

Lower Paxton Township Newsletter

August/September 2020



Paxtonia Fire Adds New Rescue Engine to Fleet

In June, Paxtonia 34 Fire Company added a 2019 Seagrave Rescue Engine to its fleet. The unit is designated as Engine 34-1. This addition marks a new era for the members of Paxtonia. The new Rescue Engine is equipped with several upgrades in technology and equipment. Lower Paxton Township and the Board of Supervisors are pleased to be able to fund the purchase of this new engine for Paxtonia Fire Company, in effort to provide the volunteer firefighters with the tools needed to do their job and keep Township residents safe.



Supervisors Crissman, Judd, Henry, Zoumas and Lindsey are pictured with Township Manager Gotshall and Paxtonia Fire Company Command Staff and the new Rescue Engine.



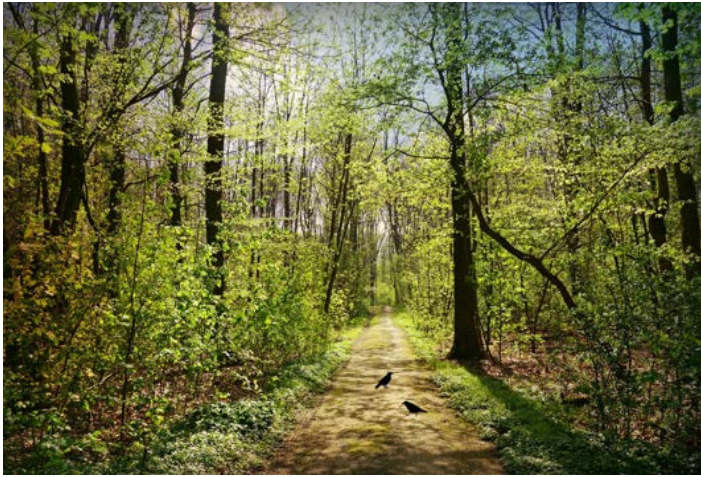
Setting Off Fireworks in Lower Paxton

PA state law prohibits the use of consumer fireworks (bottle rockets, roman candles, etc.) within 150 of an occupied structure or on public land.

In addition, Township Ordinance prohibits consumer fireworks after 10 pm or anytime on a property less than one acre. To report illegal fireworks, call 717-558-6900.

National Night Out 2020

Due to COVID-19 and for the safety of our residents, National Night Out has been cancelled for 2020.
Stay Safe!



Lower Paxton Township Parks System

Lower Paxton Township's Parks and Recreation Department works hard to provide leisure opportunities, activities and events for residents. Did you know that there are 16 public park facilities in Lower Paxton, covering approximately 382 acres of land?

Park facilities range from lightly developed forest and mountain land to established athletic fields, playgrounds and ball courts. There are six large parks that cover over 10 acres: Brightbill, George, Kohl, Koons, Lingle, & Wolfersberger. There are ten neighborhood parks (smaller than 10 acres): Centennial Acres, Forest Hills, Hocker, Hodges Heights, Hurley, Kings Crossing, Lamplight, Meadowbrook, Ranger, and Stray Winds.

In addition, the Township has several Greenway Trails, great for walking and exploring. A brochure highlighting the trail distances with brief descriptions is available on the Township website. The website also features a list of all the parks and the amenities offered at each one. The public can rent pavilions and ballfields through the Parks and Recreation Department.

Visit <https://www.lowerpaxton-pa.gov/157/Parks-Rec-Friendship-Center> for more details on the Parks and Recreation Department and Park System offerings.

Norman Lacasse Honorary Tree Planting

On June 23rd, Norm Lacasse was honored in Centennial Acres Park, for his commitment and service to the Lower Paxton Shade Tree Commission for 28 years. An American Sycamore was planted in his honor along with a plaque and a recycled park bench was donated by the Lower Paxton Lions Club. Congratulations and Thank you to Norm for his years of service to Lower Paxton Township.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this event a great success:

Lower Paxton Township Public Works Dept.
Parks & Recreation Department,
Shade Tree Commission,
Board of Supervisors,
& the Community Development Dept. who organized the evening's festivities.





Notes from the Director of Public Safety Heat Preparedness Tips:

- » Heat waves can be dangerous and even life-threatening for people who don't take the proper precautions.
- » Most heat disorders occur because the victim has been overexposed to heat or has over-exercised for his or her age and physical condition. Older adults, young children, and those who are sick or overweight are more likely to succumb to extreme heat.
- » Before extreme heat occurs, it is important to take steps now to prepare:
 - Install window air conditioners snugly; insulate if necessary.
 - Check air conditioning ducts for proper insulation.
 - Weather-strip doors and sills to keep cool air in.
 - Cover windows that receive morning or afternoon sun with drapes, shades, awnings or louvers.
 - Keep storm windows up all year.
 - Know those in your neighborhood who might be most at risk to excessive heat and may need help.

