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## Municipal Office Hours

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Wednesday

#### **CLOSED FRIDAY**

10 Elizabeth Avenue Dauphin, PA 17018

717-921-8128

#### **Township Manager**

Julie Ann Seeds

## The office will be closed:

Tuesday, November 7 (Election Day)

Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving)

Friday, November 24 (Day After Thanksgiving)

Monday, December 25 (Christmas)

Monday, January 1 (New Years Day)

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#### **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)

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**Michael Sudia** 

Vice Chairman

**Wilbur Evans** 

Treasurer

**James Fisher** 

**Assistant Secretary** 

**Lawrence Cooney** 

#### **Planning Commission**

2nd Monday of the month @ 7:00 p.m. (if needed)

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Jeffrey S. Smith

Vice Chairperson

Thomas "Chip" Brown

**Gary Deimler** 

**Donald Morse** 

Ralph Stone

**Justin Wingenfield** 

Julie Ann Seeds

Secretary

#### **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

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

10 Elizabeth Avenue Dauphin, PA 17018

# **Dauphin-Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority**

**Shannon Scott** 

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Nichole Staley O'Gorman

Vice President

**Ron Hull** 

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**Jeffrey Thrush** 

#### Tax Collector

**Tanya Pomeroy** 

#### **Middle Paxton Township**

**Julie Ann Seeds** 

Township Manager/Secretary

Truman Heberlig

**Zoning & Codes Enforcement** 

**Jeffrey Warfel** 

**Road Foreman** 

Steven Stine, Esq.

Solicitor

Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG)

Engineer/Floodplain

Administrator

**Barry Isett & Associates** 

UCC 3rd Party Inspector & Plan
Reviewer

**Brian & Carrie McFeaters** 

**Sewage Enforcement Officers** 

**Robert Rusbatch** 

Emergency Management Coordinator

#### <u>Dauphin-Middle Paxton</u> <u>Fire Co. #1, Inc.</u>

**Larry Snyder** 

**Acting Chief** 

**Larry Snyder** 

1st Assistant Chief

**Shane Swenson** 

2nd Assistant Chief

**Matthew Shive** 

3rd Assistant Chief

Jon Fleming

Captain

Mike McKenna

Lieutenant

#### **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\*

İ,	CAT Shared Ride (Bus)	(717) 233-5657
ļ	* Comcast Customer Service (Cable/Internet)	(800) 934-6489
i	Dauphin Area Senior Transit—Registration Only (Rue Megonnell)	(717) 921-2727
Ī,	Dauphin Area Senior Transit—Scheduling of Rides	(717) 921-8128
ŀ	Dauphin Borough Office	(717) 921-2633
i	Dauphin County—Controlled Burns	(717) 558-6900
Į,	Dauphin County—Recycle Center	(717) 982-6772
i i	Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Co. #1 Non-Emergency	(717) 921-8242
i	Dauphin-Middle Paxton Meals on Wheels—Sonya Boden	(717) 991-5815
I,	Magisterial District Judge—The Honorable Gregory D. Johnson	(717) 921-8007
  -	PA State Police Non-Emergency	(717) 671-7500
į	PPL (Electric)	(800) 342-5775
I,	State Representative Joe Kerwin	(717) 652-6820
ļ	State Senator John DiSanto	(717) 787-6801
į	UGI Emergency Gas Leaks	(800) 276-2722
Į,	UPMC Community LifeTeam (Ambulance)	(717) 848-4740
! !	Waste Management—Service	(800) 869-5566
į	<b>Waste Management—Billing</b>	(800) 642-8850
Reporting Dead Animals on Roadways		
¦	* State Roads (Rte. 225, Rte. 443 & U.S. 22/322) (717) 787-5391 o	r (800) 349-7632
į	* Township Road—Bears	(610) 926-3136
Į,	* Township Road—Deer	(610) 926-1966
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#### **On-Lot Sewage Management Program (OLDS PROGRAM)**

The Board of Supervisors adopted an On-Lot Sewage Management Program, Ordinance 2023-01 at the September 7, 2023 business meeting.

#### What does this mean and why should my municipality manage my system?

When a treatment system malfunctions and discharges raw sewage onto public lands or private property or into waterways, the negative impacts are significant. Drinking water supplies can be contaminated. Pennsylvanians' health and safety are endangered. The environment we depend on is degraded. Property and community value is damaged.

For this reason, Pennsylvania cities, townships, and boroughs are required by the <u>Pennsylvania Sewage</u> <u>Facility Act of 1966</u> to manage all sewage within their borders. This includes not only public sewer systems, but also on-lot sewage treatment systems. In other words, if you have a septic system on your property, it's considered part of your local municipal infrastructure.

Just like a home and car, a septic system requires maintenance. Regular maintenance extends the longevity of the system and significantly reduces the need for repair or replacement. If maintenance is neglected, even expertly designed and installed systems can function well below capacity or fail completely.

#### What does a municipal sewage management program mean to me?

- Pumping the treatment tank once every four years.
- Property owner education on the operation and maintenance of a septic system.
- Registration or licensing of septage haulers and other service providers, including standard procedures.
- Inspections to ensure proper operation.

