

# PAXTANG POST



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER

1st-Historical Society Meeting  
4th-Public Borough Meeting  
9th & 10th-Basketball Signups  
21st-Greenbelt Ride  
23rd-Halloween Parade  
25th-Trick or Treat

### NOVEMBER

3rd-100th Anniversary of School  
Paxton Presbyterian Community  
Day  
Beginning of Fruit Sale  
10th-Food Service Drive

### DECEMBER

2nd-Christmas Tree Lighting

### JANUARY

13th-Historical Society Meeting

## **OVER 60?**

The term "Triple A" could provide you with some badly needed help or could help you give someone else that badly needed help. "Triple A" or Area Agency on Aging is a County sponsored organization to assist people 60 years of age or older.

Should "over 60's" need help with snow shoveling, leaf raking, simple repairs, Meals on Wheels, contact David Daniels at 780-6130, ext. 6140. This is a volunteer service which means no charge

On the contrary, if you are able to provide assistance, this same number can hook you up with those in need.



## **LIONS CLUB NEWS**

The annual Halloween Parade will be held October 23, 2007, beginning at 7PM. It will form at the old AMP building behind the Tops Restaurant at 6 PM. The fire siren will sound at 6:30 to indicate the parade will march. In case of rain, the judging will take place in the Borough gym. Registration to participate in the parade will be done October 16, 17, and 18, in the Good Shepherd Library from 6-8 PM each evening.

The annual fruit sale will begin November 3, with pick-up and delivery starting December 14th from NOON to 5 PM, at the Borough gym. For further information, Lion Dave or Loretta Colestock can be reached at 717/564-0567. All fruit must be paid for when ordered.

The Christmas Tree lighting will be held December 2, 2007, at the Borough building. There will be a short program at the tree, a visit from Santa, and hot chocolate and cookies afterwards in the gym.

The Food Service Drive will be held November 10. Flyers will be passed out ahead of time and should be attached to food bags and placed on front porches before 8 AM. Food will be taken to the Ecumenical Food Bank and distributed from there.

## **PAXTANG EVENT - CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF EDUCATION**

Paxtang Elementary School, established in 1907, is holding an Open House Style, 100th Anniversary celebration from 8 AM to NOON on Saturday, November 3, 2007, at the school, located at 3530 Rutherford Street. Students, alumni, parents, and interested historians from Paxtang and beyond are invited to tour the school, visit with old friends and enjoy the activities and entertainment. There will be strolling musicians, a barber-shop quartet and actors dressed in period costumes. Members of the historical society will showcase photos and artifacts from the early years of the school. One or more antique automobiles will be on display outside the school throughout the event.

The morning will kick off with a pancake breakfast in the school cafeteria, made possible by the Paxtang Lions Club. Tickets will be available in advance and at the door.

Paxtang residents and school children are invited to participate in an old-fashioned bake-off, providing cookies, cakes and pies, which will be judged in different categories by a panel of teachers. Winners in three categories will receive a blue ribbon for their culinary efforts.

Cookbooks with recipes from Paxtang students and their families will be sold at the event with proceeds going to support school activities.

In honor of the centennial, commemorative bricks will be sold to any individual or business who wishes to show their support of Paxtang in a meaningful and long-lasting way. Bricks will be engraved with up to three lines of text. (Example: The Ronald Smith Family, Paxtang 2007.) Cost for the engraved bricks will be \$35, and again, proceeds will benefit school programs.

Throughout the 2007/2008 school year, Paxtang students will be learning more history as part of the curriculum, they will have the opportunity to play old-fashioned games (marbles, checkers, pit-shooting, etc.), and will eat lunches that may have been served in the early 1900s.