Upcoming Board of Supervisors Meetings

Board of Supervisors: August 4, 11, & 18 and September 1, 8, & 15 at 7 pm, Municipal Center

For a full list of Township meetings, please visit the Meetings Calendar on the Township website:
www.lowerpaxton-pa.gov

Dauphin County Local Share Municipal Grant Program

Dauphin County's Local Share Municipal Grant Program is now open and accepting applications.

If your organization is located in Lower Paxton Township and you wish to submit a grant application, please follow the proper steps to ensure your application is complete.

All non-municipal applicants are required to have letters of support/sponsorship from the eligible municipality in order to be considered for the program. Lower Paxton Township will hold a single meeting at a regularly scheduled Workshop of the Board of Supervisors in order to hear presentations by non-municipal applicants looking to submit a County application.

The Workshop Meeting will be held on **8/11/20 at 7:00 pm**. All organizations are asked to present to the Board and should have materials, including a project scope and application to the Township Manager by **Friday, 8/7/20**. After the August 11th Workshop Meeting, the Board will confer to rank all participating projects for which a request of support has been made. A resolution and final letter of support will be provided to each of the requested projects shortly after the 8/18/20 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting. At the 8/18/20 meeting, the Board will vote to adopt the resolution and ranking structure.

Any questions regarding this process or the Township's overall position on the County Local Share Municipal Grant program should be directed to the Township Manager.

Township Manager, Bradley Gotshall, can be reached via email at: bgotshall@lowerpaxton-pa.gov.

For more information about the County Share Grant Program visit Dauphin County's website:

<https://www.dauphincounty.org/>

Actions of the Board of Supervisors: June - July

Board of Supervisors General Actions

- ✓ Approved Ordinance 20-05; authorizing the incurring of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of general obligation bonds
- ✓ Approved a bid from DOLI Construction Inc., in the amount of \$757,032.00, for the maintenance and emergency repairs to the wastewater and stormwater collections systems
- ✓ Approved Resolution 20-17; authorizing the designation of signature authority to township staff for the submission of permit applications and fees to PA DEP through PA DEP's e-permitting system.
- ✓ Approved application for payment #1 to Pennsy Supply for the 2020 Lower Paxton Township Paving Project in the amount of \$443,443.00.
- ✓ Approved Change Order #3 to the Linglestown Fire Company KME Ladder-Tower Contract for an increase of \$8,875.00.
- ✓ Assigned the date of Trick or Treat in LPT for 2020 as October 31, 2020.
- ✓ Adopted an amended 2020 budget, due to COVID-19, reducing the budget by \$980,000.
- ✓ Approved Task Order 2020-01; authorizing a payment to Capital Region Water, in the amount of \$57,000.00 for the Paxton Creek Watershed Sediment Reduction Project.
- ✓ Approved Ordinance 20-06; repealing prior building permit issuance procedures under Ordinance 95-6, 95-7, 95-10 and 19-04.

- ✓ Approved Change Order #1 with Rogele, Inc., decreasing the amount by \$6,636.58, for the emergency repairs to the wastewater

Subdivision & Land Development

- ✓ Approved Final Subdivision Plan for Amber Fields, Phase 7B (Plan #20-02)
- ✓ Approved Final Subdivision Plan for Shadebrook, Phase 4 (Plan #20-01)
- ✓ Approved Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan for Gateway, Lot 16 (Plan #20-07)
- ✓ Approved Final Land Development Plan for Lot 6 of Blue Ridge Village (Plan #20-05)
- ✓ Approved Resolution 20-16; approving a Plannign Module for the Shain & Diane Devan Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan

Local Road Construction Info



Available on the Township Website:
www.lowerpaxton-pa.gov/382/Local-Road-Construction

Proper Discharge of Pool Water

Discharged pool water and waters containing chlorine or other chemicals can be detrimental to aquatic life if not handled responsibly. It is extremely important that these waters are handled correctly. Pool runoff must not enter our streams or be discharged to any storm sewer or land in which a storm sewer is accessible. Pool water runoff has the potential to cause fish kills and unsafe aquatic conditions.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) offers guidance on how to properly manage discharged pool water. Whether you are a private owner, manage a public pool, or work for a pool maintenance company, refer to these guidelines.

