

MIDDLE PAXTON TOWNSHIP

Digest

Spring/Summer 2023



"Celebrate endings—for they precede new beginnings." - Jonathan Lockwood



Pictured above: Bob Rusbatch



Pictured above: Ryan Boyer

Wishing Bob 'Rusty' Rusbatch a very happy retirement from his role as Fire Chief and congratulations and best wishes to Ryan Boyer as the new Fire Chief of Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Co. #1. Rusty will still continue responding to fire calls and helping with fundraising, as well as remaining the Emergency Management Coordinator for Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township.

Middle Paxton Township
A Great Place to Live, Grow & 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

**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.

Ryan Boyer

Chief

Larry Snyder

1st Assistant Chief

Shane Swenson

2nd Assistant Chief

Matthew Shive

3rd Assistant Chief

Jon Fleming

Captain

Mike McKenna

Lieutenant

Tax Collector

Tanya Pomeroy

Middle Paxton Township

Julie Ann Seeds

Township Manager/
Secretary

Truman Heberlig

Zoning & Codes Enforcement

Robert Hofer

Roadmaster

Steven Stine, Esq.

Solicitor

Herbert, Rowland &

Grubic, Inc. (HRG)

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

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

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| * 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 Joe Kerwin | (717) 652-6820 |
| * 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

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| * 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 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

2023 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:

- Primrose Lane
- Linden Lane
- Poet Lane
- Buttonwood Drive
- Heritage Lane
- Hecks Drive
- Briardale Road
- Creek Road



Additional Road Projects planned for 2023 include the replacement of the bridge on Red Hill Road, pipe and culvert replacement on Speece Lane and McKelvey Road, as well as several improvements to Potato Valley Road.

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!



KIDS AT PLAY

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



NEW BRUSH SITE LOCATION

OPENING DATE TO BE DETERMINED—CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

The new site for **brush and tree trimmings** is at Hagy Park - 1120 Mountain Road, Dauphin.

Look for directional signs.

Please remember **no leaves, no bamboo, no ornamental grass and no whole trees**

There will be additional cameras installed in the area to monitor the site.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays

Permits are required. Applications can be found on the Township website, www.middlepaxtontwp.org, under **Resources > Applications**, or at the Township office.

The site is open to residents of Middle Paxton Township.

No commercial businesses are permitted.

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 \$20.00 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, under **Resources > Applications**.

Payment is due at the time of order.



PARK RENTALS

Looking for a location to hold a party, shower or other event/gathering?

Consider the pavilion at Hagy Park or the Fishing Creek Community Center!

Rental of the pavilion at Hagy Park includes electric to the pavilion, picnic tables, charcoal grill and use of the restrooms, as well as outdoor fun on the playground and sport courts, where basketball, tennis and pickleball can be played.

Fishing Creek Community Center provides an indoor facility with a full kitchen, AC/heat, restrooms and tables and chairs. A playground, sport court offering basketball and pickleball, and a pavilion with picnic tables and charcoal grill are also available to use. Pavilion can be rented separate from the indoor facility.

More information can be found on our website, www.middlepaxtontwp.org, under **Community > Parks & Recreation**.

Call the Township office at 717-921-8128 for availability, reservations and questions.

ZONING OFFICER

Thinking about replacing or adding an addition, deck, shed, fence, pavilion, or patio to your property? Maybe repaving or enlarging 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, under **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 AND COMPLIANCE

The Township's **Codes Enforcement Officer** is who handles enforcing Township ordinances and addressing complaints and violations. Residents are encouraged 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 upon, 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. 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 Ext. 107 if you have questions or concerns.

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.

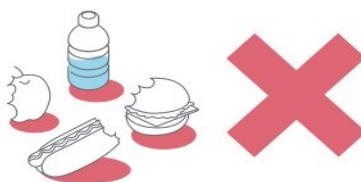
Electronics of any kind will not be taken by Waste Management. Appliances containing refrigerant (refrigerator, air conditioner, dehumidifier) must have the Freon removed by a Certified Technician and a sticker of certification must be placed on the unit. No item will be collected without a sticker.

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



Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.



Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.



No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.

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!

DAUPHIN BOROUGH–MIDDLE PAXTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Happy 2023 to all of you.

