to make sure none are unexpectedly missing.
- Talk with your children and teens often about drug use, consequences of use, and who they can talk to about peer pressure, drug use, or where to go for help if they need it.

Prescription Take-Back Program

The Pennsylvania Prescription Drug Take-Back Program focuses on alleviating the health and safety concerns from the diversion and abuse of prescription medications by helping our communities properly dispose of unused prescription medications.

Therefore, a prescription drug drop-off box has been installed in the Patton Township municipal building lobby.

In 2022, Patton Township collected 280 pounds of unused prescription medications.

If you'd like additional information on the program, please visit our Drug Collection webpage on the Township website:
<https://twp.patton.pa.us/183/Prescription-Drug-Collection>



Crime Prevention

tips courtesy of the National Police Association

One of the best ways to prevent crime is to stay informed, aware, and connected with your local resources. Some things to consider when thinking about crime prevention:

Keeping your home secure

- Check all of your windows and doors-make sure all entry points have updated locks and keep everything locked when you are away.
- Consider investing in an alarm system-especially one that alerts local law enforcement in the event of a break-in.

Protect your digital information

- Password protect all your devices, including cell phones and tablets, with unique passwords.
- Be aware of what you post on social media! Sometimes addresses, locations, or other personal information make their way into photos by accident.
- If you are posting sensitive information such as photos of your children, vacation itineraries, etc., make sure that your privacy settings are all up to date.
- Talk to your kids about what they are doing online, who they are communicating with, and what information they can share.



PATTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement

The Patton Township Police Department, in partnership with our community, provides impartial, ethical, and professional law enforcement service and protection. We strive to maintain the trust and confidence of our citizens while working to improve the quality of life.

CONTACT THE PATTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ☎ 911 ~ EMERGENCY
1-800-479-0050 ~ **Non-Emergency**
814-234-0271 ~ Township Office (M-F 8:30 AM-4:30 PM)
- ✉ police@twp.patton.pa.us ~ **EMAIL**
- 💻 twp.patton.pa.us ~ Visit us online for more information or to file an online report



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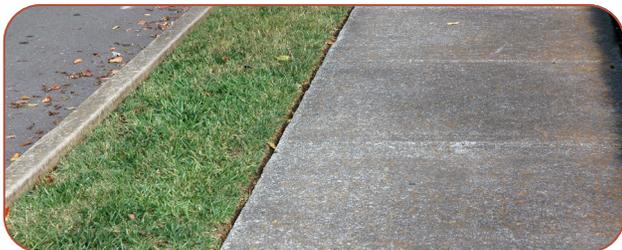
PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS

SIDEWALK REMINDERS

ATTENTION PATTON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OWNERS:

With spring on the horizon, Patton Township would like to send a reminder to inspect your sidewalks for any shifting or damage that may have been caused by the freeze thaw cycle. Although sidewalks are typically located within the Right-of-Way, it is the responsibility of the property owners to keep them clear and maintained (Patton Code Article VIII 149-42). The following is a summarized list of criteria to follow if you are unsure if your sidewalk is compliant with Township standards (Patton Code Article VIII 149-46.1):

- *Vertical Alignment - When a sidewalk square has risen or sunk more than 1 inch from the adjacent square*
- *Horizontal Alignment - When a crack within a square or the separation between squares is 1 inch or greater*
- *Surface Deterioration - When more than 25% of the surface has chipped or crumbled or causes peaks and valleys of greater than 1/2 inch*
- *Slope - If any situation occurs that causes a slope of 8% or more*
- *Ponding - If the concrete has settled, allowing water to pond to a depth of 1 inch or greater*
- *Vegetation - Hedges, shrubs, etc. must not impede the sidewalk. Overhead tree branches must provide at least 7 feet of clearance.*



The following is a summarized list of possible repairs:

- **Patching** - Repairs may be made using a half and half mix of cement and sand, or with a commercial two-part epoxy type concrete patch material. The minimum thickness for a patch is 1 inch.
- **Grinding** - The edge of a raised block may be shaved off using a concrete grinder as long as the height of the raised portion is no more than 1 1/2 inches.
- **Sidewalk Replacement** - If the deterioration is severe, it may be in your interest to replace the entire block. Specifications for block replacement are available at the Township Office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Patton Township Public Works Department at 814-234-0271.

