# **MIDDLE PAXTON DIGEST**

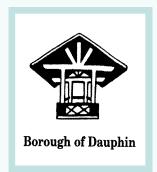
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# Middle Paxton Solar Field Honored as Premier Project

Middle Paxton Township officials, **Township Manager Julie Ann Seeds, Supervisor Jim Fisher and Supervisor Wilbur Evans** were pleased to accept a **Premier Project Award** for the installation of solar panels on the municipal building. The award was presented by Dauphin County and the Tri-County Planning Commission at a ceremony in the Dixon University Center. The **Premier Projects** program honors initiatives that further the goals of the county comprehensive plan, promote smart growth, and spark revitalization.

Solar panels, like those installed on the **Middle Paxton Township** municipal building, embody the very definition of smart growth by balancing the need for energy consumption with the protection of the natural environment in a sustainable way. **Environmental protection** was one of three primary focus areas in Dauphin County's most recent comprehensive plan, adopted in 2017. Solar panels have **no noise** or **hazardous waste impacts**, and their use lowers the consumption of **pollution-generating fossil fuels**.

These particular solar panels are also saving taxpayer money. They are capable of generating enough electricity to meet the historical needs of both the municipal building and the

local fire department. The project was funded by a **Gaming Grant** that was awarded by the Dauphin County Commissioners.

The Township Supervisors and Manager would like to thank the Dauphin County Commissioners, Tri County Planning Commission and those who were involved in the judging of the projects. The award is greatly appreciated!



Left to right: Jim Fisher, Julie Seeds and Wilbur Evans

Township Manager Julie Ann Seeds

Road Master Robert Hofer

Emergency Management
Coordinator

**Robert Rusbatch** 

Zoning Officer
Light-Heigel & Associates

Sewage Enforcement
Officer
Brian McFeaters

Dauphin Recreation
Association

**Jeff Thrush** 

President

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Vice President

Angela Alleman

Secretary

Susan Kenyon

Treasurer

<u>Joint Public Safety</u>
<u>Authority</u>

**Matt Smith** 

Chairman

**Don Harner** 

Vice Chairman

Jim Fisher

Secretary

**Bob Klutas** 

Treasurer

Mike Kurtz

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
Joseph McConlogue
Sandy Reightler

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

Dauphin Athletic
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**Matt Scott** 

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Vice President

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Baseball Coordinator

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Softball Coordinator

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Vice President

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Treasurer

**Larry Cooney** 

**Jason Kramer** 

**Shannon Scott** 

# IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS KEEP AND POST

# TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOURS 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

- \* 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) 761-5340
 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
 Appointments are strongly encouraged.

# FROM THE ROADMASTER

# **PLEASE NOTE 2019 ROAD PROJECTS!**

**Street Sweeping** of Township roads and intersections is tentatively scheduled for the week of **April 22nd-26th**, weather permitting. Please use caution and adhere to posted signs while traveling through the Township during the street sweeping process.





**Line Painting** of all Township roads will occur late spring, early summer. Please use caution while traveling through the area.

Please slow down and adhere to all posted signs.

## **2019 ROAD PROJECTS**

The following roads will receive tar and chip with a fog seal:

- Affection Road
- South Road
- Drake Road
- Lesh Road
- Miller Road
- Hagy Lane



The following road is scheduled to be paved:

Blue Mountain Parkway

\*Note - Prior to paving several pipes will be replaced along the Parkway.

In addition, base repair, general maintenance, basin cleanout, grading and mowing is scheduled for several Township Roads.

**Blue Mountain Parkway** and **Miller Road** will have lane restrictions with stopped traffic so expect delays. Please schedule your travels accordingly. The dates will be announced by signage, social media and on the Township website.

Please drive slow and adhere to all traffic signage and flaggers.

Your anticipated patience and cooperation is appreciated.



## FROM THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

It is time for the change of season and the spring rains.

What indicators do you look at to predict the local flooding around your property?

How have you prepared yourself and family for flooding? What necessities will you require?

What special needs will you have?



The National Weather Service has a website which shows the depth of the Susquehanna River in Harrisburg. (<a href="www.weather.gov">www.weather.gov</a>) From this site you can check the forecast, radar, and rainfall/river levels. You are also able to look at the history of the flooding in the area. One of the sites you can access here is the flood inundation mapping, showing the effects at different heights of the river. It does not show the effects of rising streams that feed the river. We must look at our own indicators for the streams that flow past our homes and roadways.

What landmarks around our property do we look at as the stream rises? Do we know when to plan on evacuating our home if necessary? Can we, **Emergency Management**, give you any assistance with the preplanning for a flood?

Items that are a necessity of life are food and water. Humans needs a gallon of water, per day, per person. Store bottled water and canned/prepared food prior to possible floods caused by constant raining. Along with the rains comes possible power outages. Have flashlights, with extra batteries, available. If you have back-up generators, do you have enough fuel for several days of operation?

For more information, contact your **Emergency Management Coordinator**, Bob Rusbatch at 717-921-8128



#### FROM THE DESK OF THE ZONING OFFICER



Spring is a great time for a home improvement project. The Township would like to remind residents that **most projects require a permit**. This requirement includes **sheds**, **decks**, **fences**, **room additions**, **chicken coops** and **pools**, to name a few. **Permits are required** whether the structure is built on-site or delivered to the property.

