#### Summer



## PAXTANG POST

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### JUNE

- 5 Community Yard Sale
- 21 Council Meeting
- 28 Council Workshop

#### JULY

19 Council Meeting

#### **AUGUST**

- 2 Historical Society Picnic
- 3 National Night Out
- 16 Council Meeting
- 21 Community Yard Sale

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 18 Crabfest
- 21 Council Meeting
- 27 Council Workshop

#### Welcome New Businesses

Hooked on Rings 402 Park Terrace

Twilight Cleaning Service 3036 Derry Street

City Line Diner 3302 Derry Street

#### **OUR ADVERTISERS**

On the back of this issue of "The Post", you will see advertisers who graciously paid to put their ad there. Some for just one time, others for the whole year.

We are grateful to them. Whatever they paid, is saving your tax dollars to put this paper in your home.

If you can in any way utilize their products or services, please do so. It is their pride in Paxtang that led them to support us with an ad.

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#### Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act 132

In 2008, the Pennsylvania Legislature passed the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act. This law requires that all contractors who perform at least \$5,000 worth of home improvements per year register with the Attorney General's Office, at which time they will receive a registration number. As of July 1, 2009, consumers in Pennsylvania will be able to verify a contractor's registration

with the Attorney General's Office by visiting their website. The law requires written contracts between the contractor and the consumer when the total cash price of all work agreed upon exceeds \$500. The Attorney General encourages consumers to use registered contractors when deciding to invest in home improvements. More information about the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act can be found by visiting http://www.attorneygeneral.gov/hic.aspx or contacting their office at 717-787-3391.

#### **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

#### PAXTANG FIRE COMPANY SPECIAL FIRE POLICE

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  - Help protect our firefighters on an emergency scene.
  - Control traffic.
  - · Secure property after a major fire.
  - Control crowds at fairs, parade and other various 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.

## COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The dates of June 5, and August 21, have been selected by Borough Council as Borough wide yard sale dates. Any other dates utilized by residents to host yard sales carry a penalty of \$10.00 each date paid to the Borough office. Yard Sales bring their own variety of problems for the Borough; traffic congestion, and other pitfalls which are more easily controlled by having special days for these events.

### **Larger Recycling Bins Now Available**

As the list of materials being accepted for recycling grows, so has the need for larger receptacles. Many Borough residents have stepped up their recycling efforts to the point where the square green containers that have served us for so long just will not hold what we are putting out for Waste Management from week to week.

In order to support your efforts, the Borough has acquired a limited number of large Recycle Cans. If you are one of those households that finds that your recycle bin overflows on a regular basis, we invite you to trade your existing bin in to us (provided that it is clean and still serviceable) in exchange for one of the larger units. As has been the past practice, you will not be charged for your first recycle container, but should it require replacement, there will be a charge of \$7.50 for the smaller containers and \$15.00 for the large ones.

In order to keep costs down the new containers are marked for recycling, but do not have the Borough name on them. We suggest that you mark your new containers with an indelible marker with your address in larger print. Thanks for your recycling efforts and keep up the good work.

### 2010 CENSUS

A letter has been received from the Dauphin County Office of County Commissioners requesting that the borough make a public endorsement encouraging residents to participate in the upcoming 2010 Census Count .On behalf of the Borough Council, President Ninosky is urging all residents to fulfill this obligation.

### PAXTANG ART ASSOCIATION SUMMER CLASSES BEGIN AS FOLLOWS

June 15 Evening - Adults

June 17 Morning and Afternoon Adults

June 18 Afternoon and Evening Adults and Children

June 19 Morning - Children

Fall classes begin Labor Day. The Annual Art Show and Sale is held the 3rd week in November.

For more information, please call 652-2647 or 939-5065. You do not need to be a Paxtang resident to join.

564-5374





## **Keep Paxtang Clean**

A bottle cap, newspaper, paper cup, string, plastic bottle, cigarette box, food wrappers, pen, pencil, broken glass, and a dryer sheet... what do these things have in common? They're all litter when they're found on the ground instead of in a trash can. My grand-daughter and I recently took my dog for a walk around the block and picked up a total of 117 pieces of trash, and that was only on one side of the street! If everyone would take some time to police their own property, there wouldn't be trash for someone else to pick

up. I challenge each of you, whether you are a renter or a property owner, to pick up trash around your house on Tuesdays, the day before trash collection, to keep out community litter-free.

