Changes to Trash & Recycling

In the October Borough Council Meeting, a three year Solid Waste removal contract was awarded to Waste Management. Under the new contract the type and amount of garbage and recycling will remain the same as in our current contract of service. If you have any questions, please visit our website or call the Borough office.

NEW in 2017:
1. The annual solid waste fee will increase by $25.00 per residential unit.
2. All Borough residential units will receive a new trash and a recycling receptacle (delivered between January 11 and Feb 15).

These containers are property of Waste Management and will have wheels and an attached lid, bringing ease to moving your cans to and from your property to your designated trash pickup area.

The trash/recycle toters will make it easier for residents to stay in compliance with the Borough’s ordinance which requires bags for garbage be kept in a container with a tightly fitted lid. This helps deter the wildlife from creating a mess that can be scattered into our streets and neighbor’s property.

You may place a label, or print on the handle area, your address or last name. NO spray paint or large permanent markings on the container are permitted on the leased containers.

You may dispose of your old containers in the new recycling bin. If you place old bins out for pickup, please tape a note to it indicating it is for PICK UP. You may also keep old containers for yard waste or to use for excess trash or recycling.

There is no change to the 1 large item per week collection for 2017. Large items may be placed out with your toters. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping to keep our community clean!

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View the full schedule of activities online at www.paxtang.org
On The Beat
Notes from the Swatara Township Police Department

Police Coverage for Paxtang Borough is provided by the Swatara Township Police Department under a joint municipal agreement.

The Swatara Township Police Department would like to remind motorists to be cautious while driving in winter weather.

Winter driving tips:
• Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.
• Never run a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
• Never leave a vehicle running while unlocked and/or unattended to “warm up.” Even cars which require fobs to start can be driven away once started, even if the fob is removed.

Paxtang’s EMA team coordinates the local Borough Response to large scale disasters or emergency events involving the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant. Paxtang is within the mandatory evacuation zone. Any information provided to the Borough is CONFIDENTIAL and maintained by the Borough to ensure we are able to assist residents who would require assistance in such an event.

Paxtang EMA and emergency services personnel utilize this information for emergency response planning and responding in the event of an emergency. If you, someone in your household, or someone you know who lives in the Borough will need special assistance in an emergency, please register online at www.paxtang.org/ema or call the Borough office at 717-564-4770.

Some residents may have difficulty in an emergency evacuation due to a serious and/or widespread emergency event such as an incident at TMI, a tornado, flooding, or fire. Those with impaired sight, hearing, or mobility may have difficulty responding to an emergency. Paxtang EMA provides a service where residents may register to ensure they get the help they need.

The Borough Staff is always available to provide you with the information necessary to ensure your next project has all of the proper permits and is in compliance with Borough Code and Ordinances. Come see us before you start your next project.

Know the Code: Borough Codes Department

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Don’ts and Do’s

DOs and DONTs
1. Have your heating source serviced annually
2. Have your chimney cleaned annually
3. Don’t operate portable generator or gas powered tools in small spaces
4. Don’t leave your vehicle running in an attached garage even when the door is open
5. Don’t use gas appliances such as stoves, ovens or clothes dryers to heat your home

CO - The Silent Killer

You have a smoke detector and change the batteries regularly, but do you have a CO detector? You may be missing an important and life-saving device!

What Is CO? CO is Carbon Monoxide, a deadly, colorless, odorless gas.

What Causes of Carbon Monoxide in the Home? CO can build up in the home anytime there is incomplete burning of various fuels such as coal, wood, charcoal, oil, kerosene, propane, or natural gas. If you use any of these fuels for lighting, cooking, or heating, you have the potential for CO to be present in your home.

What Should You Do When Your Carbon Monoxide Alarm Sounds?
1. Don’t try to locate the source
2. Leave ALL Doors and Windows Closed upon leaving
3. Get outside to fresh air
4. Call 911
5. DO NOT reenter your HOME

Where Should You Have a Carbon Monoxide Alarm? You should have a CO Detector located on each floor of your house. The most common places would be in the basement or on the first floor if you are using a fireplace. You should also ensure that you have a detector on any additional floors where people sleep.

What Are the Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning?
Since the gas is odorless and colorless, it’s undetectable to humans and you may not know you are being exposed.

Symptoms of early Carbon Monoxide poisoning may include, headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness.

