Message from the Mayor

The arrival of Fall means it’s Budget season for the Borough. By law, the Borough is required to pass a balanced budget by the end of the calendar year. That means we’ll be holding public readings of the budget during the upcoming Council Workshops and Council meetings, and Borough Council will adopt the 2018 Municipal budget at the December Council meeting.

Paxtang Borough Council regularly meets twice a month, on the first Tuesday of the month for a workshop meeting and the third Tuesday of the month for a regular council meeting. Both meetings are open to the public and begin at 7:00PM in the council chambers. I encourage everyone to attend these publicly open meetings including the workshop meeting, where issues are discussed by council but no votes are taken, and the regular council meeting.

Don’t forget to join us for one of the Holiday Events sponsored by our great local organizations like the Paxtang Art Association’s Fall Art Show and the Paxtang Lions Club tree lighting ceremony, both held at the Borough Building. Hope to see you there!

- Mayor Sheilah Borne Fuller

Events This Quarter:

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View the full schedule of activities online at www.paxtang.org

Holiday 2017 Events:

- Library Book Sale: 10/20 - 10/22
- Halloween Parade: 10/24 7pm
- Trick-or-Treat: 10/26 6pm - 8pm
- 2017 Hero Run: 11/5 9am (Hbg Mall)
- Paxtang Art Show: 11/17 - 11/19
- Tree Lighting: Sunday12/3 6:30pm

Don’t miss out on any of the 2017 holiday celebrations! Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for the fun!
Police Coverage for Paxtang Borough is provided by the Swatara Township Police Department under a joint municipal agreement.

Darrell Reider Sworn in as New Swatara Township Police Chief
During the Swatara Township’s National Night Out events at Vanatta Park, Darrell Reider was officially sworn in as Swatara Township’s Police Chief. Reider was previously the Deputy Police Chief under Jason Umberger and was acting police chief following Umberger’s departure for a job in Florida earlier this year.

Chief Reider’s nearly three-decade career with the Swatara Township Police Department has included work in the Uniformed Patrol Division, as a Detective/Juvenile Aid Officer and a Lieutenant in charge of Criminal Investigation & Field Services.

The Chief provides Paxtang Borough Council and Borough residents with monthly updates on police activity within the Borough during the regularly scheduled Borough Council Meetings. All residents are encouraged to come out and hear from the Chief.

Chief Reider has continued the Department’s commitment to community policing and building relationships with neighbors and youth within the community. Members of the Department participate regularly in patrols and lunch visits at Paxtang Elementary School and at other Borough events including the Memorial Day Celebrations, 4th of July Parade, and Halloween Parade.

NOTES FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

BUSINESS PRIVILEGE LICENSES are due by January 31, 2018: if you are conducting a business or own a rental property in the Borough of Paxtang you are required to obtain a Business Privilege License for each business and a license for each rental property. The cost for each BUSINESS PRIVILEGE LICENSE is $15.00

- BPL Forms can be found on www.paxtang.org under Services, or please contact the Paxtang Borough Tax Collector F. Joseph Spackman, at 717-561-9839.
- Please use the Paxtang website to print off your BPL application and mail your application and $15.00 payment.
- Borough code provides for penalties of up to $600 and/or imprisonment for operating a Business without the required Business Privilege License.

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED to pay your 2017 Taxes prior to December 31, 2017, unpaid taxes will then be turned over to Dauphin County for collection.

New in 2018: Starting with the first quarter of 2018, Keystone Tax will be collecting the LST (local service taxes) for Paxtang Borough. Businesses will be contacted directly by Keystone Tax.

