

PAXTANG POST

January / February / March

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Get Connected & Get Involved!

Welcome to a new year in Paxtang Borough!

Whether you measure the amount of time you've lived in the Borough in terms of days, months, years, or maybe your entire life (Yes, some residents can say that!), we're happy you've chosen to call Paxtang your home.

As we start a new year here together, I'd like to personally take time to invite you to consider finding a way to help sustain the feeling of Community and neighborliness that has characterized our community for over 100 years. How? Well, start by connecting with us on Facebook (facebook.com/Paxtang) to stay connected to our events and activities. Visit us online at Paxtang.org to learn more about the Borough's services and stay informed on Borough proceedings and activities. Have some time to volunteer? We always need folks to help out with Shade Tree care, School Crossing Guard duty, planning the July 4th weekend celebrations, supporting the Lion's Club activities, cheering on our local youth sports leagues, or even just adopting your fire hydrant or storm drain. Maybe even stop down and attend a Borough Council Meeting! Make 2016 the year you lend a hand, lend your time, or lend your voice. Happy 2016! - *Mayor Ninosky*

STAY IN CONTACT

EMERGENCY: DIAL 911

Police Non-Emergency:

717-564-2550

Borough Office:

717-564-4770

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Events This Quarter:

Tuesday, February 2

Borough Council Workshop 7:00pm

Tuesday, February 16

Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 1

Borough Council Workshop 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 15

Borough Council Meeting 7:00pm

Tuesday, April 19

Borough Council Workshop 7:00pm

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

Borough Welcomes New Highway Employee

The Borough is happy to welcome Eric Kessler as the newest member of the Public Works team. Eric lives in Hershey, and has worked for the past nine and a half years with the highway department at North Londonderry Township. Eric joins Saul on the small but mighty Paxtang team. Please welcome Eric when you see him around the Borough. Eric was hired to fill the position which was vacated in December by the resignation of former Public Works employee and Codes Officer, Ed Wenger. Questions about building permits or codes should be directed to the Borough Office for processing.

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.

Are you or someone you know a recent victim of Identity Theft?

The Swatara Township Police Department now has resources available for the public. Booklets provided by the Federal Trade Commission, giving you a Step by Step Guide on what to do if you're a victim of identity theft, are now available at the Swatara Township Police Department located at 599 Eisenhower Boulevard Harrisburg, PA.

Get Involved. This is Your Community!

The Swatara Township Police Department would like to invite you to our Crime Watch Web Portal. Just visit www.swatarapolice.org to see everything our website has to offer. Like us on Facebook and become informed about things occurring right here in your neighborhood. By accessing our department's website you can see who's been arrested, help us find the area's most wanted individuals, see who has outstanding warrants, help us solve local crimes, report criminal activity and submit tips directly

to the police, receive important safety announcements, get news that affects you where you live, receive information regarding our department's community service events that occur year round and much more. Sir Robert Peel, who is considered to

be the father of modern policing, believed that "the police are the public and the public are the police; the police are the only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the intent of the community welfare." We are all in this together. If you are a citizen or work in this community we encourage you to fight back against crime and become involved. Please take a moment and visit our Crime Watch Web Portal to see how you can help keep your community safer for all.



COFFEE WITH THE CHIEF

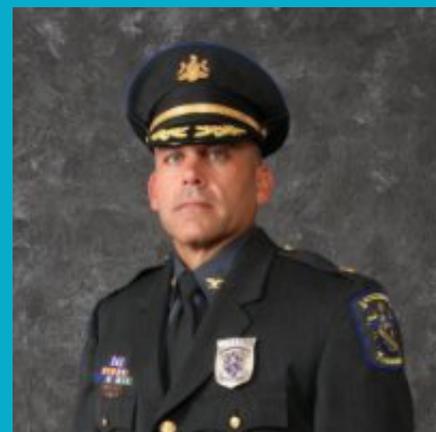
Please join Swatara Township Chief of Police Jason Umberger for a cup of coffee the second Thursday of every month.

This program provides residents with an opportunity to personally meet with their Police Chief in a friendly casual setting. Discuss community matters of interest, learn more about the department, offer tips and share information directly with Chief Umberger.

