

# MIDDLE PAXTON DIGEST

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# 2021



## HEARTFELT THANK YOU

2020 was a year that **challenged** each and every one of us. In what seemed like a split second, our **lives were upended**. **Jobs** were **lost** or drastically **changed**, our **children's education** was **modified** from **in person** to **virtual** to a **combination** of both, **routine** and **mundane** tasks became **stressful** and **scary** and overly **demanding**. And yet, we all made the needed adjustments. **Take a moment and celebrate** all that you have accomplished without any notice or option. **Job well done!**



We want to **thank** the many **employees, officials** and **volunteers** who stepped up and continued to do their "**normal**" tasks in an upended world. The **Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission** and **Zoning Hearing Board** continued to handle the **business** of the **Township** with safety modifications. They continued to meet regularly to address and maintain the **needs** of the residents. The **road crew** continued to **maintain** our roadways as well as **upgrading** and **improving** many. The **seasonal crew** continued to mow the fields so that **modified sports** could continue and residents could enjoy the **parks**. The **Fire Company** continued to provide **emergency response** to fires and accidents and other events as called upon. The **office staff** adapted to adjusted delivery of needed services while maintaining a safe environment for all. The **drivers** of the **Dauphin Area Senior Transit** continued to provide service for those needing medical care, therapies, groceries and pharmacy needs. **Meals on Wheels** continued to reach those who depend on them for daily nourishment. Our **election process** continued **thanks** to those who manned the **polls**. We know some items fell through the cracks and turnaround times were not always the best but we came through it and continue to move forward.

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU ALL!

### Dauphin - Middle Paxton

#### Fire Co. #1, Inc.

**Bob Rusbatch**

Chief

**Larry Snyder**

1st Asst. Chief

**Ryan Boyer**

2nd Asst. Chief

**Shane Swenson**

3rd Asst. Chief

**Jon Fleming**

Captain

**Matthew Shive**

Captain I

**Mike McKenna**

Lieutenant

**Nate Sweeney**

Lieutenant I



### Board of Supervisors

*1st Monday @ 7:00 PM*

**Jeffery Smith**

Chairman

**Michael Sudia**

Vice Chairman

**Wilbur Evans**

Treasurer

**James Fisher**

Assistant Secretary

**Lawrence Cooney**

### Dauphin Athletic Association

**John Lucas**

President

**Steve Burns**

Vice President

**To Be Determined**

Secretary

**Jason Kieffer**

Treasurer

**Terry Barkley**

Member at Large

**Dave Foran**

Member at Large

**To Be Determined**

Member at Large

**Chris Barnes**

Baseball Coordinator

**Steve Ludwig**

Softball Coordinator

**Tom Shingara**

Soccer Coordinator

### Dauphin Recreation Association

**Jeff Thrush**

President

**Laura Updegrave**

Vice President

**Angela Alleman**

Secretary

**Susan Kenyon**

Treasurer

**Dan Deichmiller**

**Dave Lehtimätki**

**Penny McEntee**

**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

**Mike Cohen**

**Larry Cooney**

**Jeff Thrush**

### Zoning Hearing Board

*2nd Wednesday @ 7:00 PM (if needed)*

**James Allen**

**Sebastian Detres**

**Debra Eshelman**

**Joseph McConlogue**

### Planning Commission

*2nd Monday @ 7:00 PM*

**Liz Rodda**

**Jeffrey Smith**

**William Kotkiewicz**

**Donald Morse**

**Chip Brown**

**Gary Deimler**

**Ralph Stone**

The public is invited to attend all meetings. Current restrictions limit the number of people allowed in the building.

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

# CLIP & SAVE

**TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOURS**  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
9:00 AM - **12:00 PM Noon Wednesday**  
**CLOSED FRIDAY**

**\*Masks or face coverings are required when entering the building.\***

## Township Building Codes & Zoning Officer

(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

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|--|----------------|
| * CAT Share-A-Ride                                   | (717) 232-6100 |
| * Comcast Customer Service                           | (800) 934-6489 |
| * Community LifeTeam Emergency Medical Services      | (717) 848-4740 |
| * 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 |
| * PA State Police Non-Emergency                      | (717) 671-7500 |
| * UGI Emergency Gas Leaks                            | (800) 609-4844 |
| * Waste Management—Service                           | (800) 869-5566 |
| * Waste Management—Billing                           | (800) 642-8850 |

## Reporting Dead Animals on Roadways

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| * 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

### 2021 ROAD PROJECTS

**Preventative road maintenance** will continue in **2021**. **Chip and fog seal** will be used to maintain the following roadways. Use of this process is cost effective maintenance which helps to keep our roads in good condition without the high cost of repaving. **Liquid fuel monies** are used to help defray these costs. **Advance notice** will be given to impacted residents. The Township asks for your **patience** during this time; short term inconvenience for long term benefits.



- \* **Streets within Fishing Creek Estates**
- \* **Streets within Geisel High Point Development**
- \* **Arnold Avenue**
- \* **Cemetery Road**
- \* **Heckton Road**

### Other proposed road projects for 2021 include:



- \* Pipe replacement, tree removal and paving the entire length of **Potato Valley Road** but details are still being reviewed.
- \* Street sweeping.
- \* Grading of Township roads.
- \* Basin and culvert cleaning.

Please check the Township website ([middlepaxtontwp.org](http://middlepaxtontwp.org)) for dates and times of these projects.

