



Middle Paxton Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania **Spring/Summer 2022**

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PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ THE NEWSLETTER! MANY LOCAL ARTICLES FROM SCOUTING NEWS TO THE DAUPHIN POOL! AND CHECK OUT THE DATES FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS TO ATTEND!

The Middle Paxton Digest is published periodically for the residents of Middle Paxton Township and Dauphin Borough. We reserve 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.

2022 TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Board of Supervisors

1st Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M.
(Except July 7th and September 8th)

Planning Commission

2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M.
(If there is business for the Commission to review)

Zoning Hearing Board

2nd Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 P.M.
(If an application is submitted)

All meetings are held at the Municipal Building
10 Elizabeth Avenue, Dauphin PA 17018

Meeting dates and times are subject to change.
Please contact the Township Office at
717-921-8128 or check the Township website at
Middlepaxtontwp.org

MIDDLE PAXTON TOWNSHIP
A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, GROW, AND WORK!

Zoning Hearing Board

***2nd Wednesday of the month
@ 7:00 P.M. (if needed)***

James Allen
Chairman

Sebastian DeTres
Secretary

Joseph McConlogue
Vice Chairman

Debra Eshelman
Alternate

Patrick Armstrong, Esq.
Solicitor

Planning Commission

***2nd Monday of the month
@ 7:00 P.M. (if needed)***

Liz Rodda
Chairperson

Jeffrey S. Smith
Vice-Chairperson

Thomas “Chip” Brown

Gary Deimler

William “Kutt” Kotkiewicz

Donald Morse

Ralph Stone

Julie Ann Seeds
Secretary

Tax Collector

Tanya Pomeroy

Board of Supervisors

***1st Monday of the month
@ 7:00 P.M.***

***Workshop Meetings 3rd
Tuesday of the month @
7:00 P.M.
(if needed)***

Jeffery A. Smith
Chairman

Michael Sudia
Vice Chairman

Wilbur Evans
Treasurer

James Fisher
Assistant Secretary

Lawrence Cooney

Dauphin-Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority

Shannon Scott
President

Nichole Staley O’Gorman
Vice President

Ron Hull
Secretary

Tim Wenrich
Treasurer

Michael Cohen

Lawrence Cooney

Jeffrey Thrush

Appointments

Julie Ann Seeds
Township Manager/
Secretary

Ed Fisher
Floodplain Administrator
Representative for Light-Heigel &
Associates

Robert Hofer
Roadmaster

Steven Stine, Esq.
Solicitor

Light-Heigel & Associates
Engineer

Brian & Carrie McFeaters
Sewage Enforcement Officers

Robert Rusbatch
Emergency Management
Coordinator

**The public is invited to
attend all meetings.**

**Meetings are held at the
Middle Paxton
Township Municipal
Building—10 Elizabeth
Avenue, Dauphin, PA
17018**

The Township Building is accessible to persons having disabilities. Any person having special needs or requiring special aides are requested to contact the Township Manager at (717) 921-8128, ext 106 prior to the hearing.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING OFFICE HOURS

9:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M. Mondays, Tuesdays, and
Thursdays

9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. Wednesdays

CLOSED FRIDAYS



Middle Paxton Township Municipal Building

(717) 921-8128

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

Township Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

(717) 921-8128 Ext. 107

Office Hours—Mondays & Wednesdays

Township Sewage Enforcement Officers

Brian & Carrie McFeaters—(717) 813-6492

Township Tax Collector

Tanya Pomeroy (717) 921-8737

Payments can be dropped off at

1140 Victor Lane, Dauphin, PA 17018

- * CAT Shared Ride (Bus) (717) 233-5657
- * Comcast Customer Service (Cable/Internet) (800) 934-6489
- * Dauphin Area Senior Transit—Registration Only (Rue Megonnell) (717) 921-2727
- * Dauphin Area Senior Transit—Scheduling of Rides (717) 921-8128
- * Dauphin Borough Office (717) 921-2633
- * Dauphin County—Controlled Burns (717) 558-6900
- * Dauphin County—Recycling Center (717) 982-6772
- * Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Co. Non-Emergency (717) 921-8242
- * Dauphin-Middle Paxton Meals on Wheels—Sonya Boden (717) 991-5815 or (717) 921-8890
- * Magisterial District Judge—The Honorable Gregory D. Johnson (717) 921-8007
- * PA State Police Non-Emergency (717) 671-7500
- * PPL (Electric) (800) 342-5775
- * State Representative Sue Helm (717) 651-0100
- * State Senator John DiSanto (717) 787-6801
- * UGI Emergency Gas Leaks (800) 276-2722
- * UPMC Community LifeTeam (Ambulance) (717) 848-4740
- * 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 & U.S 22/322) (717) 787-5391 or (800) 349-7623
- * Township Road—Bears (610) 926-3136
- * Township Road—Deer (610) 926-1966

FROM THE ROADMASTER

2022 ROAD PROJECTS

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

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

Stony Mountain Meadows Subdivision

- ◆ Stony Mountain Way
- ◆ Meadow Lane

Stoney Creek Manor Subdivision

- ◆ Short Street
- ◆ Vesta Drive
- ◆ Erdman Drive
- ◆ Fried Drive
- ◆ Stoney Creek Drive
- ◆ Middle Street

Dellwood Subdivision

- ◆ Maplewood Avenue
- ◆ Oakwood Avenue
- ◆ Elmwood Avenue
- ◆ Sprucewood Avenue

Cottonwood Subdivision

- ◆ Primrose Lane
- ◆ Linden Lane
- ◆ Denison Drive (Western portion)
- ◆ Orchard Drive
- ◆ Singer Lane



Culvert/pipe work on McKelvey Road and Potato Valley Road will also occur.

