



The Wonder



*"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn."
- Hal Borland*

Halfmoon Township Newsletter

Winter 2014-2015



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Zoning Officer Wanted

Halfmoon Township is seeking a part-time Zoning Officer to work approximately 11 hours a week/\$20.00 per hour. This position would require attendance at two evening Planning Commission meetings per month. The candidate would also be the Floodplain Administrator & Code Enforcement Officer, as well as share reception and general office duties with the Administrative Assistant. If interested, please provide a cover letter and resume to Halfmoon Township Office, 100 Municipal Lane, Port Matilda, PA 16870 by December 17th, 2014. Please put correspondence to the attention of Susan Steele, Township Manager.

2015 Office hours:

Municipal Building (Main Office)

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.)

Maintenance Building (Shop)

Hours: Monday-Friday ~ 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(Closed for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)



May you and your family have a happy holiday and a joyful new year!



The annual Port Matilda Fire Company (PFMC) Children's Christmas Party is being held Saturday, December 20th from 2-4 p.m., at the fire hall, 101 E. Plank Rd. Port Matilda. Santa will make his run on Sunday, December 21st, starting at 1 p.m., times will vary based upon location.

There is no backup date set for the Santa Run. Keep in mind weather and emergency calls can affect whether Santa can make his run.

Looking for Volunteers!!!

Port Matilda Fire Company and Port Matilda EMS are always looking for volunteers to join the dedicated men and women who are selflessly committed to protecting our families and our homes. If you are interested in discussing the many different ways you can help, please contact:

[Port Matilda Fire Company](#)

(814) 692-4074

- Scott Flory, *President and Deputy Chief*
- Steve Kibe, *Fire Chief*

[Port Matilda EMS](#)

(814) 692-1035

- Sandra Neal, *President*





Ice Rink

The ice skating rink will be open this winter. Located at the Municipal building park, inside the tennis court fencing. It has lights for night time skating and shovels are available for clearing off the rink. Come on down and enjoy some great family fun!



Snow Removal Policy

Tis' the season of snow! With that being said, here are some things to remember this winter season regarding Halfmoon Township's snow removal policy:

- In the event of plowing, all vehicles must be removed from the Township right-of-way.
- Be advised weather conditions can be so treacherous snow plow operators may find it extremely difficult to see: vehicles, people, pets, and/or other property along Township roadways.
- The sequence of snow removal goes as such:
 1. school bus routes,
 2. other township roads
 3. shorter/stub streets and cul-de-sacs
- Remember, Halfmoon Valley Road (State Route 550) is maintained and owned by the State and is not the responsibility of Halfmoon Township.
- Object repair policy states, if due to snow plowing/removal, an object is hit by any part of a Township vehicle, the Township will assist with repair and/or possibly replace said object. However, this does not include damage cause by weight of snow, slush or ice, or if damaged item was within five feet of the edge of any Township owned roadway
- Finally, the Township prohibits placement of any snow, slush, ice or any other material within any Township owned and maintained right-of-way, easement, access or cartway.



Halfmoon Township thanks you for your consideration!



Winter Preparedness

With winter arriving right on time, here are a few tips on being prepared when the power goes out:

- Develop an Emergency Plan (Create a personalized plan to your families needs and practice, practice, practice!)
- Create a First-Aid Kit
- Store water for drinking; bathing or septic purposes (remember no power means well are not working)
- Store food that requires no refrigeration, preparation, cooking and little or no water.
- Although the blower fan won't operate without power, propane fireplaces will ignite and provide warmth

For more detailed tips on such plans please visit Centre Region COG and their [Centre Region Ready website](#), as well as take a look at their [Family Emergency Guide](#).

For extra advice please visit [Pennsylvania's Planning and Preparedness website](#) for what to do in statewide emergencies.

And please keep in mind: BE INFORMED, BE PREPARED, BE INVOLVED



Effective January 1, 2015, Halfmoon Township will switch from the 77th District to the 81st District. Therefore, your new Representative is Rich Irvin.

[Click here for more information on Rich Irvin](#)

Or visit

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/>

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If you're visiting [Pennsylvania State Game Lands](#) during any [hunting season](#), please remember that fluorescent orange is required to be worn by **everyone**. It's not only the smart thing to do, it's the [law](#). Dogs should also wear a fluorescent orange safety vest.

- [2014-15 Hunting & Trapping Digest and Wildlife Annual](#)



2015 Dog License are available as of December 4th, 2014.

With new costs:



	Normal Rate	Person with disability/ Senior Rate
Productive males/females	\$8.50	\$6.50
Unproductive males/females	\$6.50	\$4.50

Please keep in mind checks should be written to Halfmoon Township as well as please add .50 to the cost of the dog license when purchasing them at the Township.

And please remember...

- Lifetime license can be purchased only at the Centre County Treasurer's Office.
- State law requires that all dogs three months or older must be licensed in the county where they are maintained.
- New tags should be displayed beginning January 1, 2015.
- Dogs without licenses could subject their owners to penalties.
- A license serves a very important purpose in helping to return a dog to its owner if it should happen to stray or become lost.
- If the license tag is misplaced or lost a replacement tag can be purchased for \$1.50 at the Treasurer's office.

[Click for license application](#)



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 ~ 9:00 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
David Piper (Part Time)	Zoning Officer, Code Enforcement, Flood Plain, Sewage Enforcement Officer	zoningofficer@halfmoontwp.us
Scott Brown (Full Time)	Roadmaster and Parks Maintenance	roadmaster@halfmoontwp.us
Mike Coakley (Full Time)	Roads and Parks Maintenance	publicworks@halfmoontwp.us

All Boards, Commissions and Appointments, duties and staff members are accurate through December 31st 2014. Some, but not all positions will change for 2015 An updated posting of these duties, staff Members and appointments will be provided in January.