



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**

### Township Manager

- **Julie Ann Seeds**  
Road Master
- **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-SPRING NEWSLETTER

# MIDDLE PAXTON DIGEST

DAUPHIN-MIDDLE PAXTON FIRE CO.

# OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD

## CHICKEN BBQ

## FIRETRUCK RIDES

## KIDS ACTIVITIES

## AND MUCH MORE!

**VENDORS**  
BAKED GOODS  
**FAMILY FUN**  
SMOKEY THE BEAR

10 ELIZABETH AVENUE, DAUPHIN PA, 17018



### Dauphin Middle Paxton Fire Co. #1 OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Open House on September 23, 2017. This is a great opportunity to meet the firefighters, ride in a fire truck, pick up some baked goods, visit the public safety displays and much more!

The Township will also participate in the Open House with face painting, and treats for the children.

There will also be chicken barbecue dinners available until sold out.

Come for fun, food and friendship and support your local fire company!



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 REPORT

## ITEMS IN TOWNSHIP RIGHT OF WAYS

The Township Road master has 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 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**. It may be 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 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 areas 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)

**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!**



Figure 1

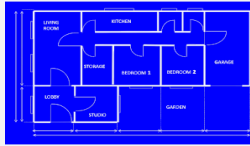


## FROM THE DESK OF THE ZONING OFFICER

Middle Paxton Township welcomed Matt Sauers of Light-Heigel & Associates to our office staff in late spring as our Zoning Officer. Matt is in the Township office on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 AM until 4 PM. He can be reached at the Township office by calling (717) 921-8128 ext. 107. All Zoning questions will now be directed to and handled by Matt.

Please keep in mind that most improvement projects need a permit; building, zoning, or both. This includes but is not limited to fences, gazebos, sheds, chicken coops, run-in sheds, decks, garages, concrete/paver patios and pools. It doesn't matter if it is built on-site or brought in on a truck and placed on your property – a permit may be required.

If in doubt, please contact the Zoning Officer at 717-921-8128 ext. 107.



### 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.***

## **Emergency Management Coordinator- Bob Rusbatch**

### **Take Action Now to Keep Your Family Connected During a Disaster**

Disasters don't usually strike at convenient times. That means that as you and your family members go their separate ways each day, you have to have a plan — a plan to communicate and eventually reunite.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is stressing this need throughout September, which is National Preparedness Month. The 2017 theme is: "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can."

FEMA is urging everyone to take action now by planning how to stay safe and in touch during the natural and manmade disasters that could affect our township.

To help jump start your preparations and plans, we've included a number of helpful tips from FEMA below.

#### **Stay 'alert'**

Technology has made communication lightning fast, but even a good old-fashioned radio comes in handy during an emergency. To guarantee you know exactly what's happening around you, take the following steps:

Confirm that your mobile device can receive Wireless Emergency Alerts, which are messages sent by authorized government authorities through your mobile carrier. These warnings can be sent to your mobile device when you may be in harm's way and don't require you to download an app or subscribe to a service.

Sign up for text and/or email alerts from municipalities where you live, work, and send children to school and from local first responders, such as police departments, fire companies, and emergency management agencies (EMA). (*Note: Every county in Pennsylvania has an EMA, and every municipality is required to have an emergency management coordinator.*)

Consider purchasing a NOAA weather radio (*all hazards*), which is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information from the nearest National Weather Service office. With one of these radios, you'll be able to receive official warnings, watches, forecasts, and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you do not have a landline, check to see if your county has options for VoIP and mobile phones to be connected to an Electronic Tracking Network (ETN), such as Reverse 911. This will help emergency responders pin down your location if you drop or need to leave your mobile phone behind in an emergency.

Sign up for listservs and alerts for workplaces, schools, churches, and other community organizations you'll want to hear from in an emergency.

Download relevant hazard alerts and warnings apps.

Create a list of all the alert systems available to you and make sure everyone in the household receives the alerts as part of your household communication system.

#### **Tips for keeping in touch**

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes so you'll need to think about how you will communicate in different situations. Taking the following precautions will give you a good start:

Complete a contact card, including daytime addresses and phone numbers, for each adult family member.

