

# Paxtang Borough

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Hours 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

[www.Paxtang.org](http://www.Paxtang.org)



at Paxtang, PA

*Paxtang Borough was incorporated in 1914. Paxtang Borough is located east of the capital city of Harrisburg. Paxtang continues to evolve and change with the times, but it holds on to its small-town feel, with a true sense of community. Residents can be found strolling down the sidewalks, visiting the local eateries, or enjoying the parks and the Capital Area Greenbelt. It is "home" to historical and well-known structures, like the Paxtang Municipal Building, Paxtang Elementary School, and Paxton Presbyterian Church. Events and activities are attended in the borough by many people in the region such as the Paxtang Lions Halloween parade, Paxtang Lions Pancake Breakfast, Paxtang Lions Easter Egg Hunt, and various social events that foster the "hometown" atmosphere. In a half-mile radius, the borough has approximately 1,650 residents in 700 households and is the home to 100 businesses.*

## Public Safety/Emergency Contacts

**EMERGENCY: Call 9 1 1**

**Police/Fire – Non-Emergency 717-558-6900**

**Police:** Swatara Township Police Office 717-564-2550 – Public Safety Director Darrell Reider  
[www.dauphin.crimewatchpa.com/swatarapd](http://www.dauphin.crimewatchpa.com/swatarapd)

**Fire Company:** Swatara Township Fire and Rescue Office [www.stfr91.com](http://www.stfr91.com) 717-564-8839  
Director of Fire Services, Chief Mike Ibberson

*Receive important Borough Notifications by phone. Please Email or call the Borough Office to add your contact information to our Blast Call list on your landline or cell phone, which is an automated notification system from the Borough for emergency notifications and general alerts for road issues, delays of services, and other important information for the residents.*

## General Property Information

- Water Service: Veolia (formerly Suez) 717-564-3662
- Sewer and Solid Waste Fees are Included in your property taxes.
- Trash/Recycling: If you do not have a trash or recycling receptacle for pickup on Trash days (Thursdays), please contact the borough office or see the borough website for details. The approved trash/recycling borough containers are issued to each residential unit with a bar code assigned to each household. The trash collection maximum is 130 gallons per week and must be in the container with a closed lid. Additionally, one large item is accepted per week. Recycle containers are standard 65 gallons. Any questions, please contact [Paxtangtrash@harrisburgpa.gov](mailto:Paxtangtrash@harrisburgpa.gov) or call 717-695-9716.
- To prevent utility line and property damage, it is the law in PA, to **call before any digging, call 811.**

## Organizations/Partners in the Borough

Paxtang Historical Society

Paxtang Art Association

Paxtang Lions Club

Swatara-Paxtang Softball Assoc.

Paxtang Civic Club

Friends of Kline Library

Wilhelm Paxtang Baseball Assoc.

CAGA Capital Area Greenbelt Assoc.

SAMBA Susquehanna Area Mountain Bike Assoc.

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# Paxtang Borough

## Borough Parks/Facilities

We have *Saussaman Park* located on the 500 block of Paxtang Avenue next to the Paxton Presbyterian Church, and the *Paxtang Parkway Park* located along the Greenbelt, 3400 block of Rutherford Street.

Rentals/Reservations are available through the Borough Office for Saussaman Park Pavilion or the Borough Gym located in the rear of the Paxtang Borough Municipal Building.

Civic Organizations, Non-Profits, athletic teams, and volunteer opportunities may be found on the website.

## Public Transportation

Capital Area Transit (CAT) bus system has bus stops available along Derry Street throughout the borough.

## Borough Council

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Workshop (Committee Meetings) are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. except for a few dates. Please see the website or call the Borough Office for specific meeting dates/times.

### Elected Officials

**Mayor Nathan A. Martin**

**Council Members:**

**Kathy Bloss, President**

**Eric Fillman, Vice President**

**Jack Thomas, Pres. Pro-Temp**

**Thomas Wingert**

**Corbin Bower**

**Jennifer Britten**

**Matthew Leonard**

**Tax Collector: Joseph Spackman**

**Auditors: Frank Tittiger**

**Phil Ficarra**

**Jessica Yohe**

Health Officer: John Holden

Property Maintenance Enforcement Officers:

Saul Schmolitz and Brian Rotolo

Zoning Hearing Board:

Robert Greenwood

Elizabeth Rowan Marx

E. Denny Beaver

Alternate: Dawn Deaner

Shade Tree Commission

Jody Wood

Dana Deegan

Shane Philipps

Civil Defense: Robin Bloss and Michael McKenna

Building Codes Officer: Robert Ihlein

Zoning Officer: Robert Ihlein

Right to Know Officer: Keldeen Stambaugh

Borough Manager: Keldeen Stambaugh

Secretary: Faye A. Clark

Treasurer: Linda Lightner

## Appointed Officials

Solicitor: Josh Bonn, Nauman Smith

Engineer: Jeremy Smith, Rettew Associates

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Borough Office.

