



Borough of Dauphin

## 2017 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meets the 1st Monday at 7:00 P.M.

- **Jeffery Smith**  
Chairman/Treasurer
- **Jim Fisher**  
Vice Chair./Asst. Sec.
- **Richard Pepper**
- **Wilbur Evans**
- **Larry Cooney**  
**Manager**
- **Julie Ann Seeds**  
**Roadmaster**
- **Bob Hofer**  
**EMC**
- **Bob Rusbatch**

### Planning Commission

Meets the 2nd Monday at 7:00 P.M.

- **Liz Rodda –Chair**
- **Jeff Smith - Vice Chair**
- **Bill Kotkiewicz**
- **Don Morse**
- **Chip Brown**
- **Gary Deimler**
- **Ralph Stone**

### Zoning Hearing Board

Meets the 2nd Thursday at 7:00 P.M., as needed

- **James Allen**
- **Cathy Dehart**
- **Debra Eshelman**
- **Sandy Reightler**

## 2017 WINTER-SUMMER NEWSLETTER

# MIDDLE PAXTON DIGEST



## CHECK OUT THE NEW TOWNSHIP WEBSITE!

The new Township website is up and running!

The web address is **[www.middlepaxtontwp.org](http://www.middlepaxtontwp.org)**. Accessible on the Website is the Zoning Ordinance, the Subdivision Land Development Ordinance and various applications and forms. Also available is information about various organizations and agencies that are commonly requested. Agendas and minutes from the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings are posted.

**Check it out** and let us know what you think. The webpage will continue to be a work in progress with the intent of making it the “go to” place for helpful information for Township residents.

The Middle Paxton Digest is published periodically for the residents of Middle Paxton Township and Dauphin Borough. Residents wishing to submit newsworthy items, including Township history, current or historical photos, or upcoming events, are urged to do so by providing articles and details via email, regular mail or submitting to Township Office, 10 Elizabeth Avenue. Mailing address is P.O. Box 277, Dauphin PA 17018. We reserve the right to edit materials submitted to meet space requirements. For additional details, please call the Township Manager at (717) 921-8128, or email your questions to [middlepaxtontwp@comcast.net](mailto:middlepaxtontwp@comcast.net). Please note the Township's website is [www.middlepaxtontwp.org](http://www.middlepaxtontwp.org)

**The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings. All meetings are held in the Community Meeting Room, 10 Elizabeth Avenue.**

# ROADMASTER'S REPORT

## ITEMS IN TOWNSHIP RIGHT OF WAYS

The Township Roadmaster reported several items that are in the right of way of Township roads. Letters will be sent requesting removal of the items. If they are not removed the Township will take proper action to remove the items so roads can be safely maintained. This includes but is not limited to basketball hoops, cars, boats, and trailers. **This is for the entire year, not just winter months.** (See article at the bottom of the page for more information on Right of Ways)

## ROAD MAINTENANCE

Middle Paxton Township has approximately 40 miles of roadway to maintain throughout the year and especially during the winter season. The Township encourages common sense practice when traveling or cleaning driveways etc. during and following storm events, be it large or small.

An Ordinance was adopted this year stating that **if a Snow Emergency is Declared, all vehicles must be removed from Township Roads.** If they are not moved the owner of the vehicle may be cited. Absence of parked vehicles facilitates plowing and cindering operations.

Please **DO NOT BLOW OR THROW SNOW OR LEAVES BACK INTO THE ROADWAY!** This can potentially lead to an accident and is unlawful. I know it's the easy way out, but it is not the legal way out. It is illegal to blow leaves, branches, lawn clippings etc., in the roads. All the debris will clog the stormwater drains and lead to flooding that can cause road damage, cracks and potholes. In addition, the leaves can become slick when they get wet which can lead to accidents.

## TOWNSHIP ROADS AND RIGHT OF WAYS

Township Roads do not stop at the paved area, there are additional right of ways on both sides of the road. See image below. In addition, the right of way width varies, some roads may have a 33' right of way while others a 40' or even a 50' right of way. The right of ways are not to place items such as basketball hoops, boat or car trailers, recreation vehicles, wood piles, mulch piles, etc. This area is to remain open for road maintenance. Letters will be sent to all residents who have objects in the right of ways for removal. This is especially critical during the winter season. Plow drivers should not have to worry about dodging items while plowing at 2:00 AM during a snow storm. Also, you may be responsible if any Township equipment is damaged from hitting any object while maintaining the roads. (See Figure 1)

**Also, if you are having work performed at your house including lawn maintenance, the contractor is not permitted to place any equipment, dumpsters, porta pots, trailers, and construction materials on the Township road or right of way. Township Roads are not for your use to place items!**



# ROADMASTER'S REPORT

## 2017 ROAD PROJECTS

Township Roads scheduled to be paved:

Frog Hollow Road

McKelvey Road

Pipe replacement work is scheduled for Blue Mountain Parkway

Dates for roadwork will be posted on the Township Website and Facebook Page

Patch and repairs are scheduled for various roads.



*Please use patience and extreme caution and adhere to all signs and watch for flaggers while traveling through road work areas*

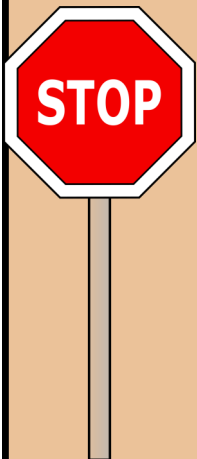
## GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS

**STREET SWEEPING IS SCHEDULED DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 17-21, 2017**  
(WEATHER PENDING & SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

**GRADING ALONG VARIOUS ROADS WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN MARCH AND JUNE 2017.** Grading of roads improves surface draining and helps prolong the life of the pavement. Poor drainage maintenance can have a major effect on the



## IMPORTANT NOTE!



Please observe and adhere to posted speed limits and stop signs, especially in development areas and school bus stops. The Township recently received complaints of people not adhering to stop signs, especially in areas where bus stops are located. The roadcrew also noticed residents are not stopping at the intersection of Denison Drive and Elizabeth Avenue. Another area of concern is the intersection of Stoney Creek Drive and Vesta Drive. Please be careful and adhere to all road signs in all areas of the Township and Borough, especially in areas as mentioned above.

In addition, please take precaution when warmer weather arrives for walkers, and bicyclists; especially in areas of Parks and when the Dauphin Pool opens. Also, this message goes out to walkers, runners, and bicyclists of all ages. Please know the rules of the road for bicycle safety and pedestrian safety by visiting [PennDOT.gov](http://PennDOT.gov); Parents please teach your children safety when traveling along roads.



