

MIDDLE PAXTON DIGEST

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717-921-8128

middlepaxtontwp@comcast.net



2020



Borough of Dauphin

2020 ROAD PROJECTS

In the upcoming months, several **Township roadways** will receive **preventative maintenance** in the form of “**chip and fog seal**”. This **preventative maintenance process** will continue yearly as a means of buying longer life for the **Township roadways**. Which roadways are done each year is a **decision** 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.

The following **roads** are scheduled to receive **chip and fog seal** this year:

- Riverview Road
- Maple Avenue
- Mountainview Boulevard
- Hill Crest Avenue
- Lower Riverview (0.4 miles only)
- Elsie Avenue
- Hazel Avenue
- Kathryn Avenue
- Hicks Drive
- Cypress Drive
- South Maple Drive
- Fulton Drive
- Holly Drive
- Township Garage Parking Lot
- Elizabeth Avenue



Dauphin—Middle Paxton

Fire Co. #1, Inc.

Bob Rusbatch

Chief

Larry Snyder

1st Assistant Chief

Ryan Boyer

2nd Assistant Chief

Cary Rose

3rd Assistant Chief

Jon Fleming

Captain

Shane Swenson

Captain I

Mike McKenna

Lieutenant

Matt Shive

Lieutenant I

**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

**Dauphin Athletic
Association**

Matt Scott

President

Tim Wenrich

Vice President

John Lucas

Secretary

Dan Flickinger

Treasurer

Michele Bangert

Member at Large

Steve Burns

Member at Large

Jason Kieffer

Member at Large

Chris Barnes

Baseball Coordinator

Steve Ludwig

Softball Coordinator

Bryan Strahan

Soccer Coordinator

**Dauphin Recreation
Association**

Jeff Thrush

President

Laura Updegrave

Vice President

Angela Alleman

Secretary

Susan Kenyon

Treasurer

Julie Ann Seeds

Township Manager

Robert Hofer

Road Master

Light-Heigel & Assoc.

Building Codes & Zoning

Brian McFeaters

Sewage Enforcement

Robert Rusbatch

Emergency Management
Coordinator

**Dauphin-Middle Paxton
Joint Park Authority**

Shannon Scott

President

Nichole Staley O'Gorman

Vice President

Ron Hull

Secretary

Tim Wenrich

Treasurer

George Bechtel

Larry Cooney

Mike Hartz

Zoning Hearing Board

*Meets the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.
(as needed)*

James Allen

Sebastian Detres

Debra Eshelman

Joseph McConlogue

Vacancy

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

The public is cordially invited to
attend all meetings.

Meetings are held in the
Middle Paxton Municipal Office
Board Meeting Room
10 Elizabeth Avenue
Dauphin

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS



NEW TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOURS

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

8:30 AM - **12:30 PM Wednesday**

CLOSED FRIDAY

Township Building Codes & Zoning Officer

Zoning Office (717) 921-8128 Ext. 107

Office Hours: Monday & Thursday

APPOINTMENTS 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

- * 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

Reporting Dead Animals on Roadways

- * 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

2020 Road Projects - The roadcrew will be performing **maintenance** on all roads listed on the front cover of the newsletter **prior** to the **chip and fog seal** application. **Please** adhere to signage and flaggers and most **importantly** to **posted speed limit signs** during the road construction/maintenance process.

The **roadcrew** reported that **Stony Creek Road** and **Blue Mountain Parkway** are areas that drivers do not slow down and have caused **unsafe conditions** at times while they are performing road or road side maintenance, i.e. cleaning ditches, street sweeping, tree trimming or grading the roads. **Please slow down while driving through areas of roadwork.**

2020 Street Sweeping - **Street sweeping** is tentatively scheduled for **April 20th- 27th**. Please **remove** all cars, trailers, trash cans, etc. off the Township roads and right-of-ways during this time frame.

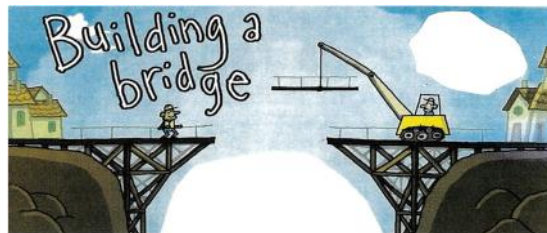


**SLOW DOWN
SAVE A LIFE**



POTATO VALLEY ROAD BRIDGE

The **replacement** of the **Potato Valley Road Bridge** continues. 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**.



Kids at Play

With **nice weather** just around the corner, please **be mindful** that **children** will be out and about **playing**. Please abide by all **posted speed limits** and **be alert**, especially around our **parks, school** and **housing developments**. An **extra minute or two** arriving at your destination is well worth ensuring the **safety** of our children.



FROM THE DESK OF THE BUILDING CODES & ZONING OFFICER

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS



Thinking of **building** a shed or having one delivered? Want to **add** a deck, a fence, or a retaining wall or looking to **add** solar panels or an extra bedroom? Please contact the Township **Zoning Officer** before beginning any of these projects as most building projects **require a permit**. **Permits** are also **required** when **starting** or **changing** a **business** or when **paving** or **resurfacing** a **driveway** that abuts a Township road.

Starting a project without a required permit will result in additional costs.

Call the **Zoning Officer** to **schedule** an **appointment**. **Appointments are required** so that the Zoning Officer can allot adequate 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 Township office **Monday** and **Thursday** and can be reached at **(717) 921-8128, Ext. 107**.

