

# PAXTANG POST

January / February / March

[www.paxtang.org](http://www.paxtang.org)

## Events This Quarter:

### JANUARY

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2 | 7:00 P.M.**

January Council Workshop  
*Paxtang Borough Council Chambers*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 | 7:00 P.M.**

January Council Meeting  
*Paxtang Borough Council Chambers*

### FEBRUARY

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 | 7:00 P.M.**

February Council Workshop  
*Paxtang Borough Council Chambers*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 | 6:00 A.M. - NOON**

Paxtang Lions Pancake Breakfast  
*Paxtang Borough Gym*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 | 7:00 P.M.**

February Council Meeting  
*Paxtang Borough Council Chambers*

### MARCH

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5 | 7:00 P.M.**

March Council Workshop  
*Paxtang Borough Council Chambers*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19 | 7:00 P.M.**

March Council Meeting  
*Paxtang Borough Council Chambers*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 | 7:00 P.M.**

Shade Tree Commission Meeting  
*Paxtang Borough Council Chambers*

### THE PAXTANG LIONS CLUB

## 67<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

- February 9 | 6:00 A.M. - Noon
- Paxtang Borough Gymnasium
- \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children age 6 to 10, children 5 and under are free

### JOIN US FOR ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKES!

All of our proceeds go to community service projects, local community sports organizations, local community scouting organizations, scholarships for students of Central Dauphin High School and Bishop McDevitt High School, Beacon Lodge Camp for the Blind, Diabetes Research, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Northeast PA Lions Eye Bank, PA Lions Eye Research, Youth Exchange/Activities, Special Olympic, Eye Exams & Glasses for the less fortunate and many Paxtang Borough events, just to name a few.



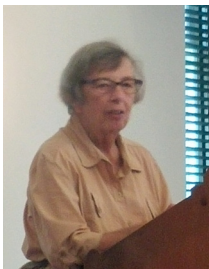
## SAVE THE DATE! PAXTANG LIONS CLUB ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

- April 13, 2019 | 10:00 A.M.
- Saussaman Park

**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](http://www.paxtang.org).*

## LENKER MANOR PAXTANG WOMEN'S CLUB



Lenker Manor-Paxtang Women's Club was honored to host as our October speaker, Kitty Byk of Elizabethtown, PA. Kitty is a native of Austria who

survived a labor camp during WWII. She provided us with some insight of what her experiences were as a young woman who became separated from her family and ultimately found her way to America aboard a ship.

Our November program featured the Swatara Township Police Department K-9 unit on November 14. Officer Scott Gibson with 2 y.o. Kix was joined by Corporal Tim Bloss with 17 month old JT. The officers explained the hard work, training and value the dogs bring to our area in terms of narcotic searches, article & building searches as well as the extensive training required for developing tracking skills. This awesome unit has been activated for over 100 incidents since the program was reintroduced in late spring. Donations by the public are welcome for the ongoing support of the K-9 unit through a Go Fund Me page at [www.gofundme.com/SwataraPoliceK9](http://www.gofundme.com/SwataraPoliceK9).



Cpl. Bloss is in full uniform and handles J.T. Officer Gibson, who handles Kix, is wearing a hooded sweatshirt with a police insignia on it.

## LIBRE'S LAW

A friendly reminder for Paxtang pet owners to help keep you and your pets happy and safe this winter.

Libre's Law (House Bill 1238), enacted in the summer of 2017, strengthened the laws in Pennsylvania protecting animals from abuse. Libre's Law defines animal abuse by grades of severity, from neglect at the low end of the scale to aggravated cruelty. Penalties for animal cruelty have been increased, ranging from 90 days in jail and a \$300 fine to seven years in jail and a \$15,000 fine.

### Please note the tethering stipulations included in Libre's Law:

- Dogs tethered outside must be provided with basic needs, including water and shade.
- Dogs may not spend more than nine hours tethered in a 24-hour period. The maximum time limit is reduced to only 30 minutes when the temperature exceeds 90 degrees or is below freezing.
- A dog may not be secured with a tow or log chain or a choke, pinch, prong, or chain collar, and there may not be "excessive waste" in the tethered area.

For complete details of this House Bill, visit: [www.legis.state.pa.us](http://www.legis.state.pa.us) and search HB1238. See borough website, [www.paxtang.org](http://www.paxtang.org), for more information on pet owner responsibility in Paxtang.

## Little Free Library and Pantry

Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. Through the Little Free Libraries, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds. Little Free Libraries play an essential role by providing 24/7 access to books, and encouraging a love of reading! The motto of the Little Free Library is "Take a book; return a book."

