

JANUARY - MARCH 2022

PAXTANG POST

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NEW/FAMILIAR FACES

2022 MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL

On January 3rd the Borough Council reorganization meeting was held to swear in newly elected Borough Officials, complete 2022 appointments, and adopt beginning of the year Resolutions as required by Borough Code. To ensure the safety of all present, given the ongoing COVID surge, attendees were masked (except for the photos), two council members participated via zoom, and one oath was administered off-site and behind glass.

Borough Council member Nathan Martin was sworn in as Mayor by Magisterial District Judge Michael J. Smith (top center). Mayor Martin then administered the oath to returning Council member Jack Thomas (top left), and new Council members Corbin Bower (top right) and Jennifer Britten (bottom right). All will serve 4 year terms. Mayor Martin also administered oaths of office to Borough Tax Collector F Joseph Spackman (bottom center) and to Borough Auditor Phil Ficarra (bottom left) for four year terms.

Council then elected Council Member Kathy Bloss as Council President, Council member Chris Spackman a Council Vice President, and Council Member Jack Thomas as President Pro Tempore. All by unanimous votes of Council.

Council also renewed the contract for Borough Manager Keldeen Stambaugh by unanimous vote.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY:

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 18th | 7:00pm

Paxtang Borough Building

FEBRUARY:

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Tuesday, February 1st | 7:00pm

Paxtang Borough Building

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 15th | 7:00pm

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MARCH:

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70 YEARS OF TRADITION

LIONS CLUB SERVES UP PANCAKES TO GO

The Paxtang Lion's Club will once again host a take-out Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, February 12th from 8am to 11:30am at the Borough Building. This annual tradition is celebrating it's 70th year! That's a lot of pancakes! The annual pancake breakfast is the Lions Club's biggest fundraiser for the year. Proceeds from the event are used to fund community service initiatives here in Paxtang and around the world. This year's event is take-out only to maintain a COVID safe experience for Club members and the community. Proudly serving our neighbors since 1953!

WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PREPARES FOR WINTER STORMS. HERE’S HOW YOU CAN HELP.

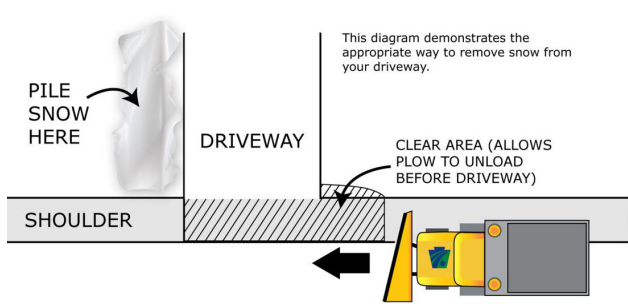
Don’t wait until the bread and milk aisles are emptied out to prepare for winter weather. A few simple preparations in advance of a storm can make a big impact.

As winter continues, the likelihood of measurable snow increases. During inclement weather, the Public Works Department works quickly to clear and/or treat Borough Roads. As a resident, you play a part in helping us everyone moving quickly after a snow or ice storm. Here’s how you can help:

1. If you have a driveway at your residence, please use it. The more cars that are off the streets, the faster we can get them open. If you plan to be away during a storm and don’t have a driveway to park in, please consider options to leave your vehicle in a secure location off of Borough streets. Perhaps you have a neighbor or family member with off-street parking who won’t mind the extra vehicle while you are out of town.
2. If you must park on the street, get with your neighbors and

- park close together. When you park 20-30 feet apart, we cannot get close to the curb with the plow. This makes it more difficult for everyone on the street. Where possible, work with your neighbors to park on a single side of the street to allow the plows to clear one side to the curb. Cars can then be moved to the cleared side so the other side can be cleaned.
3. Cleared parking spaces on public streets may not be “saved”. Do not place chairs, trash cans, or other items in spaces to “save” them. Instead, work together with your neighbors to ensure streets can be cleared to the curb so everyone has open parking.
 4. While the Public Works Department clears Borough streets, PennDOT clears the state roads in the Borough - Derry Street and Paxtang

- Avenue. Those roadways may be cleared or treated on a different schedule than Borough streets, so use caution when turning onto or off of those roadways.
5. Remember your elderly neighbor during the colder weather, be a great neighbor and help them out. If you need assistance during a storm please call the Borough office.
 6. When shoveling the snow, do not throw it back into the street. When the plow truck comes around again, you will end up shoveling it again.
 7. Remember to take breaks and warm up so you do not get sick or overdo it. Shoveling snow is a large cause for heart attacks and other health issues.
 8. Remember all sidewalks must be clear of ice and snow within 24 hours after a storm has ended. -Saul Schmoltz



SHOVELING SAFELY
Snow shoveling leads to an average of 100 deaths due to heart attack each year, and thousands more injuries from exertion or slips and falls. Take a few moments to review the tips below before you head out to shovel this winter!

