The Village Roar

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Hello from the Master Board,

Congratulations to our Nittany Lions on their win over Clemson in the Pinstripe Bowl! We finally have a Head Coach, Matt Campbell. I've been impressed with some of the moves Coach Campbell has made with the coaching staff and am looking forward to seeing how the team does next year.

Thanks to Marie Hughes for decorating the Community Center. It's great to see seasonally changing decorations. I hope everyone's holidays were joyful.

Another reminder on snow shoveling, per Patton Township ordinance sidewalks are required to be cleared of snow and/or ice within 24 hours of precipitation ending. While walking through the neighborhood, I've noticed several properties that haven't been shoveled. Please either shovel your walks or hire someone to do it.

The next meeting of the Master Board will be Thursday, March 5 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. The list of subassociation representatives can be found on page 5 or by following this link.

-Rob

Around the Block

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



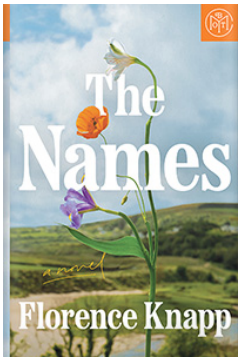
Friday 1/2 at 1pm - Canasta
Monday 1/5 at 7pm - Bunco*
Friday 1/9 at 1pm - Canasta
Friday 1/16 at 1pm - Canasta
Monday 1/19 at 7pm - Book Club
Friday 1/23 at 1pm - Canasta
Friday 1/30 at 1pm - Canasta

*Note Bunco for January has moved to Monday, January 5 at 7pm.

Toys for Tots
Thank you to everyone who donated to Toys for Tots this year!

The Nittany Bookers
December has become an annual favorite with the Nittany Bookers - a holiday party, games and prizes, and a book swap. Congratulations to Kathy Marusa, winner of Book Club Bingo, and Margi McGinnis, winner of Santagories! We even had time to discuss our December book and make a selection for January!

Monday, January 19
7:00 p.m. - Catching Up
7:30 p.m. - Book Discussion Begins



The Names by Florence Knapp
In the wake of a catastrophic storm, Cora sets off with her nine-year-old daughter, Maia, to register her son's birth. Her husband, Gordon, a local doctor, respected in the community but a terrifying and controlling presence at home, intends for her to name the infant after him. But when the registrar asks what she'd like to call the child, Cora hesitates…

Spanning thirty-five years, what follows are three alternate and alternating versions of Cora's and her young son's lives, shaped by her choice of name. In richly layered prose, The Names explores the painful ripple effects of domestic abuse, the messy ties of family, and the possibilities of autonomy and healing.

♻♻ Trash and Recycling ♻ ♻
Collection Delay - Due to the New Years Day holiday, trash collection will be delayed by 1 day. Trash will be collected Saturday, January 3 instead of Friday, January 2.
Recycling - During the blustery winter months, when putting items in your recycling bin, please place lighter items on the bottom of your bin with heavier items on top. This will help prevent the lighter items from being blown out of the bins.
🎄 **Christmas Tree Recycling** will occur the week of January 12-16 on your regular trash collection day for those who have scheduled it with the county prior to December 23.

Community Center Library


If reading more is one of your resolutions for 2026, check out the selection of books available to borrow from the Community Center. We have three bookshelves stocked with fiction donated by The Village residents for you to borrow or keep. Soft cover books are on the shelves by the side door/steps to the fitness center. Hardbacks can be found on the shelf to the left of the fireplace. If you have books you'd like to donate or are returning, place them in the basket near the soft covered book shelves. Fiction books only, please.
Schlow is offering a winter reading program for teens and adults, January 5 - March 5. Register online at https://reading.schlowlibrary.org

Community Center Parking Reminder
If you or your guests are parking in the Community Center parking lot for an extended period of time (overnight or longer), please use the parking spots located alongside the building. This will allow residents and their guests who are actively using the building to park in the front spaces.

Fitness Center Reminders



Below are some items to remember when using the fitness center. Please see the Community Center Rules and Regulations for the full list of fitness center rules.

- Be curious and mindful of other residents using the fitness center.
- Radios are not permitted in the Fitness Center. Please use headphones if you'd like to listen to music, etc.
- If others are waiting, the time limit on each piece of equipment is 30 minutes.
- Wipe off equipment before and after using. Paper towels and spray cleaner are located on the same wall as the TV.
- All equipment and machines are to be used in the manner for which they have been designed.
- Free weights and other small equipment items must be returned to their original storage positions immediately after use.
- Appropriate attire for the Fitness Center: Shorts or warm-up suits, shirts, tights/leotards and appropriate athletic footwear must be worn. Bathing suits and bare feet are prohibited as are normal street clothes and shoes while using the Fitness Center equipment.
- If the fitness center will be unoccupied after you leave, please make sure the TV and the outer two rows of lights are switched off. (The middle row of lights are operated by sensor.)

