

# PAXTANG POST

January / February / March

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## Events This Quarter:

### JANUARY

**Monday, January 6th | 6:15PM**  
Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinance  
Amendment  
*Paxtang Borough Chambers*

**Monday, January 6th | 7:00PM**  
Reorganizational Meeting and General  
Business  
*Paxtang Borough Chambers*

**Tuesday, January 14th | 7:00AM -  
8:00PM**  
48th Senatorial District Special Election  
*Paxtang Municipal Building Gym*

**Tuesday, January 21st | 7:00PM**  
Council Meeting  
*Paxtang Borough Chambers*

### FEBRUARY

**Tuesday, February 4th | 7:00PM**  
Workshop Meeting  
*Paxtang Borough Chambers*

**Saturday, February 15th | 6:00AM -  
12:00PM**  
Paxtang Lions Pancake Breakfast  
*Paxtang Municipal Building Gym*

**Tuesday, February 18th | 7:00PM**  
Council Meeting  
*Paxtang Borough Chambers*

### MARCH

**Tuesday, March 3rd | 7:00PM**  
Workshop Meeting  
*Paxtang Borough Chambers*

**Tuesday, March 17th | 7:00PM**  
Council Meeting  
*Paxtang Borough Chambers*



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## 2020-2022 ELECTED PAXTANG BOROUGH OFFICIALS

At the January 6th Reorganization Meeting, the winners of the 2019 Municipal Election will be sworn in. Kathy Bloss, Tom Wingert, Josh Eisner and Chris Spackman all will retake their positions on Council. Frank Tittiger and Janice Hutchison will become two of our Auditors.

The newest member to Council is Angel Gonzalez. Angel has lived in Paxtang for 20 plus years, where he raised his four children. He is a retired Harrisburg City Police Officer of 28 years, former Air Force and currently a Dauphin County Sheriff. Angel is a graduate of John Harris High School and studied business at Youngstown State University.

## SWATARA PAXTANG SOFTBALL SPRING REGISTRATION

SPSA provides recreation softball opportunities for girls ages 5 through 15. Registration is on line at <https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=swatarapaxtang>.

Registration will open on January 1, 2020 and will close on February 29. Typically practices start in March, games start in April, and the season wraps up by mid-June. Our teams' home fields are at Saussaman Park in Paxtang and 40&8 in Chambers Hill, and we play against teams from the greater Harrisburg area. The cost is \$95 for 8U and older (\$20 for siblings), and FREE for T-Ball players! If you have any questions you can contact Deb Seneca at [dseneca@kiix.com](mailto:dseneca@kiix.com) or Kim Daniels at [buddyksd@gmail.com](mailto:buddyksd@gmail.com).

## BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Paxtang Borough Council approved the 2020 budget at the December Council Meeting. The budget includes estimated revenues of \$1,505,952 and expenditures of \$1,496,815.

Paxtang Borough provides for many different services through the budget. This includes Public Safety, such as police and fire protection, Highways including maintenance and repairs, Health and Sanitation which encompass our sewer system and trash removal.

The 2020 budget does not include any new tax increases. Fees for solid waste remained the same at \$275 per dwelling unit. The fees for the sewer system also remained the same at \$300 per dwelling unit and \$4.60 per thousand gallons of water used for commercial users.

Paxtang Borough Council invites all members of

the public to attend Council Meetings and Workshop sessions during 2020. Council Meetings and Workshop sessions are open to the public.

Unless otherwise noted, all regular Council meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00pm the third Tuesday of every month. Council workshop meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00pm, first Tuesday of every month, except August. All meetings are held on the second floor of the Municipal Building, 3423 Derry Street, Paxtang, PA 17111.

Any person with a disability requiring a special accommodation to attend a Council meeting should notify the Borough Secretary at (717) 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.

## SPECIAL ELECTION

A Special Election will be held on Tuesday, January 14th to fill the vacancy of the 48th Senatorial District. This election is to fill the vacancy caused by former Senator Mike Folmer's resignation. David Arnold (R) and Michael Schroeder (D) are the two candidates on the ballot.

Voting will be held in the Paxtang Borough Municipal Gym.

Polls are open from 7:00AM to 8:00PM. For more information contact Dauphin County Election Department or visit [votespa.com](http://votespa.com)

## 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 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.

In the event of snow, Paxtang Highway employees will work to ensure the roadways are cleared. If there is a particularly large amount of snowfall, the Mayor may declare a snow emergency. During a snow emergency, there are certain parking restrictions that help our Highway employees clear the snow easier. Residents are encouraged to view the Paxtang Borough Code to see where parking is restricted. The code is available online at [www.paxtang.org](http://www.paxtang.org) or a copy is available in the Borough Office. Follow us on Facebook and sign up for CodeRed to be sure you get breaking news alerts this winter!

