

# MIDDLE PAXTON DIGEST

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SPRING/SUMMER 2024

## Blooming Together: Embracing the Spring Season of Renewal in Our Township

As the vibrant hues of spring paint our community in a tapestry of colors, we welcome you to the latest edition of the Middle Paxton Digest Spring/Summer Newsletter. This season is a time of renewal and growth in our community.

In this edition, you will find articles that pay tribute to local resident, Jim Fisher, saying a fond farewell and thanking him for his dedicated service as Township Supervisor and welcoming new Supervisor Ryan Evans.

You will also find Community Events: Save the Dates! Stay informed about the exciting events lined up for the Spring and Summer months. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family. There is something for everyone!

There is a page of important phone numbers to cut out to provide quick access to essential services and contacts.

See what is happening and the events scheduled by the Dauphin Middle Paxton Fire Co. #1. Support your local Emergency Services!

Check out all the articles in this edition of the 2024 Spring/Summer Newsletter. We are incredibly grateful to all the organizations for their valuable contributions to the newsletter and to our community!

As always, thank you all for being a part of our vibrant community.

Best regards,

**Julie Seeds, Manager**  
**Middle Paxton Township**



**Great Place to  
Live, Grow & Work**

## Municipal Office Hours

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

9 a.m. to noon  
Wednesday

**CLOSED FRIDAY**

10 Elizabeth Avenue  
Dauphin, PA 17018

717-921-8128

**Township Manager**

Julie Ann Seeds

## The office will be closed:

Tuesday, April 23  
(Election Day)

Monday, May 27  
(Memorial Day)

Thursday, July 4  
(Independence Day)

Monday, September 2  
(Labor Day)

Monday, November 11  
(Veterans Day)

Thursday, November 28  
(Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, December 25  
(Christmas Day)

**Board of Supervisors**

*1st Monday of the month  
@ 7 p.m.*

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

**Jeffery A. Smith**  
Chairman

**Wilbur Evans**  
Vice Chairman

**Lawrence Cooney**  
Treasurer

**Mike Sudia**

**Ryan Evans**

**Zoning Hearing  
Board**

*2nd Wednesday of the  
month @ 7 p.m.  
(if needed)*

**James Allen**  
Chairman

**Joseph McConlogue**  
Vice Chairman

**Debra Eshelman**  
Secretary

**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**

**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 Rusbach**  
Emergency Management  
Coordinator

**Dauphin-Middle  
Paxton Fire Co. #1**

**Shane Swenson**  
Chief

**Matthew Shive**  
1st Assistant Chief

**Mike McKenna**  
2nd Assistant Chief

**Jon Fleming**  
Captain

**Tax Collector**

**Tanya Pomeroy**

**Dauphin-Middle  
Paxton Joint Park  
Authority**

**Shannon Scott**  
President

**Nichole Staley  
O’Gorman**  
Vice President

**Ron Hull**  
Secretary

**Tim Wenrich**  
Treasurer

**Michael Cohen**

**Lawrence Cooney**

**Jeffrey Thrush**

**Planning  
Commission**

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

**Liz Rodda**  
Chairperson

**Jeffrey S. Smith**  
Vice Chairperson

**Thomas “Chip” Brown**

**Gary Deimler**

**Donald Morse**

**Ralph Stone**

**Justin Wingenfield**

**Julie Ann Seeds**  
Secretary

# Important Phone Numbers

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9 a.m.—4 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m.—noon

**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FRIDAY**

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

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

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

**APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED**

Township Sewage Enforcement Officers—(717) 813-6492

» Brian & Carrie McFeaters

Township Tax Collector—(717) 921-8737

» Tanya Pomeroy

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

* CAT Shared Ride (Bus)	(717) 233-5657
* Comcast Customer Service (Cable/Internet)	(800) 934-6489
* Dauphin Area Senior Transit—Registration Only (Rue Megonnell)	(717) 921-2727
* Dauphin Area Senior Transit—Scheduling of Rides	(717) 921-8128
* Dauphin Borough Office	(717) 921-2633
* Dauphin County—Controlled Burns	(717) 558-6900
* Dauphin County—Recycle Center	(717) 982-6772
* Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Co. #1 Non-Emergency	(717) 921-8242
* Dauphin-Middle Paxton Meals on Wheels—Sonya Boden	(717) 991-5815
* Magisterial District Judge—The Honorable 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 John DiSanto	(717) 787-6801
* UGI Emergency Gas Leaks	(800) 276-2722
* UPMC Community LifeTeam (Ambulance)	(717) 848-4740
* Waste Management—Service	(800) 869-5566
* Waste Management—Billing	(800) 642-8850
<b><u>Reporting Dead Animals on Roadways</u></b>	
* 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

# Heartfelt Thank you to Supervisor Jim Fisher

Middle Paxton Township bid farewell to Supervisor Jim Fisher at an annual December Holiday Event thanking volunteers in the Township. Jim was awarded a plaque and several other awards from various Dignitaries for his outstanding service and unwavering dedication to our community for the past 12 years as Supervisor and his several years serving on the Zoning Hearing Board prior to being Supervisor.

