The Village Roar

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Hello from the Master Board,

May heralds the start of warm weather events in Centre County. Boalsburg will have their annual Memorial Day celebration on Monday, May 25. There will be parades, music, food and craft vendors, and a car show.

The Hoppy Valley Brewers Fest is back for the third year with more than 75 breweries in attendance. There will also be food trucks on site. The event will be held Sunday, May 24 at Panzer Stadium.

We are planning to open the pool on Memorial Day weekend. Remember, no alcohol, glass containers or food is allowed on the pool deck.

I can't believe that we still need to talk about the trash dumpsters at the Community Center, but here we are. Someone recently disposed of a mattress in one of the dumpsters, completely filling it. If you have mattresses, furniture or appliances, please don't throw them in the dumpsters or leave them in the trash corral; you can take them to the transfer station or schedule a (free) bulk item pickup. Also, please don't leave any items outside the dumpster – we (you) have to pay to have them removed.

The Heims' will be hosting their annual Strawberry Fields fundraiser on Saturday, May 30 from 5:00-10:00 pm. Expect increased traffic on Toftrees Ave. and in the neighborhood. They typically have a live band and fireworks, so be prepared for noise.

The next meeting of the Master Board will be Thursday, May 14 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.

-Rob



Around the Block

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



Friday 5/1 at 12:45pm - VPS Biking Group
Friday 5/1 at 1pm - Canasta
Tuesday 5/5 at 7pm - Bunco
Friday 5/8 at 1pm - Canasta
Friday 5/15 at 1pm - Canasta
Saturday 5/16 at 10am - VPS Biking Group
Monday 5/18 at 7pm - Book Club
Friday 5/22 at 1pm - Canasta
Friday 5/29 at 1pm - Canasta

VPS Biking Group

The VPS biking group rode together through the 2025 season and will continue to have planned local bike path rides for 2026. The rides are about 15 miles and take approximately 2 hours (casual pace). Typically, 4 to 6 riders participate with a variety of bike types, including ebikes, gravel bikes, cruisers, etc. Examples of the routes include roundtrips to the Boalsburg Military Museum, Fishermans Paradise through Spring Creek Canyon, and Happy Valley Winery. 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 - 5/1, 6/5, 7/3, 8/7, 9/4, 10/2,
Saturday rides at 10:00 AM - 5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 8/22, 9/19, 10/17

The riders will meet at the Community Center for the rides.

Based on interest and suggestions from riders, additional rides to rail trails (Pine Creek Rail Trail, Lower Trail, GAP Trail, etc) through the summer and fall will be planned. 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

In April we voted from among the #1 book each year for the very best of Years 6-10. The results are in!

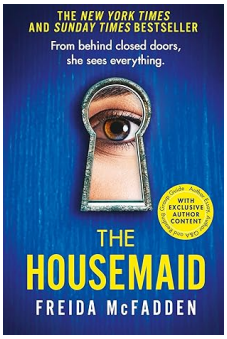
2.30 - The Last Restaurant in Paris
2.63 - The Diamond Eye
3.00 - The Rose Code
3.25 - Lessons in Chemistry
3.50 - The Spy Coast

In May our members will participate in the "book of the decade" challenge as The Nightingale competes against The Last Restaurant in Paris for the coveted title.

The Nittany Bookers next good read -

Monday, May 18
7:00 p.m. - Catching Up
7:30 p.m. - Book Discussion Begins

The Housemaid by Freida McFadden



Every day I clean the Winchesters' beautiful house top to bottom. I collect their daughter from school. And I cook a delicious meal for the whole family before heading up to eat alone in my tiny room on the top floor. I try to ignore how Nina makes a mess just to watch me clean it up. How she tells strange lies about her own daughter. And how her husband Andrew seems more broken every day. But as I look into Andrew's handsome brown eyes, so full of pain, it's hard not to imagine what it would be like to live Nina's life. The walk-in closet, the fancy car, the perfect husband. I only try on one of Nina's pristine white dresses once. Just to see what it's like. But she soon finds out… and by the time I realize my attic bedroom door only locks from the outside, it's far too late. But I reassure myself: the Winchesters don't know who I really am. They don't know what I'm capable of…



2026 Community-wide Yard Sale - Saturday, June 13

Save the date! The Village at Penn State community-wide yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, rain or shine, so let's hope for shine! If you intend to host a sale at your residence that day, please send an email to vps_community_center@yahoo.com to let us know for planning purposes.