The winter weather sure is mixed up this season. We go from very cold to 60 degrees and back down to cold almost every week. We are receiving more rain than snow, which brings me to this topic.

Snow/rain combined to the north of us feeds into the Susquehanna River. As the melt arrives in late winter/early spring, beware of flooding. Whether it be from small streams to the rise of the river causing higher stream elevations. This may cause some roadways to have water pooled on them. Pooling water when driving is hazardous. Know how to react. Slow down. If it is passable, proceed with care. If you are unsure, turn around, don't drown.

In the spring and summer months, we start to see a rise in thunderstorms. Will you be ready for a power outage? Are trees along or near your electric service trimmed back on your property? If you have a generator, is it serviced and ready to assist you?

How are your neighbors doing this season? Have you visited with them over the long cold winter? Do they need any assistance? Clear their driveways and walkways if snow covered. Check if they have enough fuel oil and food. How is their mental status?

ARE YOU PREPARED?

GO TO: www.ready.pa.gov for more information

After 50 years in the volunteer fire service, I am stepping back to relax. I will still be around for the fire company and the community.

I will still be the Emergency Management Coordinator for Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township.

I would like to congratulate the new Fire Chief, Ryan Boyer. Best wishes for success and safety.

Bob Rusbatch

EMC

717-921-8128

PPL GUIDANCE

FLOOD SAFETY

- Never use electric appliances or touch electric wires, switches or fuses when you're wet or when you're standing in water.
- Stay clear of electrical equipment in places, such as basements, where flooding has occurred.
- Don't attempt to turn off power at the breaker box if you must stand in water to do so. Call us at 1-800-DIAL-PPL (1-800-342-5775) to shut off power at the meter.
- Keep electric tools and equipment at least 10 feet away from wet surfaces. Do not use electric yard tools if it's raining or the ground is wet.



DAUPHIN-MIDDLE PAXTON FIRE CO. #1

2023 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

President—Matthew Shive

Vice President—Mike McKenna

Secretary—Jon Fleming

Treasurer—Brad Field Sr.

Trustees—Shane Swenson, Al Smith,

Jace Hilton, Jimmy Smith



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * **Easter Flower Sale**—April 6th, 7th and 8th (We will be doing preorders online through our Facebook)
- * **Chicken BBQ**—April 1st at 10:00 a.m. till sold out
- * **R&K Sub Sale** in July—Keep an eye out for that!
- * **Open House/Chicken BBQ**—August 26th from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. We will have Farm Show milkshakes, different vendors, face painting, a bounce house, fire truck rides and lots more!
- * **Spring Boot Drive** (Date to be determined)

MEET THE CHIEF

Dear residents,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Ryan Boyer and I am the new Chief of Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company. I have been a member of the department for 21 years, grew up in Dauphin, and am very passionate about firefighting, sports, and being involved in my community. During my time as Chief I am looking to bring in new members to the firehouse and increase training opportunities for members. By increasing training within the firehouse, we can better protect and serve the residents of Middle Paxton Township and Dauphin Borough. I would also like to do more events within the community. Some events that we currently do are bingo every Thursday night during the winter, an Easter flower sale in the spring, chicken BBQs, open house and fire prevention. If you are interested in becoming a member of the fire company and are at least 14 years old, please visit this website and follow the directions: www.CAPITALREGIONFIREFIGHTER.org or stop by the fire house to complete an application. We have training on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.— Feel free to stop in. You can follow us on Facebook, [Dauphin - Middle Paxton Fire Company](#), for updates on events and what is happening within the department.



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



DAUPHIN BOROUGH

President – Brian Cuddy

Vice President – Kevin Musselman

Council Pro Tem – Jeffrey Thrush

Councilwoman – Kathryn Burton

Councilman – David Grbich

Councilman – George Bechtel

Councilman – Steve Harris

Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long

Borough Mayor – Michael McKenna

Treasurer – Cindy Long

Administrator – Linda Durgin

Roadmaster/Sewer Plant Operator – Troy Toland

Public Facilities – Ryan Boyer

Residents are reminded to kindly review the following Borough ordinance.

