

PAXTANG POST

April / May / June

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Message from the Mayor

Fellow Paxtang residents,

I want to personally extend an invitation to all of the Paxtang community to enlist your help.

Our elected officials, staff and volunteers are all passionate about serving Paxtang Borough. Daily we all strive to do everything we can to make Paxtang a great place to live, work and raise a family. However, government works best when all residents participate.

Do you have any concerns, suggestions or comments with how the direction of Paxtang is going? We want to hear from you. There are many ways that you can get involved in helping to make our community better.

The easiest and best way is to come to Council

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meetings, Borough Council meets the first Tuesday of every month for a workshop meeting and the third Tuesday of every month for a Council Meeting. Both are open to the public and start at 7:00PM in the Borough Building.

If you can't make it to a meeting, go to our Facebook page, our website or even talk to one of your elected officials who are all your neighbors. We hope to hear from you soon and see you around the Borough.

- Mayor Sheilah Borne Fuller

Events This Quarter:

Tuesday, April 18th

Borough Council Meeting & Public Hearing 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 2th

Borough Council Workshop 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 16th

Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm

Tuesday, June 6th

Borough Council Workshop 7:00pm

Tuesday, June 20th

Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm

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

Recent Appointments

Paxtang Borough Council recently appointed Sheilah Borne Fuller as Mayor and David Gui as Councilman. Mayor Borne Fuller has lived in Paxtang with her family for over ten years and had previously served on Council. Sheilah currently works at Penn State Hershey Medical Center.

Councilman David Gui and his wife have lived in Paxtang for over two decades. David is currently retired from the PA Army National Guard with over 38 years' total military service, currently he works at the State Department of the Disabled American Veterans.

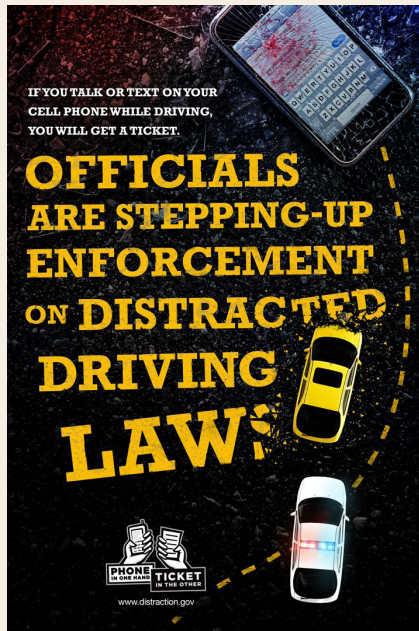
On The Beat

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 will be participating in the statewide Aggressive Driver detail from March 20th through April 30th. These details allow officers to target problem areas and enforce aggressive driving violations. Aggressive Driving includes violations such as speeding, texting while driving, stop sign violations, tailgating and others. Seat belt violations will also be enforced. Remember, always arrive alive by driving safe.

Aggressive driving behaviors include speeding, tailgating and running red lights.



- Motorists are reminded of the state's anti-texting while driving law. It is a primary offense for any driver to use an Interactive Wireless Communication Device (IWCD) to send, read or write a text-based communication while his or her vehicle is in motion.

- Enhanced penalties for distracted driving crashes in Pennsylvania were recently enacted. Driver's texting while driving can receive up to 5 years in prison if the violation resulted in the death of another person. A texting while driving crash that causes serious bodily injury could land the driver

up to a two-year sentence.

- Motorists are also reminded to buckle up. Police will watch for violations of the state's seat belt laws.

Borough Announces Addition to Annual Memorial Day Weekend Celebration

Thanks to the generous support of local business sponsors, and funds generated through the sale of banner advertisements championed by Don Follett and Karl Rapp, the Borough will be expanding its annual Memorial Day festivities.

NEW! Sunday, 5/28 - OUTDOOR MOVIE

Join us at Saussaman Park for an outdoor family-friendly movie under the stars. Keep an eye on the Borough's Facebook page for more details.

