At the Paxtang Borough reorganization meeting, Judge Mike Smith officially swore in to office Mayor Sheilah Borne Fuller. Mayor Borne Fuller then swore in Council members David Gui, Jack Thomas and Bonnie Pugliese, Tax Collector F. Joseph Spackman and Shea Saman as Auditor. Paxtang Auditor E. Denny Beaver, who was absent from the meeting will be sworn in at a later date.

At the meeting, Kathy Bloss was elected by members of Council as President, Chris Spackman as Vice-President and Jack Thomas as President Pro Tem.

Prior to the meeting previous Borough Council President, Nate Martin announced his resignation from council, creating a vacancy on Borough Council. Other vacancies in Paxtang include an Auditor position.

Events This Quarter:

**Tuesday, February 6th**
Borough Council Workshop 7:00pm

**Tuesday, February 20th**
Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm

**Tuesday, March 6th**
Borough Council Workshop 7:00pm

**Tuesday, March 20th**
Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm

**Tuesday, April 3rd**
Borough Council Workshop 7:00pm

View the full schedule of activities online at [www.paxtang.org](http://www.paxtang.org).

**STAY IN CONTACT**

**Borough Office:**
(717) 564-4770
Paxtang.org
@Paxtang

**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: [http://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.
Police Coverage for Paxtang Borough is provided by the Swatara Township Police Department under a joint municipal agreement.

The Swatara Township Police Department is proud to announce that they are bringing back the K-9 Unit to Swatara Township.

The Police Department is looking for the community's support to help fund this initiative. Their goal is to raise $40,000 which will go towards funding a new dog, training and necessary supplies for the K-9 Unit.

The new police K-9 unit will aid the department in various ways to include assisting the patrol division with investigations, drug searches, missing children/persons, school searches, criminal apprehensions, article searches and community outreach programs. A K-9 is an invaluable tool to any police department and they are very excited to see this program return to Swatara Township.

Please consider donating to this worthy cause and help spread the word about this endeavor.

With your help and support we know we can get this program up and running in no time and sustain it for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration and please donate today https://www.gofundme.com/swatara-township-police-k9-unit!

NOTES FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

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

- BPL Forms can be found on www.paxtang.org under Services, or please contact the Paxtang Borough Tax Collector F. Joseph Spackman, at 717-561-9839.

- Please use the Paxtang website to print off your BPL application and mail your application and $15.00 payment.

- Borough code provides for penalties of up to $600 and/or imprisonment for operating a Business without the required Business Privilege License.

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED your 2018 property taxes will be mailed out starting February 1st. If you do not receive them by mid-February please contact the tax collector.

Tax Collector
F. Joseph Spackman
3408 Rutherford Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111
(717) 561-9839 • jspack01@verizon.net

Office hours: Every Wednesday 3:00pm to 6:00pm and by appointment. (Closed on holidays)

Note: Taxes may be dropped off/placed in a locked box located outside the tax collectors office door, at any time.
KNOW THE CODE

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.

SNOW REMOVAL:
Sidewalks should be clear 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. If you expect to be away or physically unable, please make arrangements with a friend or neighbor to take care of you sidewalks if you are unable to do so.

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 at 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 and click on Codes, Ordinances & Zoning

STAY WARM & SAVE
HOME HEATING TIPS FOR RESIDENTS

Heating your home uses more energy and costs more money than any other system in your home -- typically making up about 42% of your utility bill.

No matter what kind of heating system you have in your house, you can save money and increase your comfort by properly maintaining and upgrading your equipment.

By combining proper equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing, and thermostat settings, you can save about 30% on your energy bill while reducing environmental emissions.

HEATING TIPS:

• Set your programmable thermostat as low as is comfortable in the winter and lower the set point when you’re sleeping or away from home.

• Clean or replace filters on furnaces once a month or as recommended.

• Clean warm-air registers, baseboard heaters, and radiators as needed; make sure they’re not blocked by furniture, carpeting, or drapes.

