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Important Numbers

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP

**Administration, Public Works,
Tax Office, Zoning**
231-3021

**College Township Industrial
Development Authority**
206-9224

EMERGENCY & LEGAL

Emergency
(Fire, Police, Ambulance)
911

**Non-Emergency —
Centre County Communica-
tions Center Dispatch**
1 (800) 479-0050
"Call Before You Dig"
811

Alpha Fire
alphafire.com
237-5359

Boalsburg Fire Company
boalsburgfire.com
466-7367

**Centre LifeLink
Ambulance Service**
centrelifelink.com
237-8163

County Assessment
centrecountypa.gov/423/
Tax-Assessment
355-6721

County Commissioners
centrecountypa.gov/
163/Board-of-Commissioners
355-6700

Centre Helps/Crisis Hotline
237-5855/800-494-2500

**Dog Control/State College
Borough Health Department**
statecollegepa.us/306/
Regulations
234-7191

Pennsylvania State Police
355-7545

PSU Police Services
(General Information)
police.psu.edu
863-1111

**PSU Sexual Assault/
Relationship Hotline**
800-560-1637

State College Police
statecollegepa.us/police
234-7150

**Centre Region COG
Fire Administration**
crcog.net/fireprotection
237-4127

**Centre County Elections
and Voter Information**
centrecountyvotes.gov/
registration
355-6703

UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION

Burgmeier Hauling
(trash collection)
943-8975
cogcs@burgmeiers.com

CATA Bus Service
catabus.com
238-2282

**Centre County Refuse and
Recycling Authority**
www.centrecountyrecycles.org
826-2722

**College Township Water
Authority**
collegetownship.org/
174/College-Township-Water-
Authority-CTWA
231-3021

Columbia Gas
columbiagaspa.com
1-888-460-4332

Comcast TV Cable Service
xfinity.com/hub/tv-video/
making-comcast-your-cable-
tv-service-provider
814-266-2278/(800)-COMCAST

**State College Borough
Water Authority**
scbwa.org
238-6766

**University Area Joint
Authority (Sewer Authority)**
uaja.com
238-5361

Verizon Residential
verizon.com
1 (800) VERIZON

West Penn Power
firstenergycorp.com/
west_penn_power.html
Power Outages: (888) 544-4877
Customer Service:
1 (800) 686-0021

Windstream Communications
windstream.com
1 (800)-347-1991

CENTRE COUNTY RESOURCES

Arts Tickets
(Eisenhower Auditorium)
863-0255/800-ARTS-TIX

Bryce Jordan Center
(tickets)
bjc.psu.edu
865-5555

**The Happy Valley
Adventure Bureau**
happyvalley.com
231-1400

Centre County Library
centrecountylibrary.org
355-1516

**Centre Region Council
of Governments**
crcog.net
231-3077

**Pennsylvania Game
Commission Headquarters**
pgc.pa.gov
(717) 787-4250

Pegula Ice Arena
(General information)
865-4102

PSU Library Information
865-6368

PSU Parking Office
865-1436

Schlow Centre Region Library
schlowlibrary.org
237-6236

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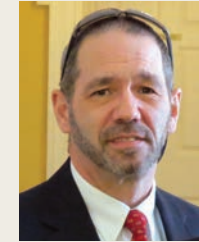
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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

*Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is
a flower. — Albert Camus*



As the season changes to what many believe are the best months of the year in Happy Valley, I'm reminded how fortunate we are to live in a community that is routinely rated one of

the best places to live. With everything currently going on at the federal and state government levels, I feel you can take pride in a local government that continues to work for you. The willingness of the Township's staff, elected officials and volunteers to put the best interests of our residents first along with our residents' willingness to share not only their opinions, but their time and expertise are the main reasons we are so lucky.

The Township Council and staff welcome your thoughts, ideas, complaints, and suggestions while we rely on the expertise and commitment of dozens of volunteers serving on our Township Authorities, Boards and Commissions. Council meetings are broadcast live on CNET, streamed live on YouTube and are easily accessible via Zoom. You can sign up to stay informed on the Township website and keep abreast of happenings on Facebook, Twitter (X) and Instagram.

So, I thank those of you already contributing your time and encourage anyone else interested in engaging in the discussions and decisions shaping your community to take advantage of those opportunities.

— L. Eric Bernier
College Township Council Chair

Administration

Centre Furnace Stack Restoration Project

Restoration work for the Centre Furnace Stack was completed in September. Built in 1791 and located in College Township near the corner of Porter Rd and East College Ave, visitors and residents have come to know the Centre Furnace as a signature landmark-it represents the birthplace of Centre County's ironmaking industry in the late 18th century. The last restoration was over 60 years ago and is one of several projects the Centre County Historical Society (CCHS) has been planning over recent years. The first charcoal-fueled iron furnace was constructed by Revolutionary War General Samuel Miles and Colonel John Patton.

Smith Masonry, Inc. of Hollidaysburg completed the \$35,000 project. This was made possible thanks to a major donation to CCHS by benefactors and longtime volunteers Robert Van Druff and Cynthia Dawson Van Druff.



College Township Regional Bike Path Moves Forward

Steady progress is being made on the much-anticipated College Township Regional Bike Path project, locally known as the "Path to Campus." The path will connect from Puddintown Road to an existing path near Hastings Road on Penn State's campus, providing a safe, accessible route for cyclists and pedestrians.

Keller Engineers was selected to complete the design for the path and is currently well into preliminary engineering, having identified a preferred alignment and key environmental considerations. As the design process continues, College Township will coordinate closely with PennDOT, Penn State University, Centre County Historical Society and all of the property owners along the alignment to finalize details related to right-of-way and safety enhancements.

College Township, working with State College Borough, Delta Development LLC and our local legislators, successfully secured \$2.0 million in state and federal grant fund-

ing, including support from the Commonwealth Financing Authority's Multimodal Transportation Fund and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program. These grants will cover the majority of the construction costs, reducing the financial burden on local taxpayers while ensuring the project can be delivered on schedule.

Looking ahead, the project is expected to advance on the following timeline:

- **Late 2025/Early 2026** — Completion of preliminary and final engineering.
- **Spring 2026** — Bidding and construction contractor selection.
- **Summer 2026** — Groundbreaking and start of construction.
- **Early 2027** — Project closeout.

Once complete, the "Path to Campus" will serve as a vital link for residents, students, and commuters, supporting healthier transportation options while improving safety and connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists across the region.

College Township is excited to see this project moving forward and will continue providing updates as new milestones are reached.

