

BOROUGH OF
State College

YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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LIBRARY LAND PURCHASE COMPLETED



Our new community library, the Schlow Centre Region Library, opened in 2006 at the corner of Beaver Avenue and South Allen Street. To keep the new library in its downtown location Borough Council stepped up to the plate with several commitments, including a direct cash contribution to the library's fund-raising efforts and acquisition of the property where the library site was expanded to the south. Council acquired the former Allen Realty property at 221-227 South Allen Street in 2002, with a 6 year lease and agreement to complete the purchase in March 2008. The purchase payment has been made as planned. On March 3, 2008, Borough Council presented to the Schlow Centre Region Library Board the deed for this last piece of property for the library. The new library is a tribute to the Schlow family whose gift created the library back in 1957, and the people, businesses and local governments of the Centre Region whose generous support have made the new facility possible.

FORMER MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 118 SOUTH FRASER STREET

The photos below illustrate "before" and "after" razing the old Municipal Building on Fraser Street in preparation for construction of the Fraser Centre, scheduled to begin later this year.



Municipal Building January 2000.



Old Municipal Lot February 2008.

2008 CALENDAR

MARCH

3 Borough Council – 7:30 pm
 5 Design Review Board – noon
 Planning Commission—noon
 10 Zoning Hearing Board—noon
 17 Borough Council – 7:30 pm
 18 Redevelopment Authority-noon
 Board of Health—4:00 pm
 Historic Resources
 Commission—7:30
 19 Nuisance Properties—10:00 am
 Planning Commission—noon
 21 Council Work Session—noon
 24 Zoning Hearing Board—noon
 CATA Board—4:00 pm
 25 Transportation Commission-noon
 26 Design Review Board—noon
 Community Land Trust—6:30 pm
 27 Tree Commission—noon
 Planning Commission—7:30 pm
 29 Earth Hour—8-9:00 pm

APRIL

2 Design Review Board – noon
 3 CDBG Citizens' Advisory—noon
 7 Borough Council—7:30 pm
 8 Transportation Commission—noon
 9 Planning Commission—noon
 14 Zoning Hearing Board—noon
 Council Work Session—7:30 pm
 15 Redevelopment Authority—noon
 Historic Resources
 Commission—7:30 pm
 16 Nuisance Properties—10:00 am
 Planning Commission—noon
 18 Council Work Session—noon
 21 Borough Council—7:30 pm
 22 Transportation Commission - noon
 24 Planning Commission—7:30 pm
 28 Zoning Hearing Board—noon
 CATA Board—4:00 pm
 29 C-NET Board—7:30 pm
 30 Design Review Board—noon
 Community Land Trust—6:30 pm

MAY

1 CDBG Citizens' Advisory
 Committee – noon
 2 Household Hazardous Waste
 Collection—10 am—6 pm
 3 Household Hazardous Waste
 Collection—9 am—3 pm
 5 Borough Council—7:30 pm
 7 Design Review Board—noon
 12 Zoning Hearing Board—noon
 Council Work Session—7:30 pm
 13 Transportation Commission—noon
 14 Planning Commission—noon
 16 Council Work Session—noon
 19 Borough Council—7:30 pm
 20 Redevelopment Authority—noon
 Historic Resources
 Commission—7:30 pm
 21 Nuisance Properties—10:00 am
 Planning Commission—noon
 26 *Memorial Day—
 Municipal Offices Closed
 No refuse collection*
 28 Design Review Board—noon
 Community Land Trust—6:30 pm
 29 Planning Commission—7:30 pm

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT ELIZABETH GOREHAM

Dear Neighbors

Last summer Borough Council passed a resolution, declaring our town to be a Climate Protection Community. The resolution is directed at finding ways our community as a whole can reduce energy consumption, saving us money and making a positive difference to our town. This spring volunteers and experts are meeting to discuss where best to begin.

The resolution and the proposed projects are on the Borough's web site www.statecollegepa.us. To find, select *Publications* on the left hand column. In 2007 the "Resolution 944 - Climate Protection Community" can be downloaded. In 2008 the "Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Strategies" and our *Greenhouse Gas Inventory*, developed with assistance from PSU's Center for Integrated Regional Assessment, can be read and printed.

