

JULY - AUGUST 2022

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BEGINNING AUGUST 1ST FIRE COVERAGE CHANGES IN EFFECT

Due to a lack of retention and recruitment by the Paxtang Fire Company, Paxtang Borough Council has been considering viable options for Fire Protection for the past decade, starting with the independent professional third-party review of Fire Services, done jointly with Swatara Township, which was supported and encouraged by Fire Chief Zwigart (Chief 5 terms: Jan. 2005- Dec. 2019). The discussions following the report involved combining Paxtang Fire Company with a Swatara Township Fire Company.

In the meantime, there have been various discussions across PA involving the growing concern about the decreasing number of Firefighters, volunteer and paid, willing to serve.

In September of 2020, Paxtang Borough Council authorized contact with local fire companies in the surrounding municipalities to explore future fire protection for Paxtang Borough. Swatara Township, Susquehanna Township, and Harrisburg City submitted proposals for service.

Due to then Harrisburg Mayor Papenfuse's offer for three free years of service (saving a total contract fee of \$75,000 to Borough Property Owners), in May of 2021, Borough Council decided to focus discussions with Harrisburg City authorizing the solicitors and Borough Manager to discuss details of the draft agreement

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

JULY:

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 19th | 7:00pm

Paxtang Borough Building

AUGUST:

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 2nd

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 16th | 7:00pm

Paxtang Borough Building

SEPTEMBER:

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Tuesday, September 6th | 7:00pm

Paxtang Borough Building

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 20th | 7:00pm

Paxtang Borough Building

COMMUNITY

YARD
SALE

PLAN AHEAD

BOROUGH YARD SALE SEPTEMBER 10TH

The last Borough-wide yard sale will take place on Saturday, September 10th starting at 7:00am. This is a great opportunity to unload some of your unwanted items, or catch some great deals from your neighbors! The Borough provides advertising for this event and no permit is required on this date.

As a reminder, all other yard sales require a permit from the Borough Office in advance. Visit the office or Paxtang.org for more details.

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PAXTANG BOROUGH VOTES UNANIMOUSLY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CONTRACTED SERVICES

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for consideration by Paxtang Borough Council and Harrisburg City Council. The details from discussions with Harrisburg Chief Enterline were immediately provided to the Harrisburg City Solicitor to prepare a draft Agreement Proposal. Six months later, in November of 2021, Paxtang received a draft Proposal from Harrisburg City Solicitor's Office.

The Borough Officials reviewed the document and returned it to the City for edits within a few weeks. Then four months later in March of 2022, the Borough received a Revised Draft Agreement, which went directly to the Public Safety Committee for review. The revised Agreement had changes that included the removal of any free or discounted years that were previously offered.

The Public Safety Committee

contacted Swatara Township to inquire if they would still entertain providing services to the Borough with the Township advising its proposal would remain the same as presented the previous year.

Swatara Township Fire Rescue provides the opportunity for monetary compensation to the certified and trained active Firefighter volunteers and Fire Police volunteers under the membership and direction of Swatara Township Fire and Rescue. Some Paxtang members are already currently serving Swatara, with others submitting their applications since the recent vote. Swatara Volunteer Fire and Rescue currently includes over 60 firefighters. We would like to see the Fire Service transition continue in a positive manner.

Borough officials appreciate the

comments that have been shared in our Council Meetings and the individuals who have contacted us directly with questions or comments. The Borough of Paxtang would like to again, express our appreciation to the men and women who have served and those who will continue to serve the Paxtang Community as Firefighters, Fire Police, and in support of those individuals. Although there are only 6 firefighters currently serving Paxtang Fire Company at this time, we hope the remaining active members in addition to those who were active in the past, will continue their service to Paxtang, under the professional leadership of the Swatara Fire and Rescue Service.

As a resident and business owner, you will see no change in service, just the painting on the trucks. The surrounding municipalities, including

GREENBELT UPDATES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you use the Capital Area Greenbelt that makes its way through the Paxtang Parkway? Consider becoming a volunteer!

