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Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company Receives $400,000 Grant as Middle Paxton Township Secures More Than $377,000 in Grant Funding

Investing in Public Safety, Roads, and Public Works While Protecting Local Tax Dollars

Middle Paxton Township is pleased to announce more than **$777,000 in grant funding** secured for important community projects, public safety, and equipment. These awards represent a significant investment in our Township and will help us address critical needs while making the most of every local tax dollar.

We are especially grateful to our state and county partners whose support has helped make these projects possible.

$400,000 for a New Fire Truck

The **Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company was recently awarded $400,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED)** toward the purchase of a new fire truck.

This funding represents a major investment in the safety of our residents and the firefighters who respond to emergencies throughout our community. Modern, reliable equipment is essential for our volunteer firefighters as they protect lives and property.

$40,000 for Potato Valley Road

Middle Paxton Township received a **$40,000 gaming grant** to assist with debt service associated with the **Potato Valley Road Improvement Project**.

$250,000 for the Public Works Facility

The Township was awarded a **$250,000 gaming grant** for the **preconstruction phase of the proposed Public Works Facility**.

$86,992 for Public Works Equipment

Through a **Dauphin County gaming grant**, the Township received **$86,992 toward the purchase of a new skid loader and trailer for Public Works**.

Working Together for Middle Paxton Township

Middle Paxton Township is truly grateful for the support and assistance of **Senator Patty Kim, State Representative Joe Kerwin, and Township Emergency Management Coordinator Mike McKenna** in helping secure these important grant opportunities.

We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to **everyone who assisted with the preparation and submission of these grant applications, including our Township staff**. Grant applications require significant time, coordination, research, and attention to detail, and these awards would not have been possible without the efforts of everyone involved.

Grant funding is instrumental in allowing the Township to complete major projects and purchase necessary equipment **without relying solely on local tax dollars**. These funds help reduce the financial pressure on the Township budget and allow local tax revenue to be directed toward other important community needs and projects.

We are proud to continue investing in Middle Paxton Township and building a stronger, safer, and better-equipped community for our residents.

A Great Place to Live, Grow & Work

Municipal Office Hours

9 am to 4 pm
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

9 am to noon
Wednesday

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FRIDAY (APPOINTMENTS ONLY)

10 Elizabeth Avenue
Dauphin, PA 17018

717-921-8128

Township Manager
Julie Ann Seeds

The office will be closed:

Tuesday, November 3
(Election Day)

Tuesday, November 11
(Veterans Day)

Thursday, November 26
(Thanksgiving)

Friday, November 27
(Day After Thanksgiving)

Friday, December 25
(Christmas Day)

Friday, January 1
(New Years Day)

Board of Supervisors

1st Monday of the month @ 7 pm

Workshop Meetings — 3rd Thursday of the month @ 7 pm (if needed)

Ryan Evans
Chairman

Wilbur Evans
Vice Chairman & Treasurer

Ryan Jorich

Jace Hilton

Richard Leitzel

Planning Commission

2nd Monday of the month @ 7 pm (if needed)

Jeffrey C. Smith
Chairperson

Donald Morse
Vice Chairperson

Thomas "Chip" Brown

Gary Deimler

Liz Rodda

Ralph Stone

Justin Wingenfield

Julie Ann Seeds
Secretary

Beverly Martel
Alternate

Middle Paxton Township

Julie Ann Seeds
Township Manager/Secretary

Ed Fisher
Zoning & Codes Enforcement

Jeffrey Warfel
Road Foreman

Brett Flower, Esq.
Solicitor

Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG)
Engineer/Floodplain Administrator

Light-Heigel & Associates
UCC 3rd Party Inspector & Plan Reviewer

Brian & Carrie McFeaters
Sewage Enforcement Officers

Mike McKenna
Emergency Management Coordinator

Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Co. #1

Shane Swenson
Chief

Ryan Boyer
Assistant Chief

Jon Fleming
Captain

Nathan Sweeney
Lieutenant

Noah Smith
Lieutenant 1

Dauphin Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority

Nicole Staley O'Gorman
President

Tim Wenrich
Vice President

Ron Hull
Secretary

Michael Cohen
Treasurer

Jim Ryan

Julie Seeds

Ryan Evans

Zoning Hearing Board

2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7 pm (if needed)

James Allen
Chairman

Joseph McConlogue
Vice Chairman

Debra Eshelman
Secretary

Patrick Armstrong, Esq.
Solicitor

Tax Collector

Tanya Pomeroy

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

10 Elizabeth Avenue
Dauphin, PA 17018

Important Phone Numbers

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9 am—4 pm, Wednesday 9 am—noon
CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FRIDAY

Middle Paxton Township Municipal Building—(717) 921-8128 x106

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

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

Township Sewage Enforcement Officers—(717) 813-6492
» Brian & Carrie McFeaters

Township Tax Collector—(717) 921-8737
» Tanya Pomeroy

Payments can be dropped off at 1140 Victor Lane, Dauphin, PA 17018

* CAT Shared Ride (Bus)	(717) 233-5657
* Comcast Customer Service (Cable/Internet)	(800) 934-6489
* Dauphin Area Senior Transit—Registration Only (Craig Staller)	(717) 921-1957
* 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 County Dog Warden—Mike Zeigler	(717) 480-9737
* 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 Dale Klein	(717) 671-8720
* PA State Police Non-Emergency	(717) 671-7500
* PPL (Electric)	(800) 342-5775
* State Representative Joe Kerwin	(717) 652-6820
* State Senator Patty Kim	(717) 787-6801
* UGI Emergency Gas Leaks	(800) 276-2722
* UPMC Community LifeTeam (Ambulance)	(717) 848-4740
* Valley Waste Solutions, Inc.	(717) 647-9391

Reporting Dead Animals on Roadways

* State Roads (Rte. 225, Rte. 443 & U.S. 22/322)	(717) 787-5391 or (800) 349-7632
* Township Road—Bears	(610) 926-3136
* Township Road—Deer	(610) 926-1966

Driveway Pipes, Parking Areas, and Permits: Property Owner Responsibilities

Your Driveway, Your Responsibility

Residents are reminded that **driveway pipes located within the Township right-of-way and serving individual properties are the responsibility of the property owner to maintain and replace.** While the pipe may be located within the Township right-of-way, it serves your driveway and property. **It is your driveway to maintain—not the Township's.**

Property owners are responsible for ensuring that their driveway pipe remains in good condition and does not become damaged, blocked, or otherwise unable to properly convey stormwater.

