

PAXTANG POST

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- 16th - Borough Council Meeting
- 27th - Easter Egg Hunt
- 29th - Council Workshop
- 31 - Deadline for tax discount

April

- 3rd - Rain date for Easter Egg Hunt
- 5th - Historical Society
- 10th - Lenker Manor Paxtang Women's Club Luncheon

- 20th - Borough Council Meeting

- 23rd - Arbor Day (tentative)
- 26th - Council Workshop

May

- 9th - Mother's Day
- 15th - May Fair
- 19th - Borough Council Meeting
- 31st - Picnic

June

- 5th - Borough Yard Sale

Welcome New Businesses

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Council Reorganization

Precisely at 6 pm January 4, 2010, John Niosky, Esq. led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, opening the reorganization of Borough Council, and the reappointment of Borough officials.

The Oath of Office was administered to the following newly elected Council persons; John Niosky Sr., Esq., Lynn Kipp, and Raymond J. Patackis, by District Judge Michael Smith.

The Oath of Office was then administered to Helen J. Koser, duly elected Tax Collector.

Administration of the Oath to Auditor appointee Devon Alleman concluded Judge Smith duties.

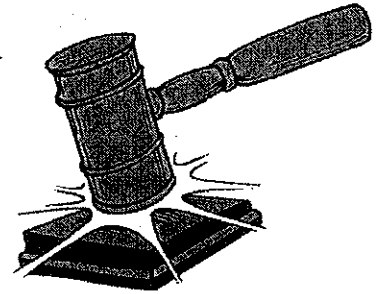
Unanimously elected to serve as President of Council was John Niosky. E. Denny Beaver was unanimously elected to serve as Vice President was E. Denny Beaver.

Committee Chairpersons named were: Administration, E. Denny Beavee, Property and Recreation, Lynn Kipp, Public Safety, Shelia Borne-Fuller, Highway, Deb Seneca, Health & Sanitation, Ray Patackis, and Public Relations, Ginny Panza.

The following appointments were made; Solicitor, James Feinour, Esq. (Nauman, Smith), Engineer, Max Shradley (Rettew Associates), Plumbing Inspector, Tim Folk, Board Of Health, Donna Powers, Health Officer, Suzanne Yeager, Zoning Hearing Board Edith Martin, Recreation Board, David Shade & Wes Bower, Civil Service Commission, Jill Rowe, Vacancy Board, Warren Martin, Building Codes/Zoning Officer, Edward Wenger.

Also appointed by Tax Collector Helen Koser was Dori Pitzner as Deputy Tax Collector.

Council members present and voting were; John Niosky, Esq. E. Denny Beaver, Shelia Borne-Fuller, Lynn Kipp, Raymond Patackis, Virginia Panza.



TAX REMINDER

The 2010 County and Borough Real Estate Tax Bills were mailed by Dauphin County around February 1st. Call me if you have not received your bill. The discount amounts are good through March 31st. My extended hours for March are on your bill.

Please call if you'd like to come at another time. When mailing your payment, please proofread your check to make sure the numerical amount agrees with the written amount.

Also, watch the newspaper for information from Dauphin County. On-line credit card payments should be up and running by March. Call me if you have any questions.

Helen Koser, Tax Collector

717-564-6747

BUSINESS OWNERS

Some businesses have not paid for their 2010 Business License. Do so as soon as possible. If you've lost your application, call me for another one. All home businesses, regardless of earnings, need to be registered with the borough. A license is \$15 a year.

Business Privilege Tax Forms for 2009 earnings and Local Services Tax Forms for 2010 were sent or delivered in January. Please call 564-6747 if you have not received these forms.

RENTAL OWNERS

Make sure you have paid for your 2010 Business License. Your Business Privilege Tax Form for 2009 (due 4-15-2009) should have been received by now. If your gross receipts are more than \$10,000, you should have received a form. Please call 564-6747 if you need one.

