



# THE NEW BEGINNING

"All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today."  
-Native American Proverb



## Halfmoon Township Newsletter

Spring 2016

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## Halfmoon Township Easter Party Sunday, March 20th (2-4 p.m.)

-  Easter Bunny
-  Dennie Huber- Magician/Balloon Artist
-  Children's Table Activities
-  Snacks, Hot Dogs, Cookies
-  Punch, Coffee, Water
-  Giveaways

And of course.....

### Easter Egg Hunt



Make your CATA experience even better!

Check out the apps for your mobile device that do exactly that.

[G-Stormstown Schedule](#)



Photo courtesy of CATA

You can view Board of Supervisors meetings online at [www.cnet1.org](http://www.cnet1.org)



# Riff-Raff Days

Friday, May 20, 2016 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- AIR CONDITIONERS
- CLOTHES WASHERS & DRYERS
- PROPANE BOTTLES
- BATTERIES – (vehicle batteries) You can dispose of the basic battery (AA, AAA, 9V, etc.) in your trash can.
- FURNACES & ELECTRICAL HEATERS
- WATER HEATERS
- REFRIGERATORS & FREEZERS
- STOVES & OVENS
- FURNITURE
- TIRES - \$2.00 per tire for businesses

## NON ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- \* NO BRUSH OR LEAVES
- \* MEDICAL LAB & HOSPITAL SCRAP MACHINERY
- \* GASOLINE & FUEL TANKS – The Centre County Recycling Center will accept these items if they are dry and empty.
- \* DRUMS, BARRELS & TAR BUCKETS – The Centre County Recycling Center will accept these items if they are dry and empty and if the drums & barrels are cut in half.
- \* PIPE OR BOILERS WRAPPED IN INSTALLATIONS
- \* MICROWAVE OVENS/TELEVISIONS/COMPUTERS – The Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority does accept these items at no charge at their drop off location at 253 Transfer Road, Monday – Saturday from 8 am – 4 pm.
- \* LIGHTING FIXTURES – Centre County Solid Waste has a permanent free Compact Fluorescent Light bulb (CFL) recycling program in place. Drop off bulbs at recycling center. CCSW will only accept unbroken bulbs.

If you choose to dispose of your old CFL's, make sure to seal the bulb in two plastic bags before throwing in trash. CFL's do contain a small amount of mercury which may be released in the landfills and contribute to water and air pollution.

If you have long tubes to recycle, The Hite Company, located on Benner Pike, will recycle your CFL's if you have large quantities of them. Hite charges a nominal fee of \$.50/bulb with a minimum of 15 bulbs.

- \* ANTI-FREEZE & MOTOR OIL – There are several drop off locations in the State College area. For a list of those locations please visit <http://centrecountyrecycles.org/recycling/auto-waste>
- \* LATEX PAINT CONTAINERS WITH UNUSED PAINT – What can you do? If you must throw it away, try one of the following:

Mix leftover paint with clay based kitty litter. When paint is dry you can dispose in garbage

Purchase paint solidifier, follow the directions and dispose of when paint is dry.

If you are overwhelmed with latex paint, the Solid Waste Authority's Transfer Station is allowed to accept up to 5 gallons of latex paint per person per day. There is a \$10.00 minimum charge for this service.

- \* ANY SCRAP MATERIAL CONTAINING HAZARDOUS MATERIAL





# Goodwill

Your Goodwill will be at the Riff Raff/Community Yard Sale May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> to take any items you may have.

Goodwill turns your donations into training and employment opportunities for people who face barriers to employment. They accept clothing, shoes, accessories, scrap metal, housewares, furniture and electronics. By donating to Goodwill you are helping us keep over 5 million pounds of would-be garbage out of landfills each year. Goodwill even collects torn or stained clothing for recycling.