Please check the Township website for updates on road projects, including street sweeping, grading, line painting, basin cleanout, and roadside mowing.

Please adhere to all signs and flaggers and slow down in work zones!

PPL GUIDANCE

If the power goes out, you may turn to a generator. While the ability to keep the essentials running is certainly amazing, generators can pose a serious risk to your health.

Follow these tips before firing up your generator:

- Be sure you are reading, and following, the manufacturer's guidelines for operation and take heed of any warnings. This includes making sure you use the proper fuel for the generator and only add fuel when the generator is cool.
- Before each use, inspect the generator to ensure it's in good working order.
- Generators should never be used in an enclosed area or placed inside a home or business. Be sure to also keep them away from windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to sneak inside.
- Even though you will be using the generator outside, make sure that your home has battery-operated carbon monoxide detectors that are in good, working condition.
- Make sure you never backfeed power from the generator into your home. Doing so can create serious safety hazards for our linemen working to restore your service by sending power back outside of your home.



Remember, with a little preparation and a few precautions, you can keep you, your family and your home safe. For more information about how we promote safety in the communities in which we all live and work, visit PPLElectric.com/Safety.

Trees and Powerlines

The Township often receives calls about fallen trees on powerlines, but the roadcrew cannot take care of these situations. PPL advises residents to call (800) DIAL-PPL (800-342-5775). Their forester will send someone to assess the situation. On poles that have multiple wires on them, remember that the powerline is always the top wire. If unsure, call PPL and let them determine which lines are involved. Calling 911 will also result in emergency personnel being dispatched to the affected area. Often, traffic control is necessary and these teams will work together. Never attempt to move fallen lines or drive over them!



FROM THE DESK OF THE ZONING & CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL

Building and/or Zoning permits are required for most building projects; including, but 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 Mondays and Thursdays. Call the Zoning Officer at (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 “Resources > Applications” or from the Zoning Officer.



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

CODES ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

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

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

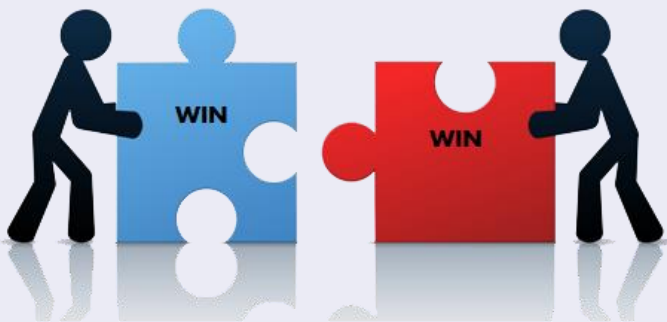
- Animals roaming at large—"Free range" applies to your property only, not your neighbor's.
- Loud or harsh noises or disturbances—Letting your dog constantly bark may not be an annoyance to you, but it may be to your neighbor. The Township doesn't have an ordinance that addresses fireworks.
- Not picking up after your pets—If this activity impacts your neighbor's property, it isn't okay.
- Burning of recyclables—This is a violation of Township Ordinance #67.

If you have a concern, start by talking to the other party. Try to resolve the matter cooperatively. If this step is unsuccessful, please complete the following steps—

- Submit a completed and signed complaint form to the Township office. We must have your complaint in writing. It's 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, 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.
- The Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer reviews all filed complaints and determines the next steps to take. 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.
- 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.
- If the situation 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 Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer know. Too often it is assumed the Township isn't taking action when we aren't aware that the situation hasn't been resolved. Please contact the Township office if you have questions—(717) 921-8128. If your concern is urgent, please ask to speak to the Township Manager.

NEGOTIATION



WASTE MANAGEMENT

Trash and recycling service is currently provided for residents by Waste Management. All residents are required to have an established account with Waste Management (Township Ordinance #53). Exceptions may apply, but require approval from both Middle Paxton Township and Waste Management.

Service: (800) 869-5566

Billing: (800) 642-8850



Collection

Tuesday is the collection day. Waste Management may arrive early to remove trash, so be sure to have your trash out in time. Holidays and weather events can affect collection service.