Have them keep these cards handy in a wallet, purse, or briefcase, etc. Additionally, complete contact cards for each child in your family. Put the cards in their backpacks or book bags.

Check with your children's day care or school, which should include identification planning as part of its emergency plans.

Identify an out-of-state contact, such as a friend or relative, whom household members should contact to notify they are safe. In certain instances, it may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than a call across town. Therefore, an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to facilitate communication among separated family members.



Be sure every family member knows the phone number of your out-of-state emergency contact and has a cellphone or a prepaid phone card to call them. If you have a cellphone, program that person(s) as your “in case of emergency” (ICE) contact. If you are in an accident, emergency personnel will often check your ICE listings to reach someone you know. Be sure to tell your family and friends that you’ve listed them as an emergency contact.

Teach family members how to use text messaging, which can often get around network disruptions that may otherwise interrupt phone service.

### Want more information?

While this information is a good starting point for your family’s emergency preparation and planning, it’s just the tip of the iceberg. Much more preparedness information is available at [www.readypa.org](http://www.readypa.org).

“We urge residents to take three main steps,” says Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Press Secretary Ruth Miller. “Be informed ... be prepared ... and be involved.”



- **South Central Alert System or Everbridge Alert System.** This is used to alert residents of imminent 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)

# Borough of Dauphin

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

Borough of Dauphin  
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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[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 Members took the following action at recent meetings:

Approved **Ordinance No. 2017-02** allowing Council to appoint by resolution persons to serve as parking enforcement personnel.

Approved **Resolution 2017-02** appointing Councilman Reichard as the parking enforcement personnel.

The Dauphin County Department of Community & Economic Development/Dauphin County Industrial Development Authority awarded the Borough a Local Share Gaming Grant in the amount of \$92,218.00 for park improvement.

The Dauphin Home Association presented the Borough with a check in the amount of \$5,950.00 to purchase a new lawn mower.

Dauphin Borough has changed bank services for the payment of your sewer and trash billing payment. Mid Penn Bank located at 1001 Peters Mountain Road, will be our new processor for your payment.



**Borough of Dauphin**

# Dauphin Borough Christmas Tree Lighting

BEGIN YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON WITH THE WARMTH AND GLOW THAT  
ONLY COMES FROM A SMALL TOWN CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING.



**Friday, December 1, 2017  
7:00 PM in the town square**

## **Featuring:**

Carolers and Musicians from Middle Paxton Elementary School  
and Central Dauphin High School

## **Followed by:**

Cookies and Cocoa

## **Again this year:**

Help decorate the tree! During the ceremony, all in attendance  
will be invited to add their ornament to the town Christmas tree  
planted in the square.

(Please note that all decorations placed on the tree will be considered a donation  
and used each year. They are unable to be returned. Thank you.)

*Holiday Decorations in the Dauphin Borough Square and throughout  
town are provided and maintained through private donations. If you  
are able to donate to the fund that allows for the replacement of lights  
and supplies as well as the addition of new light displays, please do so  
by a check or cash donation to the Dauphin Borough Christmas Tree  
Fund c/o Borough of Dauphin at 200 Church Street, P.O. Box 487,  
Dauphin PA 17018. This account is monitored by the Dauphin Borough  
Council and a donation acknowledgment for tax purposes is available  
upon request. Thank you for your consideration.*

## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS**

### **LAPTOP LENDING NOW AVAILABLE AT ELIZABETHVILLE AREA LIBRARY AND EAST SHORE AREA LIBRARY**

Harrisburg, PA – Do you want to sit in a comfy chair or sit at a table near the windows while you work on a project, resume or job application at The Library? With the introduction of laptop lending, you can!

As a card-carrying adult in good standing, you are welcome to borrow a laptop to use inside The Library at two locations. Visit the main desk at the Elizabethville Area Library, 80 N. Market St, Elizabethville, or the East Shore Area Library, 4501 Ethel St, Harrisburg, to see if a laptop is available during your visit.

The laptops at the Elizabethville Area Library were a gift from the Estate of Joan C. Dorsey. The East Shore Area Library's laptops are provided by a grant from M&T Bank. Call (717) 652-9380 or (717) 362-9825 or visit The Library or [dcls.org/computers](http://dcls.org/computers) for more information.