A Permit Is Required to Replace a Driveway Pipe

If your driveway pipe needs to be replaced, **a driveway permit is required before any work begins.** The permit process allows the Township to review the proposed replacement and ensure that the new pipe is **properly sized and installed** to accommodate drainage conditions at the property.

Please do not replace or install a driveway pipe without first obtaining the required permit.

Paving, Widening, or Adding Parking Areas

A **driveway permit and stormwater permit may also be required** if you plan to:

- Pave an existing gravel or dirt driveway.
- Widen an existing driveway.
- Add additional parking areas connected to or associated with the existing driveway.
- Add other impervious surfaces that increase the amount of stormwater runoff from your property.
- **FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER PERMITS MAY RESULT IN A FINE, AND THE COST OF THE PERMIT DOUBLED.**

Adding impervious surface can change how stormwater flows and may affect drainage on your property and surrounding properties. The permitting process helps ensure that these improvements are properly designed and that stormwater is appropriately managed.

Vehicles May Not Be Parked on Lawns

Residents are also reminded that, **according to the Township Zoning Ordinance, vehicles are not permitted to be parked on lawns. Vehicles are permitted only if you are having an event, and only for that day.**

Vehicles must be parked on a **stable, mud-free surface that has been approved by the Township**. Parking vehicles on grass or unapproved areas can create mud, drainage problems, property damage, and other issues for the property and surrounding areas.

If you are creating or expanding an area for vehicle parking, please contact the Township **before beginning the work** to determine whether a permit is required and whether the proposed parking surface meets Township requirements.

Before You Begin Your Project

- Before beginning any driveway, parking, paving, or drainage project, **please contact the Township to determine which permits are required and whether the proposed improvements are permitted.**
- Obtaining the appropriate permits before starting work can help prevent delays, additional costs, or the need to make corrections after the work has been completed.

Remember: Your driveway and parking areas are your responsibility. Please maintain them properly, keep vehicles off lawns, and obtain the required permits before making improvements.

Thank you for helping the Township maintain **safe, properly maintained roads, effective drainage, and orderly properties throughout our community.**

Please Keep Township Roads and Rights-of-Way Clear

The Township reminds residents, property owners, and contractors that **Township roads and rights-of-way are intended for public travel and are not to be used for personal storage, construction staging, or other private purposes. Township roads and rights-of-way are a shared public resource—not an extension of your driveway, yard, or worksite.**

Please do not place or leave **contractor vehicles, trailers, boats dumpsters, construction materials, equipment, mulch, topsoil, gravel, landscaping materials, trash cans, basketball hoops, vegetation, and/or other items in the roadway or within the traveled portion of a Township road.**

Residents are also asked to be mindful of items placed near the roadway, including **basketball hoops, trash cans, and other personal property.** These items should never be placed in the roadway. Please position hoops and other equipment on your property where they will not create a hazard for passing vehicles or interfere with Township operations. Trash and recycling containers should be positioned at the curb as close to the edge of the property as practical while remaining accessible for collection and out of the travel lane. After collection, containers should be promptly returned to their normal storage location.

Keep Intersections and Sight Lines Clear

Property owners are responsible for maintaining **vegetation, shrubs, flowers, trees, and other landscaping growing from their property**, including vegetation that may extend into or be located within a Township right-of-way.

Even if your vegetation is growing within the Township right-of-way, **if it originates from or is associated with your property, it is your responsibility to keep it properly trimmed and maintained.**

Vegetation that grows too close to an intersection can block the vision of motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists, creating a serious safety hazard. Property owners are expected to regularly inspect and trim vegetation to maintain adequate visibility and sight distance.

If the Township receives a complaint regarding vegetation that is **blocking or obstructing visibility at an intersection**, the Township may inspect the area. If trimming is necessary within the Township right-of-way to restore adequate sight distance, **the Township may trim the vegetation back within the right-of-way.**

Please do not allow shrubs, flowers, trees, bushes, or other vegetation to grow into the roadway, obstruct signs, block sight lines, or create a hazard for the traveling public.

Please remember: If it is your vegetation, it is your responsibility to keep it trimmed—even when it is growing within the Township right-of-way.

Keep Roads Clear During Projects

If you are having work performed at your property, please make arrangements with your contractor to keep vehicles, equipment, dumpsters, and materials **on your property or in another approved location**, completely clear of the Township roadway.

Dumpsters should be placed where they do not obstruct the roadway, block sight distance, interfere with drainage, or create a hazard for motorists, pedestrians, or emergency vehicles.

Contractors and property owners are responsible for ensuring that materials and equipment associated with their projects do not obstruct or create hazards on Township roads.

Why Keeping Roads and Rights-of-Way Clear Matters

Keeping Township roads and rights-of-way clear helps ensure that:

- Traffic can travel safely and efficiently.
- Emergency vehicles can reach residents without obstruction.
- Township crews can perform necessary road maintenance.
- Snowplows can safely and effectively remove snow and ice.
- Intersections and sight lines remain clear.
- Drainage systems and roadside areas remain accessible.
- Emergency and public safety operations are not delayed.

Your cooperation helps keep our roads **safe, accessible, and available for everyone**, and allows Township crews to perform their work safely and effectively.

Thank you for doing your part to keep Township roads and rights-of-way clear!

From the 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 on Monday and Thursday afternoons by appointment. 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 interruptions. **Walk-ins cannot always be accommodated.**

Permit Applications Must Be Complete for Review

To help ensure an efficient and timely permit review process, please be reminded that **all permit applications must include the required documents and supporting information at the time of submission.**

A **permit submission checklist will be provided with the application materials.** Applicants are required to review the checklist and **check off each required item prior to submitting the permit application**. The completed checklist must be submitted with the application.

Permit applications that are missing required documents or information **will not be reviewed and will be deemed incomplete**. Applicants will be notified of any missing items, and the permit application will be placed **on hold** until all required information and documentation have been submitted.

Once the outstanding items have been received, the application can proceed through the review process.

To avoid unnecessary delays, please take the time to carefully review the permit submission checklist and ensure that **all required plans, documents, forms, and supporting materials are included and checked off before submitting your application.**

A complete application helps us process your permit more efficiently and prevents unnecessary delays.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain an efficient and orderly permitting process.

Codes Enforcement and Compliance

The Township's **Codes Enforcement Officer** 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.

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.

Generator Safety

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

Reflective Address Markers



Ensure your house number is properly and visibly displayed with a reflective address marker. Reflective address markers help emergency services quickly locate your home in the event of an emergency. Markers can be ordered at the Township office. They are $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.**



Payment is due at the time of order.