### NOTICE FROM PENNDOT

Starting January 2021 through April 2021, PennDOT will be contracting with various vendors to collect traffic data on municipally owned roads within **Dauphin County** and **Middle Paxton Township**. The **data collected** will be utilized by the **Department** to complete a statewide network screening and **prioritize** locations for **potential safety improvements**.

The **traffic counters** will be set in **Middle Paxton Township** during this time period and are **NOT** being set for any road project or speed trap. **Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Township Manager, Julie Seeds @ (717) 921-8128.**





## FROM THE DESK OF THE BUILDING CODES & ZONING OFFICER

**Building and/or Zoning permits** are required for most building projects. This includes, but is not limited to:

- ♦ **Sheds and other accessory structures**
- ♦ **Above ground pools** (Pools with sides under 4 feet high require a fence)
- ♦ **In-ground pools**
- ♦ **Roof mounted solar panels**
- ♦ **Decks**
- ♦ **Fences**
- ♦ **Retaining walls**
- ♦ **Permanent mailbox structures**
- ♦ **Chicken coups and other livestock structures**



**Permits** are also **required** when **starting or changing a business**. Before starting any project, please **call** the **Township** office and talk with the **Zoning Officer**. **Starting** a project **without** the required **permit** will result in **additional costs**.

The **Zoning Officer** is in the Township office **Monday and Thursday**. **Call the Zoning Officer, (717) 921-8128, Ext. 107, to schedule** an appointment. **Appointments** are **required** to assure the **Zoning Officer** is available and can allot adequate time to **answer** your questions and **explain** the process and requirements without interruption. **Walk-ins cannot always be accommodated**. **Permit applications** are available on the **Township website, [www.middlepaxtontwp.org](http://www.middlepaxtontwp.org)**

**“Resources-Applications” or from the Zoning Officer.**



**Please understand that the front desk staff cannot provide you with permit applications or answer your questions.**

### **CAPITAL REGION WATER PROJECT**

**Capital Region Water** owns and operates the **DeHart Dam and Reservoir** located in Clarks Valley. This facility provides drinking water to the **City of Harrisburg** and portions of surrounding communities. Water is transmitted via a **primary transmission main** from the **DeHart Reservoir** to **Harrisburg** for treatment and distribution.

**Capital Region Water** is coordinating a **clearing project** on the existing right of way estimated to begin in **late March 2021**. This is to **ensure access** to the transmission main for purposes of preventative maintenance and/or emergency repair. If any **object impedes** the ability of contractors to complete the clearing project, the objects will need to be removed. These objects may be fences, sheds, flagpoles or other structures. Any trees or vegetation removed will not be replaced.

**Capital Region Water** and its contractors will ensure that property access is not obstructed. Questions and concerns can be directed to **Steven Early** by calling (717) 421-5861 or via email at [steven.early@capitalregionwater.com](mailto:steven.early@capitalregionwater.com). **Capital Region Water thanks everyone in advance for your patience while they invest in this critical infrastructure.**

## CODES ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

Enforcing ordinances and addressing complaints or violations is done by the Township's **Codes Official**. The Township **depends** on **residents** to report issues and concerns.



Here are a few **examples of issues** that **residents** need to report.

- ♦ **Animals roaming at large** - “**Free range**” applies to your property only, not your neighbor's.
- ♦ **Loud or harsh noises or disturbances** - Letting your dog bark incessantly may not be an annoyance to you but it may be to your neighbor. We do not have an ordinance that addresses fireworks.
- ♦ **Not picking up after your pets** – If this activity impacts your neighbor's property, it is not o.k.
- ♦ **Burning of recyclables** - This is a violation of **Township Ordinance #67**.

We ask that if you have a concern, you **start by talking** to the other party. Try to resolve the matter amicably. If this step is unsuccessful, please complete the following steps:

1. **Submit a completed and signed complaint form** to the Township office. We must have your complaint **in writing**. It is important that **specific details** (address of concern, type of animal, breed of dog or cat, make/model of vehicle) be included in the complaint so that action taken can be specific. Without this information, the **Township** cannot move forward with enforcement. Complaint forms are available on our website, [www.middlepaxtontwp.org](http://www.middlepaxtontwp.org) or at the Township office. **Please do not call** the office and ask to register a complaint. **Anonymous or verbal complaints** will not be addressed.
2. The Codes Official reviews all filed complaints and determines next steps. If a violation is identified, a letter is sent to the property owner detailing the concern, along with a copy of the applicable ordinance. **Names of complainants are not released.**
3. If the situation persists, a **Notice of Violation** may be issued and possible fines imposed. The Township **depends on you** to let us know that the situation has not been resolved.
4. 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 we are 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.**

## REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS

**Reflective address markers** help 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** ([middlepaxtontwp.org](http://middlepaxtontwp.org)).

**Payment is due at time of order.**



# DAUPHIN BOROUGH-MIDDLE PAXTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Welcome to 2021, time for many changes.

We all are experiencing many **changes** in our lives. Wearing masks, social distancing, and not being able to gather with family. Think of how our **elderly neighbors** are feeling. When was the last time you **checked on** them? Do we take the time to make sure they are **eating, feeling ok**, have **any needs**? The next thing to check is are they **prepared** for an **emergency**? Have they **stored** any **food** for times of **prolonged power outages**?

The following is from *Ready Pa* concerning planning for power outages.

Build or restock your [emergency kit](#), including a **flashlight**, **batteries**, **cash**, and **first aid supplies**.