ENGINEERING, PLANNING & ZONING

OAK WILT

Oak wilt is a very aggressive disease that affects many species of oak trees, and if left unchecked, will spread and kill more trees.

Patton Township Code, Chapter 163, states if oak trees are pruned from April 1 through October 31, cuts must be sealed with a commercial tree paint or wound dressing. Climbing trees with boot spikes is not permitted unless the tree is being removed in its entirety.

Please contact Patton Township if you suspect oak wilt.

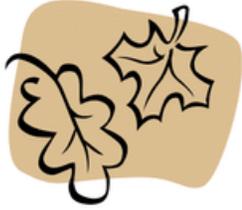


LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS

- Borough of State College Compost Facility
- Brynwood Phase 4A Mass Grading
- Geisinger Clinic - Gray's Woods Building Addition - Phase 3

All current Land Development Plans are linked on the Patton Township website under Engineering, Planning, and Zoning. Please contact EPZ with any questions.





Patton Township 2023 Leaf & Brush Collection Schedule & Guidelines



Patton Township collects leaves and brush that are placed along the roadside throughout the year. The Township has two continuous collection efforts in the Spring and Fall when most leaves need to be collected. During the remaining months of the year the Township will collect leaves and brush in one trip through the entire Township. The details of the leaf and brush collection efforts are indicated below. Residents who live on rural routes of the Township are required to contact the Public Works Department, (814) 234-0271, if you have leaves or brush for collection. You are located on a rural route if you live north of Gray's Woods Boulevard and beyond the intersection of Cricklewood Drive and Fox Hollow Road. The collection route begins in Park Forest and from there it goes to Woodycrest, then Toftrees, and finally to the rural routes if needed to finish. The Township collection is performed by two or three crews simultaneously. They collect large piles of brush ahead of leaves followed by smaller piles of brush that are chipped at the curbside. If the crews do not make it through the Township that day, they will pick up where they left off and continue.

Spring & Fall Collection

Spring Collection: March 6 - April 21 (8 weeks)

Fall Collection: September 5 - November 24 (12 weeks)

This collection effort will be continuous (cycling through the Township over and over) as long as there are leaves and brush to collect.

Normal Monthly Collection (the week beginning with the first Monday of each month)

January 3, February 6, May 1, June 5, July 3, August 7, December 4

During winter months, collections are snow conditions and weather permitting

Leaf and brush collection will be done with only one trip through the Township. New piles that are placed out after the Crews have been through your neighborhood will not be collected until the next monthly collection. Please be patient it typically takes two to four days to complete collection through the entire Township in one pass, depending upon amount to be collected. If you do not wish to wait until the next collection, you may take your leaves, brush, or grass to the Hawbaker Recycle Center located off Hawbaker Industrial Drive.

Resident Guidelines

1. Leaves and/or brush shall be placed curbside prior to 7 AM. Place leaves and brush within five (5) feet of the edge of the road. **Do not place leaves or brush on the roadway** (§149-16 of the Code of Patton Township).
2. Pile all cut ends of brush in the same direction towards the street.
3. Leaves and brush must be in separate piles. Ornamental grass will be collected and must be separated from leaves and brush. **Do not** place piles next to telephone poles, street signs or water/sewer connections.
4. Please do not park vehicles in front of the piles. Leaves and brush cannot and will not be collected if a car is parked in front of a pile.
5. Limbs larger than 8-inches in diameter and more than 6-feet long, stumps, logs, old firewood, and root balls cannot be processed by the Township's equipment and will not be collected. Please make other arrangements for the disposal of these items.
6. A maximum of four (4) truckloads of un-chipped limbs and brush will be collected from a single property. **(4 truckloads of un-chipped brush = 1 load of chipped brush)**

****If piles are not in compliance with the Township's guidelines, a door hanger will be placed indicating what was found by the road crew.**



SPRING BULK WASTE COLLECTION

May 22 - 26 on your regular collection day

GUIDELINES TO ENSURE BULK WASTE COLLECTION:

- Bulk waste must be residential waste from one residence only. No commercial bulk waste will be collected.
- All items must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day. Bulk waste will not be collected at the door, even for customers with door service.
- Do not use cardboard boxes as containers. They are not sturdy and get too flimsy when wet. Cardboard should be flattened and placed with weekly recycling.
- Garbage bags containing wet or very heavy materials can break when lifted, so these will not be collected.
- Use multiple containers instead of overfilling a container. Overfilled containers will not be collected.
- Items near the bulk waste pile such as wheelbarrows, tarps, and bicycles will also be taken. Put a sign on anything you do not want to be taken, including cans, baskets, tarps, and bins.

