

MIDDLE PAXTON DIGEST

2018 FALL-WINTER NEWSLETTER

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2018



Fall



Winter



Borough of Dauphin

2018 ROAD PROJECTS

Earlier this year the Township Supervisors granted approval to bid out a few road projects. One such project was to pave the remaining section of Stony Creek Road located in Middle Paxton Township, which just recently occurred. This was a multi-year project, completed jointly by the Township and Borough, paving the entire length of Stony Creek Road because it spans both Municipalities.

Thank You

*On behalf of both Municipalities we would like to thank the Department of Community and Economic Development and especially the **Dauphin County Commissioners** who approved a Grant to aid Dauphin Borough in the paving of their section of Stony Creek Road. We truly appreciate and are very grateful for this much-needed Grant.*

The second road project will be the seal coating of sections of roads throughout the Township. The list of roads are as follows: Blue Mountain Parkway, Denison Drive, Hunt Meadow, Hunt Glen, and Hunt Wyd. This process involves an approved chip and seal method per PennDOT Publication 408. Please drive slowly and with caution through these areas during the seal coating process. The date the project will commence (weather pending) will be posted on Facebook and the Township Website as far in advance as we are notified.

Please note, the cost of the above projects exceeded \$400,000. The Township receives funding each year, per mile of Township roads, from the State to aid in the maintenance of municipal roads. It took over three (3) years to save the amount needed to finish the paving on Stony Creek Road, and the seal coat project.

Please keep in mind Middle Paxton Township is **one of two** municipalities in Dauphin County that **does not** collect a real estate tax assessed on each property.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Township roadcrew for all their hard work throughout the year in helping with many projects, in addition to the road projects and providing winter maintenance 24/7 to help keep us safe during our travels throughout the Township.



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Julie Ann Seeds

Road Master
Robert Hofer

Emergency Management
Coordinator

Robert Rusbatch

Zoning Officer
Light-Heigel & Associates

Sewage Enforcement
Officer

Brian McFeaters

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Member at Large

Board of
Supervisors

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

Jeffery Smith
Chairman

Michael Sudia
Vice Chairman

Wilbur Evans
Treasurer

James Fisher
Assistant Secretary

Lawrence Cooney

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

Liz Rodda
Jeffrey Smith
William Kotkiewicz

Donald Morse

Chip Brown

Gary Deimler
Ralph Stone

Zoning Hearing Board
Meets the 2nd Thursday at 7:00 P.M.
(as needed)

James Allen
Sebastian Detres

Debra Eshelman

Sandy Reightler

Joseph McConlogue

The public is cordially invited to
attend. All meetings
are held in the
Board Meeting Room
10 Elizabeth Avenue
Dauphin

Dauphin Athletic
Association

Matt Scott
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Secretary

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS **KEEP AND POST**



- CAT Share a Ride (717) 232-6100
- Dauphin Borough Office (717) 921-2633
- Dauphin County Controlled Burn (717) 558-6900
- Dauphin County Recycling Center (717) 982-6772
- Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company — Non-Emergency (717) 921-8242
- Middle Paxton Township Office (717) 921-8128
- State Police - Non-Emergency (717) 671-7500
- UGI Emergency Gas Leaks (800) 609-4844
- UPMC Pinnacle Community Life Team—Business Office (717) 782-4699
- Waste Management—Service (800) 869-5566
- Waste Management—Billing (800) 642-8850

Reporting Dead Animals on Roadways

- State Road (717) 787-5391 (Rte. 225, Rte. 325 & Rte. 443)
- Township Road—Bear (610) 926-3136
- Township Road—Deer (610) 926-1966

Township Building Codes Official & Building Inspector

- Bob Terry (Middle Department Inspection Agency) - (717) 764-5340
Must be contacted between 7 AM – 9 AM

Township Sewage Enforcement Officer

- Brian McFeaters (717) 813-6492

Township Tax Collector

- Tanya Pomeroy (717) 921-8737
Payments can be dropped off at 1140 Victor Lane, Dauphin

Township Zoning Officer

- Zoning Office (717) 921-8128 Ext. 107
Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 9 AM—4 PM
Appointments are strongly encouraged.

FROM THE MANAGER

Many municipal projects have occurred over the years with funding, partial or in full, coming from Grants.