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

Again this year, the annual Clyde Stohler, Tony Surace Memorial Day Picnic will be held beginning 12 noon at the Saussaman Park, May 31, 2010. The festivities will begin with a flag raising ceremony at the flagpole. Hot dogs, chicken corn soup, soda, and all of the fixings are free to Borough residents. Games and fire truck rides will follow in the afternoon. The Lawton American Legion will provide the color guard.

Weeds and Grass



One of the first things that a passer-by notices about your property is the condition of the lawn and weeds or lack thereof. This is why the Borough enacted an ordinance to help protect the value of the community through curbing the overgrowth of weeds and grass throughout one's property. The summary of Borough Ordinance 5-5001 states that weeds and grass shall be maintained below a height of 9 inches or the owner and/or the occupant may be subject to a citation. The average minimal cost of a citation is approximately \$170.00 including fines and court cost. The Borough understands that there are times when everyone falls behind on their yard maintenance from time to time but if the situation should become a chronic problem than a citation most probably would be issued.

RUNNERS NEEDED BY THE LIONS

The Lions are looking for a few good runners to be available March 28, 11:30 -3:30PM at the Holiday, Grantville. Anyone interested should call Jim Dermes,(558-8912).

Building Permits

As just a reminder to all property owners that Borough Ordinance requires that the Property Owner or his Authorized Agent (Contractor) shall file a building permit application for any proposed construction, repairs or alterations with a total cost exceeding \$200.00. An example of the above mentioned activities would be can be found on the Borough's web site under the Codes button. Just click on the Building Permit Frequently Asked Questions page.



EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Lions Club will be held March 27, at 10AM, with a rain date of April 3. All Borough Children are eligible to participate from toddler to 12 years of age. There are age appropriate groupings. The hunt will take place at Saussaman Park (upper ball field)

Cleaning Up After Your Pet

This subject should go without mention, but if you are out walking your pet please take a second and clean-up after your animal. It is very neighborly to do so. If you have forgotten the appropriate clean-up material please return to the site and clean up as soon as possible. Please note that failure to clean-up after your pet would be a violation of Borough Ordinance 607 which says that if your walking your pet and they "go" on any property that's not yours you need to clean it up and properly dispose of it. Failure to do so could result a fine of up to \$600.00 and the cost of prosecution



Lynn Kipp - New Council Person

As a recently retired credit manager, mother of two daughters, grandmother to a combined 14 grandchildren, and a 35-year resident of Paxtang, I am honored and privileged to be a newly elected councilperson in the borough that I love.

I am currently a Meals on Wheels volunteer and the president of Lenker Manor - Paxtang Women's Club. I invite all interested women to contact me for membership information at 564-6877. In the past, I have served as a PTA officer at Paxtang Elementary School, a Sunday School teacher at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and a Brownie leader at Paxton Presbyterian Church. In 1989, I started a singles gourmet group that still meets monthly.

I thank all of you who had enough confidence in me to give me your vote, and especially my very supportive husband Gary. I shall be a voice for you during the council meetings, but I encourage each of you to use your own voice at the council meetings which are open to the public. My platform that I plan to share with all of you is community pride. I would hope that you would join me in taking pride in our properties, whether owned or rented, and make this a community to be envied.

Ray Patackis - New Council Person

Ray Patackis and Rita, his wife of 40 years, have been property owners and residents of Paxtang Borough for over 30 years. Ray served with the U.S. Navy in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam era and retired from State Service with the PA Department of Labor & Industry after 40 years of service in various supervisory, management and executive capacities in the Bureau of Workforce Development. Ray was one of the founding members of the Paxtang Athletic Council during the eighties and served in a coaching capacity while his two sons and daughter participated in Paxtang-Wilhelm youth sports activities. For the last four years, Ray served as the Chairman of the Paxtang Shade Tree Commission.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Primary Election Day this year is May 18. Only those registered to vote either Democratic or Republican are eligible to vote for those party candidates. Anyone not registered to vote or who wish to change their registration must do so before April 19. Anyone registered non partisan can change their registration to either party before that date.

