

PAXTANG POST

October / November / December

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Borough Plans Holiday Celebrations for 2015

Fall is in the air and the Holiday Season is already in full swing! The season kicks off with the 78th Annual Paxtang Lion's Club Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 27 from 7-9pm. Don't miss your chance to get in on the action by registering your group at www.paxtangparade.com. You must register in advance.

HOLIDAY



2015

HALLOWEEN PARADE ROUTE: 30th & Derry east to Wilhelm, north to Montour, west to Paxtang Avenue, south to Derry, west to the Municipal Building. Residents along the parade route are encouraged to leave outside lights on. Parade forms at 6:30pm and start time is 7:00pm. The siren will sound to indicate the parade will form. No siren, no parade. Hot on the heels of the Halloween Parade is your one chance of the year to send your kids door-to-door to solicit goodies and treats without a solicitation permit... otherwise known as Trick-or-Treat. We're betting on "Treats". The event falls on October 29th and will take place from 6pm - 8pm.

We'll celebrate Thanksgiving with our families, and then it will be time to officially ring in the Christmas season with the annual Lions Club Holiday Tree lighting on December 6th. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and website for more details. As always treats will be served after a brief program, and Santa may even stop by!

Additional Events This Quarter:

Tuesday, October 20th

Council Meeting 7:00pm

Tuesday, November 3

Election Day 7am - 8pm

Tuesday, November 3

Borough Council Workshop 7:00pm

Tuesday, November 17

Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm

Tuesday, December 1st

Borough Council Workshop 7:00pm

Tuesday, December 15

Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm

Visit paxtang.org for the full calendar of events.

Town Hall Meeting 10/20



The Annual Town Hall Meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, October 20th at Paxton Presbyterian Church. All Borough Residents are encouraged to come out and let your voice be heard by your elected representatives. An initial overview of the

2016 Borough budget will be presented. This is a great opportunity to see just where your tax dollars go and what it takes to keep the Borough up and running. This is your chance to provide feedback and input in the budget process. In addition, we will be covering important information regarding the Borough's storm water management (MS4) plans for 2016 and beyond. We hope to see you there!

Leaf Collection

2015 Dates Set

Leaf collection for 2015 will begin on the west side of the Borough the week October 19st and will alternate sides each week, weather permitting:

- Week 1 October 19th - 23rd: West Side (Testing)
- Week 2 October 26th - October 30st: East Side (Testing)
- Week 3 November 2th - 6th: West Side
- Week 4 November 9th - 13th: East Side
- Week 5 November 16th - 20st: West Side
- Week 6 November 23rd- 27th: East Side
- Week 7 Nov 30th - Dec 4th: Both sides as needed.

Please place your leaves at the curb but do not rake leaves into the street. Please wait until your designated week to help minimize the chance of having any large wet piles of leaves standing for extended periods should any foul weather occur before Public Works has a chance to get to your area. Remember to pick out branches and trash to prevent damage or clogs to the machine. Leaf collection is provided at no additional cost to Borough Residents, and leaves are recycled for garden mulch.

USED BOOKS

Sale raises money for Library Friends

November 12-14 the Paxtang Municipal Building will host the annual used book sale benefitting the Friends of Kline Library. Hours are Thurs. 11/12 10am-8pm; Fri. 11/13, 10am - 7pm; and Saturday 11/14, 10am - 2pm. Friday beginning at 4pm and all day Saturday is the traditional "Bag Sale", so grab a bag and stop in and fill it with books. Wed evening 11/11 from 5-7pm is set aside for the Kline Friends Members Preview. But bring \$10 Weds night and you can join on the spot giving you first crack at the books and materials.



The twice yearly sale and memberships are the source of the non-profit "Friends" funding. Monies raised are used to support the activities of the Kline Branch of the DCLS. Come on by and say hello! We talk books and would love to send you home with a few!

