



# Middle Paxton Township

P E N N S Y L V A N I A

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

717-921-8128

Fall/Winter 2022

## Autumn Splendor



Pictured above: A vibrant fall day at the Middle Paxton Township Municipal Office and Fire Company, Dauphin County

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# MIDDLE PAXTON DIGEST

### **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

The public is invited to attend all meetings. Meetings are held at the Middle Paxton Township Municipal Building.

10 Elizabeth Avenue  
Dauphin, PA 17018

### **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**

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

**Robert Rusbatch**

Chief

**Larry Snyder**

1st Assistant Chief

**Ryan Boyer**

2nd Assistant Chief

**Shane Swenson**

3rd Assistant Chief

**Jon Fleming**

Captain

**Matthew Shive**

Captain 1

**Mike McKenna**

Lieutenant

**Tax Collector**

**Tanya Pomeroy**

### **Middle Paxton Township**

**Julie Ann Seeds**

Township Manager/  
Secretary

**Ed Fisher**

Floodplain Administrator

**Jeff Gardner**

Zoning & Codes Enforcement  
Officer

**Robert Hofer**

Roadmaster

**Steven Stine, Esq.**

Solicitor

**Light-Heigel & Associates**

Engineer

**Barry Isett & Associates**

UCC 3rd Party Inspector &  
Plan Reviewer

**Brian & Carrie McFeaters**

Sewage Enforcement Officers

**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

**Michael Cohen**

**Lawrence Cooney**

**Jeffrey Thrush**

# IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

## **TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING OFFICE HOURS & CONTACTS**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M., Wednesday 9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FRIDAY**

Middle Paxton Township Municipal Building—(717) 921-8128

**\*After hours emergency, contact Julie Ann Seeds, Township Manager, at (717) 943-5131\***

Township Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer—(717) 921-8128 x107

**APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED**

Township Sewage Enforcement Officers—(717) 813-6492

» Brian & Carrie McFeaters

Township Tax Collector—(717) 921-8737

» Tanya Pomeroy

**\*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—Recycle Center	(717) 982-6772
* Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Co. #1 Non-Emergency	(717) 921-8242
* Dauphin-Middle Paxton Meals on Wheels—Sonya Boden	(717) 991-5815
* 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. 443 & U.S. 22/322)	(717) 787-5391 or (800) 349-7632
* Township Road—Bears	(610) 926-3136
* Township Road—Deer	(610) 926-1966

# FROM THE ROADMASTER

## **ROADWAY ETIQUETTE AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Winter will be here before we know it. As always, this is your reminder to do your part to help keep roads, rights-of-way, sidewalks and fire hydrants clear of snow and ice this upcoming winter season. Middle Paxton Township has approximately forty (40) miles of roadway that gets maintained throughout the year. Our road crew works 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year when needed in order to keep our roadways and Township rights-of-way clear during inclement weather.

As a resident, during a snow emergency, you are responsible for removing items from Township rights-of-way, including but not limited to, cars, basketball hoops, trailers and campers. This is necessary to ensure the safety of our road crew and to keep our equipment free of damage. If municipal personnel or property damage is incurred due to violations, you may be held liable.

**IT IS UNLAWFUL TO BLOW OR PLOW SNOW, ICE, SLUSH OR OTHER MATTER ONTO TOWNSHIP ROADWAYS!**

**Thank you for your cooperation!**

## **PPL GUIDANCE**

With severe weather comes downed trees. Sometimes these trees inadvertently take power lines down with them. Any trees on power lines must be directed to PPL. The Township cannot take care of these situations. PPL advises residents to call 1-800-DIAL-PPL (1-800-342-5775). Never approach downed power lines. Stay at least 10 feet away and keep kids and pets away. Always assume they are energized and carrying electricity.

## **GENERATOR SAFETY**

- Place generators in a dry, well-ventilated outdoor location.
- Generators emit carbon monoxide. Never operate a generator in your home, garage or any enclosed area.
- Use only safety-tested, heavy-duty cords designed for outdoor use.
- Turn off or disconnect all appliances and lights before you begin operating the portable generator.
- Remember to do maintenance between uses of generators: inspect filters, spark plugs, oil and fuel.

## **REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS**



Ensure your house number is properly and visibly displayed with a reflective address marker. Reflective address markers help emergency services quickly locate your home in the event of an emergency. Markers can be ordered at the Township office. They are \$10.00 each, available in 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](http://www.middlepaxtontwp.org).



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



# DAUPHIN BOROUGH-MIDDLE PAXTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Over the last 12 years as Emergency Management Coordinator, I have dealt with declared disasters almost every year. The declaration of a disaster first starts with local municipality, followed by the county and state. The federal government then looks at all the information provided to them, and if they agree, it is then forwarded on to the President for approval.

At this point, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and the President decide if damage claims for assistance can be public (state, county and local government) or individual claims. Public assistance allows for the local governments to ask for damage recovery monies after all the information is obtained through surveys, record keeping and cost estimates. Once submitted, and several meetings later, hopefully all is approved.