**Stop, Look and Listen - Think Road Safety!**

## From the Zoning Officer's Desk

Thank you to all residents and business owners who have contacted the Township Office to inquire if permits are required for various projects. It is better to know this information beforehand than to be in violation and have to remove a structure or sign or have an illegal business. **Please keep in mind most projects need a permit; building, zoning or both. This includes but not limited to fences, gazebos, sheds, chicken coops, run-in sheds, decks, garages, concrete/paver patios and pools whether it is built on-site or brought on a truck and placed on your property.**



Have a business in mind you are thinking about starting or thinking about purchasing a property for sale to start a business? Permits and approvals are required for businesses. Please contact the Township Office to discuss the process and procedures, and all the facts about Zoning and businesses. **PLEASE KEEP IN MIND, not all businesses are permitted in every district throughout the Township.**

If you are thinking of that perfect Spring/Summer project, we look forward to working with you on your property improvement projects! Please do not hesitate to call us with any questions. The old saying, 'build it and beg forgiveness later' may cost you in fines and the removal of the project. With google earth and GIS capabilities, it is easy to see what is new compared to what was originally constructed according to Dauphin County Property records. The Zoning Officer can be reached at the Township Office 717-921-8128 ext. 106.

In addition, a **Stormwater Management Plan** is required for projects over 1,000 square feet, (cumulative of all projects). This includes but is not limited to pavement projects, sidewalks, concrete patios, swimming pools and decks. This is a State mandated ordinance that was adopted to essentially control run off that eventually ends up in the Chesapeake Bay.



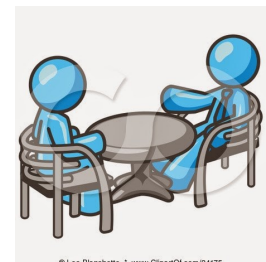
### ZONING NEWS

Please note, In the near future, there will be specific days of the week the Zoning Officer will be available to answer questions and help you with your zoning questions and zoning permits. We hope this will help to give you more individualized attention.



Appointments are **highly recommended**, and walk-ins may be asked to call or email to make an appointment. Please contact the Township Office at (717) 921-8128 ext. 106 and leave a message and your call will be returned or email questions to [middletpaxtontwp@comcast.net](mailto:middletpaxtontwp@comcast.net).

In addition, all zoning questions, including technical questions in regards to zoning permits, must be deferred to the Zoning Officer.



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## **TOWNSHIP NEWS**

### **Codes Enforcement**



The **Township** has a process in place to help address and possibly remedy certain types of issues. In order for the Code Official to review and address complaints, a complaint form must first be completed, giving details about the concern, the location and your contact information. Anonymous complaints will not be addressed. A complaint form can be picked up at the Township office, mailed or emailed to you. Only complaints registered in this manner will be addressed. Once a completed and signed complaint form is received by the Township office, it will be reviewed and if warranted, a letter will be sent to the offending property owner(s) with copies of the applicable ordinances included. In most cases, this step is all that is needed to resolve an issue; however, if after repeated contact a resolution is not reached, a Notice of Violation may be issued with possible fines. A complainant may be asked to testify in court if the complaint is not remedied and if a civil complaint is filed at the Magisterial District Justice's office. Please contact the Township Office at (717) 921-8128 ext.108, leave a message and your call will be returned. ***Appointments are required if you would like to discuss your concerns at the Township Office or leave a message anytime at the above referenced phone number and extension. If you feel your call is of an urgent matter, please ask to speak to the Township Manager.***



### **TOWNSHIP VACANCIES - Need to fill immediately!**

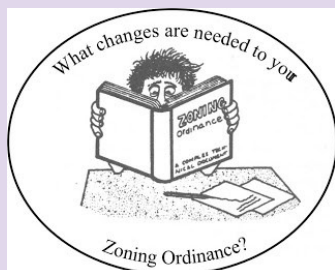
**Vacant positions open on the following Boards in the Community:**

**Dauphin Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority**

**Middle Paxton Township Zoning Hearing Board**

**If you would like to volunteer and have time to commit to serve on one of the above, please submit a resume with a cover letter to the Township Office.**

**‘You can help transform your Community together’**



## Emergency Management Coordinator- Bob Rusbatch

### Welcome to 2017

- **South Central Alert System or Everbridge Alert System.** This is used to alert residents of immanent weather issues, or other local emergencies in the area. To receive alerts you are urged to register through <https://alert.pa.gov>. You can sign up to have alerts sent in various ways, using your home phone, text messages to cell phone, or emails sent to a computer.
- If you have a power outage in your area, contact PPL @ 1-800-342-5775. If your whole neighborhood is out, the more residents that call in and report an issue the quicker they will respond. So have your neighbors call in also. Do not assume if only one residence calls that PPL will know the entire area is without power.



### Emergency Management

- **Prevention:** preventing, avoiding or stopping a threatened or actual act of terrorism.
- **Protection:** protecting our citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards in a manner that allows our interests, aspirations, and way of life to thrive.
- **Mitigation:** mitigating the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future disasters.
- **Response:** responding quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident.
- **Recovery:** recovering through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening, and revitalization of infrastructure, housing, and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic, and environmental fabric of communities affected by a catastrophic event.

Listed above are the responsibilities of your Emergency Management Coordinator. We plan for both manmade and natural disasters or incidents. We work with other responding agencies to help prepare, respond and recover. Volunteers are needed to fill positions to assist in planning, administrative duties, HAM Radio operators, or meeting with representatives from federal, state, and local officials.

Training sessions are held locally and on-line.

If you are interested in helping your community, please contact me.

Bob Rusbatch  
Emergency Management Coordinator, (EMC)

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# Borough of Dauphin Newsletter

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200 Church Street  
P.O. Box 487  
Dauphin, PA 17018

Office Hours:  
Monday & Friday:  
By Appointment Only

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Fax: (717) 921-8106

Email:  
[dauphinboro@comcast.net](mailto:dauphinboro@comcast.net)

Website:  
[www.dauphinborough.org](http://www.dauphinborough.org)

## Borough Council

President: Stephen Bomgardner  
Vice-President: David Grbich  
Council Pro-Tem: John Windish III  
Councilman: David Koppenhaver  
Councilman: John Reichard  
Councilman: Joseph Wynn  
Councilwoman: Dianne Price  
Mayor: Terry Searight  
Secretary: Trudy Koppenhaver  
Treasurer: Tracy Klinger

## Council Meetings

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday  
after the first Monday of every month at  
7:00 p.m. in the Borough Building located  
at:

200 Church Street, Dauphin, PA 17018.

### **PARKING AGAINST TRAFFIC PROHIBITED ORDINANCE NO. 93-5**

It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle  
on any street in the borough in such a manner that  
the front of said vehicle faces oncoming traffic travel-  
ing in the lane nearest to said vehicle.

### **STREET SWEEPING**

The dates for our annual street sweeping will be  
posted on the back of your sewer bill and on our web  
site. Individual flyers will not be in circulation.

### **WINTER WEATHER**

Please do not blow or throw snow back into the  
roadway. This could lead to re-icing and potential  
accidents.

### **SPRING AND SUMMER**

Please do not blow leaves or lawn clippings into the  
roads. Debris can clog the storm water drains.

