

MIDDLE PAXTON DIGEST

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2019



CAN YOU ANSWER THE CALL?



Whether it be **volunteering** for the local fire department, **volunteering** to **serve** on a municipal board, **volunteering** to **drive** the local senior citizen van or **delivering** meals to the shut ins, those **answering the call** to **volunteer** time to **community service** are dwindling in number.

Family commitments, the rise in **two-income** families, an **aging** population and other **stressors** of **everyday life** have contributed to the **decline** in volunteering; however, the **call** for these services **remains**.

Where do you see yourself in helping to resolve this issue?

Can you answer the call by **giving a day or two a month or a week** to help **D.A.S.T** transport our senior citizens to doctor appointments, to the grocery store or other needed appointments and/or services? Can you become a **Meals on Wheels** volunteer? Would you consider offering to **serve** on a **municipal committee or organization**? Can you commit to **train** and **serve** our community as a volunteer with **Dauphin Middle Paxton Fire Co. #1**? Many of these services are **essential** and **depended** upon by our residents.

Take some time to **reflect** on your **talents** and **strengths** and **consider** where you can put those **abilities** to work in our **community**.

Part of the problem or part of the solution?

Can you answer the call?

Please look inside this newsletter for contact names and numbers for some of these organizations or call the Township office.





CLIP & KEEP



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

**Township Building Codes & Zoning Officer
Zoning Office (717) 921-8128 Ext. 107
Office Hours: Monday & Thursday
APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.**

**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**

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| * CAT Share-A-Ride | (717) 232-6100 |
| * Comcast Customer Service | (800) 934-6489 |
| * Dauphin Area Senior Transit—Registration Only | (717) 921-2727 |
| * Dauphin Area Senior Transit—Scheduling of Rides | (717) 921-8128 |
| * 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 |
| * Dauphin-Middle Paxton Meals on Wheels, Sonya Boden | (717) 991-5815 |
| * 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 |
| <u>Reporting Dead Animals on Roadways</u> | |
| * State Roads (Rte. 225, Rte. 325 & Rte.443) | (717) 787-5391 |
| * Township Road—Bear | (610) 926-3136 |
| * Township Road—Deer | (610) 926-1966 |

FROM THE ROADMASTER

CHIP AND FOG SEAL

Over the summer, several of the **Township roadways** received **preventative maintenance** in the form of “**chip and fog seal**”. Using both of these processes **together** was only **recently granted approval** by **PennDOT**. This **preventative maintenance process** will continue yearly as a means of buying longer life for the **Township roadways**. Which roadways will be done each year is a **decision** to be made by the **Board of Supervisors**. This is a **cost effective** way of keeping our roadways in good condition **without** the **high cost** of repaving. The inconvenience is short term; present during the application of the product. **Advance notice** will be given to the residents in the areas of the **Township** that will be impacted. **Liquid fuel monies** are used to **help defray** the costs associated with this maintenance. Although the cost of asphalt products continues to climb, the amount of liquid fuel monies received does not comparatively increase.



POTATO VALLEY ROAD BRIDGE

The contract to **replace** the **Potato Valley Road Bridge** has been **awarded** to **Deblin, Inc.**. The anticipated **Notice to Proceed** is scheduled for **October 7, 2019**. With this project, residents should expect **road closures** and **traffic delays**. Temporary inconveniences for the **benefit of permanent improvement**. Residents are asked to make the necessary **travel** and **schedule adjustments** and **abide** by all the posted speed limits. The **completion** date is **tentatively** scheduled for **June 30, 2020**. **Watch** for **updates** on our Facebook page or on our website. *A notice will be sent to those directly affected by the bridge closing when an approximate date is finalized.* **Thank you for your anticipated cooperation!**

SNOW EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

Township Ordinance 2016-05 addresses parking regulations, placing matter onto roadways, sidewalk maintenance, clearing of hydrants, and penalties for violations when a **Snow Emergency Declaration** is put into place. A **Township road assessment** will be performed making note of all properties that have items in the **Township right-of-way**. Letters will be sent requesting that these items be **removed**; cars to basketball hoops. This action is to ensure the **safety** of our **road crew** and to keep our **equipment** free of damage. You may be **liable** for any **damage** that is incurred by municipal personnel or property damage **due to violations**. **Remember** it is also **unlawful** to **blow** or **plow snow** onto roadways. Our **road crew** works day and night to keep our **roadways safe and passable 24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. We can all do **our part** to keep them **safe** and their equipment in **working order**.



FROM THE DESK OF THE BUILDING CODES & ZONING OFFICER

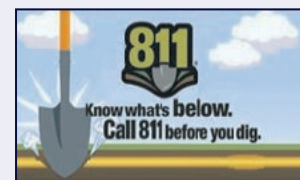
Being informed and in compliance is far better than being in violation.

Most building projects **require** a **permit**. Whether you are building a **shed** or having one delivered, putting in a **retaining wall**, adding a **deck** or a **fence**, building a **permanent mailbox** or a **chicken coop**, putting on an **addition** or adding **solar panels**, a **permit is required**. **Permits and approvals** are also required when **starting or changing a business**. **Not** all businesses are permitted in every Zoning district in the Township. **Starting a project without a required permit will result in additional costs.**

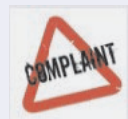


Please call the **Zoning Officer** to schedule an appointment. **Appointments are required** so that the Zoning Officer can allot the proper amount of time to **answer your questions** and **explain** the process and requirements, **without interruption**. Walk-ins cannot always be accommodated. The **Zoning Officer** is in the office **Monday** and **Thursday** and can be reached at (717) 921-8128, Ext. 107.

Permit applications are available online at www.middlepaxtontwp.org under “**Resources - Applications**” or from the **Zoning Officer**.



CODES ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE



The Township’s **Codes Official** is tasked with **enforcing** Township ordinances and addressing **complaints** and **violations**. The **process for filing** a complaint is as follows:

- ♦ A **complaint form** must be completed, signed and submitted to the Township office. Complaint forms are available at the Township office or on our website, www.middlepaxtontwp.org. **Anonymous or verbal complaints will not be addressed.**
- ♦ The **Codes Official** will review all filed complaints and determine next steps. A letter is often times sent to the property owner detailing the concern along with a copy of the applicable ordinance. **Names of complainants are kept confidential.**
- ♦ If the **situation persists**, a **Notice of Violation** may be issued and possible fines imposed.
- ♦ If the issue remains unresolved, the Township may file a **civil complaint** with the **Magisterial District Justice**. At this time, the **complainant may be asked to testify**.