Service Options

	Standard	Tag-a-Bag Service
Cost	Billed quarterly (4 times a year)	\$5.30 per tag, which must be affixed to each and every bag that is put out for removal. Tags are purchased at the Township Municipal Building
Limit	2 bags per week (with a volume of 30-33 gallons each)	Unlimited, provided that each bag has a tag affixed to it
Recycling	Unlimited	Unlimited
Bulk Items	1 bulk item per week	Not included; special arrangements must be made between the resident and Waste Management

Recycling

Residents are reminded that burning recyclables is not permitted (Township Ordinance #67). The following are generally considered to be recyclable –

- Plastic bottles and containers. Clean and dry them. Put the cap back on them.
- Food and beverage cans (tin, aluminum, steel). Empty aerosol cans are also recyclable. If the can has a plastic lid, remove it before recycling.
- Paper (copy paper, newspaper, magazines). Make sure they're dry.
- Flattened cardboard and paperboard. For pizza boxes, make sure there's no attached food residue. Food and beverage containers. Make sure they're clean.
- Glass bottles and containers.

Recycling bins may be purchased at the Township Municipal Building – currently offered are 18-gallon bins for \$18.00. Residents may also purchase a bin at any hardware store and label it “Recycling”. If you are a resident who has built a new home in the Township, you can stop by the Municipal Building for a free recycling bin.

The Dauphin County Recycling Center—located at 1625 South Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104—is where residents can recycle certain items that are not accepted by Waste Management.

Household Hazardous Waste

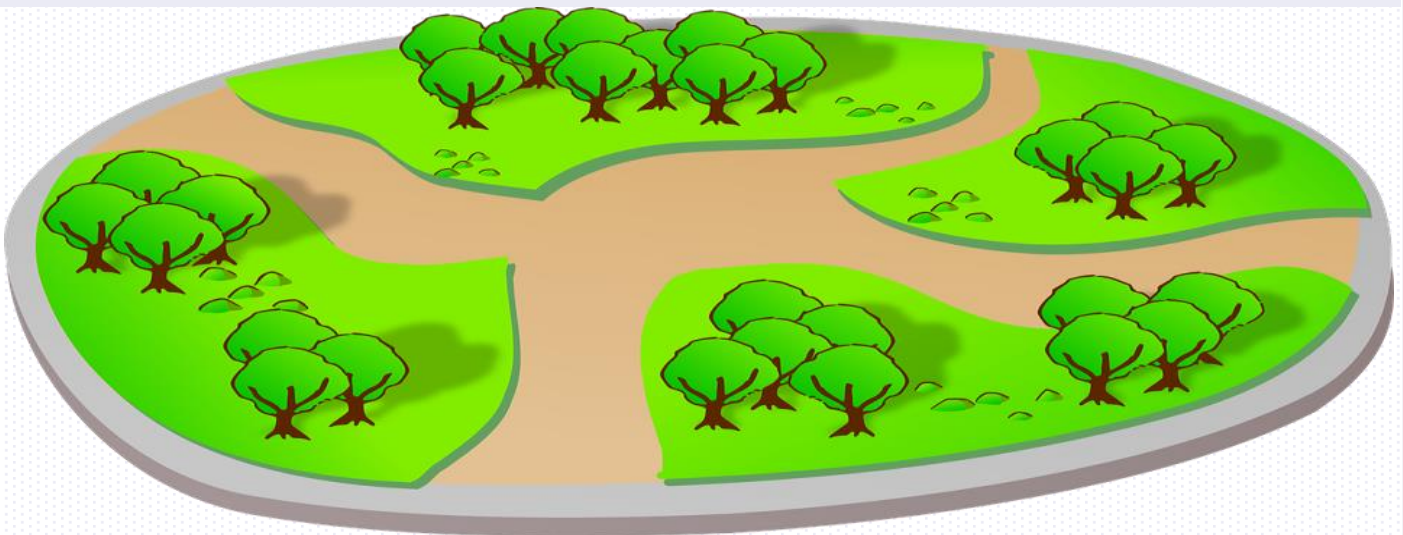
Certain types of waste generated by households are not able to be collected by Waste Management and are not able to be recycled (either by Waste Management or at the Dauphin County Recycling Center). These can include things like propane tanks, household chemicals, and paint.

Dauphin County offers residents a curbside Household Hazardous Waste removal program for free, one time per year. Visit the Township website for additional information.



Parks & Recreation

Middle Paxton Township is fortunate to be home to many different parks and recreation facilities.
See all of your available options for quality outdoor fun on our website!



And don't forget that the pavilions at Hagy Park and the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Joint Park—along with the Fishing Creek Community Center—are able to be rented!

Check out the Township website for additional information.

Brush Site

Brush Site Opening Tuesday, March 1st, 2022

The Brush Site is expected to re-open on Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 and be open until mid-November (weather permitting).

The hours will be 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Saturdays.

The site is open to residents of Middle Paxton Township;
no commercial businesses are permitted.