Symptoms of high Carbon Monoxide poison include mental confusion, vomiting, loss of muscular coordination, loss of consciousness and ultimately death.

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Winter driving tips:
• Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
• Keep your gas tank at least half full.
• If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather.
• Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, icy, sand).
• Always look and steer where you want to go.
• In addition, remember that all drivers should remove ice and snow from their vehicles before heading out on the road. If ice and snow dislodge from a person’s vehicle and strike a vehicle or pedestrian, causing death or serious bodily injury, the driver could be fined $200-$1,000 per offense.

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From the Tax Collector:

2017 Business Licenses & Rental Property Licenses were mailed in December. My deputy tax collector, Joe Stackman, will be helping to process these. January 31st is the deadline!! Also, the 4th Business Licenses & Rental Property Licenses were mailed in new trash and recycling toters, and while the tax rate will remain the same for 2017, Residents will see an increase in the trash collection fee of $25 per year which includes new trash and recycling toters, and an increase of $100 per year to the sewer fee based on the revised rates provided to the Borough by Capital Region Water.

Revisions to Borough Dog Ordinance Considered

The Borough is in the process of re-drafting and updating its dog ordinance to ensure greater protection for Borough residents from potentially harmful dogs, to prevent dogs from roaming at large, and to preserve public health through the proper control and responsible ownership of dogs.

If you would like to review a copy of the current draft proposal, please feel free to download a copy from the Borough website or stop by the Borough Office to review a paper copy. Council anticipates taking action on the proposed changes early in 2017.

Buyer Notification Ordinance Considered

In 2017 Borough Council will consider implementation of a Buyer Notification Ordinance. This legislation is intended to eliminate the need for repeat Borough-wide sidewalk inspections/repairs by tying inspections to the sale of a property. Draft language will be available for public review later this spring.

Stormwater Protection

Max Shradley - Borough Engineer

With springtime comes increased outdoor activities and home improvements. Please consider the runoff from your project or activity and how it may impact the stormwater which enters our streams:

• Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drains and protect them from debris and other materials.

• Sweep sidewalks and driveways rather than hosing them down to prevent run-off.

• Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents, and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible, and follow the directions on the label. Clean up spills immediately, and dispose of the waste safely. Store substances properly to avoid leaks and spills.

• Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled, and recyclable products whenever possible.

• Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil-based paints. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program, or donate unused paint to local organizations.

• Reduce the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard.

• Use native plants in your landscaping to reduce the need for watering during dry periods.

• Keep the soil covered; bare soil is the primary cause of erosion. Mulch bare areas with straw, grass clippings, stones or wood chips.

• Direct downsputs away from paved surfaces and onto lawns. Consider installing a rain barrel to capture and store water for later use.

For information on advertising in the Paxtang Post, please contact the Borough Office.

Costs are $60 Per Issue, or, 4 issues for $140. $160 includes sponsorship recognition on the Borough’s web site at www.paxtang.org.

2017 Pancake Breakfast

The 65th Annual Paxtang Lions Club Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday, February 11th from 6:00am to Noon in the Borough gym.

Come join us for ALL YOU CAN EAT pancakes at the Paxtang Borough building. Tickets are just $5.00 for adults, $3 for children 6 to 10, and $5 and under are free! Tickets are available from any Lions Club member or at the door the morning of the event.

Please plan to join us for this great annual community event. This is one of the Lions Club’s largest fundraisers for the year. Funds raised by the Lions go right back to our Community through various service projects and community grants.

2017 Easter Egg Hunt

The 2017 Paxtang Historical Society Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Saussaman Park on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00am. All borough children are invited to attend. The rain date for this event will be April 15nd.

Borough Council Legislative Updates

2017 Budget Approved

At the December 2016, Paxtang Borough Council approved the 2017 Budget. The $1.3 million budget holds spending around the same levels as the 2016 budget and does not include any tax increases. Our contract with Swatara Township for Police protection helps us to control our costs while at the same time we are continuing to receive excellent police coverage.

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Max Shradley - Borough Engineer

Growing grasses continued to decline, the rest of the indicators improved in 2012. Of the indicators improved in 2012.

Up from a “D+” in 2011, the Bay Health Index of 47 percent takes into account the runoff from your yard. Consider installing a rain barrel to capture and store water for later use.

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Taste Your Soil: Test your soil to determine how much fertilizer your lawn needs (if any at all) and the best time to apply it. Determine the source of pollution? The Bay. Together we can maintain the momentum of improvement in this estuary for future generations.

