A green-tinted photograph of a park. In the foreground, a metal park bench is visible. In the middle ground, two people are riding bicycles on a paved path. In the background, there are trees and a building. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

LION Guide

Living In One Neighborhood

YOU ARE WELCOME IN STATE COLLEGE, PA

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CONNECT WITH US

- f Facebook:** @BoroughofStateCollege
- t Twitter:** @State_CollegePA
- Instagram:** @StateCollegePA
- Website:** www.statecollegepa.us/engage

SECTION 1

WELCOME TO *STATE COLLEGE*

A Note from the State College Borough

We are so glad that you are here! We know State College is an amazing place to live, and now, you are a part of that.

We want your transition to town to be as easy as possible. That is why we put together this document of resources to help you get acquainted. We cover everything from business and entrepreneurship, to parks and recreation, to how refuse and recycling collection works!

Our mission in the State College Borough is to ensure you have an exceptional quality of life. This means we are here to make sure this community immediately feels like home to you. Everything we do as the local government is to make your life in State College as worry-free as possible.

In State College, we pride ourselves on being a diverse community. We appreciate all individuals and celebrate each of the cultures, religions, ethnicities, and identities represented in our community. And that means you!

If you have any questions or concerns, we're here for you. Please reach us at engage@statecollegepa.us.

Again: welcome. You make us who we are.

WHAT IS LOCAL GOVERNMENT

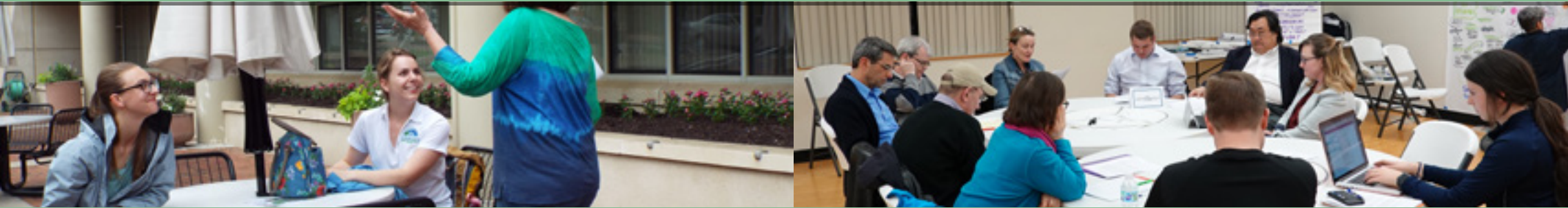


State College is run by elected officials, full-time staff, and volunteers who serve on Authorities, Boards, and Commissions (ABCs)

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



State College prides itself in offering a wide range of ways its community can engage with their local government.



RESPONSIBILITY

State College is responsible for providing cost-effective services to its residents. Learn more about the specific departments in Section 2.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

Local government structure varies throughout communities in Pennsylvania. Boroughs typically have representative mayors and powerful councils.

▶ [YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE](#)

LEARN MORE

In Pennsylvania local communities, there can be different kinds of leadership. Learn more about how we structure local government here:

▶ [PA MUNICIPALITIES CLARIFIED](#)

CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

State College is unique because of its involvement along with the townships of College, Ferguson, Halfmoon, Harris, and Patton in the COG. COG is a voluntary association that provides cost effective and high-quality public services to the Centre Region community.

▶ [COG'S WEBSITE](#)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICE

This office facilitates a two-way conversation among residents, the community, and local government.

From Board Nights to Community Forums, this group makes sure there is open access to local government and the community is civically engaged.

▶ [LEARN MORE HERE](#)

ATTEND COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Borough Council has seven members with four-year, overlapping terms. The Council sets policies and has the ultimate responsibility for the municipal government. Follow this link to learn more about the Borough Council and its meeting schedule:

▶ [BOROUGH COUNCIL](#)

VOLUNTEER ON ABCs

Approximately 150 volunteers serve on the 20+ Authorities, Boards and Commissions (ABCs). These groups were created by the Council to assist municipality functions. Follow this link to find out how to volunteer on the ABCs:

▶ [VOLUNTEER HERE](#)

VOTE

All adult U.S. citizens are encouraged to vote in local, state, and federal elections. Registering to vote is easy, all that's needed is Pennsylvania state issued ID or the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.

▶ [VOTES PA](#)

RUN FOR LOCAL OFFICE

Follow the link below to find important dates for running for office in Centre County.

▶ [ELECTIONS & VOTER REGISTRATION](#)

GET INVOLVED

The State College Borough Community Engagement Office strives to create a strong sense of community among residents by facilitating events that promote vibrant, diverse, and safe neighborhoods. State College's social media accounts are the best way to stay in the know about Community Engage events.

▶ [LEARN HOW TO GET INVOLVED](#)



SECTION 2

STAYING INFORMED

STAY UP-TO-DATE ON THE LATEST HAPPENINGS IN STATE COLLEGE, FROM SCHOOL CLOSURES TO MUSIC DOWNTOWN TO CONSTRUCTION REPORTS.

*Please note that these are outside news sources and the Municipality does not endorse or review their validity.

PRINT

CENTRE DAILY TIMES

Local newspaper

▶ [READ ONLINE](#)

TOWN AND GOWN

Free monthly magazine found online at StateCollege.com. Available for free at the Municipal Building and around town.

▶ [READ ONLINE](#)

STATE COLLEGE MAGAZINE

Free monthly magazine covering topics around State College culture and growth. Available around town.

▶ [READ ONLINE](#)

CENTRE COUNTY GAZETTE

Free monthly magazine covering topics around State College culture and growth. Available around town.

▶ [READ ONLINE](#)

ONLINE

DOWNTOWN STATE COLLEGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

This organization is central to a vibrant downtown scene. Visit their webpage and sign up for their e-newsletters for all the latest news and happenings.

▶ [LEARN MORE HERE](#)

NEWS FROM THE BOROUGH

All news from the Borough can be delivered directly to your email by signing up for the "Notify Me" notification system.