Make sure you have **alternative charging methods** for your phone or any device that requires power and [sign up for mobile alerts](#).

- **Charge** cell phones and any battery-powered devices.
- Know where the **manual release lever** of your electric garage door opener is located and how to operate it.
- Purchase **ice** or **freeze water-filled** plastic containers to help keep food cold during a temporary power outage.

Keep your car's **gas tank full**-gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps. If you use your car to recharge devices, do **NOT** keep the car running in a garage, partially enclosed space, or close to a home, this can lead to **carbon monoxide poisoning**.

With spring comes thunder storms, trees down, and wires down. If you happen to come across a **downed power line**, or any wire, **STAY CLEAR. WARN OTHERS. CALL THE POWER COMPANY.**

**Plan what to do in case of emergency:**

**Meeting Place** – just as we teach in the schools have a family meeting place. Meeting places should include locations both near your home (in case of a sudden emergency such as a fire) and outside of your immediate neighborhood (in case you can't return home or need to evacuate). Notify caregivers and babysitters about your plan.

**Phone contacts** - Pre-program emergency numbers into phones that have auto-dial. **Teach children** how



and when to dial **9-1-1** to get emergency assistance. If you need emergency assistance contact **911**. For non-emergencies call your local fire company, or contact your local **Emergency Management Coordinator**.

**Bob Rusbatch**  
**Emergency Management Coordinator**



## WASTE MANAGEMENT



**Township Ordinance #53** states that **ALL** township residents **MUST** have an account established with **Waste Management**, **regardless of service arrangement**; quarterly billed or tag-a-bag. There are exceptions to this requirement; however, **approval** is needed by both the **Township** and **Waste Management**. **Tuesday** is the Township's regularly scheduled **pick up day**; however, holidays and weather events can delay this schedule. You can choose a notification method on **Waste Management's** website under your account.

**Standard Service** (quarterly billed) includes two (2) large, 30-33 gallon trash bags, unlimited recycling and one bulk item weekly.

**Tag-a-bag** customers must affix a tag onto each bag placed out for pick up. Tags are available for purchase at the Township office for **\$5.30** each. **Tag-a-bag** customers also have unlimited weekly recycling but special arrangements must be made with **Waste Management** for any bulk items.



**Waste Management will not take electronics of any kind. This includes, but is not limited to televisions, computers and printers.**



Be mindful that **burning recyclables** is a **violation of Township Ordinance #67**. Recycle bins are available for purchase at the **Township** office. There are two sizes available; **18 gallon** rectangular container and **33 gallon** can. Both receptacles cost **\$18**. Residents who build a new home in the Township receive a free recycle container; just stop by the Township office. For the most up-to-date list of acceptable recyclables, go to **Waste Management's** website: <https://www.wm.com/us/en/recycle-right/recycling-101>.

**Dauphin County Recycle Center** is an option for **large items, electronics and appliances** that contain **Freon**. Visit the County's website for additional information and fees; [https://www.dauphincounty.org/government/departments/solid\\_waste\\_management\\_and\\_recycling/dauphin\\_county\\_recycling\\_center.php](https://www.dauphincounty.org/government/departments/solid_waste_management_and_recycling/dauphin_county_recycling_center.php).

## DAUPHIN COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

**Household hazardous wastes (HHW)** are those wastes produced in our households that are hazardous in nature, but are not regulated as hazardous waste under federal and state laws. Each person in Pennsylvania produces an average of four pounds of HHW each year for the total of about 25,000-tons per year statewide.

**Dauphin County's curbside Household Hazardous Waste Program** is available to each household for **FREE**, one time per year. The program is simple, just do the following:

- Call **1-800-449-7587** to schedule your curbside collection.
- In 1-2 weeks you will receive a HHW Kit in the mail. The kit is used for the collection of your HHW.
- Sit your HHW Kit at your curb on the scheduled collection date.





## RIGHT IN OUR BACKYARD

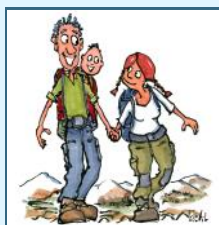
**Middle Paxton Township** is home to several parks for outdoor enjoyment and escape. Dogs are welcome to accompany you to these parks but **please remember** they must be **leashed** and you are **responsible for picking up** after them. Several complaints have been received in recent months of irresponsible pet etiquette. **Please respect you community parks and your fellow neighbors.**

The **Appalachian Trail**, part of the **National Park Service**, provides some challenging hiking opportunities and spectacular views. Access to the trail is located at the top of Peters Mountain, right off Rte. 225.



**Boyd's Big Tree Conservancy**, located in Fishing Creek Valley, is a 1,025-acre Conservation Area. It is one of the **newest Pennsylvania state parks**, boosting a variety of levels of hiking trails. **No horseback riding or biking is permitted.** About **800 acres** of the conservancy are **open to hunting and trapping.**

**Detweiler Park**, located off Peters Mountain Road, is the **largest** of eight parks owned and managed by the **Dauphin County Parks & Recreation Department.** Visitors are encouraged to explore more than **7 miles of trails** winding through varied habitats.



**Hagy Park**, 1120 Mountain Road, is a **Township maintained park of approximately 28 acres**, offering a variety of walking trails for all ages and abilities. The **paved walking trail** is **ADA** accessible.

**Dauphin-Middle Paxton Community Park**, located along Claster Boulevard, is owned and managed by the **Dauphin-Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority.** It offers a gravel walking track and natural walking trails.