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Help Wanted!
Fire Department Seeks Volunteers
The Paxtang Fire Company is always looking for volunteers interested in serving their community. Please contact the Borough Office if you wish to help. Besides volunteering as a firefighter, there are always plenty of opportunities to help. If you are interested or would like more information, call 717-564-5020 or just stop by the firehouse! We can find something for you to do!

Paxtang Leaves
Notes from the Shade Tree Commission

Life is just better when we live amongst the trees...
National Arbor Day Association

Everyone is welcome at the Paxtang Shade Tree Commission (STC) meeting on Wednesday, February 22 at 7PM at the Borough Building. On the agenda will be approval of trees to be planted in April and planning for Arbor Day, Friday, April 28 at Paxtang Elementary School. Also there will be discussion of some trees needing removal, plans for annual preventative maintenance of shade trees, and the Borough will be recognized as a Tree City for the 29th year in 2017!

People who want to honor family or friends while helping support the tree program can arrange to plant an Honors Tree or Adopt (an already present) tree in the Borough. Additional STC meetings will be held June 28, August 23 and November 15.

For information regarding Honors Trees, Adopt-a-tree, or other shade tree issues, please contact Darlene Kvaternik at 564-8177 or the Borough Secretary at 564-4770.

2017 Borough Officials Contacts:

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Keldra Stambaugh 717-564-4770
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Faye Clark 717-564-4770

2017 Season will be on Wilhelm-Paxtang Baseball Association’s Facebook page when it becomes available.

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Information on PAA spring events was not available as of the time of publication. Please visit the Art Association website at: www.paxtangart.com or call Nick Feher (717) 545-7336 or Jane McCutcheon (717) 652-264 for more information on class times and offerings.

THINK GREEN! Recycling Saves Time and $$$

Our municipal solid waste contract with Waste Management provides residents with Single-Stream Recycling. All of your recyclables can be placed together in the same container at the curb on trash day. No sorting or separating is necessary.

RECYCLABLES ACCEPTED:
Aluminum food and beverage containers with food and debris removed.
Clear, green or brown glass food and beverage containers with food and debris removed.
Narrow-neck plastic containers with symbols 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 such as milk, jugs, water bottles, detergent bottles, Ferrous (iron, steel, tin) cans with food debris removed.
Newspaper - all types. Do not place in plastic bags.
Cardboard cereal boxes, food boxes, shoe boxes, and similar
Printer paper, computer paper, copy paper
Junk Mail, Magazines, catalogs, phone books
Corrugated cardboard

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED FOR CURB-SIDE RECYCLING
Wax coated paper or cardboard
Any material with substantial food debris (labels ok)
Plastic bags of any kind (recycle at your local grocer)
Batteries of any kind
Styrofoam of any kind
Light bulbs of any kind
Mirrors, windows or auto glass, glass cookware/bakeware,
beverage glasses, perfume/cologne bottles
Wood or yard waste
Un-numbered plastics
Household appliances
Hazardous or toxic substances or containers
Aerosol cans

Replacement recycling bins may be obtained for a minimal fee by contacting the Borough Office.
Heating your home uses more energy and costs more money than any other system in your home -- typically making up about 42% of your utility bill.

No matter what kind of heating system you have in your house, you can save money and increase your comfort by properly maintaining and upgrading your equipment. By combining proper equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing, and thermostat settings, you can save about 30% on your energy bill while reducing environmental emissions.

HEATING TIPS:
- Set your programmable thermostat as low as is comfortable in the winter and lower the setpoint when you’re sleeping or away from home.
- Clean or replace filters on furnaces once a month or as recommended.
- Clean warm-air registers, baseboard heaters, and radiators as needed; make sure they’re not blocked by furniture, carpeting, or drapes.
- Eliminate trapped air from hot-water radiators once or twice a season; if unsure about how to perform this task, contact a professional.
- Place heat-resistant radiator reflectors between exterior walls and the radiators.
- Turn off kitchen, bath, and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after you are done cooking or bathing.
- During winter, keep the draperies and shades on your south-facing windows open during the day to allow the sunlight to enter your home and closed at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

Upgrading your home heating or cooling system in 2017? The US Department of Energy partners with PPL Electric to offer multiple rebate programs for homeowners. Visit https://energy.gov/savings and search PA and filter by “Residential” to view programs available to you.

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