Please **contact** the Township office if you have questions or concerns; (717) 921-8128, Ext.108.

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

PLEASE BE A RESPECTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET!

The **parks** in **Dauphin Borough** and **Middle Paxton Township** are for **all** to use and enjoy. **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.**



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND DAUPHIN-MIDDLE PAXTON FIRE COMPANY #1



With the coming of **Fall** also brings our annual **Open House and Chicken BBQ**. The date is set for **SEPTEMBER 28TH**, beginning at **10:00AM** until **4:00PM**. **BUT** the **Chicken BBQ** will only last if the chicken lasts. So, **come early, come hungry!!!** The **Chicken BBQ** is one of our main fundraisers we hold each year. **Your support at these activities is greatly appreciated.**

The **Open House** is a yearly event featuring the services the fire company provides to the community. You can see what **equipment** we have on the apparatus, **talk** to our **members**, **tour** the **firehouse**, and **ride** on the **fire engine**. The **Open House** is also **open** to **community organizations**, **Boy Scouts** and **Girl Scouts**, the **Heritage Group**, and **LifeTeam**, your ambulance provider. These are a few of the groups. **Come out and talk to them.** Know what's going on.

Do you know what to do in case of a fire? Is your home/business equipped with **Smoke** and **Carbon Monoxide (CO2) detectors**? Need **information** or **help** with these devices, **contact the Fire Company**. We provide **Fire Safety Programs** for groups of all ages. In **October** we will be **visiting** a local **childcare facility** and spending the day at **Middle Paxton Elementary School**.



Dauphin Middle Paxton Fire Company responded to approximately **400 calls** for assistance **last year**. Members spend a **minimum** of **200 hours in-house training** and many **more hours** attending other **fire trainings** offered by HACC or other mutual aide fire companies. During the year, you may see **fire apparatus** just out **riding** through your neighborhood. We **train** our driver/operators by **driving our streets** for familiarization of area and at times will have them stop and connect to a hydrant near you. Since we are a rural fire company, our **operators** must learn to **draft and siphon** water from streams and the river. We then **shuttle** the water to where the incident is.

Driving throughout the community, many of our **lanes are privately owned**. If you could be kind to us, we would **appreciate** if the residents on these lanes could **maintain the brush and trees**. Please try to keep the private lanes at **least 12 feet wide and 12 feet of height**. This will allow **fire apparatus** to pass through, if necessary, **without causing damage** to the vehicles.



During the **fall season** prepare your property for the **winter** months. **Clear brush and debris** from your **rain gutters** and around your **residence**. If you plan on **burning this debris**, do so in a **container** and on a **non-windy** day. Have someone there with a **source of water** if something were to happen. On the day you are doing a **controlled burn** of your brush, **call Dauphin County** at **717-558-6900**. This is the **non-emergency** number. **Inform** them of the **location** and **duration** of the burn. If you have **questions** as to what can be burned, **call the Township** office and ask about the burn ordinance or go to the **Township web site** and search burn ordinance.

Your **in-house preparations** should include **preparing** for **electric outages**. Have your **generator serviced** prior to the winter, test it to be sure of proper operation. When was the last time you **tested** your **home smoke** and **carbon monoxide detectors**? They should be tested monthly. If you have battery operated detectors, **replace the batteries** every 6 months. **Plan** your **escape route** during a fire or incident. Have a **family meeting place**. Practicing fire safety in your home is a time for putting peace of mind in your family. **For further information regarding being prepared, go to: www.ready.pa.gov**

We hope to see you at our **Open House** in **September**.
Practice fire safety in your home.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you. We appreciate you!

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY ALERT

SEE IT? REPORT IT!

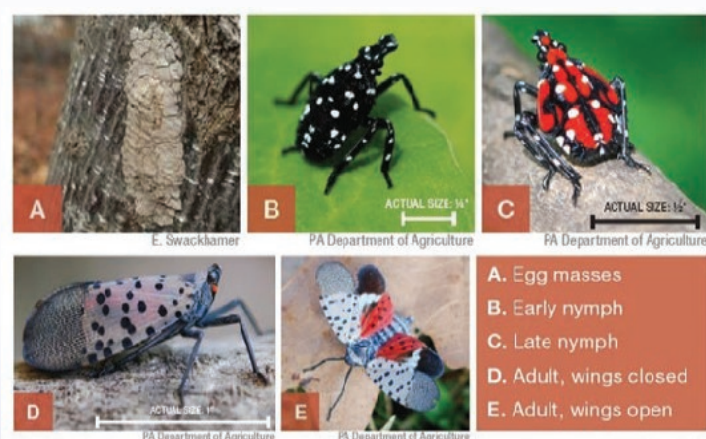
The **spotted lanternfly** is an **invasive insect** from Asia currently found in southeastern Pennsylvania, and sightings have been reported in some neighboring states. The **spotted lanternfly** poses a **significant threat** to Pennsylvania agricultural commodities including the **grape, tree fruit, hardwood, landscape and nursery industries**, which are collectively worth nearly **\$18 billion** to the state's economy.

To **slow** or **stop** the spread, the **Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture** imposed a **quarantine** requiring the **inspection** of all items moving within or out of the area to **prevent** the transport of any **living life stage** of the pest. **Businesses and organizations conducting business** in the **quarantine zone** **must** have permits from PDA to move vehicles, equipment and goods within and out of the zone.

Dauphin County is in the quarantine area and the spotted lanternfly has been seen in Middle Paxton Township.

This plant hopper **weakens plants** by feeding on sap. It **excretes** a sticky, sugary substance called **honeydew**, which **attracts** stinging insects, **promotes the growth** of sooty mold, and causes a **messy nuisance** for residents.

KNOW what to look for:



REPORT spotted lanternfly sightings at extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly.