#### When does the OLDS program start and what is the next step?

The program will **start January 1, 2024** with the Township divided into four (4) zones.

- ZONE 1 (Year 1) WEST OF 225 to the Western Banks of the Susquehanna River.
- ZONE 2 (Year 2) Clark's Valley.
- ZONE 3 (Year 3) Stoney Creek Valley.
- ZONE 4 (Year 4) Fishing Creek Valley including Front Street, Roberts Valley Road and Greggs Road areas.

The Township will send out an initial letter and then follow up with reminders to have your system pumped depending on the zone you reside in.

If you should have any questions regarding your septic system, please contact the Sewage Enforcement Officer, Brian McFeaters, at 717-813-6492. Please leave a message.

The complete Ordinance can be found on the Township website at **www.middlepaxtontwp.org**.

Pumping your septic tank on a regular basis ensures optimal tank performance and prevents the absorption area from clogging and malfunctioning and contaminating the ground water, streams, and rivers in our beautiful Township and beyond.

#### Why Maintain Your Septic System?

- \* **It saves you money.** Regular maintenances fees range from \$250 to \$500 versus the cost of repairing or replacing a septic system, which can be upwards of \$15,000.
- \* **Keeps you and your neighbors healthy.** A properly functioning septic system removes most pollutants from your household wastewater. A failing or malfunctioning system is unable to do such, causing bacteria, viruses and chemicals to contaminate groundwater. Contaminated groundwater can potentially cause acute gastrointestinal illness and hepatitis.
- \* **Protects the environment.** Continuing with contaminated groundwater, poorly or untreated household water poses dangers to drinking water and the environment. The bacteria, viruses and chemicals that are released are toxic to local waterways. These pollutants harm our local ecosystems, killing native plants and fish.

#### Ways to Prevent Malfunctions and Ensure Septic System Longevity

- \* **Protect it and inspect it.** Solids should be pumped out of your septic tank every 3-5 years, or when an inspection shows the tank is more than one-third filled with solids or scum. An inspector will also check that electrical float switches, pumps and mechanical components are all operating correctly.
- \* **Shield your field.** Direct rainwater run-off away from your septic system and drain field. Avoid planting trees or shrubs over or near your septic system. Keep anything heavier than your lawnmower off your drain field.
- \* Think at the sink, and don't overload the commode. Do not flush or rinse diapers, baby wipes (even ones marketed as "flushable"), cat litter, cigarettes, coffee grounds, fats, grease, solids, feminine hygiene products, prophylactic devices, household chemicals, gasoline, oil, pesticides, antifreeze, paint and high amounts of anti-bacterial soaps and detergents.
- \* **Don't strain your drain.** Stagger the use of water-based appliances. Don't do all your laundry in one day. Use high-efficiency plumbing fixtures and repair any leaks in your home.

For more information, please visit:

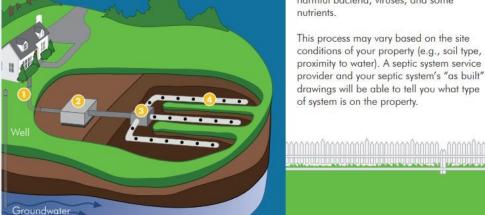
https://www.dep.pa.gov/ourcommonwealth/pages/article.aspx?post=32

How does a septic system work?

1. All water runs out of your house from one main drainage pipe into a septic tank.
2. The septic tank is a buried, water-tight container. Its job is to hold the wastewater long enough for solids to settle to the bottom (sludge) while the fats, oil and grease float to the top (scum).

3. For conventional septic systems, liquid wastewater exits the tank and is spread evenly throughout the drainfield, usually through a distribution box. Systems with more advanced treatment may have an additional component between the septic tank and drainfield.
4. Once in the drainfield, the wastewater percolates into the soil, which reclaims the water for future reuse by naturally removing harmful bacteria, viruses, and some nutrients.

This process may vary based on the site



#### Township Projects ......

#### **◊ Potato Valley Road—Phase 2**

Phase 1 of Potato Valley Road Improvements consisted of the bridge replacement in 2020. Phase 2 Road Improvements consist of base repair, chip/fog seal of the 1.6-mile roadway, tree removal, stream relocation and restoration, as well as pipe and culvert replacement. The improvements also include the widening of Potato Valley Road as much as feasible for the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. The project is anticipated to be completed by October 2024.



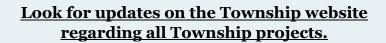
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#### Red Hill Road Bridge

The existing Red Hill Road Bridge dates back to 1919. This project will replace the existing culvert with a reinforced cement concrete box culvert designed to carry all road-legal loads with a 100-year life expectancy. When constructed, the box culvert will be widened to the south and north to provide a shoulder to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. The project is expected to be completed by August 2024.

#### ◊ Verizon Cell Tower

It is no secret that cell phone service in our area has always been hit or miss depending on where you are at within the Township. Reliable service is a very important resource to have and plays a crucial role in all of our day to day lives. Construction of a 150' monopole has just recently been completed behind the Township building at the previous brush site location. The goal of this new cell tower is to provide and improve service to our residents and community where service was once lacking. The cell tower is expected to be fully functioning within the next few months.