F. Joseph Spackman
3408 Rutherford Street
Harrisburg, PA 17111
717.561.9839
jspack01@verizon.net

Office hours: Every Wednesday 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and by appointment. (Closed on holidays)
Note: taxes may be dropped off / placed in a Locked Box located outside the tax collectors office door, at any time.
Proper restraint of animals:

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- Control shall not be assumed by mere voice commands.
- The leash shall be attached to a collar which properly fits the animal without slipping off the animal’s head and shall not harm the animal.
- For purposes of this Ordinance, a slip-knot shall not qualify as a collar.
- A resident shall prevent an animal from roaming unattended beyond the resident’s property line by confining the animal therein, and shall provide for the humane care of the animal while so confined.
- If using a fence, fences for all dogs must be of sufficient height, strength, and repair to safely contain the dogs on the premises and to prevent children from entering the yard or enclosure.
- Fences to confine dogs adjudicated as “at risk” or “dangerous” must adhere to any additional requirements as specified by state law.
- Underground fences are not sufficient to contain unsupervised dogs.
- Unsupervised dogs cannot be tethered as a primary method of confinement. Tethers can be used as a secondary control.

Residents are also reminded that all dogs in the Borough must be licensed through Dauphin County. Annual licences may be obtained online at http://padoglicense.com. Lifetime licenses for dogs with microchips or tattoos, may be obtained in person from the County Treasurer’s Office.

Please help keep our Borough beautiful by cleaning up after your pet when walking them in public streets and green spaces.

**Responsible Pet Ownership**

Recently approved Ordinance 659 was passed to ensure the public’s safety from potentially harmful domestic animals, to prevent animals from roaming at large, and to preserve the public health through the proper control and responsible guardianship of domestic animals by their owner or keeper at all times so that they will not injure persons or other animals, damage property, or create a public safety threat.

**2017 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE:**

Leaf collection will begin on the west side of the Borough the week October 16th and will alternate sides each week, weather permitting:

- Week 1 10/30-11/3 West Side
- Week 2 11/6-10 East Side
- Week 3 11/13-17: West Side
- Week 4 11/20-24: East Side
- Week 5 11/27-12/1: As needed
- Week 6 12/4-12/8: As needed

Please check Facebook or the website for any weather related schedule updates.

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**KNOW THE CODE**

Borough Codes Department

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.

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Lenker Manor - Paxtang Women’s Club

Lenker Manor – Paxtang Women’s Club held their November meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 9:30 am at the Paxton Presbyterian Church on Paxtang Ave.

The club’s November program featured Dora Frownfelter, MVPC from Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. As we celebrate Veteran’s Day this month, Dora presented information about the cemetery as well as the burial benefit earned by every veteran. In 1976, a section of Fort Indiantown Gap was selected as the national cemetery for the states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia and West Virginia. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania donated land for the 677-acre site to the Veterans Administration. The elaborate Pennsylvania Veterans’ Memorial is the largest monument in VA’s National cemeteries. The combination open-air space and building stands 107 feet high and 360 feet long. Its design evokes “the ruins of a war-torn building centered in a land of solemnity.”

For more information on the LMPWC, or to learn more about our events, please call 717-657-8039.

3rd ANNUAL PAXTANG RECYCLES DAY
Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon at the Paxtang Borough Building 3423 Derry Street - in the Gym and Municipal Parking Lot. Drop off your recyclable items, and drop by to learn more about ways to green up our community! New this year, we will be collecting unwanted household small appliances and electronics like outdated TVs, audio equipment, cell phones, printers, and other similar items. PLUS! Enter to win a Rain Barrel for your garden! Items that will be collected:

- Clothing and household items - Goodwill of Central PA
- Gently Used Toys - Second Chance Toys
- Child & Adult Bicycles - Recycle Bicycle
- Used Prescription Eyeware - Paxtang Lions Club
- Fabric and Fiber Arts Supplies - Sewing Sisters
- Cell Phones / Tablets- Cell Phones for Soldiers
- Florescent Spiral bulbs (not tubes) - PPL
- Household Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, 9volt only)
- Household Electronics - TV’s, Computers, printers, stereo equipment, fax machines, laptops, kitchen appliances.

NOT ACCEPTED: AC units, Dehumidifiers, or refrigerators.

2018 Ambulance Subscriptions Available

How can you support your ambulance service and save thousands of dollars at the same time? Support your local ambulance service with a membership today.

