

# MIDDLE PAXTON

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## Welcoming Our New Middle Paxton Township Supervisors — A Season of Change

As the seasons shift and we look ahead to new beginnings, Middle Paxton Township finds itself in a meaningful season of change. With that change comes renewed energy, fresh perspectives, and continued commitment to the values that make our community strong. We are pleased to welcome two new members to the Board of Supervisors: Ryan Jorich and Jace Hilton.

Change in leadership is both a milestone and an opportunity. It allows us to reflect on where we have been while setting a thoughtful course for where we are going. Ryan and Jace step into their roles at a time when responsible planning, transparent communication, and community engagement are more important than ever.

This season of change is not simply about new faces—it is about renewed commitment. The role of Township Supervisor carries significant responsibility, from overseeing budgets and infrastructure improvements to shaping land use policies and supporting public safety services. The Board of Supervisors accepts these duties with integrity, accountability, and a desire to serve.

As Middle Paxton Township continues to grow and evolve, strong leadership and active community participation remain essential. We encourage residents to attend public meetings, share ideas, and take part in shaping the future of our Township. Change is most powerful when it brings people together with a shared vision.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Ryan Jorich and Jace Hilton as they begin their service. In this season of change, we look forward with optimism—confident that through collaboration and dedication, Middle Paxton Township will continue to be a *Great Place to Live, Grow and Work!*



**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, May 19  
(Primary Election Day)

Monday, May 25  
(Memorial Day)

Monday, September 7  
(Labor Day)

Tuesday, November 3  
(General Election Day)

Wednesday, November 11  
(Veterans Day)

Thursday, November 26  
(Thanksgiving)

**Board of Supervisors**

*First Monday of the month @ 7 pm*

*Workshop Meetings – Third Thursday of the month @ 7 pm (if needed)*

**Ryan Evans**  
Chairman

**Wilbur Evans**  
Vice Chairman

**Lawrence Cooney**  
Treasurer

**Ryan Jorich**

**Jace Hilton**

**Dauphin Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority**

**Nicole Staley O’Gorman**  
President

**Tim Wenrich**  
Vice President

**Ron Hull**  
Secretary

**Lawrence Cooney**  
Treasurer

**Michael Cohen**

**Jim Ryan**

**Julie Seeds**

**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

**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

**Mike McKenna**  
Assistant Chief

**Ryan Boyer**  
Assistant Chief 2

**Jon Fleming**  
Captain

**Nathan Sweeney**  
Lieutenant

**Noah Smith**  
Lieutenant 1

**Zoning Hearing Board**

*Second Wednesday of the month @ 7 pm (if needed)*

**James Allen**  
Chairman

**Joseph McConlogue**  
Vice Chairman

**Debra Eshelman**  
Secretary

**Patrick Armstrong, Esq.**  
Solicitor

**Planning Commission**

*Second 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

**Tax Collector**

**Tanya Pomeroy**

# Important Phone Numbers

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9 am—4 pm, Wednesday 9 am—noon  
**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FRIDAY, by appointment only.**

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

**\*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 (SR225, SR443 & U.S. 22/322)	(717) 787-5391 or (800) 349-7632
* Township Road—Bears	(610) 926-3136
* Township Road—Deer	(610) 926-1966

# 2026 Road Improvement & Maintenance Projects

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Middle Paxton Township is committed to maintaining and improving our infrastructure to ensure safe and reliable travel for our residents. In 2026, several important roadway improvement and maintenance projects are scheduled throughout the Township.

## ◇ **Fulton Road & Speece Lane – Pipe Replacement**

Pipe replacement work will be performed on **Fulton Road** and **Speece Lane** to improve stormwater drainage and prevent roadway deterioration. This project will involve excavating the roadway, removing the existing pipe, and installing new infrastructure.

### **What to Expect:**

- Temporary lane restrictions or short-term road closures
- Construction equipment and work crews on-site
- Possible minor travel delays

## ◇ **McKelvey Road – Culvert & Guiderail Repair**

A culvert/small bridge repair is scheduled for **McKelvey Road**. This project is necessary to maintain roadway safety, improve water flow, and prevent future structural issues.

### **This project may require:**

- A temporary full road closure
- A posted detour route
- Extended construction duration compared to pipe replacements

Additional details regarding traffic impacts will be provided prior to construction.

In addition to the major infrastructure projects listed above, the Township will also be scheduling routine roadway maintenance throughout 2026, including:

- **Street Sweeping**
- **Road Grading** (on applicable roadways)
- **Crack Sealing**
- **Line Painting/Pavement Markings**
- **General Road Repairs and Patching**

These preventative maintenance efforts help extend the life of our roads, improve driving conditions, and reduce long-term repair costs.

### **Stay Informed**

The Township will announce the official start dates and provide project updates through:

- **The Middle Paxton Township website**
- **Savvy Citizen**

We strongly encourage residents to monitor these platforms for the latest information regarding schedules, traffic impacts, and detours.

### **Thank You for Your Patience**

We understand that construction and maintenance projects can cause temporary inconvenience. We greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation as we continue investing in the safety, reliability, and longevity of Middle Paxton Township's roadways.

For questions, please contact the Township Office at 717-921-8128 ext. 106 or ext. 107.

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## Quarterly Morning Information Session with Township Staff

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The Township will be hosting a quarterly morning information session for residents to ask questions about the permit process, zoning regulations, and local ordinances. This is a great opportunity to speak directly with staff and get guidance on your specific questions.

Please note, this session is intended to provide information and answer questions about processes and requirements; it is not a forum for complaints or grievances.