During Jim's tenure, our township experienced significant progress. Jim was involved in various projects from infrastructure to community engagement programs and has worked tirelessly to make our township a better place for everyone.

In addition, Jim attended several conferences, webinars and educational events over the course of his tenure to stay current with the ever-changing environment in local government.

Thank you, Jim Fisher, for your selfless service and commitment to building a stronger township for the betterment of our community. We are confident that you will continue to make a positive impact wherever your journey may lead. Best wishes, on all your future endeavors!

## Public Service—By Jim Fisher

*It is indeed an honor to have been twice elected to serve the residents of Middle Paxton Township. My wife Jane and I adopted the Dauphin-Middle Paxton community some 50 years ago where we have raised our family and made many good friends throughout those years.*

*It has truly been a privilege to serve on the township's Board of Supervisors, as well as with my associates while serving on the Zoning Hearing Board for the 10 years prior to my 12-year term on the Board of Supervisors.*

*Public service comes in many forms and those who step forward are all servants in one way or another. Everyone I know wants to make things better for their family, friends and neighbors...to make our community a safe and healthy place to live, work and raise families. It's why we do what we do!*

*There is no greater calling in life than to be able to serve others, whether that's next door, down the street or across this Blue Marble in which we live. While I have decided it was time to end my term on the Board of Supervisors, rest assured I will strive to be of service to others for the remainder of my life.*

*Let us all continue in our pursuit to make this a better world by listening to other people's issues, understanding their problems and then working together to find solutions.*



Photo courtesy of Steven Wisegarver

# Meet Township Supervisor Ryan Evans



Ryan Evans is a Middle Paxton Township native and long-time resident. He is a 2003 graduate of Central Dauphin East High School, and attended college at Millersville University and Drexel University, where he earned advanced degrees in the field of education. Ryan is employed as a Principal at Susquehanna Township School District.

Ryan enjoys giving back to our local community and volunteers on the boards of Central Pennsylvania Rifle Club and Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society. He also serves on the board of Clarks Creek Water Preservation Association where he helped to spearhead a

grassroots effort to protect and preserve our Township Comprehensive Plan and Zoning. Additionally, Ryan serves as a Dauphin County 4H leader and Hunter Trapper Educator with the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Ryan lives with his wife Erin and their two children at their family farm (Evans Acres) in Clarks Valley. Each year their farm sponsors a baseball team and soccer team through the Dauphin Athletics Association. The entire Evans family pitches in to ensure their profits benefit the youth of our community.

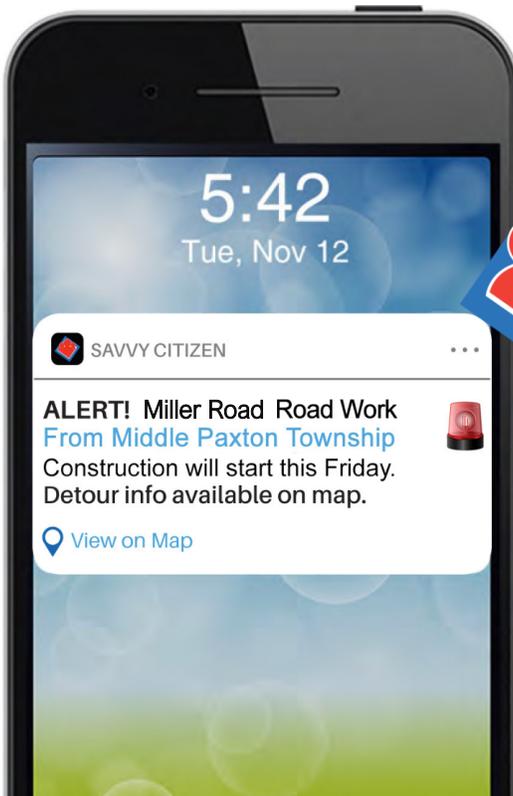
Ryan is happy to serve our community, and he has a goal to help improve the overall communication to the public during his term on the Board of Supervisors.

**Become a Savvy Citizen!**



## Want to know what's going on in Middle Paxton Township?

Our new Savvy Citizen app will keep you better informed of important township news and happenings in our community.



- Sign-up for **Apple** and **Android** users is simple and free. Become more savvy and receive useful borough updates, community news, and event reminders by downloading today.



or visit [SavvyCitizenApp.com](http://SavvyCitizenApp.com) for more info and download links

# On-Lot Sewage Management Program

The On-Lot Sewage Management Program, Ordinance 2023-01, went into effect January 1, 2024. The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure all on-lot septic systems throughout the Township are functioning properly in order to protect our community and our environment.

## Tips to Prevent Malfunctions

- \* Have your septic tank pumped every 3-5 years.
- \* Avoid putting chemicals/harmful substances in your septic system (oils and grease, harsh drain and toilet bowl cleaners, bleach, pesticides, varnishes/paints/solvents, etc.)
- \* Stagger the use of water-based appliances. The less water you use, the less your septic system has to work.
- \* Keep anything heavier than your lawnmower off your drain field.