**Ibberson Park**, located in Stony Creek offers another option for outdoor recreation. **No horseback riding or biking is permitted.** This area is **open to hunting and trapping.**



### The Penn State Extension Master Gardeners

***What is this bug? Which plant should I pick? How do I prune my tree?***

The **Penn State Extension Master Gardeners** in Dauphin County answer questions about your **home gardening concerns** via our **Garden Hotline.**

We're working remotely this year to solve your **gardening problems**, make recommendations and encourage you to grow as a gardener.

**Home gardeners** may call **717 921 7625** year-round for assistance or email the **Garden Hotline** directly at [dauphinmg@psu.edu](mailto:dauphinmg@psu.edu).

High-quality photos and a detailed description will aid our diagnosis.

**Don't guess!** Call on the experience of our **Master Gardeners** for research-based horticultural answers today.

Catherine Scott

Extension Educator Horticulture/Master Gardener Coordinator

Penn State Extension

Dauphin County Office

1451 Peters Mountain Road

Dauphin, PA 17018-9504

Phone: 717-921-7625

Email: [cps5999@psu.edu](mailto:cps5999@psu.edu)

Web: [extension.psu.edu](http://extension.psu.edu)

# DAUPHIN-MIDDLE PAXTON FIRE COMPANY #1, INC.



## Dauphin Middle Paxton Fire Company #1, Inc.

### 2021 Officers:

#### Administrative Officers:

President: Matt Shive

Vice President: Nate Sweeney

Secretary: Jon Fleming

Treasurer: Brad Field, Sr.

#### Trustees:

Mike McKenna

Jimmy Smith

Shane Swenson

The **Fire Company** is comprised of 30 members. Last year we **responded** to **216 calls** for assistance within the community and to other communities on mutual aid calls. We are always **looking for new members**, so please feel free to **stop by the station** and **grab a application**. Our weekly company **training nights** are **Wednesday** nights at **6:30 pm**, and our company **meeting nights** are the **last Wednesday** of every month at **7:00 pm**. You can become a **junior member** at age **14**. **All training is paid** for by the company and all training is done at **Harrisburg Area Community College**. If you don't want to fight fire, there are many other jobs to be done such as: fund raising, driver operator, directing traffic, laddering a house, grabbing tools off the trucks, helping move hose around, and much more! The different calls we run are: vehicle accidents, water rescues, mountain rescues, brush fires, structure fires, medical calls, and much more! **Come join and see what its all about.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### EASTER FLOWER SALE

April 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>

(This will be a presale like we did in 2020 of hanging baskets and pots.)



### SPRING BOOT DRIVE

May

Date to be determined

### SPRING CHICKEN BBQ

June

Date to be determined



### OPEN HOUSE/CHICKEN BBQ

September

Date to be determined



### RAFFLES

We are hoping to start online raffles here in the near future so please keep a eye out on our Facebook page.

**Please keep a eye out on our Facebook page and the sign that sits along 225 in front of our station for actually dates of these events.**

# Community Bulletin Board

## DAUPHIN AREA SENIOR TRANSIT

Transportation is provided by D.A.S.T. for senior residents, 55 or older, of Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township. Riders must be **pre-registered** for this service and must be able to ambulate independently. **Priority** is given to medical appointments; trips to the West Shore are solely for medical purposes. Days and hours of operation are **Tuesday thru Friday** for appointments between **8:30 AM and 3:30 PM**. Rides must be scheduled at least **24 hours in advance** by calling the Township office (717) 921-8128.



## MEALS ON WHEELS

**Meals on Wheels** coordinator for **Dauphin-Middle Paxton Township, Sonya Boden**, is your contact to register for service, to stop or postpone service or for information about the program. **Call Sonya at (717) 991-5815 or (717) 921-8890**. Please leave your name, brief message and contact number and your call will be returned.



**Volunteers** are needed to **drive** the van. Without the selfless efforts of a few **faithful, caring folks**, many in our community would struggle to make appointments, pick up needed medications and get to the grocery store. If you are **willing to volunteer** a few hours a month to drive, or if you are in need of transportation, please contact **Rue Megonnell at (717) 921-2727**.



## Community LifeTeam Ambulance



The contracted **ambulance service** provider for **Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township** is **Community LifeTeam**. Non-emergency and interfacility transportation is also provided. Their paratransit division provides **wheelchair van transportation** for patient's being discharged from the hospital to home and from home to doctor's appointments. **Additional information, membership costs or an enrollment application** can be obtained by calling (717) 848-4740.

*Be The Solution:*  
  
*Spay, Neuter, Adopt*

Let's all do our part to help control the feral cat population and prevent suffering and homelessness. Contact **Linda Corson @ (717) 921-2117 or (717) 580-1879** to make arrangements. Leave a message if no answer.

Transportation can be provided from the Township to the spay clinic, and back. Kittens over 12 weeks of age, pregnant cats, nursing cats, and tomcats with injuries can be fixed.

Cats will also receive vaccinations including rabies. Linda can provide traps for capturing wild and shy cats as well as provide referral information for low cost dog spay neuter services.



# Community Bulletin Board

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Clarks Valley Zion E.C. Church

210 McKelvey Road, Dauphin

#### **Easter Extravaganza**

Save the Date - **Saturday, April 3, 2021**  
10 AM - 1 PM

Details will be posted on the church's website [cvzec.org](http://cvzec.org) in March.