There's a two-fold purpose for this article: 1) Pick up trash when you see it, and 2) Don't litter in the first place. Our theme should be **"Keep Paxtang Clean"**.

## National Night Out - 27th Anniversary

Tuesday, August 3, 2010 - 6:00 PM

During National Night Out, August 3, 2010, many neighborhoods will be hosting special activities such as yard parties, block 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 USA 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 block parties

now with your neighborhood. NOTE: If you are planning to host a Block 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 15th as Paxtang Borough Council will have to approve street blocking at the July 20th Council Meeting. Paxtang Borough Office (717) 564-4770

Murv Grunden
Paxtang Borough Crime Watch

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### **PAXTANG HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

#### Schedule for 2010

#### August 02, 2010 Monday (6:00 P.M. Rain or Shine)

The Paxtang Historical Society will hold a Picnic/Meeting at Saussaman Park Pavilion (North of the Paxton Presbyterian Church, Paxtang Avenue and Simpson Street).

All are welcomed, you do not have to be a member to come and enjoy the evening. The Paxtang Historical Society will provide sandwiches, condiments, drinks, plates, cups, plastic ware (spoons, forks and knives). Please, if possible, bring a covered dish of your favorite recipe for others to taste.

Please call Shirley or Murv Grunden before the 27th of July if you plan to attend and let them know what type of food you are planning to bring so we have a close count for the event. Call (717) 561-2620 after 6:00 PM; leave a message if no one is at home. Or E-mail us at <a href="murvg@aol.com">murvg@aol.com</a> Subject: PHS Picnic.

#### October 04, 2010 Monday 7:00 P.M.

Annual Meeting will be held at the Paxton Presbyterian Church.

Please NOTE: We are still working on some changes on our web site. We look forward to seeing you!

www.paxtanghistoricalsociety.com



The Lenker Manor Pextang Women's Club held its finel 2009-2010 meeting on May 12, 2010. The year ended with a fascinating and inspiring presentation by Carlisle Chalk Artist Joni Warner shown with her completed work of art.

## Lenker Manor - Paxtang Women's Club Annual Meeting Schedule

The Lenker - Manor Paxtang Women's Club is a local organization that hosts interesting programs, socials and club activities. We provide woman-power for charitable events, and raise money to give to local community groups. What a great way to make a difference in your community, meet people and have fun! We have served our area for over 40 years.

We invite area women to join us during our program year at Paxton Presbyterian Church (downstairs), Progress/Paxtang Ave. & Sharon St.

We meet monthly on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May beginning at 10:00 am.

April's business meeting is for members only but guests are always welcome at any of the other meetings. Please call 564-0355 for program details.

Our meetings begin with a breakfast buffet, followed by a business meeting and each month we have a different program of general interest.

LMPWC is dedicated to service in the community. You need not be a resident of Paxtang or Lenker Manor to join. We have a lot of fun!

Paxtang Borough's

9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 29th 3530 Rutherford St., Paxtang Rain or Shine www.arborday.org

by Justine Kompare '10

## ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

The first Arbor Day was celebrated in Nebraska 138 years ago, in 1872, to encourage the creation and care of "community forests." The observance of Arbor Day spread to other states over the ensuing decades, and a National Arbor Day was established in 1970.

The Arbor Day Foundation was formed two years later, on the centennial of the first Arbor Day, to promote the creation and maintenance of trees throughout cities and towns. The primary vehicle for promoting trees is the "Tree City USA" program. Tree City USA "provides direction, technical assistance, public awareness and attention, and national recognition for urban and community programs in towns and cities" across the nation.

More than 3,000 towns and cities receive the Tree City USA designation each year. To qualify, a community must meet four criteria:

- The town must have a Tree Board or Department (Paxtang's is the Shade Tree Commission);
- 2. The town must have a Tree Care ordinance (Paxtang's current one is Ordinance 575);
- 3. The town must have a Forestry Budget of more than \$2.00 per resident (Paxtang's \$17,200.00 budget amounts to more than \$11.00 per resident); and
- There must be an Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation (Paxtang celebrated Arbor Day in late April).

#### PAXTANG'S ARBOR DAY

For the 22nd consecutive year, Paxtang Borough was named a Tree City USA during the Arbor Day ceremony on the clear, cool morning of April 29, 2010. Paxtang has celebrated Arbor Day in various ways over the years. This year, for the first time, Paxtang Elementary School's Fifth Grade participated in the program that took place in front of the school.