## Common Questions Regarding the On-Lot Sewage Management Program

- \* I had my system pumped 2 years ago. Do I need to get 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 your 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.**
- \* I heard about the new On-Lot Sewage Management Program but I didn't receive a letter. Do I need to send in my last pumping report? **No. If you did not receive a letter, you are not in Zone 1. You will receive a letter when your zone is due for pumping. The Zones are as follows: Zone 1- West of 225 to the Western Banks of the Susquehanna River, Zone 2- Clark's Valley, Zone 3- Stoney Creek Valley, Zone 4- Fishing Creek Valley including Front Street, Roberts Valley Road and Greggs Road areas.**
- \* My letter says 'Never Pumped' but I get pumped routinely. Why? **Because this is a new program and the Township has never kept record of when resident's pumped previously, the software being used to now track this information has no prior dates to input, therefore it auto filled 'Never pumped'. We understand this is frustrating for some, so we are working to correct this for future letters.**

## 2024 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

### **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

### **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

### **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

# From the Public Works Department

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## UPCOMING ROAD PROJECTS

**2024 Proposed Road Project** is GAP VIEW ROAD, which will receive Chip/Fog Seal.

In addition, the roadcrew and/or contractors will be performing road maintenance such as street sweeping, base repair, crack sealing, grading, roadside mowing, and pipe replacements on various roads throughout the Township.

In our ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe and secure work environment, we would like to remind everyone of the importance of adhering to all signage and flaggers providing guidance at all road work projects.

Safety is our top priority, and your operation is essential in creating a secure working environment for everyone. By adhering to signage and respecting the guidance provided by flaggers, we contribute to the well-being of ourselves and our workers. Please **SLOW DOWN**, and let's work together to maintain a safe and productive workplace. ***Please check out the Township website for updates on road maintenance and sign up to receive SAVVY CITIZEN notifications.***

### **The Consequences of Blowing Leaves, Grass, and Snow onto Public Roads**

As the seasons change, homeowners often find themselves engaged in various outdoor maintenance activities to keep their properties clean and well-kept. While it's essential to care for your lawn and surroundings, it's equally important to be mindful of how these activities impact the community. One common oversight is the improper disposal of leaves, grass clippings, and snow onto public roads and roadside swales. This seemingly harmless act can have adverse effects on the environment, public safety, and the overall well-being of the community; environmental impact, safety hazards, community aesthetics. Compost your leaves by mowing over them a few times as they provide nutrient-rich soil for your lawn and gardens. By adopting conscientious practices, we can create a cleaner and safer community.

***Please do not blow grass and leaves into roadside drainage ditches and swales. This leads to clogging up basins and results in roadside flooding.***

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## Slow Down!

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



# From the Zoning Officer

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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](http://www.middlepaxtontwp.org), under **Resources > Applications**.

Permit Process:

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

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



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# Codes Enforcement and Compliance

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

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

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

**Please contact the Township office at 717-921-8128 Ext. 107 if you have questions or concerns.**

## Park Rentals

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

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

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

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

For more information, visit our website, [www.middlepaxtontwp.org](http://www.middlepaxtontwp.org), and go to **Community > Parks & Recreation**.

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

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



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

# Dauphin Borough-Middle Paxton Emergency Management

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Welcome to 2024

Hopefully we have not suffered from this past winter weather.

What we do have to look forward to is the Spring and Summer storms that will happen. Many times, I have written about how to prepare. Will there be power outages, probably. Flooding, hope not.

But what would you do if either of these occur???

- DO YOU HAVE A PLAN
- HAVE YOU ENOUGH FOOD AND WATER
- CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS
- GENERATORS – HAVE FUEL STORED IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT
- MEDICATIONS – HAVE ENOUGH TO LAST AT LEAST A WEEK
- PET SUPPLIES – HAVE FOOD AND WATER FOR YOUR PETS

On another note, Spring is the time of year for yard clean up. Bag it – don't burn it. Open burning or yard debris could start a wildfire. Get to know the Open burning policy of the township and borough. Contact their office or go online for a copy. If you do burn the yard waste, do so in a clear area. Have water on hand to control it. A responsible adult should be present at all times of a controlled burn.

Contact Dauphin County Department of Public Safety to give them the location of the controlled burn. (717) 558-6900, non-emergency phone number. Also contact the fire company (717) 921-8242 and give them the information also.

**Bob Rusbach**

**EMC**

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## 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 [dauphinmg@psu.edu](mailto:dauphinmg@psu.edu) or 717-921-8803 to ask your garden questions and get unbiased, research-based answers year-round
- Our annual Spring Symposium, Veggie Series and Home Gardening Series in collaboration with Wildwood Park's Olewine Nature Center
- A Speaker's Bureau, dedicated to providing educational programming, including presentations, for local organizations.
- 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
- Master Gardener annual basic training to become a Master Gardener volunteer in Dauphin County

Keep your eye on us through our website or our newly launched Facebook page !