Please stay tuned to the Township website and Savvy Citizen for upcoming dates and additional details.

# 2026 Potato Valley Road Stream Relocation & Improvement Projects

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During 2026, residents along Potato Valley Road can expect construction activity for two important infrastructure projects designed to improve roadway safety, stormwater management, and long-term stream stability.

These improvements represent the Township's continued investment in protecting our roads and natural resources while enhancing safety for motorists and nearby property owners.

**Project 1** focuses on relocating a stream that currently runs very close to the edge of Potato Valley Road.

## **What This Project Includes:**

- **Relocating the stream channel** further away from the roadway to prevent ongoing erosion.
- **Stabilizing the stream banks** using *gabion baskets* (rock-filled wire baskets designed to control erosion and reinforce embankments).
- **Replacing the existing culvert** beneath the roadway to improve water flow and drainage.
- **Reconstructing approximately 200 feet of roadway**, including installation of new guiderail for added safety.

## **Why This Work Is Needed:**

Over time, stream movement and erosion have compromised the stability of the roadway edge. By relocating and stabilizing the stream, the Township is proactively preventing future roadway damage and improving long-term safety.

## **Project 2: Potato Valley Road Improvements**

The second phase includes three smaller drainage and stabilization projects, along with a roadway improvement component.

### **Wetland Basin Stabilization**

- Located southwest of the Potato Valley bridge (replaced in 2020).
- Work will include stabilizing the existing berm and planting shrubs within the wetland basin area.
- This will improve stormwater management and reduce erosion.

### **Roadside Swale Regrading & Stabilization**

- Located north of the Potato Valley bridge along the western side of the road.
- This area includes a roadway bend where a natural spring flows along the road edge.
- The swale will be regraded and stabilized with riprap (large stone) to improve drainage and protect the roadway.

### **Stormwater Inlet & Pipe Replacement**

- Two inlets and associated stormwater pipes will be replaced in front of Geisel Road.
- These upgrades will improve stormwater collection and reduce localized drainage issues.

## **What Residents Can Expect**

- Construction activity starting Spring 2026
- Possible temporary lane restrictions or minor traffic delays
- Construction equipment and contractor presence along the roadway
- Short-term inconveniences for long-term roadway and drainage improvements

The Township will work to minimize disruptions and appreciates residents' patience during construction.

## **Stay Informed**

Updates and construction schedules will be posted on the Township website once dates are finalized and contracts are awarded. Notifications will also be sent out on **Savvy Citizen**. *(Please sign up to receive notifications.)*

These projects are an important step toward ensuring that Potato Valley Road remains safe, stable, and resilient for years to come.

If you have questions, please contact the Township office or visit the Township website for future updates.

# On-Lot Sewage Management Program

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**REMINDER:** Residents in Zone 3 (Stoney 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 S.R. 225 to the western banks of the Susquehanna River, Zone 2 - Clarks Valley, Zone 3 - Stoney Creek Valley, Zone 4 - Fishing Creek Valley including Front Street, Roberts Valley Road and Greggs 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

### **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

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## 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.

## Signs of an On-Lot System in Trouble

- \* Toilet runs sluggish.
- \* Sewer odors in the house and/or drinking water.
- \* Illness, often to household visitors.
- \* Sponginess around septic tank, distribution box or dosing tank and absorption area.
- \* Surfacing raw sewage.
- \* Dosing pump runs constantly or not at all.
- \* Dosing tank alarm light is on.
- \* Backup of sewage into laundry tubs or other fixtures.

## 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.

*Remember, what goes into your toilet and drains many eventually end up back in your drinking water. So instead of using caustic toilet bowl cleaners or bleach, try mild detergent or baking soda or one half cup of borax per gallon of water.*

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dep/residents/my-water/septic-systems>



**pennsylvania**  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION

# From the Manager's Desk

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Spring will soon arrive in Middle Paxton Township, bringing with it longer days, warmer temperatures, and a renewed sense of energy throughout our community. After a long winter season, it's a welcome sight to see budding trees, blooming flowers, and neighbors once again enjoying the outdoors.

Spring is a season of renewal and progress. As we transition into these brighter months, Township staff and our dedicated Public Works team are preparing for a busy season of road maintenance, park improvements, and community projects. You may see crews out repairing winter damage, replacing signage, and preparing our parks for the months ahead. We appreciate your patience as this important work is completed.

This is also a wonderful time to take advantage of everything our Township has to offer. Whether you're walking or biking along our scenic roadways, visiting local parks, or participating in upcoming community events, I encourage you to get outside and reconnect with neighbors and friends. Spring reminds us of the strength and spirit that make Middle Paxton Township such a special place to live.

Please keep an eye on the Township website and take time to read through the newsletter for updates on meetings, seasonal reminders, and community activities. As always, we welcome your feedback and involvement. Also, sign up for *Savvy Citizen* to receive important notifications from weather conditions to road work.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors and Township staff, I wish you and your family a safe, healthy, and enjoyable spring and summer season.

Warm regards,

Julie Seeds  
Township Manager

## **Please Leave a Message**

If you call the Township office and reach voicemail, please leave a message. The receptionist or staff member you are trying to reach may be assisting someone or on another call. If you do not leave a message, we have no way of knowing you contacted us and cannot return your call or assist you. Thank you for your cooperation!