150th Commemoration Events

Barn Dance at Millbrook Marsh

On Saturday, May 17th, we contra danced and spun our way around the historic Barn at Millbrook Marsh as part of our year-long Sesquicentennial celebration. Thank you again to the Strath Hanna Duo, Betsy Gamble and John Collins, for providing music and to Bruce Young for calling the dances that evening. We also appreciate Doan's Bones and Super Duper Café joining us with their food trucks! To all the volunteers who

made this event successful — we thank you! We had such a great time dancing the night away with members of our community.



College Township Night at the Spikes

On Saturday, August 9th, we enjoyed a community night at the Spikes for a baseball game. Members of Council, our ABCs, and 150th Committee enjoyed the ball game and we were joined by ten of our Township's non-profit organizations, who were featured on the concourse. We gave away promotional items commemorating our milestone Anniversary and ended the night with a fantastic display of fireworks! Thank you again to the State College Spikes for hosting this event annually for the Township. Special thanks goes out to the 150th Committee members and Township Staff for their work organizing this event.

Soup & Song at Lemont Village Green

On Friday, September 19th, we enjoyed delicious Soup and soulful Song at the historic granary in Lemont as part of the Lemont Village Association's Friday Concert Series on the Green. We had a variety of soups available from Harrison's Eat Well Catering and all proceeds from our soup sale benefited the State College Food Bank. Thank you again to our musicians Mary Madigan, Ian Marshall, and Joe Pillot for joining us and to the LVA for hosting this event!

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Official Commemoration Ceremony

The community is welcome to join us for our final Sesquicentennial event on Sunday, November 23rd at 2:00 PM at the College Township Municipal Building. Listen to honored guests share their remarks to mark the Township's 150th Anniversary of incorporation as a Pennsylvania Township of the Second Class. We will have an honor guard ceremony and plant a tree as a symbol of looking forward to the future of College Township. We hope you can join us for this family-friendly event!

Independent Local Impact Report on the Happy Valley Casino

As previously noted in the Spring Gateway newsletter, College Township Council had authorized the preparation of an independent Local Impact Report by a qualified consultant to evaluate the Happy Valley Casino. Council sought to use this study to better understand the potential impacts to the community, both negative and positive, associated with being the host of a Category 4 mini-casino. The study will also aid in identifying any future actions or investments needed to help mitigate any negative impacts.

In April, College Township Council contracted with Convergence Strategy Group to complete the Impact Report. Convergence Strategy Group is noted for having over 50 years of experience in the casino gaming and leisure industry, providing specialized analytical and strategic planning services to public and private sector clients worldwide.

Council heard Convergence Strategy Group's presentation of findings at their meeting on September 18th. Findings were summarized into the categories of Fiscal,

Real Estate and Social Impacts:

Fiscal Impacts:

- College Township can expect to receive approximately between \$1.4 and \$1.66 million in new tax revenue resulting from the Casino annually.
- An additional \$1.2 to \$1.5 million share in tax revenues from the Casino will be directed to the Commonwealth Financing Authority and redistributed as Local Share Account grants to eligible applicants throughout Centre County.

Real Estate Impacts:

- Centre County should not experience adverse effects in residential real estate values as a result of the Casino opening.
- In some host communities, the casino has stabilized or increased commercial real estate activity. In others, there has been no discernable impact.

Social Impacts:

- It is projected that the entrance of the Casino will have a largely muted impact on problem gambling, as there are already a number of gambling options available, most notably online gambling and skill machines.
- Centre County has historically had a lower weighted average rate of domestic abuse than in its neighboring counties. Based on historic trends from other host communities, a narrowing of the Centre/Neighbor rate difference is likely.
- Data from other Category 4 casino host communities does not suggest that the opening of the casino will translate to growth in Centre County divorce rates.
- In Pennsylvania, there is no data showing a direct correlation between being a host community and an increase in suicide rates.
- It is projected that the casino will generate

approximately 1 additional call for police service per week, 2 additional calls per month for fire protection, and 1 additional call per month for emergency medical services.

The final Local Impact Report is now available on the Key Projects and Initiatives — Casino Information section of the College Township website.

Municipal Building Interior Renovations

College Township Municipal Building is 31 years old and currently houses all or portions of several key departments, including Administration, Engineering, Planning & Zoning, Public Works, Finance & Tax, and the Water Authority. Over time, the operational and space needs of the Township and its respective departments have evolved to the point that a thorough assessment of the facility was required.

In June, College Township contracted with Kimmel-Bogrette Architecture & Site, LLC, an architectural firm based in Blue Ball, PA, to conduct a needs assessment, space planning and conceptual design study on the municipal building. The ultimate goal of this study is to identify interior renovations that will ensure that the building continues to effectively meet the needs of the community and Township staff for the next 20 years or more.

Kimmel-Bogrette's team undertook a site assessment and interviews of staff in July and by August had completed the space analysis for each department. At the time of this publication, their team was completing the initial conceptual designs that will include location of departments within the building, departmental floor plan layouts and configuration of individual workspaces. The Kimmel-Bogrette team is expected to finalize and

present their findings and designs to College Township Council in late October.

Completion of the study in late October, allows Council to consider inclusion of funding in the 2026 operating budget for final design of the proposed interior renovations and construction. Residents are encouraged to attend upcoming Council meetings to learn more and to continue following the Township website for future project updates.

Potential Ordinance to Regulate Single Use Plastics

The Centre Region Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) was adopted by the COG General Forum on November 22, 2021. The CAAP identifies, addresses, and to the degree possible, provides recommendations on how to prevent the negative impacts of climate change.

Under the topic of solid waste, the CAAP provides the following recommendations:

- Encourage reducing waste at the source in municipal operations, homes and businesses.
- Increase waste diversion in municipal operations, homes and businesses.
- Improve efficiencies of waste management.

Consistent with those overarching CAAP objectives, the elected officials in Ferguson and Patton Townships and State College Borough directed their respective staffs to begin preliminary investigations into how communities could aid in the management of single use plastics that are entering the waste stream.

By mid-2022, the findings from those investigations pointed toward the possible development of a single use plastics ordinance that could be considered at the

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regional level at some point in the future. At that point, College Township began to engage as a member of the “Single Use Plastics Work Group.”

The Single Use Plastics Work Group has subsequently researched best practices from municipalities throughout Pennsylvania that have implemented single use plastics ordinances and has developed an initial framework of an ordinance. In addition, the Work Group has also developed a community engagement strategy to better understand how, if at all, the residents and businesses in the Centre Region would like to see single use plastics regulated.