▶ [STAY INFORMED](#)

WPSU

Community calendar

▶ [SUBMIT & VIEW LOCAL EVENTS](#)

TV AND RADIO

WPSU

Local NPR station

▶ [LISTEN LIVE](#)

CNET

Watch local government in action

▶ [WATCH ONLINE](#)

CENTRE COUNTY REPORT

Media from PSU

▶ [WATCH ONLINE](#)

WJAC

Local NBC news

▶ [WATCH ONLINE](#)

WTAJ

Local CBS news

▶ [WATCH ONLINE](#)

CAMPUS

CAMPUS NEWS

All campus related news and a student perspective on local news can be found at the following sources.

▶ [READ ONLINE](#)

THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

The student newspaper.

▶ [READ ONLINE](#)

ONWARD STATE

Penn State blog by PSU students.

▶ [READ ONLINE](#)

MUNICIPALITY SOURCES

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Municipality has multiple threads users can subscribe via SMS and email to help the community stay informed about local government activities. This includes construction, State College Police Department, public notice, and refuse updates.

[▶ STAY INFORMED](#)

FOLLOW US

Another great resource to stay in the know is to follow the State College Borough on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. New content is posted daily.

[▶ CONNECT WITH US](#)

MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is designed to keep the community informed, provide helpful tips and highlight the great accomplishments of the community.

[▶ SIGN UP HERE](#)

ZENCITY ENGAGE

This platform is a place for the community to engage with projects, provide feedback, and see what events are coming up in the Borough of State College.

[▶ VISIT THE PROJECT PAGE](#)





SECTION 3

LIVING IN STATE COLLEGE

LEARN HOW TO BE A GREAT MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY!

FIND YOUR FEET AND LEARN "THE ROPES" WITH THIS INFORMATION ABOUT IMPORTANT **COMMUNITY SERVICES.**



MOVING INTO STATE COLLEGE

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PARKING

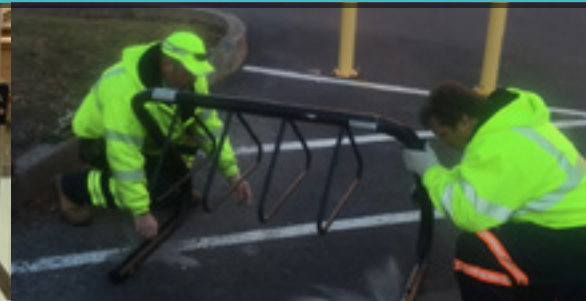
STUDENT LIFE

RECYCLING & REFUSE

MOVING INTO STATE COLLEGE



Here are resources to help you make an easy transition.



There are lots of options for getting around the Borough!

FINDING A PLACE TO LIVE

There are many ways to find housing in State College. The Boroughs support the following:

STATE COLLEGE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (SCCLT)

Works with first-time home buyers & people who have not owned a home for the past three years. More info:

▶ [SCCLT'S WEBSITE](#)

HOME IN STATE COLLEGE

This initiative is dedicated to sharing listings of homes for sale or rentals available to professionals and long-term residents. Visit the Home in State College Facebook page for the most current information:

▶ [FOLLOW HOME IN STATE COLLEGE](#)

Visit the Community Development and Housing Programs to learn more about State College's affordable housing efforts:

▶ [AFFORDABLE HOUSING INFORMATION](#)

FURNISHING YOUR HOME

Finding the furniture for your new home can be challenging. There are a number of local nonprofit agencies that provide affordable options.

- *Goodwill*
- *CentrePeace*
- *Interfaith Human Services*
- *Lion Surplus*
- *Habitat for Humanity ReStore*
- *St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Addresses can be changed at any post office for free or online for \$1.

▶ [VIST USA.GOV](#)

DMV

▶ [PA DRIVER'S EXAM & LICENSE](#)

▶ [GET AN ID CARD](#)

▶ [VEHICLE REGISTRATION](#)

PUBLIC & ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Centre County Transportation Authority (CATA)

CATA provides all public transportation in Centre County. Visit their site to learn more about using their services. The Blue and White Loops are free campus serving loops downtown. Other locations can be reached with a bus pass, found at the CATA website.

▶ [CATA'S WEBSITE](#)

RIDE SHARING AND TAXI SAFETY

Ride shares are a popular and easy way to get around town when you don't have a car. Be sure that the car that picks you up is identified with a local taxi or ride sharing company and is the driver you are meant to ride with. Learn more about ride-sharing safety at:

▶ [UBER SAFETY](#)

▶ [LYFT SAFETY](#)

BIKING & WALKING

Biking

The Borough is connected with a growing network of community bike paths that feed into the downtown area. Bike Sharing is available on campus and downtown through the Zagster Bike Service. Register your bike with PSU and have resources if your bike goes missing.

▶ [BICYCLE REGISTRATION](#)

▶ [SPIN \(BIKE SHARE\)](#)

▶ [REGIONAL BIKE INFO](#)

▶ [BIKE SAFETY](#)

Walking

In addition to biking, walking is a great way to experience the community. Check out the local parks and share the bike path to access all of downtown. Learn more at the links below.

▶ [LEARN MORE ABOUT LOCAL PATHS](#)

▶ [FIND YOUR PARK](#)

LOCAL ORDINANCES & HOW THEY WORK

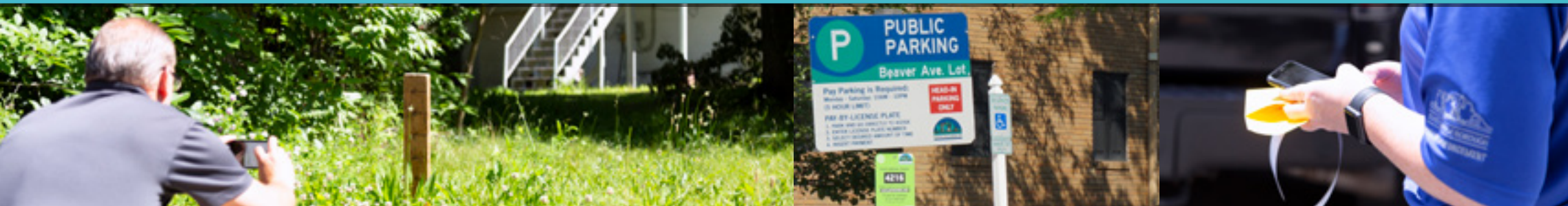


These are the specific rules people need to follow in State College to keep the Borough on track.

