The Village Roar

A monthly publication by The Village at Penn State Planned Residential Development

Issue No. 248 June 30, 2026

Hello from the Master Board,

July is a busy month in Happy Valley. You can celebrate America's 250th birthday at the Central Pennsylvania 4th Fest. The day kicks off with the Firecracker 4K run, followed by a parade and culminating with festivities and fireworks at Medlar Field. This year is the 60th anniversary of the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts, with children's events on July 8 and the sidewalk sale and exhibition July 9-12 in downtown State College. The People's Choice Festival will be held July 9-12 on the Grounds of the Pennsylvania Military Museum in Boalsburg.

I'd like to address some recent issues at the Community Center. We have had windows left open in the building; this is a waste of energy and a potential security risk. Locker room showers were left running, resulting in water flooding into the locker area, wasting water and risking potential water damage. Finally, one of the dining chairs was damaged in a manner that points to misuse. Due to these issues, the Board is exploring the installation of security cameras in the upper floor and the workout room.

The next meeting of the Master Board will be Thursday, August 20 at 3:00 PM in the Community Center. Residents are welcome to sit in on the meeting, however we ask that you inform your representative of your intent to attend so we can ensure that we have enough seating.

Thanks for your support and, as always, we encourage you to reach out to your representative with suggestions on how we can better serve you.

-Rob

Sub-Association Representatives

Sub-Association	Representative	Email
Collegiate Station	Andrea Pandolfi	andrea@thepandolfis.com
Homecoming Ridge I	Andrea Reger	areger119@comcast.net
Homecoming Ridge II	Joe Fiore	majkrat@gmail.com
Honors Crossing I	Elizabeth Hughes	elizabeth.murphy.hughes@gmail.com
Honors Crossing II	Joe Cudwadie Michael Johnson	jcudwadie@gmail.com mkcjohnson@gmail.com
Ivy Ridge	Dale Lamke	lamkedale@gmail.com
Mascot Cove	Dawn Nixon	dmn6@psu.edu
Tradition Cove	Charles Kulp	charleskulp@gmail.com
Tradition Point	Bob Jeziorski	robert.jeziorski@comcast.net
Varsity Hollow	Rob Hafley	rhafley1@gmail.com
Continental Real Estate Mgt.	Karen Gensimore	karen@continentalrealestate.net

Around the Block

Community events, neighborhood announcements and more! All events will be held in the Community Center unless otherwise noted.



Friday 7/3 at 1pm - Canasta
Tuesday 7/7 at 7pm - Bunco
Friday 7/10 at 1pm - Canasta
Friday 7/17 at 1pm - Canasta
Saturday 7/18 at 10am - VPS Biking Group
Monday 7/20 at 7pm - Book Club
Friday 7/24 at 1pm - Canasta
Friday 7/31 at 1pm - Canasta

VPS Biking Group

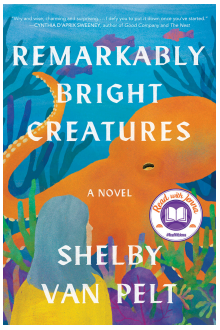
****The VPS Biking Group ride scheduled for Friday, July 3 has been cancelled due to the forecasted extreme heat.**

The VPS biking group continues with their planned local path bike rides through the fall. The rides are about 15 miles and take approximately 2 hours (casual pace), with 4-6 riders participating on a variety of bikes (ebikes, gravel bikes, cruisers, etc.). If there is interest, there may be additional rides to rail trails. Here is the 2026 schedule (1st Friday and 3rd Saturday of each month through October) for the recurring rides:
Friday rides at 12:45 PM - 8/7, 9/4, 10/2,
Saturday rides at 10:00 AM - 7/18, 8/22, 9/19, 10/17
The riders will meet at the Community Center for the rides.

Riders are also encouraged to use the VPS biking group email list to invite others if they want company for an individual ride. Contact Steve Wills (stevenlwills@hotmail.com or 814-380-3119) for additional information or to be added to the VPS biking group email list.