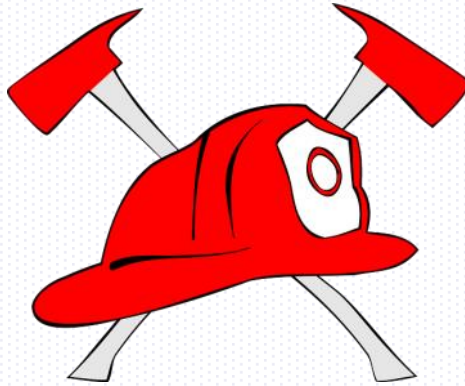
Permits are required. Applications for permits can be found on the Township website, and can be submitted to the Township Municipal Building.



DAUPHIN-MIDDLE PAXTON FIRE COMPANY #1, INC.

2022 Officers and Executive Board

Chief Bob Rusbatch
1st Assistant Chief Larry Snyder
2nd Assistant Chief Ryan Boyer
3rd Assistant Chief Shane Swenson
Captain Jon Fleming
Captain 1 Matt Shive
Lieutenant Mike McKenna
Lieutenant 1 Nate Sweeney



President Matt Shive
Vice President Nate Sweeney
Secretary Jon Fleming
Treasurer Brad Field Sr.
Trustee Shane Swenson
Trustee Mike McKenna
Trustee Jace Hilton

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

We are always seeking new volunteer members—come join the Fire Company! If you're not interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, we always need help around the firehouse with other tasks like fundraisers, cleaning up after a call, and work details around the station.

Fire Company Events

Easter Flower Sale

Thursday, April 14th through Saturday, April 16th, 2022
(This will be a presale like we did in 2021 of hanging baskets and pots)

Spring Chicken BBQ

June (date TBD)

Bingo

Will start back up in December (Date TBD)

Spring Boot Drive

May (date TBD)

Open House/Chicken BBQ

September (date TBD)

Raffles

Continue checking Facebook

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page—and the sign along Rt. 225—for event dates and times!

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 Municipal Building. Markers are \$10.00 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, www.MiddlePaxtonTwp.org. Payment is due at time of order.

Bulletin Board



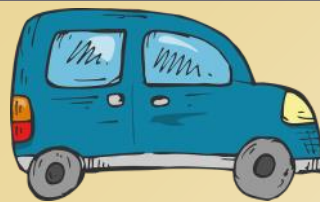
Girl Scout Music Wall

Girl Scout Troop 10101 designed, constructed, and placed a Music Fence at Hagy Park in the Fall of 2021. This project awarded the Girl Scouts of Troop 10101 their Silver Award.

The Troop's purpose behind this project was for children that may not be able to play on the playset to have an activity while at the park. The wall was placed close to the pavement, allowing those in wheel chairs or strollers to utilize the Music Fence. The wall was constructed of various recycled pots and pans, PVC pipes, and wind chimes.

The Troop would like to thank Matt Smith Construction, BC Wright Concrete, and the parents of Troop 10101 for the supplies and time put into this project. Please stop by and enjoy making music!

Pictured above, left to right: Tiffany Strahan (Leader) (standing), Mckenna Mumma, Emma Wolfe, Taylor Strahan, Brooke Whisler, Elena Wolfe, Victoria Alleman, Sherrie Whisler (Co-Leader) (standing).



Dauphin Area Senior Transit (D.A.S.T.)

D.A.S.T. provides rides to various destinations for residents of Dauphin Borough and Middle

Paxton Township who are 60 and older. Priority is given to medical and therapy appointments, and trips to the West Shore are restricted to medical appointments only. All riders must be able to move about independently (sorry, we cannot accommodate mobility scooters, power chairs, walkers, or wheelchairs in the vans).

This is a free service, but donations are greatly appreciated! Rides must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance by calling the Township office at (717) 921-8128. Appointments must fall between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Tuesday through Friday.

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, please contact Rue Megonnell at (717) 921-2727.

Dog Licensing

As the weather starts to warm up, a friendly reminder that all dogs 3 months and older must be licensed.

Annual licenses are available in person at the Dauphin County Treasurer's office (101 Market Street, Room 105 Harrisburg, PA 17101, online (www.PADogLicense.com), through the mail, or at an agent location (the closest of which is Hornung's True Value at 1000 Peters Mountain Road).

Lifetime license are available only in person or through the mail. Lifetime licenses require either a microchip or tattoo.

Licensing is important! The Dauphin County Treasurer's office maintains a database of licenses that are issued, which enables lost dogs to be returned to their owners more readily. It is also mandated by state law. Fines for failing to secure a license range from \$25.00 to \$300.00.



Bulletin Board

The Spotted Lanternfly continues to wreck havoc on important Pennsylvania plants. If you see one, do the following—

REPORT sightings to the Penn State Extension hotline at (888) 422-3359.

DESTROY any and all Spotted Lanternflies you see, at any life stage.

SHARE information about this pest with others.

Clarks Valley Zion Evangelical Congregational Church

Easter Event on Saturday, April 16th, 2022
from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

More details to follow on www.cvzec.org

Hope United Presbyterian Church Election Day Food and Bake Sale

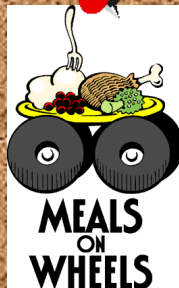


Tuesday May 17th, 2022

We will have a variety of food, drinks, and baked goods.