If you enjoy strolling along the Paxtang section of the Greenbelt, riding your bike on the shady, cool path or are a more adventurous type and mountain bike on the numerous trails, please consider volunteering to maintain this wonderful treasure in our midst. Use this link to see how you can help: <http://caga.org/help/>



Swatara, have been providing mutual aid to our community for many years. Paxtang Borough has an average of 60 calls per year within the Borough, ranging from false alarms, pet assistance, vehicle accidents, tractor-trailers stuck under a bridge, and medical assistance, to structure fires. These calls often involve police or ambulance services as well. We have, at most, 1 active fire per year in Paxtang Borough. In the most recent fire, Fire Companies from Susquehanna Township and Swatara Township were the first two responding companies on the scene to jump into action, soon followed by Harrisburg City and Paxtang Fire. Every call and situation is different with several factors determining who may "arrive first" to provide the service at that moment.

The member standards of Swatara Township Fire and Rescue, both on and off scene, reflect true professionalism. They care and are already active in our Paxtang Community. Swatara Township Fire and Rescue will continue to embrace the hometown feel we have come to love by expanding participation and joining our current police force, in our other events such as the Parade, Trick or Treat, the Santa Runs, and more.

Mutual Aid, respect among all firefighters is so important to stay focused on the common goal! Paxtang is fortunate to benefit from mutual aid from all directions. It is the municipality's responsibility to name a specific service as our designated Fire Service. We are pleased with the outcome of the unanimous vote for Swatara Township Fire and Rescue. The relationship between Paxtang Borough and Swatara Township has always been a good one but has grown over the past 10 years and we look forward to continuing a mutually beneficial relationship with Swatara Township as we expand the Public Safety Services. Visit www.STFR91.com for department information.

Train. Grow. Serve.



Swatara Township Fire & Rescue is looking for committed citizens to join our team of dedicated volunteers in protecting lives and property in our community.

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ADVERTISE IN THE PAXTANG POST

For information on advertising in the Paxtang Post, please contact the Borough Office. Costs are \$40 Per Issue, or 4 Issues for \$140

Summer Reading Challenge 2022



Read along with The Library this summer during the Summer Reading Challenge!

Earn points by logging, writing reviews, creating a picture review, and doing activities. Points allow you to choose your own Summer Reading Challenge adventure. Visit <https://www.dcls.org/readingchallenges>



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."

PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS!



Stormwater Management

In 2016, DEP labeled approximately 19,000 miles of rivers and streams in Pennsylvania impaired for water supply, aquatic life, recreation, or fish consumption. Stormwater runoff pollution is one of the biggest reasons for this impairment.

Over the past 100 years, streets, parking lots, sidewalks, and roofs have been a steadily increasing part of our communities as we've developed more and more of the landscape. As a result, rain that would otherwise soak into the ground instead rushes over these nonporous surfaces and into storm drains, which send it directly into rivers and streams. So, what can you do as a resident to help our water ways?

Residents can do the following things to protect water quality and reduce water pollution:

- Never dump anything down storm drains.
- Use lawn and garden chemicals sparingly; sweep up any excess from driveways, sidewalks, and roads.
- Repair vehicle leaks; cover spilled fluids with kitty litter then sweep into household waste.
- Pick up after your pet and dispose of properly.
- Control soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover and stabilizing erosion-prone areas.
- Keep grass clippings, leaves, litter, and debris out of street gutters and storm drains.
- Direct downspouts onto grassy areas away from paved surfaces.
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your vehicle on the grass instead of the driveway.
- Dispose of used oil, antifreeze, paints and other household chemicals in an approved manner.

KEEP OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN





**DAUPHIN COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
PARKS & RECREATION**

COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION OFFERS ROBUST SUMMER OFFERINGS.

As residents of Dauphin County, Paxtang Borough residents can take advantage of and enjoy all that the county has to offer you and your family. Below is a small sample of the programs and events that are offered this summer. Why not take time to check them out and make new memories!

Sunset Music & Movies - Fridays Through August 26th

This 13-week series will highlight local performing arts organizations and a summer movie series. Pack a picnic basket (or purchase from our food concessions), bring your blankets and your lawn chairs, and enjoy an evening of family fun! These events are all free for everyone to attend thanks to our event sponsor.