It's hard to say "no thank you" to any donation when they help fund Goodwill Programs, however, there are some items that Goodwill cannot accept:

- Household chemical products: pesticides, paint, paint thinner, drain cleaner, oven cleaner, aerosols and other environmentally unfriendly waste products.
- Automotive hazardous waste: tires, lead acid batteries, additives, gasoline, oils, antifreeze
- Large appliances: refrigerators, freezers, stoves/ovens, washers/dryers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, furnaces, microwaves, trash compactors, water heaters, large console stereos, freon-based appliances
- Mattresses/box springs, including waterbed mattresses and frames
- Carpet or carpet padding
- Plumbing fixtures or building materials
- Traditional recyclables: glass, newsprint, office paper, cardboard, plastics, magazines, junk mail
- Weapons: guns, bows and arrows, ammunition, hunting knives
- Cribs, car seats, walkers or other products that do not meet the current safety standards of the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, including recalled items

If you are unsure about any item you would like to donate, check with a friendly Goodwill Truck driver!

Please visit our website at [www.goodwillinc.org](http://www.goodwillinc.org) to see the many other things Goodwill Industries of North Central PA does.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your day!





## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

When: Friday, April 29, 2016, from 10 am to 6 pm.  
Saturday, April 30, 2016, from 8 am to 2 pm.

Where: Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority located at 253 Transfer Road near the Nittany Mall off Route 26.

What: Insecticides, weed killers, pool chemicals, cleaners, poisons, corrosives, flammables, oil based paints, CFL bulbs, fluorescent tubes and most other hazardous chemicals from households only.

**DO NOT BRING:** latex paint, used motor oil, antifreeze, medications and alkaline batteries.  
Please call with any questions.

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## 20th Annual Watershed Cleanup Day

Saturday, April 23, 2016, from 8 am to noon.  
Volunteer Picnic: 11 am to 1pm

Since 1997, Watershed Cleanup Day volunteers have removed 5.8 million pounds of waste from local streams, roadways, sinkholes, and illegal dumpsites on public and private property.

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## 2016 Tree Seedling Sale

Support conservation and improve wildlife habitat in your backyard!  
Sponsored by the Centre County Conservation District

Pick up dates:  
Friday, April 29th from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday, April 30th from 9 a.m.- 11 a.m.  
Centre County Grange Fairgrounds, Centre Hall, PA.

Deadline to order: March 31, 2016

For more information as well as the order form visit this page: [Order Form](#)





