



The Hope



“Spring is the time of plans and projects.”
- Leo Tolstoy

Halfmoon Township Newsletter

Spring 2015



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Schedule

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You can view Board of Supervisors meetings online at www.cnet1.org

The Park & Recreation Board invites you to the:
Halfmoon Township Easter Party
Sunday, March 29 (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 at 3p.m.



Would you or someone you know like to rent the Municipal building or one of the Township pavilions for a family function? If so, just contact the Township office at 814-692-9800 or visit the Township office during normal business hours to fill out an application.

[Municipal Building Rental Form](#)

[Pavilion Rental Form](#)



Port Matilda EMS

Would like to invite you to take part in two events this upcoming Spring!

2015 Rabies Clinic

Saturday, April 18, 2015, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

- * First animal is \$10 and each one after that is \$9 with the same owner.
 - * Please be mindful and make sure all animals are on a leash or in a pet carrier/cage. Thank You!

2015 Election Day Hoagie Sale

Tuesday, May 20, 2015

12 inch Italian or Turkey/Ham Hoagies available at \$5.50 each.

Pick up your delicious hoagies at anyone of these three locations:

- * Port Matilda EMS Building from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- * Halfmoon Township Municipal Building from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- * Halfmoon Christian Fellowship Church from 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For orders to be picked up at the EMS building, please contact the station at 814-692-1035 or email portmatildaems@gmail.com

For orders to be picked up at the Municipal building or Halfmoon Christian Fellowship Church, please contact Karen Brown at 814-692-8505 or sign up at the Halfmoon Township Municipal Office.

Also, if you would like a 2015 Port Matilda EMS memberships to help support Port Matilda EMS for the year so they can continue to provide great emergency medical care to the Port Matilda Area communities. Please fill out the application below:

[2015 Port Matilda EMS Membership Form](#)



Riff-Raff Days

Friday, May 15, 2015, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 16, 2015, 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



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

When: Friday May 1, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday May 2, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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.

19th Annual Watershed Cleanup Day

Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 8 am to noon.

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.

If you are interested in participating please contact:

Lori, Watershed Resources Coordinator at lori@clearwaterconservancy.org or 814-237-0400.

Barrens to Bald Eagle Wildlife Corridor

Three years ago the Wildlife Corridor was opened up to the public. The Corridor opened with a goal to: provide a habitat for local wildlife; provide a pathway for amphibians and re-establish native shrubs and trees to help improve the land so many types of birds and animals feel at home in their natural habitat.

If you would like to visit the four-legged and winged creatures that call the Wildlife Corridor home here is how:

During daylight hours, take SR 550 to Saddle Ridge Road then take the first right onto Harness Downs Road. Follow Harness Downs Road to its end and the parking area.
The hiking trail can be found in the extreme left-hand corner of the parking lot.

Please note: The speed limit is 25 mph on Saddle Ridge and Harness Downs Roads. Please respect the neighbors and strictly obey the speed limit.





Tax Day

Just a friendly reminder to all Halfmoon Township citizens that local income taxes are due: April 15, 2015.

If you have not received a copy of the Centre Tax Agency 2014 Local Earned Income Tax Return, please click the link provided or stop in the office.

[Centre Tax Agency 2014 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>

Good Neighbor Recognition Program

The Board of Supervisors would like to initiate a Good Neighbor Recognition Program, so if you would like to thank a neighbor or citizen in the Township for a good deed please contact townshiclerk@halfmoontwp.us and the Board of Supervisors will mention this recognition at their next meeting.

New Zoning Officer

Halfmoon Township is now contracting with Patton Township for the Zoning Officer position. Mr. Ken Soder, can be reached at 814-234-0271 or by email at zoningofficer@halfmoontwp.us Mr. Soder has office hours from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, except on Wednesday when the office is closed from noon to 1:00 p.m. Please identify that you are from Halfmoon Township when calling to inquire about a zoning question.