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# Important Notice to Pet Owners at Hagy Park

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Residents who enjoy walking their dogs at Hagy Park are part of a valued and vibrant community. The park is a shared public space—used by families, children, athletes, and neighbors of all ages. Unfortunately, an increasing problem threatens everyone's continued enjoyment of this beautiful space: **dog waste that is not being cleaned up, and dogs not being kept on a leash.**

**If pet owners do not immediately and consistently clean up after their dogs and keep them properly leashed at all times, the Township will begin asking violators to leave the park. Continued non-compliance may result in the Township prohibiting pets at Hagy Park altogether.**

Uncollected dog waste is more than unpleasant — it is a serious health and environmental hazard:

- It spreads bacteria and parasites.
- It contaminates soil and nearby waterways.
- It creates unsafe conditions for children and other park users.
- It damages the reputation of responsible pet owners.

Most dog owners at Hagy Park do the right thing. However, it only takes a handful of irresponsible individuals to create a widespread problem — and jeopardize access for everyone.

## **If this issue continues:**

1. Park staff and Township representatives may ask non-compliant individuals to leave immediately.
2. Increased monitoring and enforcement may be implemented.
3. As a last resort, the Township may revise park rules to prohibit pets at Hagy Park.

No one wants to see that happen. Removing pet access would impact responsible residents because of the actions of a few.

If you bring a dog to Hagy Park:

- **Carry waste bags at all times.**
- **Pick up immediately — every time.**
- **Dispose of waste properly in designated receptacles.**
- **Keep your dog on a leash at all times, as required by park regulations.**
- **Remind fellow pet owners to do the same.**

There are no exceptions. "I forgot a bag" or "I'll get it later" is not acceptable, as the Township provides waste bags at the park.

Let's work together to keep Hagy Park clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone.

# Safety Checklist for Homeowners and Renters

## Smoke Alarms Should Be...

- On every level of the home
- Inside and outside sleeping areas
- Less than 10 years old

## Carbon Monoxide Alarms Should Be...

- On every level of the home
- Less than 7 years old

**\*TEST YOUR ALARMS REGULARLY. Your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are working if they makes a noise when you press the "test" button.\***

## Test Your Home For Radon

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas. It can enter your home through the ground and affect indoor air quality. When inhaled, the radioactive particles can damage DNA and cause lung cancer. The only way to know if your home has high levels of radon is to test. Visit <https://www.epa.gov/radon/find-radon-test-kit-or-measurement-and-mitigation-professional> for testing information.

## 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.

## Brush Site

### OPENING DATE TO BE DETERMINED—CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

The brush site is located at Hagy Park - 1120 Mountain Road, Dauphin.

#### BRUSH AND TREE TRIMMINGS ONLY

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

Hours: 9 am to 3 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays  
9 am to 4 pm Saturdays

**Permits are required. DAY PASS: \$25 | ANNUAL PASS FOR 2026: \$75**

Applications can be found on the Township website, [www.middlepaxtontwp.org](http://www.middlepaxtontwp.org), under **Resources > Applications**, or at the Township office.

The site is open to residents of Middle Paxton Township.

**No commercial businesses are permitted.**

## Reflective Address Markers



Ensure your house number is properly and visibly displayed with a reflective address marker. Reflective address markers help emergency services quickly locate your home in the event of an emergency. Markers can be ordered at the Township office. They are \$20 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.**

# Valley Waste Solutions, Inc.

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

- **Standard Weekly Service** (\$128.19 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 \$120, plus recycling fee of \$27.18 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).
- 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.

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

The Household Hazardous Waste Program previously offered by Dauphin County and Waste Management **is no longer available**. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is typically comprised of unused household products that may explode, catch fire, or be generally harmful to the environment if not properly disposed of. Some examples of HHW are paint, pesticides, pool chemicals, drain cleaners, batteries, and motor oil. Per the PA Department of Environmental Protection's guidelines, all residents are permitted to throw their unused/unwanted HHW in their regular trash (**NOT recycling**) provided they follow the procedures outlined below:

- 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.

If you'd like more information on Household Hazardous Waste, please visit:

**<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dep/residents/recycling-and-disposal/household-hazardous-waste#accordion-cc05d4806f-item-a22d1ac415>**

## 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 on Monday afternoon and Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm or 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**.



## Codes Enforcement and Compliance

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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](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.**

# Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Co. #1

## 2026 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

President—Noah Smith  
Vice President—Al Smith  
Recording Secretary—Jon Fleming  
Treasurer—Mike McKenna  
Trustees—Shane Swenson, Alexandra 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.



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 request an order form by email: [dauphinfire38@yahoo.com](mailto:dauphinfire38@yahoo.com).



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.**



***Every gift makes a difference.  
Thank you for your continued support!***

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**BINGO**—Doors open at 5 pm and the first game starts at 6 pm. We will have food, pull tabs, 50/50 and more!

\*Bingo is held the **FIRST** & **THIRD** Thursday of every month through the **end of April**. Summer bingo will be the **THIRD** Thursday from **May to September**.\*



Check out our Facebook page for our online raffles and upcoming events!

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



- Michael McKenna, *Mayor*
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- Cindy Long, *Treasurer*
- Ryan Boyer, *Public Facilities*
- Troy Toland, *Roadmaster/Sewer Plant Operator*
- Trudy Koppenhaver, *Rental Properties & Sewer Delinquencies*



You may have noticed construction activity at the carnival grounds in recent months. A new community building is underway, helping to replace what was lost in the 2021 fire that destroyed the former school building. The facility will include limited meeting and office space, with most of the structure dedicated to a new kitchen to support community events such as Carnival and Heritage Days. The building is expected to be ready for use by summer.

## Reminder

The Borough uses the Savvy Citizen app to share important notifications with residents. Please download the app to stay informed.

Borough residents are encouraged to review the following ordinances to stay informed about local regulations.