PARKING



Both public and private parking are available downtown. On Sunday – parking in all borough lots and garages is free!



WHAT IS AN ORDINANCE?

Ordinances are rules proposed by staff and voted into action by Borough Council. They are enforced locally by police and ordinance enforcement officers.

ECODE 360

State College has made it easier to search, read, and share their Code of Ordinances online with the development of an eCode360 online portal.

▶ [BOROUGH CODE PORTAL](#)

Potential consequences for violating ordinances include legal problems, fines, community service time, academic problems, and a criminal record.

The Centre Region Code Administration (CRCA) is responsible for the review, permit issuance and inspection of building construction, rental housing and commercial fire safety in the Centre Region, through the enforcement of the locally adopted and state mandated codes.

▶ [CRCA'S WEBSITE](#)

MOST COMMONLY VIOLATED ORDINANCES

Excessive Noise

Keep music and voices at a reasonable volume. Noise must not be heard from public right-of-ways.

Open Burning

Bonfires are strictly prohibited. Outdoor burning is permitted in approved containers with appropriate burn material (cord wood, 3 hour logs, and charcoal).

Refuse

Leftover party materials must be disposed of immediately and properly. Recycling is required; items must be sorted.

Roof Occupancy

People are not permitted on roofs of structures due to safety and liability reasons.

Public Urination

Save it for the restrooms!

PUBLIC PARKING IS MONITORED IN THESE WAYS

SHORT TERM:

- On-Street Metered Parking
- Lot Parking Kiosks
- Parking Garages

▶ [DOWNLOAD PARK MOBILE](#)

Manage your short term parking with the Park Mobile App.

LONG TERM:

- On-Street Pass holder commuter parking
- Private parking also available throughout the borough and is managed by private companies. Permits are required to park there. Without a permit, your car may be towed.

PARKING PORTAL

Use your Parking Portal to purchase monthly permits, quickly pay or appeal parking violations, and manage your parking account.

▶ [ACCESS THE PARKING PORTAL](#)

WATCH FOR CHANGES

Watch for changes in parking restrictions based on weather or large public events. These will be posted on the Parking Announcements Feed.

▶ [STAY IN THE KNOW](#)

SIGNS ARE ALSO POSTED ON RELEVANT STREETS.

WHERE ARE YOU PARKING?

▶ [PARKING DOWNTOWN](#)

▶ [NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING](#)

PARKING ON CAMPUS

See the options for on-campus parking at Penn State Transportation Services' website. Question? Email parking@psu.edu.

▶ [PENN STATE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES](#)

RECYCLING AND REFUSE



Every neighborhood has a unique schedule for trash and recycling pickups.



TRADITIONAL RECYCLING

Traditional recycling is coordinated and collected by the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority (CCRRA). Residents living in apartment buildings typically use blue carts, which are specifically labeled for the type of recyclable that goes in them. Residents living in houses typically use red bins for the following items: plastic bottles, jugs and jars, aluminum and steel cans, clear/green/blue/brown glass bottles, newspaper/mixed office paper (must be bagged), and flattened corrugated cardboard.

Curbside recycling is collected on the same day as refuse collection. A Curbside Guide to Recycling can be found at:

▶ [LEARN MORE](#)

REFUSE

There is weekly refuse pick up in your neighborhood. Place your refuse bins at the curb by the morning of your scheduled pick up day.

▶ [LEARN MORE HERE](#)

ORGANIC RECYCLING

Did you know that your pizza boxes are organic recycling? State College offers organic recycling, which allows property owners to recycle food and yard waste. Once collected by the Borough, the waste will undergo a composting process. Organic recycling is optional and is a convenient alternative to backyard composting. Property owners interested in organic recycling can contact the Borough Service Facility at (814) 231-7135 for additional information.

▶ [LEARN MORE HERE](#)

LEAF COLLECTION

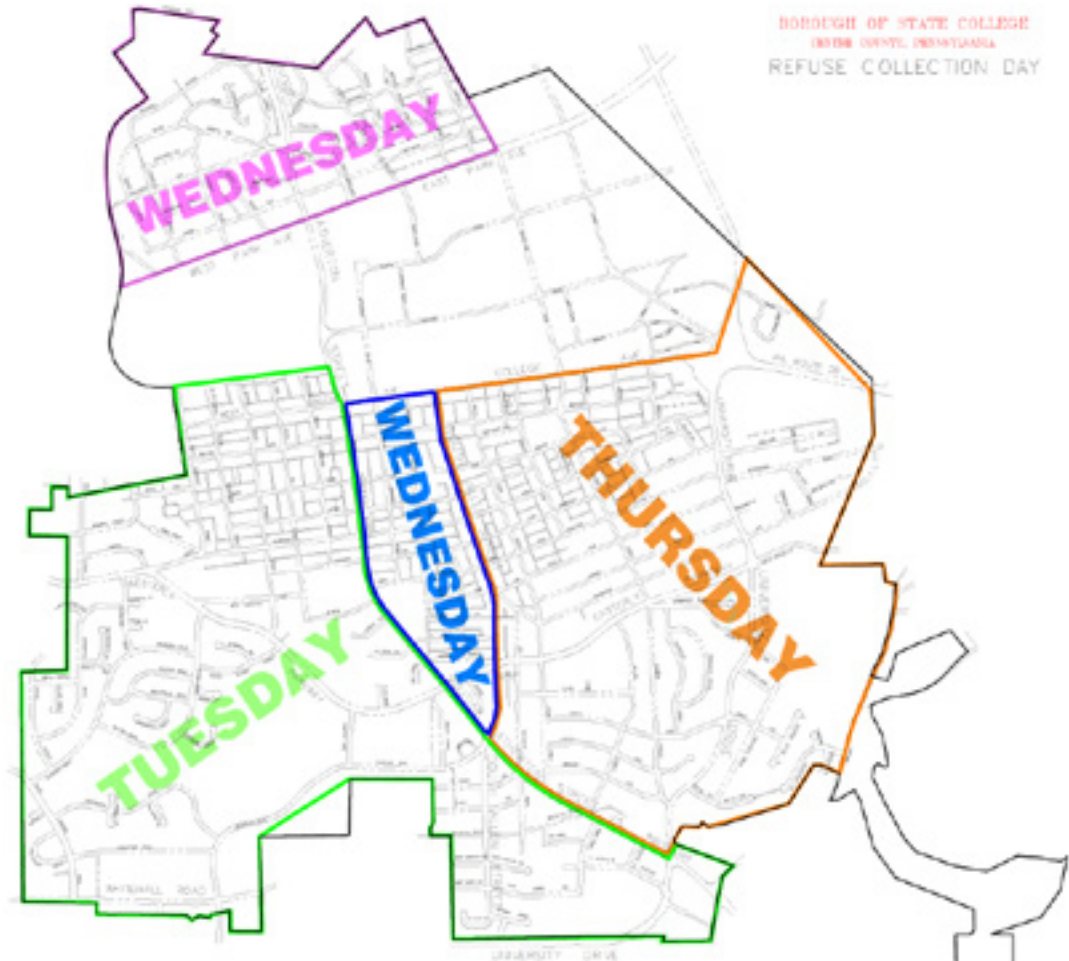
When the leaves pile up, State College crews will clean them up.