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**, **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**.



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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, <a href="www.middlepaxtontwp.org">www.middlepaxtontwp.org</a>. 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.

#### Public Works Roadway Etiquette & 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.

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- 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 \$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.

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Payment is due at the time of order.

#### **Dauphin Borough-Middle Paxton Emergency Management**

What a spring and summer we have had. From a very hot and dry start, to what seems to be closer to normal fall season weather. We will possibly experience some dryer weather mid to late fall. What does this means for us, living in a rural woodland area? We will all want to get rid of our falling leaves and other yard debris. Many who like to burn the leaves and debris will need, as always, to keep a watchful eye on their burning.

Know the Township and Borough burning regulations. You can contact them to find out or look on-line at their ordinances. Another resource is the National Weather Service. Check the weather. Will it be windy and dry? What protective measures can you take if you must burn:

- Someone there to watch and control the burn. Not a child, a responsible adult!
- Place and burn all debris in a barrel.
- A garden hose to wet down the area around the burn barrel.
- Notify Dauphin County Department of Public Safety (the County 911 Center) of the burn. Also notify your Dauphin Middle Paxton Fire Company

If your yard debris/controlled burn gets out of control:

• Call 911 immediately, get help!

Again, before attempting or considering burning debris, know what can and cannot be burned in a controlled burn.

With the fall season also comes the possibility of late hurricanes and tropical weather. These storms can cause flash flooding to major flooding for our area. Small streams will be covered first as the rain waters force the streams out of their beds. If you encounter this and cannot determine the depth across the roadway, TURN AROUND! It does not take much water to be on the roadway for an accident or possibly you become stranded in the water.

Before possible flooding occurs, what plans or supplies have you gathered for you and your family? Some of the things to consider are:

- · Canned food supplies.
- · Bottled water.
- Pet food.
- Medicines and/or oxygen needs. (Do you have spare oxygen cylinders?)
- If you have a generator, do you have enough spare fuel for long duration?

Now for the winter weather. Snow is the prediction. How much is the unknown. The same goes here for your planning ahead of the season. Do you have the above listed needs to last through power outages, being unable to get out and to the nearest grocery or convenience store? Do you have contacts to call for assistance if needed?

Watch the weather reports. Know what the predictions are. Be aware of what is happening around you.

#### **Bob Rusbatch**

#### **Emergency Management Coordinator**

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**School is back is session**. A large number of buses will be on all of our roadways picking up students. **PLEASE** remain alert for children standing along the roadways waiting for the bus, as well as school buses making frequent stops. Allow extra time coming and going each day so as not to rush and avoid any distractions. Please abide by the flashing lights and posted speed limit in the school zone by Middle Paxton Elementary School.

#### Passing a school bus is NEVER permissible!

If you are convicted of violating Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law, you will receive all of the following penalties:

- 60-Day Driver's License Suspension
- Five (5) points on your driving record
- \$250 Fine



Residents have two service options; Standard Weekly Service or Tag-a-Bag.

- Standard Weekly Service (\$160.95 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 (Minimum of 20 tags at annual cost of \$530) Residents under the Tag-a-Bag service will be mailed 20 tags from Waste Management and be billed for the amount of those tags at \$530. Tags must be affixed to each and every bag that is put out for removal. Unlimited recycling included. Tag-a-Bag service does not include free pickup of a bulk item. Residents must contact WM at (800) 634-4595 to schedule a bulk item pickup 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. Residents are welcome to use any type of can or bin for recycling as long as it is clearly labeled as such. The Township office offers free recycle stickers.

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



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**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!



#### **2023 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

President—Matthew Shive
Vice President—Mike McKenna
Secretary—Jon Fleming
Treasurer—Brad Field Sr.
Trustees—Shane Swenson, Al Smith,
Jace Hilton, Jimmy Smith

### VOLUNTEER!

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

We have training every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

September 28, 2023 through April 25, 2024. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the first game starts at 6:00 p.m. We have food, pull tabs, 50/50 tickets, and other raffles.



• Chicken Corn Soup Sale—October 14, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. till sold out.



Bricks for the Honor Garden outside of the Firehouse/ Township building are still for sale. Bricks are \$75. If you would like to purchase a brick, please stop in at the station or email Dauphinfire38@yahoo.com for an order form.

#### Join Your Local Fire Company Today!

Visit our website to find your local Capital Region fire company and learn how you can help!



## www.CAPITALREGIONFIREFIGHTER.org

Check out our Facebook page for our online raffles!

To purchase raffles, visit <a href="http://www.dauphin-38-fire.com">http://www.dauphin-38-fire.com</a>.

# COMMUNITY BULLETIN

#### <u>HOPE UNITED</u> PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Election Day Food & Bake Sale Tuesday, November 7, 2023



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!

# TRICK-OR-TREAT Tuesday, October 31st, 2023, is designated

Tuesday, October 31st, 2023, is designated Trick-or-Treat night from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

#### LIFT (LIFELONG IMPROVMENTS THROUGH FITNESS TOGETHER)

**LIFT** is an in-person, group-based, strength training program for adults aged 40+. Our program may result in improvements in functional fitness or the ability to perform activities of daily living with ease.