### **PERMITS FOR FENCES, SHEDS, DECKS GARAGES, ETC.**

Please call Light Heigel and Associates before starting  
your project. phone (717) 838-1351 It is better to  
know this information beforehand than to be in  
violation and have to remove a structure or sign or  
have an illegal business.

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# Borough of Dauphin Newsletter



Your Community Blood Bank

## Dauphin Area Community Blood Drives Zion Lutheran Church 405 Swatara Street, Dauphin

Wednesday, March 29, 2017	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Wednesday, April 26, 2017	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 24, 2017	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

For more information call 1-800-771-0059

### THANK YOU, ROAD CREW

**Thank you** to our Dauphin Borough road crew, Troy Toland and Joe Wynn II, for plowing our roads and making the roads safe for travel. They begin their day at 4 a.m. to make our roads safe for our residents.



## Borough of Dauphin Rental Units Inspection Program

The **Borough** is in full swing with the inspections for all residential rental units within the **Borough**. The inspections are being done in accordance with the requirements of **Chapter 11**, known as the

### **Rental Properties Maintenance and Housing Occupancy Ordinance** of the Borough of Dauphin.



A letter has been sent to all property owners of residential rental units requesting dates for inspection of all units. The purpose of the inspections is to make sure that the rental units meet the minimum requirements of being safe and in good condition.

The **Codes Enforcement Officer** will be checking to make sure that the units are safe and sanitary, that they have working smoke detectors on every floor, that all of the windows and doors are in good working order and that there are no other safety concerns such as

electrical, plumbing, heating and so forth.

Information about the requirements of **Chapter 11** can be found by logging onto the Borough's website at [www.dauphinborough.org](http://www.dauphinborough.org) and clicking on the Government tab, then click on the Code of Ordinances and scroll down to **Chapter 11**. Keep checking back to the website for the latest information on the rental inspection program.

Rental Unit property owners are reminded that they will need to file a new Status of Occupancy Report with the **Borough** within 15 days of any change in the status of tenants, such as move outs, move ins or any vacancies.



## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS



### Twelfth Annual Dauphin County Master Gardener Spring Workshop Series

Saturday, March 18, 2017 “Butterflies and You: Insects and Plants as Educational Tools”  
Dan Babbitt, Associate Director - Milton & Catherine Hershey Conservatory

Saturday, March 25, 2017 “Beneficial Insects in the Landscape” Tim Abbey, Penn State Extension Educator

Registration is at 9:00 a.m. with each workshop from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. With pre-registration, each costs \$8.00 per person per workshop; \$35.00 for all five workshops. Registration at the door costs \$12.00 per person per workshop. For a brochure, additional information, or to pre-register call Dauphin County Cooperative Extension at 717-921-8803 or visit our website: <http://dauphin.extension.psu.edu/>, click on Horticulture/Gardening and weekly events are under Upcoming Programs and Events.

Penn State is an affirmative action, equal opportunity university. All interested individuals, regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age or disability, are encouraged to attend. Penn State encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Anne Hawk at (717) 921-8803 in advance of your participation or visit.

### **Prevent a Litter - It's Good for the Community**

#### ***Good for You, Your Pet, and the Community***

Throughout the year there has been several postings of lost and found animals. If the owner does not claim the animal they would ultimately end up at a shelter. Some communities spend millions of dollars to control and eliminate unwanted animals. Tremendous as the problem of pet overpopulation is, it can be solved if each of us takes just one small step, starting with having your animals spayed or neutered. It is also important to wear a Pet I.D Tag on your pet in case a pet is lost. For information on programs to help with the cost of spaying and neutering and also Pet I.D. Tags, please call Linda at 717-921-2117.



### **PROPER PET ETIQUETTE**

Please extend pet etiquette to all the parks in Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township. We have received complaints at the Township Office that pet owners are not cleaning up after their pets when walking their pets in the parks. Coaches and parents should not have to walk the fields and clean up after other people's pets. Please be a responsible pet owner!

**The Township has an Ordinance that addresses this issue. You may receive a fine if caught not cleaning up after your pet on property other than that of the pet owner.**



## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS**

### **DAUPHIN-MIDDLE PAXTON FIRE COMPANY NO. 1** **EASTER FLOWER SALE**



The annual Easter flower sale will be held on **April 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>** at two locations; **3B Ice Cream** located on Route 225, Peters Mountain Road and **Fort Hunter** located on North Front Street.

**Please help support your local volunteer Fire Company!**



### **CONTROL BURNING OF LARGE BRUSH PILES**

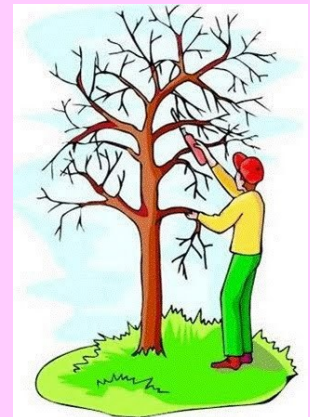
The Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Co. asks that if you are planning to burn a large pile of brush, etc. to please contact Dauphin County Emergency Management (DCEM) prior to burning and give them your address so a false alarm by another resident passing by does not occur. The number is (717) 558-6800. It is also advisable to call the Fire Company at their non-emergency number to notify them of your intent to do a controlled burn. The non-emergency number is (717) 921-8242.



**Please also adhere to all Township Ordinances for burning.**

### **2017 BRUSH SITE PERMITS AVAILABLE**

The brush site is available Middle Paxton Township residents for the disposal of tree and brush trimmings **ONLY**. Items **not** permitted in the brush site are leaves, logs, and grass clippings, including ornamental grass. The cost of an annual brush site permit (calendar year) is \$50.00 per household or a one-day pass is available for \$10.00. The brush site is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Please stop by or call the Township Office at (717) 921-8128 for further details. The brush site is for residential use only.



**No lawn service companies are permitted to utilize the brush site.**  
**Violators will be prosecuted.**

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS

### **D.A.S.T**

#### **DAUPHIN AREA SENIOR TRANSIT**

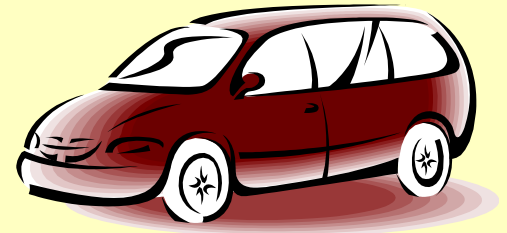


**D.A.S.T.** is an acronym for an organization that provides transportation for residents of Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township who are 55 years of age or older. Dauphin Area Senior Transit provides transportation to medical appointments, beauty shops and all kinds of shopping for seniors who no longer drive or have any other means of transportation.