Pool Opens Friday, May 22!

The pool is scheduled to open Friday, May 22. Please see below for a few reminders of the rules for using the pool. The full list can be found in the Community Center Rules and Regulations.

- Food is not permitted within the pool area.
- No glass containers of any kind are permitted within the pool area.
- Drugs and alcoholic beverages are not permitted anywhere within the pool area.
- Gum, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff or any other tobacco product are not permitted within the pool area.
- Animals are not permitted within the swimming pool area. This rule does not apply to certified service dogs.
- All visitors must be escorted by a Village at Penn State resident and fill out a guest release of liability to be kept on file for the calendar year.
- Proper swimming attire must be worn; street clothes are not permitted in the pool. "Cutoffs," towels, etc. (lint materials) are not permitted in the pools.
- Loud, profane, vulgar or abusive language is not permitted.
- Rough play or conduct endangering the safety of any person is prohibited.
- Running or diving is prohibited.

♻ ♻Refuse and Recycling Information ♻ ♻

♻Due to the Memorial Day holiday, refuse and recycling collection that would normally take place on Friday, May 29 will be **delayed to Saturday, May 30.**

♻Please note that for Memorial Day through Labor Day, both trash and recycling collection will begin 1 hour earlier than they currently do. 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.

Election Information

Pennsylvania's general election primary is Tuesday, May 19. Here is some important voting information.

Dates:

- Last Day to **Register** to Vote in the General Primary - **Monday, May 4**
- Last Day to **Apply For a Mail-In or Absentee Ballot** - **Tuesday, May 12**
- **Secure drop boxes are not available after 9am on Monday, May 18.** Ballots can be returned to the Willobank Building in Bellefonte until 8pm Election Day.
- **Primary Election Day - Tuesday, May 19.** Polls are open 7am to 8pm.

Poll Location:
Polling Place Address for 64-Patton Twp. North-1
PATTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
100 PATTON PLZ
STATE COLLEGE, PA 16803



Links:
Check your voter registration status here
Request a Mail-In or Absentee ballot here
Find the location of a secure drop box here
Centre County's Election and Voter Registration website here

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

Please see the schedule below for May office hours. If you need assistance outside of office hours, please email email vps_community_center@yahoo.com

Friday, May 1 - 12pm to 3pm
Friday, May 8 - no office hours
Friday, May 15 - 12pm to 3pm
Tuesday, May 19 - 4pm to 6pm
Friday, May 22 - no office hours
Friday, May 29 - no office hours



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.

Sub-Association Representatives

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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/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 *Opens May 16
Boalsburg	Military Museum Grounds	Tuesdays 2pm - 6pm

Civil War Weekend - May 1 -3, Downtown Bellefonte
The American Civil War was our country's attempt to reconcile tensions troubling our nation, embedded in its very Constitution. The Civil War Weekend in Bellefonte offers exhibits, an encampment, demonstrations, lectures, music, recreations of essential speeches, and cemetery tours, all endeavoring to help us see more clearly the attempted resolution of our nation's ills that began 165 years ago. The Weekend's organizers aspire to help you learn about the past to better prepare for our future.

Mt. Nittany Health Community Day - Saturday, May 2 10am to 1pm - 164 Greenview Drive, State College
This event hosted by Mount Nittany Health celebrates their dedication to family health and wellness while fostering strong community connections. The free event will include fun and engaging activities for the whole family and is designed to provide interactive and educational experiences for people of all ages. Community Day is filled with activities to keep children and families entertained while also teaching important health and wellness concepts in an engaging way.