Chief Umberger will hold his second Coffee with the Chief event of the year in Paxtang:

City Line Diner
3302 Derry Street Harrisburg, PA 17111
Thursday, March 10th
9am - 10am

No advance registration is required. All ages are welcome. The event is open to all municipalities that the Swatara Police Department



serves, but this is a great opportunity for Paxtang residents to connect with the Chief and discuss topics of interest to OUR community!

Don't forget to follow the Swatara Police Department on Facebook, and visit their web portal at www.swatarapolice.org to sign up for alerts and updates.

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.

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

CO - The Silent Killer

You have a smoke detector and change the batteries regularly, but do you have a CO detector? You may be missing an important and life-saving device!

What Is CO? CO is Carbon Monoxide, a deadly, colorless, odorless gas.

What Causes of Carbon Monoxide in the Home? CO can build up in the home anytime there is incomplete burning of various fuels such as coal, wood, charcoal, oil, kerosene, propane, or natural gas. If you use any of these fuels for lighting, cooking, or heating, you have the potential for CO to be present in your home.

Where Should You Have a Carbon Monoxide Alarm? You should have a CO Detector located on each floor of your house. The most common places would be in the basement or on the first floor if you are using a fireplace. You should also ensure that you have a detector on any additional floors where people sleep.

What Are the Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning: Since the gas is odorless and colorless, it's undetectable to humans and you may not know you are being exposed.

Symptoms of early Carbon Monoxide poisoning may include, headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness.

Symptoms of high Carbon Monoxide poison include

mental confusion, vomiting, loss of muscular coordination, loss of consciousness and ultimately death.

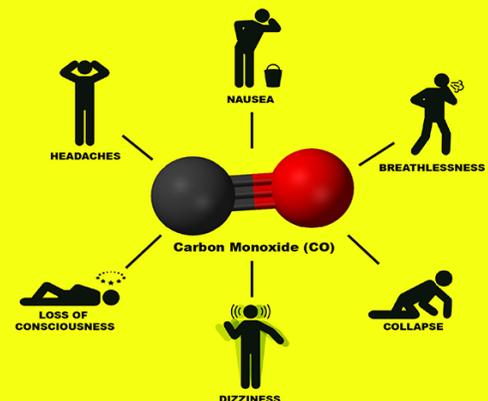
What Should You Do When Your Carbon Monoxide Alarm Sounds?

1. Don't try to locate the source
2. Leave ALL Doors and Windows Closed upon leaving
3. Get outside to fresh air
4. Call 911
5. DO NOT reenter your HOME

DO's and DONT'S

1. Have your heating source serviced annually
2. Have your chimney cleaned annually
3. Don't operate portable generator or gas powered tools in small spaces
4. Don't leave your vehicle running in an attached garage even when the door is open
5. Don't use gas appliances such as stoves, ovens or clothes dryers to heat your home

SYMPTOMS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING



2016 Historical Society Program Schedule



Shirley Grunden - PHS President
Mark your Calendars for the 2015 PHS Events:

On April 3 2016 Monday 7:00pm The Paxtang Historical Society will hold its meeting at the Paxton Presbyterian Church. Our first meeting of 2016 will

be on Simon Cameron and the history of what he did for Harrisburg by Richard Hartmen. All PHS Events are open to Members and Non-Members.

On August 1st, at 6:00pm the PHS will hold its annual picnic, at Saussaman Park.

On October the 3rd at 7:00pm the PHS will present our fall program. Stay tuned to future Paxtang Posts for updates on the speaker and topics!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Throughout the year keep an eye on the evergreen tree in the Paxtang Commons near the Diner. Murv and Shirley have been keeping the tree decorated to celebrate each season on behalf of the Historical Society. Thanks Murv & Shirley for your ongoing commitment to making Paxtang a beautiful place to live and work!

*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.*

You may contact Shirley or Murv Grunden at 717-561-2620 or murvg@aol.com (Subject PHS).

Our Web Site is: www.paxtanghistoricalsociety.org

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.

Got the Wintertime Blues? Are you getting enough Vitamin D?

Suzanne Yeager, RN - Local Health Officer

Most people know that the sun is the best source for your body to get its needed dose of Vitamin D. As winter keeps us indoors, it can be challenging to get enough sun exposure to maintain healthy levels, and some studies have estimated that as much as 85% of us do not get enough Vitamin D in the wintertime, and that can leave you feeling run down and blue.

Having sufficient levels of Vitamin D has been shown to help prevent osteoporosis, heart disease, cancer, Alzheimer's Disease, strokes, high

blood pressure, diabetes, and it may slow the aging process.