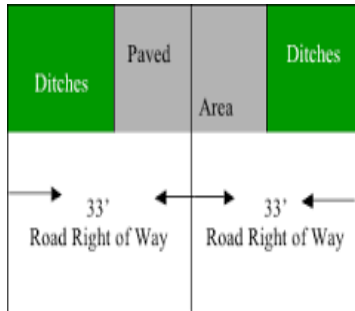
- **The Hagy Park Walking/Fitness Trail** was partially funded by a **DCNR Grant** (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources). The fitness trail is Phase I of a two-phase project, with additional trails, and other amenities planned if another Grant is successful.
- **Joint Shared Salt Shed** - The **Salt Shed** that was erected at the Maintenance Garage was a Grant approved by the Dauphin County Commissioners. The **Salt Shed** serves both the Township and Dauphin Borough.
- **Fishing Creek Community Center** - The **Fishing Creek Community Center**, located at 1361 Fishing Creek Valley Road, has received a number of grants. A new roof, repointing of the bricks, security cameras and a generator installed; these were projects completed over the past few years. At this time a new handicap ramp, front and side porch roofs, new doors, are being installed and the parking lot will be paved. The **Community Center**, built in approximately 1920 as a 2-room school house has been transformed over the years but still has the school room character by keeping some of the historic values such as the original chalk boards and old fashioned water fountain. The next **Township Meeting** is scheduled to be held at the **Fishing Creek Community Center, October 1, 2018. Come Join Us!**
- **Roof Mounted Solar Panels** - You may have noticed the **Solar Panels** on the roof of the Joint Municipal Building. There are approximately 223 panels that serve to lower the electric bills to the entire building including the Fire Company.
- **Joint Municipal Building and Fire Company** - The Township received grant funding over multiple years that helped reduce the debt to the loan to construct the building. The 10-year loan was paid off in 5-years with the aid of the Gaming Grants.
- **Tree Vitalization Grant** - The trees and plants around the joint municipal building and along the front of the building on Peter's Mountain Road were purchased with the funding through a partnership with DCNR.

Other grants were also obtained and used to update the Zoning Ordinance of Middle Paxton Township, complete a Joint Comprehensive Plan with Dauphin Borough and purchase new playground equipment at the Dauphin Middle Paxton Park. Grants take time to write and are not always successful. Without them, many projects could not have been completed or undertaken. We are very thankful and fortunate for the grants we have received over the years to help fund important projects for the community. Thank you to staff and everyone who assists with the grant applications and to the Supervisors who give their full support to make Middle Paxton Township a great place to live and grow!



FROM THE ROADMASTER

TOWNSHIP ROADS AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS



If you are having work performed at your house, including lawn maintenance, neither you nor your contractor are permitted to place any equipment, trailers, dumpsters, porta-johns, or construction materials on **Township Roads** or within the road right-of-way that are posted no parking. The **Township Roads** are not to be used for these purposes! **Violators will be asked to remove these items.**

DO NOT blow or throw leaves, grass or snow back onto road surfaces. This can potentially cause an accident and is unlawful. **DO NOT throw leaves, tree and brush trimmings etc. in drainage swales.** This leads to clogged storm drains and potentially flooding of roads. Those caught placing debris in these areas will be asked to remove the items.

Township **Ordinance 2016-05** addresses parking regulations, placing of matter on roadways, sidewalk maintenance and clearing of hydrants and penalties for violations when a **Snow Emergency Declaration** is placed.

As cold weather is approaching, snow and ice will not be far behind. To help keep the roadcrew safe and equipment free of damage a Township road assessment will be performed noting all properties that have items in the Township right of way. Letters will be sent requesting items to be removed; from cars to basketball hoops. You may be liable for any damage that may occur to municipal property or personnel due to items left in the right of way.

STOP SIGN ORDINANCE 2018-02 —STONEY CREEK MANOR

A Stop Sign will be installed at the intersection of Middle Street and Vesta Drive. The Supervisors adopted an Ordinance 2018-02 on September 4, 2018, to install the stop sign per the regulations of PennDOT for safety purposes. Please note the location of the sign during your travels and obey all traffic signs.



FROM THE DESK OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Register for South Central Alerts

Help protect yourself, your friends, and your family by registering today! It's free and it only takes a few minutes.

Register online at www.sctfpa.org. Click on the South Central Alert logo on the left-hand side of the homepage.

Easy directions will help you to:

- 1) Select the type of alerts you'd like to receive
- 2) Enter one or more location(s)
- 3) Select the ways you'd like to be alerted (such as text, e-mail or cell phone) and set the order of priority for each

Registering online is the quickest and easiest method. However, you may also complete a paper registration form which is available from your county emergency management office.

***Note:** All registration information is maintained on a secure server and will NOT be distributed or disseminated to ANY individual or other organization!*



South Central **ALERT**



We have made it through the rainy summer. The weather forecasters are predicting a mild winter. **Be prepared** for anything...this is only a prediction! Stock up on potable water, fuel for generators, and canned goods in the event of heavy snows, long-term power outages, etc.

The Township and Borough have entered into agreement with the **South Central Alert System**. This system allows us to notify residents of any issues during a disaster emergency. Messages can be sent out to the entire Dauphin-Middle Paxton community or directed to a specific neighborhood or area of concern. Messages will be short and to the point.

Some of the notifications can include **road closures, flood or tornado warnings, shelter locations, evacuation information**, or other general information as needed. The system will automatically call your landline telephone if it is listed in the white pages of the phone directory. To receive messages on your cell phone, via text or email, **please register** them at the website provided.



FROM THE DESK OF THE ZONING OFFICER

To all the Township residents and business owners who have contacted the Township Office to inquire about whether or not a **permit** is required for a project –

THANK YOU! It is better to know this information beforehand than to be in violation and have to remove a structure or sign.