**Permits and approvals are also required when starting a business** or purchasing property to start a business. Not all businesses are permitted in every Zoning District within the Township.

**Permit applications** are available on-line at <a href="www.middlepaxtontwp.org">www.middlepaxtontwp.org</a> or from the Zoning Officer at the Township Office.

**THANK YOU** to all the Township residents and business owners who have contacted the **Zoning Office** to inquire about whether or not a **permit** is required for a project! It is better to be informed before finding yourself in violation. **Starting a project without a required permit will result in additional costs.** 

Please call the **Zoning Office** (717) 921-8128 with any questions, to make an appointment or to discuss the filing process. **Zoning Office** hours are **Mondays** and **Thursdays and appointments are strongly encouraged.** 

#### **REMEMBER!**

Please call PA One Call before you dig.



#### **CODES ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE**

Are your neighbor's dogs barking all hours of the day or night; are you concerned about burning or stockpiling of trash; are chickens running thru your yard? The **Township** has ordinances in place that address issues such as **animals running at large or barking**, **allowable burning**, **recyclables**, and **dumping of trash**.

Outlined below is the Township's process for addressing **concerns** of **Code violations**.

- \* A written complaint form must be completed and submitted to the Township office. The Codes Officer will review the complaint. Anonymous or verbal complaints will not be addressed.
- Once received, reviewed and an ordinance violation identified, 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 unresolved and 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.

## **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED!**



**Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company #1** is one of several **VOLUNTEER** fire companies in Dauphin County. We are a non-profit, membership-driven organization; self- governing through administrative and operational officers.

We have approximately **30 active members**, most between the ages of 18-30 and 45-60+. Many members work full-time jobs which leaves a skeleton daytime firefighting crew. We also have a junior firefighter program, ages 14-18. Juniors are limited to what they can do at an incident.

In the 1970's, volunteer firefighters numbered around 300,000. Today numbers have dwindled to approximately 36,000. The decline is due in part to the increased time demands of today's lifestyle commitments.

We are committed to serving our community. We train initially for 200 hours at HACC or another training facility. We also train in-house weekly. All our training is paid for by the fire company. We do fundraising to help support our needs.

We need volunteers to help fill the void. In the past 5 years we have averaged 1-3 new members. We need to think of the future. Who will take over when the numbers drop? Volunteer firefighters are the people that get up from the supper table, get out of bed in the middle of the night, or leave work (when allowed) to respond to an incident. Perhaps you are retired and looking for something to do during the day. We need your help! Can you help fill our void? You are not required to make every incident. After all, we are volunteers.

#### **Basic Requirements:**

## Junior Fire Fighter:

#### Age 14-16

- Maintain "C" average in school
- Participate in trainings

#### Age 16-18

- Maintain "C" average in school
- Participate in training
- Allowed to participate in training at HACC or other facilities
- Some ground support/participation (all outside)

#### Fire Fighter:

- Age 18 and older
- Training at all levels available

#### \*\*\* All members must submit to PA State Police and Child Abuse checks\*\*\*

We do not expect all members to be inside firefighters. Maybe you only want to drive/operate the vehicles, be an administrative officer, or help with fundraising. **We welcome you!** If you feel called to be a firefighter, have some time to spare and want to help your community, **please give us a try**.

Bob Rusbatch Fire Chief Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company #1



#### **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

The **Township** has a contract with Waste Management of Pennsylvania for weekly pick up and disposal of residential waste pick and up of recyclable materials throughout the Township. Residents are billed directly by Waste Management on a quarterly basis for this service. The Township office sells individual trash tags at a cost of \$5.30 per tag. We also sell 18 and 33 gallon recycling for \$18 containers each. Effective July 1, 2018, new guidelines were recycle implemented. The new "Back to Basics" approach is to attempt to meet new contamination limits which have been set. Please note the new recycle guidelines. If an item is not listed, do not place it in your recycle bin.



# WHEN IN DOUBT > THROW IT OUT

NO Plastic Bags NO Food/Liquid NO Garden Hoses NO Shredded Paper NO Clothing

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NO Diapers

NO Medical Waste NO Scrap Metal NO Styrofoam

# 2019 Brush Site

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

The **brush site** will be available for **2019**. Dates of operation are **March 11** thru **November 15, 2019**. Applications can be picked up at the Township office or printed from the Township website. A valid photo ID, with current address to verify residency, is required. The cost of an annual permit is **\$50.00**; a one day pass is **\$25.00**. Cash or checks are accepted; no credit card payments.

The brush site is for **brush and tree trimmings only!** No leaves, bamboo, grass clippings, ornamental grasses or cut up trees are permitted. Violators will be asked to remove any items dumped that are not permitted. No commercial landscape companies are permitted to utilize the brush site. The site 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**. These times are subject to change. Please have your permit handy when dumping. 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!

# **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 Fax: (717) 921-8106

**Email** 

dauphinboro@comcast.net
Website

www.dauphinborough.org

# **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 — Administrator/

Secretary
Cindy Long — Treasurer
Virginia Wynn — Tax Collector

#### **THANK YOU**

- Tracy Klinger for thirteen years of dedicated service as the Borough Treasurer. Please welcome Cindy Long as the new Treasurer.
- ♦ Cheryl Cuddy for another successful Christmas Tree Lighting.
- Home Association for the generous donation used towards the purchase of a new Ford F350 truck for plowing and hauling.