For individual assistance, the first agency you should contact about your damages is your insurance company. If individual assistance is opened for the disaster/damages, you can also contact the SBA (Small Business Administration) for financial aide. This is applied for as a loan to assist you. Remember to document all of your costs, what insurance covered, time spent on the repairs and who did the repairs.

## **PREPAREDNESS**

If an emergency happens, it is important to have a plan of action for you and your family. Creating an emergency contact list, planning for your family and having an emergency kit on hand are the most important things you can do to be prepared.

1. Meet with family members and talk about the dangers of different emergencies, such as floods, severe weather, nuclear attacks and flu pandemics.
2. Discuss how you and your family will respond to each possible emergency.
3. If your family is not together when an emergency happens, discuss ahead of time who will pick up the children and where you will meet if an evacuation is ordered. You should plan to meet as far away from the danger area as possible.
4. Discuss what to do in case the power is out or someone is hurt.
5. Draw a floor plan (map) of your home. List escape routes from each room.
6. Learn how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at main switches in your home. If for any reason you turn off natural gas service to your home, call your gas company to have it turned back on when the emergency is over. Do not try to restore service yourself.
7. Put emergency contact numbers near all telephones. Preprogram emergency numbers into phones with autodial features.
8. Teach children how and when to dial 9-1-1 to get help during an emergency.
9. Teach children how to make a telephone call to a trusted friend or relative if they are not with you during an emergency. Because it is often easier to call long distance numbers during an emergency than it is to call local numbers, one of your emergency contacts should be from outside your area.
10. Tell family members to turn on the radio, the weather station or television for emergency information.
11. Pick two meeting places—a place near your home and a place outside your neighborhood—in case you cannot return home after an emergency.

**Winter will soon be upon us. Are you ready?**

**Go to [READY.PA.gov](https://ready.pa.gov) to find out more information on being prepared.**

**Bob Rusbatch, Emergency Management Coordinator**

# FROM THE ZONING OFFICER

Thinking about adding a deck, shed, fence, pavilion, or patio to your property? Maybe repaving your driveway or remodeling your home or garage? Make sure to get a permit from the Township, and if you are unsure whether or not your project requires a permit, **always ask first**. Depending on your project, different applications may be needed. Starting a project without the required permit(s) will result in additional costs. All applications are available on the Township website, [www.middlepaxtontwp.org](http://www.middlepaxtontwp.org), **Resources > Applications**.

## Permit Process:

- \* Submit a **completed permit application** and **site plan** to the Township office.
- \* The application is reviewed by the Zoning Officer. If additional information is needed or required, the Zoning Officer will contact you.
- \* Once approved, the applicant is contacted with the required fees due at pick up.

The Zoning Officer is in the Township office **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**. Call the Zoning Officer at **717-921-8128, ext. 107** to schedule an appointment. **Appointments are required** to ensure the Zoning Officer is available and can allot time to answer your questions and explain the process and requirements without interruption. **Walk-ins cannot always be accommodated**.



# CODES ENFORCEMENT & COMPLIANCE

The Township's **Codes Enforcement Officer** is who handles enforcing Township ordinances and addressing complaints and violations. The Township relies on residents to report issues and concerns because we cannot be everywhere all the time. We ask that if you have a concern or issue, please **start by talking to the other party and try to resolve the matter amicably**. If this step is unsuccessful, please complete the following:

- Submit a complete and signed complaint form to the Township office. For a complaint to be acted on, it must be submitted in writing. Specific details, such as address of concern, type of animal, breed of dog or cat, make/model of vehicle, must be included in the complaint so that action taken can be specific. Without specific details and information, enforcement cannot move forward. Complaint forms are available at the Township office and on the website, [www.middlepaxtontwp.org](http://www.middlepaxtontwp.org). Please **do not** call and ask to verbally submit a complaint. **Verbal or anonymous complaints will not be addressed. Names of complainants are not released.** The Codes Official will review all properly filed complaints and determine the next steps.

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

**Please contact the Township office at 717-921-8128 if you have questions or concerns.**

# STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Rain water and snow melt are considered to be storm water runoff. This is a matter that affects all residents.

Middle Paxton Township Storm Water Ordinance #2010-89 is a regulation that follows the Dauphin County Act 167 Storm Water Plan. This Act 167 Plan was a study of the entire County and developed standards and regulation for all municipalities in Dauphin County to follow. Up to the time of the adoption of this storm water ordinance, the primary storm water management control was for rate release only. On subdivision or land development projects, a property owner could not release water runoff at a greater rate than the pre-developed condition or existing runoff rate. This old methodology did not address volume or quality of the water runoff. As more development occurred in our watershed areas, this increase in the volume of runoff has created accelerated erosion of the stream and river banks. Also, with increased volume came increased pollutants.

Middle Paxton Township Ordinance #2010-89 is an up-to-date ordinance that addresses rate, volume and quality in a stepped or threshold fashion.