- Chapter 2 - Animals
- Chapter 6 - Regulation of Fireworks
- Chapter 15 - Motor Vehicles and Traffic
- Chapter 18 - Sewers and Sewage Disposal

As warmer weather arrives, please slow down in the Borough, watch for children at play, and help keep roads safe by removing grass clippings from the roadway.

Online payment for sewer and trash bills is now available through the Borough website, with a small processing fee.

# COMMUNITY BULLETIN

## **HOPE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Election Day Food &  
Bake Sale**  
**Tuesday, May 19, 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.

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 the local Penn State Extension office at 717-921-8803 or visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/lift-8>

## **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

## **FISHING CREEK VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Egg Hunt/Chicken Corn Soup Sale**

**Saturday, March 28 at 11 am**

**Contact Natalie Bailor at  
fvcva1@aol.com or  
717-503-9056 to sign up.**



**Please bring containers if purchasing soup.**

## **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **FOOD BOXES FOR SENIORS:**

Zion Lutheran Church with Central PA Food Bank to provide the local Senior Food Bank Program. Recipients must be at least 60 years of age and must live in Dauphin Borough or Middle Paxton Township. This program is open to applicants who meet financial guidelines.

Seniors receive nutritionally balanced self-stable food as well as fresh fruits, vegetables and meats.

Both Middle Paxton Lions Club and Dauphin-Middle Paxton Home Association have provided grant funding to benefit our seniors.

The Senior Food Box Program requires registration. Food distribution is the third Thursday of each month from 11 am to 1 pm at Zion Lutheran Church, Allegheny & Swatara Streets, Dauphin.

For more information, call Melanie Mimmall at 717-921-2752, Zion Church at 717-921-8111 or email [zlcseiorboxprogram@gmail.com](mailto:zlcseiorboxprogram@gmail.com).

# 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 are restricted to medical and 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 and donations are greatly appreciated! Rides must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance by calling the Middle Paxton 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 doctor 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**.

## **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **SENIOR BUS TRIPS:**

- **GRETNA THEATHER—"MURDER AT AKERTON MANOR"**  
**Thursday, July 9, 2026—\$70/person**

In this whirlwind tribute to Agatha Christie, three actors bring seven outrageous characters to life. Twists, turns, and mistaken identities keep the laughs, and bodies, coming.

- **JIM THORPE ADVENTURE**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026—\$145/person**

Join ZLC for a full day of adventure to the delightful and historical town of Jim Thorpe. Included in your day-long excursion will be luxury coach transportation, a scenic ride on the Lehigh Gorge Railroad to view fall colors, a ride on the Historic Trolley Tour, and all taxes and driver gratuities. Lunch will be on your own at one of the delicious eateries well within walking distance of shops, boutiques and local museums.

For more information regarding these trips, contact Lucretia Crum at 717-921-2191 or email [lcapower@yahoo.com](mailto:lcapower@yahoo.com).

- **AA MEETINGS**

Zion Lutheran Evangelical Church is open to the public every Tuesday evening from 6—7 pm for Stoney Creek Serenity Group AA meetings. Zion is located at the corner of Allegheny Street & Swatara Street in Dauphin Borough.

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

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

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Sat., April 4, 2026  
11 am - Ages 1—12

100% FREE.  
100% FUN.



We invite kids of all ages to grab a spring photo, enjoy an egg hunt, win prizes, and hear the true Easter story; a joyful morning for the whole family.

**PRE-REGISTRATION NOW OPEN:**  
<https://forms.gle/ZacHQoFqcnPuEmG6>



### **VBS 2026: Rainforest Falls**

June 21—25, 2026  
from 6—8 pm  
Age 3 (pre-K)—5th grade

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN:**  
<https://forms.gle/uTre7d4fvRb6VcTt5>



### **CVZ Community Night Out:**



Join CVZ, local businesses, community organizations, emergency responders, and neighbors for a fun-filled evening together!

**Sat., Aug. 8 from 5—7 pm**

- \* **Food available for purchase** at reasonable prices
- \* **Kids can fill a backpack** to help prepare for the **2026—27 school year**
- \* **Face painting and activities** for children of all ages

### **Kingdom Kids: A Night Full of Stars**

Auditions: Aug. 30—3 pm  
Rehearsals begin Sun.,  
Sept. 13, 2026

Show weekend:  
Dec. 5 & 6, 2026  
Age 3 (pre-k)—8th grade

**REGISTRATION  
NOW OPEN:**  
<https://forms.gle/m3oHfRVBZEAdfm2N8>



# Dauphin Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority

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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! If interested in reserving a date, please contact Tim Wenrich at 717-648-7490.

As a reminder, **NO firearms or weapons are permitted on park property AT ANY TIME**. For the safety of everyone enjoying the park, **hunting is NOT permitted**. Also, dumping of yard waste, brush, trash or other debris in any area of the park, **including our dumpsters**, is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED. 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 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 pm, January through October. May through September, meetings are held in the large pavilion at the park. All other meetings are held at the Dauphin Borough building.



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

*Board Members:*

Nichole Staley O’Gorman, President  
Tim Wenrich, Vice President  
Larry Cooney, Treasurer  
Ron Hull, Secretary

Julie Seeds  
Michael Cohen  
Jeff Thrush

## Dog Licensing

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Friendly reminder that **all dogs 8 weeks or older are required by law 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.