The Nittany Bookers

Monday, July 20
7:00 p.m. - Catching Up
7:30 p.m. - Book Discussion Begins



The Nittany Bookers next good read -
Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt
After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors—until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova. Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late.

Extreme Heat Warning and Advisory Issued

The National Weather Service State College has issued an Extreme Heat Warning until Friday, July 3 at 8pm and an Extreme Heat Advisory from 8pm Friday, July 3 until 8PM Saturday, July 4 for our area.

* IMPACTS…Heat related illnesses increase significantly during extreme heat and high humidity events.

High temperatures will exceed 100 degrees in many places Wednesday through Friday with even higher heat index values expected. Temperatures will be a few degrees lower on Saturday, but heat risks will continue. Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Review heat safety and preparedness information at weather.gov/safety/heat.

To reduce risk during outdoor work, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration recommends scheduling frequent rest breaks in shaded or air conditioned environments.

Power outages are possible during periods of extended heat as the extra demand for electricity can tax the power grid. Be prepared for a possible power outage.

🌡️ Extreme Heat Warning, dangerously hot conditions with heat index values up to 108 expected.
🌡️ Heat Advisory, heat index values up to 102 expected.

Local Wildlife Sightings



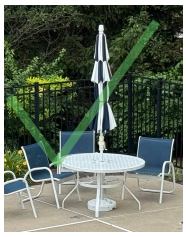
Bear print recently seen near Deans Way

There have been recent reports of bear and raccoon sightings in The Village. The nearby woods and golf course make excellent habitats for these and other animals, and it does not take much to entice them to wander into our neighborhood. There are steps residents can take to deter wild animals from being drawn to our yards and neighborhood, thereby mitigating the risks of property damage and disease these animals can bring with them. It is important to remove potential sources of food and shelter. Here are some recommendations on how to do so.

- Secure trash bins -
  - Place all trash in the trash can - do not leave bags outside the cart.
  - Store your trashcan in your garage.
  - Make sure your trash can is closed completely.
  - If possible, wait until the day of trash collection to put the bin on the curb
- Remove pet food, bird seed, and outdoor leftovers - Any outdoor food source serves as an open invitation to critters.
  - Feed pets indoors or remove food bowls immediately after feeding.
  - Do not leave food out for stray animals.
  - Never leave pet food outside overnight
  - Store pet food in airtight, chew-proof containers made from metal or heavy-duty plastic
  - Use bird feeders with catch trays to minimize seed spillage, and consider bringing feeders indoors at night during peak wildlife seasons.
  - Clean outdoor eating areas thoroughly after barbecues or picnics, removing all food residue that could attract nocturnal visitors.
- Seal entry points under structures - Obstruct any potential entryways that wildlife or stray animals could use to shelter under your deck, etc.

It's Pool Season!

It looks like summer weather is here to stay. Please keep the following in mind when cooling off at the pool.



- Please close your umbrella when you are leaving the pool. If you see an open umbrella at an unoccupied table, please close it.
- If you have guests at the pool, they must fill out a guest release of liability (kept on file for the remainder of the year) and return them to the activities director.
- No food in the pool area.
- No glass bottles in the pool area.
- No smoking, alcoholic beverages or drug use in the pool area.
- No running or diving.

Good Neighbor Reminders

Please Curb Your Dogs

Per Patton Township's Dog Sanitation ordinance § 139-7, dogs are only permitted on the sidewalk and the strip of grass between the sidewalk and the street, or only within 5 feet of the roadway if there are no sidewalks. They should not be walking in the yard of anyone but the animal's owner or with the property owner's permission. Please curb your dog appropriately.

Parking

When parking, do not block driveways, mailboxes, or sidewalks. Park with the flow of traffic on the side of the street you are parked on. Any cars using the Community Center parking lot as temporary additional parking must notify the activities director at vps_community_center@yahoo.com that the car will be parked there, and they must be parked in the lot along the side of the building. This reserves the spaces in the front of the building for those actively using the building.
Please ensure your guests also observe these parking rules.

Noise

Please be mindful of your neighbors and the township noise ordinance when gathering and entertaining, both outside and in.