FEMA FLOOD MAP UPDATES

Important Information for Middle Paxton Township Residents

FEMA is updating flood maps for Dauphin County, including Middle Paxton Township, and has released preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS). These maps are used to identify areas at risk of flooding and serve as the basis for local floodplain management regulations and certain flood insurance requirements.

WHY ARE MAPS CHANGING? Changes in flood maps are due to many factors such as updated rainfall data, improved topographic mapping, watershed and land development changes, drainage modifications, and advances in flood modeling technology. The purpose of the updated mapping is to provide residents, businesses, lenders, insurance providers, and local officials with the most current and accurate flood risk information available. It is important to note that FEMA's maps do not create flood risk. Rather, they identify and communicate flood risk based on the best available technical information.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS: Depending on the location of your property, the preliminary mapping may result in one or more of the following changes:

NEWLY MAPPED INTO A FLOODPLAIN	REMOVED FROM A FLOODPLAIN	FLOOD ZONE CHANGES
Flood insurance requirements may be added to property owners with federally back mortgages. Property owners should contact their lender and insurance provider to determine how the future map changes may affect their individual circumstances. New construction, improvements, and permit applications may be subject to additional floodplain development requirements.	Flood insurance requirements may be removed for some properties once the new maps become effective. Contact your lender and insurance provider to understand how the changes may affect you. Even if your property is no longer in a Special Flood Hazard Area, property owners should evaluate flood insurance decisions carefully and discuss coverage options with their insurance agent, lender, or flood insurance professional.	Changes to flood zones, BFEs, floodplain boundaries, or floodway limits may affect future development requirements and insurance costs.

REVIEW THE MAPS: Effective Flood Maps may be viewed on FEMA's official National Flood Hazard (NFHL) Viewer which is a GIS based viewer that allows residents to search their specific property address. Please note that this only shows the effective maps and not the preliminary maps. Preliminary and Effective Flood map information may be accessed through FEMA's Map Service Center.

FEMA's Map Service Center QR Code
https://msc.fema.gov

FEMA's NFHL Viewer QR Code
https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/national-flood-hazard-layer

90-DAY APPEAL PERIOD: FEMA will open a formal 90-day appeal period (TBA) for communities affected by the map update. The appeal period provides property owners, businesses, engineers, surveyors, and municipalities an opportunity to review FEMA's proposed flood hazard determinations and submit information if they believe the mapping contains technical inaccuracies. Appeals must demonstrate that FEMA's proposed flood hazard determinations are scientifically or technically incorrect. Residents who believe the maps inaccurately depict flood risks affecting their property are encouraged to review the information carefully. Property owners should consult their own legal counsel or engineer if they wish to develop an appeal and supporting documentation regarding the map updates. Residents should not send appeals directly to FEMA. All appeal information must be submitted to FEMA through the Township.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE 90-DAY APPEAL PERIOD? FEMA reviews appeals and comments, makes revisions, issues Final Flood Hazard Determinations, and establishes an effective date. Once effective, the maps become the basis for floodplain management regulations, permitting, building requirements, and certain flood insurance determinations.

KEY TAKEAWAY: Review your property now and monitor Township announcements regarding the FEMA appeal period.

Questions? Middle Paxton Township | (717) 921-8128 | https://www.middlepaxtontwp.org/

Valley Waste Solutions, Inc.

The Township's Solid Waste & Recycling 5-year contract with Valley Waste Solutions, Inc. began on October 1, 2025 and runs through September 30, 2030.

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

- **Standard Weekly Service** ($131.40 per quarter) — Includes two (2) bags or containers less than 36 gallons, and weigh under 50 lbs., unlimited recycling and one bulk item weekly.
- **Bag Service** (Minimum of 12 bags at an annual cost of $123.60, plus recycling fee of $27.87 per quarter) — Residents under the Bag service will be required to purchase all 12 bags at one time and be billed quarterly for recycling. Blue, 33 gallon bags with Valley Waste's logo printed on them can be purchased at either Valley Waste's office, 234 E. Grand Avenue, Tower City, PA 17980, or at Hornung's True Value, 1000 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin. Unlimited recycling. Bag service does not include free pick up of a bulk item. Residents must contact Valley Waste at 717-647-9391 to schedule a bulk item pick up and to make payment for such service.

Please note, changes in Tipping Fee can affect the above amounts.

Trash should be placed at the road no sooner than the night prior or early the morning of trash day.
THE HAULER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING UP YOUR TRASH IF AN ANIMAL GETS INTO IT!

Electronics of any kind will not be taken by Valley Waste. 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. The following are generally considered to be recyclable –

- Plastic bottles and containers (1 & 2). Clean and dry them. Put the cap back on them.
- Food and beverage cans (tin & aluminum). Empty aerosol cans are also recyclable. If the can has a plastic lid, remove it before recycling.
- Paper (copy paper, newspaper, magazines). Make sure they're dry.
- Flattened cardboard and paperboard. For pizza boxes, make sure there's no attached food residue.
- Food and beverage containers. Make sure they're clean.
- Glass bottles and containers.

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.gov/government/support-services/solid-waste-management-recycling/electronics-recycling-center

Household Hazardous Waste (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.

The Household Hazardous Waste Pickup Program previously offered by Dauphin County and Waste Management is no longer available. Residents are to dispose to any HHW with their regular trash pickup. Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection website states the following:

DEP strongly urges residents of the commonwealth to properly dispose of their unwanted HHW materials. However, if your community does not have a collection program or you must discard the materials prior to the next scheduled event, you may legally discard them in your regular trash pickup, provided:

- You have read the label and complied with any disposal directions.
- Liquids have either been allowed to evaporate (if water based) or absorbed (if non-water based) on some material such as vermiculite, cat litter, or sawdust, so that there are no freestanding liquids).
- The remaining residue has been packaged to prevent leakage while the material is being transported to the disposal facility.
- The material is placed out in small quantities, over several collection periods.

For more information, please visit:
https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/RecyclingDisposal/HouseholdHazardousWaste/Pages/default.aspx

We will update residents if and when a Household Hazardous Waste Pickup Program becomes available again.

On-Lot Sewage Management Program

REMINDER: Residents in Zone 3 (Stony Creek Valley) have until December 31, 2026 to have their septic system pumped and inspected by a licensed pumper/hauler who is registered with the Township. If your system needs repaired or replaced, there are grants and programs offering low interest rate loans to residents to assist. Please reach out to the Township office if you have concerns or questions about having your system pumped and inspected, or for more information on financial assistance mentioned above.

