

MIDDLE PAXTON DIGEST

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2021



DAUPHIN MIDDLE PAXTON FIRE COMPANY #1, INC.

OPEN HOUSE AND CHICKEN BBQ

September 25, 2021

Middle Paxton Township will also be celebrating 10 years in the Municipal Services Building.

Please join us for a tour of the building and light refreshments.



On **April 21, 2011**, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to unveil the **new** shared municipal services building and Fire Company. Along with Township Officials participating in the event were Dauphin County Commissioners, Dauphin Borough Officials and Dauphin Middle Paxton Fire Company Volunteer Fire Fighters.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS



BOOT DRIVE

October 2021

CHICKEN CORN SOUP SALE

October 31, 2021 - 10:00 AM til Sold Out



RAFFLES and BINGO



Online raffles started in early summer. Please check out our **Facebook** pages to see what **prizes** are being raffled off. **To purchase** chances, go to our **Facebook** pages, click on the link and make your purchase using your debit card. When all chances are sold, the **drawing is done live** on **Facebook**. The winner is contacted to pick up their prize at the station.

Facebook pages:

Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company
Dauphin Middle Paxton Fire Company Online Raffle

The **Fire Company** hopes to **start Bingo** in October, the date to be determined. **Volunteers** are needed to help run the **Bingo** games. Please **contact Trustee Shane Swenson (717) 364-2260** if interested in helping. A **survey** is being conducted to determine which night most would like to attend **Bingo**. Please send a **message** via our **Facebook** page or contact **Trustee Shane Swenson**.



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

Mark Wolfe

Secretary

Amanda Ryan

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

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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

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Noon** Wednesday

CLOSED FRIDAY

In the event of an emergency, contact Julie Seeds, Township Manager, at (717) 943-5131.

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

- * 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

- * 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

ROADWAY ETIQUETTE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Township Ordinance 2016-05 established procedures for declaring a **Snow Emergency** and addresses other conditions that are governed by such a declaration. **Temporary or emergency traffic regulations, parking regulations, sidewalk maintenance and fire hydrant clearing requirements** are addressed in this ordinance as well as the **penalties for violations**.



Middle Paxton Township has approximately **forty (40) miles** of roadway to maintain. Our **road crew** works day and night, **24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year** to keep all our roadways safe and passable. It is **UNLAWFUL** to blow or plow **snow, ice, slush, or other matter** onto **Township** roadways.

Roadways do not stop at the edge of the pavement; **right-of-ways** extend on both sides beyond the paved surface. To this extent, items sitting in the **Township right-of ways** must be **removed** to ensure the **safety of our road crew** and to **prevent equipment damage**. Violators will be held **liable for the cost** of any damaged incurred by items that remain in the **right-of-way**. These items include but are not limited to **basketball hoops, cars, trailers, boats and campers**.

HELPFUL HINT – CLEARING YOUR DRIVEWAY AND REDUCING PLOW BACK

During **winter weather**, the Township **road crew** is busy working to keep our roadways passable and in safe condition. **Homeowners** are working to **clear driveways**. **Frustration** occurs when no sooner have we cleared our driveway then the **plow comes by** and **undoes** the work we have just completed.



A **helpful hint** to remember; place the snow you are clearing to the **right side** of your driveway when **facing the Township roadway**. This will greatly **minimize** the amount of snow that is placed on the end of your driveway when the crews do their **plow back**. This is not to say that some snow will not end up on your driveway but it will **greatly reduce** the amount.

PPL GUIDANCE – TREES AND POWERLINES



Recent **weather events** seem to have **increased** the number of **trees on powerlines**. The **Township** often receives call about **trees on powerlines** but the road crew **cannot** take care of these situations. **PPL** advises residents to **call 1-800-DIAL-PPL (1-800-342-5775)**. Their forester will send someone to access the situation. On poles that have several wires on them, remember the **power line** is always the **top wire**. If unsure, call and let PPL determine what lines are involved.

Calling 911 will also result in **emergency personnel** being **dispatched** to the affected area. Often times, **traffic control** is necessary and these teams will work together.

NEVER attempt to move downed lines or drive over them!

FROM THE DESK OF THE BUILDING CODES & ZONING OFFICER

Thinking about **adding a shed, fence, pavilion, deck, driveway, patio, or remodeling your home, garage, driveway or property?** Make sure to get a permit from the Township. Depending on your project, **different application(s)** may be needed. All applications are available on the Township's **website**, under **Resources - Applications**.



Permit Process:

- ♦ Submit a **complete permit application** and **site plan** to the Township.
- ♦ The application is **reviewed** by the Zoning Officer, Building Code Official.
- ♦ The applicant is contacted if any additional information is needed or required.
- ♦ Once approved, the applicant is contacted with the required fees due and how to pick up the permit.