Most projects require a permit - either building, zoning or both. This includes, but is not limited to **sheds, decks, fences, additions, chicken coops** and **pools**, whether built on-site or brought to the property on a truck.

Are you thinking about starting a business or purchasing a property to start a business? **Permits and approvals are required for businesses.** Please contact the **Zoning Office** to discuss the process and procedures. Not all businesses are permitted in every Zoning District within the Township. If you are thinking of starting a project, we look forward to working with you on your property improvement!

Please do not hesitate to call the **Zoning Office** (717) 921-8128 ext. 107 with any questions. **Zoning Office** hours are **Mondays and Thursdays** from **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. **Permit applications** are available at the Township Office or on-line at www.middlepaxtontwp.org

REMEMBER!

Please call PA One Call before you dig.



CODES ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE



The **Township** has several ordinances in place that address issues such as **allowable burning, recyclables, animals running at large** and **dumping of trash**. Outlined below is the Township's process for addressing resident's **concerns** about perceived **ordinance violations**.

- * A **complaint form** must be completed, signed and submitted to the Township office in order for the Codes Official to review and address the complaint. Anonymous complaints will not be addressed.
- * Once a **written complaint** is received, reviewed and an ordinance violation deemed to be warranted, a letter is sent to the offending property owner(s) along with a copy of the applicable ordinance(s.) Names of complainants are **not** released.
- * If after repeated notices, the situation persists, a **Notice of Violation** may be issued and possible fines imposed.
- * If the Township is required to file a **civil complaint** at the Magisterial District Justice's office, a complainant may be asked to testify.

A **complaint form** can be obtained at the Township office or from the Township website. Please contact the Township office (717) 921-8128 ext. 108 with questions.

If your concern is urgent, please ask to speak to the Township Manager.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Township has a contract with **Waste Management of Pennsylvania** for weekly pick up and disposal of residential waste and pick up of recyclable materials throughout the Township. Residents are billed directly by **Waste Management** on a quarterly basis for that service. The Township office sells individual trash tags at a cost of **\$5.30 per tag**. We also sell **18 gallon** recycling containers for **\$10** and **33 gallon** recycling containers for **\$15**.

ALLOWABLE RECYCLABLES FOR COLLECTION ARE:

- ♦ **Aluminum cans** – food & beverage containers consisting of aluminum (excludes aluminum foil, trays, and plates).
- ♦ **Bi-metal cans** – food & beverage containers consisting of a steel cylinder and an aluminum top & bottom
- ♦ **Glass** – bottles, jars or other containers made of clear or colored glass. This includes all food & beverage containers made of glass (excludes light bulbs and window or plate glass).
- ♦ **Newsprint** – Paper commonly having printed news or other matter of public interest.
- ♦ **Magazines** – glossy publications, advertisements and newspaper inserts.
- ♦ **High Grade Office Paper** – bond, copier, letterhead, or mimeograph paper.
- ♦ **Plastics** – food, beverage & detergent containers comprised of the following resins: #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7.
- ♦ **Steel Cans** – food & beverage containers consisting of steel.
- ♦ **Corrugated Paper** – cardboard boxes & packaging.



2018 Brush Site

Located behind the Township Public Works Building at 50 Elizabeth Ave.

The **2018 brush site** will remain open through **November 17, 2018**. The cost of an annual permit is **\$50.00**. A one day pass is available for **\$10.00**. A valid photo ID with current address is required when applying for a permit.

This site is for **brush trimmings and tree trimmings only! No leaves, bamboo, grass clippings, or ornamental grasses or cut up trees are permitted**. Violators will be asked to remove any items dumped that are not permitted. **No commercial companies** (landscapers) are permitted to utilize the brush site; this is for Township and Borough resident use only.

The site is open **Tuesdays & Thursdays - 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM** and **Saturdays 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**. Please have your permit handy at all times as there will be random checks. These times are subject to change. If you have any questions, please call the Township Office at 717-921-8128 Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.



Thank you for your cooperation!



LICENSE YOUR DOG IN PA



All dogs three (3) months or older must be licensed by January 1st of each year. Violators can be cited with a maximum fine of \$300 per violation plus court costs. An annual license is \$8.50 and a lifetime license is \$51.50. If the animal is spayed or neutered, the annual fee is \$6.50 and lifetime is \$31.50. Discounts are available to older adults and people with disabilities. The small license fee helps the millions of dogs in the state by funding the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement. Dog licenses are available from your local County Treasurer and other licensing agents. For more information go to www.licenseyourdogpa.com.

Borough of Dauphin

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

Borough of Dauphin

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

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Phone: (717) 921-2633

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Email

dauphinboro@comcast.net

Website

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Borough Council

John Windish.—President

David Grbich—Vice President

David Koppenhaver—Council Pro-tem

Donald Harner—Councilman

Kevin Musselman—Councilman

Joseph Wynn—Councilman

Sally Wynn—Councilwoman

Michael McKenna—Mayor

Trudy Koppenhaver—Secretary

Tracy Klinger—Treasurer

Virginia Wynn—Tax Collector

Dauphin Borough welcomes Kevin Musselman as a member of Borough Council. We also welcome Jennifer Peck, Steven Harris and Dr. Al Skocik to the Zoning Hearing Board.