Common Questions Regarding the On-Lot Sewage Management Program

* I had my system pumped 2 years ago. Do I need to get it pumped again? **Yes. The owner of any property must have their system pumped within the time period specified in the Township's notification letter, unless the owner can provide the Township with a receipt or other written evidence showing that the tank has been pumped within the past one (1) year.**
* How do I know who is an approved hauler/pumper? **The list can be found on the Township website and at the bottom of this page.**
* My hauler/pumper isn't on the list. How do they become an approved hauler/pumper? **Simply have the hauler/pumper contact the Township office at 717-921-8128.**
* Why does a hauler/pumper need to be approved by the Township? **To protect homeowners and ensure legitimate, legally licensed/permitted and properly insured companies are being used.**
* What zone do I live in? **The zones are as follows: Zone 1—West of 225 to the Western Banks of the Susquehanna River, Zone 2—Clarks Valley, Zone 3—Stony Creek Valley, Zone 4—Fishing Creek Valley including Front Street, Roberts Valley Road and Gregg Road areas.**
* I heard about the On-Lot Sewage Management Program but I didn't receive a letter. Do I need to send in my last pumping report? **No. You will receive a letter when your zone is due for pumping.**

2026 Septic Waste Haulers

Advanced Septic Services, Inc.
65 Richard Lane, Landisburg, PA 17040
717-789-4548

Associated Products Services, Inc. (Mr. Rooter)
2 East Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
717-766-5397

Bauman's Septic Service
39 Homestead Road, Grantville, PA 17028
717-469-2463

Bressler's Septic and Excavating
55 Farm Lane, Hegins, PA 17938
570-682-3986

Central Penn Septic LLC
725 Edgewood Lane, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
717-766-1280

Dillsburg Excavating & Septic, Inc.
516 Range End Road, Dillsburg, PA 17019
717-432-9704

Gerberich-Hoffman Septic Services
585 N. Mill Street, Jonestown, PA 17038
717-865-2015 or 717-867-5024

Hoke's Septic Service
545 Million Dollar Road, Halifax, PA 17032
717-599-5794

Kauffman's Septic Service, LLC
236 Governor Stable Road, Bainbridge, PA 17502
717-367-8228

SAFE Septic Service LLC
PO Box 343, East Berlin, PA 17316
717-491-1740

Serious Septic LLC
9 Blue Marlin Way, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
717-919-1747

T&T Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 102, Millersburg, PA 17061
717-692-0656

Walters Environmental Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 400, Grantville, PA 17028
717-469-0588

REMINDER: All modifications and/or additions to septic systems require a permit and inspection by the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer, Brian McFeaters. Riser additions, baffle issues, cracked tanks, absorption area issues, etc., all require permits.

Septic System Knowledge

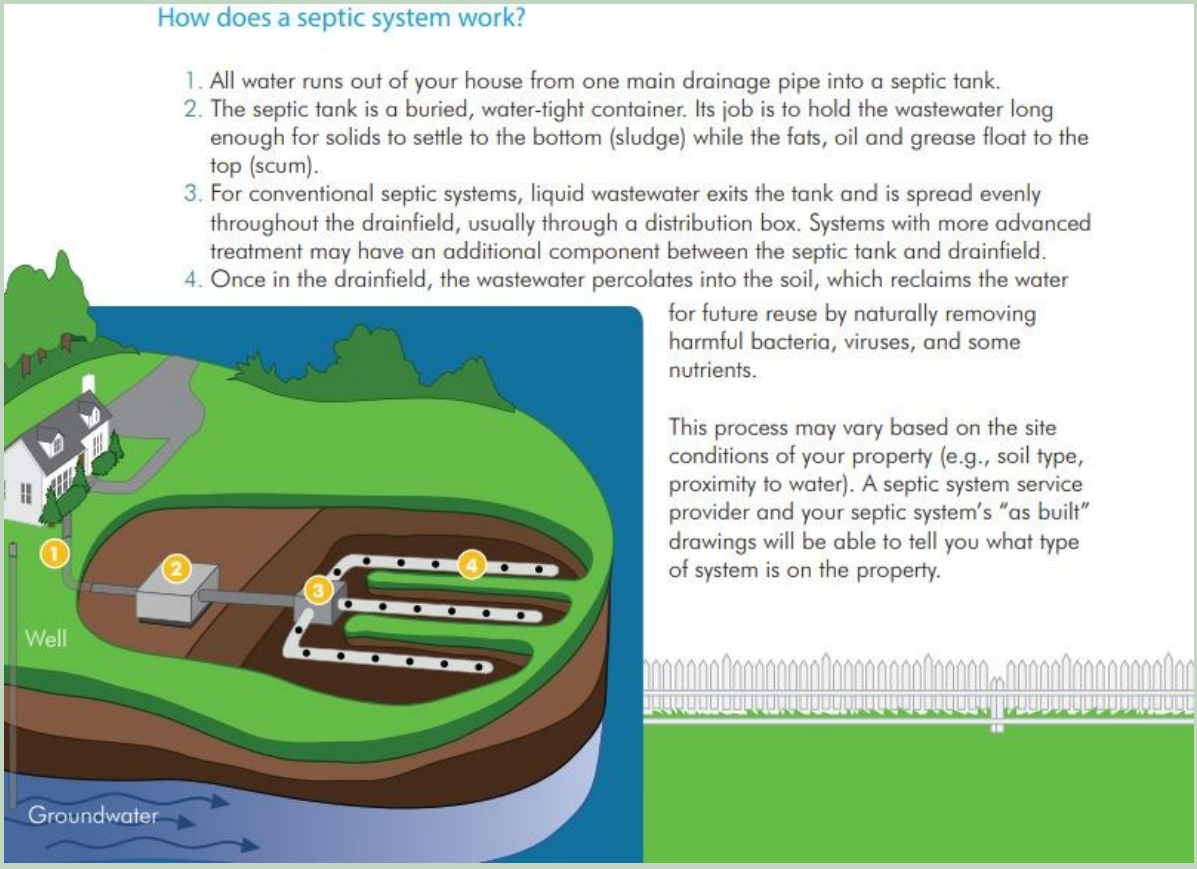
Why Maintain Your Septic System?

* **It saves you money.** Regular maintenance 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.pa.gov/agencies/dep/residents/my-water/septic-systems



Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Co. #1

2026 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

President—Noah Smith

Vice President—Albert Smith

Secretary—Jon Fleming

Treasurer—Mike McKenna

Trustees—Shane Swenson, Ali Pomeroy, Jim Bankert

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 pm. Stop in and check it out!
All of your training, gear and uniforms are paid for by the company.