▶ [LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE](#)

SUSTAINABILITY GUIDE

This guide provides specific information to the State College Borough's sustainability efforts.

▶ [SUSTAINABILITY GUIDE](#)



WEEKLY

Refuse is collected weekly in residential neighborhoods. Refuse bins should be placed at the curb by the morning of an individual's scheduled pickup day.

▶ [DOWNLOAD COLLECTION MAP](#)

▶ [HOLIDAYS IMPACTING COLLECTION](#)

BULK PICKUP

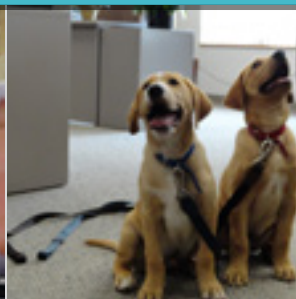
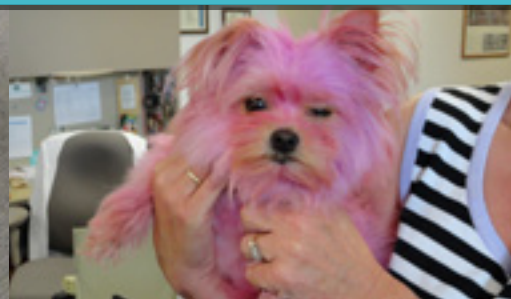
State College offers bulk refuse and brush cleanup to all residents. Residents can schedule pick up by submitting online on See-Click-Fix or by calling (814) 234-7135.

▶ [SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST ONLINE](#)

PET OWNERSHIP



Follow these legal requirements to keep all pets safe.



DOGS

Dogs aged 12 weeks and older must have current rabies vaccinations and be annually licensed through Centre County Government. Dogs can be licensed at the State College Borough Finance Office (January-October) or year round at the Centre County Treasurer's Office in Bellefonte, PA. Dogs must be walked on a leash when off the owner's property and contained on a property by a collar, fence, or chain when not being walked. Dog feces must be disposed of immediately when outside of its place of residence. Properties with more than 3 piles of excrement can be cited and fined. Owners can be cited and fined if their dog barks for more than 10 minutes within a 1 hour period.

CHICKENS

Yes, chickens are permitted within Borough limits! Properties can have up to 4 chickens. Roosters are not permitted.



CENTRE COUNTY PAWS, A LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER, OFFERS LOW COST SPAY AND NEUTER CLINICS

[▶ CENTRE COUNTY PAWS' WEBSITE](#)

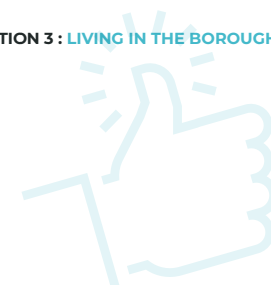
Occasionally wild animals (such as raccoons, squirrels, or skunks) become a nuisance in residential areas.

[▶ INFORMATION ON WILDLIFE ASSISTANCE](#)

Centre Wildlife Care is a local organization that rehabilitates orphaned and injured wild animals.

[▶ CENTRE WILDLIFE CARE](#)

HOSTING A SAFE PARTY



Follow these easy steps to ensure a good time!



STEPS TO ENSURE A GREAT TIME:

Make a plan with housemates

Decide who will be the sober host, invitees, how late the party will go, and what food and beverages will be provided. Discuss which rooms and property items are off limits to guests.

Notify neighbors

Tell neighbors party plans in advance and give them the cell phone number of the sober host. This allows neighbors to directly contact the host about problems they may have.

Keep the party size reasonable

Avoid breaking capacity rules and prevent the noise level from getting too high.

Step in when it counts

Learn how to intervene in potentially harmful situations. Call the police if a party gets beyond the host's control and be cooperative with law enforcement. Open all doors in the house to allow everyone who is not a resident to exit the property quickly and safely.

STAND FOR STATE

Everyone plays a role in watching out for one another because everyone deserves to be safe. Stand for State's bystander intervention program teaches people how to take action.

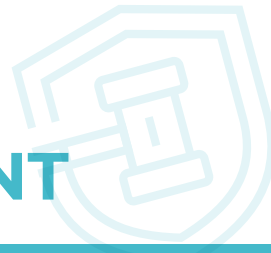
[▶ LEARN MORE HERE](#)

WHERE IT CAN GO WRONG

There are some common mistakes that community members make. Any of these behaviors are violations of local ordinances and can mean police show up and you receive a ticket.

1. *Excessive Noise*
2. *Open Burning*
3. *Refuse*
4. *Roof Occupancy*
5. *Public Urination*

STATE COLLEGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS



The local police are here to help YOU and make our community safer.