Projects that propose less than 1,000 square feet of new impervious cover on an existing lot with no existing storm water or erosion problems or concerns may apply for an exemption from stormwater management planning. New impervious cover is any new surface or building on the ground such as, but not limited to, buildings, decks, patios, asphalt paving, stone drives or parking areas, concrete walks, sheds, and shelters. This 1,000 square foot exemption is from the time of adoption of the ordinance, January 2011, and is a "one time exemption." As an example, if you propose to build a garage of 600 square feet in 2022, you may be exempted from the requirements of a storm water management plan. If in 2023 you propose a new addition onto your dwelling of 700 square feet, you would be required to do a storm water plan because the total of new impervious cover from the adoption date would be 1,300 square feet (a number greater than 1,000.) Please note even if your initial project is less than 1,000 square feet, you would still require a Zoning Permit and Building Permit on many projects.

Small projects that exceed the 1,000 square foot mark up to 2,500 square feet (in some cases 5,000 square feet) may provide a simplified approach and are required to address volume only. Many times a homeowner or contractor can complete the forms needed for a small project. Full engineered plans are not required for these simple projects unless there are other mitigating factors such as steep grades, or existing flooding problems down grade. If you are proposing a project greater than 1,000 square feet of land cover, or a second project that when added to your previous project will exceed 1,000 square feet, we suggest you contact the Township to request a staff meeting to review your project. On the small projects, you could control the increased volume of runoff with an underground infiltration stone trench which the downspouts of your building would be piped to. You could install a cistern, a rain garden, lawn depression, berms or a detention basin. On most small projects, the cost of these simple storm water controls would be incidental to the total project cost.

Projects with earth disturbance of 5,000 square feet or more and impervious cover of this magnitude are required to submit a full storm water management plan and erosion and sedimentation control plan. Erosion and sedimentation control plans are reviewed and approved by Dauphin County Conservation District. These projects referred to as major earth disturbance projects, are required to submit an engineered storm water management plan. This plan must include rate controls, volume controls and some quality or best management practices (B.M.P.'s). Projects that exceed one (1) acre of land disturbance are also required to obtain an NPDES Permit. This is a Federal (EPA) authorized permit the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection issues.

We always encourage homeowners, contractors and applicants to call the Township to discuss their projects or to set up a meeting to review the requirements that apply to their project.

**Our desire is to keep Middle Paxton a beautiful and safe place to live, and protect the natural streams, creeks and rivers that flow through the Township.**



# DAUPHIN-MIDDLE PAXTON FIRE CO. #1



The Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company is always looking for new members. There are many ways you can help the fire company. We are always looking for:

- \* **FIREFIGHTERS**
- \* **JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS**
- \* **DRIVERS**
- \* **CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS**

This year, we were awarded the Safer Grant (CAPCOG) which is shared by 21 other fire companies throughout central Pennsylvania. This grant is for recruitment and retention of firefighters. This helps pay for gear and baseline medical exams for new members. Training is every Wednesday night at 6:30 P.M. and our company meeting is the last Wednesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. You can either stop in to pick up an application or please visit:

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- \* **BINGO** started on **Thursday, September 1st, 2022**. Doors open at 5:00 P.M. First game will be called at 6:00 P.M. BINGO will be **every Thursday** from **September 1st, 2022 to April 27th, 2023**.
- \* **Chicken Corn Soup Sale**—**October 29th, 2022** from **10:00 A.M.** till soup is sold out.
- \* Look for a boot drive in **October**. Date to be determined.





## Dauphin Borough Council

## SPOTLIGHTING STAFF

President – Brian Cuddy  
Vice President – Kevin Musselman  
Councilman Pro Tem – Jeff Thrush  
Councilman – David Grbich  
Councilman – George Bechtel  
Councilwoman – Kathryn Burton  
Councilman – Steve Harris  
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

### ABC PROMISE PARTNERSHIP



Dauphin Borough is ending the collection of plastic caps on September 30, 2022. There will be a cap and lid sorting day announced on the Borough's Facebook page.

### TREX PROGRAM



Dauphin Borough partnered with the Trex Program in December 2021 to collect 500 pounds of plastic film over a six-month period in exchange for a park bench. In June 2022, the goal was reached thanks to the amazing citizens of Dauphin.

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

<https://dauphinborough.org/>



**Troy Toland** (pictured left) is the Roadmaster and Sewer Plant Operator for Dauphin Borough. Troy graduated from West Perry High School and went to the Academy of Local Arts and Business. While in school, he played football, ran track and wrestled. He has been married for twenty-two years and has three sons. Troy coached for the Central Dauphin Rams Youth Midget football team for eight years. In his free time, he likes to spend time with his wife and kids, and go to sporting events and college camps with them.

**Ryan Boyer** (pictured right) is the Public Facilities Operator for Dauphin Borough. Ryan graduated from Central Dauphin East High School. While in school, he played football, baseball, and wrestled. He is currently a coach for the Central Dauphin Rams Youth Midget football team where he has been coaching for seven years. Ryan is currently an Assistant Chief at Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company. He has been with the fire company for twenty-one years. In his free time, he likes to spend time with family and friends and coach at youth camps.