No user shall contribute or cause to be contributed, directly or indirectly, any pollutant or wastewater which will interfere with the operation or performance of the treatment plant. Such pollutants consist of, but are not limited to, dredged soil, solid waste, incinerator residue, sewage, garbage, sewage sludge, chemical wastes, biological materials, radioactive materials, heat, sand, cellar dirt, and industrial, municipal, and agricultural wastes.

For more information, please refer to **§ 18-169. General Discharge Prohibitions** under **Chapter 18 Sewers and Sewage Disposal** on the Borough's website.

Office Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Other days available by appointment.

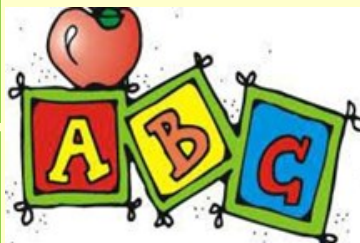
Phone: 717-921-2633

Fax: 717-921-8106

Email: dauphinboro@comcast.net

Facebook: Dauphin Borough

Website: dauphinborough.org



Promise Partnership

NexTrex



The Borough would like to thank all who contributed to the collection of plastic caps, lids, and plastic film for the ABC Promise Partnership and the Trex Program. We met our goals to achieve park benches and picnic tables which you can look forward to seeing the spring.



DAUPHIN POOL

2023 SUMMER SEASON: The pool board is excited for summer and the opening of the pool. Please check out our website www.dauphinpool.org or Facebook group [Dauphin Recreation Association](#) for information on opening dates and times.

SEASON MEMBERSHIP: Our membership rates will remain the same as last year:

Purchased by May 1st

Individual: \$145

Family: \$245

Purchased after May 1st

Individual: \$175

Family: \$275



Please visit our website for more information, to register or to print out our membership forms. Membership forms are also available at the pool "mailbox" on the fence next to the pool building.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: 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. We have two scheduled work days to get the pool ready for the season –

Saturday, April 22nd from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Saturday, April 29th from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Come out and help! If interested, please reach out to Linda so we know you are coming (in case of the need to reschedule) – call 717-921-8660 or email lkutas@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity for service hours. Also, if interested in being on the board, let us know.

LIFEGUARDS NEEDED: Interested in lifeguarding at the Dauphin Pool. Applications for employment can be found on our website www.dauphinpool.org. Need to get certified? Check out the American Red Cross website for classes in our area.

GIRL SCOUTS

By the time you are receiving this newsletter, Girl Scout cookie time will have passed for the season. Cookies are always sold in this area in early January. It is never too late to donate to your local Girl Scout troop. You can reach out to any Girl Scout leader or any Girl Scout. You can also reach out to the Girl Scout Service Unit Treasurer, Sonia Evans, at 717-579-0591 to make a contribution to our local Girl Scout Program.



Our Local Girl Scout Troops will be attending a camporee in early March. Girl Scouts from Dauphin and Middle Paxton can also be found hosting a table at Garden Fair at Fort Hunter on May 7th.

Troops are available year-round. There is no deadline to join. You can reach out to join or volunteer at any time.

We are starting our search for leadership for the new forming troops in the upcoming fall. We will be particularly interested in hearing from kindergarten parents. Training should be accomplished over the summer so your troop can be up and running in September or early October. That way, your troop will be established in time for the Halloween parade, senior dinner, ornament making workshop, and caroling for cans. Please reach out to Sonia Evans at 717-579-0591 to learn about how you can help lead young girls into the future with Girl Scouts.

We have local girls that are starting to work on their Gold Awards. This is the highest award any Girl Scout can earn. Best of luck to them on their planning and executing these projects!

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD



SPAY AND NEUTER



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

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.

Contact Linda Corson at 717-921-2117 or 717-580-1879 to make arrangements.

Please leave a message if no answer.

CLARKS VALLEY ZION E.C. CHURCH

210 MCKELVEY ROAD, DAUPHIN

Community Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 8th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Questions? Please reach out to our office

cvzoffice@cvzec.org



V.B.S. (Vacation Bible School)

June 25th-29th, 2023 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Preschool (Age 3) - 5th Grade

Registration is OPEN!