Natural sources of Vitamin D are the best, and 15 minutes of sun exposure a day is a safe and ideal way to get your necessary supply. However, if you can't get sun, then the second best source is through diet, by eating foods rich in Vitamin D like eggs, and fatty fish like salmon, or fortified in Vitamin D like milk (any kind). Vitamin D is stored by the body, so you can literally beat the blues with just a few healthy choices!

2016 Real Estate Tax Bills

Real Estate Tax Bills will be sent to homeowners the first week in February. If you do not receive your bill, please call me.

When sending a payment, please check that you have written the correct numbers and words. Don't forget to sign it too!

I'm available to answer any questions you may have.

Helen Koser, Tax Collector
564-6747



Paxtang Lions Club

2016 Pancake Breakfast

The 64th Annual Paxtang Lions Club Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday, February 13th from 6:00am to Noon 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! Tickets are available from any lions club member or at the door the morning of the event.

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



2016 Easter Egg Hunt

The 2016 Paxtang Lions Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Saussaman Park on Saturday, March 19th at 10:00am. All borough children are invited to attend. The rain date for this event will be April 2nd.

Stormwater Protection

Max Shradley - Borough Engineer

With springtime comes increased outdoor activities and home improvements. Please consider the runoff from your project or activity and how it may impact the stormwater which enters our streams:

- Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drains and protect them from debris and other materials.
- Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar.
- Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents, and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible, and follow the directions on the label. Clean up spills immediately, and dispose of the waste safely. Store substances properly to avoid leaks and spills.

- Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled, and recyclable products whenever possible.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil-based paints. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program, or donate unused paint to local organizations.
- Reduce the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard. Use native plants in your landscaping to reduce the need for watering during dry periods. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces and onto lawns and consider other measures to increase infiltration and reduce polluted runoff.



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS:

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PAXTANG ART ASSOCIATION:

Information on PAA spring events was not available as of the time of publication. Please visit the PAA Website at: www.paxtangart.com for information.



Fire Company Announces 2016 Officers

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

President: Robin Bloss

Vice President: vacant

Secretary: Mike Hays

Treasurer: Kathy Bloss

Membership Secretary: Rebecca Frankenfield

Trustees: Mike McKenna, Tim Bloss, vacant

OPERATIONS OFFICERS:

Chief 40: Todd Zwigart

Deputy Chief 401: Dave Turner

Captain 40: John Tinari

Lieutenant 40: Will Skinner

Lieutenant 401: Adam Sikorski



Programming Highlights for Kline Library:

Learn, Explore, Discover Storytimes and Discovery Program

Session 2: Registration begins Tuesday, February 9, Session begins February 22: Registration begins for five-week sessions that focus on topics ranging from reading, early math, science, and art to financial education. There is so much for your child to discover at The Library. Engaging, exciting and fun for your child, these programs are parent-pleasers too! They provide developmentally appropriate, standards-based early education experiences... and they're free! Register online at dcls.org or by calling your local library!

AARP Tax Help for Older Adults

Tuesdays, February 2 through April 12 at 12:30 pm

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers will provide tax preparation services for low- to middle-income taxpayers of all ages, especially those 60 and older. Tax-Aide volunteers are IRS trained and certified, and will prepare and e-file federal, state, and local income taxes. All services are provided free of charge, thanks to support from the AARP Foundation, the IRS, and the Dauphin County Library System. Registration is required and begins January 19. Please call 717-566-0949, ext. 217, on or after January 19 to reserve a time slot.

Paxtang Leaves

Notes from the Shade Tree Commission

Shade Tree Commission Volunteers tend to Paxtang's ever-growing urban forest.

Everyone is welcome at the Paxtang Shade Tree Commission meeting on Wednesday, February 24 at 7PM at the Borough Building. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve planting sites for April, 2016 and plan for Arbor Day, Friday, April 29 at Paxtang Elementary School.

Paxtang will be recognized as a Tree City for the 28th year in 2016!

Those who want to honor family and friends while helping support the Borough's tree program can arrange to plant an Honors Tree or Adopt (an already present) Tree in the Borough.