**FOR HIGHWAY AND SNOW
EMERGENCIES AND WATER LEAK
PROBLEMS, PLEASE CONTACT
JOSEPH WYNN (717) 678-1454**

**FOR GRINDER PUMP EMERGENCIES,
PLEASE CALL
(717) 421-1228**

Please view the Borough webpage for minutes of Council Meetings and the Code of Ordinances.



REMINDER

**A permit is required for all Yard Sales.
They can be obtained at the Borough Office
for a cost of \$5.00.**



Borough of Dauphin

Community Bulletin Board

Reflective Address Markers

Reflective address markers are the best way to ensure that emergency service providers can quickly locate your home in the event of an emergency. These markers can be ordered at the Township office. They are \$10 each and available in either blue or green. Markers can be made to hang either horizontally or vertically.

If we can't find you, we can't help you!

Sunshine Senior Citizens

Sunshine Senior Citizens meet the 1st Thursday of each month at Hope United Presbyterian Church, 931 Red Hill Road, Dauphin. Contact George Hepler for more info at 717-921-8072. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Various speakers and events are planned. Doors open early and meetings begin at noon.



DAUPHIN AREA SENIOR TRANSIT

D.A.S.T. provides transportation for residents of Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township who are 55 or older. Rides are provided to various appointments and destinations with **medical** appointments taking priority. You **MUST** call the Township office (717-921-8128) at least **24 hours** in advance of the day you need a ride. The van hours of operation are **8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.** If you want to become a new rider, please contact Rue Megonnell, **D.A.S.T.** coordinator, at (717) 921-2727.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you can spare a day or two a month to help out those who can no longer drive, we would love to have you join us. Please contact Rue Megonnell (717) 921-2727.



Friday,
November 30, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Save the Date

**Dauphin's Annual Christmas
Tree Lighting Celebration**

Please watch for fundraising efforts for replacement lights, supplies and updates to the display. Donations are always welcome and can be dropped off at the Borough Building or Mid Penn Bank.

**Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank
Dauphin Area Community Blood
Drives**

Zion Lutheran Church

405 Swatara Street, Dauphin

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

All blood drives 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

For more information call
1-800-771-0059



Strong Women, Growing Stronger

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



Classes are held each Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 6 weeks from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM. Registration fee is \$45.

For more information about the Strong Women program, please call the Penn State Extension office at 717-921-8803 or simply drop by for a visit!

HOPE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

931 Red Hill Road, Dauphin
October – November



Christmas Candy Sale
Buckeyes, Butter Creams,
Coconut Creams
Milk or Dark Chocolate
\$10.00 per pound

Orders due by November 12th
Pick-up on December 8th 8:00AM - 3:00PM
Orders may be placed by calling
717-921-2253 or 717-921-2023.

Election Day Nov 6th

Food and Bake Sale
Eat-in or take out
Quarts of soup to go
7:00AM - sold out

**Craft Sale and Cookie & Candy Event**

Dec. 8th from 8:00AM – 3:00PM
Cookies- Baked Goods – Candy
Vendors will be selling a variety of items

save
the
date

Fishing Creek Valley Community Association

1361 Fishing Creek Valley Road, Harrisburg



Fall Fest/Chicken Corn Soup Sale - Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 11:00 AM.
Bring containers for soup.

Breakfast With Santa - Saturday, December 1, 2018, 8 AM - 12 Noon.
You must register for this event.



Easter Egg Hunt/Chicken Corn Soup Sale - Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 11:00 AM.
Bring containers for soup.

Call Natalie Bailor at (717) 599-5698 if you have any questions, are interested in volunteering or if you would like to make a donation.

Clarks Valley Zion E.C. Church

210 McKelvey Road, Dauphin

Fall Family Fun Night-

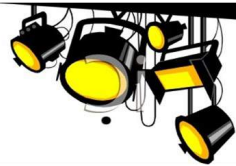
October 31st 6PM -8PM is our annual *Trick or Treat Night* event at Clarks Valley Zion E.C.

Church. Join us on the church grounds for a **FREE**, fun and safe carnival event for the whole family. The night includes game booths, prizes, hay rides, petting zoo, cake raffle, campfire and **FREE** food like hotdogs, french fries, chicken corn soup and more...plus lots and lots of **CANDY** for the children.

ACT Drama Group'sChristmas Production -

Dec. 8th & 9th - Come and enjoy a full evening musical drama production with a cast of adults and kids as we share the Christmas Story of Jesus's birth. 3 **FREE** performances will be held at CVZ Church - Dec. 8th at 7:00PM and Dec. 9th at 2:30PM & 7:00PM.