All residents should have received a membership form in the mail. Send in your Susquehanna Twp. EMS membership application today and enjoy all of the privileges of membership!

Applications are also available at www.stems.us
Clean Streets = Clean Water
Tips for Protecting our Waterways This Fall

In urban areas, stormwater carries phosphorus and other pollutants directly into our water resources through the storm drainage system. Unlike our household wastewater, stormwater doesn’t go through a treatment plant first, but is dumped directly into lakes, rivers and wetlands. Common pollutants that can wash off our yards and streets include:

**Phosphorus:** From tree leaves, grass clippings, soil erosion, fertilizer, pet and wildlife waste

**Eroding soil:** From exposed soil on construction sites, sparse lawns, and unprotected garden beds set close to hard surfaces like streets, sidewalks and driveways

**Bacteria:** From pet and wildlife waste, failing septic systems

**Toxins:** Oil, paint, cleaners, etc. spilled on streets, sidewalks, and driveways or dumped down storm drains

FALL CLEAN WATER TIPS

1. Have a storm drain near your home? Act as its guardian angel and do your part to keep it free of litter and leaves.

2. Sweep up grass clippings and fertilizer from driveways, sidewalks and streets, and rake, mulch or compost yard waste.

3. Weed and feed responsibly. Use fertilizers and pesticides only as needed and always read and follow product instructions carefully.

4. Consider using alternative lawn-care techniques in addition to, or even instead of, pesticides.

5. Resist the urge to let Fido fend for himself when the weather turns colder, and keep on scooping poop. Pet waste contains phosphorus, nitrogen and harmful bacteria.

6. During routine fall tune-ups, check your car and lawn equipment for leaks. A good rainstorm can send gasoline and oil drips from automobiles, lawnmowers and power equipment into waterways.

Don’t let THIS.....turn into THIS

The Highmark Caring Place, A Center for Grieving Children, Adolescents and Their Families, is a safe place where grieving children and families can come together and be with others who understand what they’re going through.

An essential community resource, the Caring Place offers services at no charge to grieving families from throughout the community.

The Highmark Caring Place provides peer support, where the children who attend come to know that they are not alone in their experiences and feelings. They and their families get support and encouragement from each other, facilitated by trained adult volunteers.

In addition to these peer support groups, the Caring Place provides educational programs, consultation services, presentations and resources for schools and other professionals in the community who work with children.

Thursday November 16th marks the 6th Annual Childhood Grief Awareness day. Lean more about the Caring Place and the resources available by visiting https://www.highmarkcaringplace.com or by calling the Harrisburg Center at (866) 613-4673.

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email: jcapp@anteil.com
The annual Fall Art Show and Sale will take place Friday, November 17th through Sunday November 19th. Come out and see the amazing work on display and for sale by our local talented Artists!

Everyone is welcome to come to the next Shade Tree Commission meeting on Wednesday, December 13th at 7 pm in the Council Chambers. We will be discussing progress in 2017 and plans for 2018.

A number of unhealthy trees have been removed this year, and it’s time to think about planting new trees in the Spring. Residents can arrange to have an honors tree planted to recognize a happy event in the family or someone who has passed away. The fee of $250.00 includes the tree, plaque and certificate.

Inspection of trees and ground level pruning continue. Volunteers for pruning are still needed. It’s a great way to meet your neighbors! A grant from Trees for Tomorrow, part of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, helped pay for higher level pruning this year.

Please remember not to let ivy grow up the trees in front of your residence. Ivy can kill otherwise healthy trees!

Please let us know if you’d like to have a shade tree at your property next spring, or if you’d like to arrange for an Honors Tree to be planted in memory or honor of a loved one. We’re also always looking for willing volunteers to help with maintaining our tree inventory, care for newly planted trees, or help with basic ground-level pruning.
Borough Officials Contacts:

MAYOR: Sheilah Borne Fuller 717-558-5926

COUNCIL:
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Chris Spackman 717-379-2530
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Keldeen Stambaugh 717-564-4770

SECRETARY/TREASURER:
Faye Clark 717-564-4770

Answers to many common questions may be found by visiting the Borough’s website at Paxtang.org

Christmas in the Cabin

For the kid in all of us!

