

# PAXTANG POST

April / May / June

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## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Paxtang Borough continues to closely monitor the current outbreak of Covid-19, the novel coronavirus. On March 16th, Mayor Sheilah Borne Fuller declared a disaster emergency for Paxtang. The Borough office remains open but closed to the public, if anyone needs to contact the office, please do so by phone.

The playgrounds and pavilion have been temporary closed but the parks themselves remain open to the public; this is to help limit the spread of the

virus, especially on surfaces such as the playground equipment.

The response to the virus is constantly evolving. As of the print deadline, everything in this edition of the Paxtang Post is current. However, due to the response of the virus constantly changing day to day or even by the hour, residents are encouraged to follow the Borough's website and Facebook pages as well as the news in general.

Below you'll find some government agencies that can help provide you with the resources and information you need during this outbreak. We hope all residents remain safe during these unique and difficult times.

**Paxtang Borough**  
[www.paxtang.org](http://www.paxtang.org)  
[Facebook.com/Paxtang](https://www.facebook.com/Paxtang)  
 717-564-4770

**PA Department of Health**  
[health.pa.gov](http://health.pa.gov)

**PA Department of Revenue**  
[revenue.pa.gov](http://revenue.pa.gov)

**PA Office of Unemployment Compensation**  
[uc.pa.gov](http://uc.pa.gov)  
 717-214-5463

**Centers for Disease Control**  
[cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

**2020 Census**  
[2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov)

**Swatara Township Police**  
 Emergency: 911  
 Non Emergency: (717) 564-2550

**Dauphin County Bureau of Elections and Voter Registration**  
[www.DauphinCounty.org/vote](http://www.DauphinCounty.org/vote)  
 717-780-6360

### Events This Quarter:

**APRIL**  
**Tuesday, April 7th | 6:15PM**  
 Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinance Amendment  
*Paxtang Borough Gym*

**Tuesday, April 7th | 7:00PM**  
 Workshop Meeting  
*Paxtang Borough Gym*

**Tuesday, April 27th | 7:00PM**  
 Council Meeting  
*Paxtang Borough Chambers*

**MAY**  
**Tuesday, May 5th | 7:00PM**  
 Workshop Meeting  
*Paxtang Borough Chambers*

**Tuesday, May 19th | 7:00PM**  
 Council Meeting  
*Paxtang Borough Chambers*

**Monday, May 25th | 12:00PM**  
 Memorial Day Picnic  
*Saussaman Park*

**JUNE**  
**Tuesday, June 2nd | 7:00PM**  
 Workshop Meeting  
*Paxtang Borough Chambers*

**Tuesday, June 16th | 7:00PM**  
 Council Meeting  
*Paxtang Borough Chambers*

## NEWS FROM YOUR TAX COLLECTOR

### F. Joseph Spackman

3408 Rutherford Street  
717.561.9839  
jspack01@verizon.net (Best way to contact)

### Office Hours

Second and Last Wednesday 3:00 PM. to 6:00 PM. (closed on holidays) and by appointment.

### Note

Taxes may be dropped off / placed in a Locked Box located outside the tax collector's office door, at any time.

### Property tax/rent rebate program?

A PA Dept. of Revenue program providing rebates on property tax or rent paid the previous year by income-eligible seniors and people with disabilities. Apply by submitting PA Dept. of Revenue form PA-1000

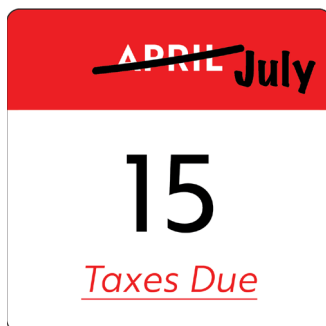
### Eligibility & Benefits

The program benefits income-eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. Max income threshold is \$35,000 and rebates are up to \$650.

Application deadline: extended to Dec. 31, 2020

For additional information, please contact the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

## FEDERAL & STATE INCOME TAX DELAY



The Department of Revenue announced the deadline for taxpayers to file their 2019 Pennsylvania personal income tax returns is extended to July 15, 2020.

This means taxpayers will have an additional 90 days to file from the original deadline of April 15. The Internal Revenue Service also extended the federal filing deadline to July 15, 2020.

It is important to note, that this **extension currently does not apply to local income tax returns or property taxes**. Everyone is encouraged to check with your tax preparer for updates and details relating to their payment of taxes.