STOP the spread of this invasive insect by **DESTROYING** all life stages that you find. Check your car and other outdoor equipment before traveling.

SHARE your knowledge with others.

Call our **hotline** at 1-888-422-3359 to report a sighting or with questions on spotted lanternfly management.

You may also **report a spotted lanternfly sighting** from our website

extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly.

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 this service. **All Township residents are required to have an account with Waste Management.**

Standard Service **\$25.59 per month (Sept. 2019 - Sept. 2020)**
Standard Service includes **2 large, 30-33 gallon trash bags, unlimited recycling and one bulk item pick up per week.** Bags should be able to be picked up by one individual without tearing. No substituting a large bag for one bulk item. **Extra tags** can be purchased at the **Township office** for **\$5.30 per tag** (cash or check) for excess bags over the allowable two bags .

Tag-A-Bag Customers **\$ 5.30 per tag** (30-33 gallon trash bag)
Bulk Item pick up **\$35.00 per item** (must call ahead to WM)
Recycle Bins **18 gal - \$15.00**
33 gal - \$18.00

New residents moving into the area and **purchasing an existing home** must pay for new recycle bins. (Previous resident should have left bin behind.) Residents who **build a new home** in the Township will receive a **free recycle bin.**

Waste Management will **NOT** take any items that have Freon in them or that were manufactured to use Freon. Residents may call **Dauphin County Recycling Center** at **(717) 982-6772** for information on what they accept and any applicable fees. Waste Management **will not** take any type of **electronics** (TVs, computers, copiers, printers, etc.) These items may be taken to the **Dauphin County Recycling Center** free of charge for Dauphin County Residents. **Waste Management** does not accept leaves and weeds. The ideal solution is a home compost pile.

The Township strongly encourages our residents to recycle. The following materials may be recycled and placed curbside on your weekly trash day:



- ♦ Aluminum cans – food & beverage consisting of aluminum, excluding aluminum foil, trays, and plates.
- ♦ Bimetal cans – food & beverage containers consisting of a steel cylinder and an aluminum top and bottom
- ♦ Glass – bottles, jars or other containers made of clear, colored glass. This includes all food and beverage containers made of glass. Excluded are light bulbs and window or plate glass.
- ♦ Newsprint – Paper having printed news or other matter of public interest.
- ♦ Magazines – glossy publications, advertisements and inset of newspapers.
- ♦ High Grade Office Paper – bond, copier, letterhead, or mimeograph paper.
- ♦ Plastics – food, beverage & detergent containers comprised of the following resins: **#1, #2, and #5 only.**
- ♦ Steel Cans – food & beverage containers consisting of steel.
- ♦ Corrugated Paper – cardboard boxes & packaging.
- ♦ Paperboard – containers of dry food such as cereal.

Help Stop the Litters!

Please call today and leave a message! (717) 921-2117 **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 and **tomcats** with injuries can be fixed. Cats will receive **vaccinations** including rabies. We can provide **traps** for capturing wild and shy cats.



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

Michael McKenna - Mayor

John Windish - President

David Grbich - Vice President

David Koppenhaver - Council Pro-tem

Donald Harner - Councilman

Kevin Musselman - Councilman

Joseph Wynn - Councilman

**Trudy Koppenhaver - Administrator/
Secretary**

Cindy Long - Treasurer

Virginia Wynn - Tax Collector



The **Borough of Dauphin** along with the **Historical Society** is planning a **250th Founders Day** event for **October 2020**. If you would like to **participate** in helping with this event, please contact Dauphin Borough at **717-921-2633** for more details. **Dauphin Borough** and **Middle Paxton Township** residents are **encouraged to participate**.

Trash Collection - Trash collection is one day per week. The current scheduled collection day is **Wednesday**. Under the Borough contract with **Waste Management**, the trucks may arrive as early as **5 A.M.** Please have your trash along the curb by this time. If your trash is not picked up because it was not put out on time, **Dauphin Borough** will not pick up your trash. You will be responsible for your trash until the next scheduled pick up day. **One (1) bulk item** is permitted each week. **Bulk items include:** tables, chairs, sofas, mattresses, box spring, appliances (washer, dryer, dishwasher, etc.), and similar items provided two people can lift the item into the back of the truck. **Non-acceptable items include:** batteries, propane tanks, household hazardous waste, loose piles, tree stumps, yard debris, construction demo, herbicides/insecticides, electronics, and items containing Freon.

Dauphin Borough has purchased **new** playground equipment for the **Dauphin Community Park** (old school playground). This equipment is being purchased through a **Gaming Grant** obtained from the **Community Development Block Grant Program**. The playground equipment will be installed in **early spring of 2020**.

The **Borough** purchased a **street sweeper** which will allow the **Borough** to sweep our streets throughout the year. **No parking signs** will be posted on your street a day **in advance** of the sweeping. Please **remove** your vehicle to allow the workers to **clean** your street.

Community Bulletin Board

DAUPHIN AREA SENIOR TRANSIT



D.A.S.T. provides transportation for residents of Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township who are **55 or older** who need transportation. Rides are provided to various appointments and destinations. Contact the Township office at 717-921-8128 at least **24 hours in advance** to schedule a ride. The van hours of operation are **8:00AM to 3:30PM**. 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 are under 70 years young and 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.

Reminder!

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 contact **Sonya** at **717-991-5815**. Please leave your name, brief message and a number where you can be reached and your call will be returned as soon as possible.



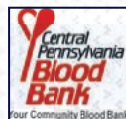
Sunshine Senior Citizens

Sunshine Senior Citizens meet the **1st Thursday** of each month at **Hope United Presbyterian Church, 931 Red Hill Road, Dauphin**. For more 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**.

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

**Zion Lutheran Church
405 Swatara Street, Dauphin**

Wednesday, September 25, 2019
Wednesday, November 20, 2019



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

Friday,
December 6, 2019
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.

Community Bulletin Board

L.I.F.T.

StrongWomen is now called **L.I.F.T.**, Lifelong Improvements Through Fitness Together. Classes are **8 weeks** from **8:30AM to 9:30AM**, three mornings a week. Cost is **\$60 for 8 weeks**. Classes are held at the **Dauphin County Agriculture & Natural Resources Center**, 1451 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin. Call Penn State Extension Dauphin County for more information at 717.921.8803.