**2017 is The Year of Engineering at The Library.** Construct your best year yet by exploring the limitless possibilities at your library. Discover programs and resources for children, teens, adults and families. Join us! Together we can build a better world.



**Christina Zeiders** | Marketing Assistant

The Library | Dauphin County Library System | [dcls.org](http://dcls.org)  
717.234.4961 x103 | [CZeiders@dcls.org](mailto:CZeiders@dcls.org)  
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**\*\*Please clip and save this notice. Share with others, too\*\***

### **BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR FIX THE CATS**

Feed them? Let's fix them. We'll help. No more litters please. No excuses! Litter is another word for trash. None of the suffering homeless dying kittens or cats came from outer space on a UFO. Each came from an unfixed pair of cats. Kittens over 12 weeks can be fixed. Pregnant cats can be fixed. Nursing cats can be fixed. They will return to nursing the kittens. Tom cats with injuries can be fixed. Cats will receive vaccinations including rabies. We can provide traps for capturing wild or shy cats. We can provide transportation from Middle Paxton Twp. to the spay clinic and back. Please call (717) 921-2117. Leave a message.

Whether you love cats or hate cats, no one should make more cats.

### **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 peoples 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**

### **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, who no longer drive or have any other means of transportation. Dauphin Area Senior Transit provides transportation to medical appointments, beauty shops and shopping although medical appointments always take priority over other trips. You **MUST** call the Township office at least 24 hours in advance of the day you need a ride. The Township office phone number is (717) 921-8128.

The van hours of operation are 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Please inform the Township office if you are a new rider.



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. DCAAA insures the vehicle and occupants of the vehicle in case of an accident. 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 from Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township whose generous support keeps us rolling. A special **THANK YOU** is extended to the staff at the Township office for fielding the calls from our riders and notifying the drivers for the next day.



This year we say adieu and **"Thank-you!"** to Pat Meyers for her 26 years of service as driver and treasurer.

If anyone is interested in being a driver or a new rider, please contact Rue Megonnell, DAST coordinator, 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.

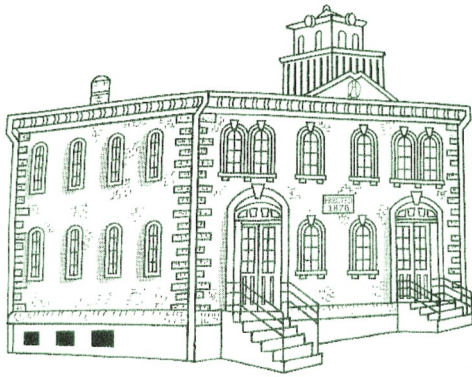
# Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society's

11th Annual

## Heritage Day

Saturday, October 14, 2017

8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



**The Middle Paxton Lions Club Halloween Parade will follow at 4pm!**

Free Gingerbread & Apple Cider after the parade!

### LEARN ABOUT LOCAL HISTORY!

Feature Displays: "Advertisements from Dauphin  
Businesses in Years Past" and  
"Houses & History of Red Hill Road."

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES!!

Bounce House! Pony Rides!

### PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST!

Photos will be on display!

### SILENT AUCTION!!

Many great items from local businesses!

### FOOD & DRINKS!

Chicken Corn Soup, Ham & Bean Soup,  
Hamburgers, Pork BBQ, Hot Dogs, Sausages, French Fries!  
Funnel Cakes, Donuts, Soda, Water, Coffee, Hot Chocolate!!

**Flea Market (bring own table(s)-\$5.00 charge)!**

**Antique Car Show-Bring your old car (trophy awarded)!**

**Antique Tractor Show (trophy awarded)!**

**Hit & Miss Engines!**



See you at the Old Dauphin School Grounds!!  
Corner of Church & Allegheny Streets, Dauphin  
Contact is Mike Gottshall @ [mikegaylegott@gmail.com](mailto:mikegaylegott@gmail.com)



Music by  
Riders,  
Colby Dove,  
&  
Moonlight  
Mutts!!

4-H  
Pony  
Rides  
10 – 2!



## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS**

### **Detweiler Park**

Dauphin County Commissioners Jeff Haste, Mike Pries, and George Hartwick join me in welcoming you to Detweiler Park - a new Dauphin County park in Middle Paxton Township consisting of 411 acres. Currently the public entrance is through a generous arrangement with the Dauphin County Conservation District from their campus at 1451 Peters Mountain Road. Just drive through to the back parking lot and you will find the trailhead on your left. Beyond the trailhead you will find 7 miles of well cared for trails.

Over 30 years ago the former owners, the Detweiler family, had planned for this property to be a public park. The trails were organized by Mr. Meade David Detweiler III in the 1980's and 90's and required minor work to make them passable after the county acquired the property in late December 2016. The first six months of 2017 were spent cleaning up the trails and simplifying Mr. and Mrs. Detweiler's home and grounds. It is hoped that the home will someday be a nature center, but in the near future the plan is for it to be rented to provide income to care for the park. The property also came with a small stone farm house, garage, barn, and airplane hangar on Peters Mountain Road. While the airstrip has been decommissioned, those structures will continue to house tenants. The Dauphin County Anglers and Conservationists will also continue their good work in the park, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, at their fish hatchery along Clarks Creek.

In the past months we have discovered what Mr. Detweiler knew all along – this property contains extraordinary diverse natural habitats and the flora and fauna that comes with them. Ranging from the riparian edge of Clarks Creek through pine plantations, to open fields and a healthy deciduous forest – Detweiler Park has it all. While the large deer population may be a bit problematic by eating seedlings before they have a chance to prosper, large flocks of wild turkey are abundant and neighbors have made us aware of the occasional black bear sighting. Naturalist Jane Webster and Intern Eli DePaulis inventoried a wide-range of breeding birds species and we look forward to volunteers noticing additional sightings.

Naturalist Alex Moore has blazed the trails and determined that there are trails for all abilities. "Frankie's Dogleg Loop" is a simple trail with yellow blazes that is about one-half mile long and surrounds Mrs. Francis Detweiler's former home. It was used by her to walk her dogs later in her life. "David's Field Loop" has orange blazes and is about 1.6 miles long. It is named after Mrs. and Mrs. Detweiler's son and combines pine forests with an open field. "Meade's Mountain Loop" is a bit more rugged with red blazes and climbs 1.6 miles through deciduous forest up and back down Peters Mountain.

The park is open dawn to dusk and is strictly "pack it in, pack it out." At this time there are no trash cans or restrooms. In the first three months that the park has been open we have averaged about 1800 visitors a month. How can we tell? A discrete trail counter is mounted along the brown blazed entrance "Stackpole Trail."

Please visit [www.detweilerpark.org](http://www.detweilerpark.org) to learn more about the park and to view a map of the trails online. After visiting the park, return to that website to tell us what you like about the park now and what you can envision for the land in the future. The next step for the park is to create a Master Site Plan. This plan inventories the current assets and attributes of the land, community recreational wants and needs, and future expectations. It combines all of this information into a report and drawings that will guide current and future stewards responsible for the care of this great opportunity. The Commissioners join me in hoping that you will take an active role in voicing your ideas.



Carl A. Dickson, Director  
Dauphin County Parks and Recreation Department

## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS**

### **News from YOUR Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association**



#### **Annual Meeting Scheduled for September 26**

Have you walked the paths at DETWEILER PARK since it opened in June? Do you wonder about the Clarks Creek water quality these days? Do you want to know what life was like in what is now called Middle Paxton Township — before the first European settlers arrived? Have you considered joining one of our spirited “Work to Improve the Watershed” volunteer events?

If the above topics interest you, plan to attend the CCWPA’s 2017 ANNUAL MEETING & PUBLIC PRESENTATION:

**Tuesday, September 26, at 7:00 pm (Social Hour begins at 6:30 pm)**  
**Dauphin County Agricultural & Natural Resources Center**  
**1451 Peters Mountain Road**  
**Dauphin, PA 17018**

It’s FREE TO ALL. You don’t have to be a MEMBER of the CCWPA to attend (but we’d love it if you joined when you did!). We will present reports on our 6 + years of TRASH PICKUP in the Valley; the latest Water Purity readings of Clarks Creek; review recent events of a public-interest nature, including the debut of Dauphin County’s “Detweiler Park” on 415 acres in Clarks Valley; and more.