**NO LICENSE = \$500.00 FINE + COURT COST / PER DOG**

# Dauphin Recreation Association (The Dauphin Pool)

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Dauphin Recreation Association, PO Box 4, Dauphin, PA 17018  
Pool Phone 223-237-7628 (only during the pool season: June through August)  
Pool Physical Address: 590 Claster Blvd, Dauphin, PA 17018

**THE DAUPHIN POOL** is managed and operated by the Dauphin Recreation Association (**DRA**) Board of Directors, a totally volunteer and non-profit association. The seasonal passes and any fundraising funds are what covers **payroll** for our staff of high school and college students as the lifeguards and office staff, **gas** for lawn cutting, **chlorine, electricity, trash, insurance, phone, and Wi-Fi** as well as the many other expenses necessary for running an organization for the community's benefit.

Follow us on our website, **dauphinpool.org**, for information about the pool and for any application documents to download, or **Facebook, Dauphin Recreation Association**, for updated events.

**SUMMER SEASON LIFEGUARDS** applicants must be 15 years of age and have a current Red Cross Lifeguard Certification.

**OFFICE STAFF** must be 15 years of age with customer service personality (answering questions and the telephone), ability to count money correctly and take food orders (soda, candy, snacks, soft pretzels and ice cream).

**SEASON PASS APPLICATIONS** for 2026 season passes will be an **Individual Pass: \$225** or a **Family Pass: \$325**. The pool opens for the season following the last day of school for Central Dauphin (June 10 according to the district calendar).

**FUNDRAISING:** There is grant money available for this project, but fundraising continues as this is a multi-phase project. Hopefully the demolition and construction may be able to begin following the summer 2026 season. Stay tuned.

**DAUPHIN PIZZA GIFT CERTIFICATES** are always available. Each \$25 gift certificate for Dauphin Pizza purchased from the Dauphin Pool gives the purchaser \$25 to spend at Dauphin Pizza and an additional \$5 profit to the pool. Contact: Susan Kenyon at 717-921-8739 or Linda Klutas at 717-514-6676 for the purchase of the gift certificates until the pool opens for the season.

**FENCE BANNERS:** We are offering businesses the opportunity to advertise on our fence during the summer season. If this is something you are interested in, contact Linda Klutas at [lkutas@gmail.com](mailto:lkutas@gmail.com) or 717-514-6676, or Melinda Tobin at [workdauphinpool@gmail.com](mailto:workdauphinpool@gmail.com).

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested in joining the Pool Board, or volunteering for whatever work is necessary (Spring cleanup, painting the pool, regular yard work, cutting grass, grass edging, adults to volunteer in concession stand, etc.) there is always room for more help. Please contact Linda Klutas at [lkutas@gmail.com](mailto:lkutas@gmail.com).

***Stay Cool at the Pool***

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## Park & Community Space Rentals

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### 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.

# Middle Paxton Elementary **CAREER DAY** **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Middle Paxton Elementary School is seeking family and community volunteers for our Career Day in May.

## Volunteer Opportunities:

- **AM Touch-a-Truck (Grades K-5):** Bring a vehicle, tools, or equipment from your profession
- **PM Classroom Career Talks (Grades 3-5)**

Share your career with students.  
Participate in one or both sessions.  
Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up.



## **DAUPHIN MIDDLE PAXTON CELEBRATES USA 250**

**PARADE  
DJ  
KIDS GAMES  
DEMONSTRATIONS**

**CIVIL WAR DANCING  
FREE FOOD  
COMMUNITY  
COMPETITIONS**

**SATURDAY  
JUNE 27, 2026**

**12-4 PM**

**DAUPHIN CARNIVAL GROUNDS**

**PRESENTED BY DAUPHIN/MIDDLE PAXTON  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
LIONS CLUB  
FIRE COMPANY**

# Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society

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**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!

**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 or decide to purge. 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!

## Monetary Donations:

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

**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 pm until further notice. Our speakers are always fun and interesting, and the public is welcome!

## Monthly Meeting Upcoming Speakers

Thursday, April 23, 2026 - 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Historical Society – We are 30 years old this year!!

## Veteran's Memorial Brick Orders

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

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

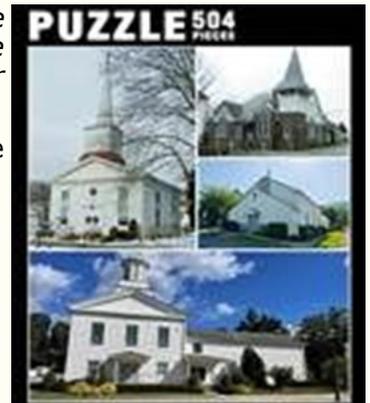
The order form can be downloaded from the Historical Society Website under the "more" tab, then choose "Veteran's Memorial". You can also email the society at [info@dmphs.org](mailto:info@dmphs.org).

**Note:** *We usually wait until we get five orders to place the brick order. This is due to a substantial shipping fee we must pay with fewer than five 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!

**Puzzles for Sale:** Puzzles come in both 504 and 1000 pieces, \$25.00.

**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!](#)



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## Mind Your Speed – Especially in School Zones

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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.**



# Detweiler Park

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## **Detweiler Park Updates:**

2026 will be an exciting and eventful year at Detweiler Park! From invasive species removal to creating a dedicated park entrance, more information about up-and-coming projects at the park can be found below.

## **Detweiler Park Main Entrance Plans:**

Detweiler Park will soon have a main park entrance off SR225. In order to create this main entrance and make it as safe as possible for everyone, the roadway needs to be widened to accommodate left- and right-hand turn lanes. This roadwork will take place between the Peter Allen House and current Detweiler Park entrance at the Conservation District building. It is anticipated to be completed in 2026. We know this may create an inconvenience for anyone who travels Peters Mountain Road regularly, but we will try our best to make up for it by offering lots of fun and exciting programs at the park in the future!