Please understand that the **front desk staff cannot** provide you with **permit applications** or **answer** your questions. **Applications** are available on the **Township website** under “**Resources - Applications**”

(www.middlepaxtontwp.org) or from the **Zoning Officer**.



CODES ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE



Enforcing Township ordinances and addressing **complaints** and **violations** is handled by the Township's **Codes Officer**. 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 not released.**
- ♦ 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**. If a **civil complaint** is filed, the **complainant** may be **asked to testify**.

If you file a **complaint** and the **situation persists**, please **contact** the Township office and let the **Codes Officer** know. Too often it is assumed the Township isn't taking action when in fact the Township is **not aware** that the situation has not been resolved.



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**.

Be In The Know!

SPOTTED LATERNFLY PUBLIC MEETING

The public can do a great deal to **stop the spread** of the invasive **Spotted Lanternfly**, join us to learn what you can do to help!

- ⇒ **WHEN:** Thursday, March 19, 2020
(7:00 PM - 8:30 PM)
- ⇒ **WHERE:** Penn State Extension Perry County
8 S. Carlisle St.
New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania 17068
- ⇒ **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** March 18, 2020
11:59 p.m.

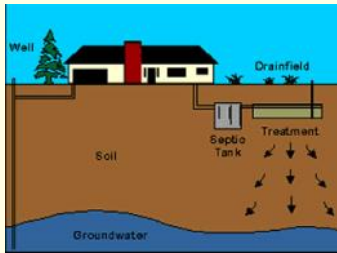


Spotted lanternfly is an **invasive insect** that has spread throughout southeastern **Pennsylvania** and nearby states. Join us for the **Spotted Lanternfly Public Meeting** and learn how to **recognize spotted lanternfly** and what you can do to **help stop its spread**.

Lycorma delicatula, commonly known as the **Spotted Lanternfly (SLF)**, is a **new invasive insect** that has **spread throughout southeastern Pennsylvania** since its discovery in Berks County in 2014. SLF presents a **significant threat to Pennsylvania agriculture**, including the grape, tree-fruit, hardwood and nursery industries, which collectively are worth nearly \$18 billion to the state's economy.

Don't see a meeting coming up in your community? Call your [local Penn State Extension office](#) to request a meeting.

PROPOSED ON-LOT SEWAGE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE



The **purpose** of the proposed **Ordinance** is to provide for the **regulation, inspection, maintenance and rehabilitation** of **on-lot sewage disposal systems**; to further permit intervention in situations which may constitute a public nuisance or hazard to the public health; and to establish penalties and appeal procedures necessary for the **proper administration** of a **sewage management program**. It is **not intended** to force homeowners to install new septic systems or **cause undue hardships** on homeowners.

An **important factor** in keeping on-lot septic systems **operating properly** and **preventing system failure** is homeowner **maintenance**. By properly managing your on-lot septic system, you are **protecting** your own drinking water and the health of your family. You are also **protecting** water resources in your community. Another important reason for properly maintaining your septic system is money.

Malfunctioning septic systems are **expensive** to repair or replace. **Improper maintenance** by a property owner may cause **septic system failure**. It is far **less expensive** to **maintain** your on-lot septic system by having it **inspected and pumped** on a **regular basis** than it is to **replace** a malfunctioning system.

Once the proposed **Ordinance** is enacted, the **Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer** will **monitor** the **maintenance and inspections** of all on-lot sewage disposal systems. Notices will be sent to homeowners when routine maintenance and inspection is due. The **Township** and our **Sewage Enforcement Officer** will also work with residents whose systems are identified in need of repair or replacement.

There is still much that needs to happen before this proposed Ordinance is advertised for adoption and implemented so check the Township website for updates or contact the Township Office.

The **Township office** is working on providing **educational material** on basic septic system **functions, components, reasons for failures**, and steps to **prevent failures** along with **sources for grants and/or loans to repair and upgrade systems**.



DAUPHIN-MIDDLE PAXTON FIRE COMPANY #1, INC.

Dauphin Middle Paxton Fire Company #1 Inc. is pleased to announce the Officers for 2020.

Administrative Officers:

President: Brad Field Sr.

Vice President: Isaac Tressler

Secretary: Jon Fleming

Treasurer: Michael A. Fagan, Sr.

Trustees:

Shane Swenson

Mike McKenna

Joe Hannon



The **Fire Company** is comprised of **40 members**. Last year we responded to **238 calls** for assistance within the community and to other communities on mutual aid calls. The **average response time** from dispatch to on the scene was **12.2 minutes**. We spent a total of **1,252 man-hours** on scene. Keep in mind we respond from home to the fire station when the call is dispatched. We are always **looking for new members**. **You do not have to be a fire fighter to volunteer**. There are **other functions** you may help at, such as our yearly **Community Day/Chicken BBQ**.

We are **available** for **fire safety visits** to your home, our school, and our day cares within the community. On our visit to **Middle Paxton Elementary School**, we talked to approximately **300 students and teachers**. We spent the day at the school so the children knew who we are and explained what we do as fire fighters.

Upcoming Events



Easter Flower Sale
April 9th through the 11th

Locations:
Fire House
and
Fort Hunter

Semi-annual Boot Drive

May

Date to be determined



Open House/Chicken BBQ

September

Date to be determined

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Middle Paxton Township has a contract with **Waste Management** for weekly pick up and disposal of residential waste and pick up of recyclable materials. Residents are **billed directly** by Waste Management on a **quarterly basis**.