The ceremony began with the Pledge to Allegiance to the flag, led by student Maddie Remillard. This was followed by a reading of several poems about trees by students Olivia

Ramsey, Bradley Sweger, Kierra West, and Zachary Bangert.

As part of the national celebration, the Arbor Day Foundation sponsors annual poster contest, in which students create a poster on a specific theme. This year's theme was "Trees are Terrific and Energy Wise." Some of the fifth grade students, Mikki Barton, Anthony Cuevas, Olivia Ramsey, Alec Rastovac, Mileidy Rios-Jimenez, and Elizabeth Scott, were recognized for submitting posters. Three of the students won local (Paxtang) awards for their posters, with Olivia placing first, Elizabeth second, and Mikki third.

The entire fifth grade then read a choral poem about trees, entitled "Rappin' About Trees."

The final part of the Arbor Day ceremony was a reading of Paxtang's official Arbor Day Proclamation, 2010. Paxtang Mayor Keldeen Stambaugh read the proclamation, ably assisted by student Olivia Ramsey. Andrew Brought, District Forester for the Department on Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), presented to Mayor Stambaugh the Tree City USA award for Paxtang, on behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation.

A number of people helped to make this celebration a success. First, resident Jan Chaplick planned and organized the ceremony. Fifth Grade teachers, Alison Myer and Ashley Ballor, and Principal Robert Stewart, arranged the readings and participation of the students. Central Dauphin Vo-Tech sophomore Justine Kompare made a wonderful poster and the accompanying invitations. STC member Darlene Kvaternik provided the poster contest prizes and Arbor Day participation awards. Rick Deppen, of DCNR, provided the students with Smokey the Bear items. Our thanks also to Andrew Brought of DCNR, Mayor Keldeen Stambaugh, and the Paxtang Borough staff for their participations and assistance.

## PAXTANG'S ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION, 2010

Whereas, Paxtang Borough has valued its trees since it was incorporated as a borough, and,

Whereas, trees lower our heating and cooling costs and moderate temperatures because Trees are Terrific and Energy Wise and,

Whereas, trees can clean the air, produce oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife, and reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water,

Whereas, trees in Paxtang Borough enhance property values and the economic vitality of the business area and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,

Now, therefore, I, Keldeen Stambaugh,

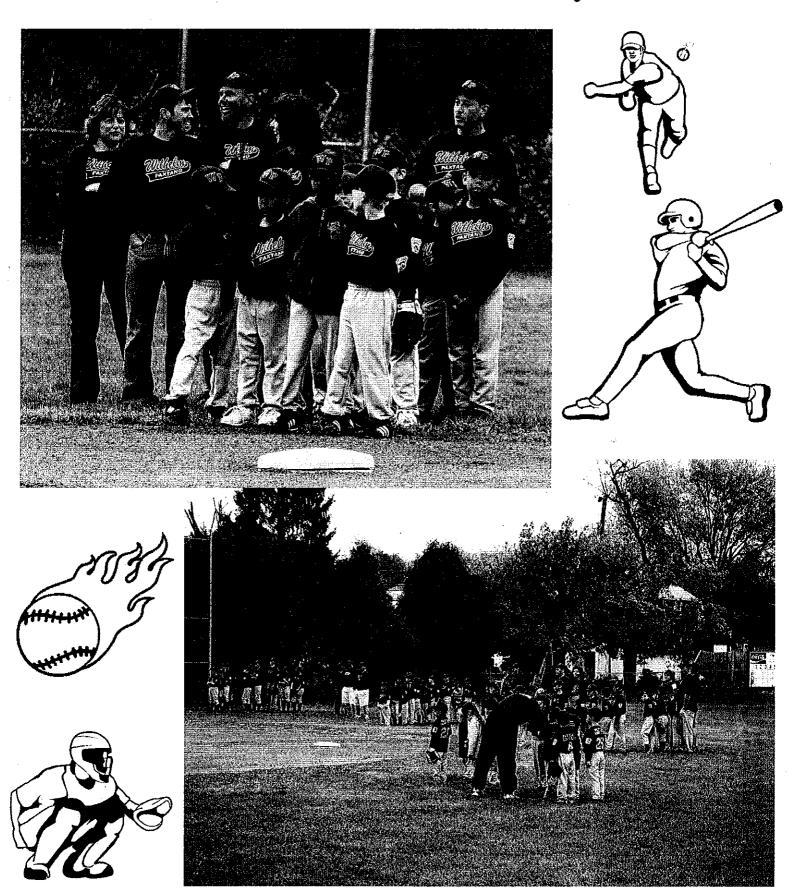
Mayor of Paxtang Borough, do proclaim today, April 29, 2010, as Arbor Day in Paxtang. Further, I urge all resident to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our

trees, to care for them and to support the planting of new trees to gladden our hearts and promote our well being for this and future generations.