• Eliminate trapped air from hot water radiators once or twice a season; if unsure about how to perform this task, contact a professional.

• Place heat-resistant radiator reflectors between exterior walls and the radiators.

• Turn off kitchen, bath, and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after you are done cooking or bathing.

• During winter, keep the draperies and shades on your south-facing windows open during the day to allow the sunlight to enter your home and closed at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

Upgrading your home heating or cooling system in 2018? The US Department of Energy partners with PPL Electric to offer multiple rebate programs for homeowners.

Visit https://energy.gov/savings and search PA and filter by “Residential” to view programs available to you.
The Paxtang Shade Tree Commission will be looking at new trees to be planted and removed this year. The Commission will also be conducting routine inspection of trees and ground level pruning.

A number of unhealthy trees were removed this past year and new ones were planted. Residents can arrange to have an honors tree planted to recognize a happy event in the family or someone who has passed away. The fee of $250.00 includes the tree, plaque and certificate.

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

Please let us know if you’d like to have a shade tree at your property this spring, or if you’d like to arrange for an Honors Tree to be planted in memory or honor of a loved one.

The Paxtang Shade Tree Commission is comprised of volunteers from the community who give their time to tend to Paxtang’s urban forest. Volunteer members maintain an inventory of all the trees in the Borough, decide which trees to plant and which to remove, conduct regular pruning and maintenance to ensure the health of the trees and safety of Borough residents.

Paxtang Borough Council approved the 2018 budget at the December Council Meeting. The budget includes estimated revenues of $1,413,672 and expenditures of $1,375,686.

Paxtang Borough provides for many different services through the budget. This includes Public Safety, such as police and fire protection, Highways including maintenance and repairs, Health and Sanitation which encompass our sewer system and trash removal.

The 2018 budget does not include any new tax increases. Fees for the solid waste remained the same but fees for the sewer system increased to $300 per dwelling unit and $4.60 per thousand gallons of water used for commercial users. This increase is due to the cost of maintaining the system.

Paxtang Borough Council invites all members of the public to attend Council Meetings and Workshop sessions during 2018. Council Meetings and Workshop sessions are open to the public.

Unless otherwise noted, all regular Council meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00pm the third Tuesday of every month. Council workshop meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00pm, first Tuesday of every month, except July and August. All meetings are held on the second floor of the Municipal Building, 3423 Derry Street, Paxtang, PA 17111.

Any person with a disability requiring a special accommodation to attend a Council meeting should notify the Borough Secretary at (717) 564-4770 as early as possible, but no later than three working days prior to the meeting. The Borough will make every effort to provide a reasonable accommodation.
2018 Pancake Breakfast

The 66th Annual Paxtang Lions Club Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday, February 10th from 6:00am to 12:00pm in the Borough gym.

Come join us for ALL YOU CAN EAT pancakes at the Paxtang Borough Building.

Tickets are just $5.00 for adults, $3 for children 6 to 10, and children 5 and under are free!

Please plan to join us for this great annual community event. This is one of the Lions Club’s largest fund raisers for the year. Funds raised by the Lions go right back to our Community through various service projects and community grants.

2018 Easter Egg Hunt

The 2018 Paxtang Lions Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Saussaman Park on Saturday, March 24th at 10:00am. All borough children are invited to attend. The severe weather date will be March 31st.

Winter Storm Salting: Impacting our Waterways

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. 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

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
- Lose its effectiveness after becoming embedded in snow and ice
- Enter catch basins, storm drains, and surface waters

For more information on keeping our water clean visit www.paxtang.org/stormwater-management

(Source: University of Michigan)

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS:
Help Wanted!
Paxtang Fire Department Seeks Volunteers

Do you have some free time? Are you looking for a way to give back to your community? We have positions available for everyone to lend a helping hand.

Join us at the Paxtang Fire Company 3423 Derry Street on Sunday March 11th at 6:30 pm. We’ll provide information about different positions within the fire company. You’ll get a chance to talk with different members of the fire company.

