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# PAXTANG POST

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GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

## COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS RESUME

As the transition back to post-pandemic restrictions continue, the Borough is pleased to announce the return of several of our favorite fall traditions!

The Paxtang Lion's Club returns with the **2021 Halloween Parade** on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. It's sure to be a fun night of celebration.

Get those pandemic inspired costumes ready! With a full year off we're expecting some AMAZING costumes when the everyone's favorite **TRICK-or-TREAT** returns for 2021 on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Trick-or-Treat is held rain, snow or shine!

Paxtang Art Association's **Fall Art Show/Sale** is back November 4-7<sup>th</sup> at the borough Building. Stop out and see what Paxtang's artists have been working on the past year.

The Swatara Township Police Department's **Hero Run** is also back for the 8<sup>th</sup> year. This race supports the Keystone Wounded Warriors, COPS for K.O.P.S which supports the children of fallen police officers in the state of Pennsylvania, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, and the Swatara Township Police Department's K-9 Fund. Registration is open now at [www.swatarapolice.org](http://www.swatarapolice.org).

Stay tuned for more events in next quarter's Post. In the meantime, the most important thing we all can do to ensure we continue on the path to "normal" is to get vaccinated!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### AUGUST:

#### COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> | 7:00pm

Paxtang Borough Building

### SEPTEMBER:

#### COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> | 7:00pm

Paxtang Borough Building

#### COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> | 7:00pm

Paxtang Borough Building

### OCTOBER:

#### COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> | 7:00pm

Paxtang Borough Building

#### COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> | 7:00pm

Paxtang Borough Building



UNDER CONSIDERATION

## BOROUGH WEIGHS OPTIONS FOR FIRE COVERAGE

Volunteer fire companies throughout the Commonwealth have seen ongoing declines in participation and membership as society has changed. Shrinking volunteer numbers have caused municipalities to re-evaluate how they meet their obligation to provide residents with effective and efficient fire services.

Facing similar challenges in Paxtang, the Public Safety Committee in conjunction with Chief Skinner reached out to the surrounding municipalities to open a discussion about potential intra-municipal cooperation. (Continued on Page 3)





## PAXTANG BOROUGH AWARDED RECYCLING GRANT TO FUND NEW LEAF COLLECTION EQUIPMENT FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The Borough of Paxtang has been awarded a recycling grant that will be used to purchase a new leaf machine and leaf box. The Borough has been collecting leaf and leaf waste curbside since the late 1980's. The new leaf collection machine will be a more heavy-duty machine that will last longer, reduce maintenance costs, and produce a more effective and efficient clean up. Since the Borough has limited manpower, this machine will help maximize productivity and reduce overall cost of the leaf collection program. Since the new machine will complete the job of removing leaves and debris more effectively, the machine will not run as long or often as our old pavement plucker. The time savings will help the Public Works department focus on and complete other tasks.

Paxtang Borough has an inter-municipal agreement with Swatara Township to use their recycling facility located at 780 Kelker Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104. We are able to use the facility for many aspects of our recycling program including brush drop off and leaf collection. Once composted, the organic material is then loaded into our dump truck and brought back to the rear of Borough building parking lot for our residents to use as much or as little as they would like. The composted material:

- Is free to residents
  - Is able to be used all year
  - Has an unlimited supply and is restocked as needed
- Paxtang Borough residents are also able to use the Dauphin County Recycling Center all year long. This facility is located at 1625 South

Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104. There are drop offs set up at the Borough building in the Fall during our Recycle Day. A new, permanent recycling receptacle has been added for the residents to use at the intersection of Kelso Street and Derry Street. Also, glass only containers have been placed in the back of the Borough parking lot near our dumpster.

Educational information will be added and updated periodically on our website, [www.paxtang.org](http://www.paxtang.org), for both residential users and commercial as well. We will continue to use our quarterly newsletters to include recycling messages and information. Our Facebook page, Paxtang PA, is also another way for residents to stay connected. *Brian Rotolo.*

## BOROUGH WEIGHS OPTIONS FOR FIRE COVERAGE (CONTINUED)

In entering into discussions for alternative arrangements the priorities for the Borough were to:

- Ensure 24/7 availability of fire personnel to respond to calls within the Borough to provide for the safety of Borough residents, businesses, and property.
- Ensure fire service is provided in the most cost-effective manner possible for Borough Residents.
- Ensure that members of the Paxtang Fire Company have opportunities to continue to serve in any future arrangement for services.
- Ensure continued opportunities for community involvement and engagement with the Fire Company.