It is anticipated that community engagement on a potential Single Use Plastics ordinance will begin in the Fall or early Winter of 2025. Residents and business owners are encouraged to follow the College Township website and social media (Facebook & Twitter) for project updates.

Planning for the Year Ahead: What “Budget Season” Means in College Township

As summer wraps up, you might start hearing the phrase “Budget Season” at municipal meetings or in local news. But what exactly does it mean — and why should you care? This article is intended to walk you through what happens during this important time of year and how it affects you as a resident.

■ What Is Budget Season?

Budget Season is the time when College Township carefully plans how to spend taxpayer dollars for the upcoming year. It’s a thoughtful and transparent process that ensures we can continue providing essential services such as public safety, road repairs, and community programs, while also plan-

ning responsibly for the future.

■ It All Starts with a Plan

Each year, we kick things off between May and July by developing our Capital Improvement Program (CIP), a five-year roadmap for larger capital projects like facility upgrades, new equipment, and infrastructure improvements. This long-term plan helps shape the upcoming year’s operating budget.

■ The Budget Timeline Month by Month

Here’s a snapshot of how the budget comes together:

- **August–September:** Township departments submit budget requests based on community needs.
- **October–November:** The administration and finance teams review those requests, analyzes trends, and builds a draft budget.
- **November–December:** Public hearings are held, and the Township Council reviews and revises the budget.
- **December (or early January):** The final budget is adopted by a Council vote.

■ What Gets Funded

We prioritize funding for core services and projects that keep College Township safe, livable, and prepared for growth. These include:

- **Public Safety:** Police, Fire, EMS
- **Infrastructure:** Roads, stormwater systems, sewers
- **Community Services:** Parks, libraries, youth, and senior programs
- **Administration:** Zoning, Planning, Tax Collection

We also make long-term investments through the CIP to ensure we’re keeping up with the needs of a growing community.

■ Your Voice Matters

Community input is a vital part of this

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ABCs — Volunteer Opportunities

Authorities, Boards, and Commissions (ABCs) are an integral part of municipal government that allow citizens to become directly involved in local government affairs. They work directly with College Township Council to promote effective governance, address community needs, and enhance the quality of life in our community. Our volunteers are required to be College Township residents to serve on any of our ABCs.

Are you familiar with the various ABCs in College Township?

- **College Township Industrial Development Authority (CTIDA)** works with local banks to initiate loans to commercial and industrial businesses in College Township and throughout the region. There are nine members appointed to five-year terms. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 9:30 AM.
- **Local Traffic Advisory Committee (LTAC)** aids in identifying mitigation strategies for neighborhood traffic concerns. The LTAC meets as needed, at the request of Council. There are eight members appointed to four-year terms.
- **Parks and Recreation Committee** provides advice to Council and Staff regarding both Township and regional parks matters. There are nine members appointed to five-year terms. The Committee typically holds seven scheduled meetings per year (January, February, April, June, August, September, and November). Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM.
- **Planning Commission’s (PC)** purpose is to protect and promote health, safety, and welfare through coordinated development, managed growth, and guidance in the uses of land and structures. This is accomplished through review of subdivision and land development plans and by the creation of amendments for zoning and land development regulations. There are nine Commissioners appointed to four-year terms. Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 PM.
- **College Township Water Authority (CTWA)** provides oversight and decision making for the management and functioning of the Township water system. There are five members appointed to five-year terms. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM.
- **Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB)** holds hearings on requests for variances, special exceptions, or conditional uses relative to zoning regulations. There are five members appointed to five-year terms. ZHB hearings are scheduled as needed and ZHB members may not hold any other ABC position.
- There are additional Committees on which College Township residents serve. Residents are appointed to the boards of **Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA)**, **C-Net, Mt. Nittany Conservancy**, **Schlow Library**, **Spring Creek Watershed Commission**, **State College Borough Water Authority (SCBWA)**, **Thompson Woods Preserve**, **University Area Joint Authority (UAJA)**, and **Vacancy Board**.

Your time is valuable — please consider volunteering! Volunteers truly make a difference and have a significant influence in shaping public policy. You can find out more information about volunteer opportunities by clicking on the Government: Authorities, Boards, Commissions link on our website.

Promotions

■ Shane Adams Named Public Works Technology and Operations Manager

College Township is pleased to announce the promotion of GIS & Technology Specialist Shane Adams to the newly created position of Public Works Technology and Operations Manager. This important step ensures continuity and innovation within the Public Works Department as the Township prepares for retirements amongst department leadership in the coming years.

The new role was developed as part of the Township’s succession planning efforts, which were discussed extensively with Council during the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program development. Council approved the creation of the Public Works Technology and Operations Manager position to help maintain stability, strengthen supervisory capacity, and position the department for the future.

Adams, who has served the Township with dedication and expertise for several years, brings extensive experience in GIS and field operations spanning the Engineering, Public Works and Water Authority depart-



ments. In his new role, he will report directly to the Public Works Director and provide leadership across key service areas, including streets, utilities, fleet management, and facilities maintenance.

A central focus of the position will be the integration of technology into everyday operations. Shane will oversee the use of GIS, asset management systems, and other technology tools to ensure data-driven decision-making, efficiency, and innovation in public infrastructure planning and maintenance. He will also support capital improvement planning, grant management, and emergency preparedness initiatives.

The position is designed as a developmental leadership role, providing Adams the opportunity to gain hands-on management experience and prepare him for future supervisory responsibilities within the Township. His promotion reflects both his professional accomplishments and the Township’s commitment to investing in staff growth and development. *Please join us in congratulating Shane on his well-deserved promotion!*

■ Eddie Flick Promoted to Crew Leader

Eddie started with the Township in May 2017 as a Laborer/Operator. Through his years, he assisted the Public Works Foreman in directing operations and projects and seamlessly stepped in to help during times of vacation.

In recognition of his dedication and leadership skills, Eddie was promoted to Crew Leader in May. This promotion is part of the succession planning for the future of the Public Works department.

Eddie and his wife have recently purchased a home in Yarnell and he is an avid

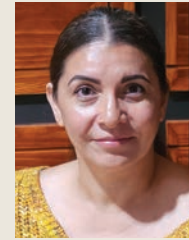


hunter. *Please join us in congratulating Eddie on this well-deserved promotion!*

CT Welcomes New Employees

■ Alba Armenta, MBA-HRM, SHRM-CP Human Resources Specialist, College Township

Alba Armenta joined College Township in June 2025 as the Human Resources Specialist, bringing a strong background in human resource management and employee development. Prior to joining the Township, she worked in the healthcare industry, where she gained valuable experience in organizational support and employee relations.