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 per week**. Bags should not be too heavy to lift by one person. **Substituting** a large bag for one bulk item is not permitted. **Extra bag tags** can be purchased at the **Township office** for **\$5.30 per tag** (cash or check) for excess over the allowable two bags. Residents also have the **option** of selecting to be a **Tag-A-Bag** customer.

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

All Township residents are required to have an account with Waste Management regardless of service arrangement. New residents purchasing an existing home must pay for new recycle bins. Residents who **build a new home** in the Township will receive a **free recycle bin**.

Per Ordinance #53, Middle Paxton Township Municipal Solid Waste And Recycling Ordinance, and Ordinance #67, Recyclables, No Burn Ordinance, recycling is required and is strongly encouraged!



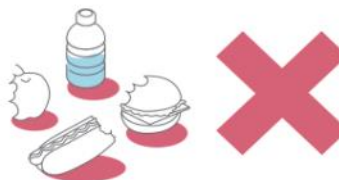
Waste Management will **NOT** take any items that have **Freon** in them or that were manufactured to use Freon. They **will not** take any type of **electronics** (TVs, computers, copiers, printers, etc.) These items may be taken to the **Dauphin County Recycling Center** free of charge for Dauphin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

USE THESE THREE RULES TO RECYCLE RIGHT

It's time to get back to the basics. The fact is that some recycling actions make a bigger impact than others. So please remember these three basic rules the next time you recycle.



Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.



Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.



No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.

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. The Public is invited to attend.

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

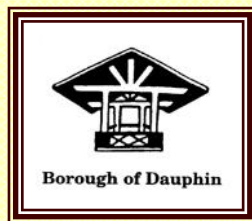
Fax: (717) 921-8106

Email

dauphinboro@comcast.net

Website

www.dauphinborough.org



Borough Council

Michael McKenna - Mayor

David Grbich - President

Brian Cuddy - Vice President

Donald Harner - Council Pro-tem

Kevin Musselman - Councilman

Jennifer Peck - Councilwoman

Jeffrey Thrush - Councilman

Trudy Koppenhaver - Administrator/
Secretary

Cindy Long - Treasurer

Virginia Wynn - Tax Collector

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



Please call **Light-Heigel and Associates** at (717) 838-1351 **before starting** your project. It is better to know this information beforehand than to be in violation and have to remove a structure or sign or have an illegal business. All **Ordinances** are on line on our Web Page. Please refer to **Chapter 27** (Zoning) for any questions you may have.

CODES ENFORCEMENT

The **Borough** has a process in place to help address and possibly **remedy** certain types of **issues**. In order for the **Code Official** to review and address **complaints**, a complaint must be in writing, giving the details about the concern, the location and your contact information. **Anonymous complaints will not be addressed.**



DAUPHIN BOROUGH WELCOMES THREE NEW MEMBERS to DAUPHN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Jennifer Peck, Brian Cuddy, and Jeffrey Thrush

Your Special Road Improvement Tax will pave the following roads beginning in 2020: **Erie Street, Mountain View Lane, Charles Road, Floral Lane, Lower Erie Road and Edison Road.**

Please view our website for information on **Agendas and Minutes of the Dauphin Borough Council Meetings.**

Community Bulletin Board

DAUPHIN AREA SENIOR TRANSIT



Middle Paxton and Dauphin Borough residents, 55 years or older, in need of transportation can register for **D.A.S.T.** Rides are provided to various destinations (doctor and therapy appointments, grocery and drug stores, and banks). **Priority** is given to medical and therapy appointments. **West Shore** trips are **restricted to medical appointments only**. Riders must be able to ambulate independently. This is a **fee free service** but donations are appreciated. Rides must be scheduled at least **24 hours in advance** by calling the Township office (717) 921-8128; appointments must fall between the hours of **8:00 AM to 3:30 PM**.



This service is available because a group of **dedicated volunteers** give many hours of their time to help others in our community. **Drivers** are always needed. To register for **D.A.S.T.** or to **volunteer** to be a **driver**, contact Rue Megonnell (717) 921-2727.

Community LifeTeam Ambulance

Community LifeTeam provides **ambulance service** to residents of Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township. In addition to **emergency** responses, **Community LifeTeam** provides **non-emergency** ambulance transportation as well as interfacility



transportation. Their paratransit division provides wheelchair van transportation for patient's being discharged from the hospital to home and from home to scheduled doctor's appointments.

2020 membership costs, additional service **information** and an **enrollment application** can be found at:

<https://www.pinnaclehealth.org/our-services/emergency-urgent-and-walk-in-care/emergency-medical-services-ems/pinnaclehealth-community-life-team-membership-drive> .

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels of the Dauphin-Middle Paxton community is coordinated by **Sonya Boden**. Anyone with questions about **Meals on Wheels** or to **start, stop** or **postpone** meals is asked to contact **Sonya** at (717) 991-5815 or (717) 921-8890. Please leave your **name, message** and **contact number** 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**.



Spay and Neuter

Prevent suffering and homelessness, whole litters at a time. **Transportation** can be provided from the 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 **tomcats** with injuries can be fixed. Cats will receive **vaccinations** including rabies. We can provide **traps** for capturing wild and shy cats. **Please call Linda Corson** and leave a **message!**



(717)
921-2117
or (717)
580-1879

Community Bulletin Board

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

April 11th – Community Easter Egg Hunt

Registration and games

begin at **10:30 am** with the **Easter Egg hunt** by age groups starting at **11:00 am**.



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!