LOWER FIELD GRANT

A grant of \$41,000 has been received from the Conservation and Natural Resource Foundation for the playground equipment and total improvements to the lower field. Our ground staff (and prisoners on work release) will be doing their part in kind work to prepare the field. \$17,000 has been designated for new playground equipment. The field will be designed for children 2-5 years of age.

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

A committee is being formed to commemorate 100 years of incorporation of the Borough during the year 2015. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact Mayor Keldeen Stambaugh at 558-8373.



Paxtang Elementary's Annual May Fair

Paxtang Elementary's Annual May Fair is Saturday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All Paxtang residents are invited to the school playground and gym for games, raffles, prizes, food and fun. Cake donations for the traditional cake walk are always appreciated. Remember to enter the chicken corn soup cook-off, too! For information about attending or volunteering, contact PTO chairperson, Denise Remillard dremillard1966@gmail.com or call 564 0156



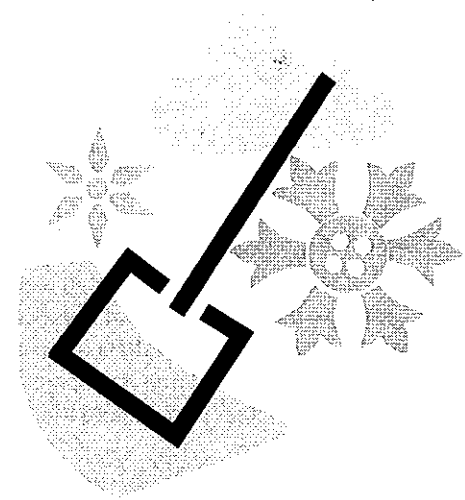
A Christmas Eve Tradition Begins

Paxtang Avenue neighbors celebrated the holiday season by instituting a new Christmas Eve tradition. Neighbors up and down the block lit up the night with luminaries lining the sidewalks on both sides of the street. Response to the event was great and we hope it will become an annual tradition. The event was organized by Bonnie and Rob Pugliese, who will be happy to do it again next year! Feel free to contact them at bonnieandrob@gmail.com.

It Snowed This Year--In Case You Missed It

This year has already set some records for snowfall and we still have some time to go until the end of the season. We would like to take time to thank all our residents that moved their cars so the crews could plow.

The Borough would like to remind all property owner's 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 \$1000.00 plus court fees. You may want to take some time to make arrangement with a neighbor or friends to take care of your sidewalks should you be unable to do so or are out of town.



Paxtang Historical Society

April 5th, 2010 Monday 7:00 P.M.

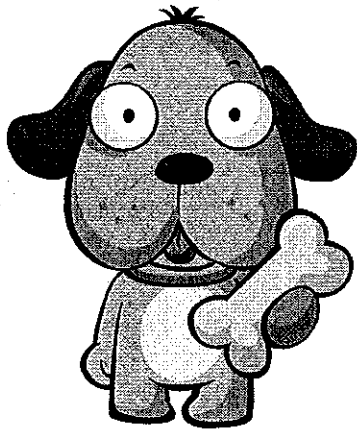
Meeting will be held at the Paxton Presbyterian Church

Please note: We will be doing some major changes on our website the next few months.

We look forward to seeing you!

www.paxtanghistoricalsociety.com





A Special Valentine For Man's Best Friend

The second graders from Room 203 at Paxtang Elementary School made Valentine treat bags for the dogs at the Harrisburg Humane Society during their school Valentine's Day class party. Students Carley Furlow and Andrew Seneca delivered the bags, which were greatly appreciated.

The Paxtang Elementary PTO is offering a \$1,000 college scholarship. Any graduating CD, CD East, Bishop McDevitt, or DC Vo-tech senior who attended Paxtang Elementary for at least three years is eligible to apply. The scholarship application deadline is April 1, 2010. Applications can be found on line at www.cdschools.org, at Paxtang Elementary, or at the high school guidance offices.

KUDOS

KUDOS to our Gifhway staff (Sol and Ed) who did a fantastic job, with the job they were given, and who appreciate the cooperation and help from residents who moved cars and generally pitched in to facilitate the removal of snow. Likewise, we the residents are grateful for a job well done.