For a special treat, we are proud to present acknowledged Susquehanna Basin historical expert Stephen A. Runkle, who will present an illustrated lecture on “Native American Life in the Susquehanna River Basin.” Steve Runkle’s talks have been popular and successful for years now all over central Pennsylvania, and this is a great chance to learn about the almost-forgotten history of our region.

Please come — and bring a friend! Children are welcome, too! More details can be found on our web site — [CCWPA.ORG](http://CCWPA.ORG) — or on our Facebook page — [www.facebook.com/CCWPA/](http://www.facebook.com/CCWPA/).

#### **WHAT A HAUL — Our 13th Trash Pickup Was a Great Success!**

Volunteers with the Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association gathered on Saturday, May 20, 2017, as part of the Great American Clean-up of Pennsylvania and the PennDOT Adopt-a-Highway Program, and picked up trash along two miles of PA Route 325 in Clarks Valley.

This was the 13th such session for the CCWPA; all have been under the leadership of Mary Hochendoner, a founding member of the CCWPA.

In 3 hours, the hard-working volunteers picked up and REMOVED from the Clarks Creek watershed, and therefore out of the Susquehanna River and, ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay: 580 cigarette butts; 138 food wrappers; 123 beverage cans; 99 tobacco packaging products; 98 plastic beverage bottles; 59 plastic pieces; 49 stirrers; 45 glass beverage bottles; 42 plastic lids; 25 plastic bags; 24 paper plates and cups; 18 plastic take out containers; 17 plastic plates and cups; 17 glass pieces; 15 foam plates and cups; 13 pieces of other plastic/foam packaging; 13 knives, forks, and spoons; 12 plastic bottle caps; 12 plastic bags; 12 plastic grocery bags; 12 other plastic bottles; 12 foam pieces; 8 metal bottle caps; 6 pieces of construction materials; 5 strapping bands; 5 used road flare remnants; 4 cigar tips; 2 syringes; 2 fishing lines; 2 cigarette lighters; 2 foam take-out containers; 1 used firework remnant; 1 tire; 1 used tampon; and last but not least, 1 burst balloon!

The next session is scheduled for SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, at 9 am! We need volunteers! See our web site — [CCWPA.ORG](http://CCWPA.ORG) — for more details!



## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS**

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

**Fishing Creek Valley Community Association** would like to thank all of those who have volunteered their time and for those who have made contributions to our recent events. Our Breakfast with Santa would not be possible if it were not for all of your help. If anyone is interested in volunteering or making a donation please feel free to call Natalie Bailor at 717-599-5698 or e-mail us at [fcvca1@aol.com](mailto:fcvca1@aol.com).

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

**Fall Fest/Chicken Corn Soup Sale** - Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 11:00 AM. ( Make sure you bring a container for soup).



**Breakfast With Santa** - Saturday, December 2, 2017 8 AM - 12 Noon.  
(You must register for this event).

**Egg Hunt/Chicken Corn Soup** - Saturday, March 24, 2018 promptly at 11 AM.  
(Make sure to bring a container for soup).



### **Clarks Valley Zion E.C. Church welcomes the community to our upcoming FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> from 6pm-8pm**

This is our annual *Trick or Treat Night* event. Join us on the church grounds for a **FREE**, fun, safe carnival event for the whole family. The night includes game booths, prizes, hay rides, face-painting, cake raffle, campfire and **FREE** food like hotdogs, french fries, chicken corn soup and more...plus lots and lots of **CANDY for the children.**



## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS**

### **HOPE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**931 Red Hill Road, Dauphin**



**Kids Club** with Rev. Allison Spooner—Wednesday Afternoons at 3:00 P.M.  
For all children ages 3 and 4  
**songs, crafts and snacks**

Contact the church office for more information: (717) 921-2253

### **November 7, 2017 – Election Day Soup, Food and Bake Sale**

7 A.M. until sold out

**Eat in or take out.** Quarts of soup are available to purchase.



### **October and November 2017—Christmas Candy Sale**

Available: Buckeyes, Butter Creams, and Coconut Creams

Milk or Dark Chocolate

\$10.00/lb.