Last year the voters of State College elected four new members to Borough Council. Sworn into office in January were Theresa Lafer, Silvi Lawrence, Peter Morris and Jim Rosenberger. The new members, joining Ron Filippelli, Don Hahn and myself, are busy coming up to speed on the Borough's many projects.

Every Council has its own sense of priorities. If you have an idea or suggestion you would like to have Council consider, please contact us. To send an email to the mayor, manager and/or council, address it to: boro@statecollegepa.us. We want the citizens of our community to be heard.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Goreham, Council President

TAX OFFICE UPDATES

HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION AVAILABLE FOR BOROUGH HOMEOWNERS

If you have recently purchased a home in State College Borough and have not applied to the Centre County Board of Assessment for a homestead exclusion, please contact the county immediately to begin this process. The deadline for filing for a 2008 homestead exclusion is November 30, 2008. Applications received after that date will be treated as an application for the 2009 tax year. At this time, taxpayers have missed the deadline for the homestead exclusion for 2007. Additional information appears on each year's Borough of State College Tax Notice that is mailed out March 1.

Contacting the Tax Office

Telephone: (814) 234-7120

E-mail: tax@statecollegepa.us

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily, see extended hours below

There is a secure Drop Box located in the lobby of the municipal building should you wish to return payments during non-business hours. Payments dropped in on the day of a deadline are timely paid.

Tax Receipts If you wish to obtain a tax receipt for any payment, please visit the tax office or if more convenient, provide a self-stamped addressed return envelope.

ELECTRONIC FILING PROGRAM FOR LOCAL EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS TAX RETURNS

Effective with the 2007 tax returns, individual taxpayers who are required to file with the State College Borough have an option to file their local tax return electronically. Taxpayers can access this program by visiting the borough's website at www.statecollegepa.us. Instructions are provided on the tax office page. Please note that there is no fee to file your local return electronically.

The electronic filing option was designed in a format similar to the current paper filing process to make the transition a smooth one. The program was developed to include help menus and instructions, as well as access to on-line extension forms. To reduce the data entry time of the filer, when practical, pull down lists in popular fields have been included. The Borough has negotiated with a third-party credit card vendor to provide a means to pay any balance due through a credit card or electronic check option. Taxpayers using these payment options will be charged a convenience fee by the vendor. Please note that taxpayers will continue to have options to issue their payment by check, money order, or cash. For security purposes, taxpayers have been provided with a Personal Identification Number (PIN) that must be used by taxpayers to file their local returns. If you are a taxpayer that has no record of receiving a PIN, please contact the tax office to request your number.

The tax office is pleased to provide this option and would appreciate feedback from borough residents on this filing option.

TAX OFFICE SEASONAL EVENING HOURS

The tax office will be open on the following dates until 7:00 pm to assist taxpayers who find it difficult to visit the municipal building during normal business hours. In addition to the scheduled evening hours, special requests for appointments after 5:00 pm will be honored whenever possible.

Day	Date	Hours
Monday	April 7, 2008	8:00 am—7:00 pm
Friday	April 11, 2008	8:00 am—7:00 pm
Tuesday	April 15, 2008	8:00 am—7:00 pm



PLANTINGS IN THE PUBLIC GRASS PLOT



Every spring it's refreshing to see our community come alive with the plethora of vibrant flowers residents plant in their yards. Some gardeners are so involved they even extend their plantings to the other side of the sidewalk, making it difficult to determine where private property ends and the public right-of-way begins. These efforts make strolls and drives through the neighborhoods all the more enjoyable. However, plantings other than grass between the sidewalk and curb require prior approval to insure that they don't cause problems now or in the future. Probably the most significant issue with some plants, even flowers, is their ability to obscure views for pedestrians and motorists. Corner properties probably have the greatest potential to cause sight distance problems. Another problem is that many plants, particularly later in the summer as they reach maturity, begin to encroach or lean out over the sidewalk or curb. This may impede pedestrians or make it difficult for cars and trucks to pull close to the curb. A third issue is that some plants may be considered weeds by neighbors because of their ability to seed themselves into areas not intended or wanted.

