



The Bliss

"EVERY LEAF SPEAKS BLISS TO ME,
FLUTTERING FROM THE AUTUMN TREE."

- EMILY BRONTE

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TRICK OR TREAT!



Halfmoon Township will hold Trick or Treat night on Monday, October 31st, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Here are some tips for having a safe and fun-filled evening:

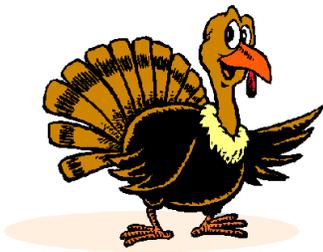
- * Have a good meal and use the bathroom before heading out
- * Bring water to keep hydrated
- * When using costume makeup, test on a small area of skin first
- * Pack anything you or your little ghosts and goblins may need to stay comfortable for the duration (weather is a big part of this one)
- * Don't forget flashlights and/or glow sticks
- * Drive slowly and carefully, especially in neighborhoods
- * Be cautious of potential hazards (e.g., lit candles, objects around yards and porches, unsecured pets)
- * Only visit homes that have lights on
- * Inspect all treats and throw away any with open wrappers or that are questionable for any reason



The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to take comments on the Official Map on **September 8th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

The Official Map allows municipalities to delineate existing and future public lands and facilities, which may include, but not be limited to proposed public streets, proposed public parks, pedestrian ways and easements, watercourses and easements.

Draft Official Map



*May you and your family have a
Happy Thanksgiving!*

Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15, 2016.

**Please remember to change the batteries in your
smoke detectors.**

**Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10
years.**

Free Fire Prevention Week materials are available at

www.firepreventionweek.org

Reminder:

You Can View Board of Supervisors meetings online at www.cnet1.org

Real Estate Taxes

PLEASE BE ADVISED:

The December 15th deadline for checks to pay RE/School taxes only applies to the December 15th – December 31st time period. If you are paying taxes between December 15th – December 31st you must pay the penalty amount by cash, cashier check or certified check.

Also, because of a recent bank change the County/Municipality and School taxes **MUST** be written in two separate checks.

TYPES OF TAXES AND HOW TAX AMOUNTS WORK

There are two types of taxes:

County/Municipality– This bill arrives in early March

School– This bill arrives in early July

Note: Both taxes are paid through this office

There are three different amounts that can be paid, they are:

“Discount”- This is a 2% decrease in the face amount.

“Face”- This is the actual amount owed.

“Penalty”- This is a 10% increase in the face amount.

UPCOMING DUE DATES

October 1st: 2nd Installment is due (Only if you have paid the 1st Installment)

October 31st: July Supplemental taxes are due in Face Amount

November 1st: School Taxes are due in Face Amount

December 1st: 3rd Installment is due (Only if you previously paid the 1st & 2nd Installments)

After **December 31st** all delinquent taxes are sent to the County and we can no longer accept payment.

Note: If mailed, the postmark can be no later than said due dates

CHECKLIST TO ENSURE YOUR TAXES WON'T BE

RETURNED:

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- Do you have the date filled in with the correct Month & Year?
 - Is your check made payable to: HMT R/E Collection Office?
 - Does your written and numerical amounts match, as well as do both amounts match your tax bill?
 - Is your check signed?
 - Finally, if you would like a receipt, do you have a self-addressed stamped envelope included with your tax payment?

If you have any other tax related questions, please contact the Halfmoon Township Office at (814) 692-9800 and ask for Brett Laird, Deputy Tax Collector.