Pennsylvania Dog Laws

It Is Unlawful

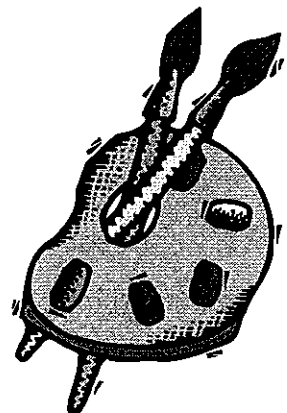
- To keep or harbor any dog three months of age or older without a current PA dog license (due on or before January 1).
- To own a dog three (3) months of age or older without a current vaccination against rabies administered by a licensed veterinarian.
- To allow your dog to run at large. All dogs must be under control. Owners are responsible for all damages caused by their dog(s).
- To mistreat or abuse any animal. Report violations to your local humane organization or police.
- To place any poison or harmful substance in any place, on your own property or elsewhere, where it may be easily found and eaten by dogs.
- To abandon or attempt to abandon any dog. Fines for abandonment range from \$300 to \$1,000 plus court costs.
- To barter, trade sell or transfer any dog under seven weeks old.
- To operate a kennel that keeps, harbors, boards, shelters, sells, gives away or transfers a total of 26 or more dogs in any one calendar year without a current kennel license.
- For any person to interfere with an officer or employee of the Department in the enforcement of the Dog Law.
- For any person to knowingly make any false statement or to conceal any fact required to be disclosed under any of the provisions of the State Dog Law (Act 225).

Summary violations of the dog law cost up to a maximum of \$300 plus court costs.

Misdemeanor violations of the dog law cost up to \$2,000 plus court costs.

THE ART ASSOCIATION

The Art Association reports a successful fall show and are looking anxiously toward their next show May 2, after 9AM at Fort Hunter



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Robert C. Edwards Scholarship Foundation

Scholarship Application

Deadline May 4, 2010

The Robert C. Edwards Scholarship is administered by the Robert C. Edwards Scholarship Foundation. The Scholarships will be presented to selected students in each of the six (6) Districts of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB). (See map on back).

The applicant must be from a **Borough which is a member of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB)**. The applicant must have been accepted for admission to an accredited College, University or School which offers a two (2) or a four (4) year degree/certificate program. The scholarship is for the first year (freshman) at the College, University or School.

The applicant must attach a picture which may be used for publicity purposes, and will not be returned.

Scholarship payments, in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), will be made directly to the College, University or School in which the applicant is enrolled. In the event that enrollment is not completed or the applicant withdraws before the end of the first year, the institution will be directed to return the money to the Foundation.

Contact Borough Office For Further Details and Application

- Board of Directors -

Samuel Black
Anthony Defilippi

Harold Brungard
Steve Perovich

David Perruso
Thomas Stanton



Baseball/T-Ball Registration

Wilhelm/Paxtang Athletic Association
will be having Baseball and T-Ball sign-ups
for the 2010 spring season. Ages 5- 12.

Sign-ups will be:

Saturday Feb. 20th, 27th, & March 6th 9:00am – 11:00am

at Paxtang Borough Office (upstairs)

and

Tuesday Feb. 23rd and March 2nd 6:00 –

7:00pm at Paxtang Elementary

- You must bring a copy of child's birth certificate, proof of residency (a driver's license or utility bill), as well as insurance info (carrier and ID #) to complete medical release form.
 - Payment will be required at registration, \$55 per player: \$30 for each additional sibling.
- *** (Even if your child played last year – we still need a copy of their birth certificate)***
- **All forms are on the WPAA website at wpaa.kiix.com under forms.**
 - We will also be signing up coaching volunteers – if you'd like to volunteer – please bring a copy of your driver's license.

**** This year we will be doing a fundraiser during the season we will be selling Pretzel Sandwiches. We will have a BUY OUT for the fundraiser if you do not want to sell sandwiches, you can pay \$30 per child and not partake in the pretzel sandwich fundraiser.

Please call Jeff Myers at 564-1413 or Vicki Matthey at 545-4317 with any questions or concerns.

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