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 ensure 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 "Resources-Applications" or from the **Zoning Officer**.



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

SCHOOL BUS STOP SAFETY



August 30, 2021 marks the **start** of another **school year**. A large number of **buses** will be on all of our roadways, **picking up students**. **PLEASE** remain **alert** for children standing along the roadways waiting for the bus as well as school buses making **frequent stops**. **Allow extra time** coming and going each day so as not to rush and **avoid distractions** by staying off your phones. **Passing a school bus is NEVER permissible!**



Please abide by the flashing lights in the school zone by Middle Paxton Elementary School.

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS



Orders for **reflective address markers** can be placed at the **Township office**. They help ensure that **emergency services** can quickly **locate** your home in the event of an **emergency**. 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).

Payment is due at time of order.

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.

A few examples of issues that residents need to report are:



- ♦ **Animals roaming at large** - "Free range" applies to your property only, **not** your neighbor's.
- ♦ **Loud, harsh noises or disturbances** - Letting your dog bark incessantly may not be annoying to you but it may be to your neighbor. **We currently do not have an ordinance that addresses fireworks.**
- ♦ **Not picking up after 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 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. It is often assumed that the Township isn't taking action when we are not aware that the situation has not been resolved.

Please remember that our **Township** does not have a police department and that **enforcement** of certain regulations, such as those that apply to fireworks are handled by the **Pennsylvania State Police**. Please contact the **Township** office if you have questions or concerns.

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

DAUPHIN BOROUGH-MIDDLE PAXTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



As the seasons begin to change, we should be thinking about how prepared we are for the snow, ice and winds.

Do you have a plan? Do you and your family have stored supplies for power outages? If you need to relocate, do you know what you need to take; medications, pet supplies, special need items for your health? Below are some suggestions from **READY.PA.GOV.**

1st – BE INFORMED

Join South Central Alert. (sctfpa.org) – used by emergency management to update citizens of road closures, flooding, and impending weather alerts. Through this system we can also inform you of rerouting issues, shelters, and who to contact in an emergency.

2nd – BE PREPARED

Have a **family emergency plan**. Meet with your family and discuss why you need to prepare for an emergency. Discuss the types of disasters that are most likely to happen and what to do in each situation. Plan to **share responsibilities** and **work together** as a team. **Keep it simple**. A disaster is an extremely stressful situation that can create confusion. The best emergency plans are simple enough so that everyone can remember the important details.

- **How you will contact one another**
- **How you will get back together**
- **What you will do in case of an emergency**

Practice and maintain your plan.



Home Emergency kit:

Your **home emergency kit** should contain **essential food, water and supplies to live on** for at least **three days**. Keep your **emergency kit** in a **designated location** in your home and in an **easy-to-carry** container in case you need to evacuate (you should also keep a **smaller emergency kit in your car**). Make sure that all family members know where the **emergency kit** is kept.

3rd – PETS

Pets are our family, We should have what they need to survive also; favorite toys, food, any medications.

Emergency Management is ALWAYS looking for personnel to assist with emergencies and disasters. From planning to mitigation, we oversee it all. If you are interested in assisting, feel free to contact me.

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. The adoption of this ordinance was **required** by the **PA Department of Environmental Resources**. Residents have two options: **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 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 "**Communication Preferences**" on your account.



Standard Service (quarterly billed) allows 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. The **18 gallon** rectangular container costs **\$18**. You also have the option of purchasing a container of any size and labeling it "**RECYCLE**". 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, please reference **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.

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 you HHW Kit at your curb on the scheduled collection date.



NEVER throw out hazardous household waste with your residential waste!

PARKS AND RECREATION ASPIRATIONS



Middle Paxton Township has two ideas for improving its delivery of Parks and Recreation services to residents.

The first is the revival of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Regrettably the Board has dematerialized, but the **Township** is looking to revamp this **Citizen Advisory Board**. If interested in serving, please visit the **Township's website** and complete the **Application for Appointment** and submit it to the **Township Manager** at middlepaxtontwp@comcast.net or drop off at the **Township Office**.



The second is the possibility of utilizing Township parks and recreation facilities to host educational and recreational events.



Many municipalities offer **workshop-style classes** at their parks and recreation facilities for resident use. Examples of such include yoga, exercise, knitting, and seniors-focused programming.



The **Township** is interested in gauging **residents' interest** and **support** in this, as well as **volunteers** looking to lead these programs. Please consider completing a short online survey that will help the **Township** determine if this idea is worth pursuing. It can be found at www.tinyurl.com/middlepaxtontwpsurvey.



The Penn State Extension Master Gardeners

Have a Garden Question?



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.

