

PAXTANG POST



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

29th- Swatara Youth Soccer Association Registration

April

7th- Historical Society Meeting

15th- Public Borough Meeting

22nd- Vote

25th- Arbor Day

May

17th- Paxtang School May Fair

20th- Public Borough Meeting

26th- Annual Paxtang Memorial Day Picnic

Jun

14th- (Tentative) Free Yard Sale

17th- Public Borough Meeting

21st- (Tentative) Spring Clean Up

Paxtang Lower Field Playground Fundraising



The Paxtang Playground Fundraising Committee will be raising money in our area for a new piece of toddler playground equipment for the Lower Field (park at Greenbelt opening). They are looking to raise between \$5,000 - \$8,000 to purchase a new piece of playground equipment safe for toddlers (ages 2-5 yrs. old) to go with the new piece we have obtained for ages 5-12 from a government grant.

The levels of giving are listed below and any amount from our community would be greatly appreciated.

Levels of Giving

Platinum \$ 500 donation

Gold \$ 250 donation

Silver \$ 100 donation

Community Bronze \$ 10 - \$ 9 donation

The Platinum, Gold & Silver donors will have their names acknowledged in the park.

For information on the playground plan and fundraising efforts, please contact Vicki Mattey at 717-545-4317 or by e-mail at vickimattey@msn.com.

Welcome New Businesses

Dr. Jill Carre
3404 Derry Street

PA Behavioral Health & Aging
Coalition
525 S. 29th Street

Town & Country Day School
2910 Brisban Street

Support Paxtang Elementary School!



Buy a Brick! The sale of commemorative bricks to pave a path in front of Paxtang Elementary has been extended! If you would like to order an engraved brick for your family or business, or commemorate your child's years at Paxtang, visit the school or a form or email Denise Remillard, Paxtang PTO President, capchiro@hotmail.com. Deadline for all orders is April 4, 2008.

May Fair, May 17: Join the fun and tradition of Paxtang Elementary's annual May Fair, Sat., May 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 pm in the school playground! This long-standing community event features food, games, prizes and more for Paxtang families with children of all ages.

Cookbooks: Copies of the Paxtang Elementary's Cookbook with recipes from friends and neighbors throughout the Borough are still available for \$10 each; all proceeds benefit the Paxtang PTO's family activities. Contact Denise Remillard, Paxtang PTO President, capchiro@hotmail.com or call 564-0156.

MARCH 31st IS THE LAST DAY TO
PAY REAL ESTATE TAXES AT
DISCOUNT!!

Additional hours that day are
from 1:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M.

Helen Koser, Tax Collector
564-6747

Paxtang Historical Society Program Schedule 2008

April 07, 2008 Monday 7:00 P.M.

The Civil War in the Harrisburg Area - Paxtang Municipal Building Gymnasium

Lawrence Keener-Farley will talk about the activities in the Harrisburg Area during the time of the Civil War.

August 04, 2008 Monday (Time to be announced)

Annual Summer Picnic, Life in Civil War Times - Saussaman Park

Representatives from the Camp Curtin Historical Society will have displays and explanations about the life of Civil War participants.

October 06, 2008 Monday 7:00 P.M.

Annual Meeting - Paxtang Municipal Building Gymnasium

No program scheduled as of yet. Any suggestions? Please contact program director Pat Appleby at 717-795-8637 or www.patomapple@juno.com.

We look forward to seeing you!

www.paxtanghistoricalsociety.com

Fall Soccer Registration!



Swatara Youth Soccer Association (SYSA) will have a walk in registration at the Swatara Township Building on Eisenhower Blvd on Tuesday March 18th from 6-8PM and Saturday March 29th from 10AM-2PM. Registration will also be available on line at www.swatarasoccer.com starting about mid-March. Fees are \$65 for players ages 6-11 and \$40 for players ages 4-5. Practice starts in August and games are Saturdays from September through early November. Games and practices are

all local. SYSA is a recreational league. If you are interested in a travel league or have a child who is 12 or older, contact CASA at www.capsoccer.org. Lower Dauphin and Olmstead also have travel league soccer. Travel is a more competitive level of soccer.

Please contact Wes Bower at wjbower@comcast.net or 561-2781 if you have any questions regarding SYSA.

Paxtang Borough Mini-Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Improvements

The plan is at the midpoint in the process. The two separate, but related projects are being funded through the Dauphin County Community and Economic Development Department. The process, guided by a Steering Committee made up of borough residents, business owners and officials, includes a developing a specific improvements plan for the downtown area of Paxtang (generally located along Derry Street between Park Terrace and Walnut Street) as well as a set of general physical and community development objectives for the entire borough. The process includes examining existing conditions within the borough; gathering input from officials, residents, and business owners on land use, housing, transportation, and the downtown area of the borough; and developing a

set of objectives to help preserve and enhance the positive elements of the community and the downtown, and to help overcome some of the negatives.