LIFT sessions are held twice a week on Monday and Wednesday mornings for one hour over the course of eight weeks. Sessions include an active warm-up, eight core strength training exercises, and a cool down. The program also covers basic nutrition information with an emphasis on increased fruit and vegetable intake.

Classes are held year round at the Dauphin County Agriculture and Natural Resources Center 1451 Peters Mountain Road.

Registration fee is \$60 for 8 weeks.

For more information, please call 717-921-8803 or visit:

https://extension.psu.edu/lift-8

#### **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 Treasure's office which is located at 101 Market Street, Room 105, Harrisburg PA 17101, online at <a href="https://www.PADogLicense.com">www.PADogLicense.com</a>, through the mail or at an agent location. Our community's closest location is Hornung's True Value at 1000 Peters Mountain Road.

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

# COMMUNITY BULLETIN

#### **CLARKS VALLEY ZION E.C. CHURCH**

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#### **Fall Family Fun Night**

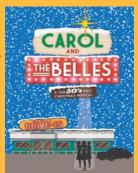
Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 6 p.m.

FREE carnival games, raffles, prizes, crafts and candy! Warm up by the camp fire or roast marshmallows for s'mores. Free hotdogs, French fries, chips, baked goods, apple cider, hot chocolate, and more. 100% fun and 100% free!

#### <u>You're Invited to Kingdom Kids</u> <u>Production of "Carol and the Belles"</u>

Please join us at Clarks Valley Zion E.C. Church for our performances on **Saturday**, **December 2 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. AND Sunday**, **December 3 at 2 p.m.** 

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at <a href="mailto:cvzoffice@cvzec.org">cvzoffice@cvzec.org</a>.



#### **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.

#### **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.

#### MEALS ON WHEELS

#### 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 48 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**.

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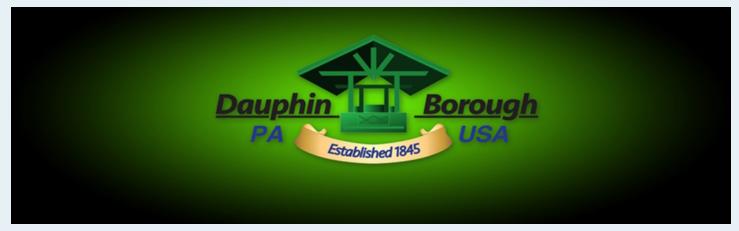
#### FISHING CREEK VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Chicken Corn Soup Sale/Trunk or Treat—Saturday, October 28 at 11 a.m. <u>Bring containers for soup.</u>
You can register your child/children for the Breakfast With Santa at this event.

Breakfast With Santa-Saturday, December 2 from 8 a.m.-noon.

All children 12 and under will receive a gift and a free breakfast. You must register for this event. **To sign up, email 1fcvca@aol.com or call 717-599-5698.** 

Egg Hunt/Chicken Corn Soup—Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 11 a.m. Bring containers for soup.



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 Councilperson – Jocelyn Long
Borough Mayor – Michael McKenna
Treasurer – Cindy Long
Administrator – Linda Durgin



Roadmaster/Sewer Plant Operator - Troy Toland

**Public Facilities** – Ryan Boyer

Pictured above: Council President Brian Cuddy, State Representative Joe Kerwin, and Junior Council Member Jocelyn Long

A plaque was hung at the Dauphin Borough Park in recognition of the members who served on Council and contributed to the beautiful park for the community to enjoy. A dedication was done during the Lion's Carnival to recognize those Council members.

#### Residents are reminded to kindly review the following Borough ordinances:

- No person shall operate a recreational vehicle on Borough property without the express written consent of the Borough.
- No person shall store abandoned automobiles on any public or private property in the Borough, unless such automobile is stored in a garage or other similar building. An automobile is abandoned when, for a period of forty-eight (48) hours or more, the automobile is left unattended on any public or private property and the automobile lacks a current state inspection sticker, does not have current registration, does not have an ascertainable vehicle identification number, or the automobile is physically inoperable in its current condition.
- With winter weather soon upon us, it shall be the duty of each and every person, firm, corporation, or public institution within the Borough having pavements or sidewalks to remove any snow, hail, sleet or ice, within 12 hours after the same may have ceased to fall or be formed thereon.

For more information, please refer to following Ordinances on the Borough's website:

§ 10-303. Operation and Use of a Recreational Vehicle on Borough Property.

§ 10-103. Acts of Nuisance.

§ 21-301. Timely Removal from Sidewalks.

Website: www.dauphinborough.org Facebook: Dauphin Borough

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

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#### Dauphin Pool News WILLIAM WILL

The Dauphin Pool had a great 2023 summer season. June was rather cool, but July and August were great "swimming" months at the Pool. We hope that you had the opportunity to join us at the pool this season.