## **Discover Detweiler BioBlitz Event – Saturday, May 9th, 10 am – 3 pm**

Mark your calendar for the Discover Detweiler BioBlitz on Saturday, May 9! This exciting, family-friendly event brings together naturalists, scientists, and community members to identify and document as many species as possible within a set time period. Whether you're an experienced birder, a budding botanist, or just curious about the wildlife around you, the BioBlitz is a fun way to learn more about the park's biodiversity. Guided walks will be offered throughout the day and participants will use iNaturalist to help identify and catalog the plants and animals they find, contributing valuable data that supports ongoing conservation efforts.

## **NRCS Grant Work Coming Soon**

We are also pleased to share that upcoming habitat improvement work will be taking place in the park through support from a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) grant. The Friends of Detweiler Park have received a grant from the NRCS to remove targeted invasive species within the park over the next four years. In accordance with the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources recommendations, Detweiler Park will undergo essential invasive species control through mechanical removal and targeted herbicide application to protect and restore native habitats. There may be periodic trail closures during this time, but the park will remain a safe area for hiking while foresters are at work.

## **Friends of Detweiler Park: Get Involved, Explore, and Grow With Us!**

The Friends of Detweiler Park invite community members to get involved in supporting one of our region's most treasured natural spaces. Membership is open to anyone who values conservation, outdoor recreation, and environmental education. By becoming a member, you'll help support habitat restoration, trail improvements, educational programming, and special events throughout the year. Members also receive updates on park projects, volunteer opportunities, and ways to make a lasting impact. Joining is easy—simply visit our website or connect with us at any upcoming event to sign up.

More information on all of these topics, and any trail closures, can be found on the Detweiler Park website, [www.detweilerpark.org](http://www.detweilerpark.org), or by scanning the QR code below. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kayla Harbert, Detweiler Park Manager, at 717-780-6701 or [kharbert@dauphincounty.gov](mailto:kharbert@dauphincounty.gov).

We look forward to seeing you at the BioBlitz and welcoming you as a member of the Friends of Detweiler Park as we continue working together to protect and celebrate this special place along the Kittatinny Ridge!



# Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association

Clarks Valley, January 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 Middle Paxton and Reed Townships of Dauphin County.

## 2025 Past Activities

Now in its 15th year of stewardship of the watershed, 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" whenever needed.

The CCWPA currently has nearly over 50 paid-in-full members, including over 30 "lifetime" members plus several "Nonprofit" members. The e-grams that CCWPA sends out reach a much larger base: over 250 active e-mail addressees have "opted in" to receive CCWPA e-grams and e-mails. The CCWPA website and Facebook page contain much useful information, including events, photos, reports and the Dauphin County Conservation District's Conservation Plan for the Clarks Creek Watershed. We remain confident that our community will help us preserve and protect the Clarks Creek watershed.

## 2025 Annual Meeting

At the CCWPA Annual Meeting in September 2025, Paula Zankel presented her report, which included how the CCWPA twice picked up trash on SR325, presented at several community events including the National Night Out, and would be present at the Heritage Day Fair in October 2025. The annual election of directors saw the slate of John Mimmall, Sherry McLain and Paula Zankel adopted by consensus unanimously to serve 2-year terms on the Board of Directors, through September 2027. They join Board Members Mike Blum, Ryan Evans, Sr., Arlene Taylor and Brett Zankel, whose terms run through September 2026.

Future CCWPA efforts will be to continue to react to watershed-threat issues when and if they arise; to continue our Adopt-a-Highway trash collection; to reach our market and community on a continual basis with watershed updates; and to apply ourselves to new projects as suggested by the Board and by current events. For instance, we alerted our entire e-mail list about the Septic Ordinance affecting Middle Paxton Township that required all septic systems in Clarks Valley to be inspected by the end of 2025. Your CCWPA feels that this requirement was a good thing for the watershed, in that it helps keep septic systems under control. We are also looking into "scum bubbles" that have appeared in Clarks Creek, and other related issues.

## 28th Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pickup

Our 28th **Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pickup** on SR325 Clarks Valley Road in Middle Paxton Township took place on Saturday, October 11, 2025. Seven volunteers under the direction of Mike Blum enjoyed beautiful fall weather as they picked up 15 bags of trash, eight bags of recycling and assorted pieces of wreckage, some of which were also able to be recycled. "Although we had a smaller group than before, we efficiently covered both sides of our two miles of Clarks Valley Road," says Blum. "We really think that our ongoing efforts to keep the road clean have paid off, in that we see less and less trash and garbage as the years go by," says CCWPA President Paula Zankel. Once again, the CCWPA Trash Collection efforts were under the aegis of the "Great American Clean-Up of Pennsylvania."



CCWPA 28th Adopt-A-Highway Trash Collection Crew! Left to right: Sherry McLain, Mike Blum, Paula Zankel, Denise Scotland, John Mimmall, Arlene Taylor and Karen Stilp; Saturday, October 11, 2025.

## 2026 Planned Future Activities

Look for the CCWPA booth at the **Wildwood Park Wetlands Festival** on Saturday, April 25, 2026, 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 30, 2026, we will hold our **29th Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pickup Session** on SR325 from 9 am - noon, with a pizza party to follow, starting at 1231 Clarks Valley Road! We are now in our 15th 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 go online to <https://ccwpa.org>.

On September 13, 2026, we will hold our **16th Annual Meeting and Pool Party** (weather permitting for the pool part!) at 1231 Clarks Valley Road. Communication about this will be e-mailed and posted in the summer.