Our firefighters are your neighbors, serving our community 24/7. As a volunteer department, we rely on donations to help fund equipment, training, and emergency response. Scan the QR code below to donate securely and quickly online.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **BINGO—**FIRST & THIRD Thursday of every month through the end of April. Doors open at 5 pm and the first game starts at 6 pm We will have food, pull tabs, 50/50 and more!
- **Chicken Corn Soup Sale**—October 24, 2026 from 10 am until sold out.



Your Community Needs You!
Become a Volunteer Firefighter

The Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company needs you.

Our ability to respond to emergencies **24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year depends on volunteers from our community. Right now, we need more people to answer the call.**

Whether it's a fire, serious accident, medical emergency, or other crisis, every minute matters. Every new volunteer strengthens our team and helps ensure someone is available when our neighbors need help.

Junior Firefighters — Ages 14–17

Looking for a way to serve your community, learn valuable skills, and be part of something bigger?

Our Junior Firefighter program offers youth ages 14–17 the opportunity to learn about the fire service, participate in training, develop teamwork and leadership skills, and prepare for a future in emergency services. Pennsylvania law places age and training limitations on junior firefighters, with safety always coming first.

Help us build the next generation of volunteers our community will depend on.

Adults Are Needed Too!

You don't have to be a firefighter to make a difference. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Firefighting
- Junior Firefighting
- Driving and operating equipment
- Fundraising and community events
- Administrative and other support roles

No experience is necessary. Training, gear, and uniforms are provided.

You don't have to know everything — just be willing to learn and serve your community.

A New Volunteer Reward Program Is Being Developed

The Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company, Middle Paxton Township, and Dauphin Borough are working together to develop a program recognizing the time, training, and commitment of our volunteers. The Township and Fire Company are also exploring a future stipend program for eligible volunteers.

When the Call Comes, Who Will Answer?

Emergencies don't wait for convenient hours. They happen day or night, weekdays, weekends and holidays.

Our 24/7 emergency response depends on having enough trained volunteers available to respond.

Our firefighters are your friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors. They leave their homes, jobs, and families when the alarm sounds because someone needs help.

The next call could come at any time. Will there be enough people ready to answer it?

Come See What We're All About!

Training is held **every Wednesday at 6:30 pm.** Stop by the firehouse, meet the members, ask questions, and see where you might fit in.

Whether you're **14 or 64**, there may be a place for you.

Your neighbors need you. Your community needs you. Help us keep emergency response available 24/7.

When the call comes, will YOU answer?

For more information, call **717-921-8242** or stop by the firehouse at **10 Elizabeth Avenue, Dauphin, PA 17018.**

Become a volunteer. Build skills. Make a difference. Serve your community.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

HOPE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Election Day Food & Bake Sale

Tuesday, November 3, 2026



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!

LIFELONG IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FITNESS TOGETHER (LIFT)

Penn State Extension of Dauphin County sponsors a strength training and nutrition program called Lifelong Improvement through Fitness Together (LIFT) in Middle Paxton Township at Dauphin County Agriculture and Natural Resources Building, 1451 Peters Mountain Road.

Participants meet each Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 am - 9:30 am. Physician referral forms may be required for enrollment. Class fee is $60 for the 8-week class and $90 for the 12-week class.

Each class has an active warm-up, targeted exercises using arm and leg weights and ends with a cooldown. The result is to enhance overall functional fitness through improved strength, flexibility, and balance.

For more information, please call 717-921-8803 or visit: https://extension.psu.edu/lift-8

GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts, Rebecca K. and Kalynn W. from Middle Paxton Girl Scout Troop 11337, completed their Silver Award in April 2026. The young ladies are currently Cadette level scouts in the seventh grade at Central Dauphin Middle School. Their project consisted of working with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Dauphin Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority, Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township to create a Young Lungs Play program for the Dauphin Middle Paxton Park. This project creates an authorized official rule making the park a smoke-free and vape-free zone. With the extra signs, this was also then adopted at Kennedy Field. Additional signs were added to Hagy Park and tentatively to Beard Field. On behalf of Dauphin Sports Associations and the community, we extend our sincere thanks to these young ladies for making our parks a safer place for kids to play and learn!



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.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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. Medical and therapy appointments receive priority. We restrict trips to the West Shore to medical & therapy appointments only. All riders must be able to move about independently. 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 am to 3:30 pm Tuesday through Friday**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We welcome new volunteers willing to drive for a day or two each month. With your help, many in our community experience independence to make doctors appointments, pick up needed medications, and get to the grocery store. If you are willing to volunteer to drive, please contact **Craig Staller** at **717-439-9273 or 717-921-1957**.

CLARK'S VALLEY ZION E.C. CHURCH

Website: www.cvzec.org Email: cvzoffice@cvzec.org
Phone: (717) 921-8153

Fall Family Festival

Saturday, November 7
4—6 pm

Family-friendly event featuring music, hayrides, petting zoo, facepainting, crafts, games and more!
100% FUN and 100% FREE!

A Night Full of Stars—A Children's Musical

December 5 at 11 am & 4 pm
December 6 at 2 pm

Free admission. Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time.

Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, March 27, 2027
Opening ceremony begins at **11 am**
Hunts for each age group to follow.



FISHING CREEK VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Fall Fest/Chicken Corn Soup
Saturday, October 24
Starts at 11 am
Bring containers for soup.

Breakfast With Santa
Saturday, December 5
8 am—noon
You must register for this event.

Contact Natalie Bailor at fcvca1@aol.com or 717-503-9056 to sign up.

TRICK-OR-TREAT

OCTOBER 31 | 6-8 PM



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. Please leave your name, message and contact number and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

MEALS on WHEELS
PENNSYLVANIA

Christmas in Dauphin

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026
BEGINNING AT 3 PM AND ENDING AT 6:30 PM WITH THE TREE LIGHTING

AT THE GAZEBO IN THE SQUARE
MARKET AND ALLEGHENY STREETS

Festivities Include:
Christmas Craft Vendor Fair
Raffle
Pictures with Santa from 4-5 PM - $5
Live Entertainment
Register for the Light Display Contest (Borough residents only)
"Christmas in Dauphin" Keepsakes for sale
Food & Beverage Trucks

TO REGISTER AS A VENDOR OR FOR OTHER QUESTIONS, CONTAACT TRACEY AT
DAUPHINHOLIDAYLIGHTS@GMAIL.COM

PennState Extension

September - November 2026

Dauphin County Extension
Upcoming Program/Highlights

1451 Peters Mountain Road
Dauphin, PA 17018 717-921-8803

Anne Miller, Business Operations Manager & Client Relationship Manager

Website: https://extension.psu.edu/dauphin-county
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/DauphinCountyExtension