Troy and Ryan mow in the Borough throughout summer, plow in the winter, set up decorations for events and holidays, set up the Borough building for council meetings and voting, hung the hometown heroes' banners, and work on projects with the township and state.

# WASTE MANAGEMENT

Residents have two service options; standard weekly service or Tag A Bag.

- \* **Standard Weekly Service (\$149.55 per quarter)** — includes two (2) bags or containers less than 36 gallons, and weigh under 50 lbs., unlimited recycling and one bulk item weekly.
- \* **Tag A Bag (\$500.00 per year, must purchase 20 tags)** — Residents may purchase tags at the Township office at a cost of \$25.00 each. Any resident under the Tag A Bag Service must purchase no less than 20 tags each year. Any tags not purchased at the end of the year, will be billed. Unlimited recycling included. Tag a Bag service does not include free pickup of a bulk item. Resident must contact WM at (800) 634-4595 to schedule a bulk item, 24-48 hours in advance. Bulk item pickup service is \$40.00 for each item.

**Electronics of any kind will not be taken by Waste Management. Appliances containing refrigerant (refrigerator, air conditioner, dehumidifier) must have the Freon removed by a Certified Technician and a sticker of certification must be placed on the unit. No item will be collected without a sticker.**

Be mindful that burning of recyclables is a violation of Township Ordinance #67. 18 gallon recycle bins are available for purchase at the Township office for \$18.00. Residents are welcome to use any type of can or bin for recycling as long as it is clearly labeled as such.

Dauphin County Recycle Center is also an option for large items, electronics and appliances that contain freon. For additional information and fees, go to their website—

[https://www.dauphincounty.org/government/departments/solid\\_waste\\_management\\_and\\_recycling/dauphin\\_county\\_recycling\\_center.php](https://www.dauphincounty.org/government/departments/solid_waste_management_and_recycling/dauphin_county_recycling_center.php)

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

**Household hazardous wastes (HHW)** are those wastes produced in our households that are hazardous in nature, but are not regulated as hazardous wastes under federal and states 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. Some examples of HHW are **paint, pesticides, pool chemicals, drain cleaners, batteries, and motor oil.**

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

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

**NEVER throw out hazardous household waste with your residential waste!**

# RECYCLE RIGHT

To learn more visit  
[wm.com/recycleright](http://wm.com/recycleright)



## Always Recycle Recicle Siempre



**Plastic Bottles & Jugs  
#1, 2 & 5 ONLY**  
Las botellas y jarras de plástico



**Food & Beverage Cans**  
Latas de alimentos y bebidas



**Glass Bottles & Jars**  
Botellas y envases de vidrio



**Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard**  
Cartón y cartulina aplastados



**Newspaper**  
Periódico



**Cartons**  
Cartones



## Do Not Include In Your Recycling Container No Incluir En Su Contenedor De Reciclaje



**NO Food or Liquids**  
NO comida o líquidos



**NO Loose Plastic Bags, Bagged Recyclables or Film**  
Empty recyclables directly into your cart  
NO bolsas y envolturas de plástico sueltas,  
o materiales reciclables embolsados. Vacíe directamente  
los materiales reciclables en nuestro carrito



**NO Foam Cups & Containers**  
NO vasos y recipientes de  
poliestireno



**NO Green Waste**  
NO desechos verdes



**NO Batteries**  
Check local drop-off programs for proper disposal  
NO baterías - Verifique los programas locales de  
entrega para su correcta eliminación



**NO Clothing, Furniture & Carpet**  
NO ropa, muebles y alfombras



# HOMETOWN HEROES

Boy Scout and local resident, Andrew Young, has been hard at work accomplishing his Eagle service project, which is one of the final steps in becoming an Eagle Scout. His project included replacing worn and broken plastic benches with commercial grade benches for Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company, as well as providing the firehouse with new, heavy duty picnic tables. Andrew revamped a small space outside the Township office into an Honor Garden. He replaced cracked pavers and installed a patio with engraved bricks honoring and remembering past and present members of the community.



Landscaping was done surrounding the patio with a variety of plants. A bench was placed for the community to have a place to sit and enjoy the beautiful work put into the garden. Andrew also laid new mulch around the flag pole that sits out front of the Township building and fire station.

Andrew spent many months brainstorming, fundraising and executing a very thoughtful and generous project that the entire community can share and use. His fellow scouts, friends, family and members of the community lent helping hands along the way to accomplish this project.

Boy Scout Troop 233 is always welcoming new scouts and parent volunteers. If you would like to join, need more information or are in need of community service to be provided by our scouts, please send an email to [dauphintroop233@gmail.com](mailto:dauphintroop233@gmail.com).

