

PAXTANG POST

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Message from the Mayor

Fellow Paxtang residents,

The summer weather means more of us will be taking advantage of the longer days and warm temps to do yard work and other chores.

I would like to ask our residents to take the extra step while undertaking those chores to help avoid storm water runoff that pollutes our waterways. Storm water runoff can carry chemicals and pollutants directly into creeks, lakes, rivers and streams through our storm drains.

Avoid washing your car on the street or in your driveway as all the soap, scum and oily grit runs along the curb, into the storm drain and directly into our creeks and river. Try instead washing on gravel or grass or better yet go to the car wash.

STAY IN CONTACT
 Borough Office:
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Take care when using fertilizers and other chemicals on your grass and garden. Try to use these products sparingly or switch to products that contain "natural organic" or "slow release" ingredients. If you see leaves or other debris in or around a storm drain please remove it or contact the Borough Office. Remember, if you wouldn't want to drink something yourself, don't let it in our waterways.

- Mayor Sheilah Borne Fuller

Events This Quarter:

Tuesday, August 1st

Borough Council Workshop 7:00pm

Tuesday, August 15th

Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm

Saturday, September 9th

Borough-wide Yard Sale 7am - 12pm

Tuesday, September 5th

Borough Council Workshop 7:00pm

Tuesday, September 19th

Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm

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

New Emergency Alert System

Paxtang Borough has changed services for Emergency Alert System (automated phone calls delivering important messages), from CodeRed to the County's South Central Alert System. We were unable to transfer cell phone numbers previously registered with the old system, so we are asking residents who do not have a landline or prefer to be contacted by cell phone to please re-register on our website (there is a link on the homepage) or call the Borough Office with the phone number(s) you would like added to our call list. This system is not used frequently but is a fast way to share important Borough information with our residents.

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 5th Annual Swatara Township Police 5K Hero Run

The Swatara Township Police Department is hosting their 5th Annual 5K Hero Run on Sunday November 5, 2017. This 5K Race is set in a unique location along Tecport Drive and Paxton Street.

The theme of the 5K Hero Run recognizes all our heroes - whether you know someone in the armed services or public safety sector or simply have a hero of your own. This race brings all of us together for one reason, to support our HEROES!

A map of the course is available on the Department's

website. A portion of the race actually takes you through the Harrisburg mall!



This race supports the Keystone Wounded Warriors which aids veterans residing in or who have ties to Pennsylvania, COPS for K.O.P.S which supports the children of fallen police officers in the state of Pennsylvania and the Swatara Township Police Department's Crime Prevention fund.

Registration Fees for 5K: \$25 through October 12, 2017 / \$30: October 13, 2017 up to the day of the race. Guaranteed Dri-Fit Shirt if registered by October 12th. Participants are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite "hero" outfit or uniform. Visit www.swatarapolice.org for more details or to sign up for the race.

Paxtang Fire Company Crabfest/Pig Roast 2017



The annual Paxtang Fire Company Crabfest/Pig Roast will be held September 23rd, from 12 Noon until 6PM at Emeric Cibort Park located at Center and Penn Sts, Bressler/Steelton. Cost is \$40 per person in advance and \$50 at the door with 1 child 12 or under free with a paying adult; additional children are ½ the regular price.

Enjoy all you can eat Maryland Blue Crabs, pulled pork barbecue, hamburgers and hot dogs and much more. All you can drink draft beer and soft drinks are available. There will be games, fun and prizes for all ages. Proceeds benefit the Paxtang Fire Co. #1, an all-volunteer fire company serving the Borough of Paxtang and the surrounding communities. For tickets or information call (717) 564-0520 or www.PaxtangFire.com.

NOTES FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

The 2017 School Real Estate Tax Bills were sent out. If you did not receive your bill, please call me. If you are paying your bill in the discount period, check to see the correct amount. It is on the left side of the bill.

There are still some rental owners & business owners who have not paid their 2016 Business Privilege Tax. If you need help in filling out the form, I will be glad to help you.

F. Joseph Spackman,
Paxtang Tax Collector - 717-561-9839

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.

OUTDOOR FIRE SAFETY:

Paxtang Borough has a burn ordinance (Chapter 151) in place to ensure the safety of all residents and property within the Borough.

- All fires must be maintained in an acceptable burn container
- Burn containers must be at least 15 feet away from any building or structure, property line or public sidewalk area
- All burn containers must contain a bottom, sides and a cover with spaces not more than ½ square inch
- All burnings must be attended by a responsible individual 16 years of age or older until the fire is completely out
- Only unpainted and chemically untreated wood may be used as fuel
- Any violation of the burn ordinance may face a penalty of up to \$1,000 plus the costs of prosecution.