**D.A.S.T.** partners with Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging to provide this service. They have established the guidelines by which we operate and certify the drivers through checks with PennDOT on the driver's driving record to insure they are safe and responsible drivers. **D.A.S.T.** is responsible for all operating costs, oil changes, tires, repairs and inspections. We also are responsible for the replacement of the van as needed. All of these expenses are covered by donations from our riders. There are no set fees and donations are accepted in any amount based on what the rider feels he/she can afford.

We not only get support from DCAAA, we also get help for Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township whose generous support keeps us rolling. A special **THANK YOU** to Kim and the staff at the Township office who fields the calls from our riders and notify the drivers the next day.

As **D.A.S.T.** begins its 30<sup>th</sup> year, we bid adieu to Ray Dively, driver, president and secretary for the past 29 years. Ray has been with **D.A.S.T.** since day one. We would like to give a **HUGE THANK YOU** to Ray for his faithful, dedicated service. Under his leadership and guidance, the van has had a big impact on a lot of lives in the Dauphin area. Again, we say **THANK YOU** very much Ray and send our very best to you.



If anyone is interested in being a driver or a new rider, please contact **Rue Megonnell** at 717-921-2727.

### **Meals on Wheels**



**Meals on Wheels** are available for senior citizens who meet eligibility criteria in Dauphin and Middle Paxton Township by calling Walter Moyer, Coordinator at 717-921-8010. A well-balanced (1/3 RDA-recommended daily allowance) hot meal is delivered to residents five days a week by volunteers. Recipients are encouraged to make a voluntary contribution toward the cost of the meals according to their financial ability.

If you are a senior citizen and you have questions or are in need of other services, contact the Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging at 717-780-6130.

## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS**

### **MIDDLE PAXTON LIONS CLUB**

Do you know the Middle Paxton Lions Club offers two \$1,000.00 scholarships annually for high school seniors continuing their education?



The scholarships are available to all high school seniors that reside in Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township. It was established in honor of Lynn Poffenberger, a long time member of the **Middle Paxton Lions Club** who supported many of our community charities.

Public school, Private school, as well as home schooled seniors may apply for one of the two \$1,000.00 scholarships.

The scholarship has been set up with **The Foundation for Enhancing Communities** (formally the Harrisburg Foundation). **See your guidance counselor to apply for the Lynn E Poffenberger Memorial Scholarship.**

High school seniors may also apply at the Foundations web site, ([www.tfec.org](http://www.tfec.org)), for the **Lynn E Poffenberger Memorial Scholarship**; funded by the **Middle Paxton Lions Club**.

The **Middle Paxton Lions Club** continues to fund the **Lynn E Poffenberger Memorial Scholarship** with a goal of increasing the number of scholarships. Donations marked for the **Lynn E Poffenberger Memorial Fund** may be sent to:

The Middle Paxton Lions Club  
P O Box 203  
Dauphin PA 17018-0203

#### **Mark your calendars:**

Saturday **April 1<sup>st</sup>** Nut sale fund raiser

Saturday **April 8<sup>th</sup>** Community Easter Egg Hunt

#### **Help Needed:**

**Week of July 3<sup>rd</sup>** Carnival Set Up Nightly weekdays at 6pm (except the 4<sup>th</sup> of July)

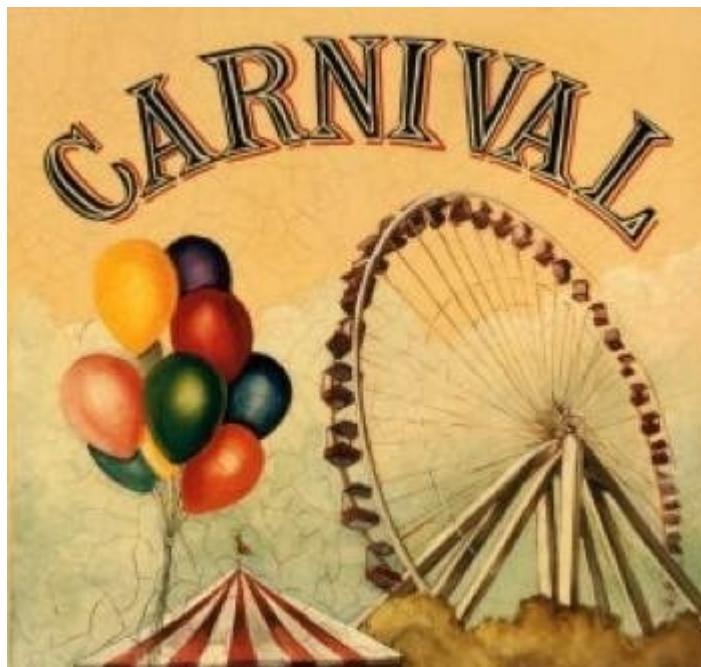
**Week of July 10<sup>th</sup>** Carnival Set Up Nightly weekdays at 6pm

**Week of July 24<sup>th</sup>** Carnival Tear Down and Clean up



# **MIDDLE PAXTON LIONS CLUB 2017 CARNIVAL**

**JULY  
18 - 22**



**\$1 OFF ALL NIGHT RIDE PASS  
TUESDAY JULY 18TH ONLY  
WITH THIS AD**

## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS**

### **HOPE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

931 Red Hill Road, Dauphin



**Hope** is making and selling **Easter** eggs again in 2017. Eggs are available for purchase through April 5, 2017 for \$11 a dozen. Varieties available are peanut butter, butter cream and coconut cream in your choice of milk chocolate or dark chocolate. Special orders will also be taken for 1/4 lb. and 1/2 lb.

personalized eggs. Orders can be placed by call the church at (717) 921-2253 or (717) 921-2023.

**Maundy Thursday**, April 13, 2017, at **Hope Church** will be celebrated by gathering for a simple meal of soup and bread at 6 P.M. in the fellowship hall in the sanctuary at 7 P.M.

**Everyone is welcomed!**



### **Fishing Creek Valley Community Association**

The Fishing Creek Valley Community Association will be having their annual **Easter Egg Hunt/Chicken Corn Soup Sale** on Saturday, April 8, 2017. This event starts **promptly** at **11:00 AM**. There will also be hot dogs, hot sausages and a bake sale table. Please bring a container for soup. If anyone is interested in volunteering or would like to make a donation, please feel free to call Natalie Bailor at 717-599-5698.

#### **Mark your calendars for other upcoming events:**

- ♦ **Fall Fest/Chicken Corn Soup Sale** - Saturday, October 28, 2017 - 11:00 AM
- ♦ **Breakfast with Santa** - Saturday, December 2, 2017 - 8 AM - 12 PM

### **LENTEN FISH DINNERS AT SAINT MATTHEW PARISH**

**Saint Matthew Parish Knights of Columbus Council 15351** will be hosting three **Lenten Fish Dinners** on Fridays from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM during this 2017 Lenten Season:

**Friday, March 10th**

**Friday March 24th**

**Friday April 7th**



**Make plans to enjoy good food and desserts. Dine in or take out.**

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS

### Zion Lutheran Church Hosts Indoor Yard Sale and Food Counter for Caitlin's Smiles



**Caitlin's Smiles** will hold its annual **Indoor Yard Sale** on Friday and Saturday, **March 31** and **April 1** from 7 am to 2 pm at **Zion Lutheran Church**, corner of Allegheny and Swatara, Dauphin, PA. A variety of donated items will be for sale at great prices!