Details are available from Darlene Kvaternik, 564-8177, or Borough Secretary, Faye Clark, at 564-4770

A new member, Jeff Shyk, was installed to the Shade Tree Commission in December, 2015, by Mayor Ninosky. In addition, there are at least six volunteers! Five people attended a tree pruning workshop in November with well-known arborist Norm Lacasse. It was fun working together and we'll use our knowledge in coming months. Volunteer Jody Wood is updating a data base for our tree inventory.

Thanks to everyone who helps keep our urban forest healthy!

Life is just better when we live amongst the trees... National Arbor Day Association

2016 Borough Officials Contacts:

MAYOR: John Ninosky 564-1323

COUNCIL:

President: Nathan Martin 579-8878
 Vice President: Eric Fillman 564-4192
 President Pro-Tem: Ray Patackis 561-1250
 Kathy Bloss 564-7605
 Chris Spackman 379-2530
 Tom Wingert 564-4192
 Jack Thomas 558-0063

SWATARA POLICE CHIEF:

Jason Umberger 564-2550

BOROUGH MANAGER:

Keldeen Stambaugh 564-4770

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Faye Clark 564-4770

TAX COLLECTOR:

Helen Koser 564-6747

FIRE CHIEF: Todd Zwigart 564-0520

SOLICITOR: Stephen Feinour, Esq.

ENGINEER: Max Shradley

PLUMBING INSPECTOR: Timothy Folk



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2015-2016 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.



SPRING AHEAD!

Clocks are set forward on Sunday, March 13th. Be sure to also change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors.



DOWNLOAD THE NEW CODE RED MOBILE ALERT APP for Iphone or Android!

The Borough has joined with Code Red to provide emergency alert services to Paxtang Borough Residents. Download the iPhone or Android app today to receive instant alerts on your mobile device. Visit Paxtang.org for a link to download today!



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!



THINK GREEN! Recycling Saves Time and \$\$\$

Our municipal solid waste contract with Waste Management provides residents with Single-Stream Recycling. All of your recyclables can be placed together in the same container at the curb on trash day. No sorting or separating is necessary.

RECYCLABLES ACCEPTED:

Aluminium food and beverage containers with food and debris removed.
 Clear, green or brown glass food and beverage containers with food and debris removed.
 Narrow-neck plastic containers with symbols 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 such as milk jugs, water bottles, detergent bottles,
 Ferrous (iron, steel, tin) cans with food debris removed.
 Newsprint - all types. Do not place in plastic bags.
 Cardboard cereal boxes, food boxes, shoe boxes, and similar
 Printer paper, computer paper, copy paper
 Junk Mail, Magazines, catalogs, phone books
 Corrugated cardboard

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED FOR CURB-SIDE RECYCLING

Wax coated paper or cardboard
 Any material with substantial food debris (labels are ok)
 Plastic bags of any kind (recycle at your local grocer)
 Batteries of any kind
 Styrofoam of any kind
 Light Bulbs of any kind
 Mirrors, window or auto glass, glass cookware/bakeware, beverage glasses, perfume/cologne bottles
 Wood or yard waste
 Un-numbered plastics
 Household appliances
 Hazardous or toxic substances or containers
 Aerosol cans

Replacement recycling bins may be obtained for a minimal fee by contacting the Borough Office.

2016 BOROUGH COUNCIL

New and returning faces ready to serve the Borough.



NEW 2016 COUNCIL MEMBERS (left to right):

Kathy Bloss, Chris Spackman, Tom Wingert, Jack Thomas

On January 4th, 2016, Mayor John Ninosky swore in three newly elected Borough Council Members to serve the Borough for four year terms. They may look familiar to you because they've all lived in the Borough for 20 years of more!

Kathy Bloss, brings with her a long history of experience in banking and finance. Chris Spackman currently works as a research director for a government affairs firm in Harrisburg. Chris is an Eagle Scout alum from Troop 301. Tom Wingert is giving up a life of retirement from telecom and USA Hockey to serve the Borough once again, having previously served in the



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late 90s/early 2000s.

Then, at the January Council Meeting, Borough Council appointed Jack Thomas to the vacant Council seat for a 2 year term. Jack is a 15 year Borough resident who you may have seen on the field coaching the Champion SPSA Red Dynamite Team.

Returning to serve in new roles this year are Council President Nathan Martin, Vice President Eric Fillman, and President Pro-Tem Ray Patackis. Join us the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm and be part of YOUR Borough government!

RETURNING COUNCIL MEMBERS (left to right):

Nathan Martin, Eric Fillman, Ray Patackis