Originally from Long Beach, California, Alba earned her Master of Business Administration in Human Resource Management from Liberty University in 2016 and holds a SHRM-CP certification.

Alba is passionate about fostering a positive workplace culture and advancing the Township’s mission through strategic HR initiatives. She is proud to serve the College Township community and contribute to its continued growth and success.

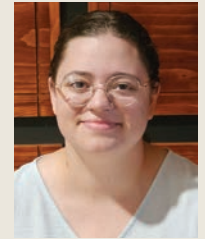
Outside of work, Alba enjoys traveling and spending quality time with her family. She currently resides in Howard.

■ Sydney Keller

Sydney Keller joined College Township in April 2025 as the Accounting Assistant. She previously worked as the Staff Accountant for a Drug & Alcohol rehabilitation facility and an accounting specialist with a tile manufacturer.

Sydney has both her Associate of Science

and Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Outside of work, Sydney enjoys traveling, spending time outdoors, and being with her family.



Retirement Milestone

■ John Keslar

John Keslar will put away his tools and park the Water Authority van for the last time at the end of the year. John has served the College Township Water Authority for the past 27 years but has been involved with the water system for many more years prior to that. John was the main operator with the Lemont Water Company, starting in 1990.

When the Township formed an Authority for the continued operations of the water system, acquiring John was part of the package deal. He brought with him an extensive knowledge of the water system. Not only does John know where lines were constructed, but also, he can tell you the month, year and weather conditions during construction. He has most likely touched every single pipe that makes up the current water system.

As the lead operator for CTWA, John’s main responsibility was the proper operation

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Refuse and Recycling Changes to Collection Schedule

There will be no collection of curbside refuse and recycling on Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Years Days. All collection will be delayed one day for the rest of those weeks.

How to Ensure that All Your Refuse and Recycling is Collected:

- Refuse is only collected using your Burgmeier's cart. Bag all regular household trash to avoid spillage during collection. You may place other items directly in the cart.
- Leave 3 feet on all sides of the cart. Place your cart away from mailboxes, trees, garage doors, cars, your recycling bin, and any extra bags.
- Wood and lumber in your cart must be in lengths of no more than 2 feet (otherwise it binds up the compactor).
- Items that do not fit in your cart or in a bag must be scheduled for a bulk collection by calling 814-826-2722.
- Do not place your cart beneath a tree.

- Do not place your cart next to a car.
- Extra bags beside the cart will be collected for \$4 per bag. If you have small items you need to dispose of, bag those or place them directly in your cart.
- Place your paper and paperboard for recycling in bags or in a paperboard box (like a cereal box) and place that in your red recycling bin so that it does not litter your neighborhood.
- Flatten all corrugated cardboard and place it under your red recycling bin. Do not wedge it between your refuse cart and your bin.

Go to www.crcog.net/refuse for contact details, guidance on scheduling bulk waste collection, weather events and items excluded from weekly refuse collection.



Drop-off containers, bundling and more reminders from collection crew

I like to check in with our recycling collection crew from time to time to gather insights for this column. They're the boots on the ground, seeing what's working — and what isn't — firsthand. Below are a few timely reminders they've asked me to share with residents to help keep our recycling system running smoothly.

Don't leave items outside recycling drop-off containers

This has become a growing issue. Some residents visit our drop-off locations and, finding a full container, leave their recyclables beside the bin instead of checking for space or finding another option. Unfortunately, this often leads to others doing the same, resulting in unsightly and unmanageable piles. We do our best to keep the bins emptied regularly. If you come across a full container or notice items left outside, please contact our office or email us — we'll take care of it as soon as possible.

No plastic bags in drop-off containers

Items placed in our drop-off recycling containers should be loose, not bagged. Please don't toss in plastic bags full of recyclables or "bags of bags." The only exception is shredded paper, which should be bagged and tied securely for both curbside and drop-off recycling.

Bag or bundle paper for curbside recycling

All paper items — including mixed paper, newspaper, magazines, office paper and paperboard — should be bagged or bundled together before placing them in your curbside bin. This helps prevent litter and makes it easier for our crew to collect. Plastic bottles, jugs and jars; metal cans; and glass bottles can all be placed loose in the curbside bin. Corrugated cardboard should be flattened and placed next to or under your bin.

Keep corrugated cardboard out of blue recycling carts

Many apartment complexes, schools and businesses use large blue recycling carts. These carts are not designed to handle corrugated cardboard — even if it's flattened. Cardboard gets stuck inside and causes problems for both drivers and collection equipment. Instead, use a designated cardboard recycling container nearby. You can find a full list of locations at www.centrecountyrecycles.org.

Have a question? Just ask!

If you're ever unsure about how or where to recycle something in Centre County, don't hesitate to reach out. I answer questions from residents every day — no question is too simple or too complex. We're here to help. In addition to our website, you can find helpful info on our Facebook, Instagram and X pages. You can also download our Recycle Coach app for up-to-date recycling guidance. As always, thank you for recycling and helping keep Centre County clean and green!

Amy Schirf is education coordinator for the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority. Contact her at aschirf@centrecountyrecycles.org.



2025–26 Brush & Leaf Collection

September '25							October '25							November '25						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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December '25							January '26							February '26						
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28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	31							

Brush Collection Guidelines

- One time around only each month
- Place brush prior to 7:00 a.m. Monday of collection week.
- Maximum 8" diameter limbs and 10 ft length
- Residential Yard Maintenance Only (No Garbage, Metal, etc.)
- Place small twigs/branches in container or open bag
- Excludes larger clearing/commercial operations
- Organize piles with cut limbs facing the same way
- Do not place brush over the curb or on the street

Date	Description
9/15/2025	Monthly Brush Collection
10/6/2025	Fall Leaf Collection - ONGOING (Weather Permitting)
10/20/2025	Monthly Brush Collection (Weather Pending)
SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE VISIT WWW.COLLEGETOWNSHIP.ORG FOR UPDATES	

Leaf Collection Guidelines

- Place piles directly behind the edge of street or curb
- Keep piles away from obstructions such as fences, signs, hydrants, mailboxes, etc.

16th Annual Lemont Christmas Market at the Granary

December 5–6, 2025

For more information about this event, please visit lemontvillage.org



Planning & Zoning

Developments of Regional Impact in College Township

You may have heard the term Development of Regional Impact (DRI) in recent discussions—or in the Spring edition of this newsletter. But what has happened since then? Here's an update.