Their **Breakfast/Lunch Counter and Bake Sale** will offer a variety of food items: breakfast sandwiches, hot dogs, drinks, soups (eat in/take out): chicken corn, chicken corn with rivels, ham and bean, vegetable beef, cheesy meatball, cream of potato, cheese and broccoli, chili, and clam chowder. **Those interested in placing advance orders for quarts of soup, call Elsie at 599-5444 by March 15.** Pick-up will be during the yard sale.

They are also looking for donated items for the yard sale. These can be dropped off the week of the yard sale. Call the **Caitlin's Smiles** office at **412-4759** for drop off hours in Dauphin and Harrisburg.

**Caitlin's Smiles** is a non-profit organization originally started in Dauphin in 2004 by Cheryl and Russ Hornung. It was created in memory of their daughter, Caitlin, who passed from a malignant brain tumor at 7 years of age. **Caitlin's Smiles** provides arts and crafts kits to children facing chronic or life-threatening illnesses. In 2016, **Caitlin's Smiles** donations reached over 177,000 children in hospitals.

For more information about **Caitlin's Smiles** and to find out how you can get involved, visit the website at [www.caitlins-smiles.org](http://www.caitlins-smiles.org) or call **412-4759**. They are always looking for volunteers and donations.



### Invitation from Zion Lutheran Church – Dauphin

**Volunteer Sunday** - The Raymond Dively, Jr. Award for Excellence in Volunteer Service was established by **Zion Lutheran Church**, Dauphin, Pennsylvania, in 2008 in recognition of Raymond's life of service in **Zion** and the greater Dauphin Community as a means to foster volunteer service and annually consider and recognize the good work of others following this path.



Every year, **Zion** asks the volunteer organizations in the Dauphin-Middle Paxton area to nominate someone who they believe should be recognized for their good work in the community. The individual will be named and honored on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> during the 10:15 am worship service at **Zion Lutheran Church**.

For more information or to receive a nomination form, please contact the church office at 717.921.8111



## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS**



### **JOIN the Dauphin Pool - 2017**

The 2017 POOL SEASON will be here soon and The Dauphin Pool plans to open this year at the end of the school year in June. Seasonal prices will again remain at 2015 prices; **\$99/individual, \$199/for a family if paid BEFORE May 15, 2017.** *A family membership consists of 2 adults and children under 18 years residing at the same address.* Additional adults (grandparents, etc.) will be required to purchase an individual membership to the pool. Membership Applications will be sent to previous members. Applications can also be obtained by (1) downloading the form from the website ([www.dauphinpool.org](http://www.dauphinpool.org)), contacting Linda Klutas at 921-8660, or using the pool "mailbox" on the fence next to the pool building. Instructions are on the Application form.

Dauphin Recreation Association (DRA) has a new website ([www.dauphinpool.org](http://www.dauphinpool.org)) in the making. Keep an eye out for updated information. You can ask questions or send messages to [info@dauphinpool.org](mailto:info@dauphinpool.org). DRA is hiring Lifeguards and Office Staff for the 2017 season. You can contact President Deb Fedor at [president@dauphinpool.org](mailto:president@dauphinpool.org) or Vice President Jessica Megonnell at [vicepresident@dauphinpool.org](mailto:vicepresident@dauphinpool.org)

DRA received a Local Share Municipal Grant in 2016, saved money by making changes at the concession stand last summer and have applied for an additional grant for 2017. These funds will be used toward **Phase 1**, of the necessary **repairs to the pump and filter house**. The work is anticipated to begin in the near future and completed by the beginning of May. This is just the beginning of work to be done at the pool. It will be an expensive venture and additional fundraising will be necessary and is being planned. Community assistance and support are vital to future plans for the pool. Anyone with expertise or an interest in helping can contact Linda Klutas at 921-8660 or any member of the board or send a message to [info@dauphinpool.org](mailto:info@dauphinpool.org).

The **Dauphin Pizza Coupon** is still available. Support the Dauphin Pool by buying a certificate for \$20.00 to be used at the Dauphin Pizza Shop. The Dauphin Pool keeps \$5.00 of each certificate sold. So, call Linda Klutas at 921-8660 or email [lkutas@gmail.com](mailto:lkutas@gmail.com), or [info@dauphinpool.org](mailto:info@dauphinpool.org) for a certificate before you eat at Dauphin Pizza.





## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS**



**Saturday, April 29th, 2017**

**9:00 AM**

Registration begins at 7:45 AM

**Dauphin Middle Paxton  
Community Park  
Dauphin, PA**

**Bring the whole family!**  
1/3-mile Kids Fun Run  
following the race

### **Prizes for:**

Top 3 Overall Male & Female  
Top 3 Male/Female in each age category

### **Entries:**

\$25 on or before April 9th  
\$30 after April 9th & on race day  
Kids Fun Run FREE

**Complete details and online registration at:**

**[www.dmpraces.org](http://www.dmpraces.org)**

For inquiries contact Kim Heck at [bkatpheck@gmail.com](mailto:bkatpheck@gmail.com)  
or Maggie Wonisck at [maggiewonisck@comcast.net](mailto:maggiewonisck@comcast.net)

Tech-shirts for all 5K participants registered by April 9th  
(while supplies last after early entry deadline)

**Race proceeds will benefit Middle Paxton Township**

## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS**

### **StrongWomen/Growing Stronger Classes in Middle Paxton Township**

The StrongWomen/Growing Stronger classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for 6 weeks from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM at Dauphin County Agriculture and Natural Resources Building, 1451 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin, PA 17018.

The StrongWomen program is a safe, effective strength-training and nutrition program for individuals who have been active or sedentary for the past few years and are interested in improving their health. Registration fee is \$50.

Dr. Miriam Nelson of Tufts University founded the StrongWomen program based on her research that proved women from age 35 can start to lose 1/4 to 1/3 pound of muscle each year and gain that much or more in fat. Over time the loss of 2% of strength per year results in weak muscles and difficulty moving. When this happens, physical activity slows, which leads to more loss of muscle mass and a sedentary, dependent lifestyle.

StrongWomen instructors guide participants, while wearing ankle weights and holding hand weights, through repetitive movements. The goal is to return strength, flexibility and endurance, all lost in the aging process. The nutrition component of the program emphasizes eating for proper weight maintenance. Physician referral forms may be required for enrollment.