♻ ♻Refuse and Recycling Information ♻ ♻

♻Please note that from now through Labor Day, both trash and recycling collection will begin at 6am, which is 1 hour earlier than they begin during the non-summer months. Please plan accordingly.

♻You can find information about disposing of bulk waste or bulk recycling items on the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Program website.

♻Registration opens June 1st for the Centre County Tire Collection Event to be held on Saturday, September 12. More information and how to register can be found here.



Office Hours

Office hours are held Fridays from 12pm - 3pm in the Community Center office. If you need assistance outside of office hours, please email vps_community_center@yahoo.com

***There will be no office hours on Friday, July 3 or Friday, July 17.

Moving?

Remember to return your fobs and mail box keys to the community center. They are non-transferable, and the deposit you paid on the fob when they were issued is refundable to you. They can be returned during office hours or by appointment.

Things to Do!

Here's a small sampling of what's going on this upcoming month. Looking for more to do? Check out the events page at statecollege.com/events or things to do at happyvalley.com/events or at www.centredaily.com/events/#/

Farmer's Markets – the following markets are currently operating unless otherwise noted

Downtown State College	Locust Ln	Fridays 11:30am - 5:30pm
North Atherton	Home Depot Parking Lot	Saturdays 10am - 2pm
Boalsburg	Military Museum Grounds	Tuesdays 2pm - 6pm
Hillside Amish	2201 University Drive	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8am - 4pm

Independence Day Festivities

250 Community Day: We The People - Palmer Museum of Art, Thursday July 2 11am - 8pm
Celebrate the spirit of independence and creativity at the Palmer on Thursday, July 2, with a festive day of art and community inspired by special exhibition "Dreaming American Futures: Invitational 250." Programs and events throughout the day, including a plant walk at the Arboretum, readings of historical declarations, a gallery conversation with local artists. Throughout the day, enjoy art activities, free hot dogs, ice cream, cookies and other refreshments. Parking is free all day.

Bellefonte 250 - Friday, July 3 at 5:30pm, downtown Bellefonte
Bellefonte's 250th Celebration kicks off with a parade from Bellefonte High School to Talleyrand Park, followed by a concert featuring the combined Bellefonte and State College Community Bands. Community businesses and nonprofits also will be stationed around the park with "Melting Pot Food Tastings" representing the nation's heritage.



Firecracker 4k - Saturday, July 4 with a 9am start at the corner of Porter and Curtin Roads. The traditional kick-off of Central PA 4th Fest. Registration is $35.76, or $21.76 for participants 18 and under and 70 and older.

Fourth of July Parade, downtown State College, lineup at 10am and step off at 11am from Burrowes Road. It will travel eastbound on College Avenue before dispersing at Shortlidge Road. Sponsored and organized by the nonpartisan nonprofit Freedom Rising USA.

Central PA 4th Fest Saturday, July 4 starting at 4pm inside Medlar Field at Lubrano Park
Family activities, entertainment and food available for purchase from ballpark concession stands. Admission is free. Reserved seating is available for purchase for $9.26 or $19.26. Parking ranging from $11.63 to $79.91 can also be purchased in advance. The annual fireworks show will start around 9:40 p.m. with choreographed music simulcast on 99.5 FM The Bus.

Festivals and Events

Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts - July 8 - 12, downtown State College and PSU Campus
July 8 - Children and Youth Day, July 9-12 - Sidewalk Sale and Exhibition
State College's summer festival of art, music, performances, and creative activities is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year!

People's Choice Arts Festival - July 9 -12, Pennsylvania Military Museum Grounds, Boalsburg
The People's Choice Arts Festival returns to Boalsburg this year. This festival featuring Pennsylvania artisans offers something for the whole family - in addition to art and a full schedule of live entertainment, there's also a petting zoo, bounce house, a hands-on science museum, and live puppet and magic shows.

East End Social Block Party - Friday, July 17 5pm-9:30pm, Heister St, downtown State College
Enjoy live entertainment, meet friends and neighbors, and take in offerings from local beverage partners in the community's newest "living room" downtown. Featured beverage partners on July 17th: Antifragile Brewing Company

PBS Kids Movies in the Park - Friday, July 17 at 7:45pm, Tom Tudek Park
Pack a picnic, grab your favorite people, and kick back at the park for an evening of games and fun! The Rec on the Go truck will roll in with lawn games galore – perfect for playtime before the movie begins at sunset.