What is a DRI?

A DRI is a development that extends beyond the boundaries of a single municipality, potentially impacting regional infrastructure, resources, and surrounding communities. In the Centre Region — made up of College, Harris, Patton, Ferguson, and Halfmoon Townships, along with State College Borough — growth is guided by the **Regional Growth Boundary and Sewer Service Area (RGB/SSA) Implementation Agreement**. This agreement ensures that new development happens in the right places while preserving farmland, forests, and natural resources outside the boundary.

DRI Underway in College Township

■ Penn State University — Innovation Park Expansion

- PSU is planning to expand Innovation Park by **62 acres** to create a new **Applied Research Lab (ARL) campus**.
- Required studies are already underway, including a traffic impact study (under review by the Township's traffic engineer, PennDOT, and staff), potential sewer and water extensions, public services (EMS, Police, Fire) input, and environmental assessments.
- This project is in the early research and analysis phase.

■ Innovation Park East — Rehabilitation Hospital

- A ~5-acre expansion within Innovation Park will include a **42-bed rehabilitation hospital**, operated by PAM Health.

- The DRI application has been submitted to the Centre Regional Planning Agency and will continue to move through the review process once deemed complete.

■ Clearwater Conservancy — Conservation Center

- The expansion of public sewer service will support a new **Conservation Center at 1601 Houserville Road**.
- This DRI has already been **approved by College Township**, and a **Developer Agreement** is in place to ensure the project complies with the RGB/SSA framework.

Balancing Growth and Preservation

The DRI process highlights how College Township and the Centre Region balance growth with conservation. By working together, municipalities can welcome new opportunities — like research facilities, healthcare, and conservation efforts — while still protecting the rural landscapes and natural resources that define our community.

Your Voice Matters — Help Shape the Future of Dale Summit

Exciting changes are underway in Dale Summit, and we continue to need your input to help shape its future! College Township is developing a **Hybrid/Form-Based Code** — a set of guidelines aimed at fostering a vibrant, walkable, and sustainable community. This zoning approach addresses key issues such as traffic congestion, public spaces, stormwater, parking, lot size, streetscapes, and open space, all with the overarching goal of making Dale Summit a true **Place**.

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College Township Municipal Election Voter's Guide

Municipal Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Across Pennsylvania, voters will head to the polls to determine who will represent them in their local jurisdictions. This Municipal Election Voter's Guide, exclusively designed for College Township residents, is intended to acquaint Township residents with the candidates seeking election to College Township Council. During this election cycle, there will be three (3) candidates on the ballot vying for the two (2) open Township Council seats.

Before continuing, a few clarifications are in order. As in previous years, this guide is only intended to inform residents about the College Township Council candidates that will be on the ballot by virtue of winning their respective primary or by garnering enough write-in votes to qualify for the general election.

Next, this guide will confine information to brief biographical sketches of declared Council candidates and the candidates' brief answers to two broad questions:

1. "Why do you desire to be an elected member of the College Township Council?"
2. "What do you see as the most important issue(s) facing College Township over the next four years?"

Candidate information and their respective responses are listed below in alphabetical order.

Finally, the information presented is for College Township voter education only. Nothing appearing within this Voter's Guide is an endorsement of any candidate, party, or position.



Election Day is Tuesday, November 4th!

Polls are open 7:00AM-8:00PM.



L. Eric Bernier

Political Affiliation: Democrat

Birth Year: 1957

Education: State College Area High School class of 1975, Penn State University 1975-1979, United States Army 1979-1985 ~ Leadership skills, tactics, maintenance and operational aspects of weapons and vehicles.

Occupation: Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Director of Information Services (Retired in 2020) Responsible for Service and Community Planning, Business Development, Public Information/Relations, Customer Service and IT Support.

Why do you desire to be an elected member of College Township Council?

This is my home. I grew up here, raised my family here and retired here. Four generations of my family live in the Centre Region. This area didn't become such a great place to live by accident. While I stand on the shoulders of those elected officials who came before me, I'm still proud of what we have accomplished together during my years on the Planning Commission and Council; and the position we have the Township currently in. So, I'm both excited and anxious to hopefully continue working for the residents who elected me.

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Gretchen Brandt

Political Affiliation: Democrat

Birth Year: 1973

Education: BA from University of Colorado at Boulder in International Relations and Germanic Studies, MPA from Central Michigan University.

Occupation: Self-Employed

Why do you desire to be an elected member of College Township Council?

I am interested in being on the College Township Council because I have a passion for local government and for my community. I have lived in College Township for 20 years and am familiar with many of the issues facing the citizens of the township. Because I have served on the SCASD Board for 12 years I have experience listening to constituents and incorporating stakeholders' priorities into local policy decisions. Much of what we do in local government is based on relationships and collaboration, and I hope to take what I have learned from being on the School Board to being a member of College Township Council in order to make our unique and diverse urban/suburban/rural community a beautiful, community-minded, inclusive place to live, work, and play.

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Steven J. Lyncha, P.E.

Political Affiliation: Republican

Birth Year: 1973

Education: Bachelor of Science, Engineering, The Pennsylvania State University, 1997, Graduate Certificate, Project Management, The Pennsylvania State University, 2020.

Occupation: Engineering Manager, Sheetz, Inc. (Licensed Professional Civil Engineer in PA, OH, WV, KY, NC, TX).

Why do you desire to be an elected member of College Township Council?

I would like to be an elected member of College Township Council because of my sense of duty to the community and because I have the necessary skills and experience to make sound decisions that benefit the residents of College Township.

My commitment to College Township is long-standing. Since moving to College Township in 2003, I served two years on the Planning Commission, was elected to College Township Council and served a four-year term (2016-2019) and am currently volunteering on the Zoning Hearing Board. I served on the Centre Region Council of Governments Public Safety Committee and the Transportation and Land Use Committee, as

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L. Eric Bernier

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What do you see as the most important issue(s) facing College Township over the next four years?

I believe if you asked Township residents that question, you could get many different answers. In part, because the Township is in a very good financial position and has established a dedicated and responsive work culture; so, I don't believe there is a single glaring issue. The comprehensive effort currently underway where the Township is working to apply innovative, modern zoning concepts to the Nittany Mall area is very important as we strive to encourage redevelopment that results in a walkable mixed-use community offering affordable housing opportunities fully integrated with modern employment, retail and service options.