Do Not Knock Registry



The purpose of Patton Township's Do Not Knock registry is to protect the health, safety, welfare, and privacy of township residents. As a resident of Patton Township, you can choose to prohibit solicitors or peddlers from visiting your home during their door-to-door sales. The list is valid for one calendar year, at which time you will be required to re-apply if you wish to continue enrollment. Information collected for inclusion on this registry, including your name and address, is subject to public inspection pursuant to the Pennsylvania Public Records Act.

Patton Township's Do Not Knock registry resets every calendar year. If you signed up for the registry in 2025, you will need to do so again for 2026. Keep an eye on the Patton Township website for the 2026 registry to go live.

To report a for-profit business that has solicited your residence when you are an active member of the Do Not Knock registry, please immediately call the Patton Township Police Non-Emergency phone line at 1-800-479-0050. The Patton Township police will receive notice, and can follow up with the correct parties in a timely fashion.

The "Do Not Knock" registry is designed to prohibit for-profit salespeople from knocking at your door. Groups such as the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, local schools, sports organizations, and individuals advocating charitable, religious, civic, and political causes are exempt from having to follow the "Do Not Knock" registry.

Center for the Performing Arts Tickets Group Discount

Tickets for the following performances through The Center for the Performing Arts at Penn State are available at a group discount. Buy tickets at the link provided or use promo code VILLAGE when ordering. The code only works for the 3 shows (show and specific date) listed below. The link only displays the performances the discount is applicable to with the discount already applied.
https://am.ticketmaster.com/psuarts/promotional-page?id=Nzkx

Hadestown - Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30pm
The Music Man - Tuesday, April 7 at 7pm

The group discount is 15%. There is a $2 per ticket processing fee. You can select your own seats and pay online. If we haven't reached the minimum of 10 group tickets 2 weeks prior to our event, we will be charged the regular ticket price, so feel free to share the link and/or code with your friends. You don't need to be a resident of The Village to use it!

Winterization



Continental Real Estate Management recommends taking the steps below to protect your house or condo from theft, water damage, and heating or electrical system malfunctions if you are away for the winter. You can never be too prepared when it comes to preventing the unexpected damages winter chill may bring.

- When you are unplugging your refrigerator, leave the doors open and remove the water filter to prevent mildew.
- Be sure your freezer is completely defrosted to prevent water leaking onto the floor. Remove all perishable food items and anything else that may spoil while you are away. Food items left over the winter may attract rodents and insects.
- Keep the air circulating.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. This will prevent frozen water pipes. Air movement and good ventilation are also excellent at removing moisture, which will prevent mold and mildew.
- Consider turning off your water at the main valve. Toilets, sinks, washing machines, icemakers and dishwashers are served with a water supply line which is responsible for the most water leaks.
- Keep your thermostat set at 55-60 degrees and keep the air flowing all winter. You may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent costly repair jobs if pipes freeze and burst.
- Reduce your risk for fire hazard by having a maintenance professional check the furnace portion of your HVAC to make sure it is functioning properly.
- Unplug all appliances to prevent fire hazards. Although this may cause little inconvenience, you could be saving your entire electrical system if severe weather occurs while you're away for the winter.
- Switch off the water heater at the circuit breaker.
- Perform routine cleaning before you leave. Cleaning your condo thoroughly before leaving for the winter helps to discourage rodents and insects among many other advantages.
- Use a timer for a lamp in the kitchen or living room. This gives the illusion that someone is occupying your condo and could deter theft. You can also ask a nearby neighbor or friend to keep an eye on your property.
- Close fireplace damper to prevent animals and rain from entering.

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.



Office Hours

Office hours are Fridays from 12pm to 3pm or by appointment.
There are no office hours Friday, January 2, 2026.

If you need assistance or to set up an appointment, please email vps_community_center@yahoo.com

Useful Links for The Village at Penn State

The Community Center Calendar can be found here. (read only, reservations must be made through the community activities director)
Community Center Reservation Agreement (printable, read only) can be found here.
Community Center Rules and Regulations can be found here.
Village at Penn State Facebook Page can be found here.

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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/play

Free Parking in Downtown State College
December 22 – January 4, 2026: All transient parking sessions at metered and garage locations are free.