Hot Dogs, Chili, BBQ, Soups and some Breakfast Items.

After you vote, stop back to see what goodies we have!



Meals on Wheels

The Meals on Wheels coordinator for Dauphin-Middle Paxton is Sonya Boden. She is your contact to register for service, to stop or postpone service, or for information about the program. She can be reached at either (717) 991-5815 or (717) 921-8890. Volunteers looking to deliver meals should also contact Sonya.

Fishing Creek Valley Community Association

Saturday, April 9th, 2022



Egg Hunt & Chicken
Corn Soup sale.

11:00 A.M. at the FCCC.

Please bring a container if
purchasing soup.

Fall Fest & Chicken Corn Soup sale

Saturday, October 22nd, 2022
11:00 A.M.



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December
3rd, 2022

8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society | Veteran's Memorial Brick Orders

Veteran's Memorial Bricks are available for purchase in three sizes:

8"x4", 3 lines, \$50.00 – 8"x8", 6 lines, \$500.00 – 12"x12", 8 lines, \$1,000.00

The order form can be downloaded from www.Dauphin-MiddlePaxtonHS.weebly.com.

Note: we usually wait until we get 5 orders to place the brick order. This is due to a substantial shipping fee we have to pay with fewer than 5 orders. Bricks are then placed at the memorial as the weather permits.

Thank you for your understanding!

If you have never been to the square in Dauphin to see the memorial, please take the time and pay a visit!

**Phone Number—
(717) 921-2633**



**Address—
200 Church Street
Dauphin, PA 17018**

**Mayor
Michael
McKenna**



The Dauphin Borough would like to spotlight the Borough's Mayor, Michael (Mike) McKenna. Mayor Mike is happily married with two children and two grandchildren. He attended Penn State for college and played rugby for twenty years. He served in the United States Army for twenty-seven years as well as a career firefighter. He currently serves as a Lieutenant for the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company. You may recognize his face, or more specifically his voice, if you attend Bingo at the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company where he helps call the numbers. Some of the many things the Mayor has done for the community of Dauphin involve snowplowing, picking up trash at the parks, and assisting in painting the playgrounds and the basketball courts.

ABC PROMISE PARTNERSHIP



Join the Dauphin Borough in collecting and recycling plastic caps and lids in exchange for new picnic tables for our parks. For more information on this program and to access the list of acceptable plastic caps and lids, please visit the borough's website.

Dauphin Borough Council

President – Brian Cuddy
Vice President – Kevin Musselman
Councilman Pro Tem. – Jeff Thrush
Councilman – David Grbich
Councilman – George Bechtel
Councilwoman – Kathryn Burton
Councilwoman – Trudy Kopenhaver
Junior Council Member – Jocelyn Long
Mayor – Michael McKenna
Treasurer – Cindy Long
Administrator/Secretary – Linda Durgin
Public Facilities – Ryan Boyer
Roadmaster/Sewer Plant Operator – Troy Toland

Dauphin School Building Update: Sadly, based on the recommendations from our structural engineer and after conversations with our insurance company, we are in the process of obtaining bids for demolition and debris removal of the old school building.

TREX PROGRAM

The Dauphin Borough has partnered with the Trex Program to collect 500 pounds of plastic film in exchange for a new park bench. This program ends Saturday, April 23rd, 2022. Collection bins are located outside of the Borough building. For more information on this program and to access the full list of acceptable plastic film, please visit the

**For all information regarding 2022
Borough Council Meetings and to
stay up to date with Borough News,
please visit:**

www.DauphinBorough.org

The Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society

The Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society would like to thank the community and the firefighters for their support at this time of our loss. A loss not just for the Society, but for the community. Your generosity and continued support will help us to rebuild the Society. Thank You All!

Ways to Help the Society Rebuild

Monetary Donations:

- 1) Electronically - GoFundMe <https://gofund.me/23440da1> (fees will not be assessed)
- 2) By Check - PO Box 532, Dauphin, PA 17018

Amazon Smile:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1788977>

Amazon will give back a percentage of sales to the charity of your choice. Sign in with your login information for your Amazon. Select DMPHS. Make sure to turn on Amazon Smile under your settings.



“Our first Dauphin schoolhouse desk” donated to help rebuild our museum!

Important Dates to Remember

February-May TBD - Local Restaurant Nights

June 2022 – Historical Society Yard Sale & Vendor Event (Date TBD)

September 2022 – Heritage Day Gala: Give Our History a Home
(Date TBD, details to follow in the mail and on our website)

Monthly Meetings

4th Thursday of the following months: January-June and September-October. Meetings are being held at Zion Lutheran Church on the corner of Allegheny & Swatara Streets at 7:00 P.M. until further notice. Our speakers are always fun and interesting, and the public is welcome!