<https://extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/counties/dauphin>  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61554762625607>

# Dauphin Middle Paxton Fire Co. #1



Dear Residents,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Shane Swenson and I am the new Fire Chief of Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company. I have been a member of the department for 18 years and have worked my way up through the ranks. I started out as a Firefighter, then Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief and now serving as Chief. It is my responsibility as a leader of the department to make goals while maintaining our mission of protecting the community of Dauphin-Middle Paxton. My main goal as Chief is to continue the overall growth of the fire company. To see the department grow, I would like to welcome new members, increase training, and upgrade the equipment to better protect the community. We offer a variety of events that bring in the community. We have an annual open house, chicken BBQs, soup sales, an Easter flower sale, and Thursday night bingo during the winter months. I look forward to continuing to serve my community in this new role.

-Shane Swenson  
Fire Chief

## 2024 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

President—Matthew Shive

Vice President—Mike McKenna

Secretary—Jon Fleming

Treasurer—Brad Field Sr.

Trustees—Shane Swenson, Al Smith, Noah Smith

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The last day of Bingo will be Thursday, April 25. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the first game starts at 6 p.m.
- **Easter Flower Sale**—March 28, 29 and 30 at Station 38.
- Spring Chicken BBQ—April 6 at 10 a.m. till sold out.
- Spring Boot Drive—Date to be determined.
- R&K Sub Sale in July—Watch for date.
- 100th Anniversary Open House/Chicken BBQ—August 10 at 10 a.m. Look more for details on our Facebook page.

# 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.  
Stop in and check it 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](mailto: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](http://www.CAPITALREGIONFIREFIGHTER.org)**



Check out our Facebook page for our online raffles!

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

# COMMUNITY BULLETIN

## HOPE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Election Day Food & Bake Sale  
Tuesday, April 23, 2024**



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.

This training was formerly called StrongWomen. Program meets every Monday & Wednesday for 8 weeks from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Physician referral forms may be required for enrollment. Class fee is \$60.

What are the effects of inactivity? Older adults may be labelled a fall risk or have a reduced quality of life with an inability to age in place. 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>

## 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.

## FISHING CREEK VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Mark your calendars!



**Chicken Corn Soup Sale/Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, March 23, 2024  
Promptly at 11 a.m.**

**BRING SOUP CONTAINERS**

## DOG LICENSING

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

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

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

## 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**.

## 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**

### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND PARENTS OF SENIORS:

#### **INTERESTED IN A SCHOLARSHIP?**

If you've ever played a recreational sport within the Dauphin-Middle Paxton community, please visit <https://dauphinathleticassociation.org/butch-beard-scholarship> to confirm eligibility and instructions to submit an application.

#### **Applications Due April 1, 2024**

You may also contact your school guidance counselor for application help.

## CLARK'S VALLEY ZION E.C. CHURCH

Website: [www.cvzec.org](http://www.cvzec.org) Email: [cvzoffice@cvzec.org](mailto:cvzoffice@cvzec.org) Phone: (717) 921-8153

### **V.B.S. Registration NOW OPEN!**



June 9, 2024—June 13, 2024  
6 p.m.—8:30 p.m.  
Pre-School (Age 3)—5th Grade

### **Community Easter Egg Hunt Registration NOW OPEN!**



Egg Hunt will begin at 11 a.m. by age groups with varying start times. FREE food, games, face painting, drawing for prize baskets, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. The Egg Hunt is for kids ages 1–12 with lots of candy filled eggs and prizes. Bring a basket or bag and join the fun!

### **Kingdom Kids Christmas Musical Registration:**

**Parent Informational Meeting:**  
August 18, 2024 at 4 p.m.

**Auditions:**  
August 25, 2024 from 4 p.m.—6 p.m.

**First Full Cast Rehearsal:**  
Sunday, September 8, 2024 from 4 p.m.—6 p.m.



Thank you to all in the community who have supported the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society in our different fundraisers and community events. Why not join the Society and be part of our "history in the making"

#### **2024 Membership Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Membership—\$15.00 per year

Couple Membership—\$25.00

Lifetime Membership—\$250.00

Membership Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Society Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Make checks payable to:**

Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society

P.O. Box 532, Dauphin, PA 17018

(Please mail this form with your check)

**Yearly memberships run from Jan 1.—Dec 31**

# Waste Management

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

- **Standard Weekly Service** (\$160.95 per quarter plus tipping fee) — includes two (2) bags or containers less than 36 gallons, and weigh under 50 lbs., unlimited recycling and one bulk item weekly. Residents must contact WM at (800) 634-4595 to schedule a bulk item pickup 24-48 hours in advance.
- **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 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](https://www.dauphincounty.org/government/departments/solid_waste_management_and_recycling/dauphin_county_recycling_center.php)