Individuals who have participated in the program report having become more active. Ellie, of Middle Paxton Township, said *"When I had knee surgery recently both my surgeon and my physical therapist said that my regular exercise routine allowed me to get through the surgery better and recover faster."* Donna, a township resident, writes *"As a breast cancer survivor taking an anti cancer medicine which depletes calcium in my body, I have found the StrongWomen exercises, along with regular calcium supplements, actually improved my bone density. These results were noted from one Dexascan to another the following year."*

The Penn State Extension offices are committed to helping families thrive. The mission of the non-profit extension office, located in Middle Paxton Township, is to enhance the quality of life by offering outreach educational opportunities in communities throughout the commonwealth. Penn State is an affirmative action, equal opportunity University, and all interested individuals, regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age or disability, are encouraged to attend. Penn State encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities.

For more information about the StrongWomen program and to register, call the Penn State Extension office at 921-8803 or visit <http://dauphin.extension.psu.edu>.

## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS**

### **Looking for adventure? Want to learn new skills and responsibility while having fun? Then the Boy Scouts want you!**

If you're between the ages of 11 and 17, come and join our local Boy Scout Troop 233 for fun-filled outdoor activities, sports, academics, camping, hiking and so much more!

#### **"Scouts learn the best part of success is the journey!"**

In the past, our scouts have helped out our local community, parks and churches as well as participated in the Naturalization Court Ceremony for new citizens at the Dauphin County Courthouse. We've gone to Winter Camp, trekked a few 10 mile hikes, had overnight backpacking trips and are now getting ready for Summer Camp in July. All of this while learning to become responsible and self-confident young men and having fun in the process!

We are looking forward to another new adventurous season this year! The boys will be able to pursue their own individual interests as well as troop activities such as kayaking, learning life-saving skills, environmental science, working towards trip and lots more!

Our meetings are held each Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 at Hope Church in Dauphin from September through July. We're also looking for parent volunteers that would like to help out or become part of our troop's committee!

If you would like to join our troop, find out more information or are in need of community service to be provided by our scouts, please send an email to the attention of the **Scoutmaster** at

**[DauphinTroop233@gmail.com](mailto:DauphinTroop233@gmail.com)**

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### **2017 ELECTION DATES**

**MAY 16, 2017 - MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2017 - MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

#### **MIDDLE PAXTON TOWNSHIP ELECTION LOCATIONS**

**1st PRECINCT- Municipal Building - 10 Elizabeth Avenue**

**2nd PRECINCT- Fishing Creek Community Building - 1361 Fishing Creek Valley Road**

**3rd PRECINCT- Hope United Presbyterian Church - 931 Red Hill Road**



## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS**

### **Dauphin Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority**

As you make plans for summer picnics, parties, family reunions and other gatherings, consider renting one of the park's pavilions. Rental fees are just \$50 for the large pavilion and \$25 for the small pavilion. Your rental includes use of the park ball fields, a handicapped accessible playground and a basketball court. Summer weekend dates are filling up fast! If you are interested in reserving a date, please contact Brian Cuddy at [dauphin-cuddys@comcast.net](mailto:dauphin-cuddys@comcast.net)

Dauphin Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority Board meetings are open to the public. All are welcome to attend. Meetings occur on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Township Meeting Room and this Spring will be held at the large pavilion at the park once warmer weather begins.

**Have a safe and enjoyable 2017!**

### **PARKS AND PAVILION RENTALS**

If you are interested in renting a pavilion at **Hagy Park** or at the **Fishing Creek Community Center**, please contact the Township Office. In addition, the Fishing Creek Community Building is a great place to hold a baby or bridal shower, birthday parties, or graduation party. The Community Building is handicap accessible, offers a full kitchen, tables and chairs. There is also a tennis court, and a basketball court. Many improvements will be completed this year, including air conditioning, a new ADA accessible ramp, and security cameras, just to name a few.

Please call the Township Office to obtain a list of the rental fees. (717) 921-8128.

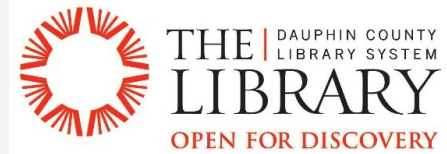
*(Below is picture of the playground and swing set at the Fishing Creek Community Building.)*

***Come out and enjoy your community parks!!!***





## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS**



### **Happenings at The Library**

Join us for one of these programs for kids, teens and adults at the Library. Registration is required for these programs, visit [dcls.org](http://dcls.org) or any library to register. To see a complete listing of programs pick up a Blueprint at your local library or visit [dcls.org](http://dcls.org).

#### **Author Visit: Stacey Lee**

East Shore Area Library

Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Join YA author Stacey Lee, author of *Under a Painted Sky* and, most recently, *The Secret of a Heart Note* to talk about writing, to sign her books, and to answer your questions. Program length: 1.5 hours. Registration Limit: 40. Ages 11-17 years.

Stacey Lee is a fourth generation Chinese-American whose people came to California during the heydays of the cowboys. She believes she still has a bit of cowboy dust in her soul. A native of southern California, she graduated from UCLA then got her law degree at UC Davis King Hall. After practicing law in the Silicon Valley for several years, she finally took up the pen because she wanted the perks of being able to nap during the day, and it was easier than moving to Spain. She plays classical piano, raises children, and writes YA fiction.

#### **Simple Gifts: Folk Music Workshop**

Madeline L. Olewine Memorial Library

Thursday, April 6 at 1:00 p.m.

The members of the ensemble will share a variety of unusual instruments and explain how they work. Participants will learn the Appalachian tradition of playing the spoons and be invited to perform during the evening concert. Bring the whole family.

#### **That's (P)Interesting: a DIY Club**

Johnson Memorial Library

Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

This program is dedicated to all things found on Pinterest. All projects are selected by class participants. Supplies are provided. Projects and results will vary. Program designed for adults.

#### **Family Paint and Create**

Elizabethville Area Library

Saturday, April 8 at 11:00 a.m.

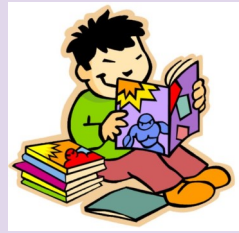
Make something together as a family! Work together to create a masterpiece to hang in your home. Using paint, scrapbook paper, and a few odds and ends, create a one of a kind piece and a memory that can't be replaced. Families with children of all ages are welcome.



## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS**

### **National Library Week- Author Visits**

Sherry Ostroff- Madeline L. Olewine Memorial Library- 4/14, 1-3PM  
Geri Krotow- Elizabethville Area Library - 4/13, 6:30-7:30PM  
Rachel J. Good- Northern Dauphin Library - 4/10, 6:30-7:30PM  
Bill Peschel- William H. & Marion C. Alexander Family Library- 4/11, 6:30-7:30PM  
Ken Frew- McCormick Riverfront Library- 4/10, 11:30AM-12:30PM  
Rick Kearns- Kline Library -4/12, 6:30PM-7:30PM  
E.C. Myers- East Shore Area Library - 4/13, 1-3PM  
Beth Fantaskey- East Shore Area Library- 3-4PM



Celebrate National Library Week with us. Local authors will visit various libraries during the week. At their visits, they will talk about getting started as a writer, getting published, their latest book and much more. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Teens and adults welcome.