Thursday, February 24th, 2022 - Frank Pinto, proprietor of the Peter Allen House, will be doing part II of “Politics, Power & Sex: An Insider’s 50-Year Look from the Graveyards to the White House.”

Thursday, March 24th, 2022 - Ed Horan will speak on Woodstock: An Eyewitness Account (1969).

Thursday, April 28th, 2022 - David J. Morrison, Executive Director of Historic Harrisburg Association will speak on “Harrisburg’s Merchant Heritage and the Legacy of Mary Sachs.”

Membership

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

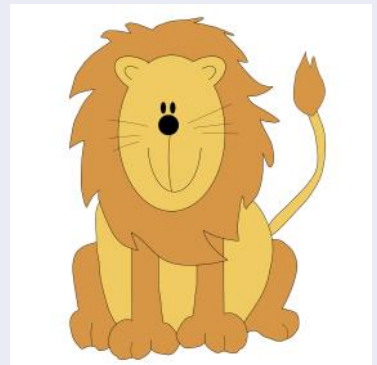
Contact the Society

Please email dmphist@comcast.net for more information on the Society. Our website is www.Dauphin-MiddlePaxtonHS.weebly.com. We can also be found on Facebook as “Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society”.

Dauphin-Middle Paxton Lions Club

LIONS READY TO ROLL

Fire claimed a precious piece of our community, but it couldn't touch our community spirit. With a few adjustments, the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Lions Club is ready to serve up its usual spring and summer fun.



Nut Sale



Get your peanuts and cashews, salted or chocolate-covered. The Lions' roasted nut sale is back. Forms have been distributed to club members. See a Lions member to place your order. The deadline is Sunday, March 20th, 2022. The nuts will be roasted and ready for you on Saturday, April 2nd. The DMP Lions express their deep gratitude to the Marysville Lions Club for making our fundraiser possible through the use of their facilities.

For the Kids

The Lions' annual Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 9th, 2022 at the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Joint Park on Claster Blvd. The hunt starts at 12:00 P.M.

The Carnival

We won't have a building or a kitchen, and we won't have our usual booths. Nonetheless, plans are underway to have bands, food trucks, rides, Bingo, and other games for the annual summer carnival on Tuesday, July 12th through Saturday, July 16th, 2022. Our carnival was a huge success last summer because of the help we received from the community, and we're asking for your help again. Keep an eye on our Facebook page—www.facebook.com/MiddlePaxtonLions for more information.

Membership

Please join us. You don't have to live in Dauphin Borough or Middle Paxton Township to be a member of the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Lions Club. No matter where you live, you're welcome to join. 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

Brian Cuddy, Second Vice President

Larry Potteiger, Secretary

Greg College, Treasurer



Boy Scouts Troop 233

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!"

We've done some merit badge work in astronomy, Family Life, and a few others. We have taken on a project of cleaning headstones in the Heckton Cemetery. We learned the proper technique, use of equipment, and solutions we should use. We continue to clean the roadside of Clarks Valley Road as well.



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 more! Our troop is also looking forward to our fundraising activities such as the Chicken BBQ, Spaghetti Dinner, and sub sales. Fundraising efforts like these help the scouts go on awesome adventures. We are going to **SEA BASE in Summer 2023**. Please help our boys reach their goals!

Our meetings are held each Wednesday evening from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Hope United Presbyterian Church (931 Red Hill Road) in Dauphin all year round. We're also looking for parent volunteers that would like to help out or become part of our troop's committee!

If you would like to join our troop, find out more information, or are in need of community service to be provided by our scouts, please send an email to DauphinTroop233@gmail.com or visit our NEW Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2435005586803304> or search for Troop 233 - Dauphin.

Scoutmaster: Steve Reinhart, Assistant Scout Master: Derek Westbrook; Committee Chairman: Janee King; Charter Organization Rep: Michael Young, Treasurer: Michelle Nagy; Secretary: Amy Young; Advancement Chairperson: Jenna Shickley; Committee Members: Molly McGowen, Jen D'Angelo and Warren King.

Feral Cat Population Management



Contact Linda Corson at (717) 921-2117 or (717) 580-1879 to make arrangements. Please leave a message if there's 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 shy and wild cats, as well as provide referral information for low-cost dog spay and neutering services.

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

Dauphin Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority

Spring is just around the corner, and so is our next athletic season. Thank you to the Dauphin Athletic Association, 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. 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 PO Box 521, Dauphin, PA 17018. 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 \$50.00 for the large pavilion and \$25.00 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, trash or other debris in any area of the park, including our dumpsters, is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Dumping impairs the public use and enjoyment of the park and unnecessarily consumes volunteer resources for cleanup. Violators will be prosecuted.

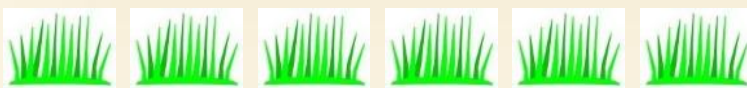
Our meetings are open to the public. All are welcome to attend. Meetings occur on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M., January through October. During May through September, meetings are held in the large pavilion at the park. All other meetings are held at the Dauphin Borough building.

