

PAXTANG POST

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PAXTANG FIRE AUXILIARY



Wants You!

If you want to help support our brave firefighters, here is a way for you to help.

Please e-mail us at auxiliary40@comcast.net for more information.

Cookie Dough is still available!

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Act 175 of 1974, and Act 94 of 1986, the Council of the Borough of Paxtang hereby provides a schedule of Council and Committee meetings to be held through the calendar year January to December 2007. Unless otherwise noted, all regular meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:15 p.m., prevailing time, the third Tuesday of every month. Council workshop meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are held on the second floor of the Municipal Building, 3423 Derry St., Paxtang, Pennsylvania, 17111.

Any person with a disability requiring special accommodations to attend a Council meeting should notify the Borough Secretary at 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.

| 2007 Council Regular Monthly Meetings: | | 2007 Council Workshop Meetings: | |
|--|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| January 16 | July 17 | January 29 | June 25 |
| February 20 | August 21 | February 26 | September 24 |
| March 20 | September 18 | March 26 | October 29 |
| April 17 | October 16 | April 30 | November 26 |
| May 16 (Wed.) | November 20 | May 29 | |
| June 19 | December 18 | | |

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Do you love living in Paxtang and want to help keep Paxtang a great place to live? Then the Citizens Advisory Committee might be for you. The group is an informal group of residents whose mission is to promote a cleaner, safer community and to bring information to Borough Council regarding topics and events that impact the Paxtang area. Active participation in improving the quality of our neighborhood is included in the mission. Visit the website at www.paxtang.com. At present, participants are having e-meetings, and questions should be directed to Chris Whitmer at 564-0620 or to Murv Grunden at 561-2620.

Suggested projects for 2007:

1. Locating names and addresses of the elderly so they can be assisted with snow removal.

Volunteers are needed to help with this project.

2. Suggestions to improve the appearance of our neighborhood.
3. Look for homes and yards that are unkempt.
4. Block Parties for 2007

GREENBELT

From Jill Rondeau, President of the Greenbelt, the following items were pulled out of the ravine area from 29th Street to the Greenbelt (gas area spill) in November 2006:

193 passenger tires and 3 truck tires.
Approximately 3.5 to 4 tons of trash.
Approximately 150-200 shopping carts.

If you would like to volunteer, join the group the first Saturday of each month for group projects.

Phone 921-4733
www.caga.org

PAXTANG LIONS CLUB NEWS

Paxtang Lions Club will hold a Pancake Breakfast on February 10, 2007, from 6 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$5.00/person and Lions Club members will be selling tickets throughout the Borough on January 20 and 27, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. For further information, call Dave Colestock at 564-0567.



The Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 31, 2007 in the Borough Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. sharp. It doesn't last very long, so don't be late. Members usually try to hold a few eggs back for late arrivals, but that is not guaranteed.

FIRST FRIDAYS

Back by popular demand, First Fridays. On the first Friday of the month, the residents of Paxtang and surrounding communities are encouraged to make dinner plans in the Borough between 5:30 and 8:00 PM

Friday, February 2nd, at

THE BEST WOK 909-6666

Friday, March 2nd, at

PAXTANG GRILL 564-2738

Friday, April 6th, at

PAXTANG DINER 564-2557

Friday, May 4th, at

MAMA'S PIZZA 558-0030

Friday, June 1st at

THE TOPS RESTAURANT 564-2650

Don't forget **FLEMINGS SUB BASE 564-3774** which is not open Friday nights to participate, but is open during the day and would also appreciate your business. Each household is responsible for their own reservations and bill for the evening. Any questions or suggestions may be directed to Mayor Stambaugh at 558-8373 or e-mail keldeen@msn.com

News from the Tax Collector

To Home Occupation Persons and Business Owners: The Business Privilege Tax forms will be mailed during the month of January and that tax is due by April 16, 2007. Also, some businesses still need to pay for their 2007 Business License and this should be done immediately.

Interesting Data for 2006

Fact #1: The Borough of Paxtang issued 82 business licenses (includes Home Occupation) and 95 rental licenses. Approximately 850 persons were employed by Borough businesses.

Fact #2: 85% of Borough property owners paid their County/Borough real estate taxes during the discount period. 81% paid the school real estate taxes during the discount period.

TAX REMINDER

The 2007 County and Borough Real Estate Tax Bills are mailed out by Dauphin County on February 1st. The discount amount is good through March 31st. Extended hours for the tax collector are from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on March 26, 27, & 28, 2007. Please call Helen Koser at 564-6747 if these dates are not convenient. When mailing your payment, please proofread your check to make sure the numerical amount agrees with the written amount.

GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR STREET NAME SIGN REPLACEMENT

On October 18, 2006, Borough Council submitted an application to the Department of Community and Economic Development, for a Community Revitalization Grant for \$9,967, to replace the street name signs throughout the Borough. As of this writing, it is not known if the grant application will be approved, but some time in January that decision should be made. If approved, all street name signs in the Borough will be replaced with 8" double-sided, white on green signs with high intensity sheeting (78 signs). Posts will be replaced with 2" square posts with a breakaway system (47 posts). Signs along Paxtang Avenue and Derry Street may include a logo design (28 signs) and several posts along Derry Street and Paxtang Avenue—in the downtown core area—will be ornamental with a breakaway system (5 posts). It is expected that all posts and signs will be replaced within a year of receipt of funding. This project will provide the community with larger, uniform, standard signs, in compliance with PennDOT and Federal standards to improve safety, aesthetics, and business opportunity within the Borough. Check the Borough website for updates.

MINI-COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

On December 19th, Borough Council accepted a proposal from Rettew to develop a Mini-Comprehensive Plan. This plan will supplement the County's Comprehensive Plan and serve as a long-term community development and downtown improvement strategy. The plan will allow us to develop objectives, policies, and strategies that will maintain our small-town character and, at the same time, attract quality housing and business opportunities. Planning is expected to begin in January 2007, with public hearings in October and December with final adoption of the plan in December 2007. The study is being funded through a Community Development Block Grant from the County.

NEW HIGHWAY AND CODES EMPLOYEE

Ed Wenger was recently hired as a new full-time employee to handle codes enforcement and to assist in highway department duties. Ed will spend approximately 40% of his time on codes enforcement and 60% on highway projects. The Borough will send him for training and eventual certification in codes enforcement. Ed lives in the City of Harrisburg, just outside of Paxtang and is a Paxtang Borough Firefighter. Welcome Ed!

PANDEMIC FLU

Concern is widespread about a Pandemic, i.e., the emergence of a new virus that can infect humans.

Pandemics are not new, and don't occur very often. The most mentioned in the media is the "Spanish Flu" of 1918, however, the "Asian Flu" of 1957-58, and the "Hong Kong Flu" of 1968-69 were both considered a pandemic flu.

Avian Flu, has mostly been transmitted to humans in Asia by infected poultry or surfaces and objects contaminated by their feces. Most human cases, thus far, have occurred in rural or semi-rural areas where many households keep small poultry flocks which may share outdoor areas with children or even live in human houses. Many people in those areas slaughter, sell, and/or eat their own poultry, even though the birds may have been ill. Exposure is considered most likely during slaughter, butchering, and preparation of the poultry for cooking. Some wild birds have become infected from exposure to the virus where they cohabitate with poultry.

Since the United States has many regulations related to the raising, feeding, slaughtering, and selling of poultry,

what you buy at the store or in restaurants will not be a problem. The most likely ways of transmission to the United States will be by a traveler who is ill or incubating the infection, the natural movement of migratory birds, and illegal imported products from affected areas of the world.

Avian Flu characteristically causes more severe illness in younger persons, unlike the usual flu viruses that circulate every year. The most common symptom likely will be viral pneumonia that occurs rapidly after exposure and infection. It is also likely that there will be more gastrointestinal symptoms, such as diarrhea.

At present, pharmaceutical companies are working on a potential vaccine, however, if the virus changes its components, this vaccine may not be protective against Avian Flu. Pharmaceutical companies are also producing as much flu treatment medications, like Tamiflu, as possible. If a true pandemic occurs, there will not be enough, therefore, it is vital that everyone practice good infection control measures: **COVER COUGHS AND SNEEZES AND WASH YOUR HANDS!**

Clorox has joined the Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology to promote the "WE CARE" campaign in hospitals. We can all take their advice as follows:

W - Wash your hands with warm water and soap every time you cough, sneeze, and before you visit sick people.

E - Expect everyone to wash their hands before caring for someone who is ill. Remind them if they forget.

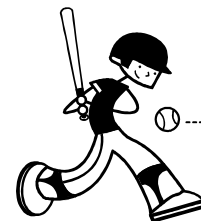
C - Cover your sneeze or cough with a tissue or your upper arm. Don't visit anyone who is ill if you are having these symptoms.

A - Avoid touching anything used by an ill person, such as tissues, etc.

R - Read and follow the directions given on any signs outside the hospital room you are planning on visiting.

E - Eliminate germs at home by using disinfectants such as sprays and wipes to clean surfaces, especially in your bathroom and kitchen.

Submitted by:
Suzanne H. Yeager, RN
Local Health Officer



BASEBALL SIGNUPS

Wilhelm/Paxtang Baseball Signups will be held at the Paxtang Elementary School on January 16th, 18th, and 24th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. All players are required to bring a copy of their Birth Certificates for proof of age and for proof of residency, a copy of the parents drivers license.

