



# PATTON TOWNSHIP

## NEWSLETTER

*Fall 2021*

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### *Annual* **PATTON TOWNSHIP CHILDREN'S FAIR**

**Come join us!  
Kids and Adults**

**October 9, 2021  
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.*

### **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.

### **School is Once Again in Session Watch for Stopped School Buses**

The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code requires that drivers meeting or overtaking any school bus stopped on a street shall stop at least ten (10) feet before the bus when the RED SIGNAL LIGHTS 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.



### **REMINDERS!**

**Election Day is Tuesday  
November 2, 2021.**



**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, 1865 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](http://www.co.centre.pa.us)**

For Absentee Ballots, Mail-in Ballots or to Register to Vote go to [VOTESPA.COM](http://VOTESPA.COM) or call (814) 355-6703

#### **PATTON TOWNSHIP**

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#### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Dan Treviño, Chair  
Pamela Robb, Vice Chair  
Elliot Abrams  
Anita Thies  
Betsy Whitman

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Doug Erickson, Township Manager  
Tyler Jolley, Chief of Police  
Larry Pegher, Director of Finance & Administration  
Ken Soder, Zoning Officer  
Sophie Weston, Communications Specialist

## 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 Colleen Kennedy, Centre County Treasurer, in person at the Willowbank County Office Building, Bellefonte, PA, by phone (814)355-6810 or by email [ckennedy@centrecountypa.gov](mailto:ckennedy@centrecountypa.gov).

### Real Estate Tax Collection

*There is a drop box out in the foyer at the township building to drop payments off and 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 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.

### Earned Income Tax Returns

Centre Tax Agency (CTA) is responsible for collecting and processing earned income tax payments and returns. 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.

## 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.

## 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)

## THE MOST COMMON PARKS FAQS ANSWERED!

### What are the hours of use in a Township Park?

Parks are open for use during daylight hours, unless otherwise posted, meaning that parks are open from dawn to dusk.

### 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.

The one exception to this rule is Patton Woods Natural Recreation Area where dogs are allowed off-leash provided they are in sight of and under owner control.

### How can I find a park if I'm 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 region. This website also provides information on programs. [www.crpr.org](http://www.crpr.org)

## PATTON WOODS NATURAL RECREATION AREA

Patton Woods Natural Recreation Area is located at 2950 Circleville Road. This 63 acre wooded site offers walking/hiking trails. Please remember that special regulations apply to the Natural Recreation Area. Dogs are allowed off-leash under owner control, 24 hour use is permitted, and hunting is permitted from September 16 – January 31.

Please be reminded that during hunting season, it is advisable that all Patton Township Natural Recreation Area users and their pets wear safety orange!

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE

This year our parks have been enhanced through the efforts of an Eagle Scout and a Girl Scout, both of whom were completing projects to earn the highest awards given by the Scouts. Both of these outstanding young people have developed the ideas for their own projects and also completed the installation of their projects.

Graysdale Park now has a "Sensory Wall/Garden" and Bernel Road Park has a "Music takes Flight" outdoor xylophone. Please take some time to explore and enjoy these new additions to our parks! And, many thanks to Mr. Tyler Metzel (Graysdale Park project) and Ms. Morgan Pandolfi (Bernel Road Park project).

## DATES TO NOTE

**October 18 - 22** Fall Bulk Waste Week

**November 25** **Thanksgiving Day:** Refuse Collection will be delayed one day Thursday and Friday.

There will be no change in collection for Christmas or New Year's Days.

## Important Information Regarding Your Refuse Account

Advanced Disposal has been acquired by  
Waste Management.

### Here's what you need to know:

- Your account number has changed.  
The new number is on your invoice.
- If you wish to sign up for autopay, you must set up a new online account with Waste Management here: [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) (click on "login" to create an account).
- New customer service contacts are:  
**Call:** 866-272-6861  
**Email:** [wpacustomerservice@wm.com](mailto:wpacustomerservice@wm.com)
- We're here to help. Call or email the Centre Region COG's Refuse and Recycling office:  
814-234-7198 [recycler@crcog.net](mailto:recycler@crcog.net)

## 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](http://twp.patton.pa.us)) for more information.*

## PATTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS 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](mailto:publicworks@twp.patton.pa.us)

# Housing Task Force Report

The 18-member Patton Township Housing Task Force is bringing its year-long study and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors at its meeting on October 27th to initiate a community wide discussion on housing issues continuing into 2022.