Monday May 29 at Noon: Annual Memorial Day Picnic

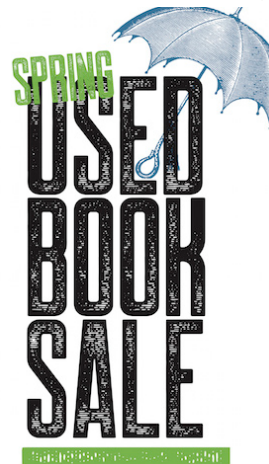
A ceremony honoring our veterans begins the event followed by food, bingo, fire truck rides and other activities. Don't miss out on this great event.

Both events are free to Borough Residents!

FRIENDS OF KLEIN LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Paxtang Municipal Building will again host the pre-read Spring Book Sale benefitting the Kline Branch of the Dauphin County Library System. The

sale is Thursday and Friday, April 27 and 28 from 10AM – 7PM, and Saturday April 29 from 10AM – 2PM. The traditional bag sale begins Friday at 4 and continues through Saturday. Fill a bag for \$5.00 with fiction, non-fiction, gardening, art, sports, crafts, audio books, music CDs, DVDs, and more! We'll see you there!



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.

DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE:

Residents are reminded that there is no dumping/disposal of yard waste in any public areas including but not limited to the Greenbelt, the Paxtang Commons, the lower field, Saussaman park, or the creeks. This includes grass clipping and trimmings.

Disposal of yard waste in any of the above locations is considered illegal dumping and may result in a citation or fine. Dumping in these areas not only creates an eyesore for your neighbors, but it also can create violations of the Borough's obligations under its MS4 permit from DEP by contaminating storm water runoff.

Yard waste may be composted on your personal property, put out as part of your regular trash collection, or taken to the green-cycling center behind the Harrisburg Mall. One day or season-long permits for the green-cycling center (April 1 - October 31st) may be obtained for a nominal fee from the Swatara Township Office located on Eisenhower Boulevard. The center is open Monday - Saturdays.

Here and Now:

Updates and reminders from the Borough Office:

2017 Community Yard Sale Dates:

Please join us on Saturday, June 10 and Saturday, September 9 for the Paxtang community-wide yard sales; these are free to residents, and no permit is required. The Borough provides specific advertising to help get the word out for these two annual dates. The yard sale is held rain or shine. Please remember that if you wish to have a yard sale on any other date during the year, a permit is required. The yard sale permit fee is \$10 and can be obtained at the Borough Office.

Extended Borough Office Hours:

As an additional service to residents who may need to stop by the Borough Office after normal office hours for permits, questions, or other assistance, the Borough office will remain open until 6:00PM on the first and third Tuesdays of every month on a trial basis through September. This will coincide with the monthly Borough Council workshop and Council meetings. Office hours during all other times of the month will remain unchanged. As a reminder the office is closed on State and Federal holidays.

2017 Municipal Primary:

The 2017 Municipal Primary election will take place on Tuesday, May 16th. The office of Mayor and several Borough Council Seats will be on the ballot. Polls will be open from 7:00AM to 8:00PM at the Paxtang Municipal Building. New residents, or those needing to update their registration must do so by April

17th in order to be eligible to vote in the May 16th primary. To register online or for more information, go to: www.Votespa.com or contact Dauphin County Elections and Voter Registration at (717) 780-6360.

Street Sweeping Dates:

Street sweeping will take place on the following dates. Residents will be reminded prior to each date that vehicles should be moved where possible to allow sweeping to take place from curb to curb.

May 1-2

July 10-11

Sept 11-12

Emergency Alert Notification System Transition:

Beginning in May, the Borough will be transitioning to a new provider for automated phone alerts when our current contract for Code Red expires. The new provider is integrated with Dauphin County EMA and is available to the borough at a significant cost savings. Land line numbers will be transferred automatically to the new system, but residents will need to re-register any cell or business numbers. Please watch for additional information on the Borough's Facebook page or website later this spring.