The Cabin at Paxton Church, located on the South side of Saussaman Park, will be open during the first weekend in December to help get us in the spirit of the season!

See the Reindeer Tree, the Trains & Trees & Trolleys Layout and the little ones can play with wood trains by Melissa & Doug.

Saturday and Sunday, December 2nd and 3rd from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Call Trainman Richard Peiffer for additional hours the trains will run 717-943-5419 - rpeiff1@gmail.com. The Cabin at Paxton Presbyterian Church, 3500 Sharon Street.

Safe Disposal of Prescription Medications

Medicines play an important role in treating many conditions and diseases and when they are no longer needed it is important to dispose of them properly to help reduce harm from accidental exposure or intentional misuse. Consumers and caregivers should remove expired, unwanted, or unused medicines from their home as quickly as possible to help reduce the chance that others may accidentally take or intentionally misuse the unneeded medicine.

Medicine take-back programs are a good way to safely dispose of most types of unneeded medicines. The Swatara Police Department provides a prescription drug disposal service which is free to Borough Residents. Residents are encouraged to drop off expired or unneeded medications at the Swatara Township Building during regular business hours in the provided container.

YOU can also help...

Prevent drug misuse, abuse, and accidental poisonings.

Make a difference by following these DO’s & DON'Ts:

- DO keep medications in the original container and out of sight and reach of children and pets.
- DO store your medications in a secure area. Consider a cabinet or drawer that you can lock.
- DO check the date on everything in your medicine cabinet and dispose of anything that has passed the expiration date.
- DO check to see which medications need to be refrigerated. Make sure they are stored where they will not freeze and where children cannot easily reach them.
- DON'T take medications in front of children, since they tend to mimic adults.
- DON'T give your medications to others to or take someone else’s medications.
- DON'T put different medications into one bottle.
- DON'T store medications in places that are hot and humid.
- DON'T take a medication that looks different (i.e., color, shape, size, etc.) than you are accustomed to without first checking with your pharmacist.

and remember!

Proper disposal of medications will keep you, your family, your pets and the environment safe! It will also keep medications from being diverted and used illegally.
Staying Safe and Warm
Reminders for Winter Heating

As the weather cools, many residents will make use of fireplaces, stoves, furnaces, and other heating appliances. Keep the following tips in mind to ensure the safety of your family.

SMOKE ALARMS:
Borough Code requires working smoke detectors in all dwelling units. Check and change batteries in all smoke alarms when changing your clocks back in November for Daylight Savings Time.

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS:
A plugged chimney or exhaust vent for a gas furnace or boiler can lead to a build-up of deadly carbon monoxide. Detectors should be installed according to manufacturer’s directions in dwelling units with gas burning heating appliances.

PLUG IN HEATING DEVICES:
Never use an extension cord or power strip to power a portable heating device. The cord can overheat and start a fire. Replace older open coil heaters with modern oil filled or ceramic coil devices which have been safety certified.

Winter Weather Reminders:
As the snow flies this winter, the Borough would like to remind all property owners that they must clean their sidewalks of ice and/or snow within 24 hours after the precipitation stops.

All sidewalks must be cleaned to a minimum of 3 feet in width for the safety of all who pass by. Failure to do so could result in a fine of up to $100.00 plus court fees.

You may want to take some time now before the bad weather hits to make arrangements with a neighbor or friends to take care of your sidewalks should you be unable to do so or if you will be out of town.

In the event of snow, Paxtang Highway employees will work to ensure the roadways are cleared. If there is a particularly large amount of snowfall, the Mayor may declare a snow emergency.

During a snow emergency, there are certain parking restrictions that help our Highway employees clear the snow easier. Residents are encouraged to view the Paxtang Borough Code to see where parking is restricted. The code is available online at www.Paxtang.org or a copy is available in the Borough Office.