Please check the church's website often for updated information as it becomes available. Several other events are planned but remain fluid at this time due to the ever changing state of life right now.

### Fishing Creek Valley Community Association



The Fishing Creek Valley Community Association would like to thank all of our volunteers for a successful Santa's "Christmas from the Car" Drive-thru.

Our next event will be a **Chicken Corn Soup Sale Drive-thru**. It will be held on **Saturday, March 27, 2021**, at the **Trinity E.C. Church of Fishing Creek Valley** located at **1629 Fishing Creek Valley Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112**. This event will start at **11:00 AM** until sold out. All children in cars will receive a treat. Please **bring containers** if purchasing soup. If you have any questions please call 717-599-5698 or email us at [fcvca1@aol.com](mailto:fcvca1@aol.com).



### 2021 ELECTION DATES

**Primary Election**

**Tuesday, May 18, 2021**

**General Election**

**Tuesday, November 2, 2021**



### 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



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

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





## DAUPHIN MIDDLE PAXTON SOCCER ASSOCIATION

**Dauphin Soccer** is proud to boast about our successful **Fall 2020** soccer season. We are delighted that we were able to get approximately **150 players** out on the field for some fresh air, social interaction, and physical activity. While this season looked a lot different from any other, we were able to put proper **COVID-19** measures into place to ensure everyone's safety and comfort. Social distancing, mask wearing, some postponements and cancellations, ball sanitizing and rule changes were just a few of the challenges we dealt with this past season, but our **players, coaches** and **volunteers** resiliently took it all in stride to give our kids a **soccer season** and some normalcy that they desperately needed after months of quarantine.

Looking forward to better things to come in **2021**, we encourage the entire **Dauphin Middle Paxton** community to get involved with the **Dauphin Middle Paxton Soccer Association** this year whether by registering a new player, volunteering, coaching and/or sponsoring.

**Registration will open soon for children ages 4-17.**

**Sponsorships** will be available for the **2021** season with a **deadline** of **July 31, 2021**.

**Please be sure to support our sponsors' local businesses as they have supported our organization this past year.**



If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at [info@middlepaxtonsoccer.com](mailto:info@middlepaxtonsoccer.com). Be sure to follow us on **Facebook** (Dauphin Middle Paxton Soccer Association – DMPSA) and **Instagram** (Dauphin Soccer). Visit our **website** at [www.middlepaxtonsoccer.com](http://www.middlepaxtonsoccer.com) or reach out to one of our Board Members:

- ◇ **President:** Tom Shingara
- ◇ **Vice President:** Joanne DeMartino
- ◇ **Secretary:** Mandey Ryan
- ◇ **Treasurer:** Bryan Strahan
- ◇ **Registrar:** Sarah Seachrist
- ◇ **Members at Large:** Michael Cohen  
Tim Stutzman  
Loni Warholic



**CONTACT US**  
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Dauphin, PA 17018  
(717) 559-0277  
[www.DauphinPool.org](http://www.DauphinPool.org)

### SEASON MEMBERSHIPS AND POOL OPENING

Pool memberships are available to purchase online at [www.DauphinPool.org](http://www.DauphinPool.org). Membership forms are also available at the pool "mailbox" on the fence next to the pool building. We plan to have the pool open for Memorial Day weekend and then **open for the season** starting Friday, **June 4<sup>th</sup>**. This is our hope but is not definite as many factors determine our ability to open. Please check our website for more concrete information in May.

### 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 the board or on a committee or volunteering to help? Below are some of the committees that you could help with.

**GROUND:** The grounds committee led by Dave Lehtimaki helps mow and keep the grounds looking its best.

**MAINTENANCE:** This committee headed by Dan Deichmiller fixes anything around the pool or bathhouses as needed. Handymen, plumbers, electricians are a bonus to this committee!

**PUBLICITY:** Headed by Laura Updegrave, this committee is in charge of promoting the pool and our events from our Facebook Group to the posters around town.

We would also love help with planning events and fundraising.

If you are interested in becoming a board member or helping to make the pool a clean, safe and fun place to visit, please email [info@dauphinpool.org](mailto:info@dauphinpool.org) and someone will be in contact with opportunities to help.

**We are looking forward to the upcoming season and hope to see you at the pool!**



- Now hiring lifeguards and office staff.
- Applications online at [www.DauphinPool.org](http://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](http://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.



# 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**  
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Monday & Friday: By appointment only**

Phone: (717) 921-2633  
Fax: (717) 921-8106

### **Email**

[dauphinboro@comcast.net](mailto:dauphinboro@comcast.net)

### **Website**

[www.dauphinborough.org](http://www.dauphinborough.org)

## **Borough Council**

**Michael McKenna - Mayor**

**David Grbich - President**

**Brian Cuddy - Vice President**

**George Bechtel - Councilman**

**Kathryn Burton - Councilwoman**

**Steven Harris - Councilman**

**Kevin Musselman - Councilman**

**Jeffrey Thrush - Councilman**

**Linda Durgin - Administrator**

**Cindy Long - Treasurer**

**Virginia Wynn - Tax Collector**

## IN MEMORIAM



**Borough of Dauphin**

**BOROUGH OF DAUPHIN**  
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DAUPHIN, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FORMALLY RECOGNIZING AND MEMORIALIZING THE SERVICE OF COUNCILMAN DONALD B. HARNER TO THE BOROUGH OF DAUPHIN.