Find out what neighborhood you live in and join a neighborhood association.



WHO ARE THE SCPD?

The State College Police Department is a municipal police agency operated by the Borough of State College, PA. They provide 24-hour police services to the Borough of State College, Harris and College Townships. The department was established in 1916.

CONTACT THE POLICE ABOUT COMMUNITY ISSUES:

- Thefts
- Lost and found items and animals
- Noise
- Suspicious activity

NEIGHBORHOOD ENFORCEMENT ALCOHOL TEAM (NEAT)

NEAT is a team of State College and Penn State University police officers who patrol together in the neighborhoods that directly surround the University Park campus. If NEAT officers get notified of a party, or observe a party that is being held, they will stop by and provide helpful tips on how to keep the party under control. The primary response to address quality of life laws and ordinance violations.

THE GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

The Good Neighbor Program is a joint effort through the State College Police, students, and long-term residents to create a safer and more cohesive community for everyone. Here is a checklist about how to be a good neighbor:

Introductions

Engage in conversation and build relationships. Neighborhoods consist of families, long-term residents, young professionals, student-residents, and senior citizens.

Party responsibly

Notify neighbors, elect a sober host, and clean up immediately afterwards.

Get involved

Learn about community resources and organizations. Lend a helping hand during free time!

Stay informed

Visit www.statecollegepa.us or call (814) 234-7191 for up-to-date information on ordinances, news, and events.

STATE COLLEGE BOROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

The Neighborhood Associations in the Borough of State College make up important pieces to the community puzzle. These associations and their leadership serve the community by keeping residents informed and advocating for those living in the neighborhood.

Neighborhoods

- College Heights
- Highlands
- Vallamont
- Nittany Hills/Penfield
- State College South
- Tusseyview
- Orchard Park
- Greentree
- Holmes-Foster
- West End

Get Connected

If you're interested in connecting with your local neighborhood association, contact the Office of Community Engagement at: engage@statecollegepa.us.



STUDENT LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY



There are many resources to help make off-campus life an incredible experience.



FINDING HOUSING

Penn State's Office of Student Affairs supports students moving off-campus by providing a searchable online housing website. To find housing, a roommate, or used furniture, visit Off-Campus Student Support's property search.

[▶ PROPERTY SEARCH](#)

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT SUPPORT

Off-Campus Student Support provides programs and services to assist students throughout their off-campus living experience. Find out more about Off-Campus Student Support.

[▶ LEARN MORE HERE](#)

STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES

Student Legal Services provides free legal referrals, consultation, and representation to Penn State University Park students facing personal legal issues. Learn more about these services on their website.

[▶ LEARN MORE HERE](#)

CURRENT STUDENT RESOURCES

The student affairs page is meant to provide students with resources for everything from health and wellness to getting involved to support and advocacy.

[▶ STUDENT AFFAIRS PAGE](#)





SECTION 4

COMMUNITY LIFE

DISCOVER THE AMAZING CULTURE AND EXPERIENCES AVAILABLE IN OUR LITTLE TOWN. **YOU'LL NEVER RUN OUT OF THINGS TO DO!**



NONPROFIT CULTURE

RECREATION

LION INITIATIVE

LIBRARIES

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

BUSINESS & ENTREPRENUERSHIP

LOCAL FOOD SCENE

NONPROFIT CULTURE



Home to a vibrant ecosystem of nonprofits providing critical services and contributing to a dynamic culture.

LIVING IN ONE NEIGHBORHOOD (LION)



The mission of the Living In One Neighborhood (LION) initiative is to enhance our town's unique qualities.



VOLUNTEER IN THE COMMUNITY AND ON CAMPUS

The Borough of State College encourages residents interested in volunteering to reach out to discuss volunteering opportunities.

▶ [CONTACT US](#)

Additionally, Penn State students can find volunteer opportunities through the campus website.

▶ [VOLUNTEER @ PSU](#)



CENTRE LGBT+

The mission of Centre LGBT+ is to bring the community together through LGBT+ education, advocacy, and activities in the Centre County region.

▶ [CENTRE LGBT+ WEBSITE](#)



CENTRE FOUNDATION

A brief description or overview of the Centre Foundation and why it should be on this page as a leader in nonprofit culture.

▶ [CENTRE FOUNDATION'S WEBSITE](#)



THE UNITED WAY

A brief description or overview of the Centre Foundation and why it should be on this page as a leader in nonprofit culture.

▶ [CC UNITED WAY'S WEBSITE](#)

THE LION INITIATIVE

The mission of the Living In One Neighborhood (LION) initiative is to enhance the unique town-gown relationship between State College and the Penn State community by providing robust experiences that bring student residents, long-term residents, and community leaders together for healthy dialogues.

LION Bash is best described as a community resource fair + block party. Annually during the beginning of the fall semester 150+ organizations develop engagement stations in the 100-300 blocks of South Allen Street in Downtown State College.

The organizations that attend are:

- Community/Non-Profit Organizations
- Penn State Clubs, Organizations, Services, or Affiliates
- Government Services
- Businesses

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about the community and the great organizations working in State College. There's also food, games, giveaways, and entertainment throughout the event.



▶ [LEARN MORE ABOUT LION BASH HERE](#)

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



There is no end to your State College art and entertainment experience...

From Broadway shows to local music, and from historic art to contemporary masterpieces, there is something for every mood.



Places and experiences to discover

ART GALLERIES

- ▶ **Palmer Art Museum**
Extensive collection of historic and contemporary art, Penn State Campus
- ▶ **Woskob Gallery**
Allen Street, lobby of Centre Stage Theatre
- ▶ **HUB Galleries**
Rotating galleries in the student HUB Robeson Center
- ▶ **Art Alliance Gallery**
In the MLK Plaza on Fraser Street

Organizations interested in being featured, please contact us at engage@statecollegepa.us.