On Live Performance Nights, food trucks will begin serving at 6:00 p.m. On movie nights, The Friends of Fort Hunter will sell popcorn, candy, and beverages to benefit Fort Hunter Park.



10th Annual Dauphin County BrewFest - Saturday, July 16th

Join us as we welcome over 50 craft beers! Taste craft beer, listen to great music, taste gourmet foods, and learn how to brew beer yourself!

Doors open at 3:00 p.m. but we will start scanning tickets and IDs at 2:00 p.m. Get your tickets in advance as we always sell out. Tickets: \$40 in advance | \$50 at the door \$15 for designated drivers.



**Saturday, July 16, 2022 - 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
(RAIN OR SHINE!)**

Fort Hunter Park | 5300 N. Front Street | Harrisburg, PA 17110

Cultural Fest - August 20th

The Commissioners and the County's Cultural Celebration Task Force invite you to a free festival celebrating cultural diversity in Dauphin County on August 20th. This event will bring together our region's diversity and cultures as well as celebrate and increase awareness of our vast differences and commonalities.

The event will offer cultural food & performances, craft vendors, Dauphin County Human Services, Systems of Care Youth Fest, Professional Development, Sports & Games, Children's Corner, and more. This is a FREE event but bring along some spending money to shop with the vendors and enjoy ethnic foods from a variety of food trucks. Bring your lawn chairs.



**Saturday, August 20, 2022 - 3:00 - 10:00 p.m.
City Island, Harrisburg FREE ADMISSION!**

To learn more about all of the great offerings from the County this summer and fall, scan the QR code to the right using the camera on your smart phone.



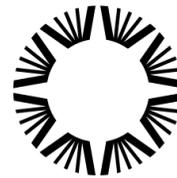
FRIENDS OF KLINE LIBRARY VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB & CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Did you know the Friends of Kline Library have a Facebook page? You can see photos from our many events there and learn of upcoming events as well. Visit www.facebook.com/FKL2015. And if you have any suggestions of items to add to our page, just let us know. We welcome suggestions!

The Friends of Kline Library's virtual book club, the Happy Bookers, just completed its first year of reading and discussing interesting books in Zoom meetings. The Happy Bookers has read many different genres, including *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict, *Talking to Strangers* by Malcom Gladwell, *South to America* by Imani Perry, *State of Terror* by Hillary Clinton and *Louise Penny*, and *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride.

In April the group selected *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson for its July read. *The Splendid and the Vile* is a longer book than usual so extra time was provided to locate copies and to read the book. The June selection of *Lady Clementine*, about Churchill's wife, by Marie Benedict was selected to provide another perspective on Winston Churchill.

The Happy Bookers meet virtually on the third Monday of each month at 2:00 pm. Meetings last for one hour. The July meeting will hold on July 18th at 2:00 pm. New members are always



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welcome. To join the group or to learn more about the Happy Bookers, call or text Jo Sheppard at (717)512-5729 or email her at josheppa@gmail.com.

July 16 - Children's Festival

Look forward to some summer fun, crafts, and activities at Kline! Explore the exhibit "Art in Nature" on VanGo!, the traveling museum on wheels from the Susquehanna Art Museum. Engage with Library staff and our outreach vehicle, Marco, with STEM activities and Library materials.

Enjoy a special visit from Chick-fil-A as the Chick-fil-A Cow will be on site to greet kids both young and old. There will be crafts, snacks, ice cream, and other treats throughout the day. Be on hand for the announcement of the reveal of Kline's cow statue name!

Free parking is available.

Editors Note: At the time of publication, the Paxtang Fire Company plans to proceed with the 20th Annual Crabfest, despite changes to the Borough's fire coverage which are effective August 1st. Please visit their website at paxtangfire.com for the most up-to-date details on the status of the event and ticket information.

PAXTANG FIRE COMPANY

20TH ANNUAL CRABFEST

Join us Saturday, September 24 at noon till 4 PM.