The Task Force will call on the community to come together to provide more attainable housing so that those who work here can afford to live here. This includes essential workers including those who work in health care, schools, grocery stores, retail, transportation and other. It includes seniors who want to stay in the community they helped build as well as young professionals with families just starting out.

“Attainable housing options were a challenge prior to 2020 but since the onset of the pandemic it has become even more apparent that now is the time to act to make Patton Township a place for all,” say Task Force Co-chairs Nicole Pollock, Senior Planner at the Centre Regional Planning Agency and Anita Thies, Patton Township Supervisor.

You are invited to be part of that discussion. For details, please look for the CNET videos on Patton Township housing that will air this fall, attend public meetings, see information on the Township’s website, Facebook pages and Next Door and contact Nicole Pollock (npollock@crcog.net; 814-231-3050).

**Patton Township is  
talking housing --  
join the discussion!**



- Visit the Patton Township website at <https://twp.patton.pa.us>
- Visit the Patton Township Facebook and Nextdoor Pages
- Attend meetings of the Board of Supervisors. To receive agendas, email [patton@twp.patton.pa.us](mailto:patton@twp.patton.pa.us)
- Attend meetings of the Planning Commission. To receive agendas, email [zoning@twp.patton.pa.us](mailto:zoning@twp.patton.pa.us)
- Contact Nicole Pollock, Senior Planner at Centre Regional Planning Agency, [npollock@crcog.net](mailto:npollock@crcog.net), 1-814-231-3050

## *A Place for All*



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**FROM:** Doug Erickson, Township Manager  
**DATE:** August 25, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** **American Rescue Plan Act**

The Board of Supervisors is continuing to accept ideas on how to expend the \$1.654 million expected from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021.

**You can submit ideas and suggestions through October 6<sup>th</sup> at**  
**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PTARPA2>**

Under this process we will continue collecting ideas, then sift through the ideas this fall, and move forward with new projects in 2022. The Township will have until December 31, 2024 to designate these funds towards specific uses or projects, and all funds must be spent by the end of 2026

The ARP Act mandates that all expenditures must fall into one of these eligible categories:

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control;
- Replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs; (see \*\*NOTE below)
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses; and,
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic on certain populations.