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.

# Dauphin-Middle Paxton Lions Club

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## HELP WANTED: HERE COMES THE CARNIVAL!



Hey, neighbors, it's our annual invitation: Come one, come all to help the Lions make this our best summer carnival yet. If you're willing to help, we have a place for you. We couldn't do it without you.

Planning is underway for this year's carnival, which will be held July 7–11.

There will be bands, games, fireworks, and lots of food and other refreshment. For the lineup of bands, updates on all the details, and for information on community meetings and other events, please keep an eye on the Lions' Facebook page.

All proceeds from the carnival go to helping local charities, families in need, local youth sports, scholarships and more.

**Glassware Needed:** The Lions are asking for donations of glassware in good condition to be used for the carnival. Items accepted include everyday drinking glasses, wine glasses, mugs, steins and vases. Please take your donations to the Dauphin borough building during business hours only, between 10 am and 2 pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

### ALSO FROM THE LIONS...

**SEEKING USED EYEGLASSES:** If you have them and no longer need them, please consider donating them to the Lions, who will in turn donate them to help others. A drop-off box has been placed in the Dauphin post office.

**ON THE BUNNY TRAIL:** Our annual Easter egg hunt for the kids of Dauphin and Middle Paxton Township scheduled at noon Saturday, March 21, in the park along Claster Boulevard. Rain date is March 22.

**JOIN THE CLUB:** You don't have to live in Dauphin or Middle Paxton to serve the community as a member of our Lions club. We continue to grow and welcome new Lions. Meetings are on the third Thursday each month. If interested, please contact the Lions via Facebook or any member. Our officers and directors are Chris Smith, Erin Shannon, Liz Rodda, Greg College, Kathy Kramer, Dallas Brashear, Pat Booton, Allen Snader and Skip Wachter.

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# TAKE THE SURVEY!

for the new  
**DAUPHIN COUNTY**  
**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

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# Dauphin County Extension Upcoming Programs/Highlights

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Anne Miller, Business Operations Manager &  
Client Relationship Manager

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

### **Penn State Extension Office Answers Gardening Questions**

Penn State Extension - Dauphin County Master Gardeners are currently available to answer gardening questions at the Penn State Extension - Dauphin County Office. The public is invited to call with gardening questions or bring in samples of plants or insects from their gardens for analysis and/or diagnosis. **Note: All insects brought into the Dauphin County Office must be dead and must be in a container preferably with Isopropyl Alcohol due to the Bed Bug problem.** This service will be available to the public from March 1, 2026 through October 31, 2026. The Penn State Extension - Dauphin County Office is located at 1451 Peters Mountain Road in Dauphin. Penn State Extension - Dauphin County Master Gardeners Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The phone number is (717) 921-7630. Our email address is [dauphinmg@psu.edu](mailto:dauphinmg@psu.edu). Please visit the website at <http://extension.psu.edu/dauphin>.

### **Master Gardeners Upcoming Workshop 2026**

<https://extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/counties/dauphin/news/2026-speakers-series-in-collaboration-with-dauphin-countys-wildwood-park>

### **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. Please visit our website for a list of our clubs in Dauphin County at <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/4-h/counties/dauphin/clubs>

### **Pesticide Meetings**

#### **In-person**

- March 11, 7-9 p.m., Upper Dauphin High School, sponsored by Upper Dauphin FFA (not Penn State Event). (Donations will be accepted to FFA for Registration)
- March 18, 7-9 p.m., Dauphin Extension Office, (registration required \$10). <https://extension.psu.edu/agronomic-pesticide-update>

**Virtual-** can attend live or watch recording and take quiz to receive credit.

- March 12, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Zoom. Must register to receive link (\$10). <https://extension.psu.edu/agronomic-pesticide-update-webinar>

### **Lifelong Improvements through Fitness Together (LIFT) Workshops**

Is an in-person, group-based strength-training program for adults aged 40+. LIFT sessions are held twice a week for 1 hour over the course of **8 weeks** and include an active warm-up, eight core strength-training exercises, and a cooldown.

- March 16 (Next Class Starts) <https://extension.psu.edu/lift-8>



# Dauphin Athletic Association (DAA)

## Who We Are

The Dauphin Athletic Association (DAA) provides athletic programs for residents and their families who live in Middle Paxton Township and the Borough of Dauphin.

The DAA serves as the overarching organization that supports:

- Dauphin Baseball Association
- Dauphin Softball Association
- Dauphin Middle Paxton Soccer Association (DMPSA)

## What Does the DAA Do?

- Provides eligible youth athletes the opportunity to participate in a variety of athletic programs that promote physical fitness, skill development, and sports awareness.
- Upholds the highest standards of ethical practice across all athletic committees.
- Oversees operational aspects of each affiliated athletic program.
- Serves as an advisory board for youth sports programs in Dauphin and Middle Paxton Township.

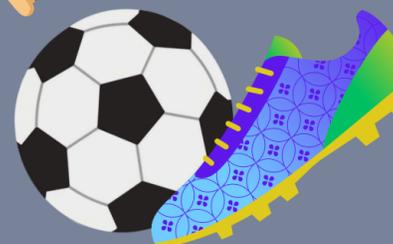
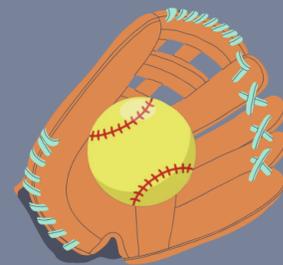
## The Future of Our Youth Athletes

- No child shall be denied the opportunity to participate in any DAA program due to financial hardship.
- Athletic programs may be offered to residents of surrounding communities, as governed by each individual sport's committee.