### **BACKGROUND**

WHEREAS Mr. Harner was born on October 20, 1952 in Pottsville, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS Mr. Harner was elected to Borough Council in 2017 with a term commencing January 2, 2018, and ending January 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS Mr. Harner was a dedicated and active member of Borough Council during his tenure, most recently serving as President Pro Tempore and on multiple subcommittees; and

WHEREAS Mr. Harner was a thoughtful contributor to Borough Council discussions, mindful of the residents his position was representing, and always acted in a manner most befitting a person who embodied the best of what public service should mean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harner served his community with honor and garnered the respect and admiration of his fellow Councilmembers and those who he represented; and

WHEREAS Mr. Harner passed away on December 10, 2020, while still serving as a member of Borough Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the Council for the Borough of Dauphin, and it is hereby Resolved by authority of the same that the life and service of Councilman Donald B. Harner to the Borough of Dauphin is hereby formally recognized and memorialized.

RESOLVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021, by the Council for the Borough of Dauphin, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

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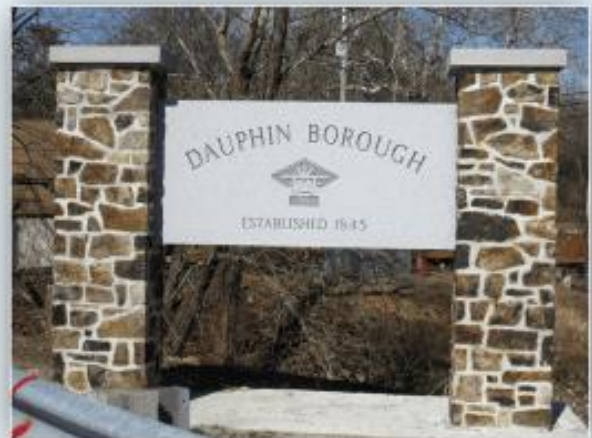
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## DAUPHIN-MIDDLE PAXTON LIONS CLUB

### 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 is more than **60 years old**. The **Lions'** **sponsor** 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. To name a few, the **officers** are: **Ron Hull**, president; **Pat Booten**, first vice president; **Skip Wachter**, second vice president; **Larry Potteiger**, secretary; and **Greg College**, treasurer; **Georgie Neufer**, tail twister; **Mark Freese**, lion tamer; and **Jack Rudy**, **Mike Neufer**, **George Coleman** and **Clarence Kuntz** as the board of directors.

### THE CARNIVAL RETURNS?



The **Lions Club** has tentatively scheduled its **annual carnival** for **July 27 through 31** in Dauphin. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced cancellation of the carnival last year, the club will make a **final decision** this **spring** on whether it will return this year. **Watch the Lions Club's website for developments.**

### 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 high school as long as you are a resident here.

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



**Deadline for applying is April 1.** For an application and more information, go to [www.tfec.org/scholarships/lynn-e-poffenberger-memorial-scholarship-fund/](http://www.tfec.org/scholarships/lynn-e-poffenberger-memorial-scholarship-fund/)



## The Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society

Due to the Pandemic, all meetings are postponed until further notice. Please check our website for updates (see website below).



### Veteran's Memorial Brick Orders

Veteran's Memorial Bricks are available for purchase in three sizes:  
8"x4" - 3 lines - \$50; 8"x8" - 6 lines - \$500; 12"x12" - 8 lines - \$1000

The order form can be downloaded from the **Historical Society Website** under the "more" tab then choose "**Veteran's Memorial**". You can also email the society at [dmphist@verizon.net](mailto:dmphist@verizon.net). If you have never been to the square in Dauphin to see the memorial, please take the time and pay a visit!

**Note:** A new brick order form has been uploaded to the society website (shown below). Be advised that orders are usually held until **at least five (5) orders** are received due to the high cost of shipping for less. Once received, the new bricks are placed at the memorial as **weather allows**. **Your understanding is appreciated.**

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

**At this time, research will be by appointment only. Please email the society (email below) to set up an appointment.**

**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](mailto:dmphist@verizon.net). Also visit our website <http://www.dauphin-middlepaxtonhs.weebly.com> or our Facebook as [Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society!](#)

**Some Dauphin History...**

### **ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO!**

#### **"Temporary Road for 'Narrows'"**

**Harrisburg Telegraph (Harrisburg, PA) March 14, 1921**

The maintenance forces of the State Highway Department have completed the construction of a temporary road on the William Penn Highway at Dauphin. At this point a grade crossing is to be eliminated through the construction of an under-grade passageway. The detour constructed by the maintenance forces of the Department has a stone base and is in very good condition. It extends from the old grade crossing 1200 feet to a point near the Dauphin station, where a new grade crossing has been constructed. The Railroad Company has moved its watchman to the new crossing.

Work on the undergrade crossing has already been started. This passage will be 30 feet in width, giving 26 feet for the roadway and four feet for a sidewalk. It is angled about 40 degrees with the center line of the Pennsylvania System right of way.

**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!!**

**We also thank you for your patience during this pandemic as we all adjust to doing things a bit differently!**



It's cookie time and **The Girl Scouts** are **selling** their famous **cookies** right now!!! If you would like to order some, **please call Sherrie Whisler at 717-574-4949**. We are offering **contactless delivery**. Cookie **prices** are **\$4 and \$5**.