## BOROUGH OFFICIALS CONTACTS

### MAYOR

Sheilah Borne Fuller (717) 558-5926

### COUNCIL

Kathy Bloss (717) 564-7605  
 Chris Spackman (717) 379-2530  
 Jack Thomas (717) 558-0063  
 David Gui (717) 576-3141  
 Tom Wingert (717) 307-1174  
 Josh Eisner (717) 579-8691  
 Angel Gonzalez

### SWATARA POLICE CHIEF

Darrell Reider (717) 564-2550

### MANAGER/RIGHT TO KNOW OFFICER

Keldeen Stambaugh (717) 564-4770

### SECRETARY/TREASURER

Faye Clark (717) 564-4770

Answers to many common questions may be found by visiting the Borough's website at [Paxtang.org](http://Paxtang.org)

## NEWS FROM YOUR TAX COLLECTOR

### F. Joseph Spackman

3408 Rutherford Street

717.561.9839

[jspack01@verizon.net](mailto:jspack01@verizon.net) (Best way to contact)

### Office Hours

Second and Last Wednesday 3:00 PM. to 6:00 PM. (closed on holidays) and by appointment. Also, the Tax Collectors Office will be opened on March 25,26,27,30 and 31 hours: 3:00 PM. to 6:00 PM.

### Note

Taxes may be dropped off / placed in a Locked Box located outside the tax collector's office door, at any time.

# LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Join us at the Kline Library, 530 S. 29th St, Harrisburg, for some fun this summer. For more information or to register for a program, visit [dcls.org](http://dcls.org) & click on Events & Programs or call The Library at (717) 234-3934.

## WINTER READING CHALLENGE: LIGHT UP YOUR MIND

**December 15 – February 29**

Sign up for the Winter Reading Challenge – open to all ages! Visit [dcls.org/wrc](http://dcls.org/wrc) to get started. Earn 10 badges (one for each hour of reading) to complete the challenge. Finishers earn a prize and will be entered to win 1 of 9 gift baskets. Paper registration form and logs are also available at each library. Help us reach our community goal of reading 750,000 minutes this winter!

## STORYTIMES & DISCOVERY PROGRAM REGISTRATION BEGINS

**Session 1: Registration begins December 26, Session begins January 6**

**Session 2: Registration begins February 4, Session begins February 18**

Registration begins for five-week sessions that focus on reading, math, science, art & financial education. Learn more about these programs at [dcls.org/kidsprograms](http://dcls.org/kidsprograms) or call your local library!

## COCOA & SNOWFLAKES

**Tuesday, January 14 | 6:00 pm**

Enjoy a break from the cold with a fun family event and the best parts of winter: snowflakes and chocolate! Listen to stories, and then make a snowflake, and participate in chocolate themed activities. Recommended for children age 3+, but families with children of all ages are welcome.

## KNIT 1, CROCHET TOO!

**Wednesdays, January 22, February 26, and March 18 | 6:00 pm**

Knit, purl, or chain one. BYO yarn and supplies to The Library for an evening of learning and conversation. Beginners can get help starting projects and professional yarn crafters can share tips. Designed for adults.

## WORLD BEATS

**Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 pm**

Musical instruments from around the world will introduce us to the music, folklore, and cultural traditions that highlight the differences and similarities in all of us. Bring the family and explore cultures through story and song. Recommended for children age 3+, but families with children of all ages are welcome.

## DOLLAR-SMART DEDUCTIONS: CHANGE AND SAVE ON YOUR TAXES

**Thursday, February 6 | 6:30 pm**

**Thursday, February 20 | 1:00 pm**

Looking for ways to save on your taxes, while also saving for the future? Join us to learn about the options you have when filing your federal taxes this year. A certified financial advisor will guide attendees through the options available this year.

## PROTECTING FAMILY: GUARDIANSHIP, ESTATE PLANNING AND YOU (FOR SENIORS)

**Tuesdays, March 10 & March 17 | 6:30 pm**

Having a plan in place for major life events, whether unexpected or planned, protects you and your family! From adoption to preparing for major financial, education, or health care expenses to the immense loss of a family member, some of the initial uncertainties that come with some major life events can be addressed in advance.

## FRIENDS OF KLINE LIBRARY MEETING

**Thursdays, January 16, February 20 and March 19 | 6:30 pm**

Join the Kline Friends at their meeting where fundraising events, book sales, & programming are planned to benefit the Kline Library. For more information, call (717) 343-9426.

## Election Works Needed

If you are a high school student 17 years of age or older and are interested in working the polls this presidential election year, please contact Tom Dochat, Judge of Elections, at 717-564-1799. Pay for a full day is \$130. The primary election is April 28th, and the general election is November 3rd.

This is a great opportunity to get a first-hand look at our democratic process and how our voting procedures work.



## Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 9th | 9:00AM

City Line Diner  
3302 Derry Street

Thursday, February 13th | 9:00AM

Starbucks  
6301 Grayson Road, E-101

For future dates, times and locations please refer to the Swatara Township Police Department Facebook page.

The Swatara Twp Police Department hosts monthly "Coffee with a Cop" meetings to provide community members an opportunity to sit down with the Director of Public Safety, Darrell Reider, along with other police officers from the department, to talk about problems or issues that come up throughout Swatara Twp and Paxtang Borough. Residents are encouraged to attend to stay informed about public safety and events.