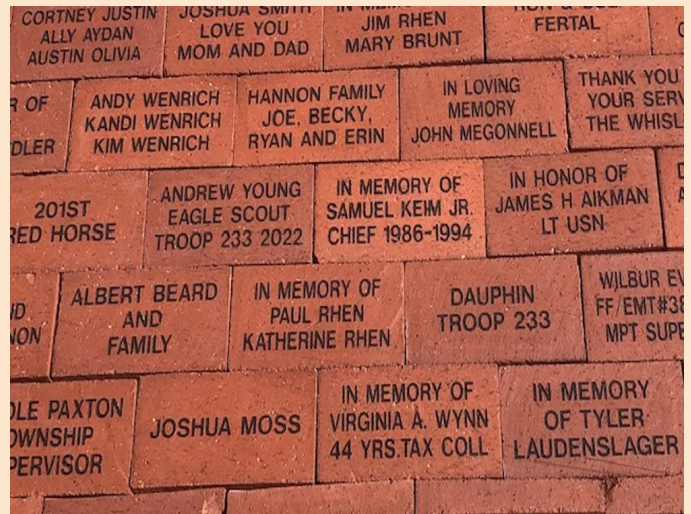


BOY SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA®

The Middle Paxton Township Board of Supervisors, Township Manager and members of the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company would like to send a big THANK YOU to Andrew for choosing the Municipal Building and Fire Company as the location for the Honor Garden as his Eagle Scout Project. We are so proud of the time and hard work that went into this project.

**Great job, Andrew!**

# HOMETOWN HEROES



Pictured above: Full view of the Honor Garden and a close up shot of the engraved bricks.

On September 18, 2022, a ceremony was held to dedicate the Honor Garden to Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company #1. Those in attendance of the ceremony included Fire Company members, Township Manager, and parents of Andrew Young, Amy and Mike.

The members of the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company will now be caring for the upkeep of the Honor Garden, as well as taking orders for engraved bricks. To place an order or for more information, please call **Assistant Chief Shane Swenson** at **717-364-2260**.

Forms can be dropped off at the Firehouse or Township office, or mailed to:

**Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company**

**PO Box 518**

**Dauphin PA 17018**



Pictured above: Andrew Young and Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Co. #1 Chief Robert Rusbatch.



Pictured above: Andrew Young and Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Co. #1 3rd Assistant Chief Shane Swenson.



# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

## CLARKS VALLEY ZION

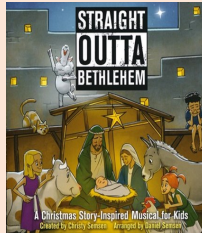
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**Christmas Musical:  
Straight Outta Bethlehem**

December 3rd, 2022—11:00 A.M. & 4:00 P.M.

December 4th, 2022—2:00 P.M.

**FREE ADMISSION!**



**FALL FAMILY FUN FEST**  
100% FUN 100% FREE  
Rain or Shine  
Saturday, October 29th  
11 AM - 2 PM  
Clark's Valley Zion E.C. Church  
210 McKelvey Road, Dauphin, PA  
WWW.CVZEC.ORG  
Find us on facebook! facebook.com/CVZEC

## DAUPHIN AREA SENIOR TRANSIT (D.A.S.T.)

**D.A.S.T.** provides rides to various destinations for residents of **Dauphin Borough & Middle Paxton Township** who are 60 and older. Priority is given to medical and therapy appointments. 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 NEEDED!**

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**.

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

405 Swatara Street, Dauphin

## **TRUNK-OR-TREAT!**



As you do your trick-or-treating through town on Halloween night, we invite you to stop by and see us on the corner of **Allegheny & Swatara Streets**.

## TRICK-OR-TREAT

**Monday, October 31st, 2022**, is designated Trick-or-Treat night from  
**6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.**



**BE SAFE AND HAVE FUN!**

## FISHING CREEK VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

1361 FISHING CREEK VALLEY ROAD, HARRISBURG



- ◇ **Saturday, October 22nd, 2022 at 11:00 A.M.—Fall Fest/Trunk-or-Treat/Chicken Corn Soup sale.** Anyone interested in giving candy out of their trunk or making a donation can call Natalie Bailor at 717-599-5698. Please bring a container if purchasing soup.

- ◇ **Saturday, December 3rd, 2022 from 8:00 A.M. to noon—Breakfast with Santa.** All children 12 and under will receive a gift. You must register your child/children no later than November 27th. To register, you can call Natalie Bailor at 717-599-5698 or email us at fcvc1@aol.com.



- ◇ **Saturday, April 1st, 2023 at 11:00 A.M.—Egg Hunt/Chicken Corn Soup sale.** All children 12 and under are welcome to participate. Please bring containers if purchasing soup.





# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

## Hope United Presbyterian Church **Election Day Food & Bake Sale** **Tuesday November 8th, 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!

## SPAY AND NEUTER

**Let's all do our part to help control the feral cat population and prevent suffering and homelessness.**

Contact **Linda Corson** at **717-921-2117** or **717-580-1879** to make arrangements. Please leave a message if no answer.

Kittens over 12 weeks of age, pregnant/nursing cats and tomcats with injuries can all be fixed. Cats will also receive vaccinations, including rabies.

Transportation from the Township to and from the spay clinic can be provided. Traps for capturing wild and shy cats can also be provided, as well as referral information for low cost dog spay/neuter services.