Dated this 29th day of April in the year 2010.

Mayor Keldeen Stambaugh (signed)

# OPENING DAY 2010



The Wilhelm Paxtang Rookie Team, sponsored by Fleming's Sub Base.

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#### **SUN SAFETY**

I recently attended a seminar where Susan Polifko from the Harrisburg Office of the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) spoke on Sun Safety. I learned some interesting facts and thought they might be helpful to you.

A sunburn is a condition where your skin is damaged by increased exposure to Ultraviolet radiation. There are 2 main types of Ultraviolet rays: UVB (primary cause of sunburn and affects the outer layer of skin, and UVA (similar to UVB). Both types contribute to age related changes in the skin – wrinkles, freckles, age spots, and prominent blood vessels. They also raise the risk of skin cancer.

Factors associated with sunburn include certain medicines, prolonged exposure to the sun, skin tone, time of day, and unprotected skin. Symptoms include blisters, itchiness, pain, peeling/flaking, redness, swelling, and sun poisoning (fever, chills, nausea, and rash).

When you think of prevention, think of the word CHESS – Clothing, Hat, Eyeglasses, Sunscreen, and Shade. Let's look at Sunscreen. There are 2 kinds of sunscreen – chemical and physical. A chemical sunscreen absorbs UVA and UVB rays. Physical sun screens physically block or scatter UVA and UVB rays.

There is also the Sunburn Protection Factor or SPF. This factor is related to the amount of solar exposure you are getting, not the total time you are getting the exposure. The higher the SPF of your sunscreen, the less likely you will get a sunburn.

You should apply sunscreen 30 minutes before being in the sun. You should reapply it after swimming or strenuous exercise. If you work outdoors, you should apply it throughout the day.

What should you look for when buying sunscreens? Make sure you read the label – should be a broad spectrum sunscreen. Be aware of the expiration date and don't buy it if it will be out-dated soon. Sunscreens without an expiration date have a shelf life of no more than 3 years. The shelf life is shorter when exposed to high temperatures. Also, products that are more expensive are not necessarily better. Sunscreen is not recommended for babies 6 months or younger.

If you get a sunburn, how should you treat it? First, stay out of the sun. You may use cool compresses, oatmeal soaks, and moisturizing lotions or gels. If you have severe pain, you may use lbuprofen or Acetaminophen products. If you develop any of the following, call your physician: dizzy or faint, rapid pulse or breathing, extreme thirst, no urine output, sunken eyes, pale or clammy skin, nausea, fever, chills, rash, or severe or painful blisters.

Let's all be skin-safe this summer.

Suzanne Yeager, RN Local Health Officer

#### **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 there of. This is why it the Borough enacted an ordinance to help protect the value of the community through curbing the overgrowth of weeds and grass through out 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 form time to time but if the situation should become a chronic problem than a citation most probably would be issued.

If you are planning to spend time away from your property please make arrangements for the care maintenance of your property. If there are extenuating circumstances (i.e. sudden illness) that would prevent you from maintaining your property please notify the Borough Codes Officer at (717) 564-4770 so that we may work with you. If we all take an extra moment to pull that small weed or make sure that the grass is moved before we go on vacation, we can maintain the beauty of Paxtang well into the future.

#### **PAXTANG TREES**

Trees are a vital part of our lives. The shade trees along Paxtang's streets and avenues add much to our community, imparting a sense of friendliness, permanence, and beauty. These trees from the new saplings to those oldsters with towering canopies, provide shade and wind protection through much of the year, and, through the winter, hold out the promise of rebirth in the spring. Our trees are a prevalent community feature that enhance our daily lives in Paxtang.

The Borough has long recognized the importance of shade trees. One of the first ordinances the Borough Council passed; after its incorporation in 1914, was one establishing the Shade Tree Commission (STC). That ordinance gave the STO the responsibility for maintaining our trees, including removal of old and diseased trees, pruning existing trees, and planting new ones to replace those removed. The Commission also organizes and sponsors Paxtang's annual Arbor Day celebration.