The Paxtang Historical Society was honored to have 90 year old Chuck Kline of Lower Paxton Township speak to us on April 3rd about his experiences as a Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class on board the USS Wasatch AGC 9, an Amphibious Force Command flagship that participated in several major battle campaigns in the western Pacific during WWII. Chuck served on board the USS Wasatch from May 10, 1944, to May 22, 1946. Born on January 25, 1927, he was only 17 years old when he started

PHS Hosts WWII Veteran

his naval service in the far Pacific during WWII.

Chuck's duties as a coxswain were to steer and maintain a LCVF landing craft, or Higgins boat. These landing craft are well known for WWII beach invasions loaded with soldiers and marines. The USS Wasatch Amphibious Command flagship was commissioned on May 20, 1944, and departed Norfolk, Virginia, for the western Pacific on June 26, 1944. The ship was decommissioned in San Diego on August 30, 1946.

Chuck was on the USS Wasatch ACG 9 for its entire naval mission. Mr Kline enlisted on March 14,

1944, trained at the U.S. Naval Training Station, Bainbridge MD, from March 15 to April 10, 1944, then at the U.S. Naval Training Station in Newport, Rhode Island, from April 10 to May 10, 1944.

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*

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.

From the Tax Collector:

F. Joseph Spackman, Tax Collector

Completed Applications and payment for 2017 Business Privilege Licenses were due by January 31, 2017. If you are conducting a business or own a rental property in the Borough of Paxtang you are required to obtain a BPL for each business and a license for each rental property.

• Borough Ordinance No. 470, "Section 3-2001 et seq., of the Code of Ordinances," provides that any person desiring to conduct or to continue to conduct any business, engage in the home and or apartment rental within the Borough of Paxtang, shall file with the Borough Tax Collector an application for a BUSINESS PRIVILEGE LICENSE and shall pay a fee of FIFTEEN

(\$15.00) DOLLARS for EACH license.

• In cases where more than one place of business is conducted, a separate license shall be issued for each place of business and for each rental property.

• The license shall be conspicuously posted in the place of business for which the license is issued and shall remain in effect for the license year January 1 to December 31 of the year of issue.

• Any person who conducts, transacts or engages in any of the businesses subject to the Business Privilege Tax imposed by this article without first having secured a business privilege license for the year, or any person who fails to file a tax return as

required by this article, or any person who willfully files a false return, shall be guilty of an offense and, for every such offense, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$600 and costs of prosecution and, in default of payment of fine and costs, to undergo imprisonment for not more than 30 days.

• 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.

Tax Collector Hours:

May 24-26 & 31 3 to 6 pm
Other weeks, Weds 3 to 6 pm
& By appt, closed holidays.



Paxtang Lions Club

2017 Golf Tournament

The 6th Annual Paxtang Lions Club Amateur Golf Tournament will be held Friday, May 19, 2017 at the Fairview Golf Course in Lebanon, PA. The tournament is a four player scramble format. Entry fees are:

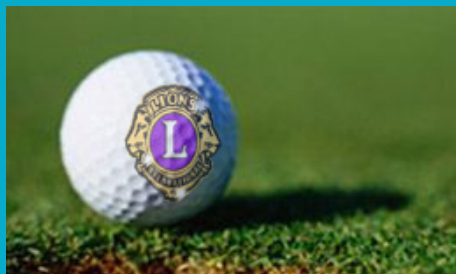
\$70.00 Per Player

\$280.00 Per Team

Your fee includes: post tournament lunch buffet, catered by Quentin Tavern, green fees, cart, refreshments, team prizes, and door prizes.

Proceeds benefit local sight programs, Leo Club, and various Lion projects in Central Pennsylvania.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information contact Paul Morcom at 644-7871.