For more information and to view all codes of Paxtang go to www.paxtang.org and click on Codes, Ordinances & Zoning

Wildlife and You

While we may think of Paxtang as a "city" suburb, we're also adjacent to wild spaces, and wildlife is to be expected in the Borough. Keep the following tips in mind to minimize unwelcome interaction with our local wild creatures. Whether that means foxes, skunks, hawks, possums, deer, or squirrels, these creatures are a natural part of our community.

- By Borough Ordinance, 717-558-6900. Never attempt to catch or touch an injured wild animal.
- Threat to pets: The foxes and occasional coyotes observed in the Borough from time to time are not a threat to humans. Borough ordinance prohibits allowing dogs, cats, or other small animals from running at large at any time. Wildlife is most active between dusk and dawn and responsible pet owners are encouraged to keep their pets inside or properly secured to avoid unwelcome contact with wildlife.
- Use of deterrents like "Deer Be Gone" or "Critter Ridder" may be helpful to discourage problem pests. NEVER use poisons or baits to attempt to eliminate wildlife without professional supervision as misuse can cause serious harm to neighbors or pets, and in some cases may be illegal.
- By Borough Ordinance, garbage and rubbish must be bagged and placed in a trash container with a tight fitting lid. Failure to properly contain garbage allows wildlife easy access to the thing they are most interested in - food.
- Do not leave pet food out unattended. Again, the main attraction for wildlife is food. Pet food should always be brought in after meal times. Feed the birds, feed your pets, but please do not intentionally feed other wildlife including deer and squirrels as this attracts many of the other less desirable pests.
- Homeowners are responsible for the removal of unwanted or nuisance wildlife on their property. The number one way to discourage unwanted pests is to eliminate access to food on your property. The Borough is not authorized to catch, kill, trap, or remove unwanted wildlife. Residents with problem animals on their property should consult with a licensed wildlife relocation specialist.
- If you observe wildlife that is injured or appears to be ill, please call the police non-emergency number for assistance-





The Paxtang Historical Society will host its annual picnic on August 7 (Monday) - 6:00 PM, rain or shine, at the Saussaman Park Pavilion (north of Paxton Presbyterian Church). All are welcome. You do not have to be a PHS member to come and enjoy the event. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share!

Fall Meeting

October 2 - 7:00 PM - Paxton Presbyterian Church, 3500 Sharon Street. Presentation to be announced in future.

For up-to-date information on events for 2017, please visit the Society's website at:

paxtanghistoricalsociety.org

If you would like to join the Paxtang Historical Society Membership fees are as follows:

- *Individual (Annual) \$5.00*
- *Family (Annual) \$10.00*
- *Lifetime Member \$50.00*

AARP Tax-Aide Seeks Dauphin County Volunteers for Upcoming Tax Season

AARP Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation service, is seeking volunteers. Last year, the 34 local AARP Tax-Aide volunteers prepared tax returns for more than 2000 taxpayers at our four locations in Dauphin County (Epiphany Lutheran Church, Swatara Township Building, Kline Library, and

Elizabethville Area Library).

Volunteers do not need to be an AARP member or retiree to participate. Volunteers should be comfortable using a computer and have some familiarity with tax forms (such as from preparing their own returns). Potential volunteers receive free hands-on tax training in January, and are required to pass an IRS certification exam based on that training. They will then be asked to contribute a minimum of 10 hours per week as tax return preparers between February 1 and April 15, 2018. Our sites are open primarily during weekday business hours.

For more information on how you can join the AARP Tax-Aide team, visit our Web site at www.pataxaide.org or call 717-219-3945. One of our team members will be in touch to answer your questions and give you more details. Deadline for application is December 1, 2017.

**GET IN!
ADVERTISE IN THE POST:**

For information on advertising in the Paxtang Post, please contact the Borough Office. Costs are \$40 Per Issue, or 4 Issues for \$140. \$160 includes sponsorship recognition on the Borough's web site at www.paxtang.org.

BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

BUYER NOTIFICATION ORDINANCE:

Borough Council is currently in the process of considering the adoption of a Buyer Notification Ordinance. The draft text of the ordinance has been published in the Paxton Herald, and will be the subject of a second Public Hearing at 7pm on Sept. 5th, prior to the Council Workshop meeting.