<https://forms.gle/dMF2oVR3xuWjgxAA8>

Questions? Please reach out to our director
Amber Boltz - boltzam90@gmail.com

Kingdom Kids (Children's Musical Theatre Ministry)

Preschool (Age 3) - 8th grade

Auditions: August 27th, 2023 at 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

(For cast members interested in speaking part & solos)

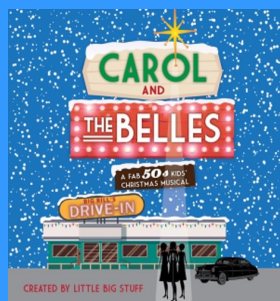
First FULL Cast Rehearsal: September 10th, 2023 from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

(Ensemble, Speaking Parts and Soloists)

Registration is OPEN!

(<https://forms.gle/AVQRTmMp8UEMWSki9>)

Questions? Please reach out to our director
Amber Boltz - boltzam90@gmail.com



FISHING CREEK VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOC.

Egg Hunt/Chicken Corn Soup sale

Saturday, April 1st, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

There will also be hot dogs, hot sausages, and baked goods for sale.

**Please bring containers if
purchasing soup.**

LIFELONG IMPROVMENTS THROUGH FITNESS TOGETHER (LIFT)

8 week class—Monday & Wednesday
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—\$60

Penn State Extension Dauphin County
1451 Peters Mountain Road
Dauphin PA 17018

Register online at

<https://extension.psu.edu/lift>
or call 1-877-345-0691

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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, or wheelchairs in the van).

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**.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Residents can contact **Sonya Boden** for information about the program, to stop, start or postpone meal deliveries or to volunteer to deliver meals, 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.

DOG LICENSING

Friendly reminder that **all dogs 3 months and older** are **required** to be **licensed**.

Annual licenses are available in person at the Dauphin County Treasurer's office which is located at 101 Market Street, Room 105, Harrisburg PA 17101, online at www.PADogLicense.com, through the mail or at an agent location.

Our community's closest location is Hornung's True Value at 1000 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin.

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

Licensing is very 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 a mandated state law.

NO LICENSE = \$300.00 FINE + COURT COSTS / PER DOG

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Harrisburg Homeless Feed

4th Wednesday of each month

This involves preparing a hot dinner, transporting and serving to 80 - 100 homeless folks. It also includes providing them with a bag lunch for the next day. Lunch packing begins at 3 p.m.

Contact Judy King at 717-265-3095 if you'd like to volunteer for this event.

HOPE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Election Day Food & Bake Sale
Tuesday May 16th, 2023

VOTE

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

Hot dogs, chili, BBQ, soups, etc.

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

CLARKS CREEK WATERSHED PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

Clarks Valley, January 2023: Your Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association (CCWPA) has been active in many different ways as we fight to preserve and protect our watershed, which lies in Middle Paxton and Reed Townships of Dauphin County.

We are particularly paying attention to the status of ongoing litigation between Pocono Business Partners and Middle Paxton Township regarding zoning, and to ongoing petitions to adjust R-3 zoning in municipalities in the Clarks Creek Watershed. Your CCWPA continues to attend Township and Borough meetings and monitor zoning and construction permitting and activity, as part of our commitment to safeguarding the purity of our watershed. We will try to keep our members and the overall communities up to date on any developments in these areas.

Our watershed faces issues such as storm water runoff, the development and installation of impervious surfaces near Clarks Creek, and zoning changes that presage new kinds of challenges to water purity. As the local Watershed Preservation Association, CCWPA fights to stay knowledgeable, keep informing the public and mobilizing "friends of the watershed" when needed.

May 13th, 2023: 24th ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY TRASH PICKUP — Your CCWPA holds its 24th Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pickup on Route 325 (Clarks Valley Road) on Saturday, May 13th, 2023, from 9 a.m. - noon, with a pizza party to follow (rain date: May 20th). Please join us at 1231 Clarks Valley Road! We passed our 10-year-anniversary with gusto and look forward to many more years keeping trash out of the creek. 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 or go online to <https://ccwpa.org>.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS — Please stop by our booth to learn more about our activities and how YOU can help preserve the watershed, at these events:

Wildwood Park Wetlands Festival — April 29th, 2023

Lions Club Fair — July 2023 (exact dates to come)

Ned Smith Nature and Arts Festival — July 29th, 2023

Dauphin Heritage Day — October 21st, 2023



Trash Collection Session! We had a WONDERFUL Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pickup on October 8, 2022! Left to right: Sherry McLain (CCWPA Treasurer), John Mimmall, Arlene Taylor, Teresa Bender, Ryan Evans, Paula Zankel (CCWPA President), Kyle Kuntz and Michael Blum (CCWPA Secretary). We scoured both sides of our 2 miles of Route 325 and had a great time doing it! Photo Credit: CCWPA. ALL RIGHTS RELEASED.