Efforts of some well meaning gardeners may even result in fines due to damage done to underground utilities or street trees. Prior to any excavation, even for the purposes of installing plants and bulbs, residents must contact the Pennsylvania One Call System to have the various utilities marked. Grass plots are loaded with buried utilities such as gas, water, electric, phone and cable and any damage to these facilities may result in significant fines. Street trees can easily be damaged by installation of bulbs and other flowers anywhere near the trunk. If the damage results in the death of a portion of or the entire tree, the resident could be fined and/or charged for the value of the tree.

Any plantings, other than grass in the public right-of-way, require the resident to obtain a "no cost" permit from the Public Works Department before work begins. Permits can be obtained from the Public Works Office on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 243 South Allen Street or by contacting the Borough Arborist at 234-7145 or email via trees@statecollegepa.us.

TOWN-GOWN RELATIONS

A special focus of the Borough's town-gown effort is in neighborhoods near campus. The goal is for these neighborhoods to be safe, civil, prosperous and welcoming.

The first eight weeks of the fall semester are critical in setting the tone for the academic year. In the first eight weeks of fall semester in 2007 a task force of police, ordinance enforcement, health, and code enforcement staff met weekly to identify any emerging problem properties and to coordinate responses. This effort helped focus our enforcement efforts and will be continued in the fall of 2008.



In December we held a workshop to review a broad spectrum of neighborhood programs identified at meetings in Florida and Colorado university communities. The local workshop identified three priorities: (1) prepare a **Welcome Packet** to educate students regarding off campus living; (2) develop **landlord-tenant programs** to help students with leases and contracts and, as a result, improve properties; and (3) initiate a **Walkabout** – a door to door welcome to the neighborhood - in the first few days of student return to campus in the fall (residents, students, university officials, town officials and police make up the teams going door to door).

HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION UPCOMING INVENTORY OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES

The Historic Resources Commission with the assistance from State College Borough Planning Department will be conducting an inventory of structures in the Borough built between 1945 and 1960. This effort is intended to catalog structures built during this time that contribute to State College Borough architectural landscape by expanding Holmes Foster/ Highlands and the College Heights National Register Historic Districts.



There will be three types of buildings surveyed. The first will be homes that are similar to those in the existing Historic Districts but were not old enough to be designated as contributing structures in 1994. Second, the inventory will include structures built during this time that were designed by local architects using the design of the times often referred to as the Modernist movement. Nationally homes recognized for their significance include the Philip Johnson house in Canaan, Connecticut or the Mies van der Rohe's Farnsworth House in Plano, Illinois. Local architects who built homes and other structures during this time included Philip Hallock and A. William Hajjar. Finally, the inventory will also identify the continued use of catalog homes which included Aladdin Homes and United States Steel Homes. A student intern will be developing a photographic record of the structures and Planning staff will be distributing a survey to properties believed to have been built between 1945 to 1960. The survey will also be available online to be completed electronically on the Borough's webpage.

The Historic Resources Commission will then evaluate the information to consider the appropriateness of expanding the two historic districts. If properties are found to be contributing, an application can be submitted to the Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission and then the National Park Service to approve the these properties as contributing. Residents are welcome to provide what information they know about development that occurred in the Borough during this time to assist in the inventory process. Please contact Anne Messner in the Borough's Planning Department at 234-7109 for questions or more details.

CENTRE COUNTY TRIAD SENIORS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING TOGETHER

Attention: Anyone 55 and over

Centre County TRIAD is a collaborative effort between senior citizens and law enforcement agencies. The purpose is to provide information to seniors that will help them to be safer in their homes and communities. It is also an opportunity to meet your local officers in an informal setting. Law enforcement officers throughout Centre County present topics of interest, such as Identity Theft, Crime Scene Investigation and more.

Meeting are held the second Thursday of each month from 10 – 11 am.
Most meetings are held at Life Link Building, 125 Puddingtown Road.