FOODBORNE ILLNESS ACTION PLAN *Suzanne Yeager, RN - Local Health Official*

One in six people will come down with a foodborne illness each year. Symptoms from a foodborne illness may develop anywhere from 20 minutes to 6 weeks after ingesting contaminated food.

If you are feeling ill and are concerned that you may have a foodborne illness, you need to consider doing something about it. Symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and fever.

First – Contact your doctor, describe your symptoms, and obtain treatment, as needed.

Second – Preserve the food you feel may have

caused your illness. Wrap it securely, label it to say "DANGER", and freeze it. Depending upon your diagnosis, the saved food may be used to diagnose your illness and prevent others from getting ill.



Third – Save all the packaging materials, such as cans or cartons. Write down the food type, date & time consumed, and when onset of symptoms occurred.

Fourth – Call your local health office to report the incident and follow the instructions you are given. Paxtang Borough: 717-564-4770 or the Dauphin County State Health

Center: 717- 787- 8093.

KNOW THE CODE

Ed Wenger - Borough Codes Officer

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.

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

Top 10 Winter Prep Tips

Preventative maintenance helps to avoid costly emergency repairs and ensures your property stays up to Borough Code.

- 1. Check for peeling paint.** Peeling paint may be a sign that the existing paint is failing and not protecting the building from water infiltration.
- 2. Switch out your HVAC filter.**
- 3. Flush the water heater.** Flushing helps control the buildup of mineral deposits resulting in a more efficient heater.
- 4. Service oil or gas heating appliances.**
- 5. Cover or remove window air conditioners.** Remove units from windows or wrap the outside box with a tarp or plastic air conditioner cover.
- 6. Inspect the roof.** Replace missing or damaged shingles and reseal any missing or damaged flashings.
- 7. Trim trees and landscape.** Trees shrubs or vegetation should not intrude into the sidewalk area.
- 8. Inspect the chimney.** Always have your chimney inspected for cleaning and repairs before lighting the first fire of the season.
- 9. Clean gutters.** A gutter cleaning will help avoid damage from the buildup of snow or ice.
- 10. Test Smoke Alarms.** Ensure that all smoke alarms are in working order, and replace batteries when setting back your clocks for Daylight Savings time.

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.



Lenker Manor / Paxtang Women's Club

Sue Shebosky, Publicity Chair

The LMPWC is pleased to announce the 2015-2016 Officers:

Sally Zedonis, President
Janet Lackey, Vice-President
Donna Frye, Secretary
Bonnie Snodgrass, Treasurer

Lenker Manor – Paxtang Women's Club will hold their October meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 9:30 am. The meeting will be held at the Paxton Presbyterian Church on Progress Ave. and is open to the public.

The program features Corporal Brandon Pokrop from the Swatara

Township Police Department. Cpl. Pokrop was recognized in his department as the 2013 Officer of the Year for his many accomplishments including the creation of the Swatara Police 5K Hero Run, Bicycle Rodeo and Citizens Police Academy. In addition, Cpl. Pokrop oversees the planning of the Township's National Night Out, regularly teaches students through the departments T.E.A.M. program and oversees the Bicycle Unit.

We are fortunate to have Corporal Pokrop at our October meeting where he will present an informative program on Home

& Personal Safety including suggestions on how to protect yourself from Identity Theft.

The monthly program will be preceded by a brunch and followed by a business meeting. For more information, please call 564-4768.

Save the Date! The LMPWC "April in Paris" Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show will be held Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Best Western Premier Hotel & Conference Center on East Park Drive. Fashions by White House/Black Market. For ticket information, call Linda Flowers at 564-4768.

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Stay informed.

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On Twitter: @PaxtangBorough
On Facebook: Paxtang-Pa

Freedom Guard Brings New Recreation Options To Paxtang

Freedom Indoor Color Guard and Dance team will be holding registration starting Thursday Oct 1st until Oct 30th for female and males interested in performing on a Indoor Winter Color Guard team.

The team will be holding practice sessions in the Borough Gym this Fall. The team is an independent non-profit unit made up of students from many area schools and is open for new members from the Paxtang community.