## NEWS FROM PAXTANG FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Help Wanted

Do you have some free time? Do you want to give back to your community?

If you answered YES to either question, come visit the Paxtang Fire De-



partment at 3423 Derry Street. We have position's for everyone. Call the firehouse at 717-564-0520 if no answer leave a message and someone will return your call or stop by the station on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM and talk with members and pick up an application.

**Save The Date: Saturday September 26, 2020. 12 Noon till 6PM. For the Paxtang Fire Company 20th Annual Crabfest/Pig Roast.**

See all the details coming in the July-September issue of the Paxtang Post.

## BOROUGH SEEKS SEASONAL WORKER

The Borough of Paxtang is seeking applications for a Part Time position with the Public Works Department as a seasonal Parks Maintenance Worker. Responsibilities will include mowing, trimming and general cleaning and property maintenance of Borough owned parks and facilities. The candidate must be able to safely operate commercial grade mowing/landscaping equipment. Please watch the Borough Website or contact the borough office, for additional details and application forms starting April 24, 2020.

## MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

Mark your calendars for the annual Memorial Day Picnic at Saussaman Park (upper field off Paxtang Avenue) on Monday, May 25 at Noon.

A ceremony in honor of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country begins the event followed by free food, bingo, fire truck rides and other activities. Don't miss out on this great event.

As we approach the date, please watch the website and Facebook, or call the office to confirm the plans have not changed due to the Coronavirus

## BOROUGH OFFICIALS CONTACTS

### MAYOR

Sheilah Borne Fuller (717) 558-5926

### COUNCIL

Kathy Bloss (717) 564-7605  
Chris Spackman (717) 379-2530  
Jack Thomas (717) 558-0063  
David Gui (717) 576-3141  
Tom Wingert (717) 307-1174  
Josh Eisner (717) 579-8691  
Angel Gonzalez (717) 831-8696

### SWATARA POLICE CHIEF

Darrell Reider (717) 564-2550

### MANAGER/RIGHT TO KNOW OFFICER

Keldeen Stambaugh (717) 564-4770

### SECRETARY/TREASURER

Faye Clark (717) 564-4770

Answers to many common questions may be found by visiting the Borough's website at [Paxtang.org](http://Paxtang.org)

## STORMWATER AUTHORITY

The Borough is in the preliminary stages of looking into establishing a stormwater authority. The stormwater authority would be established for the operation, maintenance and management of the stormwater authority.

The authority would be granted the powers to levy a stormwater fee on all properties located within the borough for those purposes including maintaining and installing stormwater infrastructure, education, including best ways to protect stormwater quality and stop pollution, and for the protection of the environment including regulatory compliance to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff.

## VOTE BY MAIL

### Dauphin County Commissioners Encourage Residents to Vote by Mail

In a press release on March 20th, the Dauphin County Commissioners released the following statement: casting a mail-in ballot for the April 28 primary is urged for residents concerned about COVID-19, especially for the elderly or those with respiratory or immune system issues.

Anyone can vote using a mail-in ballot instead of going to the polls – no excuse or reason is needed.

“Due to the concern that public gatherings can help spread the coronavirus, we want residents to know how to apply for mail-in ballots,” said Commissioners Jeff Haste, Mike Pries and George P. Hartwick, III. “Voting by mail is a safe and secure alternative.”

To vote by mail:

- Visit [www.DauphinCounty.org/vote](http://www.DauphinCounty.org/vote) for a link to download a mail-in ballot application or go to [www.VotesPA.com/ApplyMailBallot](http://www.VotesPA.com/ApplyMailBallot) to apply online.
- To apply online, you must enter a valid PA Driver’s License or PennDOT ID number.
- Voters without proper ID need to download the application and use the last four digits of their Social Security number.
- Mail applications to: Dauphin County Bureau of Elections and Voter Registration, P.O. Box 1295, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1295.
- Applications can also be dropped off in

a locked box outside the entrance of the Dauphin County Administration Building, 2 South 2nd St, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

- Important deadlines to use mail-in ballots for the April 28 primary:
- 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 21: Deadline to get completed mail-in ballot application to the county election office.
- 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 28: Deadline to return voted mail-in or absentee ballot.