SEPTEMBER 9th ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC — Your CCWPA is holding its 2023 Annual Meeting at Flemish Down, 1231 Clarks Valley Road, Dauphin, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 9th. All members and friends are invited — bring your swimsuits!

At the Annual Meeting, we review CCWPA efforts and activities of 2022-2023, 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!

NEWS OF OUR 2022 ANNUAL MEETING — 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 present. Board terms are staggered so some seats are always up for election. At our 2022 Annual Meeting, Mike Blum, Ryan Evans, Arlene Taylor and Brett Zankel were elected to two-year terms expiring in September 2024. They join Board Members Kyle Kuntz, Sherry McLain, Paula Zankel and John Mimmall, whose terms expire in September 2023.

For more 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>.

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

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

Historical Plaque: Preserving our Past for Future Generations

The purpose of an historical society is to preserve the history of the community that they represent for the present and future generations. Where some of the older generations remember the old "Dauphin Narrows" and the Dauphin Hotel, these are now a thing of the past. The younger generations will only know the history of these places by a verbally handed down history or by the artifacts and pictures that remain of these places.

The DMPHS wants to help preserve our local history for future generations. Our newest fundraiser has this endeavor in mind. Residents of the Dauphin - Middle Paxton area will be able to purchase an historical plaque for their residence, business, or other historical sites such as churches, cemeteries, or landmarks. A person does not need to be a member of the society to purchase a plaque but the structure or site must be located in Dauphin Borough or Middle Paxton Township. The structure or site must, also, be at least 50 years old to be considered for an historical plaque. All historical plaques will have Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society inscribed on the bottom of the plaque. Plaques are made by a PA foundry and can be either bronze or aluminum. For more information, please visit our website at <https://dauphin-middlepaxtonhs.weebly.com> or email the society at dmphist@comcast.net.

Monetary Donations:

By Check- PO Box 532, Dauphin, PA 17018 (made out to: DMPHS)

Gift Shop Items for Sale

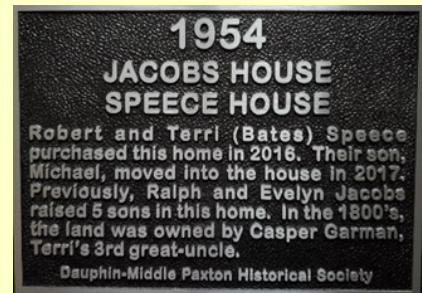
These items may be bought at the Dauphin Pharmacy or through the Society.

Our Heritage I - \$25

Our Heritage II - \$25

Special Edition 2023 Calendar - \$7

Schoolhouse Bricks are also available - \$5 (email the society)



Monthly Meetings are held on the 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 p.m. until further notice. Our speakers are always fun and interesting and the public is welcome!

Monthly Meeting Upcoming Speakers

April 27th, 2023 – Kayla Harbert, Northern Dauphin County Parks Manager & Liz Rodda, President of the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society will present: "Detweiler Park: Past and Future"

May 25th, 2023 – Jason Wilson, Historian for the PA Capitol Preservation Committee will present: "Bloodied & Bullet-torn: The Commonwealth's Collection of Civil War Battle Flags"

September 28th, 2023 - David W. Lyter, MD will present: "Our Heritage, Volume 1: The Backstory". Dr. Lyter is flying in from his home and practice in Florida to make this presentation to our Society. He was instrumental in the volume's production, conducting the majority of interviews for publication. Our Heritage I & II will be available at this meeting.

Upcoming Events

Armed Forces Day – May 20th, 2023 at the War Veteran's Memorial on Claster Blvd. behind Kennedy Field.