Penn State Extension Dauphin County 4-H

Dauphin County 4-H has a unique program offered to educate the youth of the surrounding area. Youth, ages 5-18, may join a local 4-H club led by an experienced volunteer to provide the best hands-on experience in the county. Please contact our office if you would like more information on how joining 4-H as a Member or Volunteer 717-921-8803. Dauphin County 4-H Clubs: Community, Livestock, Horse, Rabbit/Poultry, Outdoors, & Shooting Sports Clubs. Please visit our website for a list of our clubs in Dauphin County at https://extension.psu.edu/programs/4-h/counties/dauphin/clubs

Managing Your Family Life with Older Adults

Article: https://extension.psu.edu/managing-your-family-life-with-older-adults
Upcoming webinar: https://extension.psu.edu/crew-helping-employees-manage-stress






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Dauphin, PA 17018

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MEET YOUR COUNCIL:

Brian Cuddy, *President*
George Bechtel, *Vice President*
Steve Harris, *Council Pro-Tem*
Kathryn Burton, *Councilwoman*
Travis Rosmus, *Councilman*
Christopher Smith, *Councilman*
Dave Grbich, *Councilman*
Vacant as of August 2026, *Mayor*
Jocelyn Long, *Junior Council Person*
Cindy Long, *Treasurer*
Ryan Boyer, *Public Facilities*
Troy Toland, *Roadmaster/Sewer Plant Operator*
Trudy Koppenhaver, *Rental Properties & Sewer Delinquencies*

The Dauphin Borough would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mayor Michael McKenna for his many years of dedication, service, and commitment to our community. His hard work has made a lasting impact on our community. Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate his surprise retirement celebration August 4, 2026! We wish him all the best in his retirement and thank him for his years of service!





Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Junior Council Person

The Dauphin Borough is seeking to fill the role of the Junior Council Person beginning January 2027. Applicants must be enrolled in high school or college and live in the Dauphin Borough or the surrounding area. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the local government and make a difference in our community. Interested members of the community should reach out to the Borough office for more information. Applications will be taken through the end of this year.

Reminder

Please keep an eye on the Borough's Savvy Citizen app, Facebook page, and website for updates regarding the upcoming move to our new Community Building, which is anticipated to take place later this year. Please be aware that this move may also affect voting locations later this year. Additional information and updates will be shared through the Borough's communication channels as details become available.

Online payments for sewer and trash bills are available through the Borough website, with a small processing fee.

As colder weather arrives, Borough residents are encouraged to review the following ordinances:

Chapter 15 - Motor Vehicles and Traffic
Part 9 - Snow and Ice Emergency
Chapter 21 - Streets and Sidewalks
Part 3 - Snow & Ice Removal from Sidewalks

Please remember to remove vehicles from the roadway and keep sidewalks clear during snow and ice emergencies.

Dauphin Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority

The Dauphin Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority and the Dauphin Recreation Association are pleased to announce a major upcoming renovation of the Dauphin Pool to address long standing maintenance needs. Funding for this $1 million dollar project is provided in part by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources through a Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, by the Commonwealth Financing Authority and through Dauphin County Local Share Municipal Grants. The project, which will help ensure the continued operation of the pool for many seasons to come, will include replacement of the concrete gutters and piping in the main pool, repairs to the pool shell and expansion joints, replacement of all concrete decking and the installation of an ADA access ramp in the shallow section. Work will be done by Vision Pools, Inc. of Downingtown and is expected to conclude prior to the start of the 2027 pool season.

Thank you to the Dauphin Athletic, Dauphin Baseball and Dauphin 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. 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.

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 7:00 pm, 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.

Board Members:
Nichole Staley O'Gorman, President
Tim Wenrich, Vice President
Michael Cohen, Treasurer
Ron Hull, Secretary
Jim Ryan, Member
Julie Seeds, Member
Ryan Evans, Member

Middle Paxton Lions Club

THANK YOU, FRIENDS!

They ran the 50/50 raffle. They were in the booths running the cake wheel, the Big 6 wheel, Spin & Win, the watermelon toss and more. They worked in the kitchen, cooking and serving food and running the checkout line. We hit the jackpot with others' help in the Bingo tent.
They did all of this and much more.

These weren't only Lions Club members at our annual carnival. We are spotlighting our friends and neighbors outside of the Lions who were, as always, the big reason that our annual, five-night festivities were a huge success once again.

The Lions thank you, friends from Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township, for all of your time and hard work. Thank you for once again showing the good that comes when communities work together.

In appreciation: So that we can say a more festive thank you, we invite our community volunteers to a dinner on December 9 at 6:30 pm in the new Dauphin Borough building. More details will be made available closer to the event.

AHEAD WITH THE LIONS

Please watch our Facebook page for more information about the following events:

- ⇒ **Halloween Parade**: It will be on Thursday night this year, October 15, at 7 pm.
- ⇒ **Nut Sales**: Orders for our fall sale will be taken in October, with the nuts to be delivered on or after November 14. Orders for our spring sale will taken in February, with delivery on or after March 20.
- ⇒ **Breakfast with Santa**: The Christmas party for children of Dauphin and Middle Paxton Township is scheduled Saturday, December 12.
- ⇒ **Easter Egg Hunt**: It's scheduled for noon on Saturday, March 13.

PLEASE JOIN US: The Middle Paxton Lions Club is growing and eager to welcome new members. You don't have to live in Dauphin or Middle Paxton to join. Membership meetings are held on the third Thursday each month. If you're interested, contact any Lions member. Officers and directors are Liz Rodda, Dallas Brashear, Allen Snader, Greg College, Kathy Kramer, Brian Cuddy, Erin Shannon, Pat Booton and Skip Wachter. Membership chairman is Ron Hull.

Dauphin Pool

The Dauphin Pool is looking forward to the 2027 Season with the Pool Renovations set to begin in September 2026. We've set our rates for 2027, so families have plenty of time to purchase a 2027 Season Pass at discounted Early Bird rates through December 31, 2026, or at the 2027 rates in the new year. Season Passes for those age 65+ will remain at our 2026 rates. Due to rising costs of operation, the daily rates will be increasing for 2027. Daily/Evening rates will be based on residency with a lower rate for Dauphin or Middle Paxton Township residents.

We hope to see you in 2027 at the newly renovated Dauphin Pool!