Questions about the anniversary event can be directed to Denise Remillard, PTO committee chair at 564-0156

## LEAF COLLECTION IS FAST APPROACHING

By Saul Schmolitz

The annual collection of leaves is almost upon us and here are some helpful hints that will make collection easier for the Borough Employees:

- ⇒ Rake your leaves only to the curb, and not into the street.
- ⇒ Take any and all sticks or branches out of the leaves. Those items clog the leaf machine and slows down the collection process.
- ⇒ Try to time your raking with the week employees are scheduled to come to your "side" so that if it rains, the leaves do not get heavy in the pile.
- ⇒ If at all possible, don't park near leaf piles. This allows truck drivers to get close to the curb for easier collection of leaves.

To simplify collection, the Borough is divided into two "sides" as follows: From 29th Street to Park Terrace Street is designated as the "upper side" and from the Greenbelt to Wilhelm Road is designated as the "lower side".

**Leaf collection will begin on Monday, October 29, 2007**, and will go on for about six weeks, starting with the "upper side". Work will be done one "side" a week unless Borough Employees have additional time. In that case, they will pick up larger piles from the other "side".

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| WEEK ONE:   | October 29th - November 2nd   | Upper side |
| WEEK TWO:   | November 5th - November 9th   | Lower side |
| WEEK THREE: | November 12th - November 16th | Upper side |
| WEEK FOUR:  | November 19th - November 23rd | Lower side |
| WEEK FIVE:  | November 26th - November 30th | Upper side |
| WEEK SIX:   | December 3rd - December 7th   | Lower side |



## PAXTANG SCHOOL TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

Some improvements around Paxtang Elementary School have been made in response to concerns regarding student safety. When driving to, from, or past the school, please keep student safety your number one goal. Improvements include:

1. New crosswalks at the intersections of Rutherford Street with Swan Street and Walnut Street, and Montour Street with Walnut Street and Swan Street. (Walnut Street is the alley west of and adjacent to school property.) Parents: Please use these crosswalks for your own safety and to set an example for your child.
2. Curb corners are painted yellow to designate no parking. Please do not park or stop your vehicle adjacent to yellow curbs as this can obscure the view for drivers and pedestrians and could create an unsafe situation.
3. Parking is prohibited on a portion of the north side of Rutherford Street, adjacent to the school for bus traffic. Please do not park or stop your vehicle in this area.
4. Parking on Walnut Street is prohibited. Please do not park or stop your vehicle on Walnut Street - it encourages students to walk through parked vehicles directly onto the street, where they are not easily seen.

For the safety of our students, please obey all traffic signs and markings, and follow any instructions given by police officers or school personnel. Failure may result in being ticketed. In addition, consider the following ways to further improve safety.

1. **WALK TO SCHOOL.** If you cannot, try asking a trusted neighbor to walk with your child or allow children to walk with other students. The location of our school is ideal for walking which decreases congestion, improves safety around the school, saves fuel, and gives the children exercise and opportunity to socialize with other children.
2. **WALK PART WAY.** If your walk is too far, try parking a block or two away from the school and walking the rest of the way.
3. **TRY CARPOOLING.** Take turns driving several students from your neighborhood. Again, this will reduce congestion, improve safety around the school, and save fuel. It's also an opportunity for children to socialize with other children before they get to school.
4. **USE MONTOUR STREET FOR DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP.** Avoid using Rutherford Street and Swan Street adjacent to the school for travel and parking. Instead, try accessing Montour Street from Paxtang Avenue and loading and unloading your child at the curb adjacent to the school property, between Walnut Street and Swan Street. Then exit the school area by turning left onto Swan Street (up the hill) or going straight through at Swan Street, continuing on Montour Street. This will reduce the number of cars mixing with buses and pedestrians in front of the school.
5. **AVOID THE AREA.** If you do not have a child at Paxtang Elementary, try to avoid the streets adjacent to the school during drop-off and pick-up times.

**BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS**

The Wilhelm/Paxtang Basketball Association will hold intramural sign-ups on October 9th and 10th, 2007, from 6:00PM to 7:30PM at Paxtang Elementary School in the lobby. Boys and girls ages 8-13 (must be 13 before January 2008 - cannot play if the age of 14 is reached before January.)