The Little Free Pantry applies the Little Free Library concept of providing 24/7 access to food, paper goods and personal hygiene products to those who are not easily able to meet everyday food and personal needs. Whether a need for food or a need to give, the Little Free Pantry is about neighbors helping neighbors, building community and assisting those who many need a little extra help. The motto of the Little Free pantry is "Take what you need; Give what you can."

Look for the Little Free Library and Little Free Pantry by the Sharon Street entrance to Paxton Presbyterian Church, 3500 Sharon Street. Walk/drive through the stone pillars and the pantries are on the left hand side. They look like little replicas of the church. The Little Free Library and Little Free Pantry are projects of the Mission and Outreach Ministry of Paxton Presbyterian Church.

## SWATARA PAXTANG SOFTBALL REGISTRATION REGISTRATION FOR SWATARA PAXTANG SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION (SPSA) IS OPEN!



SPSA offers softball for girls ages 5-14, with practices starting in March and games running mid-April through early June. First year T-ball players will play for FREE! The cost for returning T-ball players is \$45, and the cost for girls playing 8U and up is \$100 (with the opportunity to earn back \$15 by volunteering).

The registration deadline is February 28. However, girls interested in pitching or catching and any girls born in 2004 or 2005 should register by the end of January; there will be practices for these girls in February at the Paxtang gym.

Please register at [spsa.kiix.com](http://spsa.kiix.com). If you have questions, please contact Deb Seneca at [dseneca@kiix.com](mailto:dseneca@kiix.com) or (717) 649-2564.

## WILHELM PAXTANG BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Wilhelm Paxtang Baseball will hold onsite registrations for the 2019 Spring Season at the Paxtang Borough Building (upstairs meeting room) from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. on the following dates:

- Saturday, January 26
- Saturday, February 2
- Saturday, February 9
- Saturday, February 16
- Saturday, February 23

Practices start in March with games running from Mid-April to the end of June. New players will need to bring a copy of their birth certificate. Ages 5-14 may sign up. If you have questions, please email Bobby Beaver at [Beav692001@yahoo.com](mailto:Beav692001@yahoo.com).

## Be a part of history in Paxtang!

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

Sign up online or speak to a current member for additional details.

For up-to-date information on events, please visit the Society's website at [paxtanghistoricalsociety.org](http://paxtanghistoricalsociety.org).



## NEWS FROM YOUR TAX COLLECTOR

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📞 (717) 561-9839

✉ [jspack01@verizon.net](mailto:jspack01@verizon.net)

### OFFICE HOURS

Second and last Wednesday 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and by appointment. (Closed on holidays)

\*The Tax Collectors Office will be open on March 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29 from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

### NOTE

Taxes may be dropped off/placed in a locked box located outside the tax collectors office door at any time.

### 2019 BUSINESS PRIVILEGE LICENSE

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 (BPL) for each business and a license for each rental property.

2019 Business Privilege Licenses will be mailed out to all current registered 2018 BPL holders. The Licenses will be printed using the current 2018 information, a form on the back of the license can be used to update, correct or to report the BPL is no longer required due to the company is no longer doing business in Paxtang, or the rental unit has been sold. The amount of the payment is included on the form, payment is due 30 days from receipt of the license. Please make sure to include your BPL number with the payment. If you have not received your BPL by January 31, 2018, Applications can be obtained by contacting the Paxtang Borough Secretary Faye Clark, at (717) 564-4770, the tax collector F. Joseph Spackman, at (717) 561-9839, or on the Paxtang Borough website [www.paxtang.org/services](http://www.paxtang.org/services).



# LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**The Library's Winter Reading Challenge is back!** Keep up your reading and stretch your reading comfort zone. Sign up for the Winter Reading Challenge beginning December 16 at [dcls.org/wrc](http://dcls.org/wrc) and log your reading through February 16.

## Kline Library

### COCOA AND SNOWFLAKES

**Tuesday, January 15 | 6:00 P.M.**

Bring the whole family to The Library and join us for an exciting day of new and classic games. From board games to carnival games, we will have something for everyone! For families with children of all ages. Register at [dcls.org](http://dcls.org) or (717) 652-9380 ext. 1045.

### DEVICE CLUB

**Wednesdays, January 16 and March 20 | 1:00 P.M.**

New to using a tablet or iPad? Bring your device to this workshop for mobile device users. Each session includes a short presentation on a general topic or specific app followed by question and practice time. Learn how to change settings, set up email, install and remove apps, access WiFi and download eBooks. Register at [dcls.org/adulteevents](http://dcls.org/adulteevents) or call (717) 652-9380 ext. 1045.