High-quality photos and a detailed description will aid our diagnosis. Visit our website <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/counties/dauphin> for further information.

Don't guess!

Call on the experience of our **Master Gardeners** for research-based horticultural answers today.



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.



Volunteers are needed to **drive** the van. Without the selfless efforts of a **faithful** few, 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.



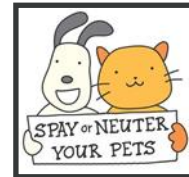
Community LifeTeam Ambulance

Community **LifeTeam** is the contracted **ambulance service** provider for Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township. 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.



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.



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.

Please share this information with any neighbors that may need help with their pet situations.

**Please Don't Litter
Spay or Neuter
Your Critter**



Community Bulletin Board

TRICK OR TREAT



Sunday, October 31, 2021 is designated **Trick or Treat** night between 6-8 PM. Be alert to all the ghosts, goblins and ghouls that will be out and about.

SLOW DOWN!

BE PATIENT!

Allow a little extra time to get to your destination.

HOPE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

931 Red Hill Road, Dauphin



ELECTION DAY SOUP SALE

Hope United Presbyterian Church

will be selling

Soup by the Quart

and

Bowls-To-Go Only

on **Election Day, Tuesday,**
November 2, 2021.



Fishing Creek Valley Community Association

Fishing Creek Valley Community Association has greatly missed having our regular events at the Fishing Creek Valley Community Center. Please mark your calendars for our upcoming events.



Fall Fest/Chicken Corn Soup Sale
Saturday, October 23, 2021 - 11AM

Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, December 4, 2021 - 8AM - 12 noon (You must register for this event)



Egg Hunt/Chicken Corn Soup Sale
Saturday, April 9, 2022 - Promptly at 11AM

Please bring containers if purchasing soup.

If you have any questions, please call
Natalie Bailor at 717-599-5698.

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

405 Swatara Street, Dauphin

Zion Lutheran Church will host
Trunk-or-Treat on **October 31st**
from **6-8pm.**

As you are out **trick-or-treating** through the Borough, please stop by and see us on the corner of **Allegheny & Swatara Streets.** Our parking lot will have some decorated cars with folks passing out candy from their trunks.
Hope to see you there!

CLARKS VALLEY ZION E. C. CHURCH

210 McKelvey Road, Dauphin

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

October 30, 2021

11 am-2 pm

Games, Food, Candy,
FUN!!!!



Clarks Valley Zion E.C. Church presents:



Away in a Mango:
A Christmas Island
Adventure for Kids
December 11 & 12

Check out our website for more
information.

www.cvzec.org

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

Website

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

Joselyn Long - Junior Council Member

Linda Durgin - Administrator

Cindy Long - Treasurer

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Mark your calendars for the Dauphin Borough **Tree Lighting Ceremony** to be held on **Friday, December 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm.** Follow **Dauphin Borough Celebrating 250 Years** on Facebook for more information.



Dauphin Borough has partnered with the **ABC Promise Partnership** to collect a specific amount of **bottle caps/ plastic container lids** in



exchange for **three park tables** of different sizes for children and adults. **Collection bins**

for donations of the bottle caps and lids will be placed at the **Borough building.** **1050 pounds of caps are needed.**

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

MIDDLE PAXTON LIONS CLUB

PLEASE JOIN US!



You don't have to live in Dauphin Borough or Middle Paxton Township to be a member of **the Middle Paxton Lions Club**. No matter where you live, you are **welcome to join**. If you are interested in joining, contact any Lion's member. **Officers** are Ron Hull, Brian Cuddy, Larry Potteiger, Greg College, Georgie Neuffer and Mark Frese. Jack Rudy, Mike Neuffer, George Coleman and Clarence Kuntz comprise the **Board of Directors**.

GOOD TIMES AHEAD!

The **Lions** are making plans to return to their **busy schedule of events**. **Orders** for their **nut sale** are to be taken this fall **through October 29**, with **roasting day** scheduled **November 13**.

The annual **Halloween parade** is scheduled **October 16** as part of **Dauphin's 250th** birthday celebration.

The kids' **Christmas Party** is scheduled **December 4**, and the **Lions' Carnival Appreciation Party** is being planned for **December**.

For updates on all of these events this fall, see the **Lions' Facebook** page.



A CELEBRATED COMEBACK!

The **Lions' annual carnival** returned in late July, thanks in large part to the community's help. The weather was beautiful, the crowds were large, and the food was great as usual.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank You!