Help protect our streams and rivers by following these tips:

- Pool water may be disposed of through the sanitary sewer system ONLY with municipal permission. (Lower Paxton Township Authority allows pool water discharge into the sanitary sewer system)
- Never dispose of pool water through a storm sewer, which will discharge to a stream.
- If lowering the water level of the pool, let it drain to a lawn to prevent it from running off into a storm sewer.
- If a sanitary sewer system is not available, water may be used for irrigation if it does not run off the property or into a storm sewer. The discharge of swimming pool water to any Waters of the Commonwealth without a permit is a violation of the Clean Streams Law. Property owners and pool companies that violate this law may be prosecuted and penalized for damages.

TNR in Lower Paxton Township

The Township is pleased to offer a feral cat voucher program (TNR - Trap Neuter and Release). This program allows residents to obtain a voucher for a 100% outside feral cat. Cats that are owned by a resident will not qualify. Feral cat management is critical to avoid massive colonies of cats. TNR prevents proliferation of cats and allows colonies to gradually shrink. As a part of this process, the resident is expected to be engaged and is expected to continue to feed the cats and provide reasonable water and shelter for them.

The vouchers are valid at No Body's Cats (in Mechanicsburg), PAWS (in Grantville), and Steelton Community Cats (in Steelton). The voucher qualifies for the spay/neutering of one cat, which includes a rabies vaccine and the tipping of one ear to identify that the cat has been processed. There is also a list of volunteers that can provide advice, training and support in humane trapping of feral cats. Please feel free to email feralcatslpt@gmail.com if you need support.

How the Process Works:

1. Sign up for an appointment at a clinic for TNR.
2. Once an appointment has been made, please contact the Lower Paxton Police Department with the appointment information and a voucher will be made available for the clinic location that you have chosen.

Lower Paxton Police Department: 717-657-5656

Clinic Contact Information:

No Body's Cats

Phone: 855-867-4228

Email: contact@nobodyscats.org Website: <http://nobodyscats.org>

Note: No Body's Cats has a humane trap loan program

PAWS

Phone: 717-957-8122

Website: www.pawsofpa.org

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Steelton Community Cats

Phone: 717-877-4146

Email: steeltoncommunitycatstnr@gmail.com Website: <https://steeltoncats.org>

Educational Website:

Alley Cat Allies: www.alleycat.org

Castaway Critters: www.castawaycritters.org

Lower Paxton's TNR Resource Page: www.lowerpaxton-pa.gov/377/TNR-Resource-Page

Neighborhood Cats: www.neighborhoodcats.org



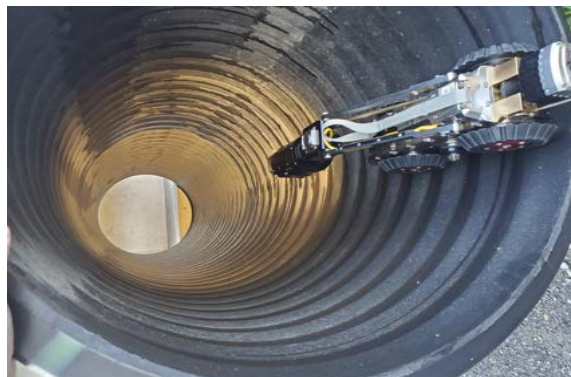
Stormwater Program Update

New Pole Building & Pipe Televising Equipment for Sanitary Sewer/Stormwater Programs

The Township Contractor, Ebersole Excavating, has completed the construction of the new 3,280 square foot Pole Building, located at the rear of the Sewer Operations Facility and Public Works Building on Locust Lane. The Pole Building will provide the needed additional storage space for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program and provide additional storage for the Sewer and Public Works Department operations. The project was completed on budget at cost of \$371,625 and was shared between the Sewer and Stormwater Funds.



The Township has also received delivery of the new Aeries Televising Equipment. This sewer and stormwater televising system is equipped with specific components that allows the televising of large stormwater pipe as part of the MS4 program and a mainline lateral launching system to televise private sewers from the street, which is necessary for the DEP sewer replacement program. The project was completed on budget at cost of \$349,606 and was shared between the Sewer and Stormwater Funds. This equipment was purchased as a cost saving measure. Township crews will now be capable of performing the stormwater pipe televising, which has been determined to be more cost effective when compared to costs from private contractor bids.



For more information on the Stormwater Program & Activity Updates visit:
www.lowerpaxtonatwork.com