A **COPY** of birth certificate must accompany the registration form. Registration fee is \$60.00 with no fund raisers to do.

Boys Commissioner:  
David Shade - 443-4550  
Girls Commissioner:  
Steve Wiley - 561-3870

**FOOD SAFETY TIPS**

Food safety tips from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service:

1. Wash your produce. Rinse fruits and vegetables and rub firm-skin fruits and vegetables under running tap water, including those with skins and rinds that are not to be eaten. Also, remember to clean lids before opening.
2. Prevent cross-contamination. Use one cutting board for fresh produce and a separate one for raw meat, poultry, and seafood. Wash cutting boards, dishes, utensils, and counter tops with hot, soapy water after preparing each food item and before you go on to the next food item. A solution of one tablespoon of unscented, liquid, chlorine bleach in one gallon of water may also be used to sanitize washed surfaces and utensils.
3. When you prepare food, wash your hands with soap and warm water before and after handling food, after using the bathroom, changing diapers, or handling pets.
4. When you cook food, you should check the internal temperature to kill microorganisms that can cause illness. The recommended internal temperatures for the following items are: steaks, roasts and fish - 145 degrees; pork, ground beef, and egg dishes - 160 degrees; chicken and poultry - 165 degrees. Food thermometers to check internal temperatures are readily available at supermarkets and kitchen shops.
5. Chilling foods properly is very important. You should refrigerate or freeze meat, poultry, eggs, seafood, and other perishable items within two hours of cooking or purchase. Divide large amounts of leftovers into smaller shallow containers to allow for more rapid cooling.
6. Food should never be thawed at room temperature, such as on the counter. You can safely thaw frozen food in the refrigerator, in cold water, or in the microwave.
7. Food items such as cookies, crackers, bread, and whole fruit are exceptions to the above temperature rules and are not considered potentially hazardous foods.

Suzanne H. Yeager, RN  
Local Health Officer

**TAX COLLECTOR**

As of August 31st, 90% of borough property owners have paid their 2007 County/Borough Real Estate Taxes, and 84% have paid the 2007 School Real Estate Taxes. A reminder (which will have my hours for December) will be sent December 1st to all persons with outstanding bills. Payments must be postmarked by December 31st to be accepted. Office hours are 3-6 PM, Monday only, for September and October. Call Helen Koser, 564-6747, for an appointment on other days.

**EMS TAX RECEIVES NAME CHANGE**

In 2008, the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax (\$52/year) will be known as the Local Services Tax (Act 7 of 2007). The amount will remain at \$52/year for all persons earning income in Paxtang. The few changes will be listed in the information

**NEW PAXTANG BOROUGH ORDINANCES**

- **OPEN BURNING:** Outside burning is limited to food preparation and leisure. Burn containers must be covered with a metal screen when in use, and cannot be larger than 9 sq. ft X 2 ft. high. Burnable materials are limited to propane, natural gas, charcoal and wood (unpainted and untreated only.) No burning is permitted on Red Flag Days, as defined by the National Weather Service. (We are working on a method to notify the public about Red Flag Days.) Burning must be attended at all times by a responsible individual, 16 years or older. No burning is permitted within 15 feet of any building, structure, property line or sidewalk, or under a roof or building protrusion. Special burning permits may be granted by the Fire Chief for a fee. Fines range from \$100-\$1,000, or 30 days imprisonment.
- **RENTAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTIONS:** This existing ordinance has been amended under Miscellaneous Provisions. Property owners must procure appropriate building permits for construction work required to correct violations.
- **LEASH LAW:** No animals are permitted to be outdoors without a leash (this includes cats) anywhere except on the animal owner's property or residence. Animal owners are responsible for removing and disposing of feces of their animal everywhere except the owner's property. Animal owners must properly dispose of animal feces, with the exception of guide dogs. Fines range from \$75-\$600, or imprisonment for a maximum of 30 days.
- **NUISANCE:** This existing ordinance has been amended and is defined in section 8-2001 as keeping animals that annoy or disturb a number of persons with frequent howling, barking, noise, or odor. Fines range from \$75-\$600 or up to 30 days imprisonment.