The Borough of Dauphin has passed the **2019 Budget**. The budget is posted on our Web Page. www.dauphinborough.org

Council took the following action at recent meetings:

Approved Ordinance 2018-06 levying a Special Road Fund Tax for permanent street improvements and other uses authorized by the Pennsylvania Borough Code. Council established a real estate tax millage of 1.0 mills on the assessed value of all real property located within the Borough of Dauphin. This tax will be used exclusively for repaving our most deteriorated roads within the Borough. The Borough will actively apply for additional grants and or loans to accomplish this project.

Approved **Ordinance 2018-03** relating to **abandoned vehicles**. Ordinance Enforcement Officer, the Borough's Zoning Officer, Mayor, or any other person designated by ordinance of Borough Council can enforce this Ordinance. The officers have the authority to write a written notice for the nuisance.

Borough of Dauphin Rental Units Inspection Program-The yearly registration fee of \$63.00 is due for the 2019. The registration must be paid in full by March 1, 2019. Rental Unit Property owners are reminded that they will need to file a new Status of Occupancy Report with the Borough within 15 days of any change in the status of tenants, such as move outs, move ins or any vacancies. Please visit our Web Page for additional information on the Rental Program.

**Vultures** are a concern for the residents of Dauphin Borough. The Borough Council listened to the residents' concerns and entered into a Cooperative Service Agreement with UDA to cooperate in a wildlife damage control management project. The **Home Association** donated the first year cost towards this project.

**Complaints**- all complaints must be **in writing**, give specific details, the location and contact information. You can contact the Borough by using our website. Anonymous complaints will **not** be addressed.

# Community Bulletin Board

#### Clarks Valley Zion E.C. Church 210 McKelvey Road, Dauphin

April 20- Community Easter Egg Hunt. Registration and games begin at 10:30AM with Easter Egg Hunt by age groups starting at **11AM**. This is a family event with **FREE** food, games, prize baskets, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. The Egg Hunt is for kids ages 1-12 with lots of candy filled eggs and PRIZES. Bring a basket and join the fun!



\* April 26 Annual Dinner & Dessert **Auction-** Cakes, cupcakes, brownies and many more homemade baked goods and

special treats will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. **Doors open** at **5:00PM** to purchase concession type food for dinner and to preview the desserts up for Auction begins at 6:30PM. auction. Come and enjoy a sweet deal!

May 2- National Day of Prayer

Community Prayer Circle at Middle Paxton Elementary School **6:00 - 6:30PM**. CVZ Church along with



Dauphin Churches welcome all to come and gather in the school parking lot around the flag to pray for our families, our community, our schools, and our first responders on this National Day of Prayer.

- May 19- ACT Drama Group presents ACT Jr's - The Prodigal Clown - Two performances at 11:00AM and I **2:00PM**. Come enjoy this kid's production as they perform a musical retelling of the Bible story with a circus theme. All Performances are FREE.
- June 16-20 VBS at CVZ Church (Sunday thru Thursday) 6:00PM-8:30PM Incredible Race - for kids pre-school (age 4) through 5th grade. This summer kids can enjoy a race themed week of Bible Stories, fun activities, games, crafts, snacks and lots more! So grab your gear and get ready for the race of a lifetime!

## **Lenten Fish Dinners**

The Knights of Columbus Council 15351 of St. Matthew Parish in Dauphin will again sponsor two fish dinners during Lent. The dinners will be held on Fridays March 29th and April 12th from 4

- 6:30 PM. St. Matthew's Parish is located at 607 Stoney Creek Drive.



Pierogis will also be available for sale.

## **ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

405 Swatara Street, Dauphin

**Volunteer Appreciation** know someone living here in our community whose life is committed to serving their neighbor? Consider nominating them for the Ray Dively, Award this Volunteer Contact the church office for a vear.



nomination form. All nominations are due by March 17th.

Pajama Collection - Throughout the month of April, Zion will be collecting **NEW** (with tags still on them!) pajamas for both boys and girls, sizes 12 months to 16 to donate to Conner's Comfy PJs Program. program distributes new pajamas yearround to pediatric cancer units at the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), St. Christopher, St. Jude, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, and the Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Kid's Summer Camp - This K-8 and will be held on four Wednesdays during



summer months from 10am-12pm. This is a program that will include fun activities, educational opportunities, as well as lunch. The dates for the camp are Wednesdays: June 19, July 10, July 24, & August 7.

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

# 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 Markers can be ordered at the emergency. Township office. They are \$10 each, available in either blue or green, and 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. For more Senior information, contact JoAnn Megonnell at 717-671-8409. Attendees are

asked to bring a covered dish to share. Various speakers and events are planned. Doors open early and meetings begin at noon.

# **Fall Soccer Registration**



2019 DMPSA Fall Soccer Registrations will be open from May 1- 31. Boys & girls ages 4-17 are welcome to register. Practices begin in August; games will run

through the month of October. Registration will be open online May 1-May 31.

www.middlepaxtonsoccer.com register in May or to view updates. Look for our table at May Fair on May 18. Like us on Facebook (search for DMPSA) for the latest updates.