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HOPE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 931 Red Hill Road, Dauphin

Kid's Club

Starting **September 5, 2019**
Ages 4 & 5



Songs, stories, crafts and snacks
Call the church office
717-921-2258 to register or for more details.

November 5, 2019

Election Day- Food, Soup & Bake Sale

Eat-in or Take -out, Quarts of Soup to Go.
7:00AM until Sold Out!



November Christmas Candy Sale

Buckeyes, Butter Cream, Coconut Creams



Dark or Milk Chocolate- Will be ready for pick-up before Thanksgiving

January 6th, 2020 Easter Egg Making begins.

We will feature **Peanut Butter, Coconut Cream, and Butter Cream, in Dark or Milk Chocolate.** Order forms will be available the beginning of February.



To order, call the church office @ 717-921-2253, Liz @ 717-921-2023, or Cathy @ 717-921-8088.

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



Fall Fest/Chicken Corn Soup Sale
Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 11:00 AM
(Make sure to bring containers for soup)

Hot dogs, hot sausages and baked goods will also be available for purchase.

Breakfast With Santa - Saturday, December 7, 2019 - 8 AM - 12 PM
(You must register for this event).



Easter Egg Hunt/Chicken Corn Soup Sale

Saturday, April 4, 2020 - Promptly at 11 AM
(Make sure to bring containers for soup)

Call **Natalie Bailor** at **(717) 599-5698** if interested in **volunteering** or if would like to **make a donation**.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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. Custom markers can be ordered at the Township office. Markers are \$10 each, available in either blue or green, and can be made to hang either horizontally or vertically. Order forms are also available on the Township website.

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TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Dauphin Borough
and
Middle Paxton Township
will have
Trick or Treat Night
on
Thursday, October 31, 2019.

Clarks Valley Zion E.C. Church

210 McKelvey Road, Dauphin



October 31st - 6PM—8PM Fall Family Fun Night

Join us Trick or Treat Night for a FREE, fun, safe night for the whole family, with game booths, candy, hay rides, cake raffle, bonfire and lots of food. For more info call (717) 921-8153.

Christmas Memories

CVZ Christmas play dates are
December 14 at 7PM and
December 15 at 2:30PM & 7PM.
Spend some time with us as we
remember the true meaning of
Christmas.



The Township Office is closed on the following days throughout the calendar year. Please make note of these dates.

- * New Years Day
- * Good Friday
- * Memorial Day
- * Independence Day
- * Labor Day
- * Veterans Day
- * Thanksgiving Day
- * Thanksgiving Friday
- * Christmas

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

405 Swatara Street, Dauphin

- ◇ Zion Lutheran Church Dinner season will begin in October! Our Saturday Suppers are always on the 2nd Saturday of the month, so mark your calendars now:

Oct 12 - Pot Pie
Nov 9 - Pork & Sauerkraut
Dec 14 - Roast Beef
Jan 11 - Hog Maw
Feb 8 - Italian
March 14 - Pot Pie



Dinners will be served from 12-4PM, or until sold out, and take out is always available! Menu may be subject to change.



- ◇ Zion Lutheran Church's Fall Bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 26th from 9AM-1PM. Come to check out some of the visiting vendors, shop the table of sweet treats and apple dumplings and enjoy some delicious food from Zion's kitchen. If you'd like to make certain you get an apple dumpling or two, call the church office at 717-921-8111 to pre-order.

- ◇ Zion Lutheran Church hosts Trunk-or-Treat on October 31st from 6-8PM. Come thru our parking lot and visit the many decorated cars that will help fill up your goodie bags!



Girls Just Wanna Have FUN...if you are looking for **FUN**, the **Girl Scouts** are looking for **YOU**.

It's never too late. You can **join** the **FUN** anytime!

Join a troop in the **Dauphin-Middle Paxton Area** to **begin** your adventure.

Do a project to make a difference in your community.

Expand your circle of friends.

Develop your leadership skills.

Gain confidence in yourself.

Have FUN!

Girls come on out and join in the **FUN, FRIENDS AND MEMORY MAKING** opportunities that are available. As an **adult**, you can **give** your **time** and share your **knowledge** and **skills** to help **girls** of today become **leaders** of tomorrow. **Kindergarten thru 12th grade** opportunities are available for you.



Contact **Girl Scouts** in the **Heart of Pennsylvania** at www.gshpa.org
or at **717-233-1656** or **800-692-7816**.

**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 **summer camp** at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation, trekked a few **hikes**, some **overnight campouts**, and assisting one of our own scouts reach his potential in obtaining his Eagle badge.

We are looking forward to another new adventurous season this fall and winter with **campouts**, the **Wizard Safari** in October and the annual **Klondike Race/winter camp!** 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 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 DauphinTroop233@gmail.com or visit our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009372471852>

The Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society

Monthly Meetings — the 4th 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. Our speakers are always **fun** and **interesting** and the **public is welcome!**

Important Dates to Remember

- **October 11**— Deadline for the **Logo Contest** for the **250th Anniversary** of Dauphin Borough
- **October 19**— “Heritage Day” 8AM — 4PM

Monthly Meetings & Speakers

- **September 26**— **Frank Wilmarth** will present **Simon Girty Living History**
- **October 24**— **Graham Hetrick**, Dauphin County **Coroner**
- **January 23, 2020**— **Show & Tell**...Bring an item of interest and tell us about its history!

Workshop Hours: The 2nd and 4th **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.



6th 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, 2019)**.
- 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 Sunrise/Sunset
Animal-Wild

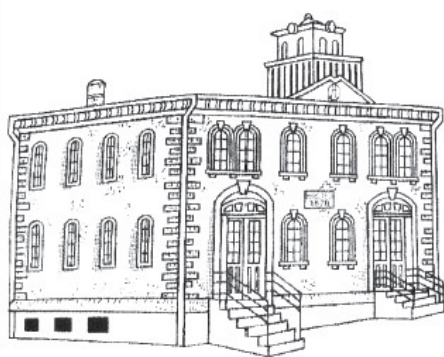
Membership - If you are interested in **joining** the Society, individual or gift memberships are **\$15.00** and couple memberships are **\$25.00**. **Checks** can be made **payable to: Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society, P.O. Box 532, Dauphin, PA 17018**.