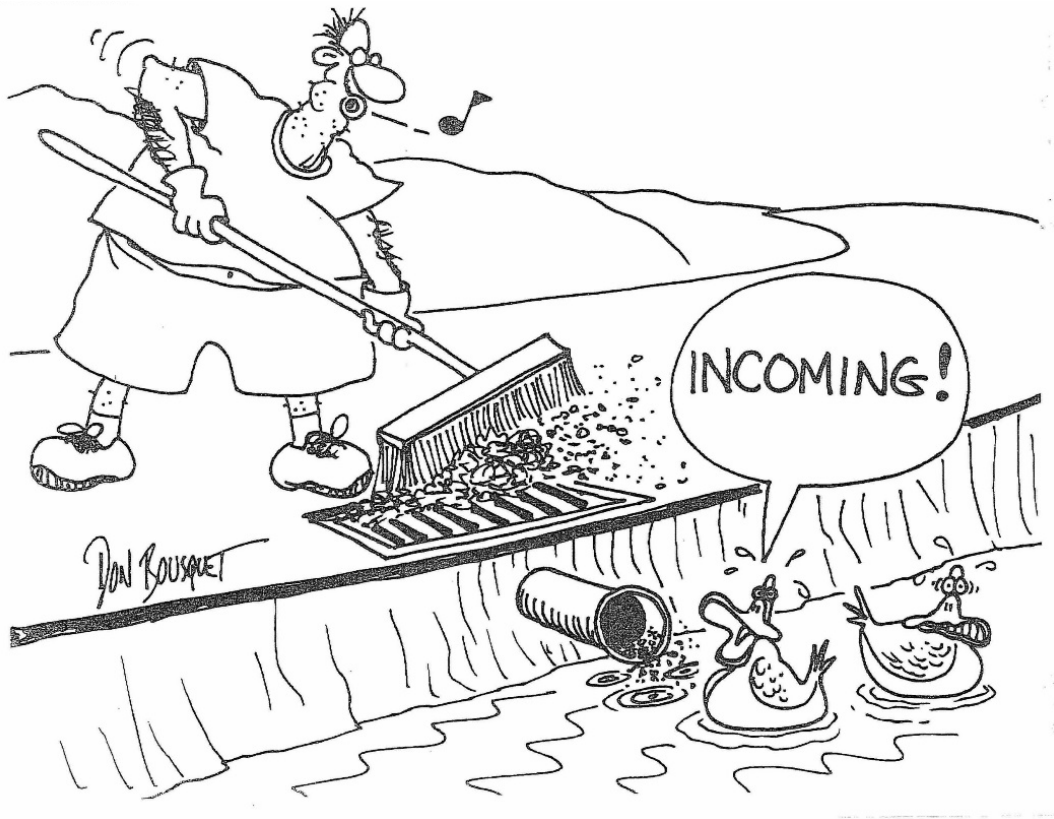
**\*\*NOTE:** These funds (replacement of lost revenues) can be used for projects and programs that are not otherwise eligible under the Act including roadway, bikeway, and park construction, or any other deemed appropriate by the Board of Supervisors.

To provide ideas on how these funds should be expended in Patton Township please complete this short survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PTARPA2> or email me at [patton@twp.patton.pa.us](mailto:patton@twp.patton.pa.us) with "ARP" in the subject line.

Thank you for your input.



**It's no Joke, whatever enters a storm drain flows directly into our local streams, untreated.**



**Help us keep our waters clean.**

**Never dump, wash, or rake anything into the storm drain.**

**If you see something, please contact us:  
Patton Township 814-234-0271  
publicworks@twp.patton.pa.us  
More at: <http://www.ms4partners>**



## Patton Township 2021 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.

### **Fall Collection**

**Fall Collection:** September 7 – November 26 (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)**

December 6, January 3, February 7

**\*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.**

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 6** Labor Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Sept. 8** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 5:00PM
- Sept. 13** Planning Commission Meeting – 4:30PM
- Sept. 20** Planning Commission Work Session – 4:30PM
- Sept. 21** RAC Meeting – 4:00PM
- Sept. 22** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 5:00PM
- Oct. 4** Planning Commission Meeting – 4:30PM
- Oct. 11** Planning Commission Work Session – 4:30PM
- Oct. 13** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 5:00PM
- Oct. 19** RAC Meeting – 4:00PM
- Oct. 27** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 5:00PM
- Octo. 31** Trick or Treat – 6:00PM to 8:00PM
- Nov. 1** Planning Commission Meeting – 4:30PM
- Nov. 2** General Election
- Nov. 3** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 5:00PM
- Nov. 8** Planning Commission Work Session – 4:30PM
- Nov. 10** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 5:00PM
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- Nov. 16** RAC Meeting – 5:30PM
- Nov. 17** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 5:00PM
- Nov. 25** Thanksgiving – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Nov. 26** Black Friday – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Dec. 6** Planning Commission Meeting – 4:30PM
- Dec. 8** Board of Supervisors Meeting – 5:00PM
- Dec. 13** Planning Commission Work Session – 4:30PM
- Dec. 21** RAC Meeting – 5:30PM
- Dec. 24** In Observance of Christmas  
Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Dec. 31** In Observance of New Years  
Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Jan. 3** Board of Supervisors Meeting (Reorganizational) - 4:00PM
- Jan. 10** Planning Commission Meeting (Reorganizational) 7:00PM
- Jan. 17** Martin Luther King Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED
- Feb. 21** Presidents Day – Municipal Offices CLOSED

***\*Please verify meeting times on our website  
or by calling the office.***

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