The Pool is run by the Dauphin Recreation Association (DRA) Board of Directors and is a totally volunteer Board. We are currently working to raise money to repair and renovate the pool plumbing and water return (gutter) system and install an ADA compliant chair lift. Future work would include the Baby Pool and upgrades to the Bath House and Concession Stand. With that, we will need to raise money in



excess of one million dollars. To date we have some grant monies and are waiting to hear about additional grants. However, the volunteer Board of DRA will need to do some fundraising with the help of the community. If you are interested in helping by becoming part of a fundraising committee, come with ideas, plans and time commitment, please contact Linda Klutas at 717-921-8660 or lklutas@gmail.com. She will be scheduling a date to get started over the upcoming month or so.

The Pool Income is derived mainly from Seasonal Passes, (Daily) Guest Passes and Party Reservations. Most of this income is then used to cover the various expenses incurred to run and maintain the pool such as staffing (lifeguards and office), utilities, pool chemicals, grounds and building upkeep and repair. Anything left over is put into savings to cover any major repairs that arise with having an aging pool. This year we had 120 families and 37 individual Passes. Because of 2 donors, 10 families were afforded a seasonal pass. Thanks to the Jack Rudy Family and the Dauphin Home Association for their generous donations to help these families. We also received a considerable donation from the Middle Paxton Lions Club. They help with the Learn to Swim Program held each year for 5- to 12-year-old Dauphin and Middle Paxton residents. This year we had approximately 50 children participate.

A nice addition to the pool was added this spring by Jacob Reinhart for his Eagle Scout Project. He raised the money, planned and built a pergola for added shade for our patrons. His time and hard work are greatly appreciated.

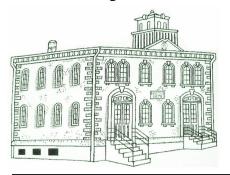
The pool was used by the local Boy Scout Troop, The Dauphin/Middle Paxton Fire Company and the PA Fish and Boat Commission for Water Safety Training. The Baseball and Softball Teams and the Dauphin Swim Team held their seasonal parties at the Pool.

A Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Program was held at the Pool which increased our summer lifeguards by four (4). Our total staff of 14 high school/college students were one of the best groups ever! They were eager to learn, carry out their responsibilities and kept our patrons safe. Daily, they check the pool chemicals and cleanliness, monitor the grounds, empty trash, clean the picnic areas and bathrooms, work in the concession stand in addition to "sitting in the chair". They have major responsibilities and we want to give them a congratulations for a job well done! Collier Book, Jackson and Brayden Burns, Trevor Fisic, Kayla Kotzmoyer, Kory Kurtz, Bryce Miller, Jude Slover, Hannah and Makenna Thrush, Delaney and Sydney Updegrave, Elizabeth Wise and Emma Wonsick. Additionally, Darcy Wonsick returned from college to cover the concession stand for a few weeks. With the help of our Head Guards and Mike Kurtz, biweekly refresher training was conducted giving the lifeguards more confidence in their ability to carry out their lifesaving skills.

Future projects at the pool include future Eagle Scout Bryce Tobin's installation of a weather alert system for the pool and park. He is collecting aluminum cans to help cover the cost of this project.

Thanks to our community for a great 2023 summer season. If you'd like to get involved, please reach out via email at info@dauphinpool.org or contact one of our board members. Information can be found on our website at www.dauphinpool.org or on our Facebook group, Dauphin Recreation Association.

#### Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society's



15th Annual

### **Heritage Day**

Saturday, October 21, 2023

8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Middle Paxton Lions Club Halloween Parade will follow at 4pm!

#### LEARN ABOUT LOCAL HISTORY!

Be sure to stop by the Historical Society tent to see what has been happening! There will be a Military Display...and Kathy & Jeannette will bring you up-to-date on the projects they have been working on to restore our museum research library!

#### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES!!

Pumpkin Painting! Face Painting! Games! Children's Crafts!

#### Pony Rides!

#### **MUSIC**

Music by the band "One More Time"



#### SILENT AUCTION!!

Many great items from local businesses!

#### FOOD & DRINKS!

Coffee, Drinks, Chicken Corn Soup, Ham & Bean Soup!
The following Food Trucks-East Coast Mini Donuts (donuts, breakfast items), Mad Dash (grilled cheese), 1973 Burger (burgers, chicken, fries), Munchebagz (tacos & similar items) and WOW (Whistle Stop on Wheels-ice cream)!

Flea Market (bring own table(s)-\$5.00 charge)!
Personal Sales (bring own table(s)-\$5.00 charge)!
Antique Car Show-Bring your old car (trophy awarded)!
Antique Tractor Show-Bring your old tractor (trophy awarded)!
Hit & Miss Engines!



See you at the Old Dauphin School Grounds!!

Corner of Church & Allegheny Streets, Dauphin

Contact email is dmphist@comcast.net

Website: www.dauphin-middlepaxtonhs.weebly.com



We hope you all will join us for Heritage Day! We are anxious to pick up where we left off after the fire! If you have any questions regarding our current fundraising, gift shop items, monthly meeting dates and speakers, or membership information, please refer to our website at <a href="https://www.dmphs.org">www.dmphs.org</a>. Please note this is a new website address for the Society!