LIVE THEATRE

- ▶ **Singing Onstage Productions**
Theatre and musical experiences for kids
- ▶ **State Theatre**
Nonprofit theatre space bringing unique and beloved acts to town and a rotating series of films.
- ▶ **Penn State School of Theatre**
Student productions at a high level

ART EVENTS

- ▶ **Arts Fest**
Annual festival in July, the biggest art event of the year
- ▶ **First Friday**
Businesses open and creative take to the streets for unique experiences the First Friday of each month.
- ▶ **Central PA Dance and Theatre**
- ▶ **Live After 5**

Organizations interested in being featured, please contact us at engage@statecollegepa.us.

PROGRAMMING

- ▶ **Centre for the Performing Arts**
Penn State bringing in national and international performances from classical music to Broadway shows to dance and theatre.
- ▶ **Student Programming Association**
Well-known speakers featured with free attendance
- ▶ **3 Dots Downtown**



LOCAL FOOD SCENE



State College has countless options for purchasing locally grown and produced food!



LOCAL RESTAURANTS

The Central Pennsylvania Convention & Visitors Bureau has your one-stop-shop for local restaurants on their website. "The opportunities are virtually endless for even the most picky of eaters."

▶ [HAPPY VALLEY ADVENTURE BUREAU](#)

FARMERS MARKETS

Living in State College gives you year round access to fresh, local produce. Check out the websites below for information on farmers markets and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) memberships.

▶ [LIST OF LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS](#)

EATING DOWNTOWN?

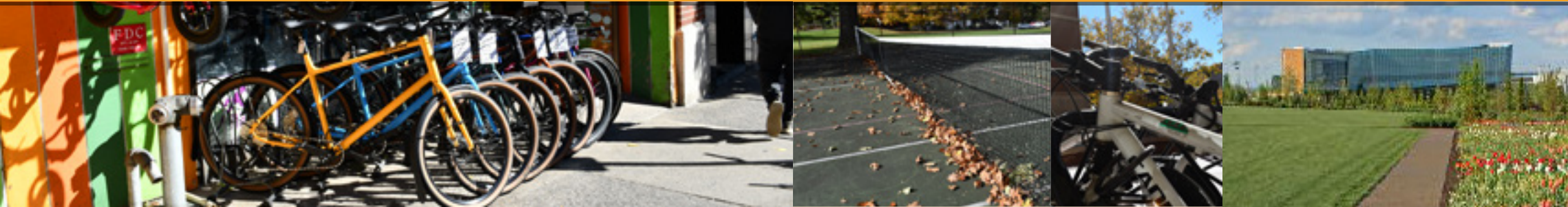
Downtown State College restaurants feature many celebrated local chefs with award-winning recipes just awaiting your discriminating palette. Downtown restaurants offer something for everyone, whether you're a casual diner or a cultured foodie.

▶ [DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS](#)

RECREATION



There is a plethora of places to explore the outdoors in State College and its surrounding areas.



ATHLETICS

Centre Region Parks and Recreation (CRPR) offers a wide variety of youth and adult sports and leagues for all ages. Whether you're interested in learning to play a sport or just joining a league, CRPR offers traditional and non-traditional sports such as flag football, tennis, disc golf, bocce, softball, pickleball, and volleyball. There is something offered for everyone! For more information about the sports leagues offered visit:

▶ [CRPR'S WEBSITE](#)

PURPLE LIZARD MAPS

These maps are the gateway to all hiking and boating areas in Centre County. Pick one up and get out there!

▶ [LEARN WHERE TO GET A MAP](#)

BICYCLE AMBASSADORS

Bicycle Ambassadors are bike-loving community members that lead by example and help get people on bikes.

▶ [LEARN MORE HERE](#)

LOCAL PARKS

There are multiple local parks here in State College, including a dog park and a skate park. Utilize these resources to learn more:

▶ [FIND YOUR PARK](#)

HUNTING AND FISHING

World-renowned hunting and fishing is available just a short drive from the State College Borough. Learn how to obtain licenses and permits, news, and upcoming events at:

▶ [PA GAME COMMISSION'S WEBSITE](#)

WINTER SPORTS

Tussey Mountain has skiing, snowboarding, and tubing from December to March. Learn more about specific times and ticketing at:

▶ [TUSSEY MOUNTAIN'S WEBSITE](#)

ARBORETUM

Penn State's botanical gardens, open to the public from sunrise to sundown.

▶ [LEARN MORE HERE](#)

CENTERED OUTDOORS

The Centred Outdoors Program creates healthy places, people, and non-profits by offering guided adventures with friends and experts from around the county! Adventures are free and offered twice a week throughout the summer.

▶ [LEARN MORE HERE](#)

THE OUTDOORS

State College is positioned within easy access of countless miles of hiking trails and natural wonders. We also work to provide beautiful community parks within the Borough itself. Adventure is out there!

▶ [LEARN MORE ABOUT THE OUTDOORS](#)

LIBRARIES



Utilize some of the community's most valuable resources... the libraries!



SCHLOW
CENTRE REGION
LIBRARY
211

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SYSTEM

There are many libraries within the Penn State University Park library system. Explore them here:

[▶ LEARN MORE HERE](#)

SCHLOW CENTRE REGION LIBRARY

This local library is part of the Centre Region Council of Governments.

[▶ LEARN MORE HERE](#)

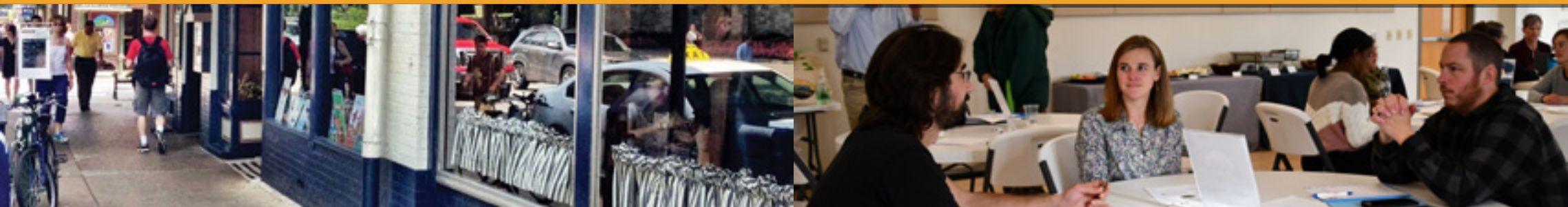
Did you know?