## MEALS ON WHEELS

The Dauphin-Middle Paxton Township area Meals on Wheels program is coordinated by **Sonya Boden**. For information about the program, to stop, start or postpone meal deliveries or to volunteer to deliver meals, please contact Sonya at **717-991-5815** or **717-921-8890**. Please leave your name, message and contact number and your call will be returned as soon as possible.



## LIFELONG IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FITNESS TOGETHER (L.I.F.T)

Penn State Extension of Dauphin County sponsors a strength training and nutrition program called Lifelong Improvement through Fitness Together (LIFT). This training was formerly called StrongWomen.

### **Where and When?**

Dauphin Co. Agriculture & Natural Resources Building  
1451 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin

Each Monday & Wednesday for 8 weeks  
from 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.



# FITNESS



Class fee is \$60. Physician referral forms may be required for enrollment. Each class has an active warm-up, targeted exercises using arm and leg weights and ends with a cooldown. The goal of these classes is to enhance overall functional fitness through improved strength, flexibility, and balance. Older adults who are inactive may be labelled a fall risk or have reduced quality of life with an inability to age in place. For more information about LIFT, call the local Penn State Extension office at 717-921-8803 or visit <https://extension.psu.edu/lift>.

# DAUPHIN RECREATION ASSOCIATION

The Dauphin Pool board would like to thank the Dauphin community for another fun summer! Thanks to all that purchased season passes and those that came in for the day here and there. We couldn't open without your support. We hope that you all had a wonderful summer! We would also like to send a special "THANK YOU" to our lifeguards, office staff and volunteers.

As you know, we had some major plumbing issues this season. We will be working on fixing that during the off-season, but this will not be inexpensive. One estimate was over \$60,000. We will be trying to apply for grants. If you would like to help with grant writing or fundraising, please come to one of our upcoming meetings (posted on our Facebook group page). The Dauphin Recreation Association will also gladly accept any monetary donations toward the upkeep and repair of the pool.



Watch our Facebook Group page—**Dauphin Recreation Association**—and our website—**[www.dauphinpool.org](http://www.dauphinpool.org)**—for information about meeting dates and next season. New information for Summer 2023 will be posted in early 2023. We will have information on summer rates, opening dates and employment opportunities.

**Thanks again for a great season!**

## PENN STATE EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS

### *New to gardening or looking to learn something new?*

Connect with the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners in Dauphin County for practical horticultural information you can trust.

For Dauphin County residents, we offer:

- \* Master Gardener Garden Hotline at **[dauphinmg@psu.edu](mailto:dauphinmg@psu.edu)** or **(717) 921-8803** to ask your garden questions and get unbiased, research-based answers year-round.
- \* Our annual Spring Symposium, Veggie 101-201 Series and Home Gardening Series, this year in collaboration with Wildwood Park's Olewine Nature Center.
- \* Horticultural educational outreach at festivals, parks & schools in your community.
- \* Six Dauphin County demonstration gardens you can visit for ideas and inspiration.

Search "**Master Gardeners in Dauphin County**" or sign up today to receive the e-newsletter from the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners:

**<https://extension.psu.edu/master-gardener-team-sign-up>**

# DAUPHIN MIDDLE PAXTON JOINT PARK AUTHORITY

Great things are happening at the **Dauphin Middle Paxton Community Park**! Thanks to a generous grant from Dauphin County Local Share Funds, we are undertaking the first ever Master Site Development Plan for the park. What does that mean? Simply put, we are putting together a formal plan for future maintenance and improvements, and we want to know what YOU want! Tell us by taking the survey or coming to a public meeting! All meetings are in person AND online!

## Public Meetings!

### *Master Site Development Plan*

## DAUPHIN-MIDDLE PAXTON COMMUNITY PARK

*Who/What:*

A master plan is being completed by the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority to determine how to improve and rehabilitate the park. Please attend upcoming public meetings to share information and ideas!

*Where:*

Attend in-person at:  
**The Middle Paxton Township Building**  
10 Elizabeth Avenue, Dauphin, PA

*When:*

OR attend virtually at the meeting links below:

**Public Meeting #2 - Initial Concepts**  
September 26th - 7pm  
<https://tinyurl.com/DMP-Community-Park-PM2>

**Public Meeting #3 - Draft Plan**  
November 14th - 7pm  
<https://tinyurl.com/DMP-Community-Park-PM3>

**Public Meeting #4 - Final Plan**  
February 13, 2023 - 7pm  
<https://tinyurl.com/DMP-Community-Park-PM4>



Take the survey!

**TAKE THE PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY**  
Open June 27 - November 14th.  
Scan the QR code or find the survey at:  
[www.surveymonkey.com/r/DMPCommunityParkMP](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DMPCommunityParkMP)

For additional information please contact  
Nichole Staley O'Gorman,  
Vice President of the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority  
[dmpjpa@gmail.com](mailto:dmpjpa@gmail.com)  
or  
Anita Nardone at Simone Collins Landscape Architecture  
[anardone@simoncollins.com](mailto:anardone@simoncollins.com)

Simone Collins Landscape Architecture has been retained by the Authority to guide the community through this master plan study.