## Scholarship

The Dauphin Athletic Association offers scholarship opportunities to qualified students to support their continued education. Preference may be given to applicants with multiple years of participation in DAA programs. Scholarships are awarded based on established criteria and applicant qualifications.

For more information, go to [DauphinAthleticAssociation.org](http://DauphinAthleticAssociation.org) or Scan QR Code:



## Softball Fall 2026 Season

Registration Opens May until June 30

**Season:** August 1—November 1

**Ages:** 4—14 Years Old

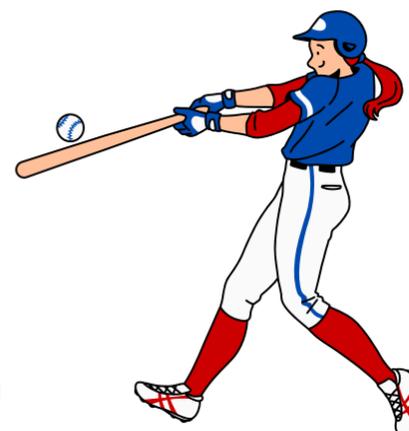
**Location:** Dauphin Middle Paxton Community Park:  
700 Claster Blvd, Dauphin, PA

**For Sponsorship & Volunteer Opportunities email:**  
[DauphinSoftball@gmail.com](mailto:DauphinSoftball@gmail.com)

For more information  
or to register, **Scan QR.**



 Follow us: Dauphin Softball Association





## **DAUPHIN MIDDLE PAXTON SOCCER ASSOCIATION (DMP SA)**

### **Fall 2026**

**Registration Opens  
April until May 31**

**Season Timeline:**

August 1st - November 1st

### **Spring 2027**

**Registration Opens  
January until February**

**Season Timeline:**

April 1st - May 31st

### **Boys & Girls 4-18 Years Old**

**Location:**

Hagy Park: 1130 Mountain Road, Dauphin, PA

**Sponsorship Opportunities Available!**

Email: SoccerBoard@dauphinathletic.org

**Volunteers Opportunity:**

We are looking for volunteers to help our great organization succeed, please email: SoccerBoard@dauphinathletic.org for more information.

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## State Representative Joe Kerwin

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### My Staff and I Are Here to Help You

One of the most important and rewarding aspects of my job is constituent services. My dedicated team and I are pleased to serve you.

We can assist residents with PennDOT paperwork, including driver's license and vehicle registration applications and renewals; information and applications for senior citizen benefit programs, including Property Tax/Rent Rebate and PACE/PACENET prescription drug programs; securing birth and death certificates (photo identification required); and more.

We are open on Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4 pm You may reach out to us by calling either 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**.

### Upcoming Events

I will be hosting two senior drive-thru events in April and a shredding event in May.

Our drive-thru Senior expo events will give residents aged 60 and older the opportunity to learn about the resources available to them. The first is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, from 11 am to 1 pm at Grace United Methodist Church, located at 982 Medical Road, Millersburg. The second will

be on Thursday, April 30, from 11 am to 1 pm at the West Hanover Recreation Building, located at 628 Walnut Ave., Harrisburg.

The shredding event is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, from 8:30—11 am, at Linglestown Middle School, located at 1200 N. Mountain Road, Harrisburg. Constituents will be able to safely shred documents with sensitive information on them, such as bank account numbers. The industrial shredder on-site can handle staples, but please remove paper clips and binder clips.

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## State Senator Patty Kim

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Thank you for a wonderful first year! So many people in the 15th District helped me settle into this role and hit the ground running! I've enjoyed my time in Middle Paxton this past year - hosting pop up office hours at the township building, celebrating National Safe Boating Week at the Fort Hunter Access, and visiting local businesses and Central Dauphin schools.

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 newsletter by visiting [www.pasenatorkim.com/subscribe/](http://www.pasenatorkim.com/subscribe/).

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

Sincerely,



Patty Kim, State Senator 15th District

# STATE SENATOR PATTY KIM

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## CONTACT US

District Office: 716 Colonial Road  
Harrisburg PA 17112  
717-346-6278 | Hours: 8:30AM-4:30PM

Harrisburg Office: 17 East Wing  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3015  
717-787-6801 | Hours: 8:30AM- 4:30PM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Youth, Job & College Resource Fair

When: **Saturday, April 11**  
Time: **11 am - 2 pm**  
Location: **To be confirmed soon**

### Shred Event

When: **Saturday, April 25**  
Time: **10 am - 1 pm**  
Location: **Lower Swatara Township Fire Department**

### Memorial Day Luncheon

When: **Friday, May 22**  
Time: **11 am - 1 pm**  
Location : **American Legion Post 730 Penbrook**

### Summer Safety Event

When: **Saturday, June 6**  
Time: **11 am - 3 pm**  
Location : **River View Pavillion, City Island**

## OUR SERVICES

- Assistance with Department of Human Services Programs
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate
- PennDot Services
- Unemployment Compensation Assistance
- Disability Plates & Placards
- Birth/Death Certificate Requests
- Notary Public Services
- Utilities
- PACE Prescription Assistance
- Search for Unclaimed Property from the PA Treasury
- PA State Income Tax
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**Last day to register to vote—May 4, 2026**

**Last day to request mail-in or absentee ballot—May 12, 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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For additional details, please call the Township Manager at 717-921-8128, or email your questions to:  
[mptgeneral@middlepaxtontwp.org](mailto:mptgeneral@middlepaxtontwp.org)



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