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

**D.A.S.T.** provides transportation for see residents of Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township who are 55 or 1 3 older who need transportation. Rides are provided to various appointments and destinations. You must call the Township office at 717-921-8128 at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a ride. The van hours of operation are 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. The

van **does not** run during inclement weather; if Central Dauphin Schools are **closed**, there is **NO** van service.



#### **VOLUNTEERS**

are desperately needed! If you can donate a day or two a month to help those who can no longer drive, we would love to have you join us. Please contact Rue Megonnell at 717-921-2727 and leave a message or come to one of our monthly meetings. Meetings are held the last Monday of the month at 9:30 AM at the Township building.

Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank Dauphin Area Community Blood

Zion Lutheran Church 405 Swatara Street, Dauphin Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Wednesday, April, 17, 2019 Wednesday, May 29, 2019 Wednesday, July 31, 2019 Wednesday, September 25, 2019

All blood drives 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm For more information call 1-800-771-0059



# Community Bulletin Board

# 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 Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 6 weeks from 8:30AM—9:30AM. Registration fee is \$45. For more information about the Strong Women program, please call the Penn State Extension office at 717-921-8803 or drop by for a visit!

https://extension.psu.edu/strongwomen-

growing-stronger

# Fire Company Flower Sale



Dauphin-Middle Paxton
Fire Co. #I will be holding
an Easter Flower sale,
April 18th, 19th, 20th, &
21st.

Locations will be 3B Ice Cream and Fort Hunter.

# HOPE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 931 Red Hill Road, Dauphin

# **Easter Eggs**



Easter Egg making is under way.
Available flavors are Peanut Butter,
Coconut Cream, and Butter Cream, in
Milk or Dark Chocolate. Price is \$12.50

a dozen. Orders can be placed by calling the Church at 717-921-2253 and leaving a message or e-mailing Liz Allio at nannyliz@yahoo.com or Cathy Christ at ccryder10@verizon.net.

# **Election Day May 21st**

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



# **Bird Watching and Listening**

Watch our Facebook page for upcoming information on a Bird Watching and Listening initiative. The program will be in two initiative.



initiative. The program will be in two parts: "Learning & Studying Session" and "Field Activities & Walking" Session.

#### BUTCH BEARD MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Date: Sept 7th

Time: 12:30 Lunch – 1:30 Shotgun Start Location: Manada Golf Club

Proceeds benefit the Butch Beard Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Dauphin Athletic Association. Visit DAA

web site for more information on sponsorship and to register.

Fishing Creek Valley Community Association 1361 Fishing Creek Valley Road, Harrisburg



Easter Egg Hunt/Chicken Corn Soup Sale

Saturday, **April 13, 2019** at **11:00AM**. There will also be hot dogs, hot sausages and baked goods.

Please bring containers for soup.

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



# **Girl Scout Troop 10101**

Girl Scout Troop 10101, part of the Dauphin 196 Service Unit, completed an **outdoor book box** and library for the community of Dauphin. The book box is located at the Dauphin Middle Paxton Joint Park by the play set. Community members are welcomed to enjoy reading donated books for all age groups. Feel free to trade/donate books to the box. The Troop worked on this project in 2018 and was awarded their **Bronze** Award upon completion.

The troop members listed from left to right include (Top row) Sherrie Whisler (Leader), Emma Wolfe, Elana Wolfe, Victoria Alleman, Tiffany Strahan (Leader), (Bottom row) Taylor Strahan, McKenna Mumma, and Brooke Whisler 

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



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

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

This past season, our scouts have helped out our local community, parks and churches as well as our commitment to the road cleanup along Clarks Valley Road. We've gone to Winter Camp and ran in the annual Klondike race, trekked some hikes, and are now getting ready for Summer Camp in July. All of this while learning to become responsible and self-confident young men and having fun in the process! Some of the places we have gone recently include: Assateague Island, Raystown Lake, and numerous other fun places.

We are looking forward to another new adventurous season this spring and summer! The boys will be able to pursue their own individual interests as well as troop activities such as kayaking, learning lifesaving skills, environmental science; work towards a trip to the BSA Florida Sea Base, summer camp and lots, lots more! Our troop also is looking forward to our fundraising activities such as the Chicken BBO, Spaghetti Dinner, and sub sales. Activities like this helps 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 that would like to help out or become part of our troop's committee! If you would like to join our troop, find out more information or are in need of community service to be provided by our scouts, please send an email to <u>DauphinTroop233@gmail.com</u> or visit our Facebook Page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?</a> id=100009372471852

# **MEALS ON WHEELS**



Sonya Boden is coordinator for Meals on Wheels of the Dauphin-Middle Paxton community. Anyone with questions about **Meals on Wheels** or to start, stop or postpone meals is asked to call **Sonya @ 717-991-5815**. Please leave your name, message and a number where you can be reached and your call will be returned as deliver a difference soon as possible. This is a **much needed service** for many within our community.





#### **SEASON PASSES**

Pool memberships are available to purchase online at <a href="www.DauphinPool.org">www.DauphinPool.org</a>. Membership forms are also available at the pool "mailbox" on the fence next to the pool building. Prices will remain the same from last year (\$220 for families/\$120 for individuals) if paid by May 15.