Heritage Day – October 21st, 2023 at the Carnival grounds in Dauphin Borough.

Veteran's Memorial Brick Orders

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

8" x 4", 3 lines, \$50 – 8" x 8", 6 lines, \$500 – 12" x 12", 8 lines, \$1000

The order form can be downloaded from the Historical Society Website under the "more" tab then choose "Veteran's Memorial". You can also email the society at dmphist@verizon.net.

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 to 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!](#)

MIDDLE PAXTON LIONS CLUB

HELP WANTED: THE CARNIVAL IS COMING

It's going to be hard to top the Lions' 2022 carnival.

But they are looking to the community once again with gratitude and hopes of making this year's event even better.

Last summer, the community showed up big after fire destroyed the club's headquarters. Thanks to all of the help, longtime observers called that five-night run one of the MP Lions' best-attended ever.

This year's carnival is scheduled for **July 11th-15th**. Tentative setup dates are July 6th, 7th and 10th. Our neighbors are encouraged to join in. Please keep an eye on the Middle Paxton Lions' website and Facebook page for more information.

The proceeds from the Lions' carnivals help local families in need, local charities, youth sports programs, pays for scholarships and more.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Lions are sponsoring two \$1,000 scholarships for graduating seniors who live in Dauphin Borough or Middle Paxton Township. It doesn't matter which schools they are currently attending. They can get applications from their guidance counselors or the website of the Foundation of Enhancing Communities (www.tfec.org).

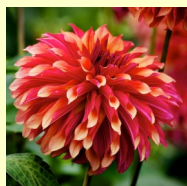
EASTER FUN

The Lions will hold their annual Easter egg hunt for the kids of our two communities on Saturday, April 1st, at Community Park on Claster Boulevard. The time will be announced.



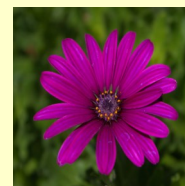
PENN STATE EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS

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** or **717-921-8803** to ask your garden questions and get unbiased, research-based answers year-round.
- * Our annual Spring Symposium, Veggie Series and Home Gardening Series, this year in collaboration with Wildwood Park's Olewine Nature Center.
- * Master Gardener annual basic training to become a Master Gardener volunteer in Dauphin County
- * 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 ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Dauphin Athletic Association hosts the Albert "Butch" Beard Memorial Golf Outing in August each year. Proceeds from this event benefit the Albert "Butch" Beard Scholarship Fund and the Dauphin Athletic Association which is the governing body who oversees various athletic programs.

Attention high school seniors and parents of seniors:

Scholarship opportunity!

If you've ever played a recreational sport within the Dauphin – Middle Paxton community, please visit <https://dauphinathleticassociation.org/butch-beard-scholarship> to confirm eligibility and instructions to submit an application. Applications are due by **April 1st** each year. You may also contact your school guidance counselor for assistance.

The following sports are available to all residents and their families who live in Middle Paxton Township and the Borough of Dauphin:

Dauphin Baseball is played in the spring and registration is held annually during December and January. Dauphin Baseball Association participates in the Central Dauphin Baseball Association League which is part of Cal Ripken Baseball. Current age groups consist of Tee ball (5-6 y/o), Rookie (7-8 y/o), Minor (9-10 y/o), Major (11-12 y/o) and Teener (13-17 y/o). Contact dauphinbaseball@gmail.com for details.

Dauphin Softball is played in the spring and registration is held annually during December and January. Dauphin Softball Association plays in the Perry County League. Current age groups consist of Tee ball (U6), U8, U10, U12 and U14. Contact dauphinsoftball@gmail.com for details.

Dauphin Middle Paxton Soccer is played during the fall. Registration for soccer is held annually during the month of May. Dauphin Middle Paxton Soccer Association participates in the Susquehanna Recreational Soccer League with Newport, Duncannon and Marysville. Current age groups consist of 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, Junior High (7th & 8th graders) and Senior High (9th – 12th graders). Contact dauphinsoccer81@gmail.com for details.

Dauphin Basketball is available to boys and girls from grades 3 through 8. Interested in volunteering to help keep the basketball program running? Reach out to John Lucas at jwl0727@gmail.com.