Please check out our web-site www.CVZEC.org for more info about CVZ Church and upcoming events. Like us on Facebook! - facebook.com/cvzec

2018 Trick or Treat Nights

Dauphin Borough
& Middle Paxton
Township

Wednesday, October 31st
from
6-8 PM

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

405 Swatara Street, Dauphin

- ♦ Check out the "**Little Library and Food Bank**" located in our front yard on Allegheny Street. This little library is soon to be stocked with free books and non-perishable food items. Take a book and share a book!



- ♦ **Pet Blessing** - A blessing of animals will take place in the grassy area behind the church building on Oct. 6 at 11AM. All pets must be leashed or caged. God loves all creatures, great and small, however Zion's pastor does not. Due to her severe phobia of a certain slithering reptile, please respect and appreciate that those blessings will need to take place in abstention and your understanding is much appreciated. All other pets are welcome!

- ♦ **Fall Bazaar** - Come on out on **Oct. 27** for the annual Fall Bazaar to enjoy some good food, while shopping at various vendors. Apple dumplings and other treats will be available.



- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat** - Plan to stop by the Zion Church parking lot to visit the many decorated cars ready to pass out candy. We'll see you there between **6-8PM** on **Oct. 31st**.



Any questions, please call our church office at 717-921-8111.

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE



Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Co. #1 will hold their annual
Open House on Saturday, September 29th
from 10 AM-4 PM.

Mark your calendars and come out for a day of
fun and good food.

Meet your local **firefighters**, ride in a **fire truck**, and enjoy many other activities
while enjoying a **chicken barbeque** lunch and other sweet treats.



Volunteer opportunities abound...find out more by attending!
Show your support for our local Fire Company.



COMMUNITY, BE AWARE!

Fake mailers divert donations away from fire departments.

In recent weeks, fundraising solicitations and donation requests for volunteer fire companies have been showing up all over PA. They are from a group called **Volunteer Firefighter Alliance** from Topeka, Kansas. A recent mailer from the "**Volunteer Firefighter Alliance**" was sent to residents in Winona Lakes, which is a community in Middle Smithfield Township. The return envelope is pre-addressed to the alliance's Topeka, Kansas address, but **no such organization** has shared those donations with the township's local East Stroudsburg Fire Company.

There is a tough enough battle to preserve volunteer fire departments without outside intervention filtering well intentioned dollars out of the state. It is a **shameful attempt** to capitalize on good peoples' heartstrings.

When in doubt, check it out!



MEALS ON WHEELS

Sonya Boden is the new coordinator for **Meals on Wheels** for the Dauphin-Middle Paxton community. Sonya has been a resident of Middle Paxton Township for 42 years and has enjoyed being involved in various church and community activities. Anyone with questions about **Meals on Wheels** or to start, stop or postpone your meals, please call Sonya at (717) 991-5815. Please leave your name, message and a number where you can be reached and your call will be returned as soon as possible. Sonya is looking forward to working with all the people in the community to keep this much needed service going for those in need.



A very special "**THANK YOU**" to **Walter Moyer** for his **17 years** of service as the coordinator for **Meals on Wheels** ! **Great job Walter!**
Your community appreciates your dedication to this much needed service.



**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!

This past season, our scouts have helped out our local community, parks and churches, as well as our continuing commitment to the road cleanup along Clarks Valley Road. We've gone to summer camp at **Hidden Valley Scout Reservation**, trekked a few 10 mile hikes, had overnight backpacking trips and are now getting ready for winter camp in January. All of this while learning to become responsible and self-confident young men and having fun in the process! Some of the places we have gone recently include: Raystown Lake, Beach Jam in New Jersey and Ricketts Glen.

We are looking forward to another new adventurous season this fall and winter! 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, winter camp and lots, lots more! Our troop also is looking forward to our fundraising activities such as the Chicken BBQ, Spaghetti Dinner, and sub sales. Activities like these help the scouts go on these awesome adventures.

Our meetings are held each **Wednesday** evening from **6:30 to 8:00** at Hope Church (931 Red Hill Road) in Dauphin from September through June. We're also looking for parent volunteers who 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 DauphinTroop233@gmail.com or visit our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009372471852>.

DAUPHIN-MIDDLE PAXTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Monthly Meetings - 4th Thursday during the months of January-June and September and October at the old school in Dauphin. The Museum, Library and Gift Shop are open to the public at 6PM and the meeting begins at 7PM. Our speakers are always **fun and interesting** and the **public is welcome!**

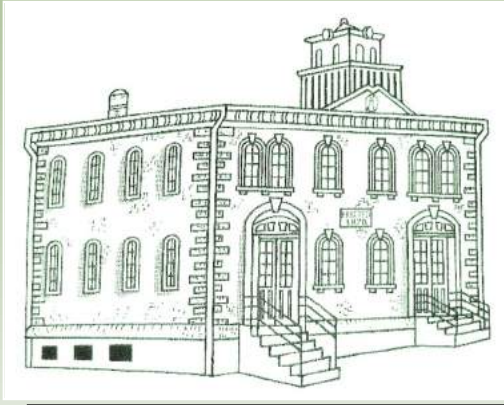
Please add these dates to your calendar!