#### Dauphin-Middle Paxton Lions Club www.www.www.www

#### **OUR COMMUNITIES SHINE AGAIN**

It couldn't have happened without you.

The Dauphin-Middle Paxton Lions extend a heartfelt "THANK YOU!" to all of the neighbors in our communities who helped make the annual carnival a success in July.

The heat and a little rain couldn't dampen these festivities. The crowds were large and the music and food were great, as usual. Our residents not only joined the Lions in working the booths, serving doors and running Bingo and other games, they came out on the steamy evenings before the carnival to help set up and afterward to take it all down.

And now, an invitation: The Lions invite all of their assistants to an **Appreciation Dinner** at 6:30 p.m. December 13 at Zion Lutheran Church in Dauphin.

Looking to next year: The Lions' 2024 carnival is scheduled for July 9-13.



#### MORE LIONS FUN AHEAD

- The Halloween parade will step off at 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 21, in Dauphin.
- Oh, nuts! Orders for roasted and chocolate-covered peanuts and cashews will be taken in October through November 2. The Lions will do the roasting and start distributing the nuts on Saturday, November 18.
- The annual Children's Christmas Party will be held at noon on Saturday, December 2, at Hope Church in Dauphin.
- The kids' Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for noon on Saturday, March 9, 2024.
- Nuts again! Orders for the Lions' spring peanut and cashew sale will be taken in February, through March 7, 2024. The roasting and distribution date will be Saturday, March 23.

#### For changes or updates to Lions events, please see our Facebook page or website.



#### Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association

Clarks Valley, Fall 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 the Middle Paxton and Reed Townships of Dauphin County, and to educate citizens on source water protection.

Our watershed faces many issues, including 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 your Watershed Preservation Association, CCWPA is pledged to stay knowledgeable, keep informing the public and mobilizing "friends of the watershed" when needed. For instance, we actively monitor proposals before Middle Paxton Township that may impact our watershed, and provide input to the supervisors and planning commission at their meetings.

Overall, we strive to ensure that all approved developments are permitted properly, and that due attention has been taken to the need to preserve the Clarks Creek watershed. A new area of focus has been the Township's implementation of the Septic ordinance, an ordinance which will affect every resident in the watershed. The CCWPA is also working with the Association of Township Supervisors to help legislate flexibility and the broader use of on-line venues to publish legal notices, now that in-print newspapers have become scarce and small. We will try to keep our members and the overall communities up to date on any developments in these areas.

The CCWPA understands that a continual presence at Township, Borough and Planning Commission meetings is needed to make sure our mission is communicated, and that attendance at public events is crucial to keeping our mission in front of the eyes of local citizens.

You may have seen our booth or table, or met us, at these events:

- DeHart Dam Day/Source Water Protection Event (Capital Region Water): June 19, 2023
- Middle Paxton Lions Club Carnival, July 11-15, 2023
- Ned Smith Center Nature & Arts Festival, July 29, 2023
- CCWPA Annual Meeting, September 9, 2023

Trash Collection Session: We braved the rain and cleaned up Route 325 on May 13, 2023! Left to right. Jordan Notarangelo, Allison Kiser, Paula Zankel (CCWPA President), Teresa Bender, Judy Kiser, Justin Willford, Denise Scotland, Marley Warren, John Mimnall, Michael Blum (CCWPA Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator), Arlene Taylor, Sherry McLain (CCWPA Treasurer). Also present and volunteering but not in photo: Ryan Evans & Elizabeth Kiser. Photo Credit: CCWPA. ALL RIGHTS RELEASED.

In May, President Paula Zankel and Board Member Ryan Evans did a presentation on water quality, achieving and preserving watersheds, and the modern dangers threatening water quality, to a Pine Grove Girl Scout Troop working on a Watershed Merit Badge. The presentation included a trip to a local creek!

We hope you stop by and talk to us at our booth at the Dauphin Heritage Day celebration on October 21, 2023.

#### NEXT TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULED — October 7, 2023

Your CCWPA holds its 24th Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pickup on Route 325 (Clarks Valley Road) on Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 9 a.m. to noon, with a pizza party to follow (rain date: October 14). Please join us at 1231 Clarks Valley Road at 9 a.m. for orientation and trash-collection supplies. We are now in our 12th year of cleaning up Route 325, and we 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, with whom we are registered for this trash-pickup-session. If you wish to volunteer, please go online to our website at https://ccwpa.org and follow the prompts to send us a form, or go to our Facebook page at This Trash Won't Be In Our Watershed! Here is just a part of what Clarks Creek https://www.facebook.com/CCWPA.



Watershed Preservation Association volunteers removed from Route 325 Clarks Valley Road on May 13, 2023! Photo Credit: CCWPA. ALL RIGHTS RELEASED.

For information about the Clarks Creek watershed and our mission, plus 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 or our website.

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

# PSATS Scholarships

Inspiring the NEXT GENERATION of local leaders



Township officials are encouraged to promote the **BRAND-NEW PSATS SCHOLARSHIPS** to high school juniors and seniors.

THE DEADLINE
TO APPLY FOR
EITHER SCHOLARSHIP
IS JANUARY 26,
2024;

#### The Local Government Achievement Scholarship

Awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding citizenship through commendable public service and community involvement.