May 17th – ACT Drama Group presents ACT, Jr's – "Jonah's Druthers"



with two performances at **11:00 am** and **2:00 pm**. Come enjoy this **kid's production** as they perform a **musical** with a western twist on the story of **Jonah and the Whale!** All performances are **FREE!**

June 21 - 25 VBS (Sunday thru Thursday)

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm Giddyup

Junction is a western-themed **VBS** where kids spin lassos, mine for gold, and ride horses, complete with an **Old West**



town, cactuses, and covered wagons. Kids will learn about the **good news** of the gospel, going to new frontiers in the book of Acts. They will respond and learn how they can take it to new frontiers today.



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



Easter Egg Hunt/Chicken Corn Soup Sale

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Promptly at 11 AM

(Bring containers for soup)

Call **Natalie Bailor** at

(717) 599-5698 if interested in **volunteering** or if you would like to **make a donation**.

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

405 Swatara Street, Dauphin

Do you know someone living here in our community whose life is committed to serving their neighbor? Consider nominating them for the **Ray Dively, Jr. Volunteer Award** this year. Nomination forms are available at **Zion Lutheran Church** or you can call the church office to get one **717-921-8111**. All **nominations** should be **submitted** to the church by **April 1st**.



"God's Work. Our Hands."

Sunday will be on **September 13, 2020**. Following worship there will be a light lunch as we put our **faith into action** by engaging

several service opportunities. The **opportunities** include: **packing hygiene kits, school kits, craft kits, treat bags, etc.** This is great way to **get some Community Service hours**, so plan to come and help at this event!

HOPE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

931 Red Hill Road, Dauphin

Adventures in Faith Club **Thursday Afternoons for**

Ages 4 & 5

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



2020 Easter Eggs

Peanut Butter and Butter Cream Eggs in **Dark or Milk Chocolate** are available. **Cost is \$13 a dozen**. Order forms are available at the

church or place orders by calling the church @ 717-921-2253, or email Liz @ nannyliz@yahoo.com, or Cathy @ ccryder10@verizon.net.



Election Day- Food, Soup & Bake Sale

April 28, 2020

Eat-in or take-out; quarts of soup to go.

7:00AM until Sold Out!



Community Bulletin Board

Lifelong Improvement Through Fitness Together

L.I.F.T., a strength training and nutrition program meets three mornings a week from 8:30 to 9:30 AM at the **Dauphin County Agriculture & Natural Resources Center**, 1451 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin. Classes run for **8 weeks** at a cost of **\$60**. Physician referral forms may be required for enrollment. Call Penn State Extension of Dauphin County for more information at (717) 921-8803.



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2020 ELECTION DATES

Primary Election
Tuesday, April 28, 2020

General Election
Tuesday, November 3, 2020



Middle Paxton Township Election Locations

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

Reflective Address Markers



Reflective address markers are the best way to ensure that **emergency services** can quickly locate your home in the event of an emergency. **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**. **Payment** is due at time of order.

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

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

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.**



SEASON PASSES

Pool memberships are available to purchase online at www.DauphinPool.org. 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.

NEW ENTRANCE TO THE POOL

We are excited to have brought back the concession stand last year. It will be back again this year! We will also be making improvements and utilizing the concession stand for the general entrance to the pool.

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS

The pool board is always striving to improve the pool and everyone's experience at the pool. As a 100% voluntary board, we can only do so much. With your help we are able to do more events and make more improvements. Can you help by serving on a committee or volunteering to help?

- **GROUND:** The grounds committee led by Dave Lehtimaki (Brodie688@yahoo.com or (717) 599-5863) helps mow and keep the grounds looking its best.
- **MAINTENANCE:** Dan Deichmiller (HayleyAndHeidi@comcast.net or (717) 921-2754) heads our maintenance committee. This committee fixes anything around the pool or bathhouses needed. Handyman, plumbers, electricians are a bonus to this committee!
- **EVENTS:** This committee headed by Penny McEntee (PMcEntee_18@comcast.net or (717) 856-8712) plans and runs our special events throughout the summer from gutterball tournaments to the doggy dip.
- **PUBLICITY:** Laura Updegrave (LUpdegrave@yahoo.com or (717) 756-3428) is in charge of everything to help promote the pool and our events from Facebook to the posters around town.
- **FRIENDS OF THE DAUPHIN POOL:** This committee is in charge helping to find and write grants for the pool. Anyone interested in should contact Jeff Thrush (JThrush22@yahoo.com or (717) 443-8457)



LIFEGUARDS & OFFICE STAFF

Applications online at www.DauphinPool.org.

CONTACT US

PO Box 4
Dauphin, PA 17018
(717) 559-0277
www.DauphinPool.org

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-MIDDLE PAXTON LIONS CLUB

DID YOU KNOW ...

... that you don't have to live in Middle Paxton Township or Dauphin to be a member of the **Dauphin-Middle Paxton Lions Club**?



No matter where you live, you're welcome to join.

The local club, which is more than **60 years old**, sponsors local baseball teams and the community's annual **Halloween parade**, children's **Christmas Party**, **Easter Egg hunt** and July **carnival**. It co-sponsors a **Learn to Swim** program and **Boy Scouts' Eagle Scout projects**. The **Lions** also **award** two annual **college scholarships** and **provide** a **scholarship** for the **Beacon Lodge Camp**, a summer camp for blind students.

If you're **interested in joining**, contact any Lions member or attend a meeting -- at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays every month at the old schoolhouse on Church Street in Dauphin.

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

If you are a **graduating senior** this spring and live in Dauphin or Middle Paxton Township, you are **eligible** for one of two **Lynn E. Poffenberger Memorial Scholarships** awarded by the **Lions**. Please note: It doesn't matter where you attend school as long as you are a resident here.