## **SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICE UPDATE**

The current Solid Waste and Recycling contract with Waste Management expires on September 30, 2024. As a result of feedback received from township residents, Middle Paxton Township has formed a focus group comprised of volunteers from our community as we prepare to begin the competitive bidding process to solicit proposals for next year's contract. The goal of the focus group is to evaluate potential opportunities to increase competitiveness of the bidding process while maintaining the current level of service for the residents of the Township. One of the items under review is the use of automated collection, which would require all residents to use trash carts provided by the hauler. Many waste removal companies are moving away from so called "manual collection", where bags are collected by hand, to automated collection where wheeled carts are automatically picked up by a metal bar and dumped into the truck. Automated collection is becoming the norm as a consequence of higher labor costs many haulers are experiencing and may result in a more competitive bidding process. We will continue to update the residents on the progress of this new solid waste and recycling services contract.

## Let's Get Back To The Basics Of Recycling

Remember these three simple rules each time you recycle:



Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.



Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.



No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.

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RIGHT**

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



# Household Hazardous Waste

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**1-800-449-7587**

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Eligible once (1) annually per household. For a comprehensive list of accepted items and other frequently asked questions, visit - [wmatyourdoor.com/residential](http://wmatyourdoor.com/residential)

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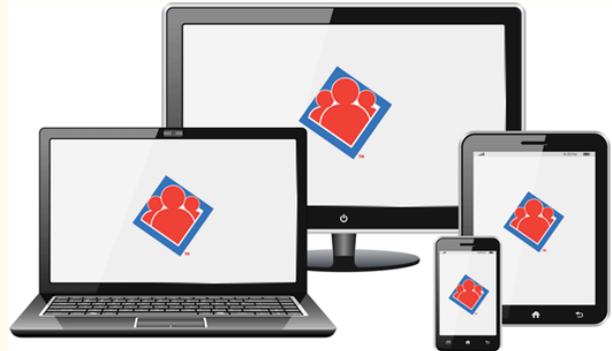


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**ATTENTION ALL BOROUGH RESIDENTS:**

The Borough is instituting the Savvy Citizen mass communication and alert system app. This system will allow the Borough to send important alerts to residents as needed.

If you do not have a device to install this app on but would like to receive these notifications, please call the Borough office at 717-921-2633 and provide your name and landline telephone number to be added to a call list.



Please check our Facebook and website for more information.

**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.

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.

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

**Phone:** 717-921-2633

**Fax:** 717-921-8106

**Email:** dauphinboro@cocmast.net

**Website:** www.dauphinborough.org **Facebook:** Dauphin Borough



# Dauphin-Middle Paxton Lions Club

## LEND A HAND FOR THE CARNIVAL

As planning for our annual Dauphin carnival shifts into high gear, the Lions are asking the community to let its spirit and pride shine again.

It's the help from our community that makes our carnival a success, and we're asking everyone once again to join the fun. And to pitch in.

The carnival is scheduled **July 9-13**.

It will feature live entertainment, games and food prepared by the Lions, as well as food trucks and other vendors. Of course, there will be nightly Bingo with its "blackout" games with \$25 jackpots and our "Wilbur Specials".

Please watch our Facebook page for dates and times of planning meetings and for details about the bands and other carnival fun. And please don't forget to like us at "Middle Paxton Lions Club".

The carnival's proceeds go to help local families in need, local charities and youth sports programs and to sponsor scholarships.



## TWO SCHOLARSHIPS



Every year, the Lions sponsor two \$1,000 Lynn E. Poffenberger Memorial Scholarships for high school seniors who live in Dauphin Borough or Middle Paxton Township. Please note: It doesn't matter where you attend school in your senior year as long as you live here. Candidates must show financial need and be active in our community.

To apply, students must go through the website of the nonprofit Foundation for Enhancing Communities ([tfec.org](http://tfec.org)). The deadline for the Lions' scholarships is March 30 every year, but we encourage candidates to explore the many other scholarship opportunities besides ours on the TFEC site.

# Zion Lutheran Church

**Attention, all local seniors:** Zion Lutheran is partnering with the Central PA Food Bank to distribute Nutritional Senior Food Boxes at the church. To be eligible to pick up one box each month, seniors must be 60 or older, live in the 17018 area code and meet the financial guidelines. For details on the program, including the application process and pickup dates, please see Zion's Facebook page at "Zion-Dauphin".

Questions? Email Melanie Mimmall at [zlseniorboxprogram@gmail.com](mailto:zlseniorboxprogram@gmail.com).

**For the homeless:** You don't have to be a member of Zion to help us feed Harrisburg's homeless. On the fourth Wednesday every month, volunteers gather at Zion Lutheran at 3 p.m. to prepare a hot meal and pack lunches, which we then distribute behind the courthouse in the city. Our distribution often includes coats, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, blankets and more. Want to join us? Contact Judy King at 717-265-3095.

**For the fight on world hunger:** At Christmastime, Zion's youth helped raise enough money through donations to purchase two Family Farm Packages plus one cow for the underprivileged around the world. The packages include a cow, a couple of goats, 12 chickens, two pigs, farming tools, seeds, and agricultural training for a family and or a village.