Following the 2013/2014 sidewalk inspection initiative, Borough Council sought a more resident-friendly solution to ensuring that Borough properties are maintained in accordance with Borough Code, and ensuring that buyers of properties within the Borough are fully aware of the permitted uses for the properties they are purchasing.

For example, ensuring that single family homes are not sold to a buyer who intends to sub-divide them into multiple units in a residential zone that doesn't permit such a use.

Once in effect, the Buyer Notification Ordinance would require the Seller of the property to obtain a written "Buyer Notification" inspection certificate from the Borough. The inspection covers a pre-defined list of code and property maintenance items, including such things as the condition of the sidewalks, presence of smoke detectors, etc. It will also identify the approved zoning uses for the property. The inspection is "open book" - property owners know in advance what will be included.

Any deficiencies noted by the

inspection may either be remedied by the Seller prior to the transaction closing, or may be negotiated as part of the sale of the property with the Buyer assuming responsibility for completing the necessary repairs. This approach is widely used in other communities to provide flexibility to residents in ensuring their properties are maintained in accordance with existing ordinances, and also provides a mechanism for ensuring that sidewalks are maintained and inspected regularly as part of the sale of a property.

The full text of the draft ordinance is available on the Borough's website, and Residents are encouraged to read the ordinance and provide feedback at the public hearing.



Paxtang Lions Club

Join the Lions this Summer!

During summer months, the Paxtang Lions Club meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday, at 6:30 PM at Saussaman Park.

All are invited to come out and learn more about the Paxtang Lions and our volunteer work in our community and around the world. If you are interested in more information, visit e-clubhouse.org/sites/paxtangpa.



VNA's 11th Annual Memorial Butterfly Release

Please Join Us For the 11th Annual Crossings Hospice of the VNA Memorial Butterfly Release Sunday, August 7, 2016 at 2:30 pm at Paxtang Commons Park. Parking is available at the VNA - Please Bring Lawn Chairs - Reception to follow at VNA.

To sponsor a butterfly at \$25 per butterfly, please contact Wendy Bopp at 717-233-1035. The sponsorship of a butterfly will financially support Crossings Hospice of the VNA while providing the opportunity to cherish the memory of your loved one.

Stormwater Protection

PA Department of Environmental Protection

Did you know that grass clippings are considered a source of pollution when washed directly into storm drains or drainage ditches? Not only do they clog the storm drains, clippings can fill catch basins to capacity and create flooding during rain events. Dumping leaves and grass clippings into the stormwater system affects streams. The increase in nutrients associated with grass clippings can cause algae growth, which can kill fish and other aquatic life. Clippings also add organic material to the drainage system that can provide a breeding ground for bacteria and insects. So, what do you do?

GARDEN MULCH — Grass clippings can be used as garden mulch. Clippings can be dried in the sun for a day prior to being used in this way. Clippings can be spread on garden soil to prevent weed growth, reduce soil spattering and crusting, and moderate soil temperatures. Do not use grass clippings from herbicide treated lawns until after two cuttings have been taken.



While being good to your lawn, **don't be bad to the river.**

Over-applied lawn care products can wash into and pollute our streams — apply these sparingly only in the fall.



www.rivanna-stormwater.org

RETURN TO LAWN — Mulch the grass back into your yard as you mow. Contrary to some beliefs, this is beneficial to your lawn as long as you mow regularly and don't cut off too much of the grass at one time. Just remember when you're cleaning up afterward with the leaf blower, don't blow clippings into the gutter, blow them back up onto your lawn instead.

YARD DEBRIS DROP-OFF — the Swatara Twp Greencycling Center behind the Hbg Mall serves as a collection point for woody waste trimmings, leaves, Christmas trees and downed tree limbs. These materials are recycled by the township and converted to mulch or compost, which is available at no cost to residents for their use. Season-long permits are available at the Swatara Twp office on Eisenhower Boulevard.

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Programming Highlights for Kline Library:

Exercise your mind this summer with free and exciting programs for children and adults of all ages. In addition to the library programs, there will be special guest performers throughout the summer. Those who finish the Summer Reading Club challenge will be entered for a chance to win one of several Kindle Fire prizes. The "Build a Better World" Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Dauphin County Library System, Avalon, Centric Bank, Fulton Bank, M&T Bank, Mid Penn Bank, PNC, UGI Utilities, and Weis with additional support provided by Wells Fargo.

NEW Kline Library Hours (as of July 1st):

Sunday & Monday	Closed	
Tuesday - Thursday	10:00 AM to	8:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM to	5:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM to	5:00 PM

For more information, and for a full schedule of events call your local library or visit dcls.org.