### KLINE LIBRARY FRIENDS MEETING

Join the Kline Friends at their meeting where fundraising events, book sales, programming and more are planned to benefit the Kline Library. Learn more by calling The Library at (717) 234-3934.

### KNIT 1, CROCHET TOO!

**Wednesdays, January 30, February 27 and March 27 | 6:00 P.M.**

Bring your own supplies and join us for an evening of learning and conversation. We will help beginners get started and the pros can give us tips. Learn more at [dcls.org/adulteevents](http://dcls.org/adulteevents) or call (717) 652-9380 ext. 1045.

### GAME DAY

**Saturday, February 2 | 12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

Spend some time playing the board games you loved as a kid. Bring your favorite game or play one of the games provided by the Library. Register at [dcls.org/adulteevents](http://dcls.org/adulteevents) or call (717) 652-9380 ext. 1045.

## STORYTIMES AND DISCOVERY PROGRAM

*Dauphin County Library System – All Libraries*

- **Session 1:** Registration begins Tuesday, December 26, Session begins January 7
- **Session 2:** Registration begins Tuesday, February 5, Session begins February 19
- **Session 3:** Registration begins Tuesday, March 19, Session begins April 1
- **10:00 am**

Registration begins for five-week sessions at The Library that focus on topics including reading, math, science, art and financial education. Learn more about these programs at [dcls.org/kidsprograms](http://dcls.org/kidsprograms) or call your local library!

### ESSENTIAL OILS 101

**Saturday, February 9 | 12:00 pm – 4:00 P.M.**

Curious about how essential oils may fit into your life? Adele Cole, Wellness Educator, will answer your questions and discuss the basic uses of many common essential oils. Register at [dcls.org/adulteevents](http://dcls.org/adulteevents) or call (717) 652-9380 ext. 1045.

### FAMILY GAME DAY

**Tuesday, February 12 | 6:00 P.M.**

Enjoy a break from the cold with a fun family event and the best parts of winter – snowflakes and chocolate! Listen to stories, make a snowflake, and participate in chocolate themed activities. For families with children of all ages. Register at [dcls.org](http://dcls.org) or call (717) 652-9380 ext. 1045.

### RESUME WRITING SERIES

**Wednesday, February 20 | 1:00 P.M.**

Learn how to craft the best resume possible. At our first session, Library staff will demonstrate the best practices to write a compelling resume and show what pit-falls to avoid. Bring your new resume to the next session and library staff will review it and provide feedback. Register at [dcls.org/adulteevents](http://dcls.org/adulteevents) or call (717) 652-9380 ext. 1045.

### DIABETES 101

**Thursday, March 7 | 6:30 P.M.**

Barbara Goll, Community Educator and Nutritionist from Homeland at Home, will discuss what diabetes is and why is it important to control, how to read nutrition labels to make the best food choices, and how to determine proper portions for blood sugar control. Register at [dcls.org/adulteevents](http://dcls.org/adulteevents) or call (717) 652-9380 ext. 1045.

### HANDS-ON TECH

**Tuesday, March 12 | 6:00 P.M.**

Get hands-on and explore a variety of exciting technology toys. Play with robots, learn to create a circuit, and much, much more! There will be tech toys available for all ages and skill levels. For families with children of all ages. Register at [dcls.org](http://dcls.org) or call (717) 652-9380 ext. 1045.

# 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.

Visit [www.dauphincounty.org](http://www.dauphincounty.org) for more information.



## 2019/2020 Banner Sponsorships Available Now!

Building on the success Paxtang Borough's successful 2014 Centennial street banners, and the 2015/2016 banners, we are continuing the banner program for Paxtang Residents and local businesses who would like to sponsor a banner. The 2019/2020 banners will feature a variety of images celebrating the qualities that make Paxtang a great community. Don't miss out on your opportunity to help us beautify our Borough.

### DETAILS

- More than 40 banner sponsorships will be offered for 2019/2020.
- Each sponsor will have their name prominently displayed on one of the banners on Derry Street or Paxtang Avenue.
- Banners will be prominently displayed on Borough light poles from mid-January through mid-November.
- 100% of sponsorship funds are used to pay for the street banner program.
- Banners may include the sponsor's name and contact info (if applicable).
- Business banners may include the merchants name and phone or address. No products or logos.
- Residents may sponsor by name, in honor of, or in memory of themselves or a loved one.

### COST

- \$250
- 100% of your sponsorship may be tax deductible\*

(\*based on IRS regulations, please consult your tax professional)

### DEADLINE

- Banners are available on a first-come basis only.

### RESERVATIONS

- Please contact Keldeen Stambaugh at (717) 564-4770.