## CHANGE IN BUSINESS LICENSE FEE

Beginning in 2020 Keystone Collections Group is the Business Privilege Tax and Business License Fee collector for Paxtang Borough. You may now pay both the tax and fee on one form to Keystone on April 15. Forms are mailed on or before February 1. Licenses will be mailed in June.

The License Fee for businesses operating within Paxtang Borough is now set at the annual rate of \$50. The business privilege tax remains at 1% of taxable receipts for retail, services and rentals. No tax is due if the whole or gross volume of business transacted is less than \$10,000. Even if no tax is due, you must still file the Business Privilege Tax and License Fee form.

Visit Keystone's website: [www.KeystoneCollects.com](http://www.KeystoneCollects.com) to download forms, for answers to Frequently Asked Questions and to ask a question anytime online. Call 1-724-978-0328 between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday to speak with a business compliance specialist.

## LENKER MANOR - PAXTANG WOMEN'S CLUB

The Lenker Manor, Paxtang Women's Club is holding its annual Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show on **Saturday, April 18, 2020** at Best Western Central Hotel and Conference Center 800 East Park Drive.

Ticket price is \$30. Fashions by A Touch of Taste located at the Brickerville House Shops, Lititz, PA and includes a served lunch.

Doors open at 10:30 with a Social/Cash Bar from 11:00 to noon. The luncheon and fashion show along with all the raffles runs from Noon to 3 pm. Tickets are in limited supply to this annually sold out event known for fabulous raffle baskets and other prizes along with a 50:25:25 cash raffle.

All proceeds support LMPWC's annual community outreach distributions to area charities and non-profit programs. For more information or to inquire about tickets please call Bonnie at 717-564-9141 or Lynn at 717-564-6877.



# Paxtang Leaves

Notes from the Shade Tree Commission

The Paxtang Shade Tree Commission will be looking at new trees to be planted and removed this year. The Commission will also be conducting routine inspection of trees and ground level pruning.

A number of trees were removed and trimmed this past year and new ones were planted. Residents can arrange to have an honors tree planted to recognize a happy event in the family or someone who has passed away. The fee of \$250.00 includes the tree, plaque and certificate.

The Shade Tree Commission is always looking for volunteers to either serve on the commission or help with inspection of trees and ground level pruning. Our Volunteers help to ensure that we maintain our trees in the Borough.

Please remember to not let ivy grow up the trees in front of your residence. Ivy can kill otherwise healthy trees!

Please let us know if you'd like to have a shade tree at your property this spring, or if you'd like to arrange for an Honors

Tree to be planted in memory or honor of a loved one.

The Paxtang Shade Tree Commission is comprised of volunteers from the community who give their time to tend to Paxtang's urban forest. Volunteer members maintain an inventory of all the trees in the Borough, decide which trees to plant and which to remove, conduct regular pruning and maintenance to ensure the health of the trees and safety of Borough residents.

## New Coffee Shop Opens in Paxtang

The Tiger Eye is the newest business in Paxtang. Recently opening in December, the shop run by Makayla Burton brings together coffee and art to Paxtang's business district.



The shop is Located at 3418 Derry St. right across from the Municipal Building and is opened daily from 6AM to 9PM.



For up-to-date information on events, please visit the Society's website at:

[paxtanghistoricalsociety.org](http://paxtanghistoricalsociety.org)

Sign up on-line or see any current member for additional details. Come be a part of history in Paxtang!

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



## Paxtang Lions Club

### 2020 Pancake Breakfast

The 68th Annual Paxtang Lions Club Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday, February 15th from 6:00am to 12:00pm 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 fund raisers for the year. Funds raised by the Lions go right back to our Community through various service projects and community grants.



### 2020 Easter Egg Hunt

Save the date for the 2020 Paxtang Lions Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Saussaman Park on Saturday, April 4th at 10:00am. All borough children are invited to attend. The severe weather date will be April 11th.

## Winter Storm Salting: Impacting our Waterways

Salt and sand are two traditional materials used in winter maintenance to combat snow and ice.

### Impacts of Salt and Sand

Many people do not realize that salt and sand have hidden impacts that can detract from their overall effectiveness. Even when applied in relatively small quantities, salt can:

- Deplete the oxygen supply needed by aquatic animals and plants
- Leach into the ground and change the soil composition
- Leach into the groundwater, contaminating sources of drinking water
- Deteriorate paved surfaces, buildings, infrastructures, and the environment

### Similarly, sand can:

- Bury the aquatic floor life, fill in habitats, and cloud the water
- Erode the stream banks and landscapes
- Cause premature deterioration of floor surfaces
- Lose its effectiveness after becoming embedded in snow and ice
- Enter catch basins, storm



- drains, and surface waters if it is not swept up each spring
- Contribute to plugged storm drains, which can cause flooding

More environmentally friendly alternatives to sodium chloride are acetates, potassium chloride, or magnesium chloride.

For more information on keeping our water clean visit [www.paxtang.org/stormwater-management](http://www.paxtang.org/stormwater-management)

(Source: University of Michigan)

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**PAXTANG BOROUGH OFFICE**

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The first and third Tuesdays of the month, we are open until 6:00 p.m.



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