# Election Day

2016 Primary will be held on  
Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

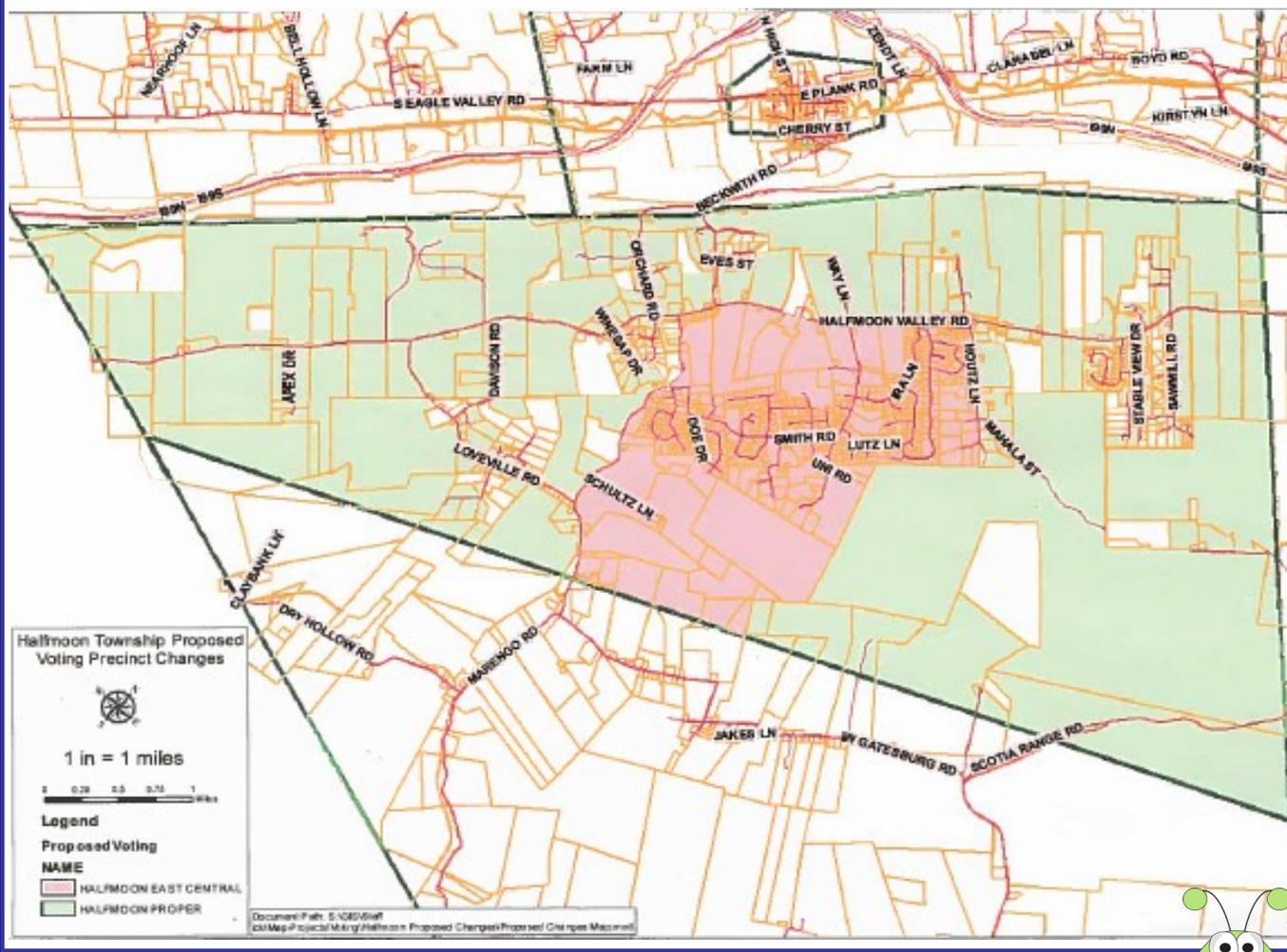
## Sign Policy

Temporary political/election signs may be placed on your property. Such sign shall not exceed 16 square feet in size and shall not be placed more than 30 days prior to any primary election and must be removed within 7 days after the date of the primary election or shall not be placed more than 30 days prior to a general or municipal election and shall be removed within 7 days of any general or municipal election being held. Any temporary political election sign exceeding four square feet in size shall require a zoning permit and approval of the Zoning Officer as to size and location prior to erection of such sign.

## Where do I vote?

If you reside in an area shaded in pink: You vote at the Halfmoon Christian Fellowship Church.

If you reside in an area shaded in green: You vote at the Halfmoon Township Municipal Building.





# Taxes

Benjamin Franklin said it best when he said “*In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.*” That being said here is some information on local taxes to keep you up to date:

Just a friendly reminder to all Halfmoon Township citizens that local income taxes are due: April 18, 2016.

If you have not received a copy of the Centre Tax Agency 2015 Local Earned Income Tax Return, please click the link provided or stop in the office.

## Centre Tax Agency 2015 Local Earned Income Tax Return

If you need other forms such as: Tax Extension Application, Part Year Resident Worksheet , Declaration Form, please visit <http://www.statecollegepa.us/DocumentCenter>

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As of March 1st all County/Municipality taxes have been distributed to all citizens. If you have not received your taxes or have a question about taxes, please call Susan Steele or Brett Laird at (814) 692-9800.

## Centre County & Halfmoon Township Taxes

Due dates:

If paid by April 30 (-2%)  
From May 1 Thru June 30  
On or After July 1 (+10%)

- If a return receipt is required please include a self-addressed stamped envelope
  - Please make checks payable to HMT R/E Collection Office
  - Please be sure, your check dates are correct, as well as the written amount matches the numerical amounts.
- Please note that checks will not be accepted after December 15th, we will accept cash or money order. (Note: this is incase of a problem in processing checks)

Please be advised that the State College Area School District taxes come out in the Summer around July 1st.