**Money is due upon delivery. Thank you in advance for your order!**

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



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

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

This past season, our **scouts** have helped out our local **community, parks and churches** as well as our commitment to the **road cleanup** along Clarks Valley Road. We've gone to **Winter Camp**, and had other campouts during the fall and winter, along with trekking some hikes. All of this while learning to become **responsible** and **self-confident** young men and **having fun** in the process! Some of the places we have gone recently include **Gettysburg, Camp Muckleratz, and Hidden Valley**.

We are looking forward to another **new adventurous season** this spring and summer! The boys will be able to pursue their own **individual interests** as well as troop activities such as **kayaking**, learning **life-saving skills**, and **environmental science**. Our troop also is looking forward to our fundraising activities such as the **Chicken BBQ** and **sub sales**. Activities like this helps the scouts go on these great adventures.

All of our **Scouts** are working hard on their **merit badges**. We would like to say **thank you** to all of our **community members** for the **generous donations** towards our goal of **Eagle**. One of our Scouts just completed all his badges, his **Eagle** project, and now awaits for his **Board of Review**.



**Scout meetings** are held **Wednesday** evenings at **Hope Church, 931 Red Hill Road, Dauphin** from **6:30 to 8:00**. We're are looking for **parent volunteers** to help out or to 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](mailto:DauphinTroop233@gmail.com) or visit our **NEW Dauphin Troop 233 Facebook** Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2435005586803304>.

## **DAUPHIN MIDDLE PAXTON JOINT PARK AUTHORITY**

Spring is just around the corner, and so is our next athletic season. On **Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**, **Dauphin Athletic Association** will kick off another youth **baseball and softball season**. **Thank you** to the **DAA, Dauphin Baseball and Softball**, and all of their **volunteers**, who work so hard to make the fields beautiful and ready for play. 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](mailto:nogorman@staleyogormanlaw.com). Monetary donations can be mailed to us at **P.O. Box 521, Dauphin**. **Your help is greatly appreciated.**

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**. Also, **dumping** of yard waste, brush or other debris in any area of the park is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. Dumping impairs the public use and enjoyment of the park and unnecessarily consumes volunteer resources for cleanup. **Violators will be prosecuted.**

**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 17<sup>th</sup>** due to the holiday. **April** through **September**, meetings are held in the large pavilion at the park. All other meetings are held at the Dauphin Borough building.



**Have a safe and enjoyable spring and summer!**





# News from the Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association

**Already in 2021 the CCWPA Committees are hard at work!**

A **DeHart Dam Committee** meeting was held via ZOOM on Wednesday, January 20, and included Thomas E. Bold, Jr., Environmental Group Manager, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection/Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands. After much discussion, it was agreed that **CCWPA** still recommends that a siren be installed and employed in the case of a dam emergency, in order to best notify the residents of Clarks Valley, and that the Emergency Action Plans in place need better consideration of evacuation routes and the proactive notification of residents.

To that end, the **CCWPA** encourages all residents to sign up with the **South Central (PA) ALERT Emergency Notification System**. Please go to:

<https://www.sctfpa.org/sc-alert.php>

## **Next Trash-Pickup: May 8, 2021**

The **Adopt-a-Highway Committee** announces that the **CCWPA's** 20th Session and 10th Anniversary **Trash-Pickup** Event will be held on **May 8, 2021**, from **9 am to noon**. Once again, our efforts are under the aegis of the Great American Clean-Up of Pennsylvania. We will meet at FLEMISH DOWN (1231 Clarks Valley Road) at 9 am for orientation and distribution of gloves, tools and trash bags. We will again be providing **MASKS** for anyone who needs to wear one while collecting the trash (or you can wear your own).

The pick-up session lasts until noon, after which we will have a **PIZZA PARTY** to thank the volunteers! We have enough outdoor space to allow comfortable seating while eating at a distance, so it should be fun!

Please visit our web site **via QR Code** to let us know you are coming:



Or, send an e-mail to [info@ccwpa.org](mailto:info@ccwpa.org). In case of inclement weather, we will e-mail all the volunteers, so it's important you contact us. We have a **rain date** of **May 22, 2021**.

Please watch our web site and Facebook page as we add events made possible, if it happens, by the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions.

## **We Want You to Join CCWPA!**

A famous public servant was once renowned for this phrase: **DO IT NOW!** If you haven't officially joined the **CCWPA**, or you haven't renewed your membership this year, take that hint: **DO IT NOW!**

**Membership in CCWPA** is 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.**

You can download the **Membership Form** from our web site or directly from this link: <http://ccwpa.org/membershipform.pdf>. You will be reminded to renew your dues on the anniversary of your payment.

The **CCWPA** relies on membership dues to fund most of our operations. We are a **100% volunteer** organization, and, as our Mission Statement testifies, 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. Isn't this the kind of organization **YOU** ought to join?



Please visit our web site — <http://ccwpa.org> — or our Facebook page — <https://www.facebook.com/CCWPA/> — for more information, our By-Laws and Annual Meeting Minutes, helpful links to other **Watershed Preservation Associations**, information about **DeHart Dam** and the Emergency Plans, updates and links to the **Detweiler Park Master Plan** development, photos of **CCWPA** activities, and much more.



## **State Senator John DiSanto 15th Senatorial District**



### **DiSanto Named Chairman of Senate Banking & Insurance Committee**

Senate President Pro Tempore Jake Corman has appointed me as Chairman of the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee for the 2021-22 legislative session. This committee has jurisdiction over the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities and the Insurance Department. The Banking and Insurance Committee is responsible for legislation ensuring financial institutions and insurers are compliant with fiscally-sound practices as well as promoting fair and healthy market competition that best serves Pennsylvania consumers and businesses.