Our community owes a **debt of gratitude** to all those who helped **sponsor** this year's **carnival**. **THANK YOU** to Dauphin Locksmith, Dauphin Pool, Dauphin Swim Team, Mid Penn Bank, Dauphin/Halifax Legion Baseball, Dauphin Athletic Association, Dauphin Girl Scouts, Dauphin Boy Scouts, Middle Paxton School Association, Bill & Cat Kassay, Eric Epstein, Dauphin Borough, Dauphin/Middle Paxton Historical Society, Dauphin/Middle Paxton Home Association, Middle Paxton Township,

PMC Garage, Stoney Creek Inn, S & M Fuel Mart, UGO, Madden Physical Therapy, Ted's Bar and Grill - Midtown, Dauphin/Middle Paxton Fire Company, Dauphin Pizza, 3B's, and Hornung's True Value Hardware.

The Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society



**October 16, 2021 – Heritage Day/250th Anniversary
Celebration of Dauphin Borough 8am-8pm**

Monthly Meetings are held on the 4th **Thursday** of the following months: **January-June** and **September and October**. The Museum, Library and Gift Shop are open the public at **6pm**, with the meeting beginning at **7pm**. Our speakers are always fun and interesting and the public is welcome!

Monthly Meetings & Speakers

September 23, 2021 – Frank Pinto, proprietor of the **Peter Allen House**, will be speaking on **“Politics, Power & Sex: An Insider’s 50-Year Look from the Graveyards to the White House”**.

October 28, 2021 – Major Robert Einsel (PA State Police, Retired) will speak on **“The Origins and Evolution of the Pennsylvania State Police: 1905-1937”**.

January 27, 2022 – **Annual Show & Tell** – Bring an interesting item & tell us about it!

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@comcast.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). 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**. We appreciate your understanding.*

Workshop Hours: At this time, if you would like to do research or visit the Society’s museum, it will be **by appointment only**. Please **email** the society at dmphist@comcast.net 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@comcast.net. Also visit our website <http://www.dauphin-middlepaxtonhs.weebly.com> or our Facebook as [Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society!](#)



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



Fun ☒ Friendship ☒ Her Big Future ☒ Girl Scouts has you covered!



Life can be complicated, but keeping your girl curious, active, and happy doesn't have to be. Come see all that Girl Scouts has to offer your family.

New troops forming for the 2021-22 school year
Join now and let the adventure begin!

Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania

www.gshpa.org

Questions? Contact: 800-692-7816

memberservices@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** for fun-filled outdoor activities, sports, academics, camping, hiking and so much more!

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

As we continue to climb out of the **Covid-19 pandemic**, our troop has been doing some things. We just returned from our **2021 Summer Camp Adventure**. We have **replaced** the railroad tie steps at **Hagy Park**. We also helped our charter organization, **Hope Church** with **painting** their shed along with laying out **tan bark**. The **volleyball area** at Dauphin-Middle Paxton Park is full of sand again, too. We continue to **clean** the roadside of **Clarks Valley Road** as well.

We have planned plenty for the boys to be kept busy by **camping, hiking, and community service** across our area.



The boys will be able to pursue their own **individual interests** as well as **troop activities** such as kayaking, learning life-saving skills, environmental science; winter camp and lots, lots more! Our troop is also looking forward to our **fundraising activities** such as the **Chicken BBQ, Spaghetti Dinner, and sub sales**. Activities like these help the scouts go on these awesome adventures.



Scout meetings are held **Wednesday** evenings at **Hope Church**, 931 Red Hill Road, Dauphin from **6:30 to 8:00**. We 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 or visit our **NEW Dauphin Troop 233 Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2435005586803304>.

DAUPHIN MIDDLE PAXTON JOINT PARK AUTHORITY

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



We are pleased to announce that we have been **awarded grant funding** to **defray** the cost of **upcoming park expenses!** Thanks to a **Dauphin County Local Share Gaming Grant**, we will be undertaking the preparation of a **master plan** for the park. This will enable us to plan more effectively for park needs, and make us eligible for other sources of grant funding. In conjunction with this plan, we will be able to make some improvements which will make park facilities accessible to our residents with disabilities. Many **thanks** to our **County Commissioners** for their generous support of the park. **Thanks** are also due to the **Township Supervisors**, members of the **Borough Council** and all of the **community organizations** who supported our grant application.

As you make plans for picnics, parties, family reunions and other gatherings, consider **renting** one of the park's pavilions. **Rental fees** are just **\$50** for the **large pavilion** and **\$25** for the **small pavilion**. Your rental includes use of the park ball fields, a handicapped accessible playground, and basketball and volleyball courts. If interested in reserving a date, please **contact 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**. Our dumpsters are for **park waste only** – please do not place your residential or business trash in them. Dumping impairs the public use and enjoyment of the park, creates expense 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**. **May through September**, meetings are held at the **large pavilion** at the park. All other meetings are held at the **Dauphin Borough building**.

Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association - News and Upcoming Events

OPPOSITION TO A ZONING CHANGE THAT THREATENS THE WATERSHED

In early June 2021, the **CCWPA** launched an effort to educate the Middle Paxton and surrounding area public about a perceived threat to the Clarks Creek Watershed: an application to change the zoning of a significant tract (formerly known as the Hagy Farm) near the western end of Clarks Creek, from C-O to C-I, to allow the construction of a trucking warehouse.

After the **CCWPA** Board of Directors resolved to oppose the zoning change, **CCWPA** held a public ZOOM Presentation on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, attended by 42 people in ZOOM and live-streamed on Facebook. It may be viewed at: <https://www.facebook.com/CCWPA>.

An online-petition was created to register opposition to the zoning change; it may be viewed at <http://chnng.it/8C7dFFK7>. As of this writing, almost 1,200 people have e-signed it!

CCWPA then made a formal appearance in opposition to the zoning change request at the Monday, June 14, 2021, Middle Paxton Township Planning Commission Meeting. After the **CCWPA** presentation and after discussion, the Planning Commission voted to recommend rejection of the application.

On June 26, **CCWPA** President Paula Zankel and Board Member Ryan Evans were featured guests on a local iHeart Radio interview show about the rezoning issue: that interview may be heard in its entirety at <https://ihr.fm/3wZLXyV>; Paula and Ryan also appeared on ABC 27's "News at 11" program on July 6; that interview may be viewed at <https://bit.ly/ABC-News27Interview>.

The **CCWPA** attended the Middle Paxton Board of Supervisors Meetings on July 6 and August 2, in order to follow the progress of the application (which as of this writing has been tabled), and the August 3 meeting of the Dauphin Borough Council.

CCWPA volunteers staffed a booth at the annual Middle Paxton Lions Club Carnival in Dauphin Borough on July 29-31, distributing information about watershed protection and the rezoning application fight, including "Stop the Warehouse" yard signs. We hope we saw you there!

CCWPA will continue to monitor the situation and report to the public as needed!

SEPTEMBER 18 ANNUAL MEETING AT HAGY PARK

CCWPA is holding its 2021 Annual Meeting in Hagy Park, 1130 Mountain Road, Dauphin, at 2 pm on Saturday, September 18. Members and friends are welcome! At the Annual Meeting, we review **CCWPA** efforts and activities of the past year, discuss the latest testing and condition of the watershed, and give notice of future efforts and events. Due to the staggering of Board terms, there will be an election for Board positions at this meeting. Further details will be posted on the **CCWPA** Facebook page, on the **CCWPA** Web site, and sent to members and friends via e-gram.

OCTOBER 23, 2021: 21st ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY TRASH COLLECTION

Volunteers needed! The **CCWPA** is holding its 21st consecutive Adopt-a-Highway Trash Collection Effort on Saturday, October 23, from 9 am - noon. [Once again, our efforts are under the aegis of the Great American Clean-Up of Pennsylvania. Full information is posted on the CCWPA Facebook Page and Web site, including a rain date if needed. We hope to see you!](#)

For information about the Clarks Creek watershed, general information on watershed protection, links to other Watershed Preservation associations and water protection groups, and details about the activities of **CCWPA**, please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CCWPA> or our Web site at <https://ccwpa.org>. **CCWPA** Annual Meeting minutes, membership forms, and By-Laws may all be downloaded from the Web site.



Use our CONTACT FORM to let us know you're interested in joining and/or helping out, or send us an e-mail to info@ccwpa.org.

Thanks to all supporters of preserving and protecting the Clarks Creek watershed! We hope you join us in our efforts.



MISSION: To preserve the community character and natural resources in Fishing Creek Valley.

SAVE FISHING CREEK VALLEY is now PRESERVE FISHING CREEK VALLEY

Preserve Fishing Creek Valley (PFCV) is now up and running as a recognized **501C (3) non-profit** organization! Formally organized on February 2, 2021, its mission stated above is a simple one. The organization is **moving on** from one associated with “**stop the warehouse**” to one more **holistic** in preserving the beauty and strength of the Valley.

By-Laws were adopted by the **Board of Directors** on February 2nd and can be viewed on our website at savefishingcreekvalley.org.

The volunteer **Board of Directors** is now in place with community members as follows:

Christian Masters, *President*

Karen Lutz

Bill Shreve

John Alwine, *Treasurer*

Carolyn Shaffer

Anna Breinich, *Secretary*

Angie Myers

Now the fun begins! The Board of Directors will be developing the **PFCV Work Plan** for the rest of 2021, part of which will be setting up the following **Committees** in accordance with our **By-Laws**:

Fundraising: To work with the Treasurer in establishing achievable fundraising goals.

Membership: To establish a membership development program, including general member outreach (website/newsletter content and distribution).