### **One Book Every Young Child and National Poetry Month**

*Daniel Finds a Poem* by Micha Archer  
East Shore Area Library  
Saturday, April 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate Pennsylvania's One Book Every Young Child and National Poetry Month with The Library. Regularly scheduled Toddler and Preschool Storytimes will feature *Daniel Finds a Poem* by Micha Archer, and explore poetry, animals, and much more at our *Daniel Finds a Poem* program on Saturday, April 22 at 11:30 a.m.

Program length: 60 minutes. Registration limit: 40. This program is designed for ages 3 to 6, but families with children of all ages are welcome. To register, visit [dcls.org/events](http://dcls.org/events) or call your library. Registration begins March 21.

**FOR INFORMATION ON MANY ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS, PLEASE VISIT THE LIBRARY'S FACEBOOK PAGE AT DAUPHIN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM OR WEBSITE AT [dcls.org](http://dcls.org)**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS \*\*\*\* TOWN HALL MEETING\*\*\*\***

The Dauphin County Commissioners in collaboration with the Dauphin County Department of Drug & Alcohol Services and the Middle Paxton Township Supervisors will hold a town hall meeting on the heroin and prescription opioid epidemic. The town hall meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, April 11, 2017 at the Middle Paxton Township Building beginning at 6:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Light Refreshments will be served.



The agenda includes addiction and recovery experts, perspectives from individuals and families impacted by the disease of addiction, law enforcement and coroner's office personnel, information on how to access treatment, prevention and recovery support services, naloxone access and training and a focus on the message that treatment works, people do get better and a life of recovery from the disease of addiction is possible. Questions from the audience are encouraged so that the evening can meet the needs of the community and provide the information needed by those attending.

No registration is required. For more information, contact Dauphin County Drug & Alcohol Services at 717.635.2254 or [drugsandalcohol@dauphinc.org](mailto:drugsandalcohol@dauphinc.org), or the Middle Paxton Township Office at 717.921.8128 ext. 106.

## **Representative Sue Helm**

**104th District**

**Pennsylvania House of Representatives**

SueHelm.net / Facebook.com/RepHelm

### **You Could be Eligible for a Property Tax or Rent Rebate**

*By State Rep. Sue Helm (R-Dauphin/Lebanon)*

Application forms for the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program are available for eligible residents to claim rebates for property taxes or rent payments they made last year.

Eligible participants can receive a rebate of up to \$650 based on their rent or property taxes paid during tax year 2016, but supplemental rebates for certain qualifying homeowners can boost the amount to \$975. The program benefits eligible state residents who are 65 years or older, widows and widowers 50 years or older, and those 18 years or older with disabilities.

Eligibility income limits for homeowners are set at the following levels, excluding 50 percent of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and Railroad Retirement Tier 1 benefits:

- \$0 to \$8,000, maximum \$650 rebate (homeowners and renters).
- \$8,001 to \$15,000, maximum \$500 rebate (homeowners and renters).
- \$15,001 to \$18,000, maximum \$300 rebate (homeowners only).
- \$18,001 to \$35,000, maximum \$250 rebate (homeowners only).

There is no charge to apply for a rebate. Residents are reminded that they need not pay a private entity for assistance in filing the forms. Copies of the forms are available at my district offices at no cost. One office is located at 2090 Linglestown Road in Susquehanna Township (717-651-0100). The other office is located 260 Market St. in Millersburg (717-692-0833).

Forms are also available from Department of Revenue district offices, local Area Agencies on Aging and senior centers. In addition, applications are available online at [www.revenue.pa.gov](http://www.revenue.pa.gov) or by calling 1-888-222-9190.

Claimants must reapply for rebates every year because rebates are based on annual income and property taxes or rent paid each year. Spouses, personal representatives or estates may file rebate claims on behalf of claimants who lived at least one day in 2016 and met all other eligibility criteria.

The deadline to apply for a rebate is June 30, 2017. Rebates will be distributed beginning on July 1, as specified by law.

More than \$264 million in property tax and rent rebates have been sent to more than 554,000 homeowners and renters across the state for taxes and rent paid in 2015.

Since the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program's inception in 1971, older and disabled adults have received more than \$6.5 billion in property tax and rent relief. The program is funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery and revenue from slots gaming.

## **A Big Thank You and a Fond Farewell**

On December 9, 2017, Township resident Ray Dively was given a surprise farewell and thank you for his 29 years of serving as President and Secretary for D.A.S.T, (Dauphin Area Senior Transit). The dedicated service and compassion he showed the senior residents is an inspiration for us all.

For his many years of dedicated service and volunteerism to our community, Ray was presented with a Proclamation from State Representative Sue Helm, along with a plaque that was presented by the Middle Paxton Township Supervisors and Dauphin County Commissioner Jeff Haste, presented Ray with a Proclamation officially proclaiming December 9, 2016, as **Raymond Dively Jr. Day**. We all wish the very best to Ray, and his wife Bertie.



**Pictured L to R** - Representative Sue Helm, Supervisor Jeff Smith, Supervisor Dick Pepper, Ray Dively, Supervisor Wibur Evans, Dauphin County Commissioner Jeff Haste, Supervisor Jim Fisher



Raymond C. Dively, Jr.