This spring, Borough Council received and reviewed preliminary proposals for potential cooperative agreements from Swatara Township, Susquehanna Township, and the City of Harrisburg. At the May Borough Council meeting, Council voted 5-1 to authorize the Borough Manager and Solicitor to engage the City of Harrisburg to draft an Inter-municipal Fire Protection Agreement for the provision of fire protection services for the Borough of Paxtang by the City of Harrisburg. Fire services available through the City would provide 24/7 coverage from paid professional fire fighters.

**What happens next?** When complete later this year, the proposed agreement will be presented to Borough Council for review. Details of the proposed agreement will be available for public comment and discussion at a regularly scheduled Borough Council Meeting. Council may then decide to adopt the agreement, revise the agreement, or decline to proceed with the agreement. No changes in fire coverage will be made until a proposal is formally adopted by Borough Council.

### ADVERTISE IN THE PAXTANG POST

For information on advertising in the Paxtang Post, please contact the Borough Office. Costs are \$40 Per Issue, or 4 Issues for \$140

## Borough Yard Sale



**Saturday  
Sept. 11  
7am**

Graphic Design | Posters & Banners | Business Cards



**Print**

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Harrisburg, PA 17111  
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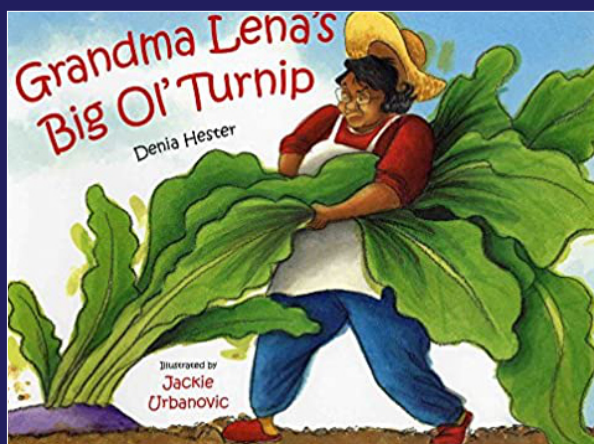
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## DAUPHIN COUNTY LIBRARY BRINGS STORY WALK TO THE GREENBELT

This year the Dauphin County Library has expanded their popular StoryWalk program to the Paxtang Greenbelt! Starting from the lot behind the City Line Diner, follow the Greenbelt north towards Paxtang Commons Park to read *Grandma Lena's Big Ol' Turnip* by Denia Lewis Hester.

Stories will be changed seasonally. Catch this summer's other StoryWalk adventures at the Greenbelt adjacent to Quiglys Tavern, and at the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art.



## LENKER MANOR-PAXTANG WOMEN'S CLUB HOLDS BOARD MEETING

The Lenker Manor - Paxtang Women's Club ended the 2020-21 Covid19 Pandemic year with an in-person May Board meeting at Saussaman Park to recognize our officers.

From left to right:

- Annie Verobish, Secretary
- Janet Lackey, Vice President and Incoming President
- Lynn Kipp, Outgoing President
- Bonnie Snodgrass, Treasurer





## HONOR A LOVED ONE OR ADOPT A TREE

Residents are invited to plant a new tree to honor a loved one, or adopt an existing Paxtang shade tree through two sponsorship options:

**The Honors Tree Program** is an initiative of the Paxtang Borough Shade Tree Commission. Its purpose is to honor loved ones, significant events in a life or family, or express community pride with a living gift that provides lasting beauty to the community.

The cost of an Honors Tree is \$250. This includes purchase of the tree, planting materials and a plaque permanently placed in ground beneath the tree. A certificate with the name of the purchaser, the information on the plaque and the location of the tree will be issued. The same information will be recorded in an Honors Tree Book, located in the Borough Office.

**The Adopt a Tree Program** allows adoption of a tree already growing in Paxtang's urban forest. The cost to adopt a tree is \$150 and includes certificate and commemorative plaque.

To participate in either program, contact the Borough Office or visit the Borough Website to complete an application.

## FOXES TAKE UP RESIDENCE IN PAXTANG AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Foxes are common in many urban areas. This summer Foxes have been spotted in and around the Greenbelt, and in back yards on both ends of the Borough. There's no need to fear these highly intelligent creatures that share our neighborhood.



Foxes have a natural fear of people. If you see one outside during the day, it's no cause for alarm. They will usually run away from you as soon as they detect your presence.