As of March 20th, the office has processed more than 3,000 applications for absentee or mail-in ballots. If any of these individuals, especially college students, have changed their address, please contact the office at 717-780-6360 or [election@dauphinc.org](mailto:election@dauphinc.org). Please include name, date of birth, driver’s license number, previous address and new address.

Also, the new voting system training sessions that were to be held throughout the county in March and April have been postponed until further notice. For more information, visit [www.DauphinCounty.org/Votes](http://www.DauphinCounty.org/Votes)

As of printing, the 2020 General Primary election will take place on Tuesday, April 28th. Polls will be open from 7:00AM to 8:00PM at the Paxtang Municipal Building. Currently there is a proposal to push back the primary date to June 2nd. Be sure to follow the news to see if this occurs.

### Reminder to Rental Unit Owners/Management Companies

If you own or manage a rental property with one or more residential units, you must submit the names of the tenants within 30 days of any change. If you are unsure if you have submitted the current tenant names for your rental property, you may find the “Status of Occupancy Report” form on our website at [www.paxtang.org/services](http://www.paxtang.org/services). You may submit it by email or mail to the office, to ensure we have updated information. This is most important for verifications of addresses, important notifications to residents for a variety of issues in the immediate area, and especially in an emergency situation. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 9th | 9:00AM  
Red Lion Hotel  
4751 Lindle Ave

For future dates, times and locations please refer to the Swatara Township Police Department Facebook page.

The Swatara Twp Police Department hosts monthly “Coffee with a Cop” meetings to provide community members an opportunity to sit down with the Director of Public Safety, Darrell Reider, along with other police officers from the department, to talk about problems or issues that come up throughout Swatara Twp and Paxtang Borough. Residents are encouraged to attend to stay informed about public safety and events.

## PET OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

Keep your dog on a leash at all times when your pet is not on your property. (Greenbelt Trail included)  
Note: Public location for “off leash” exercise - Kohl Memorial Park in Lower Paxton is the closest dog park.

Clean up after your dog. Please remember to carry dog waste bags when you are walking your dog as failure to do so could result in fines.

Unsupervised pet(s) on your property. (See Borough Ord. 659, and Pennsylvania Libre Law for specifics on keeping a dog outside unattended for a period of time, either tethered or in a cage.)

Dogs must be annually licensed with Dauphin County ([padoglicense.com](http://padoglicense.com)). PA Law for all dogs 3 months or older. Register your dog with Dauphin County Dog License – (717) 780-6550, Dauphin County Treasurer’s office.

Keep your pet healthy – proper veterinarian care and vaccinations.

For more information regarding pet responsibilities in the borough and links to County and State laws, please visit our website at [www.Paxtang.org](http://www.Paxtang.org)

## RECYCLING CENTER

As you know, Paxtang Borough encourages Recycling by our residents and businesses!

In addition to our contracted standard curbside recycling service, we encourage additional recycling from our residents and businesses. Please visit our website for guidance on our drop off site of the Dauphin County Recycling Center, 1625 S Cameron St, Harrisburg, PA 17104. If you have any questions on what items you may place curbside for recycling, please contact the borough office.

At Dauphin County Recycling Center. You may drop off Electronics: TV’s, Computers, cables, printers, kitchen appliances and more. Note: Any Items Containing Freon or Refrigerant Such As Refrigerators Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers Freezer, will be charged a \$20.00 fee. Secured Document Shredding: \$5.00 ea. For Printer Paper Box. No Medical Equipment (Any material that is considered or has come in contact with biohazard or radioactive material is not accepted.) Please visit our website for a full list.



# Paxtang Leaves

Notes from the Shade Tree Commission

The Paxtang Shade Tree Commission will be looking at new trees to be planted and removed this year. The Commission will also be conducting routine inspection of trees and ground level pruning.

A number of trees were removed and trimmed this past year and new ones were planted. Residents can arrange to have an honors tree planted to recognize a happy event in the family or someone who has passed away. The fee of \$250.00 includes the tree, plaque and certificate.

The Shade Tree Commission is always looking for volunteers to either serve on the commission or help with inspection of trees and ground level pruning. Our Volunteers help to ensure that we maintain our trees in the Borough.

Please remember to not let ivy grow up the trees in front of your residence. Ivy can kill otherwise healthy trees!

Please let us know if you'd like to have a shade tree at your property this spring, or if you'd like to arrange for an Honors

Tree to be planted in memory or honor of a loved one.