The **scholarships** are worth **\$1,000** each, and are not based on gender. Candidates must show financial need and be active in the community.

Students should **apply** through their **guidance counselors** as soon as possible. **Deadline is April 1.**

GET YOUR PEANUTS! CASHEWS!

The **Lions** are holding another **nut sale** -- **roasted peanuts** and **cashews**, **plain** or **chocolate-covered** (milk chocolate and dark chocolate), by the pound and half-pound. **Orders are due March 12**, with the nuts to be roasted and **available March 28**.



EASTER EGG HUNT

The **Lions** will hold their annual **community Easter egg hunt** for the kids at noon on **Saturday, April 4**, at the **large pavilion** in the **Dauphin-Middle Paxton Community Park**.

THINK SUMMER, FIREWORKS — AND HELPING



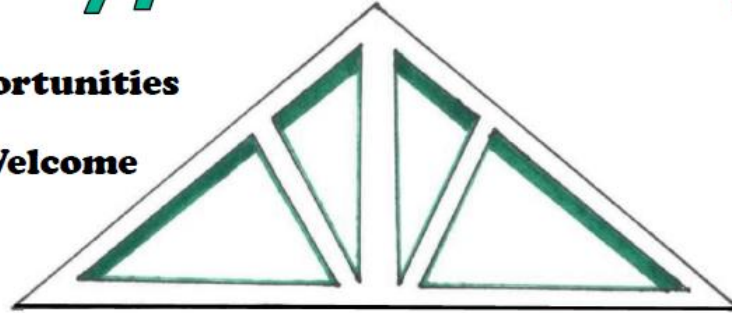
The **59th annual Lions Club Carnival** is scheduled **July 21-25**. As always, it will be five nights of rides, games, music and food, with **fireworks** on Friday night. Details to come.

But the **Lions need help** to keep this tradition going. They are asking for more **volunteers** from the community to **help run the carnival**, along with **higher attendance** to help sustain it. This year, bring your family and friends and make an evening or evenings of it on the fairway. **If you would like to help, please contact any Lions member.**



Come celebrate Saturday, October 17, 2020

**Sponsorship Opportunities
and
Donations are Welcome**



DAUPHIN



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Declan Musselman
Age 12**

Enjoy the traditions of the Annual Heritage Day and Halloween Parade combined with a celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of Dauphin. You'll enjoy live entertainment including *The Famous*, wine and beer tasting in the Square, the addition of food trucks, cash prizes for historical costumes in the parade, games, fireworks and more.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Follow us on Facebook at
Dauphin 250th Anniversary
for updates**

And it's never too late to join Girl Scouts!



In the past our **scouts** have been involved in troop camping opportunities, snow tubing, ropes courses, rafting on the Lehigh River, community involvement, and **girl time** with their friends. Our most recent **Service Unit Community** event included hosting our annual Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon. This event provides girls with the opportunity to **share** their talents and **serve** the community. **Thank you all for your continued support.** Future **Service Unit** events will include a **camping** event, and **Girl Scout Sunday**. Learn to become **self-confident, responsible, community minded, and a leader** while sharing in

troop time with other girls your age. Troops are looking for you and for **adult volunteers**.

Looking for Cookies or to join in the experience see a local girl scout or visit www.gshpa.org.



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 !

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



Recently our **scouts** helped our **local community, parks and churches** as well as continued our commitment to the **road cleanup** along Clarks Valley Road. We've gone to **Winter Camp**, and had other campouts , along with trekking some hikes. All of this while learning to become **responsible and self-confident** young people and **having fun** in the process! We have recently been to **Gettysburg, Camp Muckleratz, and Hidden Valley**.

We look forward to another **new adventurous season** this spring and summer! The **scouts** will be able to pursue their **individual interests** as well as **troop activities**. We look forward to our **fundraising activities** such as the **Chicken BBQ, Spaghetti Dinner, and sub sales**. These **activities** help the scouts go on great adventures.

We are **very excited** to inform our community, we have **three scouts working on their Eagle Scout** project and merit badge. One **scout** is completing a **walking trail** through the **Dauphin-Middle Paxton Park**, another is **fixing/updating** a walking trail at **Wildwood Park**, and another is **adding an Honor Garden** at the Township building for **DMP Fire Company** and **community leaders** past and present. **Please help our scouts reach their goals in achieving Eagle!**

Scout meetings are held **Wednesday** evenings at **Hope Church, 931 Red Hill Road, Dauphin** from **September through June** from **6:30 to 8:00** . We're are **looking for parent volunteers** to help out or become part of our troop's committee! If you would like to **join** our troop, need **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 are the **4th Thursday** of January thru June, September and October. The museum, library and gift shop are open to the public at **6PM**; the **meeting** begins at **7PM**. Our speakers are always **fun and interesting** and the **public is welcome!**



Important Dates to Remember

- **May 16** - Armed Forces Day 11:00 at the Square-Picnic at the Pavilion to follow.
- **June 6** - Flea Market/Bake Sale-8am-2pm at the Old School
- **October 17**- Heritage Day

Monthly Meetings & Speakers

- **February 27, 2020—Sharon Cree**, local author and lecturer.
- **March 26, 2020—Bryan Van Sweden** from the PA State Historic Preservation Office.
- **April 23, 2020—Duane Good**, editor of the Upper Dauphin Sentinel.
- **May 28, 2020—"The Evolution of the PA State Police, 1905-1937"** Retired Pa State Police members, Robert Einsel and Michael Chaplin, from the PA State Police Museum in Hershey.
- **June 25, 2020** – To Be Announced
- **Sept. 24, 2020—Frank Pinto**, proprietor of the Peter Allen House.