176ers Dueling Pianos - *Friday, January 11, 8pm-11pm, The Arena Bar and Grill, 1521 Martin St.*
176ers Dueling Pianos is a high-energy keyboard show where every song is requested by you!

Family Friendly Improv - *Saturday, January 17 at 4pm, Blue Brick Theatre, 209 W. Calder Way*
Family Friendly Improv Shows on Saturday afternoons feature a hilarious set of fast-paced, high energy improv games followed by scenes of unscripted silliness inspired by your suggestions, with an intermission in between. Get ready to giggle, gasp, and maybe say "Wait… what just happened?!" This show will run from 4pm to 5pm.

Fun in the Snow - *Saturday, January 24, 10am to 2pm, Black Moshannon State Park*
Enjoy a winter day outdoors! Try out ice mini golf and bowling on the lake. Take a hike to look for signs of animals. Snowshoes, cross-country skis, and ice skates will be available to borrow, if conditions allow.

Bryce Jordan Center
DaBaby: Welcome Back Concert - January 23
Jason Aldean with Nate Smith, Lanie Gardner & Dee Jay Silver - January 29

Centre for the Performing Arts - Eisenhower Auditorium
DRUM TAO *The Best* - January 27

Palmer Museum of Art
Exhibits:
Who Wears the Pants?! Fashion History One Leg at a Time
Expanding the Collection - Recent Acquisitions

The Arboretum at Penn State
The Arboretum hours are 5:30am - 9:30pm through January 18, 2026, for extended hours to view the Winter Lights in the gardens.
The Arboretum's January events calendar includes multiple nature sketching classes, a family hike, a family gardening club, and a sustainable mending class. Visit the Arboretum's website for more information and to register.

The State Theatre - 130 W. College Ave
The State Theatre offers a selection of classic movies on their big screen. Check out their calendar of events to see if one of your favorites or a movie you originally missed in the theatres is playing this month.

The Rivet - Located at The Discovery Space, 1224 N. Atherton St.
Looking for a new hobby? Check out the classes at the Rivet. Stained glass, pottery, watercolors, drawing, woodworking and more.

🏈⚽Penn State Home Sports Schedule⚽🏈

Schedule subject to change. Check composite calendar for up -to-date scheduling

https://gopsusports.com/all-sports-schedule?eventTime=upcoming

Men's Basketball

Tue Jan 6	7pm	Michigan
Wed Jan 14	8:30pm	UCLA
Thu Jan 22	7pm	Wisconsin

Women's Basketball

Thu Jan 8	6pm	Michigan
Sun Jan 11	3pm	Illinois
Sun Jan 18	1pm	Rutgers
Wed Jan 28	6pm	Minnesota

Men's Ice Hockey

Sun Jan 4	5pm	RIT
Fri Jan 9	6pm	Minnesota
Sat Jan 10	6pm	Minnesota
Fri Jan 16	7pm	Notre Dame
Sat Jan 17	8pm	Notre Dame
Fri Jan 30	TBA	Michigan State
Sat Jan 31	TBA	Michigan State

Women's Ice Hockey

Fri Jan 23	6pm	Delaware
Sat Jan 24	2pm	Delaware
Fri Jan 30	TBA	Robert Morris
Sat Jan 31	TBA	Robert Morris

Men's Volleyball

Fri Jan 9	6pm	Mount Olive
Sat Jan 10	3pm	Manhattan
Thu Jan 15	7pm	St. Thomas Aquinas
Sat Jan 17	7pm	Lewis
Fri Jan 30	6pm	Hawai'i
Sat Jan 30	5pm	Hawai'i

Track & Field

Sat Jan 17	All Day	Nittany Lion Challenge
Fri Jan 30	All Day	Penn State National Open
Sat Jan 31	All Day	Penn State National Open

Fencing

Sun Jan 25	All Day	Penn State Invitational

Wrestling

Sat Jan 10	4pm	Rutgers
Fri Jan 23	7pm	Indiana
Fri Jan 30	8pm	Nebraska

Women's Gymnastics

Sun Jan 11	2pm	Yale
Sun Jan 25	2pm	Maryland

Men's Gymnastics

Sun Jan 11	2pm	Army

Men's Tennis

Sat Jan 17	11am	Cleveland State
Sat Jan 17	4pm	Fordham
Sat Jan 24	10am	Temple
Sat Jan 24	3pm	St. Francis Pa
Sat Jan 31	10am	Saint Joseph's
Sat Jan 31	3pm	Mount St. Mary's

Women's Tennis

Sun Jan 18	12pm	Villanova
Sun Jan 18	5pm	St. Francis Pa

Swimming and Diving

Sat Jan 31	1pm	George Washington