- **September 27** – Society Meeting-Speaker Craig Henninger-“The Lykens’ Valley Massacre”
- **October 20** - “**HERITAGE DAY 2018**” **8AM-4PM**
- **October 25** – Society Meeting-Speaker from Dauphin County Parks & Recreation
- **January 24, 2019**—Society Meeting-Annual Show & Tell
- **February 28, 2019**-Bill Bostic of The Linglestown Gazette will speak on “Journalism Through the Years & How it Has Changed”

Membership - Individual or Gift Memberships—**\$15.00** Couple Memberships - **\$25.00**. Checks can be made payable to: **Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society**, PO Box 532, Dauphin, PA 17018.

To contact the society, please email dmphist@verizon.net. For more information on the Society, our website is <http://www.dauphin-middlepaxtonhs.weebly.com>. We can also be found on Facebook as **Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society!**

Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society's



12th Annual

Heritage Day

Saturday, October 20, 2018

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!

There are many new displays in the museum now expanded to the second floor. These displays include: Schoolroom, Military, Lion & Lioness Club, Speece's Dairy, Paintings from Dauphin Artists, a Post Office display, a Church display, Signs & Advertisements, a Map display, a Walter Shaffer display, a Fertig display and a Heckton display! For research there are History & Homes of Water Gap, Railroad Stories, the 11 binders of Homes of the Patriots of the American Revolution from Dauphin County, which is a new donation to the Research Library.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES!!

Bounce House! 4-H Pony Rides (10-2)! Pumpkin Painting! Games!
Crafts-Canvas Painting, Rock Painting, & Wooden Pumpkin Craft!

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST!

Photos will be on display!

SILENT AUCTION!!

Many great items from local businesses!

FOOD & DRINKS!

Hot Breakfast Sandwiches! Chicken Corn Soup, Ham & Bean Soup, Hamburgers, Pork BBQ, Hot Dogs, Sausages, French Fries! Funnel Cakes, Donuts, Soda, Water, Coffee, Hot Chocolate!! Bake Sale to include Home Canned Items!

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

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

Antique Tractor Show-Bring your old tractor (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



CLARKS CREEK WATERSHED PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

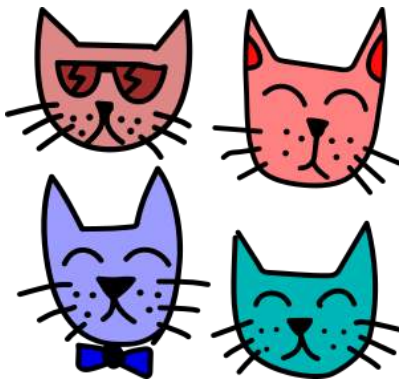
The 2018 **Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association's** Annual Meeting is slated for Tuesday, September 25 at 7 PM (with a 6:30 PM prior "Social Hour"), in the Dauphin County Agricultural & Natural Resources Center, 1451 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin. E-grams and mailings forthcoming in September will showcase the presentations at the meeting.

All persons interested in maintaining and preserving the purity and quality of the Clarks Creek watershed are invited to attend, whether or not they are members of the **Association**. The meeting is free and refreshments will be served.

Next Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pickup: Saturday, October 20 (rain date is November 10)

The **Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association** has scheduled its 16th Adopt-a-Highway pickup to take place on Saturday morning, May 11, 2019. The **Association** welcomes members and volunteers to help with this important task of keeping pollutants, trash, garbage and debris out of the creek, and therefore out of the watershed, the Susquehanna River, the Chesapeake Bay, and ultimately the Atlantic Ocean. In the previous 15 such efforts, the total trash removed from the watershed has surpassed 3 tons!

LEFT TO RIGHT — Mike Blum (CCWPA Secretary), Amy Gargiulo, Gregg Kelley, Bill Coleman, Sherry McLain (CCWPA Treasurer), Mary Hochendoner (Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator), John Mimmall, Calliope Pappadakis, Karen Stilp and Paula Zankel (CCWPA President), at the CCWPA 15th Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pickup on Rte. 325.



No more litters! No more excuses! We can help!

We can provide transportation from Middle Paxton Township to the spay clinic and back. Kittens over 12 weeks of age can be fixed. Pregnant cats can be fixed. Nursing cats can be fixed and 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 and shy cats.

**Please call today! Leave a message!
(717) 921-2117**

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET!

The parks in **Dauphin Borough** and **Middle Paxton Township** are for everyone's enjoyment. **Please extend proper pet etiquette and clean up after your pets!** The Township has an Ordinance in place that addresses this issue. If you are caught not cleaning up after your pet, you could be subject to a fine.

Please be a respectful and responsible pet owner!