## **We are “PAXTANG PROUD”**

*If we all take an extra moment to pull that small weed or make sure that the grass is mowed before we go on vacation, we can maintain the beauty of Paxtang well into the future. If you are planning to spend time away from your property, please plan for the care and maintenance of your property.*

# Paxtang Borough

## Property Maintenance Information



To enhance the value of homes in our community and to avoid harboring unwanted pests, we have established property maintenance expectations in our Ordinances. Please visit the website, **E-Code** for details. A few specific items are listed below:

- Weeds and grass must be maintained at a **maximum height of 6 inches** (IPMC 2021).
- Garbage and rubbish must be bagged and placed in your issued trash container with a tight-fitting lid. Yard waste and brush must be bundled or bagged (Brown Paper Yard Waste Bags) in accordance with our garbage removal contract. Please see the website under services for bundle instructions and additional information.
- Vehicles on private property must have current registration and/or inspection. Parking is permitted in public parking lots, on your private property on a proper parking space (stone/gravel/paved), garage, or on the street **but NOT next to a yellow painted curb and not on or over a curb, or sidewalk, or yard.**
- Sidewalks must remain clear and accessible for pedestrians, including wheelchairs. Please repair cracks and uneven surfaces. Maintenance of public sidewalks and curbs in public areas, along your property line, is the financial responsibility of the individual property owner. See permit requirements for major repairs or replacement.
- House numbers must be prominently displayed on the front of a house with 4" easy read numbers on a contrasting background. It is encouraged to mark the back of the property to be seen from the secondary streets.
- Downspouts and gutters must be kept unclogged, clear of debris and vegetation, and in functioning condition. Water may not be discharged off the property. See the borough office for questions. Additional information on MS4 (Separate Stormwater Sewer System) is available on the website.
- Painted surfaces especially around doors and windows must be maintained (no chipping, peeling, or exposed wood).
- Trees/shrubs should not hang/extend into a street or alley any lower than 12 feet in height.
- Trees, shrubs, or vegetation should not intrude into the sidewalk area from the ground up to 7'.
- Fences or accessory structures (sheds/garages) should be kept in a solid and generally good condition.
- Furniture designed for indoor use should not be placed on the front yard/porch. Stuffed furniture can draw and harbor rodents.
- Shade trees, typically found between a public sidewalk and the street, are **only** to be trimmed/removed by the Shade Tree Commission or those certified and approved by STC.
- Firepits – Open Burning Ordinance No burn container shall be used within 15 feet of any building or structure. No burn container shall be used within 15 feet of any property line or public sidewalk area. Must use a proper cover. Burning of grass, paper, leaves, or green twigs is prohibited.

*The Borough understands there are times when most people fall behind on their property maintenance on occasion and may be notified, but if the situation becomes a problem, then a citation may be issued. The average minimum cost of a citation is approximately \$170.00, including fines and court costs.*

# Paxtang Borough

## Building Permits



State Law and Borough Ordinance require that the Property Owner or their Authorized Agent (contractor) **MUST file a building permit application for any proposed new construction, structural repairs/changes, or electrical or plumbing work.** An example of the above-mentioned activities can be found at [www.paxtang.org](http://www.paxtang.org) under the Codes/Building Permit button. Click on the Building or Zoning Permit page for FAQs, directions, and permit applications. **If you are unsure what projects may need a building permit, please call the office before starting any work.**

## Pet Care

State law and Borough Ordinance dictate that pets should be kept on a leash when walking off your property, and properly contained or leashed when on property unattended. If you are out walking your pet, please clean up after your pet. If you have forgotten the appropriate clean-up material, please return to the site and clean up as soon as possible. Please note, that failure to clean up after your pet would be a violation of Borough Ordinance 607 which says that if you're walking your pet and they "go" on any property that's not yours you need to clean it up and properly dispose of it. Failure to do so could result in a fine of up to \$600.00 and the cost of prosecution.



Any dog, cat, or another animal frequently howling, or barking shall annoy or disturb neighbors, a penalty may be applied. There are restrictions in PA laws for pets unattended in extreme temperatures.

## Fall Leaf Pickup

The Public Works Department will do test runs with the leaf machine and will officially begin the first week of November with test runs prior. They will be working primarily on the West Half of the Borough beginning with the first week and then alternating to the East Half the following week. If conditions and progress allow, they may work ahead on the opposite half to try to stay ahead of the game. However, don't assume that the stopping point for one day will be the starting point for the next. The Public Works Dept. would like to ask each resident and/or property owner to please wait to rake leaves to the curb, **not into the street,** for the scheduled pick-up time for your area. Waiting until the appropriate week should minimize the chance of having any large wet piles of leaves standing for extended periods before Public Works has a chance to get to your area. Also, as a reminder, **please do not place or rake any sticks and/or branches into the piles** as this could clog or damage the leaf machine and drastically slow the pick-up. Updated information about Leaf Clean-up will be posted on the Borough's website.

## Sidewalk Snow Removal

Keep the sidewalks clear of ice and/or snow **within 24 hours** after the precipitation stops. All sidewalks must be cleaned to a minimum of 3 feet in width for the safety of all who pass by. Failure to do so could result in a fine of up to \$100.00 plus court fees. If you expect to be away or physically unable, please make arrangements with a friend or neighbor to take care of clearing your sidewalks if you are unable to do so.