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610.239.7601

Check out our website [www.dauphinmiddlepaxtonpark.org](http://www.dauphinmiddlepaxtonpark.org) or our Facebook page, **Dauphin Middle Paxton Community Park**, for more information, including pavilion rental details, current events, and Board meeting dates.



# DAUPHIN-MIDDLE PAXTON LIONS CLUB

## A CARNIVAL OF PRIDE



The crowds built all week. By Friday night, the fourth of five nights, it was an amazing sight. The throng packed the fairway. One vendor announced at 8 p.m. that it was almost out of food. The Bingo tents were full until the last number was called. At 9:30, the fireworks exploded over what was being called arguably the largest Dauphin-Middle Paxton Lions Club Carnival crowd ever. This time, it was more than just the annual carnival raising money to help local families in need, local charities, scholarships

and more. For the Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township communities, it was a triumphant comeback story for all-time. Last October, after fire destroyed the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society's landmark building, there was little hope that there could be a carnival in 2022. Now, the Lions extend a heartfelt **"thank you"** to all the members of the community who rallied to help during the planning and work that made it a reality and to those who came out in support.

It's time to start planning for the 2023 carnival.

**DATES: JULY 11TH-15TH**



## **MORE FUN AHEAD!**

**HALLOWEEN PARADE:** October 15th—4 P.M.

**NUT SALE:** Orders will be taken in October. See any Lions member. The nut roasting will be November 19th.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:** December 3rd—10 A.M.

**LIONS APPRECIATION DINNER:** December 8th—7 P.M.



**AN INVITATION:** You don't have to live in the two communities to join the DMP Lions. Just contact any member or attend a meeting.

**Please watch the DMP Lions' Facebook page for any updates or changes.**

# DAUPHIN-MIDDLE PAXTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society continues to work at raising funds and collecting pieces of our history for our future home, where ever that may be. Thank you to the community for continuing to support our efforts through your donations! We are grateful!!

## **Ways to Help the Society Rebuild**

### **Monetary Donations:**

By check- P.O. Box 532, Dauphin, PA 17018 (made out to: DMPHS)

### **Amazon Smiles:**

<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 account. Select DMPHS. Make sure to turn on Amazon Smile under your settings.

### **Gift Shop Items for Sale**

These items may be bought at the Dauphin Pharmacy or through the Society.

Our Heritage I - \$25.00

Our Heritage II - \$25.00

Special Edition 2023 Calendar - \$7.00

**Monthly Meetings** are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the following months: January through June and September/October. Meetings are being held at Zion Lutheran Church on the corner of Allegheny & Swatara Streets @ 7 P.M. until further notice. Our speakers are always fun and interesting. The public is always welcome!

### **Monthly Meeting Upcoming Speakers**

**September 22** – Karen Richwine will present “*The Roll of the Wheelbarrow: 146 Years and Still Rolling*”

**October 27** – Brook Lenker, Writer & Conservationist will present “*Reflections on a Glorious River: Exploring the Susquehanna*”

**January 26, 2023** – Annual Show & Tell

**February 23, 2023** – Mike Cerzullo, Executive Board Member Central PA Rifle Club will present: “*A History of Central PA Rifle Club in Stony Creek (1931-present)*”

### **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 the Historical Society Website under the “more” tab then choose “Veteran's Memorial”. You can also email the society at [dmphist@verizon.net](mailto:dmphist@verizon.net).

**Note:** A new brick order form has been uploaded to the Society website (see below). Also, 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!

### **Membership**

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

**To contact the society**, please email [dmphist@comcast.net](mailto:dmphist@comcast.net) or for more information on the Society, our website is <http://www.dauphin-middlepaxtonhs.weebly.com>. We can also be found on Facebook as **Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society!**

# CLARKS CREEK WATERSHED PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

**Clarks Valley, August 2022:** Your Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association (CCWPA) has been active in many different ways as we fight to preserve and protect our Middle Paxton/ Dauphin County watershed. CCWPA continues to attend Township and Borough meetings and monitor zoning and construction permitting and activity, as part of our commitment to safeguard the purity of our watershed.

Here is our upcoming schedule:

## SEPTEMBER 10TH ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC

CCWPA holds its 2022 Annual Meeting at Flemish Down, 1231 Clarks Valley Road, Dauphin, at 2 P.M. on Saturday, September 10th. All members and friends are invited!

At the annual meeting, we review CCWPA efforts and activities of 2021-2022, discuss the latest testing and condition of the watershed, review the continuing legal issues involving attempts to revive the warehouse project, and give notice of future efforts and events.

Visit <https://www.ccwpa.org/activities.php> for more information and to sign up to attend!

As per the by-laws of the association, election of Directors occurs as the first item of business at the annual meeting of the association. Directors are elected by a majority vote of members in good standing present at the annual meeting. Since board terms are staggered, some seats are always up for election, and the Board encourages any member in good standing to consider joining the Board.

CCWPA annual meeting minutes, membership forms, the Slate of Directors recommended by the Board, proxy ballots, and by-laws may all be downloaded from our website:

<https://www.ccwpa.org/board.php>.