#### FRIENDS OF THE DAUPHIN POOL

Our pool is over 50 years old.... that is a long life for a public swimming pool. You may not visibly see all of the changes as many were inside the pump house. This was needed in order to move forward with future renovations as well as keep the pool operating.

The next stage of major renovations will be more visible, but will also come with a higher price. We have hired an aquatic engineer to do a feasibility study which is a requirement to apply for large dollar grants, such as those from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR).

DCNR grants also require a 50% match, which means a lot of fundraising. Friends of the Dauphin Pool has been formed to achieve this goal. Friends of the Dauphin Pool is 501(c)(3) .... which makes your donations tax deductible!

Do you like to do fundraisers? Do you have great fundraising ideas? Or you just want to help save the Dauphin Pool? **Friends of the Dauphin Pool** would love to have you. Let's help save our pool!

#### **GUN RAFFLE**

Tickets are \$10 and will be available until our hourly drawing begins at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2019. In addition to a chance to win one of five guns or a crossbow, you will also receive free entry into the pool that day. Tickets are available online at <a href="https://www.DauphinPool.org">www.DauphinPool.org</a> or by calling (717) 559-0277.

FRIENDS OF THE DAUPHIN POOL

# **2019 GUN RAFFLE**

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2019 AT 2:00 P.M.

~ \$10 PER TICKET ~

Remington 870 Exp 12 GA
Savage Axis with scope 243 Cal
Rugar EC9S 9MM Pistol
S&W 380 Bodyguard w/scope
Rugar Amer 17 HMR 9-shot "22 stainless steel (walnut)
Wicked Ridge Crossbow
~ or \$150 Cash Option ~

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# Join the Dauphin Swim Team



Are you looking for a way to keep your kids healthy and active this summer?

Join the Dauphin Dolphins Swim Team.

Please visit our website at **www.swimdauphin.org** or come visit us at our registration table during opening day at the ballpark.

#### **Benefits of Swimming**

- \*Very few injuries sustained from swimming when compared to other youth sports.
- \*Provides a fun and challenging way to help children stay fit.
- \*Teaches important safety skills to prevent drowning.

#### So Many Other Benefits....

In today's day and age, many children spend way too much time on electronics.

Not only are children not moving their body much while interacting with electronics, but they are also more likely to mindlessly consume food without noticing whether they are full. Physical activity can help reduce the risk of obesity and resulting physical problems.

# Dauphin Recreation Association Board of Directors

Jeff Thrush – President
Laura Updegrave – Vice President
Susan Kenyon – Treasurer
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Dan Deichmiller
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# Friends of the Dauphin Pool Committee Members

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Penny McEntee – Secretary and
Treasurer
Angela Alleman
Skip Love
Lindsey Motter
Susan Wilson

## **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!



## The Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society

**Monthly Meetings** - the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of January thru June, September and October. The Museum, Library and Gift Shop are open to the public meeting nights at 6PM; the meeting begins at 7PM.

#### **Important Dates to Remember**

- ◆ May 18 Armed Forces Day 11AM at the Square. Picnic to follow at the
- June 1 Flea Market/Bake Sale 8AM 2PM at the Old School
- October 19 "Heritage Day 2019" 8AM 4PM

## **Monthly Meetings & Speakers**

- March 28 William R. Irwin will speak on the History of Stony Creek
- April 25 Donna K. Scherer will speak on Penn State: Land Grant University Extends to each PA County
- May 23 Lloyd Hart, Vice President of the Rolls-Royce Foundation
- June 27 David Doyle and Bob Thomas will speak on the 1951 Blue Mountain B-26 Crash
- September 26 Frank Wilmarth will present Simon Girty Living History

Workshop Hours: The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month – 10AM -12Noon If you would like to do research or visit the Society's Museum, you may visit during the Workshop hours.

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Day Photography Contest is underway! Get your cameras out and explore Dauphin-Middle Paxton from your camera's lens! Following are the rules for the contest. Please note changes:

- Photos must have been taken in Dauphin Borough or Middle Paxton Township.
- Photos must have been taken from January 2018 to submission deadline (Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>).
- Photos may be color or black and white.
- Two submissions per category will be allowed.
- Submissions must be 8.5 x 11 on photo paper (photos on regular paper will be ineligible).
- Photos should have minimal digital enhancements.
- Entrant must be an amateur photographer.
- Mounting, mattes or frames will not be accepted.
- Titles and/or lettering are not permitted.
- There will be a \$1.00 fee per submission (per each photo).
- Photos may be dropped off along with an entry form for each photo from 6 -7PM on any monthly meeting night.
- Entry forms can be found on the Historical Society Website (see below).

Categories: Landscapes, Creeks & Streams, Animal-Domestic, Animal-Wild, Sunrise/Sunset

Membership - If you are interested in joining the Society, Individual or Gift Memberships are \$15.00 and Couple Memberships are \$25.00. Checks can be made payable to: Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society, P.O. box 532, Dauphin, PA 17018.



To contact the Society please email to 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!