Decision 2016

The 2016 Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

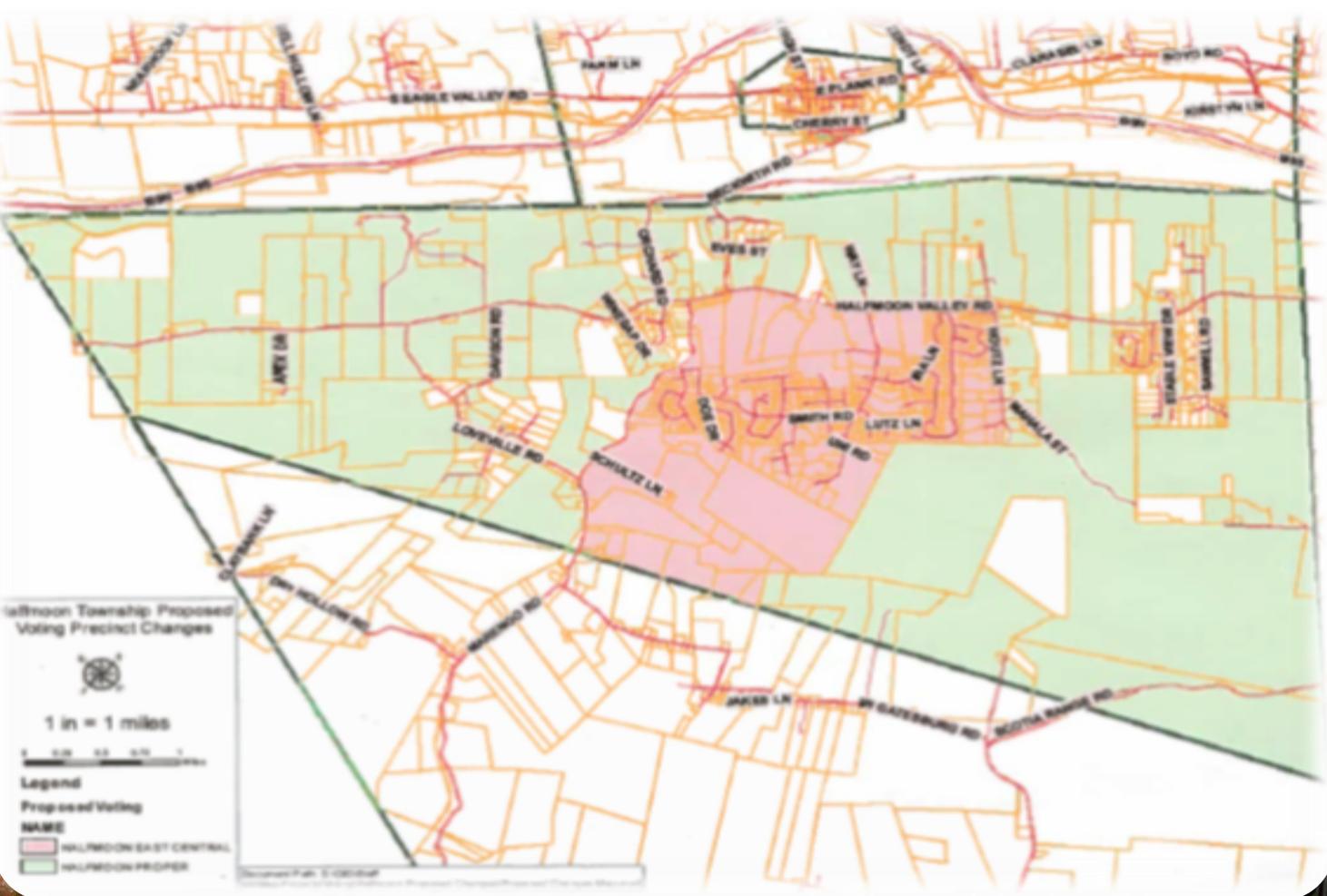
Sign Policy

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. **(Voting will still occur here)**



Zoning Q&A

Halfmoon Township does require zoning permits to be obtained when you are constructing any structure with the exception of a fence. You may also be required to obtain a Centre Region Code permit.

These questions and answers are based on residential home uses.

Do I need a zoning permit for a fence? No, but we ask that you stay at least 5 (five) feet off of the property line to ensure the fence is actually on your property.

Do I need a zoning permit for a shed? Yes. If the shed will have electricity or plumbing or is over 1,000 square feet you would be required to obtain a Centre Region Code permit.

Do I need a zoning permit for a garage? Yes. If the garage will have electricity, plumbing or is over 1,000 square feet you would be required to obtain a Centre Region Code Permit.

Do I need a zoning permit for an addition? Yes. You would also need a Centre Region Code permit. If you are adding an addition within a residential home (such as adding a room in the basement) and are not increasing the size of the exterior of the residential home you would not be required to obtain a zoning permit but would still be required to obtain a Centre Region Code permit.

Do I need a zoning permit for a swimming pool? Yes, this applies to both above ground and in-ground pools. You would need a Centre Region Code permit for both.

What fencing requirements are there for swimming pools? Although Halfmoon Township does not require fencing and no zoning permit is required, the Centre Region Code Office does have fencing requirements. Please contact the Centre Region Code Office at 231-3056.

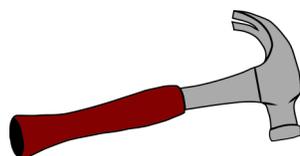
Do I need a zoning permit for a deck or porch? Yes. You will be required to obtain a Centre Region Code permit if the deck is over 30" and/or has a roof structure over it.

Do I need a zoning permit to pave my driveway? No. No Centre Region code permit is required.

Do I need a zoning permit to replace shingles on a structure? No. You would be required to obtain a Centre Region Code permit.