## YOU'RE INVITED

Zion cooked up its last fall/winter dinner for the community in March. We remind that our dinners will resume on the second Saturday in October, November, (none in December) January, February, and March. It's a different menu each month, including pork & sauerkraut, chicken & waffles, Italian and roast beef. Dinner is served – to eat in or take out – from noon to 4 p.m.

# Dauphin-Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority

Spring is just around the corner, and so is our next athletic season. Thank you to the Dauphin Athletic Association, Dauphin Baseball and Softball, and all of their volunteers, who work so hard to make the fields beautiful and ready for play. Much of the work done to maintain our park is performed by volunteers, and supplies and materials are often donated. If you are interested in volunteering your time or making a financial contribution to defray the cost of park projects, please contact Nichole O’Gorman at [dmpjpa@gmail.com](mailto:dmpjpa@gmail.com). Monetary donations can be mailed to us at P.O. Box 521, Dauphin, PA 17018. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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

As a reminder, NO firearms or weapons are permitted on park property AT ANY TIME. For the safety of everyone enjoying the park, hunting is NOT permitted. Also, dumping of yard waste, brush, trash or other debris in any area of the park, including our dumpsters, is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Dumping impairs the public use and enjoyment of the park and unnecessarily consumes volunteer resources for cleanup. Violators will be prosecuted.

Our meetings are open to the public. All are welcome to attend. Meetings occur on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m., January through October. The May meeting is on the third Monday due to Memorial Day. May through September, meetings are held in the large pavilion at the park. All other meetings are held at the Dauphin Borough building.



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

*Board Members:*

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



# Dauphin Athletic Association

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The DAA athletic programs are open to all residents and their families who live in Middle Paxton Township and the Borough of Dauphin. No child shall be denied the opportunity to compete in any DAA program for any monetary reason. Athletic programs may be offered to residents surrounding communities, as governed by each individual sport's committee. We currently have programs for Baseball, Softball, and Soccer.

The DAA also offers the Butch Beard Scholarship. The Butch Beard Scholarship is available to graduating seniors who have participated in Dauphin Athletic Association Sports. We have awarded \$27,000 in scholarships thus far. Applications can be found through the schools and is available on the DAA website Butch Beard Scholarship ([dauphinathleticassociation.org](http://dauphinathleticassociation.org)). Application deadline is April 1, 2024.

Dauphin Baseball and Softball have scheduled their combined Opening Day ceremonies for Saturday, April 13, 2024 at the Dauphin Middle Paxton Park at noon.

Officers for the DAA, Baseball, and Softball are listed below. Soccer will be having elections in mid-February.



### DAA Board

- President – Steve Ludwig
- Vice President – Matt Smith
- Secretary – Jillian Sielaff-Smith
- Treasurer – Erin Evans
- Member at Large – Jamie Fetterhoff
- Member at Large – Dave Foran
- Member at Large – Vacant



### Dauphin Baseball Board

- President – Alan Miller
- Vice President – Bryan Rowley
- Secretary – Mark Fisher
- Treasurer – James Clisham



### Dauphin Softball Board

- President – Jessica Beard
- Vice President – Jace Hilton
- Secretary – Amanda Shireman
- Treasurer – Sherrie Whisler
- Member at Large – Mike Bertsch
- Member at Large – Jennifer Kieffer

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## Dauphin Pool

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**2024 SUMMER SEASON:** The pool board is excited for our upcoming season. Please check out our website [www.dauphinpool.org](http://www.dauphinpool.org) or Facebook (Dauphin Recreation Association) for information on opening dates and times.



**SEASON MEMBERSHIP PASSES:** Please visit our website for more information, to register or to print out our membership forms. Membership forms are also available at the pool “mailbox” on the fence next to the pool building. Daily entrance fees are available but the season pass is your best value to enjoy the pool all summer long for one low price.

**WANTED: VOLUNTEERS** - The pool board is always striving to improve the pool and everyone's experience at the pool. As a 100% voluntary board, we can only do so much. With your help we are able to do more events and make more improvements. Can you help by serving on the board, on a committee or volunteering to help? Please consider helping. If interested, contact Linda Klutas at [lklutas@gmail.com](mailto:lklutas@gmail.com) or 717-921-8660.

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

# Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society

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

## Ways to help the Society Rebuild

Save those Treasures! Since the schoolhouse fire in 2021, the Society has had to start from scratch to rebuild the museum. Please don't let your "treasures" become dumpster items when you pass. The Historical Society loves the things your kids will probably throw away. Designate such things to be donated to DMPHS so that the trash company doesn't haul them away! We cherish these things like you do. Yearbooks, school report cards, old photos, baptismal certificates, and so much more, are just a few types of items we collect. Thank you!