Workshop Hours: The **2nd** and **4th Wednesdays** of the month – **10AM-12Noon**

During this time you are welcome to do research or visit the Society's Museum.

Veteran's Memorial Bricks – To purchase a Veteran's Memorial Brick to be placed at the Memorial, please download an order form from www.dauphin-middlepaxtonhs.weebly.com or contact Steve Wisegarver at dmphist@verizon.net.

Advertising – If you are interested in advertising in the Historical Society Newsletter please contact Kathy Fisher at dmphist@verizon.net.

7th 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.

- Photos must have been taken in **Dauphin Borough** or **Middle Paxton Township**.
- Photos must have been taken from **January 2019** to **submission deadline (Sept. 24, 2020)**.
- 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, along with an entry form for each photo, may be dropped off at any monthly meeting.
- **Entry forms** can be found on the **Historical Society Website** (see below).



Categories:

Landscapes Creeks & Streams
Animal-Domestic Sunrise/Sunset
Animal-Wild

Membership - 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 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!**](#)

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. **Thanks** are also due to **Boy Scout Pack 233** for donating their time to stain the new seating in **Kennedy Field's grandstand**. 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 as beautiful as it is without this generosity. If you are interested in **volunteering** your time or making a financial contribution to defray the cost of park projects, please contact **Nichole O'Gorman** at **717-921-2212** or nogorman@staleyogormanlaw.com. Monetary donations can be mailed to us at P.O. Box 521, Dauphin. **Your help is greatly appreciated.**

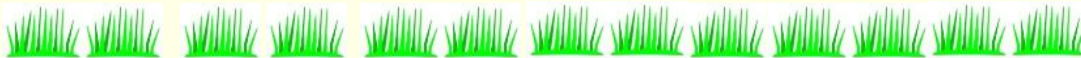
Please join us at the park on **Saturday, April 18th** as we kick off another youth **baseball and softball season**. On **Monday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m.**, the Central Dauphin High School softball team will play Cedar Cliff High School at the park.

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 Tim Wenrich** at **717-648-7490**.

As a reminder, **NO firearms or weapons** are permitted on park property **AT ANY TIME**. For the safety of everyone enjoying the park, **hunting is NOT permitted**.

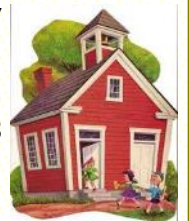
Dauphin Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority Board meetings are open to the public. All are welcome to attend. Meetings occur on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., January through October. The May meeting will occur on May 18th due to the holiday. April through September, meetings are held in 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 available to rent for parties, showers, and family gatherings. The **Community Center** is **ADA accessible**, offers a **full kitchen** with **stove, microwave, and refrigerator**, and **tables and chairs**. The park has a playground, tennis court, basketball court and pavilion on the grounds. **Contact the Township office at (717) 921-8128** to check on **availability** and to make **rental arrangements**.



HAGY PARK



Visit Hagy Park! Located at **1120 Mountain Road**, Dauphin, the park offers several recreational facilities in a quiet setting on approximately 28 acres of semi-wooded grounds. A **picnic pavilion** and **tennis and basketball courts** are on-site along with **athletic fields**. An **ADA accessible walking trail** is also available. A concession building with **restrooms** is **on-site**. The **pavilion** is available to **rent**. Please contact the **Township office (717) 921-8128** to check on **availability** and to make **rental arrangements**.



Dauphin Middle Paxton Soccer Association is ready to **kick off** its **2020 season**, including summer skills camps, fall league play and more!

Over the years, **DMPSA** has evolved from a youth recreation league for pre-high school children to encompass soccer for **ages from 4-17**, including opportunities for older **athletes** to **learn the rules** and **develop leadership skills** through **refereeing** the games of **younger age groups**.

Together with the communities of **Marysville, Duncannon, and Newport**, **DMPSA's** teams play in the **Susquehanna Recreational Soccer League**, learning **team work, sportsmanship** and **broader community** while getting **valuable regular exercise**.

Youth soccer programming continues to grow. In **2014**, the league **expanded** to include a **U-15** division. In **2015**, the league added **all-star games** so young athletes excelling at their sport could face off with teams from the other communities. In **2016**, **realignment** of age groups added a **U-16** division, and in **2018** a **senior team** was added for **16 and 17-year-olds**.

That year we also started a **fun tradition** of our senior "**Torch**" team beating up on our **coaches'** old knees in a friendly, **end-of-season game** for bragging rights.

Spring 2019 saw the **first co-ed** senior spring team for **U-18** and in **2019** we added an **all-girls** team to compete at the senior level.

Our **teams** have been **successful**, too! In **2019**, **U-10** and **U-13** teams took first and third places in their tournaments, and a **U8** team finished second.

This **growth** over the years has allowed many of our young people to remain with the program for fun and to help in refereeing games of other young people. **They inspire the next generation**.

DMPSA will soon be **opening registration** for the various soccer opportunities, including **summer camps** featuring guests from our **regional pro-soccer teams** like the **Harrisburg Heat**. We also offer **free skill camps** before fall season for **registered youth** run by our **volunteer coaches**, many of whom have played and coached soccer at various levels.