To contact the society please email to dmphist@comcast.net or 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!](#)

**We wish to thank the community for your donations...
from the smallest to the largest, the oldest to the most recent...
all of the donations are very much appreciated...thank you!!**



Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society's



13th Annual

Heritage Day

Saturday, October 19, 2019

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. New displays include: Christmas Past; Stoney Creek Club 1940-1980; Museum donations from the past year. Ongoing displays include: the Last Raft; Schoolroom, Military, Lion & Lioness Club, Speece's Dairy, Paintings from Dauphin Artists, Post Office & Church displays, Signs & Advertisements, Map display, Walter Shaffer, Fertig and Heckton displays! For research there are the 11 binders of Homes of the Patriots of the American Revolution from Dauphin County as well as our extensive collections that are continually updated!

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES!!

Bounce House! 4-H Pony Rides (10-2)! Pumpkin Painting!
Games! Children's Crafts!

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, 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 email is dmphist@comcast.net
Website: www.dauphin-middlepaxtonhs.weebly.com



LOGO CONTEST FOR 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF DAUPHIN BOROUGH

FIRST PRIZE ONLY: \$250

OBJECTIVE: The creation of a design representing Dauphin to serve as our LOGO for the 250th Anniversary

ELIGIBILITY: Open to any student in grades 6-12
Dauphin residency not required.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Black/white or color acceptable
2. Must submit a "hard" copy
3. Copy must be 8 X 10 (or 8 1/2 x 11)
4. Must be your original design—one entry per student

DEADLINE: Must be received by Friday, Oct. 11, 2019

WINNER: Will be announced Heritage Day, Oct. 19, 2019

DISCLAIMER: All entries become property of the 250th Anniversary Committee. Winning entry will be used on t-shirts, sweatshirts, commemorative glasses, banners, etc.

SUBMIT ENTRY TO: 250th Anniversary Committee

P.O. Box 487, Dauphin, PA 17018

Please visit <https://dauphin-middlepaxtonhs.weebly.com/> to print copies of this form.

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School: _____

Grade: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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Dauphin County Commissioners appoint cross-section of residents to a steering committee determining the future of Detweiler Park

MIDDLE PAXTON TOWNSHIP (May 15, 2019) – What does a high school student, township manager, hunter, forester, tourism expert and a business owner have in common?

They are all part of the 16-member **Detweiler Park Master Site Plan Steering Committee** appointed by the **Dauphin County Commissioners** today to help decide the best **recreational improvements** for the **400-acre park** over at least the next decade.

The Commissioners introduced the committee at an evening picnic in one of Detweiler's wooded groves and stressed they are looking for continued public input throughout the **12- to 18-month planning process**.

"We received interest from more than 70 residents asking to serve on the committee, and it wasn't easy making the final selection," said board **Chairman Jeff Haste**. "I want to thank the 16 members for agreeing to serve, and I hope those who were not selected will remain involved as we move forward."

Since **Detweiler Park** in **Middle Paxton Township** opened in the summer of 2017, more than **600 visitors** have provided feedback, with suggestions ranging from keeping it natural and adding more hiking trails and restrooms to a fenced-in dog park and trails for bicycles. There have also been **requests** to allow hunting, which will be considered along with other potential activities.

"**Detweiler** is a true gem and we want to make sure what we do now can be appreciated and enjoyed by our children and their children," said **Commissioner Mike Pries**. "The process we're starting is really creating an owner's manual for the park that will decide how we phase in the improvements people want to see."

"We've said from the start that this is the 'people's park' and we welcome all ideas," said **Commissioner George P. Hartwick, III**. "This truly is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

The steering committee's first job will be working with county officials to select a consultant to help gather public input, analyze the park's features and draft the master plan. At least three public meetings are planned, with the first likely occurring in the fall to present a report about the park and seek further public input. The next meeting would go over a draft of the master plan with a third held to review the final draft before it is submitted for Commissioners' approval.

The **county** received a **\$75,000 grant** from the state **Department of Conservation and Natural Resources** for the planning process, which the **Commissioners** matched with a **\$75,000 gaming grant**.

Detweiler Park already features seven miles of walking trails through various habitats and a fish hatchery maintained by the **Dauphin County Anglers** and **Conservation Club on Clark's Creek**, which borders the park's western edge. Additionally, there are two fields, each approximately 75 acres, that some have suggested could be used for festivals and events.

About **1,500 visitors** a month have come to **Detweiler Park** since its grand opening in June 2017, or about 50 guests per day.

The park was made possible in part by a **generous donation** from the **Detweiler Family**, who once operated the Harrisburg Telegraph, WHP and Stackpole Books. Members of the family lived on the property for almost a century and wanted to see it preserved. *Continued on next page...*

Last year, the commissioners unveiled a unique "**Adopt-A-Chair**" fundraising campaign to help maintain and care for the park that features beautiful Adirondack chairs, handcrafted by E&S Vinyl in Millersburg. Each **\$200 chair** features a **personalized plaque** of the donor's choosing and will provide beautiful seating areas at the park for years to come.

The following were appointed to the Detweiler Park Master Site Plan Steering Committee:

- Sally Zaino, president, Manada Conservancy
- Julie Seeds, Middle Paxton Township manager and park neighbor
- Vera Cornish, community speaker and facilitator
- Joe Sherrick, president, Dauphin County Anglers & Conservationists, which operates the E.J. Stackpole Memorial Fish Nursery in the park
- Eric Naguski, director, Dauphin County Conservation District
- Deb Everly, member, TriCounty Regional Planning Commission
- Chris Rebert, naturalist and manager of Dauphin County's Wildwood Park
- Amy Young, Middle Paxton Township resident and community recreation advocate
- Paula Zankel, president, Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association and adjoining property owner
- Justin Goa, student, Central Dauphin High School
- Amma Johnson, owner of Amma Jo, a local business
- Justin Warren, vice president, Central Dauphin School District Board of Directors
- Josh First, member, Dauphin County Planning Commission and hunting advocate
- Gregg Cook, executive director, Hershey Harrisburg Sports & Events Authority
- Andy Brought, forester, state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry
- George Connor, executive director, Dauphin County Department of Community & Economic Development

For more information about the Adopt-A-Chair campaign or to suggest what you would like to see at the park, go to www.detweilerpark.org.