## **CLARKS CREEK WATERSHED PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION**

At its September 25, 2018 Annual Meeting, held at the Dauphin County Agricultural & Natural Resources Center, CCWPA President Paula Zankel commended the members for their active work to help preserve, protect and defend the Clarks Creek Watershed.

Special mention was made of our work with Capitol Region Water, with the Dauphin County Emergency Management Agency, and of course our semi-annual **ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY** Trash Pickup, of which, by the Annual Meeting, there had been 14.

Also at the meeting, Rob Frank, Dauphin County Watershed Resource Specialist, presented a thorough **STATE OF THE CREEK** report. He mentioned that Clarks Creek is tested on rotating 4-5 year intervals: 2008, 2013, 2017 were the most recent test years; therefore the most recent sampling was spring 2017. The test sites are: 1.85 miles from the creek mouth at the Susquehanna River; 8.47 miles from the creek mouth at the White Barn; 16.24 miles from the creek mouth at the Appalachian Trail crossing; and 22.72 miles from the creek mouth (beyond DeHart reservoir).

Rob noted that the results of the testing were very good. Our creek is **VERY** healthy, judging from the generous amounts of living macro-invertebrates and other fauna found, species that are very sensitive to pollution, and therefore will only thrive if pollution levels are low; ours are at historically low levels.

Rob's full report is posted on line, including his detailed PowerPoint slides, on the CCWPA web site: <a href="http://ccwpa.org">http://ccwpa.org</a>.

Since the meeting, the 15th Adopt-a-Highway session took place, on October 20, 2018; in all, 7 volunteers filled 14 heavy bags of trash along a 2-mile stretch of Rte. 325, Clarks Valley Road, keeping 100s of cigarette butts, plastic trash, food trash, bottles and cans and all matter of debris OUT of the watershed, out of the creek and the Susquehanna River.

Significant dates in the future for the CCWPA are:

- 16th Adopt-a-Highway Session: May 4, 2019, as part of the Great American Clean-Up of Pennsylvania. All are invited to volunteer!
- 2019 Annual Meeting of the Association: Thursday, September 26, 2019, Dauphin County Agricultural & Natural Resources Center, 1451 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin, PA 17018. The meeting will have a social half-hour at 6:30 pm, and commence at 7 pm.

Left to right: Mary Hochendoner, Paula Zankel and Denise Scotland at the 15th Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pickup session, Saturday, October 20, 2018. Other volunteers that day included Mike Blum, Bill Coleman, Sherry McLain and John Mimnall.

Please visit the CCPWA web site — <a href="http://ccwpa.org">http://ccwpa.org</a> -- and Facebook page for more details! Or, write to <a href="mailto:info@ccwpa.org">info@ccwpa.org</a>.



# **Stop the Litters!**

**Transportation** can be provided 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

#### DAUPHIN-MIDDLE PAXTON JOINT PARK AUTHORITY

Spring is just around the corner, and so is our next baseball and softball season. Thank you to the **Dauphin Baseball and Softball Associations**, the **Dauphin Athletic Association**, and all of their volunteers, who work so hard to make the fields beautiful and ready for play. This season, the **DAA** has resurfaced Junior field, purchased new benches for all fields and replaced the lighting at **Sheetz Field** with new energy efficient LED fixtures. Thanks to the **Stoney Creek Inn** for their donation to these projections! Much of the work done to maintain our park is performed by volunteers, and supplies and materials are often donated. We would be unable to keep the park 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 921-2212 or <a href="mailto:nogorman@staleyogormanlaw.com">nogorman@staleyogormanlaw.com</a>. 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** and the support of several community businesses and organizations, the **Kennedy Field** grandstand has been completely renovated and is ready for use! 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 **Township Supervisors** and **Julie Seeds** for their support and assistance with our grant application. Please join us for our **grand re-opening** on **April 13<sup>th</sup>** during baseball and softball opening day ceremonies.

As you make plans for summer picnics, parties, family reunions and other gatherings, consider renting one of the park's pavilions. Rental fees are just \$50 for the large pavilion and \$25 for the small pavilion. Your rental includes use of the park ball fields, a handicapped accessible playground, and basketball and volleyball courts. Summer weekend dates are filling up fast! If interested in reserving a date, please contact Brian Cuddy at 418-3211 or <a href="mailto:dauphincuddys@comcast.net">dauphincuddys@comcast.net</a>.

On **May 8<sup>th</sup>** the **Central Dauphin High School** softball team will play **State College** at the park. Please join us to cheer on our local athletes!

**Dauphin Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority Board** meetings are open to the public. All are welcome to attend. Meetings occur on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., January through October. The May meeting will occur on May 20<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday. April through September, meetings are held in the large pavilion at the park. All other meetings are held at the Dauphin Borough building.



Have a safe and enjoyable spring and summer!



#### 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 is also available. The **Community Center, which is ADA accessible,** offers a full kitchen with microwave and refrigerator, along with tables and chairs. 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.

#### **HAGY PARK**

HAGY PARK

Hagy Park is for the enjoyment of everyone! The paved walking/fitness trail at the park 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. The pavilion is available for

renting for a nominal fee.

Please contact the Township office (717) 921-8128 to check on availability and to make rental arrangements.

## **HELPING CAITLIN'S SMILES**

It's time to think Spring. Think cleaning the garage. Think taking walks. Think golf. And let Caitlin's Smiles help you with these while you help Caitlin's Smiles.