Any one interested in becoming



a member of either a Junior Color Guard (ages 5 yr to 12 yrs) NO experience necessary, - a Class A Color Guard (ages 13 yrs to 21 yrs) NO experience necessary, - a World Guard (age 16 yrs and up WITH PRIOR experience) or a competitive

Dance Team (ages 5 yrs to 21 yrs) should contact Jamie or Helene at freedom_guard@aol.com to hear all the details, or visit our website to learn more <https://sites.google.com/site/freedomguardpa/>. We'd love to have you join the team!

Paxtang Historical Society Events

Shirley Grunden - PHS President

PHS events are open to members and non-members. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming events:

DECEMBER OUTING:

The Paxtang Historical Society will once again sponsor a special Decemberoutingtoalocalhistorical site. Details about the trip will be available on the PHS website at paxtanghistoricalsociety.org.



If you would like to join PHS, Membership fees are as follows: Individual (Annual) \$5.00, Family (Annual) \$10.00, Lifetime Member \$50.00.

A limited number of Paxtang Commemorative Books are still available. This project has been a true labor of love, and tells the stories of Paxtang's first 100 years in both photos and stories drawn from oral histories of Paxtang Residents. We also still have several Paxtang Centennial items including yard flags, t-shirts, bags, and even Christmas ornaments available. See any PHS member to place an order. Stay tuned for the second volume of Paxtang Memories coming soon!

Winter Storm Deicing: Impacting our Waterways

Max Shradley - Borough Engineer

Salt and sand are two traditional materials used in winter maintenance to combat snow and ice.

Impacts of Salt and Sand

Many people do not realize that salt and sand have hidden impacts that can detract from their overall effectiveness.

Similarly, sand can:

- Bury the aquatic floor life, fill in habitats, and cloud the water
- Erode the stream banks and landscapes
- Cause premature deterioration of floor surfaces



Even when applied in relatively small quantities, salt can:

- Deplete the oxygen supply needed by aquatic animals and plants
- Leach into the ground and change the soil composition
- Leach into the groundwater, contaminating sources of drinking water
- Deteriorate paved surfaces, buildings, infrastructures, and the environment

Lose its effectiveness after becoming embedded in snow and ice

- Enter catch basins, storm drains, and surface waters if it is not swept up each spring
- Contribute to plugged storm drains, which can cause flooding

More environmentally friendly alternatives to sodium chloride are acetates, potassium chloride, or magnesium chloride.

(Source: University of Michigan)

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Federal Clean Water Act: Paxtang Borough is responsible for complying with all the mandates of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). We recently learned that Paxtang is in line to be audited with no date given. Some of the municipalities in Central Pennsylvania have been audited and were fined as much as \$80,000, for not fully complying with EPA rules.

Our streets handle any rain runoff in the Borough and channel it to the storm water inlets. The rain also carries everything that runs off our roofs, grass cuttings, sediment, debris in the streets and chemicals in or on the asphalt. From the storm drain, the water and everything that runs into the outlet travels to the creeks and into the river. This can also cause flooding, erosion, changes in stream flow, infrastructure damage and many other problems.

The EPA requires municipalities to correct these issues or face stiff fines. The Borough takes this very seriously and has been planning the necessary actions to comply. We are considering the following items:

- Using educational displays in public areas and businesses to promote Clean Water
- Add more manpower to Storm Water Management
- Prevent or manage sediment runoff
- Provide more street cleaning
- Maintaining our storm water inlets
- Ordinances to prevent grass cuttings and debris from being dumped into the street

Join us at the Town Hall Meeting on 10/20 to learn more and get engaged. The decisions impact all of Paxtang's residents and businesses.



2015 EXHIBIT AND SALE SCHEDULED 11/20 - 11/22

The Paxtang Art Association Annual November Exhibit and Sale is scheduled for the weekend before Thanksgiving and includes over 2,000 pieces of one-of-a-kind art ranging in price from \$5 to \$500. The show is held in the gym at the Borough Building on the following schedule:

- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20th: 10:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M.
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st: 10:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd: 10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

Come out and support the Arts in our community!