FISHING CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER

Fishing Creek Community Center is a **popular venue** to rent for birthday parties, baby showers, and graduation and anniversary parties. The **Community Center, which is ADA accessible,** offers a **full kitchen** with **microwave** and **refrigerator**, along with **tables** and **chairs**. **Contact the Township office (717) 921-8128** to check on **availability** and to make **rental arrangements**.

HAGY PARK

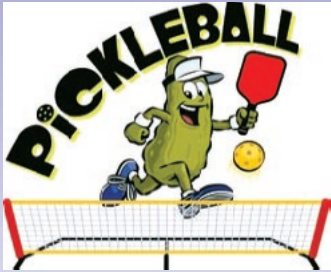
Visit Hagy Park!

The **paved walking/fitness trail** at the park is for the use of everyone; it is **ADA handicap accessible**. The **playground area, tennis courts and fields** are also for everyone's enjoyment. Please abide by the posted rules: **NO bicycles, skateboards, scooters or motorized vehicles are permitted** on the trail. Violators will be asked to leave the park. If you are a dog owner, please **leash** your dog and **pick up** after them. For a nominal fee, the **pavilion** is available to **rent**. Please contact the **Township office (717) 921-8128** to check on **availability** and to make **rental arrangements**.

PICKLEBALL COMING TO HAGY PARK

A recent NBC today show episode claims **pickleball** may be “**The fastest growing sport you've never heard of.**”

According to Amanda Loudin of NBC News “**Pickleball** has had a 650 percent increase in numbers over the last six years. The biggest subset of that growth is not in the over-60 crowd, says Justin Maloof, executive director of USAPA, but the younger set. “When the sport first caught on in the Sunbelt states around 2009, it was at 55-plus centers and RV communities,” he says. “It snowballed from there. But these days, there are many municipalities and parks and rec departments that are setting up courts, making it accessible to a younger crowd.”



What is pickleball?

“For the uninitiated, **pickleball** is something of a **mix between tennis, racquetball and ping pong.** Players use special paddles and a whiffle ball, and games take place on tennis courts with specific **pickleball** lines. Nets and court sizes are smaller than their tennis counterparts, and the most common game is doubles, although singles is also an option. It has its own set of quirky rules — for instance, try to stay out of the “kitchen”— but they’re easy to learn” states Ms. Loudin

Affordable and fun for the whole family!

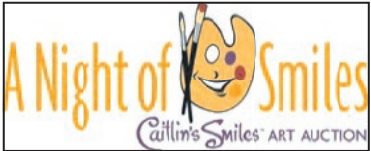


In her article, Amanda emphasizes “**Pickleball** is also **affordable**, making it accessible to all. A beginner can pick up a basic **wooden paddle** and **balls** at retailers like Dick’s Sporting Goods or on Amazon for around **\$30**. As the game grows and spreads throughout the country, access to many municipal courts is free, and even league play is relatively cheap when compared to other racquet sports.”

When the lines are re-painted on the tennis court at **Hagy Park** later this month, they will include the lines needed to play **pickleball**. So, don’t just sit there - **grab a paddle** and **some friends** and head up to **Hagy Park**. Better yet, get a group together and start a **Township pickleball league!**

Pickleball - fun for the whole family!

"A NIGHT OF SMILES"



Our **premier fundraising** event, “**A Night of Smiles**” Art Auction, is right around the corner. On **Saturday** evening, **October 5**, supporters, friends, and volunteers of **Caitlin's Smiles** will gather at the **Radisson in Camp Hill** for a few amazing hours filled with fun, fellowship, and fundraising. **Artwork and fine crafts** will be up for **silent auction** — including **paintings, photographs, pottery, quilts, jewelry**, and amazing **gift baskets**. **Donations of gift baskets and art** are still **needed!** There are also still **sponsorship opportunities** available. A **live auction** of pictures created by **children** who have received **our services** will be the **highlight** of the evening. This year, we are very excited to announce our special **guest speaker, Gisele Fetterman, second lady of Pennsylvania**. She is also the **founder** of the **Braddock Free Store** and **co-founder** of **412 Food Rescue** in the Pittsburgh area. **Appetizers, a pasta bar, carving stations, dessert, and beverages** are **included with admission**. There is also a **cash bar**. Tickets are **on sale** now for **\$50** and may be purchased by **mailing a check** payable to **Caitlin's Smiles** to our office at **3303 N. 6th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110**.

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. Are you in need of **service hours** for a school or religious organization? **We need you!** Most jobs are one-time or short term, and may include things like mulch spreading, painting, spring cleanup and trash can maintenance. 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.**

Sadly, our park has been **damaged** by **vandals** several times in the last few months. Most recently, all of the light fixtures and electrical wiring in the **large pavilion** were **torn out** and **destroyed**. Many **thanks** to **Matt Smith** who **donated** his **time** and all of the **materials** to make the necessary repairs. If you have **information** regarding this or any other act of **vandalism** at the park, please contact the **Pennsylvania State Police** or **Nichole O’Gorman** at the number above.

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 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. **April through September**, meetings are held at the **large pavilion at the park**. **All other meetings** are held at the **Dauphin Borough building**.



2019 Fall ELECTION DATE

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



News from the Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association

Volunteers from the **Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association** gathered on Saturday morning, May 4, 2019, for its **17th Adopt-a-Highway** trash pickup effort, scouring both sides of two miles of Route 325 Clarks Valley Road, in Dauphin, PA. Led by CCWPA President Paula Zankel and CCWPA Secretary Mike Blum, the workers in two groups carefully walked down the road, filling over a dozen large trash bags with debris, trash, garbage, car parts, tobacco products and more. The effort was once again under the auspices of the **Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania**.

"It's been a real privilege to do this now seventeen times, beginning in 2011," says Zankel. "We have noticed that, as the years have gone by and our efforts have continued, the **road seems much cleaner**. We hope that this means that our efforts have convinced the public that littering is wrong, that the environment needs to be protected, and that trash belongs in the proper receptacles, not tossed out a car window!" she adds.