Board Of Directors

John Lucas: President

Jillian Sielaff-Smith: Vice President

Mandey Ryan: Secretary

Erin Evans: Treasurer

Members at Large:

Tim Wenrich

Jamie Fetterhoff

David Foran



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 dmpjpa@gmail.com. Monetary donations can be mailed to us at P.O. Box 521, Dauphin, PA 17018. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all who attended public meetings, took our online survey, sat on a committee or focus group or participated in any way in the preparation of our master site development plan. It is finally complete and can be viewed on our website at www.dauphinmiddlepaxtonpark.org. Over the next several years, we will seek out grants to pay for these projects. Most of these grants require matching funds. If you think you, your business or employer may be able to donate materials, labor or money to complete a park project, please contact us at dmpjpa@gmail.com! Donations count toward our match requirement.

As you make plans for summer picnics, parties, family reunions and other gatherings, consider renting one of the park's pavilions. Rental fees are just \$50 for the large pavilion and \$25 for the small pavilion. Your rental includes use of the park ball fields, a handicapped accessible playground, and basketball and volleyball courts. Summer weekend dates are filling up fast! If interested in reserving a date, please contact Tim Wenrich at 717-648-7490.

As a reminder, NO firearms or weapons are permitted on park property AT ANY TIME. For the safety of everyone enjoying the park, hunting is NOT permitted. Also, dumping of yard waste, brush, 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 fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., January through October. 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.

Board Members:

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



PARKS AND RECREATION

Spring has sprung a little earlier than expected this year, contrary to Punxsutawney Phil who predicted **six** more weeks of winter! With warmer weather comes the anticipation of spending more time outdoors.

There are a **few changes** to note at **Hagy Park**. **No dogs/pets will be permitted on the athletic fields.** The Township office receives calls year round about people not picking up after their pets and the Township lawn maintenance crew complains every mowing season about the amount of dog waste not picked up on the athletic fields. Parents and coaches of the soccer program should not have to walk the fields to pick up dog waste prior to games and practices. Please be respectful of our parks. Pets **are permitted** on the fitness trail/track and on the lower trails. All pets **must be leashed** at all times. Anyone caught violating these rules will be asked to leave the park and will possibly face a fine. Dog waste bags will be provided but please try to remember to bring bags if you plan an outing with your pet. This also applies at the Fishing Creek Community Center. Please always leash and clean up after your pet.

In addition, vandalism and vehicles causing damage to the athletic fields at Hagy Park continues to occur. The State Police have been contacted and cameras are being reviewed. The Township will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law anyone causing damage to and vandalizing any Township property, including the parks. Please report any suspicious activity or damage to the Township Manager at 717-921-8128 Ext. 106 or 717-943-5131.



We appreciate your efforts to help keep our parks a beautiful and safe place for all to enjoy!

Pickleball, a game that combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping pong, is the fastest growing sport in America according to the Sports & Fitness Industry! Two pickleball courts are located on the tennis court at Hagy Park and one court is located at the Fishing Creek Community Center. The new nets have arrived and will be installed and ready for use this spring!



In addition to the pickleball courts, please note the new fencing around the basketball court at Hagy Park! The fence is higher and completely surrounds the basketball court. No more chasing the basketball that bounced out of the lower fenced area!

Look for updates on the Township website as other sport activities are being finalized, including Phase II of the Walking/Fitness Trail!



STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOE KERWIN

A Note from State Rep. Joe Kerwin:

As you may have heard, Middle Paxton Township has now become part of the 125th District for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. I have enjoyed getting to know many folks from Middle Paxton Township in recent months and look forward to meeting even more of you.

A quick introduction: I am a lifelong Dauphin County resident. I am from Lykens, and I live in Upper Paxton Township. Prior to being elected to the General Assembly, I worked as a Dauphin County deputy district attorney, and I continue to serve the state and country as a captain in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. I was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2020.

I maintain two district offices – one at 4542 State Route 209, Elizabethville, (833-431-0495) and one at 5821 Linglestown Road, Suite 204, Harrisburg (717-652-6820). My staff and I are happy to help the residents of Middle Paxton Township with any state-related matters, so stop in or give us a call. I am grateful to represent your community in Harrisburg!



