

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS

# D.A.S.T

## DAUPHIN AREA SENIOR TRANSIT

D.A.S.T. is an acronym for an organization that provides transportation for residents of Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township who are 55 years of age or older, who no longer drive or have any other means of transportation. Dauphin Area Senior Transit provides transportation to medical appointments, beauty shops and shopping although medical appointments always take priority over other trips. You **MUST** call the Township office at least 24 hours in advance of the day you need a ride. The Township office phone number is (717) 921-8128. The van hours of operation are 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Please inform the Township office if you are a new rider.



D.A.S.T. partners with Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging to provide this service. They have established the guidelines by which we operate and certify the drivers through checks with PennDOT on the driver's driving record to insure they are safe and responsible drivers. DCAAA insures the vehicle and occupants of the vehicle in case of an accident. D.A.S.T. is responsible for all operating costs, oil changes, tires, repairs and inspections. We also are responsible for the replacement of the van as needed. All of these expenses are covered by donations from our riders. There are no set fees and donations are accepted in any amount based on what the rider feels he/she can afford.

We not only get support from DCAAA, we also get help from Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township whose generous support keeps us rolling. A special THANK YOU is extended to the staff at the Township office for fielding the calls from our riders and notifying the drivers for the next day.

This year we say adieu and "**Thank-you!**" to Pat Meyers for her 26 years of service as driver and treasurer.



If anyone is interested in being a driver or a new rider, please contact Rue Megonnell, DAST coordinator, at (717) 921-2727.

## Meals on Wheels



**Meals on Wheels** are available for senior citizens who meet eligibility criteria in Dauphin and Middle Paxton Township by calling Walter Moyer, Coordinator at 717-921-8010. A well-balanced (1/3 RDA-recommended daily allowance) hot meal is delivered to residents five days a week by volunteers. Recipients are encouraged to make a voluntary contribution toward the cost of the meals according to their financial ability.

If you are a senior citizen and you have questions or are in need of other services, contact the Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging at 717-780-6130.