There will be light refreshments available and a tour to follow.

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

paxtanghistoricalsociety.org

Lenker Manor - Paxtang Women’s Club

Lenker Manor - Paxtang Women’s Club held their January meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

The meeting was held at the Paxton Presbyterian Church on Paxtang Ave. and was open to the public.

At the club’s January meeting, the program featured Kris Grego, who demonstrated New Orleans cooking techniques. Kris has a degree in Food Science & Human Nutrition from University of Delaware.

Her experiences include working at Commander’s Palace in New Orleans for Paul Prudhomme developing recipes for the restaurant; in a cooking school; and, in food processing developing new products that ensure compliance with federal & state regulations. Kris lives in Lancaster, is married & has 3 children. She will prepare a classic New Orleans dish, Jambalaya.

The monthly programs are preceded by a brunch and followed by a business meeting. For more information, please call (717) 657-8039.

Lenker Manor – Paxtang Women’s Club is a non-profit organization committed to promoting civic and social services to better the community. They provide woman-power for charitable events, and raise money to give to local community groups and charities.
Borough Officials Contacts:

MAYOR: Sheilah Borne Fuller (717) 558-5926

COUNCIL:
President: Kathy Bloss (717) 564-7605
Vice President: Chris Spackman (717) 379-2530
President Pro-Tem: Jack Thomas (717) 558-0063
David Gui (717) 576-3141
Tom Wingert (717) 307-1174
Bonnie Pugliese (717) 831-8110
VACANT

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 Paxtang.org

DAUPHIN COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER

Recycling has never been easier:

Have an old TV or Dishwasher that you no longer have a need for? The Dauphin County Recycling Center accepts these and many other items for free. The center accepts appliances such as air conditioners, dishwashers, dryers, stoves and water heaters. They also accept electronics including computers, monitors, TVs and old cell phones.

The Dauphin County Board of Commissioners opened the Dauphin County Recycling Center (DCRC) in April 2009. The DCRC was established to offer a convenient drop off location for Dauphin County residents, businesses, institutions, and local governments to recycle their unwanted or obsolete electronics or appliances, old thermostats containing mercury, and on-site confidential document shredding service.

The center is located at 1625 South Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104. They are open Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm and Saturdays 9:00am to 2:00pm. For more information or to see if they accept an item call (717) 982-6772.

Solicitation Permit

Any Door to Door Saleperson needs a valid solicitation permit issued by the Borough

Anyone interested in canvassing the Borough for the purpose of any business is required to register at the Borough office, fill out a form, produce a valid photo ID, and pay a fee if required. They will be handed a copy of the “Transient Retail Merchants” explaining our guidelines for soliciting.

A permit card is issued to them which they are required to have on their person for the entire time they are in the Borough. The permit card shall be displayed upon request to any police officer, municipal official, or any resident of the Borough.

By issuing a permit, the Borough of Paxtang does not approve or endorse any door to door salespersons. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Borough Office at 717-564-4770.
Swatara Paxtang Softball Association offers fast pitch softball for girls in Swatara Township and Paxtang Borough from the T-ball level through 14U.

Beginners are welcome at all levels. Registration for the 2018 Spring Softball season for girls born in 2003 through 2012 will end January 31, 2018. Please go to the website SPSA.kiix.com to register on line. If you have questions, please contact Deb Seneca at dseneca@kiix.com.

Looking for a way for your preschooler to have some fun and burn some energy this winter? Swatara Paxtang Softball Association is offering Blast Ball for Swatara Township and Paxtang Borough girls and boys ages 3-5 who have not yet played t-ball.

Blast Ball is an introduction to the basics of softball and baseball using a tee, a soft ball, and one base that squeaks when stepped on.

The sessions will be Thursday evenings in February from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Paxtang Borough gym, the cost is $20 and each child will receive a t-shirt.

If you’re interested in more information on Blast Ball or you have any questions, please contact Deb Seneca at dseneca@kiix.com.

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