Election Day

2015 Municipal Primary
will be held on Tuesday,
May 19, 2015.

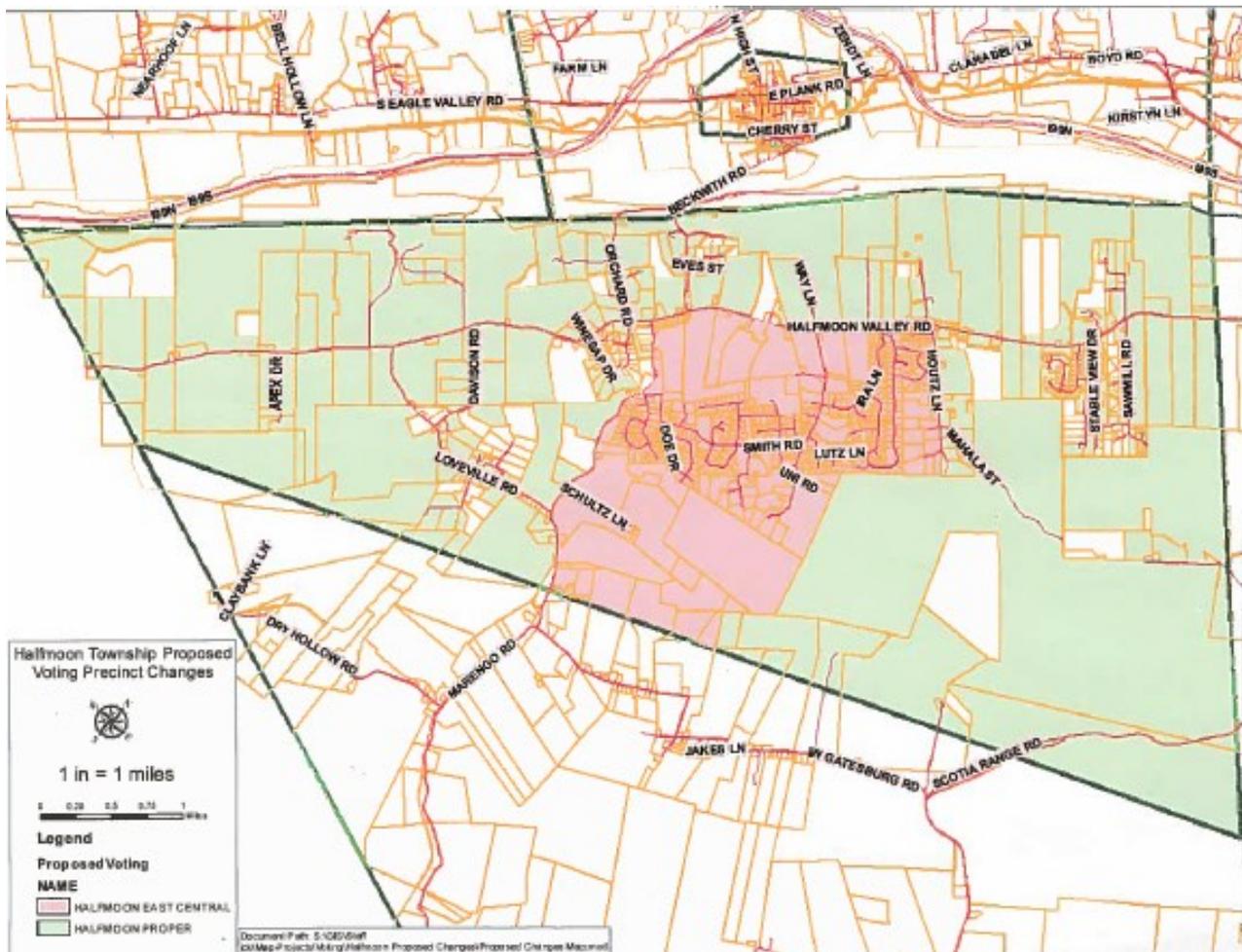
Sign Policy

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.





A reminder to all the avid readers of Halfmoon Township that the Centre County Library Bookmobile, makes its weekly stop at Way Fruit Farm on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

[Click here for more information about the Bookmobile.](#)

Also, Halfmoon Township has two Schlow Library Remote Book Returns located conveniently at Brother's Pizza in Stormstown and at the Uni-Mart at Carson's Corner at the crossroads of Routes 322 & 550.

[Click here for other locations of book returns.](#)

The Halfmoon Township Community Yard Sale
is
May 15, 2015 & May 16, 2015

Pick your own time!