SHOVELING SNOW

FOLLOW THE SAFETY TIPS BELOW TO AVOID AN INJURY WHEN SHOVELING SNOW!

- DO NOT SHOVEL AFTER EATING OR WHILE SMOKING
- TAKE IT SLOW TO START AND TAKE FREQUENT BREAKS
- WARM-UP AND STRETCH OUT BEFORE YOU BEGIN

KNOW THE SIGNS OF A HEART ATTACK, AND STOP IMMEDIATELY AND CALL 911 IF YOU'RE EXPERIENCING ANY OF THEM, EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

- SHOVEL ONLY FRESH, POWDERY SNOW; IT'S LIGHTER
- PUSH THE SNOW RATHER THAN LIFTING IT
- IF YOU DO LIFT IT, USE A SMALL SHOVEL OR ONLY PARTIALLY FILL THE SHOVEL
- LIFT WITH YOUR LEGS, NOT YOUR BACK
- DO NOT WORK TO THE POINT OF EXHAUSTION

STAY HYDRATED THE COMBO OF EXERTION & COLD DRY AIR WILL DEHYDRATE YOU QUICKLY.

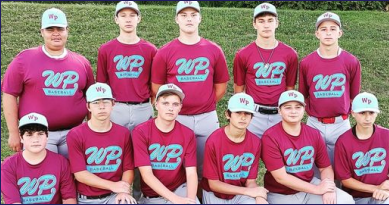
SHOVEL MULTIPLE TIMES SO YOU DON'T HAVE EXTREMELY DEEP SNOW TO REMOVE AT THE END.

USE AN ERGONOMICALLY DESIGNED SHOVEL TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF BENDING YOU HAVE TO DO

WEAR LAYERS - AS YOU WARM UP YOU CAN REMOVE A LAYER & MAINTAIN A COMFORTABLE BODY TEMPERATURE.

PLAY BALL!

BOYS BASEBALL RETURNS FOR 2022 SPRING SEASON



Wilhelm Paxtang Baseball will hold onsite registrations for the 2022 Spring Season at the Penbrook Borough Municipal Building located at 150 South 28th Street, inside the Caucus Meeting Room from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. on the following dates:

- Saturday January 22nd
- Saturday January 29th
- Saturday February 5th

Practices start in March with games running from Mid-April to the end of June. New players will need to bring a copy of their birth certificate. Ages 5-12 may sign up. The cost to register is \$80 with fundraiser participation or \$110 for the fundraiser buyout. Siblings are \$65. If you have questions, please contact Clark Bernard at cb17028@yahoo.com or (717) 421-7252.

PLAY BALL!

GIRLS SOFTBALL RETURNS FOR 2022 SPRING SEASON



The Swatara Paxtang Softball Association provides opportunities for girls ages 5-14 to play softball. We offer t-ball (6U), 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U teams for the Fall and Spring seasons. Softball has many benefits such as making new friends, boosting self-esteem, improving mental health, and learning teamwork. SPSA is run by volunteers dedicated to the sport of softball and sharing the sport with local girls. All coaches make sure to keep it fun as they teach the girls the game of softball. Please follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/swatarapaxtangsoftball> for details on our upcoming Spring season, as well as any clinics we may be offering this winter. We are always looking for good people to build our association – please email us at swatarapaxtangsoftball@gmail.com to find out how you can contribute!



CARING FOR PAXTANG'S URBAN FOREST

Borough residents are reminded that Section 392-9 of the Borough Code requires that property owners secure written permission from the Shade Tree Commission (STC) prior to planting any trees within the tree lawn between the curb and sidewalk. This is important not only for the long term care of the tree required by the Borough, but also for the safety of the residents.

The STC is seeking volunteers to assist in ground level pruning of existing shade trees. If interested, please contact the Borough office and leave a message for Jeff Shyk of the STC. Pruning typically occurs during the growing season from spring to fall. STC provides the necessary training and guidance to all volunteers.