Gretchen Brandt

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What do you see as the most important issue(s) facing College Township over the next four years?

The most important issue I see facing College Township in the next 4 years is the development of the Dale Summit area. We have a window of opportunity to create a destination walkable/bikeable slice of heaven in the township that will ultimately be a cherished area by the Centre Region. By incorporating form based code we are enabling ourselves to create an area that is designed to improve the quality of life for College Township residents.

Steven J. Lynch, P.E.

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well Liaison to the College Township Industrial Development Authority.

My education and work experience lends itself very well to the challenges facing College Township. I have extensive experience (nearly 28 years) in project management, land planning and development, zoning, and public infrastructure (roads, stormwater drainage, water, sewer, parks, etc.). My project management experience requires me to make high-stake decisions, so I have a methodical process of gathering the facts, weighing them, and making the best decisions.

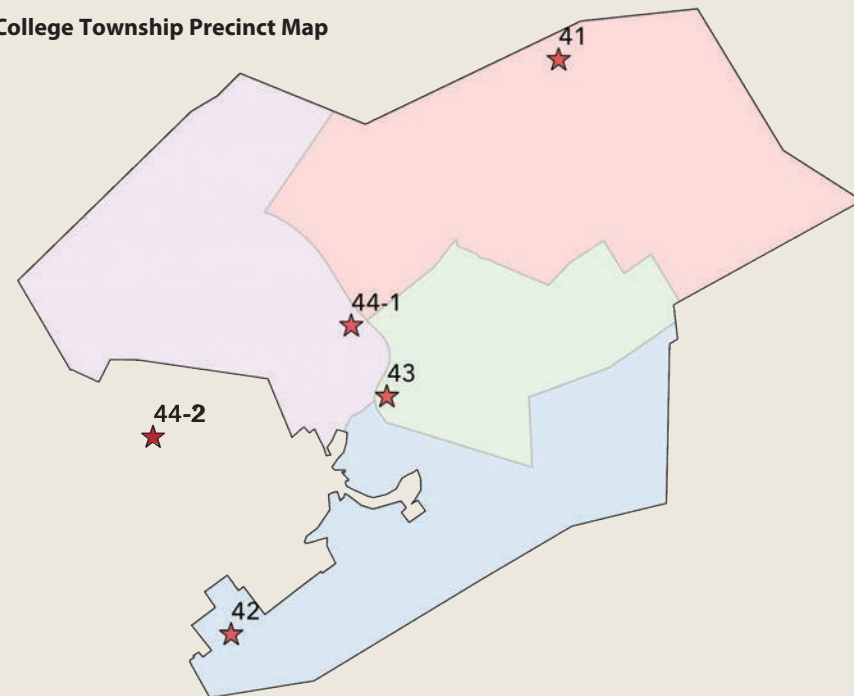
My service includes seven years as a Combat Engineer with the U.S. Army Reserves, and two years as a Cavalry Scout with the PA Army National Guard. I am currently serving on the Board of Director of the Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership (2011-Present), and the Board of Directors of the Mt. Nittany Conservancy (2017-present) and am a member of American Legion Post 245.

What do you see as the most important issue(s) facing College Township over the next four years?

The issues that I see facing College Township in the next four years are the Dale Summit Redevelopment Plan, land development projects, public safety (fire and police), our annual budget, and of course the impacts of the proposed casino. All of these issues are interconnected.

College Township is going to experience growth, and it is important to make sure that our elected officials have the expertise to manage that growth and understand how it impacts the community. We need to plan ahead for public safety long term. We need to spend taxpayer money wisely and with the most benefit possible. We need to focus on providing quality services to the residents and improve our infrastructure.

College Township Precinct Map



- **College North — Precinct 41**
Centre Region Active Adult Center
(Nittany Mall — Rural King End of the Mall)
2901 East College Avenue
State College, PA
- **College South — Precinct 42**
State College Assembly of God
(South Entrance)
2201 University Drive
State College, PA
- **College East — Precinct 43**
Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church
(Side Door Facing Parking Lot)
1500 East Branch Road
Lemont, PA

- **College West — Precinct 44-1**
College Township Municipal Bldg.
(2nd Floor Council Room)
1481 East College Avenue
State College, PA
- **College West — Precinct 44-2**
Hetzel Union Building
(Hetzel Lounge)
Pollock Road
PSU Campus



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Why Your Input Matters

The Planning Commission (PC) has been hard at work refining the draft **hybrid Form-Based Code**, combining best practices with the unique needs of Dale Summit. Recent discussions have focused on how development can provide the right balance of parking, offer appropriately sized lots, and create inviting streetscapes and open spaces. These elements work together to ensure that Dale Summit grows into a community that is not only functional, but also livable, attractive, and welcoming to all.

Public participation remains essential to ensuring the final code reflects the community’s vision and priorities. By staying involved, you can help shape a development framework that supports sustainable growth, enhances accessibility, and creates a place where both residents and businesses can thrive.

How You Can Participate

- **Be Heard:** Share your ideas, concerns, and feedback. PC meetings are an open platform where your voice can directly influence decisions.
- **Influence the Code:** Development is coming, and finalizing the Form-Based Code will allow for smart, community-driven growth. Your perspective helps guide how Dale Summit evolves.
- **Help Build a Better Future:** Whether your interests are sustainability, walkability, green spaces, or economic development, your involvement makes a difference.

Join the Conversation

The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month, with options to attend in person or virtually. Your voice matters, and we want to hear from you.

Let’s Revitalize Dale Summit Together!

This isn’t just about zoning — it’s about creating a community. From tackling parking challenges to designing welcoming streetscapes, every step moves Dale Summit closer to becoming a true destination. Now is the time to get involved — mark your calendar and help shape the future of Dale Summit!



Whitehall Road Regional Park dedication on September 24, 2025.

Coming Soon!

Sketch Plans

A potential applicant for a planned development may request to have a Sketch plan reviewed with Council, Planning Commission, and Township Staff for the purpose of discussing or reviewing such proposed development and for obtaining advice on the preparation of the Preliminary/Final plan. The review of a Sketch plan is not regarded as a formal application. The following is a list of sketch plans reviewed by the Township since Spring 2025.

- **Halfmoon Towing**
- **Greystar Student Housing**
- **Penn State Innovation Park — Bike Connection Relocation**

Plans Under Review

All applications for Township approval of planned development should commence with the official submission of a plan and all required supplementary data to the Township Engineering Office. Upon acceptance of the Preliminary/Final Land Development or Subdivision Plan the Township has ninety (90) days to act otherwise the plan is deemed approved. The following are plans currently under review by the Township.