PopUp Ave - Saturday, May 2, 11am-6:30p, 200 block of S. Allen St.
Pop Up Ave is a curated outdoor maker + vintage market hosting dozens of the raddest vendors from across Pennsylvania (and beyond)! Come to shop, stay for the vibes. There will be food vendors and a beer garden keeping things lively all day.

AAUW State College Booksale - May 9 -12, 9am - 8pm, Snider Ag Arena, E. Park Ave.
The AAUW's annual used book sale is back. Monday, May 11 is half-price day. Tuesday, May 12 is fill a bag day, and the booksale concludes at 7pm that day.

Patton Twp Children's Safety Fair - Saturday May 16, 10am - 3pm Target Parking Lot
This annual safety fair promotes building trust through positive experiences with Police Officers, Fire Fighters, and EMS. Bring the whole family for a day of food, experiences, and fun!

Shaver's Creek 50th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, May 23 12pm -9pm
Come reconnect to all things Shaver's Creek to celebrate 50 years of inspiring discovery! The day will be filled with walks, programs, ice cream, a campfire, and more. Drop in for some or all of this daylong celebration! This event is free, but registration is required.
Registration deadline: May 23 (or until capacity has filled) Dinner add-on deadline: May 10

Memorial Day Weekend in Boalsburg - May 21 -25
Boalsburg is the birthplace of Memorial Day, and there is a weekend full of events. The annual Boalsburg Firemen's Carnival runs Thursday through Monday with rides, games, food, and a parade on Saturday. On Monday, May 25, Memorial Day itself, the Boalsburg Historical Association hosts events in town including a 5K run, vendors, entertainment, and food, and the annual walk to the cemetery and Memorial Day Service concluding the weekend's events.

Hoppy Valley Brewers Fest - Sunday, May 24, 2pm-6pm, Panzer Stadium on the PSU Campus
Hoppy Valley Brewers Fest will host an expected 75+ breweries from Pennsylvania and surrounding states, featuring a wide selection of beverages catering to every palate. Food vendors and entertainment round out the event.

Arboretum at Penn State
The Arboretum is open daily from dawn to dusk and offers free and paid programs for all age levels. In May, they are offering multiple sessions of nature sketching and yoga in the gardens, along with family hikes and a stargazing party on Saturday, May 2 from 9pm-11pm. On Monday May 11 and Tuesday, May 12 from 11am - 1pm, you can adopt a free seedling to celebrate Go Public Gardens days.

Palmer Museum of Art
Exhibits:
Expanding the Collection - Recent Acquisitions January 31 - June 14
Insistent Presence: Contemporary African Art from the Chazen Collection February 7 - May 10

Bryce Jordan Center
May 27 | Journey – FINAL FRONTIER TOUR 2026

The State Theatre - 130 W. College Ave
The State Theatre's May offerings include a host of live music and classic movies, 2 Metropolitan Opera live cinema transmissions, local dance company recitals, and a TheatreworksUSA live production of The Pout Pout Fish puppet musical for the little ones.

Recurring Events - warmer weather brings more local events, and the following events recur weekly or monthly.
First Friday - Friday, May 1, 5pm-8pm, Downtown State College
*November Tango Mike will be playing on Locust Lane during the Farmers Market, and Eric Ian Farmer and Friends will be at the MLK Plaza 5:30pm - 8pm.
Happy Valley Improv Comedy Show - Every Friday, 7pm - 8:30pm, The Blue Brick Theater, 209 W. Calder Way
First in the 'fonte - Saturday, May 2, 11am - 3pm, Downtown Bellefonte
Every first Saturday in downtown Bellefonte, the town comes alive with creativity, community, and local small businesses. Vendors will pop-up inside and outside throughout downtown, along with food trucks, baked goods, hands-on make-and-take activities, and live music.

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

Softball

Fri May 1	5pm	Nebraska
Sat May 2	2pm	Nebraska
Sun May 3	1pm	Nebraska

Baseball

Fri May 1	5:30pm	Minnesota
Sat May 2	2pm	Minnesota
Sun May 3	1pm	Minnesota
Fri May 8	5:30pm	Washington
Sat May 9	2pm	Washington
Sun May 10	12pm	Washington