Borough residents are also requested to avoid hitting the trunks of trees with lawn mowers or string trimmers. This can cause long term damage to the trees and would ultimately lead to the tree needing to be removed prior to its' intended lifespan. Placing a thin layer of mulch in a circle around the base of the tree will help prevent needing to mow or trim around the trunk. Residents can contact the Borough with any questions regarding protection of existing trees."



8 TIPS TO ENCOURAGE A LOVE OF READING IN YOUR CHILD'S LIFE IN 2022

Looking to encourage a child to remain interested in books and reading this year? Dauphin County Library System is here to help with an array of rich resources!

Don't coerce; encourage: Make reading enticing by creating opportunities. Carve family-reading times out of the day, or ask your child to read to siblings, a stuffed animal, or the family dog.

Model reading: Let your kids catch you reading. Even letting them know that you're scanning a Twitter feed for information demonstrates the value you get from reading.

Design reading spaces: A cozy hammock or beanbag chair invites kids to curl up with a book.

Check out audiobooks: Through audiobooks, younger readers can get enthusiastic about stories and characters that, in print, might be a level or two above them.

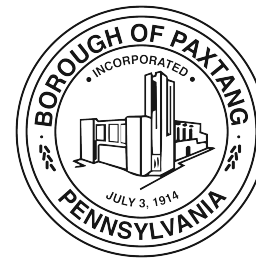
See the movie, read the book: Blow their minds by letting your kids know that a favorite film – Harry Potter, Hunger Games, Lemony Snicket – started life as a book.

Turn on the TV captions: Let kids see the words that the characters are saying.

Follow read-alouds on YouTube: Your child can open a book to read along or enjoy letting someone else read out loud and turn the pages. Mo Willems, the author of the wildly popular Pigeon and Elephant and Piggie series, is all over YouTube, reading, drawing, and making Piggie's "patented, super-disgusting, extra-yucky slop."

Leverage their interests: What intrigues your child? Whether it's dinosaurs, ice skating, rocks, or horses, there are books inviting children to explore the things that ignite their passions.

When you need support, The Library has what parents need to get the right books to the right kids! Together we can make reading **FUN**damental! Visit us in person at Klein Library at 530 South 29th Street or online at dcls.org.



WASTE DISPOSAL GUIDE

Brought to you by the City of Harrisburg Department of Public Works

2022

Paxtang Trash & Recycling Collection



- Collection of trash, recycling and one bulk item will be on Thursdays. Yard waste is collected on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, April through November.
- Collections will be delayed one day due to the holidays: President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving.
- More about local waste disposal at the Harrisburg City website: harrisburgpa.gov/trash-and-recycling
- For more information, please contact the Department of Public Works at 717-695-9716.

RECYCLING

Please put only these items into your blue-lid recycling container:

- **Plastic containers** imprinted with numbers 1, 2 and 5 (please rinse)
- **Aluminum, steel** (tin) beverage and food cans/containers (please rinse)
- **Cartons**-milk, juice, wine, soup, etc. (please rinse)
- **Newspaper**, bundled in a paper bag or tied with string
- **Glass bottles & jars** can go into your recycling cart. However, glass is a serious contaminant in mixed recycling because it breaks and gets mixed in with the other materials. Please consider taking your glass to the drop off bins located in the lot behind the Paxtang Municipal Building.

Trash: diapers, food and food stained paper & plastic, mixed paper: office paper, old mail, magazines, any glass that is not bottles or jars, ceramics, porcelain, bake and cook ware, plastics imprinted with numbers 3, 4, 6 and 7, alkaline (household, single-use) batteries, garden hoses, extension cords, and Christmas lights.

BULK ITEMS

You can dispose of **one** bulk item each week. Items include: furniture, mattresses, box springs, carpet, large appliances exercise equipment, entertainment units.

- **Tires:** each household limited to eight per year, no rims
- **Small Engines:** engines no larger than that of a walk-behind lawn mower can be a bulk item pick up. All fluids need to be removed responsibly before collection.