- **St. Ives Canterbury Crossing Final Planned Residential Plan**

Approved Not Yet Recorded Plans

After completion of the procedures required by Chapter 180 of the College Township Code and after final approval by Council, all endorsements shall be indicated on the approved plan. The following are plans which have been approved by Council but may have outstanding comments which need addressed prior to recordation.

- **Dreibelbis Street Medical Office Preliminary Land Development Plan**
- **Halfmoon Towing Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan**

Recorded Plans

Upon approval and signing of the plan by Council and Planning Commission, a Record Plan is to be recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Centre County, by the applicant within ninety (90) days of approval. Should there be outstanding comments an extension can be requested by the developer and granted by the Council. The following are plans which have been recorded since Spring 2025.

- **7 Brew Coffee Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan**
- **Penn State Animal Diagnostic Laboratory Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan**

- **Walmart #2230 Building Expansion Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan**

Plans Under Construction

Once a plan is recorded with the Recorder of Deeds of Centre County, the developer can move forward with required permits and construction. The following are land development plans currently under construction.

- **Mount Nittany Medical Center Bed Tower**
- **Stocker Body Shop**
- **Winfield Heights Phases 1, 2 & 3**
- **UAJA Biosolids Upgrade Project**
- **PSU Soccer Operations Complex**
- **State College VA**
- **335 Innovation Building**
- **Nittany Casino**
- **Penn State Beaver Stadium**
- **Mount Nittany Elementary**

What “Budget Season” Means

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process. Residents are encouraged to:

- Attend public hearings and budget workshops
- Review budget materials (available online or at the municipal building)
- Share feedback with the Township Council and Finance Department

■ Budgeting isn’t just spreadsheets

It’s about making smart choices that keep College Township strong and vibrant for years to come. We’re committed to being transparent, responsible, and responsive every step of the way.

To stay involved in the decision-making process, sign up for notifications on the College Township website. You select your interests from the “Notify Me” list and you will be sent email notifications about the subjects you’ve chosen.

CTIDA

CTIDA Launches Strategic Plan to Support Economic Growth and Sustainability

The College Township Industrial Development Authority (CTIDA) has adopted its **2026 Strategic Plan**, a roadmap designed to strengthen the local economy, support businesses, and enhance the quality of life in our community.

The plan focuses on six priorities that balance growth with sustainability:

- **Revitalization:** Partnering with local businesses to improve the East College Avenue corridor and supporting zoning changes that encourage redevelopment in Dale Summit.
- **Business Diversity:** Working with regional partners to attract a wide range of industries, from technology and life sciences to hospitality and retail.
- **Retention and Expansion:** Helping existing businesses succeed through an annual business survey, property inventory, and targeted financial support such as revolving loans and micro-grants.
- **Entrepreneurship and Innovation:** Establishing a business incubator in College Township to provide space and resources for startups and creative enterprises.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Building stronger connections with community partners and keeping stakeholders informed through regular communication and collaboration.
- **Organizational Excellence:** Strengthening CTIDA's internal operations to ensure transparency, accountability, and long-term success.

"This plan reflects our commitment to building a vibrant, diversified, and sustain-

able economy," said Keri Kenepf, Executive Director of CTIDA. "We are excited to partner with businesses, residents, and organizations to bring new opportunities to College Township and Centre County."

The CTIDA's mission is to enrich the community by driving strategic development, empowering businesses with dynamic solutions, and fostering collaborative partnerships. With this new plan, the Authority is setting clear goals that will have a lasting impact on College Township's future.

To learn more about the **CTIDA 2026 Strategic Plan**, visit ctida.com.

CTIDA Awards First Gateway Corridor Small Business Grants

The College Township Industrial Development Authority (CTIDA) is excited to announce the first recipients of its new Gateway Corridor Small Business Grant Program. Local businesses — Your Building Center and Bonfire Old Fashioned BBQ — have each been awarded \$5,000 to support enhancement projects along East College Avenue, a key entrance to the State College area.

This grant initiative, approved by the CTIDA in May, is part of a broader \$25,000 effort to boost the visual appeal and economic vitality of the Gateway Corridor. Your Building Center will use the funding for



façade improvements, including a new awning, painting, and sidewalk repairs. Bonfire BBQ will invest in upgraded digital signage to improve visibility and attract more customers.

"These first two grants demonstrate our commitment to supporting local businesses and improving the community's commercial spaces," said Keri Kenepf, Executive Director of the CTIDA. "We're excited to help create a more vibrant and inviting environment for everyone who lives, works, or visits here."

A second round of the grant opportunity

(for eligible businesses along the Gateway Corridor) opened in September and will be awarded in October. Projects may include improvements to signage, landscaping, lighting, and more.

To learn more about the program and future application windows, visit www.ctida.com.

John Keslar Retirement

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of the well stations, required sampling and all other reporting required by the Department of Environmental Protection. His attention to detail and various methods for keeping track have given CTWA bragging rights that there have been no major violations during his tenure.

When John is not working, he and his wife Pam spend time at their "home away from home" in Weedville, PA (Elk County). He will be missed, but we wish John all the best during the next chapter of his life.



Public Works & Engineering



Spring Creek Park Projects

The Township was awarded a Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) in 2024 totaling \$153,000 for the rehabilitation of the basketball courts and tennis courts, installation of a new fence and the construction of an ADA accessible pedestrian walkway.

The work began with a crew removing the old fence from around the tennis courts, then a separate crew prepared both the basketball and tennis courts with a fibrous mat that is placed down before the courts are resurfaced. The paving crew completed the asphalt over-



lay of the basketball courts in one day and returned a couple of days later to resurface the tennis courts. The last day of paving was for the ADA accessible pedestrian walkways.

Meanwhile, during the last few days of summer, kids were already enjoying the newly paved basketball court.

At the time of publication, the new asphalt was still being allowed to “cure” prior to the final stage of renovation. The final stage includes application of epoxy coatings and line striping to the courts. The fencing crew will also return to install the new fence.

By the Fall, the newly rehabilitated courts will be ready for all to enjoy.

MS4 Updates

College Township participates under the PA Department of Environmental Protection’s MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Program to monitor and improve the region’s stormwater quality and downstream impact. This program incorporates project reviews, facility inspections, and public outreach.

College Township coordinates our stormwater protection efforts with neighboring partners, collectively known as the “MS4 Partners:” the Borough of State College, Penn State University, and the Townships of Ferguson, Patton, College, Harris, and Spring.