Call 717-921-2253 or 717-921-2023 to place your orders. Order forms are also available at Abe's.



### **December 9, 2017 – Cookie, Craft and Candy Sale**

8 A.M. til 3 P.M.

Vendors wanted! One table for \$10 or two tables for \$15. Light lunch will be available.

Call 717-921-2023 or 717-921-2253 for more information.

### **Zion Lutheran Church**

Re-Creation is a musical group that began in 1976 and has taken on full responsibility for live entertainment of the VA Medical Centers. Since 1983, they have worked to raise necessary funding and present shows for Medical Centers nationwide. Re-Creation now presents more than 320 shows annually in order to fund tours to VA Medical Centers and State Veterans Homes in all 50 states!



They will be performing at Zion Lutheran Church in Dauphin, PA on Sunday Oct. 1. A potluck dinner will be held at 5:30pm with the performance to follow at 7pm. There is no charge, but a free-will offering will be taken for Re-Creation's mission as ambassadors to hospitalized veterans. All are welcome!!

Any questions, feel free to call (717) 921-8111.

Thank you!

Pastor Nicole Wachter

## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS**

### **Growing Stronger Challenge !**



Penn State Extension of Dauphin County sponsors a strength training and nutrition program called Strong Women, Growing Stronger™ in Middle Paxton Township at Dauphin County Agriculture and Natural Resources Building, 1451 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin, PA 17018.

Classes are held each Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 6 weeks from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM.

Strong Women instructors guide participants, while wearing ankle weights and holding hand weights, through repetitive movements. Registrants learn safe strength-building techniques, appreciation for regular physical activity and proper nutrition. The goal is to return strength, flexibility and endurance, all lost in the aging process.

Dr. Miriam Nelson, of Tufts University, developed the exercise program based on clinical research that proves strength training enhances energy, balance and bone density. Dr. Nelson designed the program to:

- Increase muscle mass, strength and balance

- Improve bone density and reduced risk for osteoporosis and related fractures

- Reduce risk for diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, depression, and obesity

- Improve self-confidence, sleep and vitality

Research indicates that women over the age of 35 can start to lose one-quarter pound of muscle each year – and gain that much in fat. Studies show that weight-bearing exercises can help women become stronger, energized, and more active. Research also indicates an improvement in overall fitness and reduces the potential of long-term health concerns like osteoporosis, heart disease, arthritis, and diabetes.

The nutrition component of the program emphasizes eating for proper weight maintenance. Physician referral forms may be required for enrollment.

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 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 Strong Women program, call the Penn State Extension office at 717-921-8803 or visit <http://dauphin.extension.psu.edu>. Visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/DauphinCountyExtension>

[DauphinCountyExtension](http://dauphin.extension.psu.edu)

## **Fall Schedule Includes Senior Expo and Veterans Event**

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

In my continuing effort to keep older residents informed about programs and services that improve the quality of their lives, I will once again be hosting a senior citizens expo. This free event is scheduled on Thursday, October 5, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Halifax Area Ambulance and Rescue Association building, 31 Bunker Hill Road in Halifax.

Our senior expos feature dozens of exhibitors from non-profit agencies; local, state and federal governments; and local businesses that will provide information on benefits and services available to older Pennsylvanians on a wide range of topics, including health care, insurance, nutrition and exercise, fire safety, financial planning, fraud protection, government, hunting and fishing, and personal safety.

I will also once again be recognizing local veterans with a special appreciation luncheon on Thursday, November 9, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the National Civil War Museum, 100 Concert Drive in Harrisburg. This event is always one of the highlights of the year for me as we honor our veterans for their brave and selfless service to the nation. More information on the event will be available on my website, including how to make a reservation.

I encourage residents to stay connected by visiting my website, *SueHelm.net*, “like” my Facebook page, *Facebook.com/RepHelm*, or follow me on Twitter, *@RepHelm*.

Constituents can also sign up to receive my weekly email updates about legislative news and important state services and programs. Simply go to my website and enter your email address and ZIP code in the boxes at the upper right-hand corner of the page.

Residents are reminded that we have two district offices that provide a variety of state-related services. One office is located at 2090 Linglestown Road in Susquehanna Township, and the other can be found at 260 Market St. in Millersburg.