Many thanks to the residents who are caring for 18 trees planted this spring and whose donations helped to make the planting possible!

Fifth grade students at Paxtang Elementary nurtured many white dogwood seedlings in April and May in their classrooms. The seedlings are now being tended in a nursery plot in Paxtang Cemetery and will be planted in the Green Belt in a year or two.

Removal of eleven trees due to safety concerns will take place soon. Inspection of trees and ground level pruning is now underway. We are thankful for pruning assistance from the highway department, but it would be wonderful to have more volunteer help. It's a great way to meet your neighbors! A

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 us 717-564-0520 or just stop by the firehouse! We can find something for you to do!



PAXTANG ART ASSOCIATION



Information on PAA 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.

Paxtang Leaves

Notes from the Shade Tree Commission

grant from Trees for Tomorrow, part of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, will help pay for higher level pruning.

Everyone can help to maintain Paxtang's tree lined streets by preventing damage caused by lawn mowers, weed wackers and ivy. Please put a circle of mulch around young trees, and please do not allow ivy to climb the trunk as it can kill the tree. The Borough sometimes has free mulch. The next STC meeting will be Wednesday, August 23 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss trees for planting next spring. Everyone is welcome.

Please let us know if you'd like to have a shade tree at your property, to arrange for an Honors Tree, or to volunteer!

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

Area Code Overlay

Please update your phone records to include the 717 area code so you can stay in touch!

Based on current forecast predictions, the supply of phone numbers available in the 717 area code is projected to exhaust by the third quarter of 2017. Under the area code overlay plan announced earlier this year by the PUC, a new area code will be assigned for the same geographic area currently covered by the 717 area code. Customers currently using 717 telephone numbers will keep their existing telephone numbers, and when no more 717 telephone numbers are available, telephone numbers from the new area code will begin to be assigned to customers.

When the new area code is placed into service, customers in the entire region will be required to dial 10-digit telephone numbers (the area code plus the seven-digit number), regardless of whether they are calling a 717 number or a number in the new area code. According to the area code relief plan, the overlay area code will be implemented over a nine-month period, with a transition to 10-digit dialing being introduced sometime during this implementation period. Stay tuned to local media for exact dates once available.

MANAGING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

The best method of managing your HHW is to prevent its generation in the first place. This involves selecting the least toxic item 'to do the job' and buying only the minimum amounts necessary. Buying in large quantities is not a bargain if half of it has to be discarded. If your materials are still usable, check with friends, neighbors, churches, or other non-profit groups to see if they might be able to use it.

If you are unable to donate your items, consider using Dauphin County's curbside HHW Program that is available to each household for FREE, one time per year.

The program is VERY simple:

STEP 1: Call 1-800-449-7587 to schedule your curbside collection.

STEP 2: In 1-2 weeks you will receive an



HHW Kit in the mail for the collection of your HHW.

STEP 3: Sit your HHW kit at your curb on the scheduled collection date.

If you are unable to participate in Dauphin County's HHW Program or you have no other option but to discard the materials, you may legally dispose of them in your regular household trash pick up; provided that :

- 1) You have looked at the label for any disposal directions and have complied with them.
- 2) Liquids that are water based have either been allowed to evaporate or non-water based liquids have been absorbed on some material such as vermiculite, cat litter, or sawdust so that there are no freestanding liquids.
- 3) The remaining residue has been carefully packaged to prevent leakage while the material is being transported to the disposal facility.
- 4) The material is placed out for disposal in small quantities, over several collection periods.

NEVER dispose of HHW in open streams, culverts, or storm drains.

SPORTS TEAMS TRIUMPH

Another Winning Season

The Borough's youth sports teams celebrated yet another winning season! First to clinch their 2017 Play-Off Victory were the The Swatara-Paxtang (SPSA) SWAT softball team. The team won the 2017 East Shore Fast Pitch League 12U Championship.

victory. The team was sponsored by Mama's Pizza on Derry Street and owner Javier Gomez.



This is the team's third consecutive championship with a final score of 14-3 to win the 2017 STBA/Suburban League



Following the Championship of the Susquehanna ladies' amazing Township Baseball Association victory, the Wilhelm Paxtang team is sponsored by Flemings baseball team Sub Base and owner Karl Rapp. The team clinched a victory at Taylor Park with a final score of 14-3 to win the 2017 STBA/Suburban League youth Sports.

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**FALL BOROUGH
YARD SALE**

**Saturday
September 9th
7am - Noon**

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