Activities: To develop and coordinate an annual schedule of community events.

Conservation: To work with land conservancies and other agencies in identifying potential parcels for conservation purposes.

Government Relations: To maintain contact with and provide comments to local, county, and Commonwealth agencies, as needed.

A CALL TO ACTION

Get involved! The organization's success is driven by your involvement. Volunteer to get involved in any of the above committees or anything else of interest to you.

Funding. The **Fishing Creek** community has been extremely generous for past efforts of **Save Fishing Creek Valley**. The **PFCV** is a non-profit organization and any donations to support the organization's activities are tax-deductible and needed. **PFCV** is totally volunteer driven but still needs funding to implement our mission. **New membership opportunities will be available soon!**

New Signs. New **PFCV** signs are now available at Bill and Cindy's Valley Store. Why not stop by and purchase a new sign.

Thanks for your commitment to keep our valley one of beauty and livability. For more information, contactus@preservefishingcreekvalley.org.



This is just some of what The Library has to offer! Many other programs are being held virtually. To browse a full listing of Library events, visit dcls.org/events. For more information or to register, call 717-234-4961 and choose option 6.

Curl up on your cozy couch and read along with The Library this winter!



The **Winter Reading Challenge** kicks off on **December 1** and runs until February 28. Earn points by reading, creating picture or written book reviews, and completing activities! **Open to all ages**. Register at any of The Library's eight locations or online at dcls.org/wrc.

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

Sundays, October 3, November 7 and December 5 at 2:00 pm

Generate wellness, socialize, and boost your creativity at **Crazy for Coloring!** Walk-ins are welcome! (For adults, 18+.)

Wednesday, October 6 – Saturday, October 9 (Hours Vary)

The Friends of East Shore Area Library will hold their **Fall Book Sale**. Shop new and gently used books, movies and more. Proceeds benefit the East Shore Area Library. For more information, visit dcls.org/friendsevents or call (717) 652-9380.



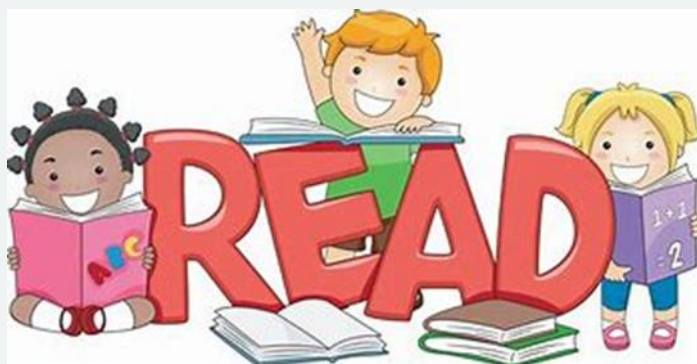
Sunday, November 14 at 2:00 pm

Caldecott and Coretta Scott King honoree **Cozbi Cabrera** will join The Library celebrate **Children's Book Week** and to talk about her award-winning book, *Mama and Me*. Registration opens on October 1. Register at dcls.org/cbw or call (717) 234-4961 opt. 6. (For families with children of all ages.)

Ned Smith Center for Nature and Arts, 176 Water Company Rd., Millersburg PA 17061

Saturday, September 25 at 1:30 pm

Debbie Naha-Koretzky, the Wild Edibles Lady, will present **Foraging Wild Edibles** for The Library's Lively Minds Series. She'll lead a conversation about what you can eat that's growing naturally in your own yard! She is the author of *Foraging Pennsylvania* and *New Jersey* and is a Licensed Dietitian Nutritionist, a Certified Rutgers Master Gardener, and a Pennsylvania Master Naturalist. (For adults, 18+.)





2021 Legislative, Economic Updates and Upcoming Events

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

As we embrace the return to normal and work to get **Pennsylvania** back on track, I remain incredibly honored to represent the **104th District** in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. This last year and a half has been an incredible struggle for us all.

We are very excited to resume holding events throughout the **104th District** and have several planned throughout the fall months. Please mark your calendars for the following events:

Concealed Carry Seminars

On **Thursday, September 2**, from **6-8 p.m.**, I will be hosting a concealed carry seminar at the **Halifax Ambulance and Rescue Association Building**, located at 31 Bunker Hill Road in Halifax. A presentation will be given by Josh Bodene, a criminal defense attorney with specific interest in firearms law and civil liberties. **Please call 717-692-0833 to register.**

Chronic Wasting Disease Seminar

On **Wednesday, September 8**, from **6-8 p.m.**, I will be holding a public information seminar on **Chronic Wasting Disease**, an illness found in Pennsylvania's deer population. This event will also be held at the **Halifax Ambulance and Rescue Association Building**, where presentation will be given by Dustin Stoner from the Pennsylvania Game Commission. **Please call 717-692-0833 to register.**

Drive-Thru Senior Expos

We will be holding two drive-thru senior expos this fall. The first will be held on **Friday, September 24**, from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at **Ridgeway Community Church**, located at 525 North Progress Ave. in Harrisburg. Attendees have the choice to receive a free turkey, ham or roast beef lunch. **Registration is required by September 17.** Please register and provide your choice of lunch by calling **717-651-0100**.