Join Us!

Interested in learning more about the Lions Club? Join us the 2nd & 4th Thursday, 6:30 PM at Paxton Presbyterian Church 3500 Sharon Street. In the summer months meetings are held at the Saussman Park pavilion.

Stormwater Protection

PA Department of Environmental Protection

Rain by nature is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreation, and healthy wildlife habitats. It only becomes a problem when pollutants from our activities like car maintenance, lawn care, and dog walking are left on the ground for rain to wash away. Here are some of the most important ways to prevent storm water pollution:

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint—never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in storm water runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles.
- Implement storm water management on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather—a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess—in a backyard or at the park—storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.
- Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak.

Stormwater

WHERE DOES IT GO AND WHAT CAN WASH INTO IT?

Gutters and drains take rainwater from our streets straight into canals (like this one), rivers, bays and the sea. When it rains, stormwater runoff can carry pollution from around our homes and streets into the waterways we fish and swim in and where plants and animals live.

We can all help prevent stormwater pollution with just a little bit of effort.

Take all your rubbish home and dispose of it thoughtfully (including cigarette butts).

Wash your car on the lawn to stop detergents polluting stormwater.

Pick up your dog's droppings so you don't end up swimming with them later!

Cover piles of soil, sand and mulch to stop them washing into drains. Soil can silt up waterways and suffocate fish.

Sweep up leaves and grass clippings from paved areas and gutters. Excess plant material in waterways uses up oxygen as it decays, starving fish and water plants.

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Programming Highlights for Kline Library:

Author Visit: Rick Kearns

Wednesday, April 12th at 6:30 pm

Rick Kearns has had work published in Drum Voices Revue, The Patterson Review, Big Hammer and many other journals. Some of his work deals with his Puerto Rican heritage, including some work exploring his Taino ancestry. Rick has also been a journalist for 25 years, publishing over 200 articles about indigenous Latin America in "Indian Country Today Media Network".

Family High Tea

Tuesday, May 2nd 4pm

As the Mad Hatter said, "It's always tea time." Bring the family and learn about the customs and traditions of high tea. Sample tea and biscuits while you listen to stories and make a craft. Program length: 60 minutes. Registration limit: 30. Families with children of all ages are welcome. Visit dcls.org to register and learn more about this and free events available at the library. We're open for discovery!



Arbor Day is Friday, April 28, and the Shade Tree Commission (STC) will partner with the fifth graders at Paxtang Elementary School, the Principal and their teachers, Miss Bothell and Mrs. Harrar, for an Arbor Day Celebration at 10:30. Mayor Bourne Fuller will issue a proclamation of Arbor Day. The public is invited, and it's always a joy to see the students display their posters, recite sayings about trees, and mulch a newly planted tree.

Mulch is an important part of tree culture. It's wise to have a good perimeter of mulch around young trees so that lawn mowers and weed wackers do not cause damage. Mulch should not actually contact the tree bark; if it is too high above the line where tree

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 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.

Paxtang Leaves

Notes from the Shade Tree Commission

meets soil, mold can result.

Eighteen trees will be planted in April, and residents have agreed to fill "gator bags" weekly to keep the trees watered during the hot months. Two of the trees are planted to honor previous residents.

The next STC meeting will be Wednesday, May 24 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers. There will be discussion of trees that may require pruning or removal and best trees for planting. Please contact the Borough Office if you have issues to discuss.

Volunteering, caring for trees, and donating honors trees are ways everyone in Paxtang can help maintain the tree-lined character that makes Paxtang so pleasant.

Borough Officials Contacts:

MAYOR: Sheilah Borne Fuller 717-558-5926

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 President Pro-Tem: Ray Patackis 717-561-1250
 David Gui 717-576-3141
 Chris Spackman 717-379-2530
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Jason Umberger 717-564-2550

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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

Spring Clean Up

Please keep in mind the following tips to ensure you are in compliance with Borough Property Maintenance Ordinances.