RECYCLING/DISPOSAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Household Electronics:** small appliances, computer equipment and televisions should all be taken to the Dauphin County Recycling Center (1625 S Cameron Street). We are very fortunate to have this facility available to us for the proper recycling of electronics, and it's free of charge.
- **Construction/Demolition Waste:** waste, including siding, timbers, soil, brick and concrete, must be taken to the Harrisburg Incinerator Transfer Station (19th Street). The fee will be \$80 per ton.
- **Rechargeable Batteries:** batteries from power tools, computers, etc. can be recycled at the local hardware and battery stores
- **Plastic shopping bags**, including dry-cleaning bags and other plastic film, can be recycled for Paxtang's Lions Club Plastic Park Bench program; look for the green barrel just inside entrance of the Municipal Building.

YARD WASTE

Yard waste will be collected on the second and fourth Thursdays, April through November. Use paper yard waste bags, available at home and hardware stores, for leaves (separately) and wood waste (twigs & clippings.) They are composted in different ways, and the bags will be composted, too. Branches no larger than 4 inches thick and 4 feet long should be bundled; no more than 40 pounds per bundle please. Yard waste is never to be disposed of with your trash.

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2022 CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY REGISTRATION OPENS

Calling all Cadets! The Swatara Township Police Department will once again be hosting a Citizens Police Academy open to Paxtang Borough Residents. This academy will run from **February 21, 2022 through April 25, 2022.**

The last 2 years have been hard for everyone, including law enforcement officers across the country. In a time when the public demands transparency among law enforcement agencies, the Swatara Township Police Department would like to encourage members of the public to enroll in the upcoming Citizen's Police Academy. This program allows participants to get an inside look into the world of policing. This is a great opportunity to talk to several police officers about any topic you may have an interest in learning more about.

The academy is held once a week on Monday evenings at the Swatara Township Municipal building. There is a \$50.00 registration fee that is due at the time of acceptance into the program. The academy will give citizens an inside look at all of the different aspects of policing. **You must be 16 years of age or older to apply.** This is a great program for anyone looking to start a career in law enforcement OR anyone just interested in learning more about what police do on a regular basis.

Some of the topics of discussion will include:

- Patrol and Traffic Enforcement
- Forensics
- The Pennsylvania Court System
- Community Services
- Criminal Investigations
- Drug Investigations
- Police Administration
- Accident Investigations
- K-9 Officers
- Crisis Response Team

Academy classes will include class presentations predominately from our department's officers who are experts in their specific field. This academy will also be interactive and individual participation is strongly encouraged. The academy will also incorporate various field trips to criminal justice facilities within the county of Dauphin to include Dauphin County Prison, Dauphin County Court House, Dauphin County Coroner's Office and the Dauphin County Communications Center. **Deadline to submit your application is January 14, 2022!**

For more information or to apply please visit our website at www.swatarapolice.org

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Borough Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm. The first and third Tuesdays of the month, we are open until 6:00pm

NOW HIRING! PART TIME BOROUGH TREASURER

Seeking Part-time Borough Treasurer (on site, avg. 12-15 hours per week, divided over 2 - 3 days during business hours.) Responsible for working with the contracted accountant and the Borough Manager to oversee the various Borough funds, communicate with vendors, process billing, prepare bank transactions, manage data, assist with various financial related reports and analysis, provide support in grant applications and grant management. Pay Range: \$21.-\$25.00 per hour. Submit resume and application (available at www.paxtang.org or in the Borough office) to Paxtang Borough, 3423 Derry Street, Harrisburg 17111. Position open until filled.

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BOROUGH MOURNS PASSING OF PAXTANG ART ASSOCIATION INSTRUCTOR NICK FEHER

For more than 30 years Nick Feher served as the heart and soul of the Paxtang Art Association. From the crowded basement of the Paxtang Borough Building, Nick and his students, drawn from across Central Pennsylvania, made magic and memories through their shared love of art.

Better known as Nick or "Mr. Nick", he spent his formative years in the Williamstown area and later moved to Philadelphia where he attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Upon graduating from the Academy, Nick spent several years in Europe and Morocco, where he was able to continue studying, influenced by the different places he traveled and lived. Nick returned to central Pennsylvania in the 1970's, where he began teaching others through the Paxtang Art Association. Nick could often be heard encouraging his students to expand their skillset saying, "You can do it!" He was admired by his students and the community alike, as he was well known and loved by many. His generous spirit and ability to relate to everyone and anyone made him an exceptional educator and leader, teaching multiple adult and children's classes weekly.



Nick and his students brought the joy of the visual arts to Paxtang Residents each fall through the annual Paxtang Art Association Art Show held annually in the Borough gymnasium, including the 2021 show held this past November. Photos and obituary details courtesy of the pennlive.