Significant items removed on May 4 included 478 cigarette butts; 83 food wrapper trash items; 52 beverage cans (mostly beer cans); 49 plastic beverage bottles; and 48 tobacco packaging items (mostly Copenhagen brand tobacco cans). "There's always a few unique things," Zankel states. "This time, we found a pair of long johns — you don't see those often! — and a pair of women's rubber wading boots!"

The **CCWPA** estimates it has **removed well over two tons** of trash, garbage and debris from Clarks Valley Road as part of this program.



The CCWPA's **2nd "Clarks Creek Walk"** took place on a beautiful, warm Sunday, June 9, 2019, from 3 - 5 pm. 28 members of the CCWPA and the general public walked about a mile and a half of the creek banks, inspecting riparian buffering, the effects of recent flooding and creek diversion, creek-side wildflowers and other flora, and more.

Botanist Rachel Goad, M.S., a staff biologist for the Western PA Conservancy, led the walk, discussing native growth, invasive species, and general creek-side flora.

"We thank Ms. Goad," says Blum, "for her dedication and absolutely voluminous knowledge, and her willingness to share it with the group. She answered every question and knew the growth stage, name and impact of every growing thing along the banks," Blum adds. "It was totally impressive!"

The **2019 Annual Meeting** of the Association is **scheduled** for Thursday, **September 26, 2019**, in the Dauphin County Agricultural & Natural Resources Center, 1451 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin, PA 17018. The CCWPA Annual Meeting will have a social half-hour at 6:30 pm, and commence at 7 pm. The **public is invited**; the meeting is free of charge. The work of the Association over the past year will be reviewed, and reports on water quality, emergency notifications, local changes and more matters of interest are planned.

The **18th CCWPA Adopt-a-Highway** volunteer trash-pickup session is scheduled for **Saturday, October 19, 2019**, from 9 am to noon along a 2-mile stretch of Rte. 325, Clarks Valley Road. Everyone interested in helping to keep 100s of cigarette butts, plastic trash, food trash, bottles and cans and all matter of debris **OUT** of the watershed, out of the creek, the Susquehanna River, the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, is welcome to join members of the Association in this effort. Children are welcome, too, so long as their parents are present. Volunteers meet at Flemish Down, 1231 Clarks Valley Road, for instructions and supplies. There is a **free pizza party** afterwards for everyone who helped.

For more information, including maps and fact sheets about the **Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association**, please visit the Association's web site at ccwpa.org or its Facebook page at facebook.com/CCWPA/.

COMCAST ANNOUNCES LARGEST EVER EXPANSION OF ITS INTERNET ESSENTIALS PROGRAM TO REACH ALL LOW-INCOME AMERICANS

Three Million Newly Eligible Households Include Those with Disabilities and Seniors

Comcast announced it is significantly **expanding eligibility** for **Internet Essentials**, which is the nation's largest, most comprehensive and most successful broadband adoption program in America, to include **all qualified low-income households** in its service area. The expansion is the most significant change in the program's history, and the Company estimates that more than three million additional low-income households, including households with people with disabilities, are **now eligible to apply**. In addition, the company announced that, since August 2011, **Internet Essentials** has connected more than eight million low-income individuals, from two million households, to the Internet at home, most for the first time in their lives. Today's announcement follows 11 prior eligibility expansions, including last year's extension of the program to low-income veterans.

"This expansion is the culmination of an audacious goal we set eight years ago, which was to meaningfully and significantly close the digital divide for **low-income** Americans," said David L. Cohen, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer of **Comcast NBCUniversal**. "The Internet is arguably the most important technological innovation in history, and it is unacceptable that we live in a country where millions of families and individuals are missing out on this **life-changing resource**. Whether the Internet is used for **students** to do their **homework**, **adults** to **look for and apply** for new **jobs**, **seniors** to **keep in touch** with friends and family, or **veterans** to access their well-deserved **benefits or medical assistance**, it is absolutely essential to be connected in our modern, digital age."

To be eligible to apply to the program, **low-income applicants** simply need to show they are participating in one of more of a **dozen different federal assistance programs**. These include: **Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**. A **full list** of these programs can be found at www.internetessentials.com. The Company **already accepts** applications from households that have a student eligible to participate in the **National School Lunch Program**, live in **public housing** or receive **HUD Housing Assistance**, including **Section 8 vouchers**, or participate in the **Veterans Pension Program**, as well as **low-income seniors** and **community college students** in select pilot markets.

Internet Essentials has an integrated, wrap-around design that addresses each of the three major barriers to broadband adoption that research has identified. These include: a lack of digital literacy skills, lack of awareness of the relevance of the Internet to every day life needs, and fear of the Internet, the lack of a computer, and cost. As a result, the **program includes**: multiple options to access free **digital literacy training** in print, online, and in person, the **option to purchase** an Internet-ready **computer for less than \$150**; and low-cost, high-speed **Internet service for \$9.95 a month plus tax**. The program is structured as a **partnership** between **Comcast** and tens of thousands of school districts, libraries, elected officials, and nonprofit community partners.

For more information, or to apply for the program in seven different languages, please visit www.internetessentials.com or call 1-855-846-8376. Spanish-only speakers can also call 1-855-765-6995.





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

Children's Book Week: Author/Illustrator Jonathan Bean (Family-Friendly)

Elizabethville Area Library: Friday, November 8 at 5:30 pm

East Shore Area Library: Sunday, November 10 at 2:00 pm

Meet local Author/Illustrator Jonathan Bean! Each attending family will receive a free copy of *Big Snow*. Get a book signed & enjoy *Big Snow* related activities. Visit dcls.org/cbw for more information & to register.



Youth Programming Registration Begins

Session 6: Registration begins Tuesday, September 3; Session begins September 16

Session 7: Registration begins Tuesday, October 15; Session begins October 28

These 5-week sessions focus on topics ranging from reading to STEAM to financial education. Engaging & fun for your child – they provide developmentally appropriate, standards-based early education experiences too.

Tuesdays, Tuesdays, September 3 & 17, October 1 & 15, & November 5 & 19 at 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Looking for a first job, re-entering the workforce or hoping to land something better? Drop in to **Job Seeker Resources** to get access to computers & experienced staff who can help format resumes, search for jobs, & fill out applications.

