



# PATTON TOWNSHIP

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## PATTON TOWNSHIP SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

We welcome you and your comments to Patton Township's Facebook page, Instagram, Twitter feed, YouTube channel and other social media outlets. The purpose of these platforms is to present matters of public interest in Patton Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania, including its many residents, businesses and visitors. We encourage you to submit your questions, comments and concerns, but please note this is a moderated online discussion site and not a public forum. All Patton Township social media channels are NOT monitored 24/7. If commenting about an emergency, please leave the page and dial 9-1-1. Once posted, Patton Township reserves the right, in its discretion, to delete media/content posted on Patton Township media sites which includes but is not limited to the following categories by the discretion of the communications department:

- Profane, vulgar language or content.
- Content that promotes, fosters, or perpetuates the discrimination based on race, color, sex, religion, ancestry, national origin or citizenship status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, familial status, family responsibility, marital status, age, disability or handicap, use of service animals and/or mechanical aids, and source of income.
- Solicitations of commerce.
- Private facts and personal information about someone without permission which has not previously been revealed to the public, is not a legitimate public concern, and would be offensive to a reasonable person.
- Links to or posts containing sexual or pornographic content, which includes cartoons, jokes or similar messages.
- Information that may compromise the safety and/or security of the public or public systems or any criminal or civil investigations.
- Content that violates a legal ownership interest of any other party based on local, state, or federal law or publishing certain confidential business information without permission.
- False information that harms the reputation of another person, group or organization (defamation).· Information protected by federal, state or local laws and regulations as well as personally identifiable information.· Content that may lead to encouragement of illegal activity.
- Spam or unauthorized solicitations of any kind.
- Content that violates the terms of use of the social medium in which it exists.

## GUIDELINES FOR USERS

- Post meaningful, respectful comments, no spam, and no remarks that are off-topic or offensive.
- When disagreeing with others' opinions, keep it appropriate and polite.
- Be smart about protecting yourself, your privacy, and any sensitive or restricted confidential and sensitive information. What is published is widely accessible, not easily retractable, and will be around for a long time, so consider the content carefully.
- Follow all copyright laws, public records laws, retention laws, fair use and financial disclosure laws and any other laws that might apply.
- If you make a mistake, admit it; and be more careful the next time you post.

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