2027 Season Pass Rates	Individual	Family
Early Bird through 12/31/2026	$225	$325
Regular Rate starting 1/1/2027	$250	$350
Senior (Age 65+)	$225	$325

2027 Day Pass Rates	Daily Rate	Evening Rate (after 5pm)
Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township Residents	$15	$8
Non-Residents	$20	$10

Penn State Master Gardeners of Dauphin County

Did you know the **Penn State Master Gardeners of Dauphin County** offer educational webinars and lectures that cover the most pertinent and exciting topics for today's home gardener?

- **Saturday, October 17, 2026 - Gardening with Insects: Biocontrol with Predatory Insects**. Learn how you can lower pest management costs while protecting the environment by inviting beneficial insects to your garden.
- **Saturday, October 31, 2026 - Home Gardening Series: Beyond the Prairie - Native Grasses**. Explore outstanding native grasses for sun and shade and learn how to incorporate them successfully into your garden design.



Master Gardeners are volunteer educators. Do **you** have an interest in gardening, a willingness to learn more, and a strong desire to volunteer and share your horticulture knowledge to help others become more successful gardeners? Consider becoming a Master Gardener! Our next information session will be held in March 2027.

More information about the lectures and information session above can be found on our website, **extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/counties/dauphin**.

DAUPHIN MIDDLE PAXTON SOCCER ASSOCIATION (DMPSA)

Spring Season

Registration: Opens in January

Games: April - May

Fall Season

Registration: Opens in May

Games: August - October

Boys & Girls 4 - 18 Years Old

Location: Hagy Park - 1130 Mountain Road, Dauphin, PA

Email: SoccerBoard@dauphinathletic.org

Facebook: Dauphin Middle Paxton Soccer Association

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Monday of every month

Welcoming Supervisor Richard Leitzel and Thanking Larry Cooney

We are pleased to welcome Richard Leitzel as the newest member of our Board of Supervisors. We look forward to working with Rich and appreciate his willingness to serve our community. His time, experience, and commitment to our township will be valuable as we continue working together to address the needs and priorities of our residents.

At the same time, we would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Larry Cooney for his years of service as Supervisor. Larry has dedicated his time and energy to serving the community and helping guide the township through both challenges and opportunities. His contributions and commitment are greatly appreciated, and his presence on the Board will certainly be missed.

As Larry begins a new journey, we wish him and his family all the very best. We hope this next chapter brings many opportunities to enjoy the things that matter most and look forward to seeing him around the community.

Please join us in welcoming Supervisor Richard Leitzel and in thanking Larry Cooney for his dedicated service. We are grateful for those who are willing to give their time to serve our community, and we wish both Richard and Larry continued success in their respective journeys.

Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association

News & Upcoming Events

Clarks Valley, August 2026: In 2026, 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.

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 your Watershed Preservation Association, CCWPA fights to stay knowledgeable, keep informing the public and mobilizing "friends of the watershed" when needed. For instance, we monitor plans for the intersection of Peters Mountain Road and Clarks Valley Road, and for the area under development near Red Hill Road.

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.



We Fight to Keep Our Watershed Trash-Free! Clarks Valley, August 2026: On May 30, 2026, for the 28th time, Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association volunteers removed trash from Route 325 Clarks Valley Road! 13 large-volume bags were collected including 6 bags of recyclables. Volunteers (pictured above) for the day included Mike Blum (CCWPA Secretary), Karen Stilp, Brian Royer, Teresa Bender, Kathy Royer, Ryan Evans, Sr., Mary Hochendoner, Arlene Taylor, Susan Wyht, John Mimnall, Sherry McLain (CCWPA Treasurer), Paula Zankel (CCWPA President), Brandon Dux and Emily Dux. Photo credit: CCWPA. ALL RIGHTS RELEASED.

The CCWPA understands that a continual presence at Planning Commission, Township and Borough 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. We hope we saw you at our most recent Annual Meeting, on September 13, 2026.

NEXT TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULED — October 9, 2026

Your CCWPA invites you to participate in its 29th Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pickup on Route 325 (Clarks Valley Road) on Saturday, October 9, 2026, from 9 am - noon, with a pizza party to follow. Please join us at 1211 Clarks Valley Road, for orientation and supplies. We are now in our 15th year of cleaning up Route 325, and we look forward to many more years keeping trash out of the creek and the watershed! 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 https://ccwpa.org.

For information about the Clarks Creek watershed, general information on watershed protection, links to other Watershed Preservation associations and water-protection groups, and details about the activities of CCWPA, please visit our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/CCWPA or our website at https://ccwpa.org.

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

Mind Your Speed – Especially in School Zones



As part of our shared commitment to safety and community responsibility, all drivers in Middle Paxton Township are reminded to be **mindful of posted speed limits** on our roads. The Township receives complaints throughout the year of issues with speeding in our Township.

Speed limits are carefully set to reflect the road's conditions, visibility, and surrounding environment. Adhering to them not only ensures your safety but also protects pedestrians, cyclists, and other motorists.



A special reminder as we head into the school season: **please slow down in designated school zones**. When the school zone lights are flashing, it means children are arriving or departing school—times when they're most vulnerable. Pennsylvania law requires drivers to **reduce speed to the posted school zone limit** during these periods.

Let's all do our part to keep Middle Paxton Township a safe place for everyone. ***Drive smart, stay alert, do not tailgate, adhere to road signage, and slow down where it counts.***

Zion Lutheran Church

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - SENIOR FOOD PROGRAM

This program distributes monthly boxes of shelf stable foods as well as meats, fish, fresh produce, and dairy products to qualifying seniors in the Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township area. The shelf stable boxes include canned vegetables, canned fruit, juice, cereal, shelf-stable low-fat milk, canned meat, non-meat protein, and whole grain, which are provided by the Central PA Food Bank. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. We distribute every third Thursday of the month and also take registrations at that time. Proof of age and address is required. If you have any questions, call John and Melanie Mimnall at 717-921-2752.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - SENIOR BUS TRIP:

STONE GABLES ESTATE FOR CHRISTMAS - **Dec. 1, 2026 - $180/person**

Includes: Round trip luxury coach from Dauphin P&R, Matinee Dinner Show in historic STAR BARN, admission to historical National Christmas Museum & Drive thru Light Show, all taxes & gratuities. **DEADLINE to register - Oct. 31**

Contact Lucretia Crum @ lcapower@yahoo.com or call 717-921-2191 and please leave a message.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - 2ND SATURDAY DINNERS

Zion Lutheran Church in Dauphin will hold a 2nd Saturday Dinner each month, beginning in October. Dinners are served from 12 pm – 4 pm or until sold out. Eat in and Carry Out are available. Everyone is invited. The following is the menu from October 2026 through March 2027.

