



April 2008

## **PAXTANG TREES**

**Annual newsletter of the Paxtang Borough Shade Tree Commission**

### **Arbor Day**

An Arbor Day observance is set for 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at the Rutherford Street side of the Paxtang Elementary School. As part of the observance, recognition will be given to the Junior Girl Scout Troop 994 for the donation of an 'Autumn Flame' Red Maple tree to be planted at that site. Members of the Girl Scout troop will serve as color guard followed by a reading of the Arbor Day Proclamation by Mayor Keldeen Stambaugh. Mr. Andy Brought, District 18 Forester, Bureau of Forestry, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will participate by presenting Mayor Stambaugh with the borough's 20<sup>th</sup> designation as a Tree City USA community. All Paxtang residents are encouraged to join in the celebration.

### **Honor Trees**

The Honors Tree Program is an initiative of the Paxtang Borough Shade Tree Commission. Its purpose is to honor loved ones or significant others with a living gift that provides lasting beauty to the community. The cost of an Honors Tree is \$250.00. This includes the purchase of the tree, planting materials and a plaque permanently placed in the ground by the tree. A certificate with the name of the purchaser, the information appearing on the plaque and location of the tree will be issued. The same information will be recorded in an Honors Book located in the Borough Office.

### **Borough Tree Activities**

Using a contribution for PP&L and assisted by youth from the Dauphin County Juvenile Probation Office, Mr. Norm Lacasse with the Capital Greenbelt Association planted two trees at the entrance of the Paxtang Parkway. They also installed a park bench recovered from the now closed Harrisburg State Hospital.

In addition, over the Winter Mr. Lacasse also received tremendous help from court-adjudicated youth who come from Diakon Wilderness Center near Boiling Springs. Together with the youth from the Dauphin County Youth Probation Office, and as part of their community service rehabilitation, much work had been done in clearing downed trees and brush from the area between the lower field and Paxtang parkway and the grove between the parkway and Park Terrace in the borough. Several evergreen trees have been planted in the area. The Youth Counselors extend the appreciation of the youth for the "thank yous" from Borough residents who walk by during the youths' work activities. Much appreciation to Mr. Lacasse for his contributions to Paxtang.