We hope you and your kids will **join us** for another **fun-filled, successful soccer season**. There are multiple opportunities for **adult volunteerism** too, from **organization**, to **coaching, field maintenance** and **concession stand help**. Our **volunteers make our successes possible**. For more information, visit our website <https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=2120103>.



News from the Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association

What's the most fun you can have in an orange vest on a Saturday morning?

Helping keep trash and toxic substances **OUT** of our watershed!

Please join us for our **20th Adopt-a-Highway** clean-up session:

Saturday, May 9, 9 am (Rain date: May 23); Meet at Flemish Down (1231 Clarks Valley Road)

Vests, gloves, bags and training will be provided! Plus pizza and other refreshments afterwards!

Let us know you're coming, too!

Time to Renew Your Membership!

A famous public servant was once renowned for this phrase: *DO IT NOW!*

It's very affordable:



- **Individual Membership: \$15 a year.**
- **Individual Life Membership: \$100.**
- **Business Membership: \$100 a year**
- **Non-Profit Entity Membership: \$25 a year.**
- **Non-Profit Entity Life Membership: \$150.**

Download the Membership Form - <https://ccwpa.org/membershipform.pdf>

The **CCWPA** relies on membership dues to fund most of our operations. We are a 100% Volunteer organization, and, as our Mission Statement states, we are dedicated to **preserving, protecting and enhancing** the environmental integrity of Clarks Creek, and to advocate the **conservation and sustainability** of its natural resources while promoting restoration and safety within the watershed.

Membership Coordinator Karen Stilp sends out **RENEWAL** notices when your renewal date arrives. If you get one — ***THANKS in advance for your renewal!***

DETWEILER PARK

www.detweilerpark.org

The first public meeting to discuss the **master site plan** for **Detweiler Park** was held on February 3rd. The **public** is invited to attend **future meetings** and share ideas to help shape a vision for **Detweiler Park**. Future meeting dates are as follows:

- * **Public Meeting #2 - May 11, 2020 – 7:00-9:00 PM**
Analysis and Concepts
- * **Public Meeting #3 - September 21, 2020 – 7:00-9:00 PM**
Draft Plan Presentation
- * **Public Meeting #4 - December 7, 2020 – 7:00-9:00 PM**
Final Plan Presentation



Meetings are held at the **Dauphin County Agriculture and Resource Center** at
1451 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin, PA 17018.

For more **information**, contact **Sarah Leeper** at sleeper@simonecollins.com or by phone at
(610) 239-7601.

GET READY FOR EARTH-A-PALOOZA!

Celebrate Earth Day all **April** long with **Commute PA**. **Commute PA** is your resource for all things **green** transportation. **Biking, walking, transit schedules, and carpool matches** can all be found in one easy to use program! Last year during **Earth Month**, participants saved nearly \$245,000 and took over 420,000 miles off the roads. **Download the Commute PA app**, record your **green** trips, and start earning rewards & helping the planet today.

Commute PA is provided by Commuter Services of Pennsylvania.

For **more information** or **to enroll** in the program, visit www.pacommuterservices.org.



INTERNET ESSENTIALS PROGRAM FROM COMCAST

Comcast has **expanded eligibility** for **Internet Essentials** to include **all qualified low-income households** in its service area. The expansion is the most significant change in the program's eight-year history. They estimate that more than three million additional **low-income households**, including households with **people with disabilities**, are **now eligible to receive affordable high-speed Internet service**.

Internet Essentials provides high-speed Internet service for **\$9.95 a month plus tax**, the **option to purchase a desktop or laptop** computer for **\$149.99**, and access **free digital literacy training** in print, online, and in person. Individuals **may qualify** if they have at least one child who is eligible for the **National School Lunch Program**, or if they receive **public assistance** through such programs as **housing assistance, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI**, and others.

For **more information**, or **to apply for the program**, please visit www.internetessentials.com or call 1-855-846-8376.

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- ✓ Weekly pay
- ✓ Paid training

For more information or help applying, please call
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Federal Relay Service:
1-800-877-8339 TTY/ASCII
www.gsa.gov/fedrelay

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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.

All Library Locations

Youth Programming Registration Begins

Session 3: Registration begins Tuesday, March 17, Session begins March 30

Session 4: Registration begins Tuesday, May 19, Session begins June 1

Session 5: Registration begins Tuesday, June 30, Session begins July 13

Session 6: Registration begins Tuesday, September 1, Session begins September 21

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



Wednesday, April 1, during open hours

A complete and accurate count is critical for your community because **Census** data affects community funding, congressional representation, and more. Visit today and celebrate **Census Day** with complementary cookies and a beverage (while supplies last). **WE** can help you complete the **Census** too. Completing the **Census** is safe, easy and important!



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

Tuesdays, March 3 and 17, April 7 and 21, and May 5 and 19, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Drop into **Job Seeker Resources** to get access to computers & experienced staff who can help format resumes, search for jobs, & fill out applications.

Fridays, March 20, April 17, and May 22, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Bring your device to **Device Club** for a short presentation on a general topic (or specific app) followed by question and practice time. Learn how to change settings, set up email, install and remove apps, access public Wi-Fi and download e-books.

Tuesdays, March 24, April 21, May 26, June 23, July 28, and August 25, 9:30 – 11:15 am

Join the **Friends of the East Shore Area Library** at their monthly **board meeting** where fundraising events, book sale planning and programs that benefit The Library are planned.

Thursday, May 7 – Saturday, May 9, Hours Vary

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

Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

There is no better time to learn about the **Roaring Twenties** than in the year 2020. Learn about the fads, foibles, and fascinating figures of the Roaring Twenties with John Maietta. Please register for this program at dcls.org/adultevents.