## The Halfmoon Township Community Yard Sale is May 20th and 21st

**Pick your own time!**

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### **Port Matilda Mountain Roadwork**

Clearfield, PA – Roadway improvement work will get underway next week on Route 322 (Port Matilda Mountain) in Centre County, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). Work is expected to begin Monday, March 7.

The project will improve the driving surface of the road while bringing drainage and guide rail upgrades. Signage and message boards for the project are in place and work is expected to start next week, weather permitting.

The work zone stretches along Route 322 from the Philipsburg State Police Barracks to the Port Matilda Mountain 4-lane section. Pipe replacement and inlet work will begin next week with paving and guide rail work to follow in April and May.

Traffic control will feature an alternating traffic pattern during daylight hours, with flaggers in the roadway. Travel delays are likely.

PennDOT expects the project to finish by the end of May, with all work weather and schedule dependent. New Enterprise Stone and Lime Company, Inc. is the contractor on this \$1.1 million job.

Drivers are reminded to move through work zones with caution, watch for flaggers in the roadway, obey posted speed limits, and always buckle up.

Motorists can check conditions on more than 40,000 roadway miles, including color-coded winter conditions on 2,900 miles, by visiting [www.511PA.com](http://www.511PA.com). 511PA, which is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information and access to more than 770 traffic cameras.

511PA is also available through a smartphone application for iPhone and Android devices, by calling 5-1-1, or by following regional Twitter alerts accessible on the 511PA website.

Follow PennDOT on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/511PAStateCOLL](http://www.twitter.com/511PAStateCOLL).



# HALFMOON TOWNSHIP BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

All meetings are held at the Halfmoon Township Municipal Building and are open to the public.  
Residents are encouraged to attend or contact the groups listed below with questions and/or comments.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

2<sup>ND</sup> and 4<sup>TH</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Members: Mark Stevenson, Todd Kirsten, Barbara Spencer, Andy Merritt, Danelle Del Corso

Email: [supervisors@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:supervisors@halfmoontwp.us) or individually at first and last name@halfmoontwp.us

## PLANNING COMMISSION:

1<sup>ST</sup> and 3<sup>RD</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Members: Jason Little, Melissa Gartner, Jeff Martin, Lorin Nauman, Mike Brown, Kathy Kelley, Robert Strouse

Email: [planningcommission@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:planningcommission@halfmoontwp.us)

## OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD:

1<sup>ST</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Members: Ronald Hoover, Joseph Tylka, D. Christine Bracken-Piper, Lorin Nauman, Patti Hartle, Danelle Del Corso, Jim Smith

Email: [openspacepreservationboard@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:openspacepreservationboard@halfmoontwp.us)

## PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD:

1<sup>ST</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Members: Todd Kirsten, Jean Miranda, Doug Dillon, Yvonne Smith, Hyeseon Kim

Email: [parksandrecreationboard@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:parksandrecreationboard@halfmoontwp.us)

## ZONING HEARING BOARD:

Meets as Required

Members: Jim Andrews, Ed Miranda, Tammy Terosky

Email: [zoninghearingboard@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:zoninghearingboard@halfmoontwp.us)

## CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

[www.crcog.net](http://www.crcog.net)

2643 Gateway Drive, State College, Pa. 16801

(814) 231-3077

Hours: Monday-Friday ~ 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## GENERAL FORUM:

4<sup>TH</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

**Location varies, so please call the office to confirm where the meeting will take place**

Township Representatives: Township Supervisors at [supervisors@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:supervisors@halfmoontwp.us)

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

3<sup>RD</sup> Tuesday of each month 12:15 p.m.

COG Offices

Township Representative: Mark Stevenson at [markstevenson@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:markstevenson@halfmoontwp.us)

## FINANCE COMMITTEE:

2<sup>ND</sup> Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

COG Offices

Township Representative: Todd Kirsten at [toddkirsten@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:toddkirsten@halfmoontwp.us)

## HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

1<sup>ST</sup> Wednesday of each month at 12:00 p.m.