For more information please call Helen Evans at 237-8932.

TAX DEADLINES

Clip & Save 

Month	Individual Taxpayers - Dates to Remember
Jan	31 st – Earned Income & Net Profits 4 th quarter (prior year) estimated payments due
Feb	1 st - Supplemental Real Estate Tax Statements Mailed (new construction or prior year changes)
Mar	1 st – Borough Real Estate Tax Statement mailed; Centre County Real Estate Tax Statement mailed 31 st – Last day to pay February 1 st Supplemental Real Estate Tax Statements at 2% discount
Apr	15 th – Final day to file prior year Earned Income and Net Profits Tax Return 30 th – Final day to pay March 1 st Borough Real Estate Tax Statements at 2% discount 30 th – Final day to pay March 1 st Supplemental Real Estate Tax Statements at 2% discount 30 th – Earned Income & Net Profits Tax 1 st quarter estimated payments due
May	31 st - Final day to pay February 1 st Supplemental Tax Statements at face value

STATE COLLEGE BOROUGH HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

Holiday	Monday Refuse Day	Tuesday Refuse Day	Wednesday Bulk/Brush	Thursday Refuse Day	Friday Refuse Day
Good Friday Friday, March, 21 2008	Regular Collection	Regular Collection	Bulk & Brush Pick up	Regular Collection	Regular Collection
Memorial Day Monday, May 26, 2008	Refuse Collected Wed, May 28	Regular Collection	Refuse Make up Day No Bulk/Brush	Regular Collection	Regular Collection
Independence Day Friday, July 4, 2008	Regular Collection	Regular Collection	Refuse Make up Day No Bulk/Brush	Regular Collection	Refuse Collected Wed, July 2
Labor Day Monday, September 1, 2008	Refuse Collected Wed, Sept 3	Regular Collection	Refuse Make up Day No Bulk/Brush	Regular Collection	Regular Collection
Columbus Day Monday, October 13, 2008	Regular Collection	Regular Collection	Bulk & Brush Pick up	Regular Collection	Regular Collection
Veterans' Day Tuesday, November 11, 2008	Regular Collection	Regular Collection	Bulk & Brush Pick up	Regular Collection	Regular Collection
Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 27, 2008	Regular Collection	Regular Collection	Refuse Make up Day No Bulk/Brush	Refuse Collected Wed, Nov 26	Regular Collection
First Day of Deer Season Monday, December 1, 2008	Refuse Collected Wed, Dec 3	Regular Collection	Refuse Make up Day No Bulk/Brush	Regular Collection	Regular Collection
Christmas Day Thursday, December 25, 2008	Regular Collection	Regular Collection	Refuse Make up Day No Bulk/Brush	Refuse Collected Wed, Dec 24	Regular Collection

If you have any questions or need to schedule a bulk item/brush collection, please contact the Borough of State College at 814-234-7135.

For additional information about refuse, bulk item/brush collection or commercial/residential recycling please visit our website at

[www.statecollegepa.us/departments/public_works/refuse & recycling](http://www.statecollegepa.us/departments/public_works/refuse_&_recycling)

For more information on recycling visit the Centre County Solid Waste Authority website at

www.centrecountyrecycles.com

BOROUGH 2008 COMPOST PROGRAM



Spring time will soon arrive and you may be in need of some compost or mulch to brighten up your landscaped areas around your home or business. Our compost can also be used as a soil amendment such as top dressing or blended into existing soils for enrichment.

The State College Borough Yard Waste Facility located at 2145 North Atherton Street will open on March 24 and close November 7, 2008. Hours for purchasing compost/mulch are Mondays and Thursdays 7:30 am to 9:00 am and 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. To accommodate larger orders other loading arrangements can be made by calling 234-7135.

Compost can also be purchased by the bag (approx. 35 lbs.) or by the scoop (approx. 3yd) at the facility. Payment in full is required at time of purchase, \$2.00 per bag and \$20.00 per scoop. For your convenience you can also purchase compost by the bag at our Service Facility located at 330 South Osmond Street.