State Senator John DiSanto 15th Senatorial District

Preparing for the 2020 Census



The **United States Census** is mandated by the Constitution and has been conducted every ten years since 1790. The **census** is an official, complete count of the American population and records important data about the people residing in our communities.

An **accurate count** is very important as it serves as the basis for **fair political representation** in the **U.S. House of Representatives**. State population counts from the **census** are used to **reapportion seats** across the 50 states and help redraw congressional and state legislative boundaries to meet the one-person, one-vote rule.

Census data is also used to **distribute** more than \$675 billion in **annual federal funds** to states and local communities for **health, education, housing, and infrastructure programs**. This includes federal funding for programs like **Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP, CHIP, and WIC**.

To the extent Pennsylvania residents do not participate in the **census**, it can negatively impact both representation in Congress and essential federal assistance.

Notices and **forms** will start arriving in the mail in **March** and for households that do not respond to the census, **nonresponse follow-up** begins in **April 2020**. The **2020 Census** will also have an option to be completed online. For more information, please visit <https://pennsylvaniacounts2020.info/>.

Do I need Real ID?

While **REAL ID** is **optional** for **Pennsylvania** residents, anyone passing through **Transportation Security Administration (TSA) checkpoints** at airports and those who **enter** secure **Federal buildings** on or after **October 1, 2020** will be **required** to have a form of **federally-acceptable identification**. If you do not get a **REAL ID** driver's license, you may use a **valid passport** or **military ID** to board **domestic flights** and enter **Federal** facilities.

You do not need a **REAL ID** to drive, vote, access hospitals, visit the post office, access federal courts, or apply for or receive federal benefits.

Applicants for **REAL ID** may visit a **PennDOT Driver Licensing Center** to present **proofs of identity** and **Pennsylvania residency** in addition to paying a one-time **fee** of **\$30, plus** any applicable driver **license renewal fees**. The expiration date of your first **REAL ID** will include any remaining time on your current license plus an additional four years.

For additional information on **REAL ID** and its documentation requirements, please visit www.PennDOT.gov/REALID.

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





2020 Legislative, Economic Updates and Upcoming Events

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

I'm thrilled to continue my service to the **104th District** and to **Pennsylvania** as a whole. There are **two main goals** I have for **2020: increasing the accountability of Home Inspectors** and **ensuring** that loving, caring **parents** are **not ripped** from their **children's lives**.

House Bill 21 would **license** home inspectors under the **State Board of Real Estate Appraisers**, set **qualifications for licensure** and prohibit unlicensed individuals from conducting inspections or claiming that they are a licensed home inspector. This will **protect homebuyers** from being forced to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to fix

hidden problems that were not disclosed to them prior to purchase.

House Bill 1397 would **promote equal custodial time** for children whose parents are separated or divorced by amending the child custody law to codify the presumption that a child's best interests are served when they spend equal time with each parent, provided that they are not deemed unfit, and would remove language that presupposes the "custodial and noncustodial parent" model of split custody.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to promote these bills and others that will benefit the residents of Pennsylvania.

As **Chair** of the **Urban Affairs Committee**, I continue to monitor developments with the **Harrisburg Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority (ICA)** and the city.

We all want Harrisburg to succeed and, last session, we put the **ICA** in place to help it do so. Act 124 of 2018 allowed Harrisburg to exit Act 47 status while continuing to collect the relevant Local Services Tax and Earned Income Tax for five years.

I am **monitoring** the **city's progress** with the **ICA** in three key areas on their road back to financial stability: sound financial management and reporting; community and economic development; and operational excellence.

We want to make sure the city can stand on its own feet without a perpetual continuation of the extraordinary taxes beyond the five, now four, years it was initially allowed.

I have several events planned for the coming months, outlined below:

Active Shooter Preparedness Program

The **Pennsylvania State Police** will present an **active shooter preparedness program** to help give you the knowledge and skills you need to protect yourself and your loved ones in the event of an active shooter. The program will be held on **Thursday, March 19, 2020, from 6-8 p.m.**, at the **Susquehanna Township Municipal Building** in the Pincus Room, located at 1900 Linglestown Road in Harrisburg. **Please RSVP by calling 717-651-0100.**

Fraud Bingo

The **Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities** will be hosting a game of **Fraud Bingo** to teach consumers how to **protect themselves** from investment and other financial **fraud**. The event will be held on **Thursday, April 30, 2020, at 12:30 p.m.**, at the **Harrisburg Jewish Community Center**, located at 3301 N. Front Street in Harrisburg.

Children's Trout Rodeo

In cooperation with the **Dauphin County Anglers and Conservationist Club**, I will once again be hosting a **FREE Children's Trout Rodeo** on **Saturday, May 16, 2020. Registration** will take place at **7 a.m.** and the event will last from **9 a.m. to noon** at the **E.J. Stackpole Memorial Trout Nursery**, located at 201 Clarks Valley Road in Dauphin.

I am incredibly **grateful** for the opportunity to serve as your state representative. If my office can be of **assistance** to you regarding any **state-related issue**, please **contact** my **Linglestown district office** at **717-651-0100** or visit my website at www.RepHelm.com.





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and to all those who serve on many organizations through out the Community!***

Volunteers generously give their time and dedication to help make organizations, events, and programs run smoothly. Appreciating this selfless effort from time to time helps to remind these individuals of their importance to the greater good.

Volunteers



*They don't necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart.
Thank You!*

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.

The Township's website address is www.middlepaxtontwp.org.