Our second senior expo will be held on **Friday, October 1**, from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at **Grace United Methodist Church** in Millersburg, located at 982 Medical Road. Attendees will have the same choice of a turkey, ham or roast beef lunch, and **must** register before **September 17** by calling **717-692-0833**.

Active Shooter Safety Seminar

Thursday, October 7, from **6-8 p.m.**, at the **Pennsylvania Game Commission headquarters**, located at 2001 Elmerton Ave. in Harrisburg. Presentation will be given by Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Michael Myers. **Please call 717-651-0100 to register.**

Drive-Thru Veterans Appreciation

To show our unwavering support and gratitude to our veterans, we will be holding two drive-thru veterans appreciation events. The first will be held on **Friday, November 5**, from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at **Ridgeway Community Church**. Attendees will have the choice of a turkey, ham or roast beef lunch. **Registration is required by October 29.** Please register and provide your choice of lunch by calling **717-651-0100**.

Our second drive-thru veterans event will be held on **Friday, November 12**, from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at **United Methodist Church** in Millersburg. Attendees will have the same choice of a turkey, ham or roast beef lunch, and **must** register before **October 29** by calling **717-692-0833**.

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.

State Senator John DiSanto 15th Senatorial District



Redistricting Process Underway

Article I, Section 2, of the US Constitution requires a Census be taken every 10 years for the purpose of [apportioning the US House of Representatives](#). The Constitution of Pennsylvania requires that the legislative districts for the State House of Representatives and Senate be redrawn following the federal census. This process ensures the boundaries of elective districts are periodically redrawn to maintain equal representation based on population.

The Pennsylvania General Assembly has appointed a bipartisan and bicameral Legislative Reapportionment Commission to redraw district boundaries for the State Senate and House of Representatives for next year's elections. Recent hearings focused on staffing, census data, primary election deadlines, and reapportionment criteria. The Commission is committed to a fair, transparent, and legal process that is accountable to the public. You can track the process and access agendas, hearing videos and other materials at: www.redistricting.state.pa.us.

Congressional redistricting is conducted by legislative action – a bill which proceeds through both chambers of the General Assembly and is signed into law by the Governor. The State Government committees of each chamber will hold hearings on appropriate boundaries for Pennsylvania's seventeen congressional seats (down from 18 following the 2010 Census). You may view news and meetings of the Senate State Government Committee at: www.stategovernment.pasenategop.com.

Expanding Broadband Access

I recently supported Senate Bill 442 to address challenges with expanding access to broadband in underserved areas. The proposal would require the Department of General Services to conduct a comprehensive inventory of all state-owned properties for broadband deployment. The bill would also require that revenues generated from leasing these state assets go towards expanding broadband services. SB 442 is now in the House for consideration.

I have also supported the establishment of the Unserved High-Speed Broadband Funding Program to benefit our underserved communities and allow companies to use existing easements held by rural electric cooperatives to ease deployment and lower costs.

The pandemic has clearly demonstrated that broadband access is a necessity, not a luxury, in today's world. Pennsylvania must do better to close this digital divide. Continuous improvements are being made; however, it will require a multifaceted approach to connect all families and businesses to reliable broadband services.