Tree lined streets are what attracted many of us to make our homes in Paxtang. The Commission keeps an inventory of the Borough's trees, attends to issues regarding existing trees, assesses sites for new planting, and approves trees for removal as necessary.

The Commission currently has an open seat and is looking for a Borough Resident who would be willing to volunteer to serve on this important board. No prior knowledge of trees or tree care is required. The Commission is charged with approving tree removal and tree planting throughout the borough, and helps to coordinate the ongoing care of our Urban Forest.

The next Shade Tree Commission meeting is scheduled for October 14th at 7pm at the Borough Building. We will be reviewing the current list of trees for removal, and identifying possible locations for planting trees in 2016. This meeting is open to the public, and all Residents are invited to attend.

The Shade Tree Commission will host a table at the Paxtang Recycles event on October 10th. If you'd like to learn more about serving on the Commission or helping with annual tree-care, please stop by and chat with us! We'll also have information available about the Honor Tree Program which give you an opportunity to plant a living memorial for your loved one.

Residents who would like to become members of the Shade Tree Commission are encouraged to contact Darlene Kvaternik, 343-9426.

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Swatara Township Police Department



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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st 9:30AM

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DONATIONS NEEDED!

Replacing a working fridge or freezer this fall? Need to find a home for your old one? The Borough is in need of working fridges and freezers to replace the appliances at the upper field pavilion. Call the Borough Office if you have one to donate. Donations must be in good condition.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers 15yrs old and older are needed to help support your local fire

company. No experience necessary. Call

717-564-0520 or stop by the Firehouse!



**Susquehanna
Township
Emergency Medical Services**

2014-2015 Memberships available now.
Can't find the application that mailed to you? Visit susquehannatwpems.com or call 717-545-0842 and one will be mailed out.



FALL BACK!

Clocks are set back on Sunday, November 1st.

Be sure to also change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors.

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.

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.

REMINDER: CodeRED

Before winter storms arrive, take time to sign up for Paxtang's instant notification system

WHAT IS CodeRED?

The Borough of Paxtang is now using **CodeRED**, a high-speed mass notification system to keep you safe in the event of an emergency. The system allows us to deliver emergency messages to you via phone call to your landline or mobile device and through text and email. You will know you have received a **CodeRED** alert when the number 866-419-5000 (Emergency Notification) or 855-969-4636 (General Notification) appears on your caller ID. If you missed any message details, you can always dial the toll-free number back, as many times as needed.

HOW WILL IT BE USED?

CodeRED will be used for messages in emergency situations and to keep you informed of important notifications. These are just a few examples of why we may use **CodeRED**:

- BOIL WATER NOTICES

- CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
- ROAD CLOSURES
- FIRES
- FLOODS
- MISSING PERSONS
- SNOW EMERGENCIES

CodeRED QUICK FACTS

- The system is geographically based, alerting only residents in the affected area.
- Citizens may select how they would like to receive alerts: phone call, text and/or email
- Emergency alerts are issued by The Borough of Paxtang
- Registering for **CodeRED** is free and simple.
- The **CodeRED** Mobile Alert App can be downloaded onto your smartphone for free from iTunes or Google Play

Residents free of charge. The secure sign up page will allow you to enter your home and/or business address to ensure it will be included when a message is sent.

Follow these simple steps to register for **CodeRED**:

- Visit <http://www.paxtang.org>
- Click the CodeRED icon
- Enter all required fields
- Download the mobile app

If you do not have Internet access, you can sign up for **CodeRED** by visiting The Borough Office at 3423 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

Note: Listed phone numbers have been pre-loaded by the system. To receive text or cell phone calls you must enroll your mobile number.



Keeping citizens informed.

Sign-up for CodeRED

CodeRED is provided to Borough



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