Residents are advised to check Borough website for further information.

**PAXTANG HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Paxtang Historical Society (PHS) announces two exciting learning opportunities. On Monday, October 1, 2007, at 7:00PM, plan to attend the PHS annual meeting and a presentation, "The War of 1812", by Dr. Aaron Larson. This meeting is at the Paxtang Borough Building.

The next series of PHS educational programs will focus on the Civil War. The first one is a Sunday afternoon, members only event. On January 13, 2008, we will gather at the National Civil War Museum at 3:00 PM, where members of the PHS will enjoy free admission to the museum, have a brief private introductory session, and then complete the self-guided tour. Attendance for this event must be confirmed in advance by contacting Ilgenfritz, membership chairperson by January 6, 2008. Indicate attendance, confirm membership status or join the organization, 717/564-1615 or email at

paxtanghistoricalsociety.com

We look forward to seeing you!

**COMMUNITY HEALTH & HOMEMADE SOUP SALE- PAXTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2007 -10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

- ⇒ Flu Shots by Visiting Nurses Association
- ⇒ Blood Pressure Screening and Bone Density screening by Holy Spirit Hospital
- ⇒ Representatives from Hershey Med providing information regarding: Healthy Eating, Sleep Disorders, Cancer Risk Assessment, Breast Imaging, Facial Dermascan for Skin Cancer.
- ⇒ Pamphlets and information available about Stroke Assessments, Stroke Awareness, and Cardio Vascular Risk Assessments.
- ⇒ Homemade Soup sale by Paxton Presbyterian Church Women's Association.
- ⇒ Tours of the Church which was founded in 1732 (the year George Washington was born) and built in 1740.
- ⇒ PERSERVERENCE Masonic Lodge will be available to do Child Identification. This will include photos, DNA testing, finger printing, and voice taping. This information will be placed in a special kit for parents to have available in the event their child should become missing.
- ⇒ Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 AM until NOON.
- ⇒ Complete the information below, enclose proper payment, and your tickets will be mailed to you.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NO OF TICKETS - (Children under 5years of age are free)

TOTAL OF ADULTS - \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL OF CHILDREN OVER 5 - \$3.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail completed form to Steven Remillard, 3927 Brisban Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

Tickets are also avaiable after October 15th in the school office.



**GREENBELT/STONE SOUP RIDE**

Come enjoy the crisp autumn air, colorful foliage as well as fantastic soups. On Sunday, October 21, at 1:00 PM, the Capital Area Greenbelt Association and the Harrisburg Bikers Club will be organizing a 20 mile ride of the Greenbelt, beginning at Doug and Cindy Reynolds home, conveniently located at 202 Kelso Street in Paxtang. While the bikers are riding, Doug will create the fabled "Stone Soup", from ingredients the bikers provide, as well as making his famous "Green Chili Soup". Be sure to bring an ingredient for making soup to the ride (or something to eat or drink (soda, etc.) with the soup. Lawn chairs would be welcome. Ride pace will be about 10 MPH. If you missed this ride last year, you missed some really great soup. Call the Reynolds at 561-4166, or Cindy Hogeman at 545-8945, for further information.

**LENKER MANOR/PAXTANG WOMEN'S  
CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2007-2008**

- President: Sue Shebosky
- Vice President: Rose Marie Kleinsak
- Secretary: Donna Frye
- Treasurer: Bonnie Snodgrass

Guests are always welcome and for meeting dates and times, call 564-3792. Meeting are held downstairs at the Paxton Presbyterian Church.