## Historical Plaque: Preserving Our Past for Future Generations

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

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

## Donations Accepted for Plaque to be Placed on Monument for the Old School

The Historical Society is accepting donations to help purchase an historical plaque to be placed on the site of the Old Dauphin School. Our plans are to place the plaque on a monument made from salvaged bricks from the old schoolhouse. The monument will also incorporate the bell that once was encased in the cupola atop the school. Donations may be sent to the DMPHS, P.O. Box 532, Dauphin, PA 17018. Please write: School Plaque donation on the memo line of your check.

## Monetary Donations:

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

## Gift Shop Items for Sale

Email the Society at [research@dmphs.org](mailto:research@dmphs.org) or [fundraising@dmphs.org](mailto:fundraising@dmphs.org) if interested in any of the following items:

Our Heritage I - \$25

Our Heritage II - \$25

Fleece Blanket - \$25

Tapestry Blanket - \$60

Puzzles – There are a few of the Peter Allen House Stable & Ice Skating on the Stoney

Creek Dam left - \$25

Schoolhouse Bricks are also available - \$5



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

## Monthly Meeting Upcoming Speakers

### Thursday, April 25, 2024

**Frank Grumbine**, Community Preservation Coordinator for the PA State Historic Preservation Office in Harrisburg, will speak on "Historical Architectural Styles in Dauphin-Middle Paxton." Our community history is reflected in the broad range of building designs from form to function.

### Thursday, May 23, 2024

**Janet Donovan**, CEO of the Girl Scouts of the Heart of PA, will speak on "Change-Making Legacy of Girl Scouting." Ms. Donovan is a retired rear admiral of JAG, US Navy. She will talk about the long history of Girl Scouting (originally called Girl Guides), which dates from 1928 in Dauphin-Middle Paxton Township.

### Thursday, June 7, 2023

**Ms. Joyce Kieffer**, local author of the historical fiction, Trees Trilogy, "Life in Central PA at the Turn of the Century." Ms. Kieffer dedicated 6 years to researching what life was like in Central PA during the late 1800's & early 1900's. Her talk will delve into local ecology, racism, classism, and gender inequality, all themes in her Trees Trilogy series.

## Veteran's Memorial Brick Orders

Veteran's Memorial Bricks are available for purchase in three sizes: 8"x4", 3 lines, \$50 – 8"x8", 6 lines, \$500 – 12"x12", 8 lines, \$1000

The order form can be downloaded from the Historical Society website under the "more" tab then choose "Veteran's Memorial" You can also email the society at [info@dmphs.org](mailto:info@dmphs.org).

**Note:** We usually wait until we get 5 orders to place the brick order. This is due to a substantial shipping fee we have to pay with fewer than 5 orders. Bricks are then placed at the memorial as the weather permits. Thank you for your understanding! If you have never been to the square in Dauphin to see the memorial, please take the time and pay a visit!

**To contact the society** please email to [info@dmphs.org](mailto:info@dmphs.org) or [research@dmphs.org](mailto:research@dmphs.org). For more information on the Society our website is <https://www.dmphs.org>. We can also be found on Facebook as Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society!

# Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association

**Clarks Valley, January 2024:** Your Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association (CCWPA) has been active in many different ways as we fight to preserve and protect our watershed, which lies in Middle Paxton and Reed Townships of Dauphin County.

## 2023 Past Activities

Your CCWPA continues to attend Township and Borough meetings and monitor zoning and construction, as part of our commitment to safeguarding the purity of our watershed. 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. CCWPA fights to stay knowledgeable, keep informing the public and mobilizing "friends of the watershed" when needed.

At our 2023 Annual Meeting this past September, the CCWPA discussed the new Septic Ordinance affecting Middle Paxton Township. The west end of Clarks Creek is in "Zone 1" (2024) and the east end of Clarks Creek is in "Zone 2," meaning that all septic systems in our watershed in Middle Paxton Township will have to be inspected by the end of 2025. Your CCWPA feels that this is a good thing for the watershed, in that it helps keep septic systems under control, but also recognizes that doing this may be a burden to some homeowners. There was also much discussion of the DeHart Dam, and the CCWPA decided to revisit its attempts to define the inundation zone, disaster access and safety paths, notifications, and more.

Also at our Annual Meeting, our President Paula Zankel reviewed activities of CCWPA during 2023, including the Girl Scouts presentation, presence at all public municipal meetings, and more. Finally, at the meeting, Kyle Kuntz, Sherry McLain, John Mimmall and Paula Zankel were elected by acclamation to two-year terms on the Board of CCWPA, joining Mike Blum, Ryan Evans, Arlene Taylor and Brett Zankel.

Our 24th ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY TRASH PICKUP on Rte. 325 Clarks Valley Road in Middle Paxton Township took place on October 7, 2023. Nine volunteers under the direction of Mike Blum braved the drizzle and picked up 20 bags of trash, 5 bags of recycling and assorted pieces of wreckage, some of which were also able to be recycled (see photos). Once again, our efforts were under the aegis of the "Great American Clean-Up of Pennsylvania."