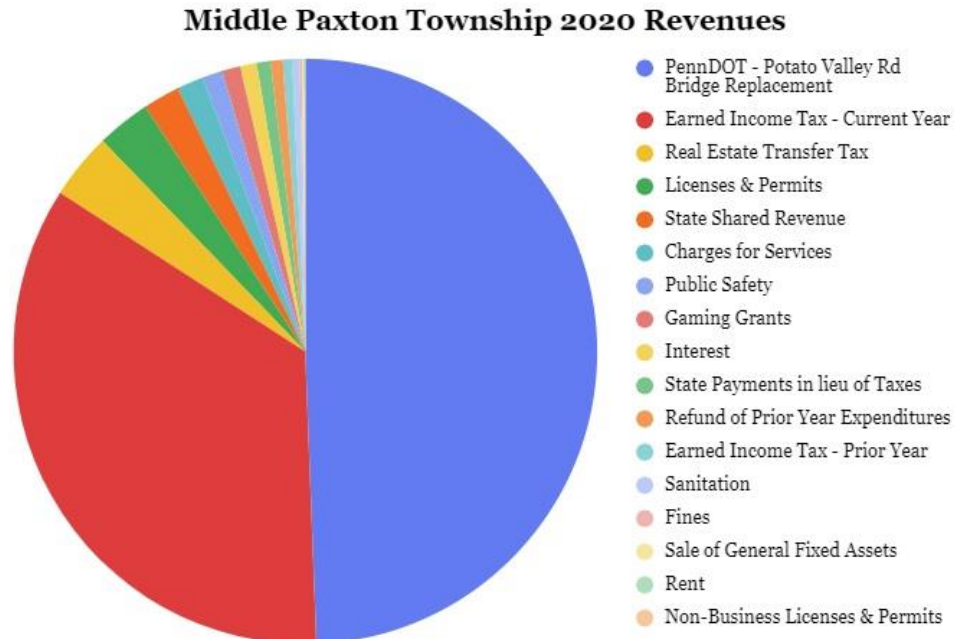
Please stay in touch! Go to my website, www.senatordisanto.com, and click on "sign up for emails."
You may also call my office at 717-787-6801 for help with any state-related matters.



From the Manager's Desk

The Township Manager and Administrative Staff are pleased to present the summary of revenues and expenditures for last Audited Year 2020.

Source	Percentage
PennDOT - Potato Valley Rd Bridge Replacement	49.40%
Earned Income Tax - Current Year	34.74%
Real Estate Transfer Tax	3.66%
Licenses & Permits	2.98%
State Shared Revenue	2.04%
Charges for Services	1.48%
Public Safety	1.11%
Gaming Grants	1.02%
Interest	0.91%
State Payments in lieu of Taxes	0.77%
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	0.66%
Earned Income Tax - Prior Year	0.53%
Sanitation	0.42%
Fines	0.11%
Sale of General Fixed Assets	0.11%
Rent	0.07%
Non-Business Licenses & Permits	0.01%
Total	100.00%

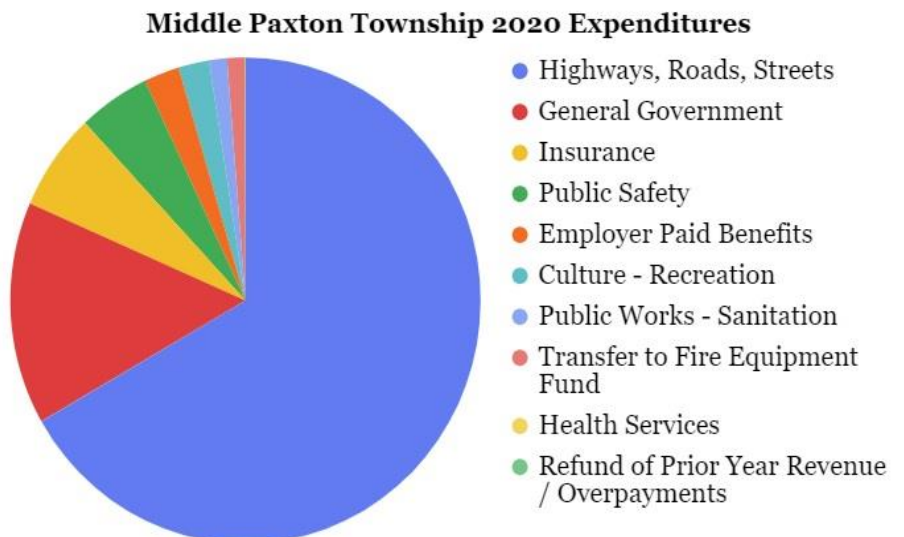


These tables and pie charts outline the Township's revenues (money received as income) and expenditures (money spent as costs) for **2020**. Each table lists the sources money, along with the percentage a source makes up of the total. They're listed in each table from largest to smallest.

As we proceed through 2021 and into 2022, our emphasis remains on long-term financial stability. We also remain committed to providing the important services to our residents that make

Middle Paxton Township a great place to live, grow, and work!

Source	Percentage
Highways, Roads, Streets	66.73%
General Government	14.81%
Insurance	6.50%
Public Safety	4.93%
Employer Paid Benefits	2.43%
Culture - Recreation	2.12%
Public Works - Sanitation	1.22%
Transfer to Fire Equipment Fund	1.19%
Health Services	0.05%
Refund of Prior Year Revenue / Overpayments	0.02%
Total	100.00%



***In 2020, the Township received funding from PennDOT to replace the Potato Valley Road bridge—thus increasing the percentage for "Highways, Roads, Streets" in expenditures for this particular year.**



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2021 GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Last day to register to vote - October 18, 2021

**Last day to request mail-in or absentee ballot -
October 26, 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**

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.