- Weeds and grass must be maintained at a maximum height of 9 inches. Trees/shrubs should not hang into a street or alley any lower than 12 feet and may not intrude into the sidewalk area from the ground up to 7'.
- House numbers must be prominently displayed on the front of a house with 4" easy read numbers on a contrasting background.
- Downspouts and gutters must be kept unclogged, clear of debris and vegetation and in functioning condition. Water may not be discharged off the property.
- Furniture designed for indoor use should not be placed on the front yard/porch. Stuffed furniture can draw and harbor rodents.
- Maintenance of public sidewalks and curbs in public areas, along your property line, are the financial responsibility of the individual property owner.
- Shade trees, typically found between a public sidewalk and the street, are only to be trimmed/removed by the shade tree commission or those certified and approved by STC.



E-CYCLING: IS Required by Law in PA

DID YOU KNOW? PA requires residents dispose of electronics such as TVs, phones, radios, computers, printers and more via e-cycling? Most items can be disposed of free of charge at the Dauphin County Recycling Center.

Electronic discards include computers, monitors, televisions, audio equipment, printers, and other electronic devices. Consumer electronic products are characterized by rapidly evolving technology and a relatively short product life. Advances in technology for all electronic equipment, particularly cell phones, soon renders them obsolete. The average lifespan of a computer is about three to four years. Items that break are often not repaired due to the relatively low price of new equipment. When the equipment breaks or becomes obsolete, it is often discarded into the waste stream.

Given the sheer volume of obsolete electronics and the hazardous materials they may contain, consumers are encouraged to seek environmentally safe recycling when their electronics reach the end of its useful life.

Where can I take my electronic devices for recycling?

Many electronic items such as cell phones, computers and televisions can be recycled at local retailers that sell the items. As of Jan. 1, 2012, the CDRA requires that retailers of computers, computer monitors and televisions provide customers with information on how and where to recycle these devices. You can also continue to recycle your electronics at local municipal or county recycling events.

DEP maintains lists of various electronics recycling opportunities and collection locations on its website including county, municipal, non-profit, and retailer and manufacturer sponsored collection programs. To view the current list, visit www.depweb.state.pa.us and select 'Electronics Recycling' from the 'DEP Programs A - Z' menu. Residents can also contact the Commonwealth's Recycling Hotline at 1-800-346-4242.

NEW FACES / NEW PLACES

Business News and Updates

The Borough welcomes Dr. Lauren Crescenzi as the new Veterinarian at Derry Animal Hospital. Dr. Crescenzi, her husband David, and three children recently took over the practice from Dr. Schenk, who recently retired after serving the pets and people of the Borough for the past 37 years.

Dr. Crescenzi and staff are committed to continuing in the tradition of excellent, family-oriented, cost-conscious veterinary care for years to come. She looks forward to serving the community and for the opportunity to work



with each and every client and patient at Derry Animal Hospital. Derry Animal Hospital recently launched its very own in-house lab testing which allows cost-effective method to get lab results quickly and help carry out a diagnostic and treatment plan best suited to your pet's needs. Plans

are in place to add digital radiology and ultrasound services

later this year.

Derry Animal Hospital is now serving residents with extended hours:

M,T,TH,F: 8am - 7pm

Sat: 8am-12pm

Weds: 8am - 2pm (office only)

717-564-4470

Visit derryanimalhospitalhbg.com to learn more about the staff and

the services offered to care for your companion animals right here in Paxtang!



The Borough also welcomes a new custom framing business located in the rear of 3428 Derry Street (entrance off Elm Street). Proprietor Rob Burton is now offering quality custom framing services at affordable prices right here in Paxtang. Hours are by appointment, so contact Rob directly at 717-574-3551 to set up time to discuss your next custom framing project, and support our local businesses! #PaxtangProud

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