Dauphin Middle Paxton Community Park is now on Facebook! Like us to stay up to date on park events.

Have a safe and enjoyable spring and summer!

Board Members:

Shannon Scott, President
Nichole Staley O’Gorman, Vice President
Tim Wenrich, Treasurer
Ron Hull, Secretary
Larry Cooney
Jeff Thrush
Michael Cohen



Dauphin Pool

STAY
COOL
BY THE

POOL



2022 SUMMER SEASON: The pool board is excited for our upcoming season. Please check out our website www.DauphinPool.org or Facebook Group (Dauphin Recreation Association) for information on opening dates and times.

SEASON MEMBERSHIP PASSES: After over 5 years of keeping our membership rates the same, due to the increase in cost of operation we will have to increase our rates. Please visit our website for more information and to register or print out our membership forms. Membership forms are also available at the pool “mailbox” on the fence next to the pool building.

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, on a committee or volunteering to help? Please consider helping. If interested, contact Jeff Thrush at (717) 433-8457 or jthrush22@yahoo.com.

NEEDED: LIFEGUARDS: Get a tan and earn some cash ... become a Dauphin Pool lifeguard. Need to get certified? Check out the American Red Cross website for classes in our area. Applications for employment can be found on our website ... www.DauphinPool.org.



Are you looking for a way to keep your kids healthy & active this summer? Join the Dauphin Dolphins Swim Team!

Registration for the 2022 Summer Swim Season will open in April. Age categories include 8 and under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 and 15 & over. We are hoping to bring back the mini-team option this year, which is for beginners to learn to swim competitively and move on to the main team.

If you have any questions or would like to be added to our email list, contact
SwimDauphin@gmail.com

Also make sure you “like” us on Facebook – Dauphin Swim Team

Some 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.

Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association

Now that life seems to be slowly returning to normal, your Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association (CCWPA) has been active in many different ways, including becoming much more visible to the public, as we fight to preserve and protect our Middle Paxton/Dauphin County watershed. We are still very happy that we participated in the important fight to save our watershed from a questionable zoning change and possible warehouse erection, as detailed in previous articles and on our website and Facebook page, where there are videos and many photos of this effort. Rest assured, our CCWPA has not ceased to monitor zoning and construction permitting and activity, as part of our commitment to safeguard the purity of our watershed.

Here are some highlights of our recent activities:

Saturday, September 18th, 2021: 11th CCWPA Annual Meeting

CCWPA held its 2021 Annual Meeting, its 11th since its incorporation, in Hagy Park, 1130 Mountain Road, Dauphin, at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 18th, 2021. At the Annual Meeting, we reviewed CCWPA efforts and activities of 2020-2021, discussed the latest testing and condition of the watershed, and gave notice of future efforts and events. As appropriate for a picnic location, we also had a great time sharing watershed facts and events and enjoying a beautiful day.

Saturday, October 23rd, 2021: 21st Adopt-A-Highway Trash Collection

The CCWPA held its 21st Adopt-a-Highway Trash Collection Effort on Saturday, October 23rd, 2021 from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Once again, our efforts were supportive of the Great American Clean-Up of Pennsylvania. We collected 7 bags of recyclables and 10 bags of trash, plus numerous car parts! A great time was had by all, despite a little drizzle, and the pizza party afterwards was one of the most fun we've had in years! Thanks to everyone who volunteered!

Upcoming CCWPA Events:

Saturday, May 7th, 2022: 22nd Adopt-A-Highway Trash Collection

Volunteers needed! The CCWPA is holding its 22nd Adopt-a-Highway Trash Collection Session on Saturday, May 7th, 2022 from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Full information is posted on the CCWPA Facebook Page and website, including a rain date if needed. We hope to see you!

Tuesday, September 20th, 2022: 12th CCWPA Annual Meeting

CCWPA has tentatively scheduled its 2022 Annual Meeting for Tuesday, September 20th, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. An exact location will be announced as the event nears. 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.

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 [www.Facebook.com/CCWPA](https://www.facebook.com/CCWPA) or our website at www.CCWPA.org. 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.**

State Representative Sue Helm (Dauphin/Lebanon Counties)

Reminder—Pennsylvania's Move Over Law

Pennsylvania's Move Over Law went into effect almost a year ago, but I'm finding that many motorists are not aware of their responsibility when encountering emergency response areas on area roadways. The law states you must merge into a lane farther from the scene or drop your speed by more than 20 mph less than the posted limit if you cannot leave the lane.

Emergency response areas are primarily the shoulders of roads where emergency vehicles have flashing lights or where crews have used lighted flares, posted signs, or other methods of warning motorists.

Fines for violating the law start at \$500.00. A driver faces license suspension for repeated infractions.

As you may know, Halifax firefighter Tyler Laudenslager tragically died in 2020 when a speeding vehicle hit him while he was providing roadside assistance as a tow truck driver. His family, friends, and fellow first responders advocated for stiffer penalties for motorists who drive dangerously near an emergency response area.