The Arboretum at Penn State - open daily from dawn to dusk
This summer, the Arboretum is offering a variety of free programming weekdays from 10am-12pm in the Childhood's Gate Children's Garden, along with events that require registration and a fee. Both free and paid events for adults are held in the Overlook Pavillion, such as nature walks or Yoga in the Gardens - Wednesdays, $15, registration required. Visit their Calendar of Events for the full listing of events and to register.
Penn's Woods Art Exhibition - The Penn's Woods outdoor art exhibition will be installed throughout the H.O. Smith Botanic Gardens, encouraging visitors to explore the deep history, ecology, and artistry of Pennsylvania's forests—lands once called Penn's Woods. This exhibition also serves to inspire reflection on how Pennsylvania has long held a pivotal role in American history, from its forests and waterways fueling industry and migration to its arts and sciences advancing cultural diversity and innovation. Opens the first week of June and will remain open through August.

Bryce Jordan Center
Jul 31 | State Games of America Opening Ceremony
Sept 2 | Don Tolliver: Octane Tour
Sept 11 | Ella Langley: The Dandelion Tour
Sept 18 | Lil Wayne 20 Years of Carter Classics
Oct 11 | "Weird Al" Yankovic: Bigger & Weirder 2026 Tour
Oct 22 | John Mulaney: Mister Whatever
Oct 24 | MercyMe, Jeremy Camp, Tim Timmons, Sam Wesley
Oct 30 | JOHN SUMMIT - CTRL ESCAPE ARENA TOUR



Recurring Weekly Events

South Hills Music Picnic Series - Every Sunday, 5pm, South Hills School of Business & Technology
Starting June 7th, every Sunday evening on the north lawn of the South Hills School of Business & Technology will offer an opportunity for a summer filled with incredible local talent and community fun with a free concert starting at 6pm.
Live After 5 - Every Wednesday, 5:30pm - 8:30pm, MLK Plaza beginning June 10
Enjoy live music from local musicians in the heart of Downtown State College! On select summer evenings, sip craft beverages from members of the Central PA Tasting Trail.
Read It, Watch It - Wednesdays at noon, The State Theatre
The State Theatre and Schlow Library team up almost every Wednesday this summer for a line-up of excellent children's movies! They invite families of the community to beat the heat and enjoy the comfort of The State Theatre! Registration is preferred, but walk-ins will be accepted!
Wingfest - Every Thursday, 5:30pm - 10pm, through August 6, Tussey Mountain
A people's choice wing competition and concert. Enjoy wings from area restaurants and 2 bands. A winning restaurant is named every week, and all winners will compete at The Finals to determine the Tussey Mountain Wing King!
Valley Improv Comedy Show - Every Friday, 7pm - 8:30pm, The Blue Brick Theater, 209 W. Calder Way
Concerts on the Village Green - Every Friday, 7:30pm - 9pm, Lemont Village Green
Enjoy a free concert every Friday on the Village Green in Lemont. Featuring an eclectic mix of local music.
State College Spikes - Medlar Field at Lubrano Park on the PSU Campus
The Spikes are celebrating their 20th anniversary here in State College. There are speciality games and promotions all season long.

Recurring Monthly Events

Fun Fridays - July 17 from 4pm-8pm St. Paul's Lutheran Church Parking Lot, 277 W. Pine Grove Rd
One Friday each month, head to Pine Grove Mills for live music, food trucks, a farmer's market and craft vendors. June 5, July 17, August 7, September 11, October 16
Movies Under the Stars - Friday, July 17 at dusk, Sidney Friedman Park
Grab your blankets or chairs, bring your friends and family, and enjoy unforgettable nights under the open sky! July's move is How to Train Your Dragon, rated PG, 98 minute run time.
First in the Fonte - Bellefonte Parade
*There is no State College First Friday in July due to the Independence Day holiday.