Pictured above left to right: Supervisor Jim Fisher, Supervisor Mike Sudia, and State Rep. Joe Kerwin at Middle Paxton Township's Holiday Volunteer Appreciation gathering.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ Elizabethville Open House
February 16th 4 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
4542 State Route 209
Elizabethville, PA 17023
- ◆ Linglestown Open House
February 23rd 4 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
5821 Linglestown Road, Suite 204
Harrisburg, PA 17112

STATE SENATOR JOHN DISANTO

Senator DiSanto Announces Additional, No-Cost-To-Taxpayers Outreach Offices

In response to the legislative redistricting effective December 1st, 2022, I have arranged for a regular schedule of Outreach Offices for constituent and legislative services through partnerships with municipalities and local libraries with free meeting rooms. My offices can assist in processing PennDOT material, getting copies of birth and death certificates, obtaining Property Tax and Rent Rebates, and more.

I'm always looking for opportunities to save taxpayer dollars, so I decided not to incur the additional expense of renting a new district office when I can provide a full range of constituent service by phone, online, and in-person at the Capitol Office as well as at these new Outreach Offices across the 15th senatorial district. I don't take the state pension benefits or seek reimbursement for mileage, and I employ the least staff of any state senator. All legislators and state agencies should seek to be as economical with taxpayer dollars while providing effective service.



My Outreach Office schedule is:

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| Middletown Borough Hall | 60 West Emaus Street, Middletown | 1st & 3rd Tues 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. |
| Olewine Memorial Library | 2410 North 3rd Street, Harrisburg | 1st & 3rd Tues 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. |
| Alexander Family Library | 200 West 2nd Street, Hummelstown | 2nd & 4th Thu 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. |
| East Shore Area Library | 4501 Ethel Street, Harrisburg | 2nd & 4th Thu 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. |

Please stay in touch!

Go to my website, www.senatordisanto.com, and click on "sign up for emails."

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Volunteers are vital in keeping the many organizations in our community up and running!

Even just a few hours of your time goes a long way. Please consider lending a helping hand to an organization in need. There is an organization for everyone! The best way to give back to your community is through volunteerism. Please check out the different organizations listed in the newsletter and volunteer today!

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." – Sherry Anderson



Sunset at Detweiler Park

BE AWARE OF DIRTY DIRT!!!

DEP wants to help residents and contractors in Pennsylvania ensure they do not accept or use fill materials that may cause contamination. Fill materials are used to bring sites to desirable grades to enhance the usefulness of the properties. Homeowners and contractors need to be aware that there are some "fill" materials out there that can cause potential environmental and/or health concerns, as well as open up property owners to potential liabilities. Here are a few tips to ensure you are using acceptable fill materials on your property

Do your homework...

- Before you buy or accept **"FREE"** dirt, make sure it is clean.
- Know the **source** of the fill, especially if it is offered to you for FREE.
- Know the supplier and hauler. Check for references.
- Ask for documentation from the provider regarding the source:
 - A bill of lading if you purchased it.
 - An official **DEP FP-001** form that identifies where the fill came from and any testing that was done.
- Do not accept any free material without documentation.

Take a look...or smell...

- If the fill has a petroleum/oil-like or garbage odor...**BEWARE!**
- If the fill has materials such as: plastic, ash, demolition debris such as wallboard, shingles, nails, wood or paint chips...**BEWARE!**
- If the fill appears to be "discolored" or stained...**BEWARE!**
- If you don't know the source of the fill...**BEWARE!**

Get some advice...

- The DEP wants residents and contractors in Pennsylvania to make sure they do not accept or use fill materials that may contain or cause contamination.
- Check with your regional office if you have questions, consult with your local Bureau of Waste Management or DEP office.
- If you don't know the source of the fill...**BEWARE!**

DEP's Management of Fill Policy and Frequently Asked Questions:

- <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Waste/SolidWaste/Residential/Pages/TechnicalGuidance.aspx>



Always BE SURE where the dirt is coming from!

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thank you!

Your dedication and selfless efforts to help
make organizations, events and programs
run smoothly are greatly appreciated!

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