ALL University Park students and employees and Schlow Library patrons can return checked-out materials at any on-campus or Schlow drop-off location.

BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP



State College was rated one of the top ten places to launch and grow a business in 2017.



DOWNTOWN STATE COLLEGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Learn more about local businesses and support for local businesses.

▶ [VISIT THEIR WEBSITE](#)



CHAMBER OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY OF CENTRE COUNTY

Local Chamber of Business. Providing resources and structures for businesses.

▶ [VISIT THEIR WEBSITE](#)



HAPPY VALLEY LAUNCHBOX POWERED BY PNC BANK

Free coworking space and business incubator.

▶ [VISIT THEIR WEBSITE](#)



MAKE SPACE

Tinkering and making space beneath the Fraser Street Garage.

▶ [VISIT THEIR WEBSITE](#)



3 DOTS DOWNTOWN

Gives out \$1k grant every month to someone with a great idea of how to make our town a better place to live.

▶ [VISIT THEIR WEBSITE](#)

NETWORKING

Find people who share your business goals through the following organizations.

- ▶ **State College Young Professionals**
- ▶ **Central Pennsylvania Creative Professionals (CP2)**
- ▶ **Chamber of Business and Industry of Centre County**



SECTION 5

SAFETY & SOCIAL SERVICES

YOUR SAFETY IS IMPORTANT.

WE WANT YOU TO KNOW WHAT HELP IS AVAILABLE IN EMERGENCIES AND SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR MAJOR CHANGES.



ALPHA FIRE COMPANY

**TAXES, LEGAL AID,
AND MEDIATION**

DOMESTIC SAFETY

HEALTH CARE

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

ALPHA FIRE COMPANY



These community resources are available for you to be safe at home as well as in the community.



ALPHA FIRE COMPANY

The Alpha Fire Company is an all-volunteer company with over 100 active members dedicated to providing professional fire, rescue and emergency support services throughout the Centre Region. Their primary headquarters is in Downtown State College, with stations in both Patton and Colledge Townships.

Alpha is an emergency service organization, dedicated to fighting fire and executing rescues in the Centre Region for well over a century. With four Engines, two Tankers, three Aerial devices, a Heavy Rescue, and a fleet of rugged support vehicles across their three stations, they stand ready to serve the community at a moment's notice.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be a high school graduate or have a GED or equivalency
- Possess a valid driver's license
- Complete an application & background check
- Complete a background physical

DO MORE! BE MORE! BECOME AN ALPHA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER!

Commitment. Character. Skills For Life. What Can Alpha Help You Develop?

Did you ever dream of being a firefighter? Do you have a desire to do more for your community and be a part of something larger than yourself? Do you want to learn life skills that will become a part of your character—and discover leadership, responsibility and commitment that's second to none? Then you need to look into becoming an Alpha Fire Company Volunteer Firefighter.

Business Owners. Nine-To-Fivers. Military Members. College Students. Recent Grads. Residents...

The Alpha Volunteer Fire Company is made up of all of the above and more – selfless, motivated members of the Centre Region community who choose to do more, and be more, as Alpha Volunteer Firefighters.

[▶ JOIN ALPHA](#)

DOMESTIC SAFETY



These community resources are available for you to be safe at home as well as in the community.



CENTRE SAFE

Help for women, men, and children who have experienced dating & domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

[▶ VISIT THEIR WEBSITE](#)



CENTRE COUNTY YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

The Bureau offers a shelter for at-risk teenage girls.
814.865.WALK (9255)

[▶ VISIT THEIR WEBSITE](#)

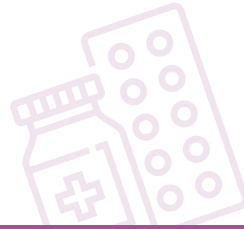


SCPD

Domestic Violence / Stalking
814.234.7150

[▶ VISIT THEIR WEBSITE](#)

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL LAWS



These laws ensure your safety and the safety of others



ALCOHOL

- Possession, consumption, transportation, and purchase of liquor, beer, wine, or other alcoholic drinks under the age of 21 is not permitted.
- Open containers of alcohol are not permitted.
- All public restaurants check IDs and do not serve minors.
- Public intoxication and disruptive behavior is not permitted.

MEDICAL AMNESTY FOR UNDERAGE DRINKING

In November of 2018, the Pennsylvania Underage Drinking Law was amended to provide immunity from prosecution for both someone calling for help and the person that needs medical assistance. The law states that the following requirements must be fulfilled:

- Law enforcement or police only become aware of the underage drinking violation because the caller contacted 911, campus safety, or some other police or emergency services personnel.

- The caller reasonably believes that they were the first person to seek medical assistance for a person to prevent death or serious injury.
- The caller provides their name to the 911 operator, police, or emergency personnel.
- The caller remains with the person needing medical assistance until emergency responders arrive.

MARIJUANA LAWS IN STATE COLLEGE

In Pennsylvania, marijuana is a Schedule 1 controlled substance, and possession of paraphernalia or a small amount of marijuana for personal use are misdemeanor criminal offenses.

The Borough of State College has adopted an ordinance providing police officers with discretion to file a less serious summary ordinance violation for possession of paraphernalia or a small amount of marijuana (30 grams or less), rather than the more serious misdemeanor charge under Pennsylvania law. Borough officers still have the discretion to file the more serious charges, and the University follows state and federal law for violations on campus.

MEDICAL AMNESTY FOR DRUG OVERDOSE

In 2014, then Gov. Corbett signed into law amnesty for drug overdoses. It applies to persons initiating a request for help when they witness a drug overdose. In summary, the law applies to the following circumstances:

(A) Police only discovered the drug overdose because the person was transported for help or treatment

OR

(B) All of the following apply:

1. The person seeking help made the report reasonably believing that another person needed immediate medical attention to prevent death or serious bodily injury due to a drug overdose.
2. The person provided his/her own name and location and cooperated with the law enforcement.
AND
3. The person remained with the person needing immediate medical attention until police arrived.

YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS PROGRAM

The Youthful Offenders Program is an alcohol and drug education program for people cited for underage drinking, and similar offenses, in Centre County. The program offers offenders an alternative to the standard fine and the permanent criminal record carried by underage drinking.

TAXES, LEGAL AID, AND MEDIATION

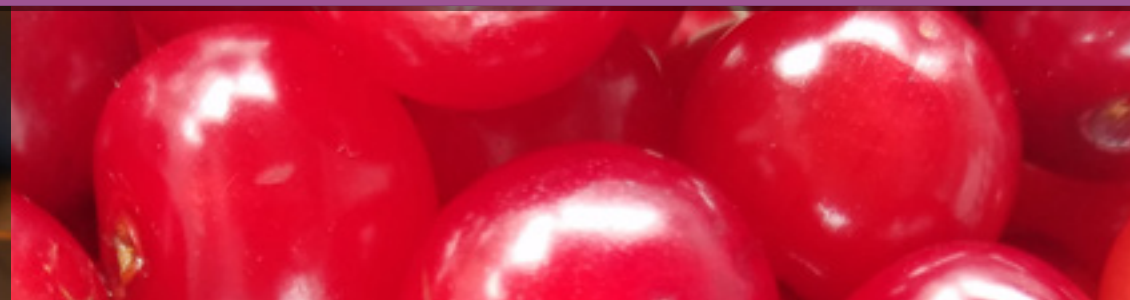


When you need help with the legal aspects of life, from mediation with a roommate to legal help or paying taxes.

FOOD INSECURITY



Access these local resources to resolve food scarcity.



STATE COLLEGE BOROUGH TAX OFFICE

All questions related to local taxes, especially for home owners, can be addressed here.

814.234.7120

▶ [VISIT THE TAX OFFICE'S WEBPAGE](#)

CENTER FOR ALTERNATIVES IN COMMUNITY JUSTICE (CACJ):

Provides mediation services at a cost for all community residents.

215 Robin Alley
State College, PA 16801
814.234.1059

▶ [VISIT CACJ'S WEBSITE](#)

MID-PENN LEGAL SERVICES

814.238.4958

▶ [VISIT THEIR WEBSITE](#)

PA LAW HELP

Compiles information, resources, and forms from legal service agencies regarding common civil issues

▶ [VISIT THEIR WEBSITE](#)

CENTER FOR IMMIGRANTS' LAW RIGHTS CLINIC

For free legal assistance with immigration concerns, visit the Penn State clinic.

▶ [VISIT THEIR WEBSITE](#)

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Through programs and services, the Office of Student Conduct strives to help students mature and become contributing citizens within the community.

▶ [VISIT THEIR WEBSITE](#)

FOOD BANKS

▶ [STATE COLLEGE FOOD BANK](#)

▶ [THE LION'S PANTRY](#)

PENNSYLVANIA SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC):

WIC provides nutrition services, breastfeeding support, healthy foods, health care and social service referrals to families in Pennsylvania. To find out if you are eligible or how to apply visit their website below.

▶ [LEARN MORE HERE](#)

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

SNAP is a program that assists millions of low-income individuals and families that are eligible to receive nutrition assistance. This program is the largest in the domestic hunger safety net. The Food and Nutrition Service works with State agencies, nutrition educators, and neighborhood and faith-based organizations to ensure those eligible for nutrition assistance can make informed decisions about applying for the program and can access benefits.

For more information:

▶ [VISIT SNAP'S WEBSITE](#)

HEALTH CARE



Medical care is an important part of your well being.



EMERGENCY SERVICES

CENTRE LIFELINK

A non-profit, volunteer, and career emergency medical services organization serving the Centre region since 1941.

[▶ LEARN MORE HERE](#)

EMERGENCY ROOM

The local ER is located at the Mount Nittany Medical Center, to the east of campus. Access the hospital by car or by the local bus system. Do not hesitate to call 911 if you are incapacitated and cannot get to the hospital yourself.

[▶ LEARN MORE HERE](#)

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

AIDS RESOURCES

Non-profit organization that provides FREE HIV prevention programs, HIV and STI testing, and assistance for those affected by HIV or AIDS.

[▶ LEARN MORE HERE](#)

CENTRE VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE

This organization offers free medical services for those without insurance.

[▶ LEARN MORE HERE](#)

LOW INCOME MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Low income individuals, students, and families can participate in the COMPASS program for free medical care.

[▶ LEARN MORE HERE](#)

VA OUTPATIENT CLINIC

Services for veterans. 877.626.2500

[▶ LEARN MORE HERE](#)

ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES

Comprehensive on-campus healthcare for students. Pharmacy available to students, faculty, staff, and Penn State retirees.

[▶ LEARN MORE HERE](#)

PENN STATE COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

Provides group and individual counseling, crisis intervention, and psychological and psychiatric evaluations for all students.

[▶ LEARN MORE HERE](#)



SECTION 6

QUICK GUIDE

HERE YOU'LL FIND QUICK CONTACT INFORMATION
FOR ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES IN THE
FOLLOWING TOPICS.



LOCAL EMERGENCY CONTACTS

911

Police Department:

(State College Police Department)
[\(814\) 234-7150](tel:8142347150)

Fire Department:

(Alpha Fire Department)
[\(814\) 237-5359](tel:8142375359)

Poison Control:

*(American Association of Poison
Control Centers)*
Available 24 hours everyday
[\(800\) 222-1222](tel:8002221222)

Hospital:

(Mount Nittany Medical Center)
[\(866\) 757-2317](tel:8667572317)

MILITARY VETERANS AND FAMILIES

Military Clearing House

[\(877\) 382-9185](tel:8773829185)

VA Clinic

[\(814\) 867-5415](tel:8148675415)

NEW TO THE UNITED STATES

Interfaith Human Services

[\(814\) 234-7731](tel:8142347731)

Mid-State Literacy Council

[\(814\) 238-1809](tel:8142381809)

CAMPUS

Student affairs provides comprehensive resources for all aspects of student life, on and off campus.

▶ [PSU STUDENT AFFAIRS](#)

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