# The Village Roar

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## Hello from the Master Board,

Our Nittany Lion Wrestlers won both the B1G Championship and Nationals. At Nationals, we had 8 All-Americans and scored a tournament record 181.5 points, outscoring 2nd place Oklahoma State by 50.5 points.

Spring is on the way! The Blue-White game has finally been scheduled, be prepared for an influx of visitors on the weekend of 24-26 April. If you or your guests are parking on the street, please don't block any driveways, mailboxes or fire hydrants.

The Community Center parking lot is not intended for long term parking. If you must leave a vehicle in the lot, please send Felicia (vps_community_center@yahoo.com) your contact information, the dates and the reason the vehicle will be there.

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.

-Rob

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## Around the Block

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



Friday 4/3 at 1pm - Canasta
Tuesday 4/7 at 7pm - Bunco
Friday 4/10 at 1pm - Canasta
Friday 4/17 at 1pm - Canasta
Monday 4/20 at 7pm - Book Club
Friday 4/24 at 1pm - Canasta

## The Nittany Bookers

Our community book club, The Nittany Bookers, celebrated its tenth anniversary, complete with cupcakes and wine. As is our tradition, we also ranked the books we read. Here are the results:

1 - The Last Restaurant in Paris
2 - The Briar Club
3 - The Frozen River
4 - A Fall of Marigolds
5 - The Sky Club
6 - The Names
7 - Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow
8 - The Lion Women of Tehran
9 - The Lions of 5th Avenue
10 - A Hundred Crickets Singing
11 - The Age of Innocence
12 - North Woods

At our April meeting, we'll select the best book of Years 6-10.

### Monday, April 20

7:00 p.m. - Catching Up
7:30 p.m. - Book Discussion Begins
Years 6-10 Ratings will follow the book discussion




**When the Apricots Bloom** by Gina Wilkinson
At night, in Huda's fragrant garden, a breeze sweeps in from the desert encircling Baghdad, rustling the leaves of her apricot trees and carrying warning of visitors at her gate. Huda, a secretary at the Australian embassy, lives in fear of the mukhabarat—the secret police who watch and listen for any scrap of information that can be used against America and its allies. They have ordered her to befriend Ally Wilson, the deputy ambassador's wife. Huda has no wish to be an informant, but fears for her teenaged son, who may be forced to join a deadly militia. Nor does she know that Ally has dangerous secrets of her own.

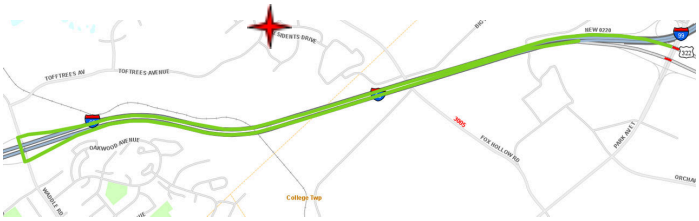
Huda's former friend, Rania, enjoyed a privileged upbringing as the daughter of a sheikh. Now her family's wealth is gone, and Rania too is battling to keep her child safe and a roof over their heads. As the women's lives intersect, their hidden pasts spill into the present. Facing possible betrayal at every turn, all three must trust in a fragile, newfound loyalty, even as they discover how much they are willing to sacrifice to protect their families.




## 2026 Community-wide Yard Sale

If you think you would like to hold a yard sale at your residence during a community-wide yard sale, please take the survey at the link below to help choose a date. If there is enough interest, more information will follow.
https://forms.gle/BjRnJDz1TpgY7Q4W7

## Traffic Notice



Beginning Tuesday, March 31, the right lane of Route 322 westbound near the Innovation Park/Penn State exit and the off-ramp for the exit itself in College Township will be closed until early June. The detour for the exit closure will route traffic to exit 71/Woodycrest-Toftrees and then back onto I-99 northbound via Waddle Road. When the work is completed westbound, the closures will move to the eastbound lane and exit. Please be aware of this closure and the potential for increased traffic on Waddle Road in the area of the I-99 interchange. More information can be found on this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania website.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Got old paint, pool chemicals, or mystery bottles hanging out in your garage? Now's your chance to safely clear them out at Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority's annual Hazardous Waste Collection event.

When: April 24–25, 2026
Registration is required 👉 Register at: www.centrecountyrecycles.org
📞 No internet? Call 814-238-7005

## 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
Primary Election Day - Tuesday, May 19

Links:
Check your voter registration status here
Request a Mail-In or Absentee ballot 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

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

If you need assistance or to set up an appointment, 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.

## 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

First Friday - Friday, April 3, 5pm-8pm, Downtown State College.
The first First Friday of 2026! Experience after-hours access to galleries and shops, free bites and beverages, live music, retail and restaurant specials, and more. Visit the First Friday website for specials and events.

Easter Speeders - Saturday, April 4 10am-4pm, Talleyrand Park
Bellefonte Historical Railroad is offering speeder rides from the train station in Talleyrand Park. All rides $5, walk up ticket purchases only.

Slow Art Day - Saturday, April 11 - The Palmer Museum of Art 3 p.m. (with drop-in viewing time 1–3 p.m.)
Participate in this international movement to slow down and engage deeply with art. Arrive at the museum by 2 p.m. to allow enough time to view the selected art. Bring a sketchbook or journal to jot down thoughts or draw your observations (optional). Then join the 3 p.m. post-viewing meetup, led by artist and Palmer staff member, Milo Nicely, and connect with community by sharing reflections about your experience.

Earth Day Birthday - Friday, April 24 4-7pm PSU Student Farm
The event will feature more than 20 interactive stations with activities and demonstrations related to farming, environmental stewardship, and sustainability. There will also be an early access plant sale during the event, local food trucks, and music from the local band Sweetgum.