To date background and existing conditions information has been gathered on the borough, as well as the downtown. Some of the information gathered and reviewed includes land uses, buildings, housing, roadways, businesses, parking, sidewalks, street trees, etc. In October, as part of the background and existing conditions portion of the plan, the Borough held two downtown focused meetings at the Borough building: The first meeting was for the downtown business owners, and the second meeting was for the general public. The purpose of the meetings was to gather input on the downtown's strengths /assets, as well as identifying needs /issues. Residents and business owners voiced and ranked their concerns on topics including downtown businesses,

downtown buildings/land use/housing, and downtown parking /transportation /connections to neighborhoods. The meetings also included a presentation of the existing conditions in the downtown, using photographs, aerial photos, and other visual graphics.

The next steps of the process include developing a future land use plan for the borough, as well as specific guidelines, strategies, and initiatives for improving downtown Paxtang.

For more information, monthly project updates, provided to the Borough Council, are provided on the Borough's website.

Staph Infections vs MRSA

You have probably seen a lot in the news about MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus). The Centers for Disease Control and Epidemiology in Atlanta, Georgia, has a great website that discusses this topic. I would like to provide you with some excerpts from their information.

“*Staphylococcus aureus*, often referred to simply as “staph,” are bacteria commonly carried on the skin or in the nose of healthy people.” Approximately 25% – 30% of all people carry this organism in their nose, but are not ill with the disease. Most staph infections are infections of the skin and can be treated with routine antibiotics. Sometimes, these infections are more serious, and infect the lungs (pneumonia), surgical wound sites, or blood stream (bacteremia) and are more difficult to treat.

A more recent form of Staph aureus is MRSA, which is resistant to the common antibiotics. Only about 1% of all people carry this form of staph. Most MRSA is found in persons having had surgery, urinary tract infections, blood stream infections, and pneumonia.

More recently, it has been found that persons other than those hospitalized or residents of other group facilities (nursing homes, etc.) are also being diagnosed with MRSA infections. This form is called a “community acquired” or CA-MRSA infection. “Staph or MRSA infections in the community are usually manifested as skin infections, such as pimples and boils, and occur in otherwise healthy people.”

“Most staph and MRSA infections are treatable with antibiotics. If you are given an antibiotic, take all of the doses, even if the infection is getting better, unless your doctor tells you to stop taking it. Do not share antibiotics with other people or save unfinished antibiotics to use at another time.”

Ways to prevent staph or MRSA skin infections include the following:

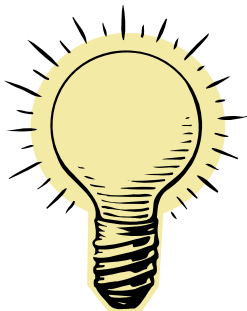
1. “Keep your hands clean by washing thoroughly with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
2. Keep cuts and scrapes clean and covered with a bandage until healed.
3. Avoid contact with other people’s wounds or bandages.

Avoid sharing personal items such as towels or razors.”

For more information on this topic, go to www.cdc.gov and look for Community-Associated MRSA Information for the Public.

Suzanne H Yeager, RN
Local Health Officer

Think Safety First



Most of us Paxtang residents think of our community as an idyllic place to live, with pleasant, tree lined streets of grand old houses, nice neighbors, convenient access, and relatively low crime. It has all of those things going for it, and more. But in reality, we want to ensure that our community remains a great place to live and have a family, so we need to step up and stick together.

One of the easiest ways to do that is to get to know your neighbors, if you don’t know them already. As you’re going to and from your car, take just a moment to say hi to your neighbors and catch up on happenings in your block. Exchange phone numbers or e-mails with each other, so if there is an incident in your neighborhood, you can let your neighbors know what’s going on. More importantly, you can let them know to be on the lookout for trouble.

Another great way you and your neighbors can get to know each other is to get everyone together to coordinate moving cars for snow removal. The street crew will appreciate that and ultimately can do a better job clearing the streets for everybody. You can even have a snow ball battle if the spirit moves you! Or, if someone on your block needs help with essential activities of daily living, you and your neighbors could help with snow removal, or pick up a few extra things for them while running your own errands.

Most importantly, pay attention to what goes on in your neighborhood and look out for each other. Let each other know what’s going on, who’s coming and going, if something appears amiss or not quite right, or if suspicious activities or people are observed in your neighborhood (in which case, you should also call the police).

Our courtesy, consideration, and genuine concern for the people around us makes our Borough the prestigious and coveted address it is, a great real estate investment, but most importantly, a great place to live!

Paxtang Citizens Advisory Committee



Your Business Ad Here

Place an ad in the quarterly addition of the
Paxtang Post
Please contact the Borough Office for more details.
564-4770 or paxtangborooffice@comcast.net



Paxton Presbyterian Nursery School

Morning Programs for 2, 3, 4 & 5 Year Olds!

REGISTER NOW FOR SEPTEMBER!

Call 561-0510 for information
3500 Sharon St., Harrisburg, PA 17111

Mark Your Calendars

Paxtang Fire Company
Annual
Crabfest/Pigroast
Saturday, September 20th

Soup, Sandwich & Bake Sale

Paxtang Fire Auxiliary

Tuesday, April 22nd

7 a.m. – sold out

**Come out and vote,
then help us in supporting
our local heroes**