Residents, visitors, HOA officers, and community stakeholders can contact their respective coordinator with questions about neighborhood facility maintenance responsibilities or any other stormwater concerns.

For College Township, stormwater concerns or requests for public outreach engagements may be directed to Jere Northridge, Assistant Township Engineer. Any major spill that risks damage to life or property should be directed to the 911 Emergency Services for Hazmat Dispatch.

Reduce Fertilizer Runoff in Stormwater

College Township, operating under the direction of PA DEP’s MS4 Program and in cooperation with the MS4 Partners, is obligated to provide residents with information about Pennsylvania’s Fertilizer Law (2022).

The Township is providing the Pennsylvania website link, where training, resources, educational tools, Frequently Asked Questions, and several links can assist homeowners and lawn care professionals in identifying:

- whether fertilizers should be avoided or applied,
- if applied, when should they be applied,
- specific fertilizer and nutrient types/ingredients, and
- excess runoff avoidance measures to protect waterways.

More information and state-level contacts may be found at: www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/plants-land-water/fertilizer/resources.

Struble Road Stormwater Improvement Project — Phase 1

College Township will begin Phase 1 of the Struble Road Stormwater Improvement Project in Fall 2025. This initial phase will span from the railroad crossing south to Clyde Avenue. Construction is scheduled to start in mid-September and conclude in early November.

The scope of work includes the installation of over 400 linear feet of large-diameter stormwater pipe and the addition of seven new inlets. This marks the first of a four-year, multi-phase effort to extend stormwater improvements to Jay Lane. The project is designed to address the frequent full-width

flooding of Struble Road during heavy rainfall events.

The Township has coordinated closely with the railroad, which is planning a concurrent pipe replacement project in the area. Traffic will be maintained throughout the construction zone for the duration of the work.

Houserville Road Sidewalk Project

College Township is planning to construct a new sidewalk along Houserville Road, stretching from College Avenue to the entrance of Spring Creek Park. Construction is expected to begin in June and will take place during the scheduled closure of Houserville Road. Due to the closure at College Avenue (*see article on the College Avenue Bridge replacement, page 25*), traffic in this section of Houserville Road will be significantly reduced.

The sidewalk will be made of concrete, measuring 5 feet in width, and will be separated from the roadway by a curb for added safety.

Snow and Ice Storms

When snowfall and/or ice accumulate two inches or more with additional accumulation likely, the Township Manager or his designee may declare a Snow Emergency. During a snow emergency, all vehicles must be removed from all public streets within College Township until 48 hours after the storm has ended. This allows for expedited clearing of all streets of snow and ice to the curbs or off of the shoulders.

It is also prohibited to blow, throw, shovel or plow snow onto public streets at any time. After all streets are cleared, vehicles may once again park on the streets, unless parking

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is prohibited at all times in your development.

The Township recently adopted a detailed ordinance pertaining to the maintenance of public sidewalks. The intent of the ordinance is to ensure that public walkways remain open and in safe condition for pedestrian use. During the winter season it is the



responsibility of the property owner or occupant(s), whose property abuts a sidewalk available for public use, to remove snow and ice from sidewalks along public rights of way within 24 hours after the snow/ice event has ceased.

The walkway shall be cleared in its entire width and length of snow/ice. Sidewalks leading from multiple-family dwellings and apartments to the street, parking lots or other sidewalks located along the respective property shall also be cleared of snow/ice. These same rules apply to owners of non-residential properties as well as HOAs where the association is the responsible party. Failure to remove snow and ice will be considered a code violation and citations will be issued.



College Avenue intersection with Pike Street and Houserville Road.

Thompson Woods Preserve Forest Restoration Plan Update

In July, College Township and State College Borough authorized funding to complete an update of the 2018 Forest Restoration Plan for the Thompson Woods Preserve property. As the Thompson Woods Preserve Governance Committee has continued its work on identified priorities for this unique property, it became apparent that an update of this plan would be essential to the planning and implementation of future forest restoration projects.

It is expected that Appalachian Forest Consultants, who developed the original plan, will be responsible for this update. The plan update will entail an evaluation of the overall health of the forest, including identification of invasive species of vegetation and recommendations for projects to aid in restoration of native vegetation.

This process will further engage the Thompson Woods Preserve Advisory Committee and, potentially students from Penn State University, in critical work that will serve to promote the current and future vegetative health of the Preserve.

The plan update is expected to cost \$5,000. This project will be cost-shared by College Township and State College Borough, as the property owners, based upon the funding share formula shown below:

Partner	Acreage Owned	Funding Share	Municipal Share
College Township	36.61 acres	84.43%	\$4,221.50
State College Borough	6.75 acres	15.57%	\$778.50
TOTALS	43.36 acres	100%	\$5,000.00

Bridge Replacement Project Scheduled for Summer 2026 in College Township

In the summer of 2026, PennDOT will begin another significant infrastructure project in College Township, the replacement of the College Avenue Bridge over Spring Creek. The bridge is located at the intersection of College Avenue, Pike Street, and Houserville Road.

The project involves the full replacement of the bridge's superstructure, deck, and guidrails. Construction will be performed in a "half-width" manner, allowing College Avenue to remain open throughout the project. During each phase, one half of the bridge will be under construction, and traffic on College Avenue will be reduced to one lane in each direction.

However, for approximately 100 days, both Houserville Road and Pike Street will be closed at their intersections with College Avenue. This closure serves to expedite the overall project schedule by eliminating traffic conflicts and accommodating the use of a crane, where needed. The closure is scheduled to begin immediately after the State College Area School District concludes its academic year for summer break.

During this closure:

- Pike Street traffic will follow a detour similar to the one used during previous work in Lemont.
- Houserville Road traffic will be rerouted to Puddintown Road, connecting back to College Avenue at the Puddintown Road intersection. A temporary traffic signal will be installed at that intersection to accommodate the detour.



The roads are expected to reopen before the start of the 2026–2027 school year.



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Tuesday, November 4
Election Day
Polls open 7:00AM–8:00PM

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Tuesday, November 11
Veteran's Day
College Township Offices Closed

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Thurs & Fri, November 27–28
Thanksgiving
College Township Offices Closed

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Thurs & Fri, December 25-26
Christmas
College Township Offices Closed

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Thursday, January 1
New Year's Day
College Township Offices Closed

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Monday, January 5
Council Reorganization Meeting
12:00PM

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Monday, January 19
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
College Township Offices Closed

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Monday, February 16
President's Day
College Township Offices Closed