# Paxtang Leaves

## Notes from the Shade Tree Commission

People who live in leafy, green neighborhoods may have a lower risk of developing heart disease and strokes, according to new research published in the *Journal of the American Heart Association*. People who live in neighborhoods with more greenspaces may have better blood vessel health and lower levels of stress, and a lower risk of cardiovascular diseases such as heart attacks, strokes and others.

The trees of Paxtang give the community its character as well as making it a healthful place to live. The Borough has been a Tree City USA for close to 31 years. The Shade Tree Commission looks after the health of the trees. Jeff Shyk is the Chairperson and Jody Wood became a member in 2019. They are seeking one more person to round out the Commission. Please call (717) 564-4770 for information and attend the next meeting, March 20 at 7 P.M. at the Council Chambers. If you

would like to have a tree planted on the street near your home, please let Jeff and Jody know!

The Borough of Paxtang Shade Tree Commission inventories and maintains the Borough trees located between the public sidewalks and the curbs. This Shade Tree Lawn is maintained by the property owner of the parcel, however, the tree is Borough Property and may not be trimmed or removed by any resident. The Shade Tree Commission, Borough Public Works Department and a small group of trained and authorized volunteers, maintain over 600 trees in the borough.

For more information about the Shade Tree Commission, see the "General Code - Ecode" under "Council Documents" or contact the Borough Office at (717) 564-4770 or Shade Tree Commission Chairperson, Darlene Kvaternik.

## Borough Officials Contacts

MAYOR: Sheilah Borne Fuller (717) 558-5926

### COUNCIL:

President: Kathy Bloss (717) 564-7605  
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 Josh Eisner (717) 579-8691

### SWATARA POLICE CHIEF:

Darrell Reider (717) 564-2550

### BOROUGH MANAGER/RIGHT TO KNOW OFFICER:

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 [www.paxtang.org](http://www.paxtang.org)

## 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 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](http://www.paxtang.org) or a copy is available in the Borough Office. Follow us on Facebook and sign up for CodeRed to be sure you get breaking news alerts this winter!

**A big thank you and congratulations to Max Shradley, borough engineer, who recently retired after 29 years of service to Paxtang Borough.**

# 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. Visit us before you start your next project.

## BUILDING PERMITS

State Law and Borough Ordinance requires that the property owner or their Authorized Agent (contractor) must file a building permit application for any proposed new construction, structural repairs, electrical or plumbing work. An example of the above mentioned activities can be found online at [www.paxtang.org](http://www.paxtang.org) under the Codes/Building Permit button. Click on the Building Permit Frequently Asked Questions page. If you are unsure what projects may need a building permit, please contact the office prior to starting any work. For more information and to view all codes of Paxtang go to [www.paxtang.org](http://www.paxtang.org) and click on Codes, Ordinances & Zoning.

## Reminder From Paxtang EMA



Those with impaired sight, hearing, or mobility may have difficulty responding to 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 complete a form found on the Borough Website at [www.paxtang.org/ema](http://www.paxtang.org/ema). This information is updated annually. Please complete the survey even if you have previously completed the survey in prior years. Please contact the Borough Office directly with any questions.

## NEW ADDITION TO THE PAXTANG POST

## HI DE HO NEIGHBOR!

Is there a house in the borough that you think looks especially nice, do you admire someone's landscaping efforts, do you like the way their porch is decorated? Hi Di Ho Neighbor is your opportunity to offer a compliment to your fellow borough residents (even if you don't know them). Send your compliments to [paxtangpost@gmail.com](mailto:paxtangpost@gmail.com). We will print as many as possible. It would be nice if you added your name, but it's not mandatory.

Many thanks to all Paxtang residents who took time to decorate their homes for the holidays. The spirit of the season shines bright in Paxtang!



## Paxtang Lions Club

The Paxtang Lions stand ready and able to serve the local community through the efforts of our club members and with the help of many sponsors and individual donors.

Throughout the years the Club has worked to provide funding and support to programs for the visually impaired, Paxtang Borough events, volunteer firefighters, youth sports programs, the PA Lions Beacon Lodge and many other worthy programs and organizations that serve many needs.

### MEETINGS:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6:30 P.M.
- Paxton Presbyterian Church  
3500 Sharon Street  
Harrisburg, PA.

*During the summer months meetings are held outdoors at the Paxtang Boro Saussman Park pavilion.*

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## EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

*Don't miss important information.*

Visit **Paxtang.org** to add your cell phone, VOIP or other phone number to the Paxtang Borough Alert system or call the borough office. Receive notifications of important information for borough residents.

## PAXTANG BOROUGH OFFICE

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**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
The first and third Tuesdays of the month, we are open until 6:00 p.m.

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