Blue White Weekend - April 24 - 26
The first Blue White game of the Matt Campbell era is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, time TBD at the writing of this newsletter.

**Arboretum at Penn State**
The Arboretum is open daily from dawn to dusk and offers free and paid programs for all age levels. Here are a few of the offerings coming up in April. The full event calendar can be found here.
Star Party - Saturday, April 4 8:30pm-10:30pm, Event Lawn, free, no registration required, 18+
AnthroFest - Saturday, April 11 10am-3pm, Childhood's Gate Garden, free, all ages
Plants in Classical Mythology - Friday, April 17 5pm -6pm, Overlook pavilion, free, registration required
Environmental Trivia - Sunday, April 26 5pm-8pm, Overlook Pavillion, 21+, registration required, $25-$35 per team
Wild Wellness Festival and Market - Sunday, April 26 12pm-5pm, HO Smith Botanical Gardens, Free children's programming and environmental education tables will be available throughout the day in the Childhood's Gate Children's Garden, 15+ vendors will have booths on the Event Lawn, Food trucks will be set up behind the Overlook Pavilion, Classes offered for adults (registration required)

**Centre for the Performing Arts** - Eisenhower Auditorium
The Paradox - Wednesday, April 1 at 7:30pm
Up-and-coming Atlanta-based band playing power-pop
The Music Man - Tuesday, April 7
Meredith Willson's six-time Tony Award-winning musical comedy THE MUSIC MAN follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa. Use promo code VILLAGE before Monday, April 6 to get the 15% group discount
Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain - Thursday, April 9 at 7:30pm
They play ukuleles, they sing, they say funny things, and they whistle in their genre-bending covers of well-known songs.

**Penn State Centre Stage**
Our Town - April 7 - 18, The Playhouse Theatre
Detroit '67 - April 16 - 18, Downtown Theatre

**Palmer Museum of Art**
Exhibits:
Who Wears the Pants?! Fashion History One Leg at a Time January 24 - April 26
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**
Apr 18-19 | Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live Glow-N-Fire
Apr 23 | Jeff Dunham "Artificial Intelligence Tour"
Apr 24 | A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie

Ferguson Twp. Garden Club Spring Elegance Tour - Thursday, May 21
Join the Ferguson Twp Garden Club on their spring trip to Delaware to tour the Nemours Estate, eat at Buckey's Tavern, and stock up on plants at Groff's Plant Farm. Registration and payment due May 1. See the flier below for more information.




- Explore the elegance of DuPont's 77-room Mansion, a Chauffeur's Garage with vintage automobiles, and 200 acres of French-inspired formal gardens, grounds and woodlands. www.nemoursestate.org
- Buckley's Tavern is a neighborhood tavern and restaurant located in the heart of historic Centreville, Delaware. Chef Tom, who appeared with James Beard and Julia Childs, serves a sumptuous 3-course meal for us. http://www.buckleystavern.com
- Stock up on Spring plants at Groff's Plant Farm, a family-owned greenhouse business with 28 greenhouses growing annuals, perennials, shrubs, herbs and veggie starts since 1992. https:/www.groffsplantfarm.com

$160 per person (NON-REFUNDABLE) includes transportation by luxury motor coach, driver tip, entrance fees, dinner, all taxes, gratuities

All checks payable to Ferguson Twp. Garden Club and mailed to:
Vicky Droll, 734 MCKEE STREET, STATE COLLEGE, PA 16803
At time of reservation please provide your contact info (phone & email) as well as the name and phone number of your EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON.
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT: MAY 1st, 2026
(In the event of cancellation of the program, you will be notified and reimbursed)
Depart 6:30AM, returns approximately 9:30PM from:
Fullington Bus Co. (by airport) 2101 Alexander Dr., State College, PA 16803

For more information:
jdietrich16801@gmail.com (814)599-1404

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

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

**Baseball**

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| Wed Apr 1 | 5:30pm | UCF |
| Tue Apr 7 | 5:30pm | Fairleigh-Dickinson |
| Fri Apr 17 | 5:30pm | Rutgers |
| Sat Apr 18 | 2pm | Rutgers |
| Sun Apr 19 | 1pm | Rutgers |
| Tue Apr 21 | 5:30pm | Bucknell |
| Wed Apr 29 | 6pm | West Virginia |

**Softball**

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| Fri Apr 3 | 5pm | Maryland |
| Sat Apr 4 | 2pm | Maryland |
| Sun Apr 5 | 1pm | Maryland |
| Fri Apr 10 | 5pm | Northwestern |
| Sat Apr 11 | 2pm | Northwestern |
| Sun Apr 12 | 1pm | Northwestern |
| Tue Apr 14 | 6pm | Bucknell |
| Tue Apr 21 | 6pm | St. Francis Pa |

**Men's Lacrosse**

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| Sat Apr 11 | 1pm | Michigan |

**Women's Lacrosse**

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| Thu Apr 9 | 8pm | Oregon |
| Sun Apr 12 | 11am | Northwestern |
| Thu Apr 16 | 6pm | Johns Hopkins |

**Women's Tennis**

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| Fri Apr 17 | 4pm | Washington |
| Sun Apr 19 | 11am | Oregon |

**Men's Tennis**

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| Fri Apr 10 | 5pm | Washington |
| Sun Apr 12 | 11am | Oregon |
| Sun Apr 12 | 4pm | St. Bonaventure |

**Men's Volleyball**

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| Fri Apr 17 | 6pm | George Mason |
| Sat Apr 18 | 3pm | George Mason |

**Men's Golf**

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| Sat Apr 18 & Sun Apr 19 | Rutherford Intercollegiate |