For questions, call
Rod Nichici, 564-0159

PAXTANG WALKING CLUB

The Paxtang Walking Club will begin walking again on March 6, 2007. The early morning schedule is Tuesdays and Thursdays meeting at 6:30 a.m. in the NEW Paxtang garden area next to the Paxtang Diner. This is a free activity to support a healthier community. If you are not already signed up and are interested, contact Keldeen Stambaugh at 558-8373 or e-mail keldeen@msn.com to be added to the list.

PAXTANG FIRE COMPANY SPECIAL FIRE POLICE



- Help protect firefighters on an emergency.
- Control traffic
- Secure property after a major fire.
- Control crowds at fairs, parades and other events.

If this sounds interesting, call 564-0520 or e-mail us at paxtangfire@comcast.net and leave a message for Fire Police Captain Murv Grunden.

LENKER MANOR- PAXTANG WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

February's program brings Darlene Kvaternik, owner of Hunter's Valley Winery to explain wine-making.

March will feature The Patriot News reporter, Mary Bradley, who will present a program on "Entertainment of the Past".

This club has served the community for almost 40 years and for more information on these programs or information about the Women's Club, please phone 540-9276.

NEW BUSINESSES IN THE BOROUGH

BERO'S REMODELING
3435 DERRY STREET

ROBERT BURTON'S POOL
TABLE REFURBISHING
3428 DERRY STREET

ROSA'S FASHION BOUTIQUE
3108 PINE STREET

MINI-KICKERS SOCCER CLINIC

Grab the soccer ball and join neighborhood friends for an instructional soccer clinic offered at the Paxtang Borough Gym on Thursdays in February.

Designed for boys and girls, ages three through eight, this three-session clinic is scheduled for February 1, 15, and 22, 2007.

Session times for each age group are as follows:

Preschool 1 (ages 3 - 5)*: 5:15 - 6:00 PM

Preschool 2 (ages 3 - 5)*: 6:00 - 6:45 PM

Starters (ages 6 - 8): 6:45 - 7:30 PM

*Must be age 3 by September 1, 2006.

The cost to register for all three sessions is \$30/child.



Coordinated and run by Coach Ricardo*, this program promotes exercise and skill development in a fun environment. Players should wear shin guards and bring a size 3 ball and drinking water. No soccer experience necessary. A parent or legal guardian must stay in the gym during class.

*Possessing a state "E" soccer certification, Ricardo Duarte has been coaching youth sports for more than seven years. He is a boys and girls coach for both the Swatara Youth Soccer and Lower Dauphin Soccer Associations and conducts soccer clinics for children at the Lower Paxton Township Friendship Center.

Please complete and return the registration form below to the Paxtang Borough Office with payment before January 31, 2007. Space for each session is being limited. Make checks payable to Paxtang Borough, and contact the Borough office at 564-4770 with any questions.

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Check Session Preference: Preschool 1 Preschool 2 Starters

Address: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Phone Number: _____ School: _____

E-mail: _____

Relevant Medical Conditions: _____

(e.g., asthma, special needs, etc.)

PAXTANG FIRE COMPANY OFFICERS FOR 2007

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- PRESIDENT: BARRY MILLER
- VICE PRESIDENT: TOM LEACH
- SECRETARY: CATHY SKINNER
- MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: CHERYL SWIGART
- TREASURER: MURV GRUNDEN
- TRUSTEE: BOB RUDDY
- TRUSTEE: JOHN ROWE
- TRUSTEE: ROBIN BLOSS

LINE OFFICERS

- CHIEF: TODD ZWIGART
- DEPUTY CHIEF: DAVE TURNER
- CAPTAIN: DAN WOLFE
- LIEUTENANT: PAT McKENNA, Jr.
- LIEUTENANT: WILL SKINNER
- LIEUTENANT: CORY NOELL

VISIT US AT PAXTANGFIRE.COM FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

CPR CLASS

Date: February 24, 2007

Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Paxtang Borough Gym

Certified Instructor: John Tinari

Eligible Participants: Paxtang Borough Residents, Age 11 and older

Cost: \$50 (includes book)

Make checks payable to John Tinari

Registration deadline: Feb. 4

Payment due at registration

Mail to: CPR Class,

Paxtang Borough Office

3423 Derry Street

Harrisburg, PA 17111

For questions, contact Mayor

Stambaugh at 564-4770

558-8373, or e-mail

keldeen@msn.com

(Sponsored by Citizens Advisory

Committee and

Mayor Stambaugh)

PAXTANG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meetings for 2007:

April 2, 2007 - Transportation (location to be announced.)

August 6, 2007 - Paxtang architectural walking tour/picnic.

October 1, 2007 - Annual meeting, War of 1812 (location to be announced.)