DAUPHIN-MIDDLE PAXTON JOINT PARK AUTHORITY

Thank you to the Dauphin Baseball and Softball Associations, and all of their volunteers for another outstanding baseball and softball season. Much of the work done to maintain the **Dauphin-Middle Paxton Community Park** is performed by **volunteers**, and supplies and materials are often donated by local businesses. We would be unable to keep it in the beautiful state that you see without this generosity. If you are interested in **volunteering** your time or making a **financial contribution** to defray the cost of park projects, please contact Nichole O'Gorman at (717) 921-2212 or nogorman@staleyogormanlaw.com. Monetary donations can be mailed to us at P.O. Box 521, Dauphin. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to a **Dauphin County Local Share Gaming Grant**, the grandstand at **Kennedy Field** has been repaired and is now open for use once again! This spring, we learned our request for additional funds to complete roof repairs was also granted, thus enabling us to complete the restoration of this community treasure. Many **thanks** to our **County Commissioners Jeff Haste, Mike Pries and George Hartwick** for their generous support of this project. **Thanks** are also due to the organizers of the **DMP Dash** who have contributed proceeds from their annual event for grandstand repairs. **Matt Perry, Don McEntee and EE Mills & Sons** painters generously contributed time and materials for some of the painting. And certainly not least, **thanks** to the **Township Supervisors and Manager** for their help and support of our grant application. Stay tuned for our grand reopening event on baseball opening day 2019!

As you make plans for 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 basketball and volleyball courts. If interested in **reserving** a date, please contact Brian Cuddy at 717-418-3211 or dauphincuddys@comcast.net.

Dauphin-Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority meetings are open to the public. All are welcome to attend. Meetings occur on the **fourth Monday** of each month at 7:30 PM, January through October. May through August, meetings are held at the large pavilion at the park. All other meetings are held at the Dauphin Borough building.

FISHING CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER

Fishing Creek Community Center is a popular venue to rent for birthday parties, baby showers, graduation and anniversary parties. The pavilion at the **Community Center** is also available for rental. The **Community Center** offers a full kitchen with microwave and refrigerator, along with tables and chairs. Also available for use is a tennis court, basketball court and play area. This is a popular location and dates fill up quickly. Contact the Township office (717) 921-8128 to check on availability and to make rental arrangements.

Upgrades continue at the **Community Center**. A new **ADA accessible ramp** was recently completed and a **generator** and **security cameras** were installed. New porch roofs and doors are also being installed. In the near future, the **parking lot** and **access driveway** will be paved and air conditioning will be installed. The completion of these projects is being made possible by **Gaming Grants awarded** to the Township by Dauphin County.



HAGY PARK

The **paved walking/fitness trail** at the Township's **Hagy Park** is completed. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled in the near future. The trail is intended for the use of children and adults of all abilities; it is **ADA handicap accessible**. Please abide by the posted rules: **NO bicycles, skateboards, scooters or motorized vehicles are permitted**. Violators will be asked to leave the park.

If you are a dog owner, please **leash** your dog and **pick up** after them while at the park. The **pavilion** is available for **renting** for family reunions, birthday parties or other celebrations for a nominal fee. Please contact the Township office (717) 921-8128 to check on availability and to make rental arrangements.



The park is for the enjoyment of everyone! Be advised, the park is monitored by security cameras. If you see suspicious activity, please contact the State Police and follow up with the Township Manager, Julie Seeds at (717) 921-8128 or (717) 943-5131.

MIDDLE PAXTON LIONS CLUB



The **Middle Paxton Lions Club** 57th Annual Carnival was a success **thanks** to our community **volunteers** and **donations**! It was one big week-long family reunion for Borough and Township residents and friends.

THANK YOU ALL!

Band Sponsors :

BB&T Bank

Mid Penn Bank

*Without local business support, the nightly band music would not be possible. **Please support our local businesses.**

Ride Sponsor:

Dauphin-Middle Paxton Home Association — A special **thanks** to the **Home Association** for providing **free** ride tickets for the younger children of our community during the past two years.

Special Note: We were advised last year that had our ride sales not increased, the carnival rides would NOT have returned, due to increased costs for transportation and operation.



It takes the whole community to raise funds enabling our Club to help the community in times of need and to provide two annual scholarships to help our high school seniors attend college.

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:



Halloween parade

Saturday **October 20th**

Registration begins at 3:15pm on Erie Street

Parade starts at 4pm sharp.

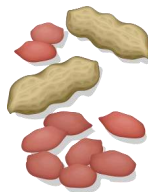
*All floats must stage on Erie street to be eligible to win a prize.

Semi-Annual Nut Sale

Order deadline - **November 1st**

Pick up - **November 10th**

(See any member to order)



Annual Children's Christmas Party

December 1st

(Hope United Presbyterian Church - Starts @ noon)

*Christmas party pre-registration forms will be available at local businesses.



RaisingOurKids.com

Autumn is a time for falling leaves —





The Library has programming for everyone! For more information or to register for any of these programs, call (717) 652-9380 ext. 1045. To see a full listing of all Library events, visit dcls.org/events.

East Shore Area Library, 4501 Ethel St, Harrisburg, PA 17109

Sunday, September 9 at 1:00 – 2:00 pm

John L. Haigh, former **Chief Steward for Air Force One**, will share stories of his many adventures of his 13 years in service to Presidents Carter, Reagan and Bush, Sr. His book will be available for purchase and autographs.