# The Academic Achievement Scholarship

Awarded to students who demonstrate enthusiasm toward education by maintaining high academic standards.





#### BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION PROCESS TODAY.

Two \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded in each category for a total of four scholarships. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, reside in a Pennsylvania township of the second class, and be currently enrolled as high school junior or senior. Both achievement scholarships are open for career education opportunities whether they be 2- or 4-year college degree programs or technical training schools and certificate programs that lead to professions. Interested applicants may scan the provided QR Code or visit psats.org/scholarship to begin the application process. The deadline to apply for either scholarship is January 26, 2024.

For more information, email Scholarship Program Coordinator Katie Lizza at klizzza@psats.org.

#### Dauphin Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority www.www.

Another baseball and softball season is in the books! Thank you to the Dauphin Baseball and Softball Associations, and their volunteers, for another outstanding season. Much of the work done to maintain the Dauphin Middle Paxton Community Park is performed by volunteers. We would be unable to keep it in the beautiful state that you see without this generosity. If you are interested in volunteering your time or making a financial contribution to defray the cost of park projects, please contact Nichole O'Gorman at dmpjpa@gmail.com. Monetary donations can be mailed to us at P.O. Box 521, Dauphin. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to a Dauphin County Local Share Gaming Grant, we have completed a master site plan for the park. You can see it on our website at www.dauphincommunitypark.com. This will enable us to plan more effectively for park needs, and make us eligible for other sources of grant funding. In conjunction with this plan, we will be able to make some improvements to make park facilities accessible to our residents with disabilities. Many thanks to our County Commissioners for their generous support of the park. Thanks are also due to the Township Supervisors, members of the Borough Council and all of the community organizations who supported our grant application.

As you make plans for picnics, parties, family reunions and other gatherings, consider renting one of the park's pavilions. Rental fees are just \$50 for the large pavilion and \$25 for the small pavilion. Your rental includes use of the park ball fields, a handicapped accessible playground, and basketball and volleyball courts. If interested in reserving a date, please email us at dmpjpa@gmail.com.

As a reminder, **NO firearms or weapons are permitted on park property AT ANY TIME**. For the safety of everyone enjoying the park, **hunting is NOT permitted**. Also, dumping of yard waste, brush or other debris in any area of the park is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. **Our dumpsters are for park waste only** – please do not place your residential or business trash in them. Dumping impairs the public use and enjoyment of the park, creates expense and unnecessarily consumes volunteer resources for cleanup. Violators will be prosecuted.

Dauphin Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority Board meetings are open to the public. All are welcome to attend. Meetings occur on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., January through October. May through September, meetings are held at the large pavilion at the park. All other meetings are held at the Dauphin Borough building.

#### **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.



We offer for Dauphin County residents:

- Master Gardener Garden Hotline at <u>dauphinmg@psu.edu</u> 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 in collaboration with Wildwood Park's Olewine Nature Center
- Six demonstration gardens you can visit for ideas and inspiration as well as several Walk and Talk with a
  Master Gardener events through these gardens and other area parks in collaboration with Dauphin
  County Parks and Recreation and Highmark Blue Shield's "Get Healthy" initiative
- Horticultural educational outreach at festivals, parks, and schools in your community
- Master Gardener annual basic training to become a Master Gardener volunteer in Dauphin County

Search "Master Gardeners in Dauphin County" or click here to keep your eye on us! <a href="https://extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/counties/dauphin">https://extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/counties/dauphin</a>

Members of Junior Troop 11337 were awarded their Bronze Award for assisting the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority in revitalizing Dauphin-Middle Paxton Community Park sign. The girls of Troop 11337 encourage their community members to volunteer time wherever they see something that may need a touch up. Volunteering is fun and rewarding at any age.



Pictured above, left to right. Back row: Rebecca Kolch and Ella Blattenburger. Front row: Kalynn Whisler, Madilyn Snyder and Ellie Hepler.

Pictured below: Brooke Whisler.



Brooke Whisler, Senior Girl Scout of Troop 10101, received her Gold Award for her work at Detweiler Park. Brooke made 10 Mason Bee houses and placed them throughout the park. Mason Bee's are a pollenating bee. The houses will encourage population growth among the bees, as well as native plants.

A special thanks goes to Dauphin County Parks and Recreation for their time and acceptance of Brooke's Mason Bee house project.



Pictured above: Jincy Salter

To My Community Residents,

I have been in Girl Scouts since kindergarten. I started as a Daisy Scout and after twelve years in scouting, I am now an Ambassador Scout. I'm working on my final step in receiving my Gold Award with Troop 11958 in Dauphin.

My project is a Prayer Garden for community use. The location is Clark's Valley Zion EC Church, 210 McKelvey Road, Dauphin.

I would like to invite everyone to visit the garden at any time.

My hope is this garden will be helpful, enjoyable, and a useful part of our blessed community.

Jincy Salter

Interested in being a Girl Scout?



Join today.

**Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania** www.gshpa.org

**Questions? Contact: 800-692-7816** memberservices@gshpa.org

#### Learn More About State Rep. Kerwin's Services to the Community



My offices will be happy to help you with a number of state-related issues. A few services we offer include car registrations, driver's license renewal and special tags, property tax/rent rebate applications, birth certificate and death record applications, and much more. You can visit my Linglestown Office at 5821 Linglestown Road, Suite 204, Harrisburg, PA, 17112, or my Elizabethville Office at 4542 State Route 209, Elizabethville, PA, 17023. You can also visit my website, www.repjoekerwin.com for more information!

I would also like to highlight a \$1 million grant I worked with Sen. John DiSanto to secure. This grant will be used for a safer entrance to Detweiler Park from Peters Mountain Road in Middle Paxton Township. The new entrance will be south of the current driveway by the former house that is being eyed as a potential park office. The new entrance will be coupled with turning lanes on the main road and discussions are underway with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to ensure that the project aligns with what is required.

Detweiler Park is the largest of the eight public parks owned and managed by the Dauphin County Parks and Recreation Department. The former home of the Detweiler/Stackpole family, Detweiler Park today has 7 miles of mowed walking trails in which you can often (with a bit of good luck) find a four-leaf clover or spot bald eagles.

An early phase of the park's creation will include a pavilion and handicapped-accessible restrooms. The park will then get the county's only wheelchair-friendly trail that completes an entire loop. At completion, the grant will also provide upgrades including an event lawn, kiosk, entrance and pavilion lighting, stormwater BMPs, and utilities.

I'm excited to see this project become a part of Middle Paxton Township and I am proud that I could help obtain the grant funding to jumpstart this redevelopment.

#### **Dauphin County Library System**

#### Did You Know there are NINE Library Locations in Dauphin County?

The Dauphin County Library System offers tons of events and programs for all ages!



- Book Clubs
- Crafting Classes
  - Book Bingo
- Writing Groups
- Story Time for various ages

...and so much more!



You can visit their Facebook page or website, dcls.org/events, for a full listing of Library events. For more information or to register, call 717-234-4961 and choose option 6.

#### Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is now available for Dauphin County residents!

Children 5 and under receive one FREE book per month by mail. To register your child, please visit:

www.imaginationlibrary.com

#### State Senator John DiSanto

#### Legislature Expands Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program for Low Income Seniors

I was pleased to support an expansion of Pennsylvania's Property Tax/ Rent Rebate (PTRR) Program which will provide additional financial relief for those that need it the most.

Under the measure approved by the Senate and House this summer, the income eligibility and dollar amount of rebates will be increased, effective for rebate applications made in 2024 for amounts paid in 2023. The program will now assist homeowners and renters with a household income of up to \$45,000, an increase from the previous limit of \$35,000 for homeowners and \$15,000 for renters. Half of Social Security income is excluded for eligibility. Additionally, the program will annually adjust the household income limit to account for inflation, ensuring continued assistance for those most in need.

The PTRR program is open to seniors aged 65 and older, widows and widowers aged 50 and older, and individuals with disabilities aged 18 and older. Over 400,000 Pennsylvanians currently take advantage of this program to help stay in their homes while living on a fixed income. Many individuals who already qualify for the program will see their rebates nearly double, while the increased eligibility thresholds will extend assistance to an additional 175,000 residents.

An expansion of this program was overdue because current rebate amounts do not match today's costs and many low-income seniors have struggled with inflation and rising property taxes. This bipartisan initiative is a boost to lower income seniors and others living on fixed



incomes. While I will continue to advocate for the elimination of school property taxes for all Pennsylvanians, and their replacement with income and sales tax, PTRR plays an important role in helping low-income seniors and the disabled maintain their housing.

You may find more information on how to apply for the PTRR Program at the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue's website at revenue.pa.gov.

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.

#### **Commuter Services of PA Spotlight**

#### E-MAIL EMERGENCY ALERTS

Commuter Services of PA (CSPA) is a professionally staffed organization funded by the Federal Highway Administration and PennDOT in partnership with participating Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Through free services, CSPA works to reduce traffic congestion by helping commuters find alternatives to driving alone and ensuring employers/community organizations understand how to help commuters tap into these transportation options.

We all can work together to improve our regional air quality and lessen congestion on our roadways when we choose a clean commute. CSPA provides a free app, called Commute PA, for commuters to access regional transportation resources and incentives. As commuters start recording green commutes, it's amazing to see the amount of money saved and emissions reduced over time! The rewards program within Commute PA is a nice bonus, allowing access to gift card drawings and an Emergency Ride Home program. Free resources plus incentives makes Commute PA a valuable transportation tool.

If you would like more information or marketing materials to help spread the word about CSPA, contact Cher Comp:

cherilyn.comp@pacommuterservices.org or 717-817-4630



Middle Paxton Township 10 Elizabeth Avenue P.O. Box 277 Dauphin, PA 17018



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#### **2023 GENERAL ELECTION** Tuesday, November 7th



<u>Last day to register to vote—October 23rd, 2023</u>
<u>Last day to request mail-in or absentee ballot—October 31st, 2023</u>

#### **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

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

The Township's website is www.middlepaxtontwp.org.