Some of the services we offer include helping with driver license renewals, vehicle registration and other PennDOT forms; obtaining birth and death certificates; assisting senior citizens with Property Tax and Rent Rebate applications and PACE/PACENET forms; providing students with applications for PHEAA grants and loans; supplying information about state legislation; and furnishing a wide variety of informative brochures.

Remember, my staff and I are here to serve our constituents and we look forward to doing so.





## **State Senator John DiSanto (R-Dauphin/Perry)**

### **New Fines and Penalties for “Steer Clear” Law Violations**

Legislation to increase fines and penalties for repeat violators of Pennsylvania’s “Steer Clear” Law has been enacted to protect law enforcement, tow truck operators, highway workers and other emergency personnel.



Originally enacted in 2001, the Steer Clear Law requires drivers to slow down and move into a lane not adjacent to an emergency response area, when possible. If motorists cannot move over because of traffic or other conditions, then they must reduce their speed. However, violations continue to climb. According to PennDOT, from 2013 to 2015, total charges rose by more than 85 percent.

The new law:

- Maintains a fine of not more than \$250 for a first offense.

- Sets a maximum fine of \$500 for a second offense.

- Establishes a maximum fine of \$1,000 for a third or subsequent offense.

- Introduces a 90-day license suspension for a third or subsequent offense or if the violation resulted in serious bodily injury to or death of another person.

Many drivers may not be aware of the Steer Clear Law. Hopefully, by getting the word out, we can increase safety and help motorists avoid costly fines.

### **Be on the Lookout for Card Skimmers**

Skimmers are malicious card readers that illegally gather data from a credit or debit card’s magnetic stripe. They’re often attached to a real payment terminal and allow a scammer to steal personal financial and account information. Gas pumps are prime targets.

Skimmers can be placed externally over the real card reader or internally (harder to detect) if the thief has a key to get inside the machines.

Be especially alert in these situations:

- Poorly lit pumps farthest from the station/closest to the street

- Little or no video surveillance

- No tamper-resistant tape on the pumps

- Out-of-date pump inspections.

Always inspect the card reader, and, if it looks different than the other pumps, report it. Also, report loose card readers and broken or missing tamper-resistant tape on the pump.

Additional resources: PA Dept. of Agriculture Weights and Measures (1.877.837.8007), PA Attorney General – Consumer Protection (1.800.441.2555), PA Dept. of Banking (1.800.PA.BANKS)

For more information about these or any other state-related matters, please visit Senator DiSanto’s website at [SenatorDiSanto.com](http://SenatorDiSanto.com) or contact his office at 352 Main Capitol Building, Senate Box 203015, Harrisburg, PA 17120-3015, Phone: 717-787-6801.

## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS**

### **RENTALS**

If you are interested in renting a 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 Center 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 Center.)



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

The walking/fitness trail at Hagy Park is near completion, with signs to 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. Bicycles, motorized vehicles, skate boards, and scooters are PROHIBITED 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 Walking/Fitness Trail.

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.

## **Middle Paxton Township Projects Underway**

- **Updating the Zoning Ordinance and Ordinance of Definition.**
- **Codification of all Township Ordinance to make it easier to find and will be on the Township Website.**
- **Solar Project that will drastically reduce the electric bills for the Township and Fire Company.**
- **Making several improvements to the Fishing Creek Community Building; including, air conditioning, generator, security cameras, new ADA Handicap Ramp, new roof over front entrance and new door and roof over side entrance.**
- **Potato Valley Road Bridge Replacement Project.**

**Many of the above projects are possible due to Grants the Township received and much hardwork and dedication by the Township Employees and Supervisors.**

**Please keep in mind Middle Paxton Township does not collect a real-estate tax; residents do pay a real estate tax to the County, and School District.**

**If you have any questions on any of the above projects please do not hesitate to contact the Township Manager, 717-921-8128 ext.106**



**Solar Project at the Middle Paxton Joint Municipal Services Building**

Middle Paxton Township  
10 Elizabeth Avenue  
P.O. Box 277  
Dauphin, PA 17018

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## **2017—2018 ELECTION DATES**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2017 - MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

**MAY 18, 2018 - MUNICIPAL PRIMARY 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