## OCTOBER 8TH: 23RD ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY TRASH PICKUP

The CCWPA holds its 23rd Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pickup on Route 22 (Clarks Valley Road) on Saturday, October 8th, 2022, from 9 A.M. - noon. Once again, our efforts are under the aegis of the Great American Clean-Up of Pennsylvania. If you wish to volunteer, please send an e-mail to [info@ccwpa.org](mailto:info@ccwpa.org).

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 website at <https://ccwpa.org>.



Above: 22nd Trash Collection session! We had a WONDERFUL Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pickup on June 4, 2022! Photo Credit: CCWPA. ALL RIGHTS RELEASED.

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



# PARKS AND RECREATION

## Are you getting enough Vitamin Tree?

According to the [Association of Nature & Forest Therapy Guides & Programs \(ANFT\)](#), "Leisurely forest walks, compared with urban walks, show a 12.4% decrease in the stress hormone cortisol, a 7% decrease in sympathetic nerve activity [(e.g.: the system responsible for your fight-or-flight reactions in the face of danger or stress)], a 1.4% decrease in blood pressure and a 5.8% decrease in heart rate."

This means by simply walking through the woods—not undergoing a strenuous hike or formal *forest bathing* experience—you can reduce the amount of stress felt by your body.

With all that is currently happening in the world, getting enough **Vitamin Tree** may be just as important as the foods you eat and the hours you sleep. Actually, getting more Vitamin Tree could impact both since you'll be moving more.

Luckily, you don't have to go very far to get a daily dose of Vitamin Tree, from you own backyard to the several Parks and trails located in Middle Paxton Township.



Above - Detweiler Park, Dauphin County

## NEW! Pickleball Courts

Pickleball courts were recently added to the tennis court at Hagy Park and to the basketball court at the Fishing Creek Community Center. Nets have been ordered and the public will be notified when they arrive. Pickleball was invented in 1965 as a children's backyard game on Bainbridge Island, Washington State. **Pickleball** is a racket/paddle sport where two players (singles), or four players (doubles), hit a perforated hollow polymer ball over a 36-inch-high net using solid faced paddles. The two sides hit the ball back and forth over the net until one side commits a rule infraction.

***Learn to play the fastest growing sport in the United States!***

# STATE SENATOR JOHN DISANTO (DAUPHIN/PERRY COUNTIES)

## Save on Electricity by Learning to Shop for your Energy Suppliers

Thinking about ways to lower your energy bills? I invited experts from the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to conduct an online workshop to answer your questions on how to shop for your gas and electric suppliers. You can find the workshop on my website at **[www.senatordisanto.com/puc-education](http://www.senatordisanto.com/puc-education)**.

In addition to shopping, the PUC recommends paying attention to the thermostat as every degree you raise or lower the temperature could impact energy costs by up to 3%. Programmable thermostats can automatically adjust temperatures while you are away from home. Other suggestions include HVAC maintenance and home insulation repairs.



According to the PUC, those struggling to pay energy bills should call utilities and ask about assistance programs. Many utilities offer hardship funds as well as payment plan options and are aware of other available government or nonprofit resources for income-qualified consumers.

Costs for electric generation increased on June 1st for many area utility customers. This rate increase occurred even before the impact of Gov. Tom Wolf's proposed carbon tax known as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), which could nearly quadruple new electricity costs for consumers. Fortunately, the implementation of RGGI is under review by the Pennsylvania courts, and the Commonwealth Court issued a preliminary injunction against it in early July. My like-minded colleagues and I will use all legal means available to stop this disastrous policy from further burdening consumers during these high inflationary times.

**Please stay in touch!**

**Go to my website, [www.senatordisanto.com](http://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.**

# STATE REPRESENTATIVE SUE HELM

## 104TH DISTRICT



Senior citizens and veterans are invited to join me this fall at several events held in a drive-through format. I'm excited to answer questions and listen to feedback about the happenings in Harrisburg. RSVPs are required, as sandwiches will be provided.

### **DRIVE-THROUGH VETERANS APPRECIATION EVENTS**

- \* Friday, October 28th, from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. at Grace U.M. Church, 982 Medical Road, Millersburg
- \* Friday, November 4th, from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. at Ridgeway Community Church, 525 N. Progress Ave., Harrisburg

**To register, please go to:**

**[SueHelm.net/events](http://SueHelm.net/events)**

**or call 717-692-0833 or 717-651-0100.**

**Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania**  
**[www.gshpa.org](http://www.gshpa.org)**  
**Questions? Contact: 800-692-7816**  
**[memberservices@gshpa.org](mailto:memberservices@gshpa.org)**



# Join today.



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**2022 GENERAL ELECTION**  
**Tuesday, November 8th**

Last day to register to vote—October 24th

Last day to request mail-in or absentee  
ballot—November 1st

**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

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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](mailto:middlepaxtontwp@comcast.net).

The Township's website is [www.middlepaxtontwp.org](http://www.middlepaxtontwp.org).