October 10: Pork & Sauerkraut
November 14: Hog Maw
December: *No dinner is scheduled.*
January 9: Chicken & Waffles
February 13: Italian Dinner
March 13: Roast Beef

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - HOMELESS FEED

A homeless feed is held in Harrisburg on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Preparations start at 3 pm. at the church and departure is at 6 pm. Anyone who would like to help should contact Judy King – 717-265-3095 or Sonia Evans – 717-579-0591.

State Representative Joe Kerwin

We Are Here to Help



As your state representative, my team and I are your direct connection to state government. Whether you need help navigating a state agency, accessing benefits, or finding answers to questions about state programs, my team is here to assist. We can help with PennDOT services, Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications, PACE/PACENET prescription assistance, birth and death certificate requests, state forms, legislative information, Capitol tour arrangements, and much more. If you're not sure where to start, contact our office. We're committed to providing responsive, constituent-focused service and helping you connect with the resources you need.

Our business hours are 8:30 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday. If you need assistance, please call my Elizabethville district office at 833-431-0495 or my Linglestown district office at 717-652-6820.

For the latest district event information and state government updates, visit RepJoeKerwin.com and Facebook.com/RepJoeKerwin.

Mark Your Calendars for My Upcoming Events

Veterans Breakfasts

* Thursday, Oct. 22—8 am
  Halifax VFW Post 5750
  Second and North Market Streets
  Halifax, PA 17032
* Tuesday, Oct. 27—8 am
  West Hanover Community Center
  628 Walnut Ave.

Veterans and active-duty military personnel, along with one guest each, are invited to attend.
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

RSVP by calling 833-431-0495 or visiting **RepJoeKerwin.com/Events**.



News from State Senator Patty Kim, 15th District

We had a great summer across Senate District 15! Continuing to collaborate with the local officials and residents of Middle Paxton Township so far this year has been a true privilege.

For those interested in staying up to date on my legislation, grant opportunities, community events, local opportunities and more, I invite you to subscribe to my e-newsletter by visiting www.pasenatorkim.com/subscribe/. I look forward to hopefully seeing many of you at our upcoming events this fall and winter!

Above all, my staff and I are eager to serve you! Please refer to the graphic for information on upcoming events, services we provide, and how to contact our offices if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Patty Kim
State Senator, 15th District

Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society's

18th Annual Heritage Day

October 17th, 2026

9am-4pm

FOOD & DRINKS

Breakfast served until10am compliments of Hardees!
Homemade Chicken Corn, Ham & Bean and Vegetable Soups! Burgers, FF, Hot Sausages, Sweet Sausages, Hot Dogs and Funnel Cakes! Historical Society Bake Sale!

LEARN ABOUT LOCAL HISTORY!

Be sure to stop by the Historical Society Tent! There will be several displays to include: *Celebrating 100 Years with Ray & Bertha Dively* and *Society's 30 Years of Preserving History*! Stop by to see what other interesting things are on display!

SILENT AUCTION!!

Visit the Silent Auction Tent to see what items are available to bid on! There will be gift baskets, gift cards, and many other items! Be sure to get your bids in for the items you want, or they will go to another bidder! Bidding ends at 3pm!

PONY RIDES!!

Come ride a pony brought to us by Heaven on Hooves 4-H Club! They will have ponies on the grounds from 10am-2pm and it will be $3 per ride. Bring the kiddos and be sure to wear your boots!! Yee haw!!

FLEA MARKET & PERSONAL SALES!

Bring your own table(s) -$5.00 charge – vendors arrive early for a good spot (be set up by 8:30am)! Shoppers…arrive early to find your treasures!

GOAT SNUGGLING!

Courtesy of Evans Acres!

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST!

See the DMPHS Facebook page for details!

ENTERTAINMENT & DEMONSTRATIONS!

Apple Cider demo by Ben



ANTIQUE CAR SHOW! Bring your old car! Trophy awarded!

ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW! Bring your old tractor! Trophy awarded!

HIT OR MISS ENGINES!

See you at the Old Dauphin School Grounds! Corner of Church & Allegheny Streets, Dauphin

Contact email: info@dmphs.org **Facebook: Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society**

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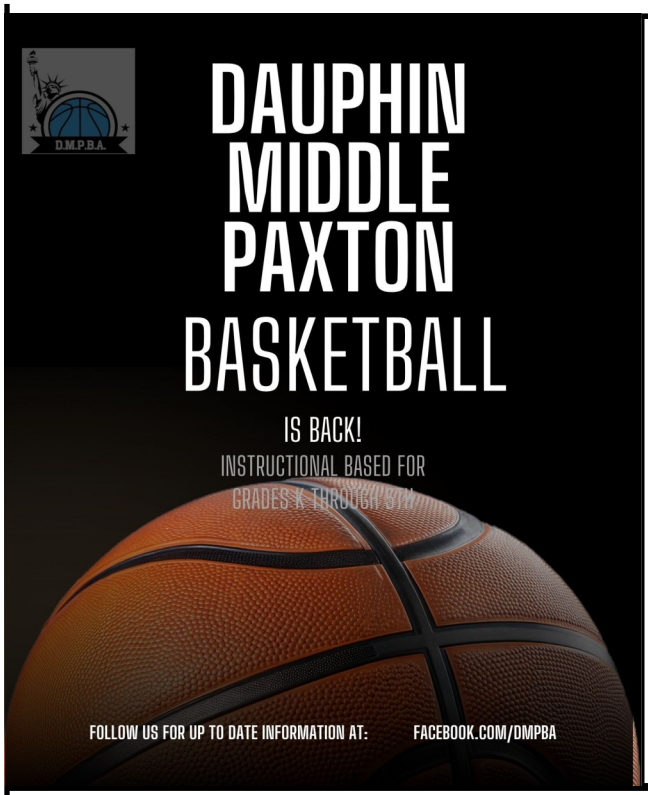
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DOG LICENSE REMINDER!

All dogs 8 weeks and older are required by law to be licensed.
Annual licenses are available at **PADogLicense.com**, by mail, at the Dauphin County Treasurer's Office, or at Hornung's True Value, 1000 Peters Mountain Road.

Lost dogs with licenses can be reunited with their owners more easily.
Fines for failing to license: **$100–$500**.

License your dog. Protect your pet. Follow the law.



2026 GENERAL ELECTION
Tuesday, November 3

Last day to register to vote—Oct. 19, 2026

Last day to request mail-in or absentee ballot—Oct. 27, 2026

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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