In the most recent legislative session, the Committee approved a state-based health insurance exchange to save on marketplace consumers' premiums, a new law allowing consumers to synchronize prescription refills, and an expansion of insurance coverage for breast cancer screenings for women.

I am very pleased to accept this new Chairmanship overseeing these industries that employ many residents and have been critical service providers in responding to our communities' economic and health needs during this pandemic. Financial relief and healthcare access remain my priorities during our recovery and I look forward to advancing legislation to serve Pennsylvanians during the COVID-19 response and beyond.

### **DiSanto Bill to Better Protect Newborns Becomes Law**

Legislation I introduced to ensure newborn babies are comprehensively screened for all recommended disorders was unanimously approved by the House and Senate and approved by the Governor as Act 133 of 2020. Newborn screening is essential for early detection so prompt treatment can be provided to prevent instances of permanent disability or even death.

Prior to my new law, the Department of Health maintained a short list of mandatory screenings and a longer list of optional ones, leaving the health of newborns dependent upon the hospital in which the baby is born. My constituent, Lesa Brackbill of Hershey, experienced firsthand Pennsylvania's deficient law as she lost her young daughter Tori in 2016 before the age of two after a battle with Krabbe—a treatable disease when diagnosed at birth.

The lack of a comprehensive screening mandate cost Tori her life and Lesa partnered with me on this legislation to ensure health providers screen every child equally for every disorder recommended by the federal government and the Pennsylvania Newborn Screening and Technical Advisory Board. Act 133 also empowers the advisory board to add clinically recommended disorders for future screenings.

The implementation of this new law strengthens Pennsylvania's newborn screening program and prevents similar tragedies from happening to other young families and newborns.

**For assistance with any state-related matters, contact my office at 717-787-6801 or  
[SenatorDiSanto.com](http://SenatorDiSanto.com).**





## **2021 Update from the Pennsylvania General Assembly** *By State Rep. Sue Helm (R-Dauphin/Lebanon)*

Without a doubt, this past year has been one of the most difficult in recent memory. In these uncertain times, I am deeply grateful that you have continued to place your trust in me as your state representative. My colleagues and I are hard at work in Harrisburg, working to craft legislation to help all Pennsylvanians.

Pennsylvania has started its vaccine distribution and is actively working to expand eligibility and increase distribution. At the time this article is being written, those eligible include individuals age 65 and older, and individuals ages 16-64 with certain medical conditions, as defined by the CDC, that increase the risk of severe illness from the virus.

The Commonwealth is offering more detailed information online, as well as a quiz to determine your eligibility and an interactive map of vaccine distributors. Distributors will be marked green if they may have vaccines to distribute, or red if they are currently out of stock. You can utilize these tools by visiting [www.PA.gov](http://www.PA.gov) and clicking on COVID-19 at the top of the page.

In September of 2020 I submitted House Bill 2868, which would have provided protections for Pennsylvania's homeowners and renters impacted by COVID-19 by amending the Mortgage and Rental Assistance Program. While the program was established to protect renters and homeowners in the early stages of the pandemic, it was clear after several months of operation that changes were necessary in order for the program to truly help those it was intended to help.

The changes contained in my bill would have reduced barriers to participation for the program, helping to make sure that those affected by COVID-19 would have access to the \$175 million in funds approved by the Legislature.

After being passed unanimously by the House, the bill unfortunately stalled while under consideration by the Senate.

But now, in the new session, Senate Bill 109 is currently under consideration by the House. This bill would allocate over \$550 million for rental and utility assistance, distributed proportionally to counties based on population. These funds would be used to provide a much-needed financial safety net for tenants and landlords during these incredibly difficult times. Additionally, the bill would allocate nearly \$200 million for education programs and \$145 million to support Pennsylvania's struggling hospitality industry.

To provide oversight of the 2020 election and dive deeper into Pennsylvania's 1937 election law so voters have faith in the process and the results, the House State Government Committee has launched into a series of weekly election hearings. This is being done to inform the public and the committee so we may facilitate election changes to improve the process and restore voter confidence in elections.

While the 2020 General Election has been debated and litigated numerous times, the General Assembly still has a constitutional duty to ensure that our elections run as smoothly, efficiently and accurately as possible. Throughout these hearings the committee will examine every aspect of the election to identify potential areas for improvement. We hope to restore the public's faith and trust in our elections, regardless of political affiliation.

As always, 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 don't hesitate to contact my Linglestown district office at 717-651-0100, my Millersburg district office at 717-692-0833 or visit my website at [www.RepHelm.com](http://www.RepHelm.com).





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## **CONSIDERATE MINDFULNESS IS AN ACT OF KINDNESS**



Over the last year, the Township has received an **increase** in **complaints** about **noise; fireworks, loud music, loud vehicles, ATVs and dirt bikes**. The pandemic has required many to work from home, attend school at home and make major adjustments to daily routines. **PLEASE** be **considerate** and **mindful** of your neighbors and the activities you engage in on your property. Many essential workers work various shifts and need to sleep during the day. **Continued complaints** may result in **new ordinances** which would address and limit these activities. These actions would be the result of **community members** asking for **controls** and not your elected officials trying to control your lives.

A little bit of **respect** for others can go a long way. Please take into **consideration** the **impact** of your actions and perhaps limit them with **respect to your neighbors**.



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

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