SPECIFIC ITEMS AND LIMITS:

- Furniture: make sure 2 workers could lift it. Very large or heavy items will need to be taken apart.
- Bedding: keep it dry before collection.
- Wood/lumber: nothing larger than 4" diameter; cut to 4 foot lengths, tie in bundles or place in a can.
- Carpeting: dry, rolled and tied; cut into 4 foot lengths.
- Glass panes: must be sealed in a box.
- Homeowner-generated small project construction materials: bag or bundle. Do not include any debris from contractor construction.

These items are collected for recycling in separate trucks; please keep them separate from other bulk waste:

- Appliances: limit of 1 of each kind only. Remove refrigerator doors.
- Electronics (devices with screens, printers, computer components, cables): limit of 2 televisions.
- Tires: limit of 6; 20" diameter (passenger car tires), remove rims

THESE WILL NOT BE COLLECTED:

- Loose piles of wood, yard waste, soil/dirt, or debris
- Items that are too heavy or will damage the truck, such as pianos or organs, hot tubs, furnaces, cast iron items, trailer/boat hitches
- Liquid paints and solvents
- Car/boat/motorcycle batteries and motor oil
- Concrete, bricks, or stones
- Railroad ties
- Propane tanks
- Dead animals
- Bags of grass clippings or leaves
- Tires larger than 20" diameter or more than 6 tires
- Electronics, appliances or tires buried beneath or behind the bulk pile
- Anything longer than 6 feet
- Contractor-generated materials
- Items from other properties
- Items on trailers or in truck beds

Questions about what will and will not be collected? Call COG's Refuse and Recycling office at 814-234-7198.

For alternative disposal options, call the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority at 238-7005 or COG at 234-7198.



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CLEAN ENERGY TAX CREDITS AND REBATES

You can save money by making your home more efficient and a healthier space. Learn about the recent tax credits and rebates that will help you cover the costs of weatherization, energy efficiency upgrades to heating and cooling equipment and appliances, electric vehicles, and solar energy installation.

Visit: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/> to learn about the available programs.



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SPRING 2023 IMPORTANT DATES

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4/3 Planning Commission Meeting 4:30 PM

4/7 Township Offices CLOSED

4/12 Board of Supervisors Meeting 5:30 PM

4/13 Open Space Stewardship Committee Meeting 5:30 PM

4/18 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting 5:30 PM

4/26 Board of Supervisors Meeting 5:30 PM

4/28-29 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

see website for details

5/1 Planning Commission Meeting 4:30 PM

5/10 Board of Supervisors Meeting 5:30 PM

5/11 Open Space Stewardship Committee Meeting - Spring
Tour, TIME TBD

5/16 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting - Parks Tour,
TIME TBD

5/24 Board of Supervisors Meeting 5:30 PM

5/29 Memorial Day - Municipal Offices CLOSED

6/5 Planning Commission Meeting, 4:30 PM

6/8 Open Space Stewardship Committee Meeting 5:30 PM

6/19 Juneteenth - Municipal Offices CLOSED

6/20 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting 5:30 PM

6/21 Board of Supervisors Meeting 5:30 PM

7/4 Independence Day - Municipal Offices CLOSED

7/10 Planning Commission Meeting 4:30 PM

7/13 Open Space Stewardship Committee Meeting 5:30 PM

7/18 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting 5:30 PM

7/19 Board of Supervisors Meeting 5:30 PM

8/7 Planning Commission Meeting 4:30 PM

8/10 Open Space Stewardship Committee Meeting 5:30 PM

8/15 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting 5:30 PM

8/16 Board of Supervisors Meeting 5:30 PM

9/4 Labor Day - Municipal Offices CLOSED

9/11 Planning Commission Meeting 4:30 PM

9/13 Board of Supervisors Meeting 5:30 PM

9/14 Open Space Stewardship Committee Meeting - Fall
Tour, TIME TBD

9/19 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting - Fall Tour, TIME
TBD

9/27 Board of Supervisors Meeting 5:30 PM

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