Where:

Emeric Cibort Park Center & Penn Sts. Bressler/Steelton

How Much:

\$55 per person in advance

\$60 PayPal and \$70 at the door

One child 12 or under free with a paying adult,

Additional children 1/2 the regular price

What "U" Get:

Fresh Hot Maryland Blue Crabs, Pulled Pork BBQ,
Corn on the Cob, Maryland Crab Soup, Hamburgers &
Hotdogs, French Fries, and much much more...

All "U" can drink draft beer and soft drinks

Games, Fun, & Prizes for all ages!



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNOUNCING THE 9TH ANNUAL SWATARA TOWNSHIP POLICE 5K HERO RUN!

The Swatara Township Police Department is pleased to announce that the 5K Hero Run is returning for its 9th year on Sunday November 6th, 2022 at the Harrisburg Mall.

Race registration is NOW open, and you can register during the entire month of July with our early bird special pricing of just \$20. After July the registration goes up to \$25.

We are also currently looking for Race Sponsors! This is a great opportunity to get your business' name out there and help the community at the same time! If you own or work for a business and are interested in being a sponsor please review our sponsorship form, which can be picked up at the Swatara Township Police Department or it can be found on our web portal by visiting www.swatarapolice.org (under the Community Service tab).

Sponsorship forms/checks should be returned to the Swatara Township Police Department no later than September 30th, 2022. This race helps to benefit the Keystone Wounded Warriors who aid veterans who reside or have ties to Pennsylvania, Cops for K.O.P.S which aids children of fallen police officers in Pennsylvania, The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation which aids families of fallen firefighters and the Swatara Township Police K-9 Unit.

There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals given out for men and women in each respective age group as well as cash prizes for fastest times overall for men and women. This is a great social event for a great cause, which allows you to get outside and exercise! Our unique course takes runners through the Harrisburg Mall! Running clubs or groups are welcome as well! You can register as a walker or a runner online by visiting Swatarapolice.org and clicking on the registration link under the Community Services tab. Help us make this the BEST 5K Hero Run to date!



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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

1ST QUARTER POLICE STATS

Swatara Township police provided the following services to the residents of Paxtang Borough during the first quarter of 2022:

- Over 600 patrols throughout the Borough
- Received 205 calls
- Issued 18 Motor Vehicle/Traffic/Code Citations
- Issued 2 Non-Traffic Citations
- Issued 12 Parking violations
- Conducted 9 foot patrols and 1 bike patrol

This is not an inclusive list. Please see the Borough Council Meeting minutes for more information and details. These are available on paxtang.org



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DATE AND DETAILS SET FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2022!

The Swatara Township Police Department is hosting our annual National Night Out against crime on Tuesday August 2, 2022 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at Vanatta Park in Swatara Township (behind 7-Eleven).

This is our department's largest community service event of the year! National Night Out is a community event that features games, FREE food and drinks as well as several law enforcement related demonstrations and vendors. NNO is also a great way for you to get your business or organization out there in the public eye.

We are currently accepting registrations for having a table at the event! For those businesses that have attended in years past you know how beneficial this event can be to your organization. It is also a great way to show support for your local police department and take a stand against crime in our neighborhoods.

If you are a business owner or part of an organization and would like to have a table at the Swatara Township Police Department's National Night Out event please



visit www.swatarapolice.org and go to the Community Services tab to download one of our Vendor Registration Forms. Please have the completed registration form forwarded to Officer Ben Stewart either via email at bstewart@swatarapolice.org OR by mailing the form to 599 Eisenhower Boulevard Harrisburg, PA 17111.

All registration forms must be received no later than July 22, 2022. THERE IS NO COST TO HAVE A TABLE AT NNO and your business or organization does not need to be located in Swatara Township in order to participate. Table spaces are limited so please do not wait to reserve yours. If you have additional questions please contact Officer Ben Stewart or Corporal Brandon Pokrop at 717-564-2550. Thank you and we hope to see you there!

Paxtang Residents who plan to have gatherings on their streets to celebrate NNO should submit any street closure requests to the Borough Office no later than Friday, July 15th for action at the July Borough Council Meeting.