Yard INDOOR YARD SALE: It's scheduled from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, April 26 and Sale Saturday, April 27 at Zion Lutheran Church in Dauphin. Want to donate those items you no longer use? Call for drop-off information at (717) 412-4759. Please note that no donations will be accepted at Caitlin's Smiles' office. Also, the following items cannot be accepted: text books, library books, encyclopedias, VHS and cassette

tapes, large furniture, mattresses, infants' furniture, TVs, computers and their accessories, air conditioners, large exercise equipment, dehumidifiers, tires, rusted tools, kerosene heaters, lawn mowers and weapons. At the sale, there will be a bake sale and a breakfast/lunch counter. You may order soup in advance at (717) 599-5444 by April 17. Please, no early birds at the sale.

WALK FOR CAITLIN'S SMILES: Walk alone or with a friend or form a walk team, all to help the kids. It's part of the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on Saturday, May 18, at HACC. The 5K walk begins at 9 a.m.; the 1-mile walk starts at 9:15 a.m. Highmark's walk benefits 48 local nonprofit organizations, including Caitlin's Smiles. Registration begins in early February. information: http://hcf.convio.net/site/TR/HighmarkWalk?fr id=2618&pg=entry





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FORE! Tee up for another "Round of Smiles", starting at noon Friday, May 31, at Range End Golf Club in Dillsburg. The proceeds will benefit Caitlin's Smiles. In addition to 18 holes of golf, there will be prizes for your hole-in-one, closest to the pin, par 3 and the longest drive, and for the top three foursomes. And there will be a banquet dinner at 5 p.m. For registration information, call (717) 412-4759.

Caitlin's Smiles, founded in 2004 by Cheryl Hornung of Middle Paxton Township in memory of her 7-year-old daughter, Caitlin, provides arts and crafts supplies, writing materials, coloring books, crayons, markers and toys for children facing life-threatening and chronic illnesses in hospitals throughout Pennsylvania and several other states.



# 2019 ELECTION DATES

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 - Primary Election

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 - General Election

# Middle Paxton Township Election Locations

- **1st Precinct** Township 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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#### MIDDLE PAXTON LIONS CLUB

Did you know the Middle Paxton Lions Club continues to increase the endowment supporting the "Lynn E Poffenberger Memorial Scholarship" sponsored by the Middle Paxton Lions Club invested through the Foundation for Enhancing Communities? Several years ago the Club members decided that the Foundation for Enhancing Communities was better able to invest the funds supporting the scholarships and they would also be better able to determine the winners each year. Two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each are available annually. Applications are available on the website of the Foundation for Enhancing Communities and are available to all seniors who live in Dauphin Borough or



Middle Paxton Township. Previously the **scholarship** was available to one student at Central Dauphin High School and one at the Dauphin County Technical school, but the **Club** decided there was no reason to restrict the potential winners to just these two schools and changed the eligibility to **any senior** who is a **resident of our community**. Profit from the annual **Lions Club** carnival and the semi-annual nut sales help to fund this endowment fund.



#### MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

#### Semi-Annual Nut Sale

The next semi-annual **nut sales** will be held on **March 30, 2019**. You can order **cashews, peanuts** or **dark-chocolate covered cashews** from any **Lions Club** member. Orders are due Thursday March 21st. The cost is as follows, **cashews** are \$13 a pound (salted or un-salted), **peanuts** are \$5 a pound (salted or un-salted) and **dark-chocolate covered cashews** are \$11 a pound. The cashews and peanuts are roasted, weighed and bagged by the Club members. Orders can be

a pound. The cashews and peanuts are roasted, weighed and bagged by the Club members. Orders cagiven to any club member or by calling Brian Cuddy 717-921-2822 or Greg College 717-921-2928.

#### **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

The annual **Easter egg hunt** will be held Saturday, **April 6, 2019** at the Dauphin—Middle Paxton park starting at noon. Candy filled plastic eggs will be provided for the children to find.





#### **Annual Carnival**

The Carnival is being held at the old schoolhouse July 9 through July 13, 2019.

We are always looking for **volunteers** to join the **Club**. If you want to help at any of our events contact any **Club** member. Greg College can be reached at 717-921-2928 and Brian Cuddy can be reached at 717-921-2822. Todd Shuler is currently the Club President, Brian Cuddy is Club Secretary and Greg College is Club Treasurer.





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

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

#### Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 pm

Bring your questions about buying, downsizing or renting out your home to **This is My House** and get feedback from a trio of realtors with decades of experience in the housing market.

#### Sunday, April 7 at 12:00 pm

**Kick off National Library Week** by visiting The Library's **Local Author Festival.** Authors will happily discuss their work and have books available to purchase.

#### Sunday, April 14 at 1:00 pm

All Aboard the RMS Titanic! Come aboard and learn what it was like to travel on the Titanic as a passenger of the vessel. Take a visual tour of the ship and learn about its doomed voyage.

#### Monday, April 22 at 1:30 pm

**Fraud Bingo** players will learn how to detect financial fraud by identifying scams affecting their communities and pick up techniques to protect themselves from financial abuse.