The Paxtang Shade Tree Commission is comprised of volunteers from the community who give their time to tend to Paxtang's urban forest. Volunteer members maintain an inventory of all the trees in the Borough, decide which trees to plant and which to remove, conduct regular pruning and maintenance to ensure the health of the trees and safety of Borough residents.

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Paxton Presbyterian Church is at it again and ready to take on the summer with our Concerts in the Grove. Our summer concerts are open to all who enjoy good music and a fun time outdoors with your local community. Please mark your calendars with the schedule below and save the dates. We look forward to seeing everyone out at our concert events!

- June 27th at 7:00pm - West Shore Symphony Orchestra
- July 16th at 6:00pm - The Howlin Brothers
- August 15th at 6:00pm - Lower Paxton Variety Band
- September 12th at 5:00pm - The Tunesters

For any question, please contact our office at 717-561-0510



For up-to-date information on events, please visit the Society's website at:

[paxtanghistoricalsociety.org](http://paxtanghistoricalsociety.org)

Sign up on-line or see any current member for additional details. Come be a part of history in Paxtang!

If you would like to join the Paxtang Historical Society Membership fees are as follows:

- Individual (annual) \$5.00
- Family (Annual) \$10.00
- Lifetime Member \$50.00



## Paxtang Lions Club

### Easter Egg Hunt is Canceled.

Unfortunately due to the current coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 Easter Egg Hunt originally scheduled for April 4th at Saussaman Park is canceled. There will not be a makeup date.

Contact Keldeen Stambaugh for more information about membership, [LionKeldeen@yahoo.com](mailto:LionKeldeen@yahoo.com)

### Paxtang Community Wide Yard Sale

Please join us on Saturday, June 13 for the Paxtang community wide yard sale; these are free to residents. Please note that on any other dates, the yard sale permit fee is \$10 and can be obtained at the Borough Office.

## DON'T FORGET A BUILDING PERMIT

Building/Zoning Permits are required by law. These regulations are established for your safety, your neighbor's safety and future owners or tenants of your property.

You must contact the borough office, to submit a permit application (forms available on our website or in the borough office), or if you have specific questions which may be directed to our Building Codes and Zoning Officer.

Generally speaking, the following most common maintenance or home improvement projects require a permit:

- Any structural change to your home interior or exterior. This includes New Construction changing a door or window frame size, shape of the roof, closing off or opening of a room, front porch post replacement and sometimes repair, which supports the roof

of the porch, deck additions or porch expansions.

- Fences or structures on your property. This could impact underground and/or stormwater runoff issues. PA One calls are a MUST before you dig holes for fence posts or foundations, etc. as you may be unaware of infrastructure (primarily to not disturb any gas, water or sewer lines under the ground)
- Plumbing and Electrical work
- Sidewalk changes or repairs

The above examples are included, but not limited to permit requirement. Please visit our website under <https://www.paxtang.org/buildingpermits> or contact the borough office, for more information about Building and Zoning in the Borough of Paxtang, and for the Schedule of fees associated with the permits.

## GET IN! ADVERTISE IN THE POST:

Costs for businesses are \$40 Per Issue, or 4 issues for \$140. For current residents, costs are \$20 Per Issue, or 4 issues for \$70. There is a 15% discount for customer provided artwork. No charge for non-profit organizations located in the Borough or primarily serving residents.

### Paxton Presbyterian Nursery School

3500 Sharon St., Harrisburg, PA 17111

REGISTER NOW FOR SEPTEMBER!  
Morning Programs for 2, 3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds!

Call 717- 561-0510  
for more information

E-mail: [office@paxtonchurch.org](mailto:office@paxtonchurch.org)  
[www.paxtonchurch.org](http://www.paxtonchurch.org)

A FUN PLACE TO PLAY AND LEARN!



### Lost Pet: Jackson, Male

Missing From: 3103 Duke St since Dec 15th

Last Seen: On Prince St heading towards Greenwood St  
Extremely Friendly, fluffy tail, part Maine Coon

Please call or text owner any time of day/night

717-350-9324



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**EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM**

*Don't miss important information.*

Visit **Paxtang.org** to add your cell phone, VOIP or other phone number to the Paxtang Borough Alert system or call the borough office. Receive notifications of important information for borough residents.

**PAXTANG BOROUGH OFFICE**

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Harrisburg, PA 17111  
(717) 564-4770

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
The first and third Tuesdays of the month, we are open until 6:00 p.m.

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