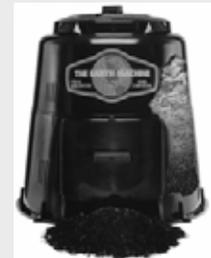
Delivery of compost or mulch is available for Borough Residents for a fee. For more information please call 234-7135, 234-7140 or visit our website at www.statecollegepa.us. Please visit the website for a delivery form by clicking on Departments/ Public Works/ Composting Program/ scroll to bottom of page and click on delivery form. All deliveries must be pre-paid at the Borough Municipal building located at 243 South Allen Street.

Borough residents can also obtain compost "on a first come first serve basis" at each Borough park: Sunset, Lederer, Holmes-Foster, Orchard, and Tusseyview. Compost is delivered twice per week to each park or as time permits from March 24 – November 7.

Ground Mulch is also available at our Yard Waste Facility and can be purchased for \$20.00 per scoop (approx. 3yd. per scoop) Mulch may also be delivered to Borough residents for a fee.

BACKYARD COMPOSTING PROGRAM

Presented by: Penn State Master Gardeners of Center County
 Date: Saturday May 17, 2007
 Time: 11:00 a.m.
 Location: Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Station, Rock Springs, Special Events Building (Ag Progress Days site, entrance K)
 Cost: \$15 registration per family
 Participants will receive one compost bin per family upon completion of the program while supplies last.



The backyard composting program is offered through a partnership between the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Penn State Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program. Program goals are: 1) to promote the recycling of household organic waste such as grass clippings, leaves and kitchen scraps to reduce the burden on local landfills and 2) provide resources through training and bin distribution for families to easily and successfully produce a valuable soil additive that can be used on lawns and gardens. The training workshop (about one hour) combines a PowerPoint presentation with demonstrations and a question-and-answer session. The compost bins are heavy plastic and are distributed disassembled in two large nesting sections with lid, door and tie-down screws so that they will fit into most vehicles. Bin distribution is immediately after the workshop; participants should be prepared to take them home the same day.

For more information, contact:

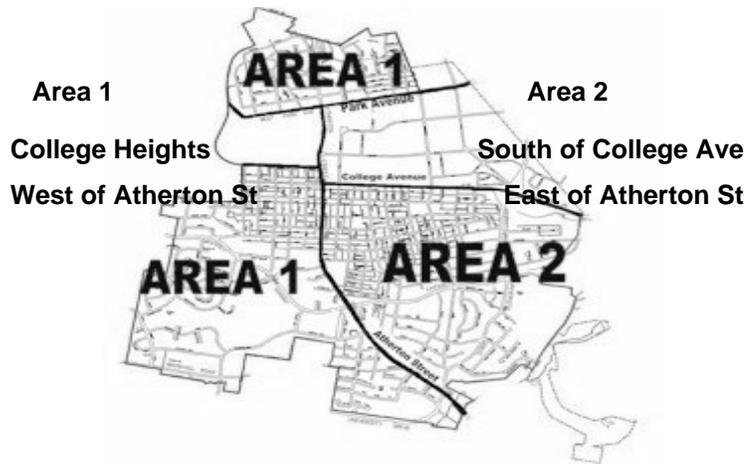
Molly Sturniolo, Master Gardener Coordinator (email: mas79@psu.edu)
 Penn State Master Gardeners of Centre, County Cooperative Extension
 Willowbank Building, Room 322, 420 Holmes Avenue, Bellefonte, PA 16823-1488
 Office:(814)355-4897 Fax:(814)355-6983, Office Hours: Mon 1pm-5pm; Thur 1pm-5pm


SPRING LEAF COLLECTION


It is that time of the year again to wipe the dust off those leaf blowers, lawn rakes, and tidy up the lawn. Spring leaf collection will begin April 7th and continue through May 9th. Public Works crews will collect leaves once each week throughout the Borough until collection ends.

Please have leaves ready for collection by 7:00am each Monday. Please rake leaves within 5 feet of the curb and do not place leaves in bags. Please refrain from blowing or raking leaves into the street. Please make sure that leaves are free of brush, glass, cans, rocks or other debris, as these items may cause damage to the collection equipment. Foreign objects and debris mixed in with leaves also add contaminants to our compost materials making it more difficult to produce a quality product.