Friday, September 20 at 11:00 am

Social Security has been around a long time & many plan on it being there when they retire, but did you know your current payroll choices can dramatically affect your retirement? During **Social Security Basics**, you'll learn how to maximize your retirement benefits & what to expect when Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) take effect.

Tuesday, September 24 at 1:00 pm

Special guest speaker & author, M. Diane McCormick, will discuss her book, *Well-behaved Taverns Seldom Make History* & her work as a freelance writer for The Burg, Susquehanna Style, & others at the **Annual Meeting of the Friends of East Shore Area Library**.

Friday, September 27 at 11:00 am

There's a nation-wide initiative that is saving lives in the unfortunate event that an incident of mass casualties happens in our own neighborhoods. **Stop the Bleed** empowers the public to make a difference in life-threatening emergencies by teaching basic bleed control techniques.



Thursday, October 24 – Saturday, October 26, Hours Vary

New & gently used books, videos, CDs & other items will be on sale at **the Friends of East Shore Area Library's Fall Book & Media Sale**. For more information, contact Bonnie at (717) 433-8055 or visit dcls.org/friendsevents.

Thursday, November 7 at 6:00 pm

Explore & reflect on the life & works of activist, playwright & author of *A Raisin in the Sun*, Lorraine Hansberry. We'll watch the award-winning documentary, **Lorraine Hansberry: Sighted Eyes/Feeling Heart Showing**, written & directed by Tracy Heather Strain.

Wednesday, November 13 at 6:00 pm

The mission of the Justice Bell Foundation is to reclaim women's history, highlight women's contributions & honor the **Justice Bell** & its historic role in the American struggle for **women's suffrage** & equal rights.

Thursday, December 5 at 6:00 pm

Join former music teacher Barn Martinetti as she teaches us how to play the **resonator bells**. Music & bells will be provided, no prior music experience needed.



Representative Sue Helm
104th District
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
Senior Expos and Special Veterans Event Scheduled this
Fall

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

In my continuing efforts to keep older residents informed about programs and services that improve their quality of life, I will once again be hosting two senior citizen expos this fall. The first expo will take place on Thursday, September 12, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the East Hanover Township Municipal Building, located at 8848 Jonestown Road in Grantville. The second event is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Halifax Area Ambulance and Rescue Association Building, located at 31 Bunker Hill Road in Halifax.

These events feature dozens of exhibitors from nonprofit organizations; local, state and federal government agencies; 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. The Halifax event will also include a “Prescription Drug Take-Back Program” through the Halifax Police Department and Mayor Jeff Enders. Attendees can drop off unused medications to ensure safe disposal and prevent misuse. The program does not accept aerosols (e.g. asthma inhalers), thermometers, hydrogen peroxide, medications that contain iodine or needles.

I will also be hosting my annual Veterans Appreciation Luncheon Event on Thursday, November 7, 2019, at 11 a.m. at the National Civil War Museum, located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park 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. We will also be sending a newsletter to all constituents that will have a form to complete and return to register for the Veterans Appreciation Luncheon.

I encourage residents to stay connected by visiting my website, SueHelm.net, or “like” my Facebook page, Facebook.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 Street in Millersburg.

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

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



State Senator John DiSanto
15th Senatorial District



UPCOMING EVENTS

Hunting, Fishing & Outdoor Recreation Information Night

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 6-8 PM
PA Fish & Boat Commission Headquarters
1601 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA

Please join me to learn the latest legal and regulatory changes, as well as proposed legislation, impacting hunting and fishing, boating and other outdoor recreational activities. Guest speakers from the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Fish and Boat Commission, and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will discuss their programs and resources and take your questions. Light refreshments will be provided, as well as several outdoor-related door prizes.

Veterans Appreciation Breakfast

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019, 8:30-10:30 AM
Best Western Premier, The Central Hotel and Conference Center
800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA

*Please join me for a **complimentary breakfast** in honor of the military men and women who have served our country. The program will include a legislative update as well as a special keynote speaker and information about benefits. All veterans are invited to attend. Seating is limited and registration is required. Veterans may register themselves and one guest.*

Please call 717-787-6801 or visit www.senatordisanto.com to register for either of these free events. As your State Senator, I want to stay in touch with you about events like these and the issues that affect you. To receive notifications, “like” my Facebook page or follow me on Twitter, both @SenatorDiSanto. I also encourage you to sign up to receive my weekly session updates about legislative news and important state services and programs. Simply go to my website, www.senatordisanto.com, and click on “sign up for emails” and enter your name and email address.

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





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The Cost of Maintaining and Paving Roads

This summer work was completed on **Blue Mountain Parkway** that included pipe replacement, paving and stone shoulders, line painting and reflectors. The **cost** of this road project was **approximately \$350,000** not including wages and wear and tear on equipment. Each year the Township receives **Liquid Fuels** funds to help with road improvements. The **Municipal Liquid Fuels Program** funds a range of projects to support construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of public roads or streets. The amount of a municipality's allocation is based on its population and miles of roads on their approved Liquid Fuels Inventory. The amount of **Liquid Fuels** allocation received this year was **\$221,142.00**; this amount is far less than what the costs were to do all the road improvements necessary on **Blue Mountain Parkway**.

The **chip and fog seal process** will be performed **yearly** on designated roads in the Township. This is a **cost effective** way of keeping our roadways in good condition **without** the **high cost** of repaving. This will allow the Township to set aside a portion of the **Liquid Fuels** allocation for **future paving** of roads. Your **patience** and **understanding** is much **appreciated!** Leaving unkind voice messages or confronting municipal employees isn't the answer! **Slow down** and **drive sensibly** until the **chip and fog seal process** is completed!

Please also keep in mind that **Middle Paxton Township** is one of two municipalities in **Dauphin County** that **does not collect a real estate tax**. To help **offset costs** on projects, Municipal staff assists in grant writing to obtain **grants** for many projects throughout the Township including **road improvements**. Most **grants** are very competitive and take many hours to write and not always successful in obtaining. ***We thank you for your continued and anticipated support each year with our road improvement projects!***

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**