#### Wednesday, May 22 at 11:00 am

A rep from Dauphin County APPRISE presents **Medicare 101**. Learn about Medicare Parts A, B, C and D, compare Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplement Plans, and find out about programs available to help save money.

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

## Wednesday, April 3 at 6:00 pm

Did you read this year's One Book, One Community title, Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann? Share your thoughts at the **One Book, One Community Book Discussion.** 

# Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 pm

Let **Spirit Wing** take you on a journey into Eastern Woodlands Native American Culture through contemporary and traditional music, philosophies and dance during this hour-long presentation.



# Northern Dauphin Library, 683 Main St, Lykens, PA 17048

# Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 pm

A rep from APPRISE will go explain Medicare Parts A, B, C and D, compare Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplement Plans, and discuss programs available to help save money at **Medicare 101**.

## Monday, May 20 at 6:30 pm

Learn how to best prepare your family for disasters before they strike by making lists, completing worksheets and setting action plans at **Disaster Preparedness**.

**Discover A Universe of Stories at The Library this summer** by joining the Summer Reading Club. Join us at Fort Hunter Park on June 1 for an interstellar kick-off event! Register at any of The Library's eight locations or online at dcls.org/src.

Representative Sue Helm 104th District

Pennsylvania House of Representatives

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# **Upcoming Events for Veterans, Children and Seniors**

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

An upcoming special event will recognize the service and sacrifice of our local Vietnam veterans. I'm co-hosting the event with Sen. John DiSanto on Friday, March 29, 2019, at 9 a.m. at the Widener University School of Law, 3800 Vartan Way, Harrisburg. Our keynote speaker will be Major General Anthony Carrelli, adjutant general of Pennsylvania. In addition, commemorative 50-year lapel pins will be presented to eligible Vietnam-era veterans in attendance. Visit my website, *SueHelm.net*, for more information or to register for the event.

I will once again partner with the Dauphin County Anglers and Conservationist Club this spring to host a Children's Trout Rodeo at the club's trout nursery, located at 201 Clarks Valley Road in Dauphin. This free event will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2019, from 8-11 a.m. It's a great way to introduce youngsters to the joy of fishing.

In my continuing effort to keep older residents informed about programs and services that improve the quality of their lives, I will be hosting a senior citizens expo in the fall. The expo will take place on Thursday, September 12, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the East Hanover Township Building, 8848 Jonestown Road in Grantville.

Residents are reminded that I have two district offices that provide a variety of state-related services. One office is located at 2090 Linglestown Road in Susquehanna Township, (717) 651-0100. The other office is located 260 Market St. in Millersburg, (717) 692-0833.

My staff and I are here to serve the constituents of the 104<sup>th</sup> Legislative District and we look forward to doing so.





# State Senator John DiSanto 15th Senatorial District

Get a Head Start on Education Savings with \$100 from Keystone Scholars The PA Treasury is investing \$100 for every baby born or adopted in 2019 to be used for the child's future higher education expenses. The \$100 scholarship grant and any additional college savings the family contributes will go into a PA 529 account that will grow through investment and can be used for any qualified higher education expense. The PA Treasury will send letters to new parents with instructions on how to register for online access to manage and track the growth of the account.



The General Assembly recently enacted the Keystone Scholars Program to set every

child up for success by helping families begin thinking about saving for college and career expenses as soon as possible. Every dollar counts when it comes to paying for education and PA 529 plans are an effective tool to jumpstart a child's future. If a family invests \$25 per month starting when their child is born, by age 18 that would grow to approximately \$10,000.

The Keystone Scholars Program is supported through philanthropic contributions as well as PA Treasury investment earnings. To learn more, please visit <a href="https://www.pa529.com/keystone">www.pa529.com/keystone</a>.

#### State Performance Based Budget Plan Reports Available Online

Last session, the General Assembly passed the Performance-Based Budgeting and Tax Credit Efficiency Act. The new law requires the nonpartisan Independent Fiscal Office to evaluate and develop performance measures for each state agency to justify their annual budget requests beginning with dollar one.

In the past, government has routinely increased spending on programs without establishing any clear and objective standards for success. Rather, the trend has been to use the prior year's budget amount and increase funding based on new demands placed on the agency.

Performance-based budgeting helps to hold government accountable by highlighting programs that are accomplishing their intended results and those that are not. Budget review plans will focus on process improvement through streamlining operations, eliminating redundancies, and addressing citizen needs.

This type of budgeting process is commonsense and routine in the private sector and it is time Pennsylvania better manage taxpayer dollars. The first series of performance-based budget reviews are publicly available online at <a href="https://www.ifo.state.pa.us">www.ifo.state.pa.us</a>.

For assistance with any state-related matters, contact my office at 717-787-6801 or SenatorDiSanto.com





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# **JOB OPENING**

Middle Paxton Township is seeking applications for a part time seasonal Lawn Maintenance position to maintain the Township's Parks, Municipal and Public Works property. This is a seasonal position from April to October, weather pending. Must have experience with lawn maintenance equipment and Zero Turn mowers. For an application, please contact the Township Office at (717) 921-8128 between the hours of 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Monday through Friday.

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 by submitting to the Township Office, 10 Elizabeth Avenue. Mailing address is P.O. Box 277, Dauphin PA 17018. The Township reserves 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**.

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