Here are a few facts to put the presence of foxes in your yard in perspective:

- Foxes are not dangerous to humans, except when they are rabid (which is very rare) or when they are captured and handled. Even then, a fox's natural tendency is to flee rather than fight.
- Foxes may prey on small pets or livestock (such as rabbits, guinea pigs or chickens). Pets should be kept indoors or housed in sturdy structures. Foxes are unlikely to attack adult cats and dogs but never leave pets outdoors unattended.
- Foxes will also eat various fruits, but they usually do not bother garden vegetables.

It's not all that unusual for a fox to be seen out and about during the day, so that is not cause for concern. Foxes prey on squirrels, birds, chipmunks and other animals that are only active by day, so they may simply be looking for a meal at that time.

Before calling to report a fox or ask for assistance, take time to observe the fox's behavior, and look for these signs: Partial paralysis or the inability to use their limbs well. Circling or staggering as if drunk. Self-mutilation. Acting aggressively for no reason. Acting unnaturally tame.

If you observe these signs, do not approach the fox—Contact the police department to report the fox. *The Humane Society.*

## The Friends of the Kline Library FALL POP-UP BOOK SALES

September 18, 2021

10:00 am -2:00 pm

**FICTION**

Hardback, Paperback, Trade

**NON FICTION**

Pets \* Sports \* Humor \* Games \* Hobbies \* Educational

October 23, 2021

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Halloween Book Giveaway for Children**

*Halloween costumes welcomed.*

**FICTION**

Hardback, Paperback, Trade

December 3-4, 2021

**Friday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Kline Library Community Room**

**FICTION**

Hardback, Paperback, Trade

Crafts \* Holidays \* Gift Books



Every child needs their own library of books so the Friends of Kline will provide a free book to every child who attends a FKL book sale. Children who ♥ reading become children who ♥ to learn.

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**KLINE LIBRARY**

**PARKING LOT**

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HARRISBURG 17104

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## This RAIN GARDEN is a Green Solution to Stormwater Pollution

**STORMWATER** comes from rain water or snow melt that is unable to soak into the ground due to impervious surfaces such as roads, roofs, sidewalks and parking lots. Stormwater picks up many different pollutants as it flows across the ground like oil, fertilizer, pesticides, and pet waste. The stormwater then flows into the storm sewer system, where it is emptied into streams untreated. When this happens, much more water enters the streams than their channels can handle. This leads to flooding, pollution, and loss of habitat for aquatic organisms.

A **RAIN GARDEN** is a landscaped depression that catches the runoff before it reaches the storm sewer system. This prevents pollution and reduces the amount of water entering our creeks during rain events. Rain gardens have many benefits including:

- Increasing groundwater supplies
- Providing habitat
- Beautifying the landscape
- Naturally removing pollutants

### How Does a Rain Garden Work?

**1** Stormwater runoff collects in the depressed garden bed.

**2** Deep rooted native plants absorb some of the water.

**3** Water filters through the soil, recharging groundwater supplies.

**4** Native plants provide beauty and habitat for local wildlife.

**5** Water that flows through the garden exits cleaner.

Image courtesy of the NJ Nature Conservancy

**Rain gardens can help beautify your landscape while helping to reduce stormwater runoff.**



Most residential rain gardens are located near the house since the greatest amount of storm water on residential properties comes from the roof and the driveway. Rain gardens can be located near downspouts, next to the driveway or sidewalks, or out in the yard. You can allow the rain to naturally collect in the rain garden or you can direct storm water from the downspout or gutter with a length of plastic pipe. The rain garden should be located at least 10 feet from the house (yours or you neighbors) to avoid any possibility of the creating moisture problems to the house or basement.

Plan your rain garden so that its deepest part is about six inches. This will allow the rain garden to drain within a proper time frame. With this depth you won't need to worry about drowning your plants or about the water standing for too long. To begin your construction, you will need to select your area and begin making a shallow depression. Remove the topsoil and store it separately from other soil material. Then

you will need to loosen the subsoil in your garden. The soil does not have to be smooth, and you don't need an even grade throughout the garden. Rather, you should have areas of varying depth, ranging from ground surface level (0 inches) up to 6 inches below the ground.