I'm thankful for their advocacy and am proud we in the Legislature quickly responded to strengthen the Move Over Law.

Please stay in touch!

Go to my website, www.SueHelm.net, and click on

"Sign Up to Receive Emails from Rep. Sue Helm".

You may also call my offices at either (717) 651-0100 or (717) 692-0833

for help with any state-related matters.



It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

Girl Scouts of Dauphin would like to thank everyone that supports our girls through the cookie sales and fall candy & nut fundraiser. Your support enables the girls and their troops to learn valuable life skills, go on amazing adventures, and give back to their community through service projects. If you haven't placed your cookie order yet, girls are still taking orders. Be on the lookout for booths beginning Friday, March 4th.

To join Girl Scouts visit www.gshpa.org or call Shari Jacobs (717) 315-6047



State Senator John DiSanto (Dauphin/Perry Counties)

New Law Prohibits Surprise Medical Billing

The federal No Surprises Act took effect on Saturday, January 1st, 2022 to protect patients from surprise medical bills. This occurs when a patient unknowingly obtains health care outside of their plan's provider network and incurs medical costs associated with out-of-network providers.

For emergency services, the No Surprises Act requires the services to be covered without needing approval from your insurance company first, regardless of network status except for ground ambulance services. For non-emergency services covered by your health plan, where you choose an in-network provider, but an associated party, like a lab, is out-of-network, the No Surprises Act requires these services to be covered as if in-network.

In both cases, the No Surprises Act protects you from being billed for more than what you would have paid if those other providers were in-network.

It is the responsibility of the provider to identify if a service is protected by the Act. However, if you believe you received a surprise balance bill, you may visit www.Insurance.PA.gov/NoSurprises to submit a bill to the Pennsylvania Insurance Department for review.



New State Veterans Recognition Days Now Law

I was pleased to support Act 87 of 2021 which designates March 6th as Persian Gulf War Veterans Day and October 7th as Global War on Terrorism Veterans Day. These special observations join existing state recognitions for veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

The new law also requires the governor to issue a proclamation every year encouraging all public schools to observe these special days by conducting exercises recognizing the contributions and sacrifices made by these veterans. Over 2.5 million Americans served in these conflicts with more than 6,000 paying the ultimate price to protect our freedoms, and it is vital to pay our respects to these brave men and women.

Please stay in touch!

***Go to my website, www.SenatorDiSanto.com, and click on
“Sign Up For E-Newsletters”.***

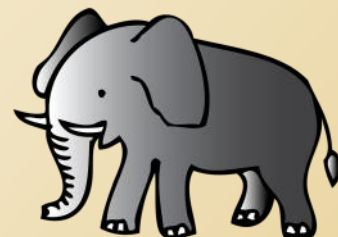
***You may also call my office at (717) 787-6801 for help
with any state-related matters.***

Upcoming Primary Election



***Tuesday, May 17th, 2022 is the
Primary Election***

***PLEASE CHECK TOWNSHIP
WEBSITE FOR UPDATES***



Last day to register to vote— Monday, May 2nd, 2022 Polls are open on the 17th from 7:00 A.M.—8:00 P.M. Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot— Tuesday, May 10th, 2022

In Pennsylvania, you can only vote for the candidates in the same political party you have named in your voter registration. For example, if you registered to vote as a member of the Republican Party, then you can vote in the Republican primary, but not the Democratic primary. Independent or unaffiliated voters are excluded from participating in both the Democratic and the Republican primaries.

HOWEVER

*All voters, regardless of political party affiliation (or lack thereof), can vote on the following on Primary Election Day—
constitutional amendments
ballot questions
any special election contests held at the same time as a primary election*

Middle Paxton Township Voting Precincts

1ST PRECINCT

**Middle Paxton Township
Municipal Building
10 Elizabeth Avenue
Dauphin, PA 17018**

2ND PRECINCT

**Fishing Creek Valley
Community Center
1361 Fishing Creek Valley Road
Harrisburg, PA 17112**

3RD PRECINCT

**Hope United
Presbyterian Church
931 Red Hill Road
Dauphin, PA 17018**



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A Great Place To Live, Grow & Work

We are a mountainous, rural municipality in central Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. We are about 10 miles north of the capitol in Harrisburg and border the Susquehanna River. We have the largest land mass of any municipality in Dauphin County (almost 60 square miles) and a population of just over 5,000 (as of the 2020 census).

The Township Municipal Building is closed on the following days throughout the year; please make note of these dates—

- **New Year's Day**
- **Good Friday**
- **Primary Election**
- **Memorial Day**
- **Independence Day**
- **Labor Day**
- **General Election**
- **Veterans Day**
- **Thanksgiving**
- **Day After Thanksgiving**
- **Christmas**



A holiday that occurs on a Saturday or Sunday may be observed on either the preceding Friday or the following Monday. This is at the sole discretion of the Township.

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 PO 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 is www.MiddlePaxtonTwp.org.