Area 1	Area 2
April 7, April 11	April 7, April 11
April 14, April 18	April 14, April 18
April 21, April 25	April 21, April 25
April 28, May, 2	April 28, May 2
May 5, May 9	May 5, May 9



SCHLOW CENTRE REGION LIBRARY

211 South Allen Street, State College, PA 16801 Phone: (814) 237-6236 • Fax: (814) 238-8508 • www.schlowlibrary.org

TIRED OF SNOW? GO TO SCHLOW!

Do you know where your tax dollars go? Schlow Centre Region Library is supported by each and every one of you through your local municipality. What does Schlow have to offer? Books, of course, but so much more!

- DVDs and Videos to check out at no charge
- Magazines
- Public Access Computers
- Free Wi Fi – no membership fee or library card required
- Research materials
- Test Proctoring
- COMING SOON: downloadable audio books

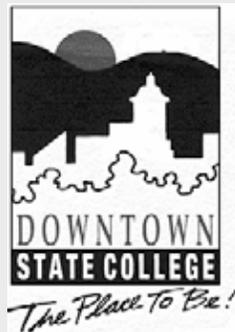
Do High Gas Prices Have You Looking for a Better Ride?

Carpools and vanpools are available NOW to those traveling to the Centre Region!

CATA's new CENTRE COMMUTE program provides FREE ride-matching and can help you save money and reduce stress.



For more information, call CATA at 238-CATA (2282) Ext. 134 or visit www.catabus.com



UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 28 - Summer's Best Music Fest and Annual Street Bazaar

July 15, 22, 29 - Summer Concert Series

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT UNION (OCSU)

- **Downtown Tours:** We are currently working to have OCSU's Downtown Tours be a part of the Admissions process which would be very exciting! This would give prospective students and their parents an opportunity to learn not only about on-campus life, but off-campus life as well. As usual, tours are always available upon request OCSUDowntownTours@psu.edu.
- **Fill-The-Bus:** OCSU is partnering with ARHS to bring to Penn State a new and very large philanthropy. We will be taking a blue Penn State bus and positioning it in several different places both on-campus and off-campus for the duration of a week. Throughout this week Penn Staters and members of the surrounding community will have the opportunity to help us "fill the bus" with clothes and food which will all be donated to United Way.
- **NIB's:** News in Briefs, our bi-weekly publication, is becoming more and more popular. Student groups contact us often to request that their organization's program be highlighted in our issues, and we have a running list of "subscribers" who receive the publication via e-mail every time a new one comes out. We hope that this will eventually become a very well known and recognized publication of the off-campus student community, and we are currently brainstorming several ways to make this happen.
- **Website:** Our website is currently under construction, but even now it offers several very useful resources for students and State College residents alike such as parking information, transportation information, apartment ratings and links to important and relevant sites. (ocsu.psu.edu)
- **Outside projects:** This year, for the first time ever, OCSU sent two dancers to THON! We were very excited about this and hope that this is the beginning to many years of representation in the world's largest student-run philanthropy. We are also participating in this year's Relay for Life, and are aiding one of our general members to make his philanthropy, Triathlon for Transposition held in April, a reality.



STATE COLLEGE BOROUGH AND CLIMATE PROTECTION

Many of us are now aware of our changing climate. While global warming continues to be an international concern, local and individual efforts will have the greatest impact on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Borough Council took action last year in the adoption of Resolution 944, which declared the Borough as a Climate Protection Community. As a Climate Protection Community, Council resolved to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, both as a municipality and as a community.

The Borough, with help from students and faculty in Penn State's Center for Integrated Regional Assessment, has been shaping a list of potential options for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the energy, transportation, and waste sectors of the local economy. This spring, volunteer focus groups will be evaluating and prioritizing the options in formulating a recommendation to Borough Council. Once the mitigation strategies have been adopted by Council, the "blueprint" for change will be carried out by the newly created Office of Sustainability within the Department of Public Works. The changes implemented will not only reduce greenhouse gas emission, but reduce costs of Borough government and individual energy costs, as well.