The Centre Bulldog's will hold Registration on:

Thursday, March 26th from 5-8 p.m. at the State College YMCA

Monday, April 20th from 5-8 p.m. at Grays Woods Elementary
School Rotunda

Monday, April 20th from 5-8 p.m. at the Park Forest Middle
School cafeteria



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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:

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

Members: **Mark Stevenson, Barb Spencer, Ben Pisoni, Andy Merritt, Todd Kirsten**

Email: supervisors@halfmoontwp.us or individually at first and last name@halfmoontwp.us

PLANNING COMMISSION:

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

Members: **Danielle Del Corso, Lorin Nauman, Melissa Gartner, John Stevens, Jeff Martin, Jason Little, Sam Evans, Nicole Gross**

Email: planningcommission@halfmoontwp.us

OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD:

1ST Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Members: **Ronald Hoover, Joseph Tylka, Ben Pisoni, Andy Merritt, D. Christine Bracken-Piper, Lorin Nauman, Patti Hartle**

Email: openspacepreservationboard@halfmoontwp.us

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD:

1ST Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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

Email: parksandrecreationboard@halfmoontwp.us

ZONING HEARING BOARD:

Meets as Required

Members: **Jim Andrews, Ed Miranda and Tammy Terosky**

Email: zoninghearingboard@halfmoontwp.us

CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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:

4TH 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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

3RD Tuesday of each month 12:15 p.m.

COG Offices

Township Representative: Mark Stevenson at markstevenson@halfmoontwp.us

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

2ND Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

COG Offices

Township Representative: Todd Kirsten at toddkirsten@halfmoontwp.us

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

1ST Wednesday of each month at 12:00 p.m.

COG Offices

Township Representative: Andy Merritt at andymerritt@halfmoontwp.us

PUBLIC SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE:

1ST Wednesday of each month at 12:00 p.m.

COG Offices

Township Representative: Barb Spencer at barbspencer@halfmoontwp.us

TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE COMMITTEE:

1ST Monday of each month at 12:15 p.m.

COG Offices

Township Representative: Todd Kirsten at toddkirsten@halfmoontwp.us

CENTRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

1ST Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

COG Offices

Township Representative: Sam Evans at planningcommission@halfmoontwp.us

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL:

4TH Tuesday of each month at 12:00 p.m.

COG Offices

Township Representative: Susan Steele at manager@halfmoontwp.us

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

2ND Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

COG Offices

Town Representative: Ben Pisoni at benpisoni@halfmoontwp.us

CCMPO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:

2ND Wednesday of Each Month at 9:30 a.m.

College Township Offices

Township Representative: Susan Steele at manager@halfmoontwp.us

CCMPO COORDINATING COMMITTEE:

4TH 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

SCHLOW LIBRARY BOARD:

2ND Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Schlow Library

Township Representative: Virginia Squier at manager@halfmoontwp.us

OTHER REGIONAL MEETINGS

UPPER BALD EAGLE/HALFMOON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

1ST Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Port Matilda Borough Building

Township Representative: Barb Spencer at barbspencer@halfmoontwp.us

SPRING CREEK WATERSHED COMMISSION:

3RD Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Spring Creek Township Building

Township Representative: Mark Stevenson at markstevenson@halfmoontwp.us

COUNTY TAX COMMISSION:

Meets Quarterly

Bellefonte High School

Township Representative: Susan Steele at manager@halfmoontwp.us

CABLE AUTHORITY:

Meets as Required

Township Representative: Ben Pisoni at benpisoni@halfmoontwp.us

HALFMOON TOWNSHIP OFFICE

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.)

100 Municipal Lane
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, Alternate Code Enforcement, Real Estate Tax Collector	manager@halfmoontwp.us
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	townshipclerk@halfmoontwp.us
Brett Laird (Part Time)	Accounts Payable/Receivable/Payroll Clerk, Receptionist, Dog Licenses, Website Maintenance, Assistant Treasurer, Deputy Tax Collector	accountspayablereceivable@halfmoontwp.us
Scott Brown (Full Time)	Roadmaster and Parks Maintenance	roadmaster@halfmoontwp.us
Mike Coakley (Full Time)	Roads and Parks Maintenance	publicworks@halfmoontwp.us
Ken Soder (Not in Office)	Zoning Officer, Code Enforcement, Flood Plain	zoningofficer@halfmoontwp.us
David Piper (Not in Office)	Sewage Enforcement Officer	piperconsultant@gmail.com