Next, return the topsoil and amend with compost if needed. Remember that clay soil is not ideal as it inhibits drainage. You may need to add compost to lighten the soil if you have heavy soil. Ideally, the water from your rain garden should drain within 12 to 24 hours at the most. This length of time will ensure that mosquitoes will not breed in your rain garden. There is a bit of maintenance at first, while the plants are getting established, but no more than any other type of garden! Remember to weed out undesirable plants. Instead of cutting back the foliage once the plants are hit by frost, leave the whole plant as a seed source and shelter for overwintering birds and butterflies. In spring, cut the foliage back to allow for new growth.

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## WATCH OUT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT SCAMS

The Swatara Township Police Department would like to inform the public of a recent Unemployment Compensation scam that has been taking place in the area. Multiple residents have reported receiving information that they have filed for this compensation, when in fact they had not. If you feel that you have been the victim of Unemployment Compensation fraud, please report that fact to your local Police Department. See below for additional information. The following information was taken from the Office of Unemployment Compensation's official government website. Visit their website for more information and to report fraud:

### What is Unemployment Compensation Fraud?

The scammers behind the fraud appear to be using Social Security numbers and other personally identifiable information to apply for and receive unemployment benefits. In many situations, the victims are unaware that their personal information has been compromised.

**The following are warning signs for possible unemployment compensation scams:**

For workers – Receiving any type of correspondence that you filed an unemployment claim when you did not file a claim for benefits.

For employers – If you notice a claim has been filed for one or more of your employees who are still working.

### What should I do if I am a victim?

If you were a victim of ID Theft, it is very important to report the fraud activity to the Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) and return the money. Doing so will remove these fraudulent payments from being reported as income on the end of the year 1099G distribution.

Unemployment Compensation Fraud is a very serious matter. The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) is committed to preventing, identifying, and blocking scams and is continuing its aggressive efforts to do so, including:

Cross matching data with other state agencies and across the country to detect fraud activity. Working with the U.S. Department of Labor to prevent and detect fraudulent activities related to UC.

We encourage Pennsylvanians to remain vigilant and to report fraud or any potential concerns of fraud to L&I and their local police department. Cashing the checks or using direct deposited funds knowing that you have not applied for unemployment assistance, or any other UC program may be deemed fraud and repayment will be required.

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### Borough Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm. The first and third Tuesdays of the month, we are open until 6:00pm

## COFFEE WITH A COP GETS A NEW HOME

Coffee with a Cop will be held Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 9:00am at the Swatara Township Municipal Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard. Specifically, when you arrive please enter through the green side door (to your left) as you approach the main entrance to the building. Once inside, go down the stairs and into the Swatara Room (for those who need it, you may also use the elevator which is just inside the door). Breakfast will be served for everyone a little after 9 a.m. so you don't want to miss out! We encourage you to talk to your friends/neighbors and invite them as well as we look to increase our attendance! We hope to see everyone there! No registration is required.

## INVASIVE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY FOUND IN PAXTANG. HELP STOP THIS BAD BUG!

Spotted lanternfly (SLF), *Lycorma delicatula*, is an invasive planthopper, native to Asia, that was first detected in southeastern Pennsylvania in 2014. It feeds on many plants, including economically important crops like grapevines and ornamentals. If you think you have SLF, do not panic! First, make sure the insect you are seeing is the spotted lanternfly. Second, learn about its life cycle and habits. Third, determine what plants it is infesting and what it is not. Fourth, employ effective management strategies at the proper time of the year.

### Quick Facts:

- SLF is a destructive invasive pest threatening agricultural and ornamental plants.
- As of May 2020, 26 counties in Pennsylvania are under quarantine for SLF. SLF has also been found in 5 other states in the northeastern U.S.
- SLF does not bite or sting.
- SLF does not kill all trees it feeds on. SLF is a plant stressor that, along with other stressors, can cause significant damage to its host.
- Stop the spread of SLF by checking your car and any

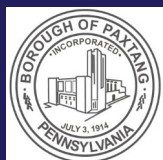


outdoor equipment (grills, mowers, firewood, etc.) when going in and out of the quarantine zone.

- Manage SLF on your property by scraping and destroying eggs, carefully using bands or traps on trees, removing preferred hosts, and using registered insecticides for control when appropriate.
- Avoid home remedies found online or social media.

If you find a spotted lanternfly, kill it and report it immediately with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's online reporting system or by calling 1-888-4BAD-FLY (1-888-422-3359).

More information on the Spotted Lanternfly can be found at: [www.extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly](http://www.extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly).



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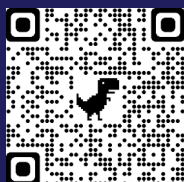
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