Do I need a zoning permit to install an outside furnace? No. You would be required to obtain a Centre Region Code permit.

What is the process to obtain a zoning permit? Zoning applications are available on the Township website at www.halfmoontwp.us or you can stop into the office and obtain an application— Fill out the zoning application, provide a site plan, septic permit (if applicable) & driveway permit (if applicable). The fee must be paid at the time of application. Once the Zoning Officer has approved the application a permit is then generated. You pick the permit up from the Halfmoon Township Office and if a building permit is required it is then taken to the Centre Region Code Office which is located at 2643 Gateway Drive, Suite 2, State College, 16801.



Sewage Management Plan Q&A

The Centre Region Code Agency is the administrator for the Sewage Management Plan. You can contact them at 814-231-3056.

What if we would like to request a waiver from the pumping requirement? An option is provided to allow the property owner to request a waiver from pumping every three years if, because of tank size, household size, or seasonal use, it is determined by the municipality's certified SSEO that such pumping is not needed. In such cases, a waiver from pumping can be granted at the discretion of the municipality's certified SEO when an inspection of the tank by the municipal SEO reveals that the solids are less than one third the liquid depth of the tank.

Once the waiver has expired (the date of expiration is determined by the Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO) you will need to pump your septic system. The waiver request form can be obtained through the Centre Region Code Office.

Is there a fee to request a waiver from the Sewage Enforcement Officer? Yes. The Sewage Enforcement Officer sets his own fee schedule and is a contracted employee. There is a \$150.00 fee to request the waiver.

Why do I need to get my septic pumped every three years? In 2007, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) approved a new sewage facilities plan for the Centre Region. This plan includes specific requirements for on-lot septic systems located in the Centre Region. Under this plan, septic systems are required to be pumped every three years and inspected every six years.

I had a full tank inspection done and received a letter for a walk-over inspection, why?

A full tank inspection is to ensure there are no cracks or malfunctions within the tank. The walk-over inspection is to ensure the system is continually functioning correctly. A full tank inspection is not required after the first initial inspection unless a problem arises with the system. The Sewage Enforcement Officer will work with the property owner to correct any issues.

Who do I call if I suspect a malfunction? The Sewage Enforcement Officer. David Piper at (814) 571-2285

Who can I use to pump my septic tank? You may use a licensed hauler of your choice.

The Park and Recreation Board would like to acknowledge and thank the following people for their generous contribution to Halfmoon Township's 2016 Outdoor Movie Event.

- Mr. Micah Willy and Videon for providing and operating the movie equipment.
 - Scout Troop 375 for supplying refreshments.
- The taxpayers of Halfmoon Township who provide the funding for this excellent community gathering.

We would also like to thank all those who attended and made this year such a wonderful event. It was a beautiful "Evening at the Park" and a great way to finish out the summer. Have an enjoyable autumn!





SPRING CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

A grassroots stakeholder initiative

The Spring Creek Watershed Celebration will be held at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center in State College on September 10th from 1-3 PM. This event commemorates twenty years of community-wide accomplishments to preserve the quality of Spring Creek Watershed and the quality of life we value for this region. Please see the [event flyer](#) for more information and to register for the event!

September 11th “Honors” Event



Date: Sunday, September 11, 2016

Where: Port Matilda Elementary School, off Main Street, at the flagpole. Rain or Shine.
Bring a lawn chair.

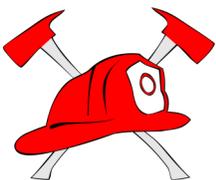
Time: Arrive by 3:45 pm for 4:00 p.m. start time

Speaker: The Honorable Mayor, Ida Lively

Hosts: Port Matilda and Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Churches,

Pastoral Leader Donna Snyder, The American Legion

and other community partners.



4th Annual Centre County SUICIDE PREVENTION & AWARENESS DAY

A mother, father, daughter, son, sister, brother, relative, neighbor, friend, ourselves—we all know someone who has been touched by depression or suicide. The Centre County Board of Commissioners has designated September 10th as Centre County Suicide Prevention and Awareness Day. Please join us to educate, prevent, heal, and remember.

An Evening of Hope, Healing, and Remembrance

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center
548 Puddintown Road, State College PA 16801

5:30pm–6:30pm: Community Brown Bag Picnic

An indoor “bring your own picnic” in the education building will enable community members to come together, to support one another, to connect with old friends or to meet new ones before the 6:30pm event. Beverages provided.

6:30pm–8:00pm: Performances and Presentations

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MUSIC AND STORIES

8:00pm Candlelighting Ceremony
WORLDWIDE MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

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