THE FUTURE OF RECYCLING – ORGANICS

Nearly 40% of the landfilled waste in Pennsylvania is organic material. Those materials consist of wood waste, food waste, garden waste, plant trimmings, etc., all of which can be composted. In the fall of 2007, State College Borough was awarded a grant by the Commonwealth's Department of Environmental Protection to complete a three year organic waste collection and compost study. The study will evaluate the cost effectiveness of separately collecting organic waste and composting, in comparison to the cost of landfilling. The grant was the first of its kind in Pennsylvania.

Beginning as early as this fall, the Borough will be separately collecting green waste and food waste from volunteer institutions, schools, restaurants, nursing homes, etc. Additionally, garden waste (dead flowers, vegetable plants, etc.) will be collected curbside along with leaf collection. By 2010, the Borough plans to begin at curb collection of organic waste for a selected residential area. With assistance from Penn State University, "recipes" will be developed for composting the materials collected. The compost will be made available for sale to the public.

Upon completion of the demonstration project, the Borough can then decide to continue or abandon the organic waste recycling program. Given the excellent past participation of our residents in similar programs, the Borough expects to create a model for other communities to follow in collecting and composting organic waste.

SO YOU THINK YOU HAVE A SEWER PROBLEM

The Borough's Public Works Department provides 24 hour/7 day a week service to residents and businesses for sewer maintenance. Occasionally, sewer back-ups occur in the sewer system and blockages can be in the property owner's portion of the line or in the Borough's portion. Whose responsibility it is can be determined by removing the sewer lateral cap typically located between the curb and sidewalk on most properties. If there is standing water in the cleanout then it is the Borough's responsibility to remove the blockage. If there is no standing water in the cleanout pipe then the sewer blockage is the property owner's responsibility to remove.



Community Housing Partnership

Available Homes

Housing Transitions, Inc.

(814) 237-4863

www.housingtransitions.com

Budget & homebuyer counseling, affordable for-sale homes

State College Borough First-Time Homebuyer Program

(814) 278-4701

www.statecollegepa.us

Down payment & closing costs assistance, home rehab \$

State College Community Land Trust

(814) 867-0656

www.scclandtrust.org

Affordable for-sale homes



238 South Corl Street

- 3 bdrms, 1.5 bath; spacious 2,500 total sq. ft. 1/2 duplex
- Fireplace; deck; carport; private yard; mature landscaping
- Up to \$50,000 in mortgage assistance, plus closing costs assistance (0% interest, deferred, forgivable loan)
- Buyer must have min. 3% down payment & be able to qualify for 1st mortgage of at least \$110,000
- **Ron/HTI First-Time Homebuyer Program, 237-4863.**

708 East Foster Avenue

- 3 bdrms, 2 bath, 1,500+ fin. sq. ft. Cape Cod-style classic
- Up to \$41,800 mortgage/closing cost assistance & up to \$3,500 home rehab assistance (0% interest, deferred loan)
- Buyer must have min. 3% down payment & be able to qualify for 1st mortgage of at least \$142,500
- **Ron/HTI First-Time Homebuyer Program, 237-4863.**



920 North Atherton Street

- Move-in ready! Close to campus, shops
- 2 bdrms; garage; central air; fireplace
- Partially-finished basement; den; hardwood floors; ceramic tile in kitchen & bath
- Buyer must be able to qualify for sales price of \$105,000 (1st mortgage & down payment); closing cost assistance available
- **State College Community Land Trust, 867-0656.**



116 Westerly Parkway

- 2 bdrms; remodeled kitchen; new energy-saving windows
- Private back yard; garage; fireplace
- Convenient location; walk to downtown
- Buyer must qualify for sales price of \$88,000 (1st mortgage & down payment); closing cost assistance available
- **State College Community Land Trust, 867-0656.**



Home availability subject to change. Program guidelines apply. Contact us for more info.

Feb. 2008



Parade on East College Avenue; 50th Anniversary in 1946.
Photo Courtesy of the State College Historical Society.

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