

PAXTANG POST



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- 4th- Independence Day
- 15th- Public Borough Meeting

August

- 4th- Historical Society Annual Picnic
- 5th- National Night Out
- 19th- Public Borough Meeting

September

- 1st- Labor Day
- 16th- Public Borough Meeting
- 20th- Fire Company Crabfest / Pig Roast
- 29th- Public Borough Workshop Meeting

Welcome New Businesses

Fleming's Subs
under new management/
longer hours
3697 Derry Street

Club Med Billiards, Inc.
3701 Derry Street

Tax Reminder

The 2008 Central Dauphin Real Estate Tax Bills are mailed out by the school district on July 1st. The discount amount is good through August 31st. My extended hours are from 1 P.M. - 6 P. M. on August 25, 27 & 29. Please call if you need to come at another time. When mailing your payment, please proofread your check to make sure the numerical amount agrees with the written amount. If your mortgage company requires you to send a copy of the tax bill, please remember to do so!! I will be on vacation July 7th and July 9th.

Helen Koser, Paxtang Tax Collector
564-6747

Lower Field Playground has arrived!

Through a government grant, the borough has purchased and installed a new piece of playground equipment. The piece of equipment is geared toward children ages 5-12 years of age. Be sure to stop by the lower field and check out! It's a hit!



Paxtang Lower Field Tot-lot 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. (shown above)

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 - \$ 9donation

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 Matthey at 717-545-4317 or by e-mail at vickimatthey@msn.com.



Paxtang Named Tree City USA

Paxtang had been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. It is the twentieth year Paxtang has received this national recognition

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Paxtang has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community; a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

“Trees in our cities and towns help clean the air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature into our daily lives,” said John Rosenow, Chief Executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Tree City USA designation recognizes the work of elected officials, staff and citizens who plant and care for the community forest. Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our cities and towns, and provide environmental and economical benefits. A community, and its citizens, that recognize these benefits and provide needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks.”

Press Release: News from The National Arbor Day Foundation



August 4, 2008, Paxtang Historical Society Meeting/Picnic Harrisburg During the Civil War".

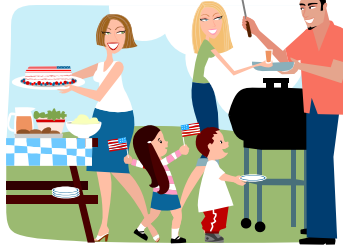
The Paxtang Historical Society will hold its next meeting at Borough Park Pavilion (North of the Paxton Presbyterian Church, Paxtang Avenue and Simpson Street) Monday, August 4, 2008, starting at 6:30 PM, rain or shine. Members and Non-Members welcome.

By special invitation the Camp Curtin Historical Society will be participating in this summer's Annual Picnic. The members of the Camp Curtin Historical

Society will be displaying various Civil War artifacts and documents including weapons and military items, local photographs, newspapers and letters, and several educational displays on Harrisburg activities during the Civil War. This is the first joint Society event held by the Paxtang Historical Society with the Camp Curtin Historical Society, which was founded in 1990 and has about 250 members.

The Paxtang Historical Society will provide Sandwiches, Condiments, Drinks (Ice Tea, Diet Ice Tea, Lemon Aid, Water) Plates, Cups, Plastic Ware (Spoons, Forks and Knives), if possible please bring a covered dish of your favorite recipe for others to taste.

Please call Shirley or Murv Grunden before the 28th of July if you plan to attend so we have a close count for the food. Call (717) 561-2620 after 6:00 PM, leave a message if no one is at home. Or E-mail us at murvg@aol.com Subject: PHS Picnic



National Night Out 25th Anniversary Tuesday August 5, 2008

During National Night Out August 5, 2008, many neighborhoods will be hosting special activities such as yard parties, cookouts, etc. National Night Out gives people a chance to heighten crime prevention awareness, bring neighbors closer together, and send a message to criminals letting them know that

neighbors across the U.S.A. are organized and fighting back. Organize a special activity for your neighborhood. Officers from the Paxtang Police Department and the Paxtang Fire Company will stop by and visit as many events as possible. Let's get involved and join others across the country in letting criminals know they are not welcome in our community. Start planning your parties now with your neighborhood.

NOTE: If you are planning to host a Party please notify the Paxtang Borough Office so we can locate you. If your block would like the street barricaded (barricades placed at the ends of the street) notify the Paxtang Borough Office before July 10th as Paxtang Borough Council will have to approve street blocking at the July 15th Council Meeting. Paxtang Borough Office (717) 564-4770

Murv Grunden



**Six "PLEAs"
For Healthy Swimming**

Now that summer is here, pools are open and it is time to think about swimming and how to protect you and your family against recreational water illnesses. The Centers for Disease Control and Epidemiology (CDC) has some good information which I would like to share with you. CDC has titled them the Six "PLEAs" for Healthy Swimming.