Monday, September 10 at 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Personal declutter coach Katrina Gleason will share **The Power of Decluttering**. Learn to declutter your home to create a simpler space and more focused life.

Friday, September 28 at 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Take in some chill jazz vibes at the **After-Hours Concert with Laura Lizcano** and her quartet.

Sunday, October 7 at 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Learn about **The Sciencey Culture of Paranormal Researchers** from Sharon Hill, author of *Scientifical Americans: The Culture of Amateur Researcher*. Hill will discuss the rise of modern paranormal investigation groups and the explosion of these groups in the early 2000's.

Thursday, November 8 at 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Karen Beaver-Hitz from Edward Jones Investing explores the financial concerns facing women who are getting ready to or have recently transitioned to retirement. At **Time Matters: A Woman's Retirement Outlook**, you will learn retirement income strategies, how to prepare for the unexpected and the rising cost of health and long-term care.

Sunday, November 11 at 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Meet award winning author and illustrator Hyewon Yum at **Children's Book Week!** Each Family in attendance will receive a free copy of *Saturday is Swimming Day* to keep. Yum will be available for autographs too! Registration as a family is required. Seating begins at 1:30 pm.



Sunday, December 2 at 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Get crafty at **Homemade Holiday**, where you'll explore painting, decoupage and distressing to create a fun and festive project. All supplies are provided.

Elizabethville Area Library, 80 N. Market St, Elizabethville, PA 17023



Thursday, September 6 at 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Learn basic internet terms, be introduced to the most used internet service providers, and gain experience using search engines at **Basic Internet I**. Join us again on September 20 to dive deeper into internet use.

Tuesday, October 23 at 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Need help **Getting Started with eBay**? We'll teach you how to register for an account, how to search for items, and how to shop or sell items.

Senior Expo and Special Veterans Event Scheduled this Fall

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 citizen expo in Halifax, Dauphin County. This free event is scheduled for Thursday, October 4, 2018, 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 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 Friday, November 2, 2018, 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](https://twitter.com/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.

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State Senator John DiSanto 15th Senatorial District

Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft

State Senator John DiSanto is offering an archived identity theft seminar online at www.SenatorDiSanto.com to help constituents safeguard their identities. The seminars were held in conjunction with Jerry Mitchell, Education and Outreach Specialist for the Office of the Attorney General. The presentation discusses how to prevent identify theft, how to recognize the signs that personal information may have been compromised, and the steps to take if one's identity has been stolen.

Each year, more than 15 million Americans have their personal information stolen, including their name, Social Security number, bank account, or credit card numbers. Scammers use this information to open credit cards or bank accounts, pay for utilities, and steal benefits such as health care or government assistance. Identity thieves steal over \$16 billion from unsuspecting Americans every year.

Having your identity stolen could cost you money, damage your credit score, affect your reputation, and even prevent you from getting a job. Recovering from identity theft can be frustrating, expensive, and time-consuming. While law enforcement is committed to stopping and prosecuting identity theft, the best way to fight it is to avoid it in the first place.



Pennsylvania Prioritizes Critical Investments in Agriculture

The enacted 2018-19 budget plan helps ensure agriculture remains one of Pennsylvania's top industries and continues to help feed the world through programs that address the industry's most pressing challenges. To assist dairy farmers who are battling a changing market, \$5 million will help with research and development programs, along with grants for sustaining the viability of their operations. Pennsylvania dairy farming supports 52,000 jobs and contributes \$14.7 billion to the state's economy.

Another \$3 million will be directed to help combat the spotted lanternfly, an inch-long black, red and white spotted insect native to Southeast Asia that threatens to destroy \$18 billion worth of agricultural commodities, mainly apples, grapes, and hardwoods. This funding will help increase detection and control efforts.

The Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus Program, or PASS, also received a funding increase to help connect charitable food systems with more farmers willing to provide food to hungry families across the state. Over the past three years, the PASS program has sourced more than 7.2 million pounds of surplus food products that have gone to serve households experiencing hunger in every county of Pennsylvania. PASS is used to offset the picking and packing costs of this surplus product, providing another market for Pennsylvania's growers.

Agricultural education also came out a winner as Penn State Extension and University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine received additional funding while a newly-approved workforce development program known as PAsmart will help prepare students and workers for the 75,000 anticipated job openings in agriculture over the next decade.

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



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2018 ELECTION

November 6, 2018—General Election

Middle Paxton Township Election Locations

- * 1st Precinct—Municipal Building—10 Elizabeth Avenue
- * 2nd Precinct—Fishing Creek Community Center—1361 Fishing Creek Valley Road
- * 3rd Precinct—Hope United Presbyterian Church—931 Red Hill Road

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For additional details, please call the Township Manager at (717) 921-8128, or email your questions to middlepaxtontwp@comcast.net.

Please note the Township's website is www.middlepaxtontwp.org