COG Offices

Township Representative: Andy Merritt at [andymerritt@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:andymerritt@halfmoontwp.us)

**PUBLIC SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE:**

1<sup>ST</sup> Wednesday of each month at 12:00 p.m.

COG Offices

Township Representative: Barb Spencer at [barbspencer@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:barbspencer@halfmoontwp.us)

**TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE COMMITTEE:**

1<sup>ST</sup> Monday of each month at 12:15 p.m.

COG Offices

Township Representative: Todd Kirsten at [toddkirsten@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:toddkirsten@halfmoontwp.us)

**CENTRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:**

1<sup>ST</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

COG Offices

Township Representative: Mike Brown at [planningcommission@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:planningcommission@halfmoontwp.us)

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL:**

4<sup>TH</sup> Tuesday of each month at 12:00 p.m.

COG Offices

Township Representative: Susan Steele at [manager@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:manager@halfmoontwp.us)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

2<sup>ND</sup> Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

COG Offices

Town Representative: Danelle Del Corso at [danelledelcorso@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:danelledelcorso@halfmoontwp.us)

**CCMPO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:**

2<sup>ND</sup> Wednesday of Each Month at 9:30 a.m.

College Township Offices

Township Representative: Don Franson at [manager@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:manager@halfmoontwp.us)

**CCMPO COORDINATING COMMITTEE:**

4<sup>TH</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

**Location varies, so please call the office to confirm where the meeting will take place**

Township Representative: Barb Spencer at [barbspencer@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:barbspencer@halfmoontwp.us)

**SCHLOW LIBRARY BOARD:**

2<sup>ND</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Schlow Library

Township Representative: Virginia Squier at [manager@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:manager@halfmoontwp.us)

## **OTHER REGIONAL MEETINGS**

**UPPER BALD EAGLE/HALFMOON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

1<sup>ST</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Port Matilda Borough Building

Township Representative: Barb Spencer at [barbspencer@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:barbspencer@halfmoontwp.us)

**SPRING CREEK WATERSHED COMMISSION:**

3<sup>RD</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Spring Creek Township Building

Township Representative: Mark Stevenson at [markstevenson@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:markstevenson@halfmoontwp.us)

**COUNTY TAX COMMISSION:**

Meets Quarterly

Bellefonte High School

Township Representative: Susan Steele at [manager@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:manager@halfmoontwp.us)

**CABLE AUTHORITY:**

Meets as Required

Township Representative: Andy Merritt at [andymerritt@halfmoontwp.us](mailto:andymerritt@halfmoontwp.us)

## HALFMOON TOWNSHIP OFFICE

[www.halfmoontwp.us](http://www.halfmoontwp.us)

Phone: (814) 692-9800

Fax: (814) 692-7585

Hours: Monday-Friday ~ 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*(Closed for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. )*

### Mailing

100 Municipal Lane  
Port Matilda, PA 16870

### Physical

1948 Halfmoon Valley Road  
Port Matilda, PA 16870

NAME	DUTIES	EMAIL
Susan Steele (Full Time)	Manager, Treasurer, Finance Director, Budgeting, Secretary, Human Resources, Project Manager, Program and Policy Implementation, Board of Supervisors Admin. Assistant, Personnel, Code Enforcement, Real Estate Tax Collector	<a href="mailto:manager@halfmoontwp.us">manager@halfmoontwp.us</a>
Amy Smith (Full Time)	Township Clerk, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant, Public Information Officer, Open Space Board Administrator, Zoning Administrator, Office Manager , Open Records Administrator , Assistant Secretary	<a href="mailto:townshipclerk@halfmoontwp.us">townshipclerk@halfmoontwp.us</a>
Brett Laird (Part Time)	Accounts Payable/Receivable/Payroll Clerk, Receptionist, Dog Licenses, Website Maintenance, Assistant Treasurer, Deputy Tax Collector	<a href="mailto:accountspayablereceivable@halfmoontwp.us">accountspayablereceivable@halfmoontwp.us</a>
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David Piper (Not in Office)	Sewage Enforcement Officer	<a href="mailto:piperconsultant@gmail.com">piperconsultant@gmail.com</a>