The first three "PLEAs" will help stop germs from causing illness at the pool.

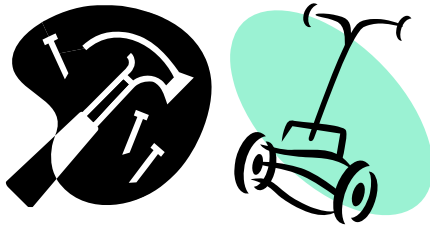
1. Please don't swim when you are having diarrhea. This is especially important for kids in diapers.
2. Please don't swallow pool water, and even try to avoid getting the water in your mouth.
3. Please practice good hygiene by taking a shower before swimming and washing your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers.
6. Please wash your child thoroughly with soap and water before swimming. Everyone has invisible amounts of fecal matter on their bottoms that could end up in the pool.

Healthy swimming behaviors are needed to protect you and your kids. Following these 6 "PLEAs" will help stop germs from getting into the pool. For further information, go to the CDC website: www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming.

Suzanne H. Yeager, RN
Local Health Officer

The last three "PLEAs" will help keep germs out of the pool and your community.

4. Please take your kids on bathroom breaks or check diapers often. If you wait to hear, "I have to go", it may be too late.
5. Please change diapers in a bathroom or diaper-changing area and not at poolside. Germs can spread to surfaces and objects in and around the pool and can cause illness.



**From the Office of
Codes Administration**

As just a reminder to all property owners that Borough Ordinance require that the Property Owner or his Authorized Agent (Contractor) shall file a building permit application for any proposed construction, repairs or alterations in excess of \$200.00. An example of construction, repairs or alterations can be found on the Borough's web site under the Codes button. Just click on the Building Permit Frequently Asked Questions page. (also listed in this addition of the Post)

I would also like to remind Borough Residents that we are in the full swing of yard maintenance season and that under borough ordinance all weeds and grass on your property must be kept below a height of 10 inches. Please note that the "property" includes the area between the street and sidewalk. If you have any question or comments please do not hesitate to give me a call at the Borough Office. Thank you and have a great summer!

Ed Wenger
Borough of Paxtang
Codes Enforcement Officer

Building Permits FAQ

- Q. When do I need a building permit?**
- A.** Borough Ordinance require that the Property Owner or his Authorized Agent (Contractor) shall file a building permit application for any proposed construction, repairs or alterations in excess of \$200.00. An example of construction, repairs or alterations would be:
- *New Construction
 - *Roofing
 - *Wooden Decks / Patios
 - *Sidewalks/Driveways
 - *Fences
 - *Remodeling
 - *Sheds
 - *Wood or Coal Stoves
 - *Additions
 - *Windows/Doors
 - *Exterior Painting
 - *All Electrical / Plumbing Work (Borough Ordinance # 488)

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Q. Where can I get a permit?

A. You may obtain a permit either through the Borough Secretary or by visiting the Borough's web site at www.paxtang.com.

Q. What information will I need to supply with the building permit application?

- A.**
- A certificate of liability insurance and proof of worker's compensation insurance for any Contractors and Sub-contractors.
 - Site Plan Drawing showing the dimensions and location of any sidewalk,

driveway, fence, shed/garage or additions.
Borough of Paxtang Plumbers License for any contractor doing plumbing work.

Q. When can I start work on the project?

A. No work may begin until the Codes Officer has issued the Building Permit Card. Most permit applications will be processed within 5-10 business days of submission to the Codes Officer.

Q. What are the fees for the Building Permit Application?

A. The fee is \$10.00 for the first \$1000.00 of the total project cost and then \$5.00 for every \$1000.00 afterwards. Example: For a total project cost of \$4000.00, \$10.00 for the first \$1000.00 and \$15.00 for the remaining \$3000.00, the permit fee would be \$25.00.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact Ed Wenger, Paxtang Borough Building Code Official at (717) 564-4770 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.



The Wilhelm-Paxtang Athletic Association t-ball team (The Lions) thanks the Paxtang Lions Club for their sponsorship!

Paxtang Pridel

Please remember to...

- Pick up loose trash down our many alleys and side streets especially after trash day
- Put trash in trash cans. This will discourage skunks from finding their new favorite dinning location in our alleys.
- Ensure hedges and shrubs are cut back off sidewalks to allow ease for those passing by
- Be conscious of Paxtang's burn ordinance (listed on the borough website)
- Be conscious of where you have stone or mulch delivered. Please ensure it is not in an area that blocks traffic or parking.
- Be aware of no parking zones.

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Would you like to volunteer to deliver the newsletter? Please contact the borough office at 564-4770 or paxtangborooffice@comcast.net

Thank you to all donors and volunteers that made this year's annual Memorial Day a huge success! We could not have such a wonderful family fun filled day each year with out all your support and dedication to the community!



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