State Representative Sue Helm, Ray and Bertie Dively

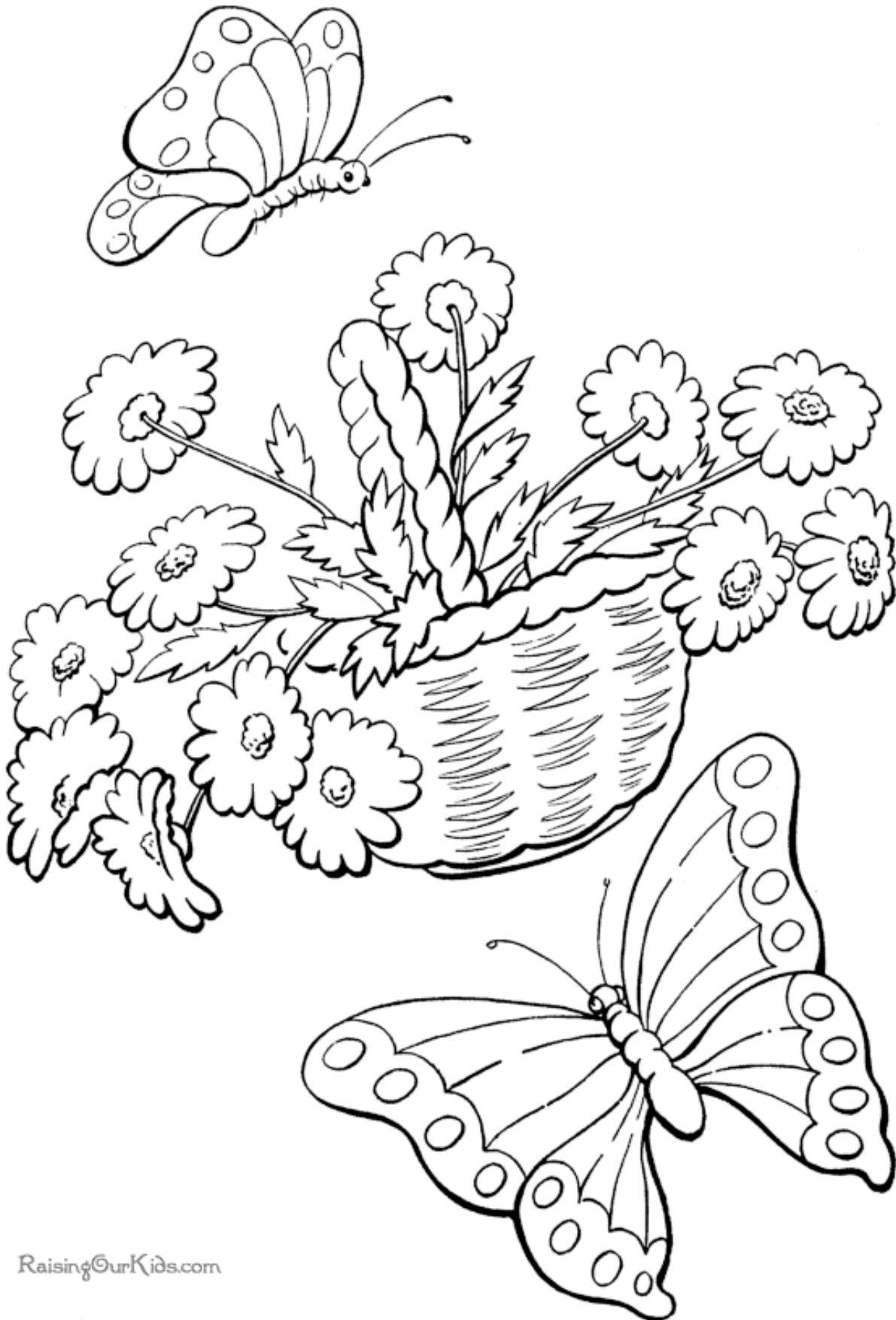


*'THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO GRACIOUSLY GIVE THEIR TIME FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY'*

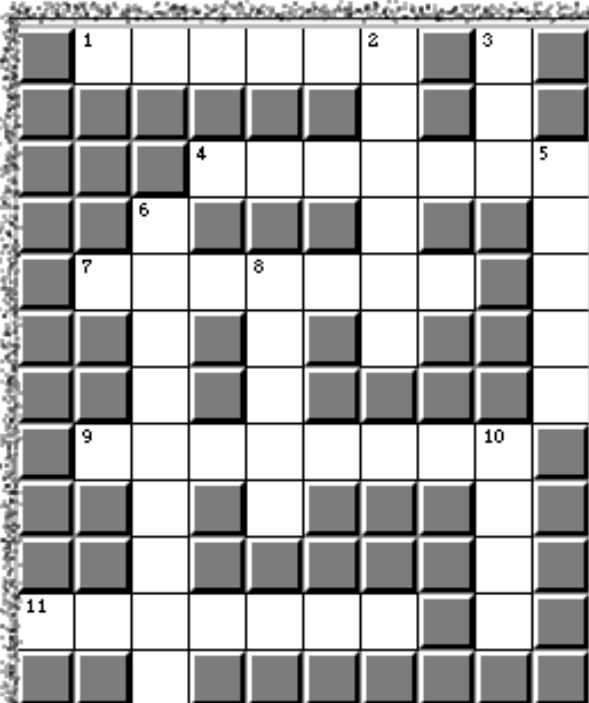
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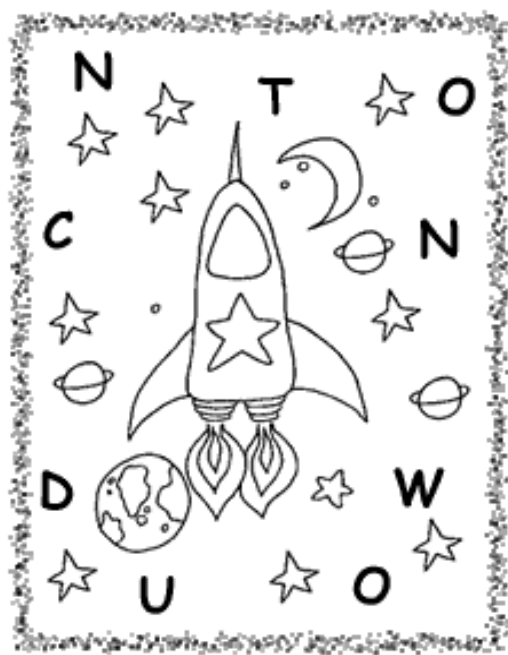


### ACROSS

1. Seventh planet from the sun
4. Eighth planet from the sun
7. Closest planet to the sun
9. What meteors are called before they visit Earth
11. Fifth planet from the sun

### DOWN

2. Planet with many rings
3. The closest star to Earth
5. Third planet from the sun
6. Tool used to look at planets and stars close-up
8. Sometimes shows a pretty tail
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ side of the moon is cooler than the other side



**Blast Off for some fun!**  
Games on this page are related to outer space & our solar system.

## SPACEY WORD SEARCH

Hunt for the words shown on the list below, then circle them as you find them!

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meteor  
comets  
asteroids  
spacecraft

Using just the letters in the word below, can you make at least 12 new words? **RULES:** You may only use a letter as many times as it is shown in the key word. Each word must be at least 4 letters long. **GOOD LUCK!**

## ASTEROID

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## **HAGY PARK - WALKING/FITNESS TRAIL**

The walking/fitness trail at Hagy Park is near completion, with final grading and seeding to be completed this spring and signs will be posted around the Trail. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled after the project is finished.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The paved walking/fitness trail is for walkers and runners only. No motorized vehicles, bicycles, skate boards, and scooters are permitted on the walking/fitness trail. The trail is for children and adults of all abilities and is also **ADA Handicap Accessible**. Violators will be asked to leave the park.

In addition, all dogs at Hagy Park are to be leashed and owners are to pick up after their pets. Residents have witnessed many pet owners not picking up after their pets in areas around the park and playing fields.

There are cameras at the Park and we may have additional cameras installed to help prosecute violators who continue to vandalize the fields and buildings. If you see suspicious activity at any of the Township parks, please do not hesitate to call the State Police, and follow up with the Township Manager. 717.921.8128. or Cell # 717.943.5131. Thank you for helping to protect your Parks.