The CCWPA had its booth at the annual Wildwood Wetlands Festival in April 2023, the Lions Club Carnival and the Ned Smith Festival for Nature and the Arts in July, 2023, and at the Dauphin Historical Society Heritage Day on October 21, 2023. We hope you saw us!

## 2024 Planned Future Activities

Look for the CCWPA Booth at the **Wildwood Park Wetlands Festival** on April 27, 2024, at Wildwood Park in Harrisburg! You can learn more about how we work to preserve and protect the watershed, and how watersheds help improve our quality of life.

On May 11, 2024 we will hold our **25th ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY TRASH PICKUP SESSION** on Route 325 from 9 a.m.—noon, with a pizza party to follow, starting at 1231 Clarks Valley Road! We are now in our 12th year of keeping trash and garbage out of our watershed, and we look forward to many more years of keeping this going! If you wish to volunteer, please send an e-mail to [info@ccwpa.org](mailto:info@ccwpa.org) or go online to <https://www.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://www.ccwpa.org>.

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



**Caption:** 20 bags of trash in the dumpster plus 5 bags of recycling and assorted car parts ready to be picked up after the CCWPA's 24th ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY TRASH PICKUP on October 7, 2023. PHOTO CREDIT: CCWPA. ALL RIGHTS RELEASED.



**Caption:** Some of the volunteers collecting trash and recycling in the rain on Rte. 325 in Middle Paxton Township as part of the CCWPA's 24th ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY TRASH PICKUP on October 7, 2023. PHOTO CREDIT: CCWPA. ALL RIGHTS RELEASED.

## State Senator John DiSanto

**My office can offer assistance with state government programs and services.**

Several newly enhanced state government programs may provide benefits for you or a family you know. My office can provide additional information and guide you in applying for programs for which you may be eligible.

Eligibility for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program has been expanded in 2024, for taxes and rent paid in 2023. The income cap (with 1/2 of all Social Security income excluded) for homeowners has been raised from \$35,000 to \$45,000, and for renters from \$15,000 to \$45,000, and the maximum standard rebate has gone from \$650 to \$1,000. The program is open to Pennsylvanians age 65 and older, widows and widowers age 50 and older, and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2024.

Pennsylvanians who receive the federal Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit can now take a refundable state tax credit on their PA income tax return equal to 100 percent of the federal credit. Eligible individuals that have incurred qualifying care expenses can receive between \$600 and \$1,050 for one dependent and between \$1,200 and \$2,100 for two or more dependents.

If you require any assistance navigating these or other state programs, please call my office at 717-787-6801 or reach me online at [www.senatordisanto.com/contact/](http://www.senatordisanto.com/contact/).

As well, my office is able to assist you with resolving many issues involving state government, including driver licensing and vehicle services through PennDOT, tax matters with the Department of Revenue, unemployment assistance through the Department of Labor & Industry, and occupational licensure at the Department of State. My staff and I are glad to serve you.

*Please stay in touch! Go to my website, [www.senatordisanto.com](http://www.senatordisanto.com), and click on “sign up for emails.” You may also call my office at 717-787-6801 for help with any state-related matters.*



## State Representative Joe Kerwin



The office of state Rep. Joe Kerwin will be hosting senior expos, document shredding and fraud bingo this summer. Date, time and location for these events can be found below. Be sure to check [Facebook.com/RepJoeKerwin](https://www.facebook.com/RepJoeKerwin), [RepJoeKerwin.com](http://RepJoeKerwin.com) and subscribe to emails at [RepJoeKerwin.com/Email-Signup](http://RepJoeKerwin.com/Email-Signup) for updates from the office.

April 11th from 11 a.m.—1 p.m. Senior Expo Drive Thru Event  
Houck Manor Park 628 Walnut Ave. Harrisburg PA 17112

April 18th from 11 a.m.—1 p.m. Senior Expo Drive Thru Event  
Wiconisco Fire House 387 Arch St. Wiconisco PA 17097

June 1st from 9 a.m.—11 a.m. Shredding Event  
Houck Manor Park 628 Walnut Ave. Harrisburg PA 17112

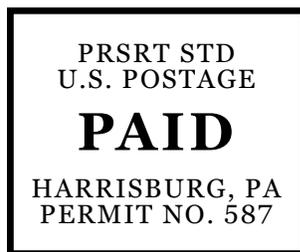
June 8th from 9 a.m.—11 a.m. Shredding Event  
Grace United Methodist Church 982 Medical Rd Millersburg PA 17061

August 7th from 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m. Fraud Bingo  
Millersburg Senior Center Walnut St. and Pine St. Millersburg PA 17061

August 15th from 1 p.m.—3 p.m. Fraud Bingo  
Houck Manor Park 628 Walnut Ave. Harrisburg PA 17112



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**10 Elizabeth Avenue**  
**P.O. Box 277**  
**Dauphin, PA 17018**



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**2024 PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**Tuesday, April 23rd**



**Last day to register to vote—April 8th, 2023**

**Last day to request mail-in or absentee ballot—April 16th, 2023**

**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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