

# Community Bulletin Board

## DAUPHIN AREA SENIOR TRANSIT

Transportation is provided by D.A.S.T. for senior residents, 55 or older, of Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township. Riders must be pre-registered for this service and must be able to ambulate independently. Priority is given to medical appointments; trips to the West Shore are solely for medical purposes. Days and hours of operation are Tuesday thru Friday for appointments between 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM. Rides must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance by calling the Township office (717) 921-8128.



Volunteers are needed to drive the van. Without the selfless efforts of a faithful few, 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, or if you are in need of transportation, please contact Rue Megonnell at (717) 921-2727.



## Community LifeTeam Ambulance

Community LifeTeam is the contracted ambulance service provider for Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township. Non-emergency and interfacility transportation is also provided. Their

paratransit division provides wheelchair van transportation for patient's being discharged from the hospital to home and from home to doctor's appointments. Additional information, membership costs or an enrollment application can be obtained by calling (717) 848-4740.



## MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels coordinator for Dauphin-Middle Paxton Township, Sonya Boden, is your contact to register for service, to stop or postpone service or for information about the program. Call Sonya at (717) 991-5815 or (717) 921-8890. Please leave your name, brief message and contact number and your call will be returned.



Let's all do our part to help control the feral cat population and prevent suffering and homelessness.

Contact Linda Corson @ (717) 921-2117 or (717) 580-1879 to make arrangements.

Leave a message if no answer.

Transportation can be provided from the Township to the spay clinic, and back.

Kittens over 12 weeks of age, pregnant cats, nursing cats, and tomcats with injuries can be fixed. Cats will also receive vaccinations including rabies. Linda can provide traps for capturing wild and shy cats as well as provide referral information for low cost dog spay neuter services.

Please share this information with any neighbors that may need help with their pet situations.

**Please Don't Litter  
Spay or Neuter  
Your Critter**





# Borough of Dauphin

**Council Meetings** are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Borough Building. The Public is invited to attend.

## **Borough of Dauphin**

200 Church Street  
P.O. Box 487  
Dauphin, PA 17018

### **Office Hours:**

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**  
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Monday & Friday: By appointment only**

Phone: (717) 921-2633  
Fax: (717) 921-8106

### **Email**

[dauphinboro@comcast.net](mailto:dauphinboro@comcast.net)

### **Website**

[www.dauphinborough.org](http://www.dauphinborough.org)

## **Borough Council**

**Michael McKenna - Mayor**

**David Grbich - President**

**Brian Cuddy - Vice President**

**George Bechtel - Councilman**

**Kathryn Burton - Councilwoman**

**Steven Harris - Councilman**

**Kevin Musselman - Councilman**

**Jeffrey Thrush - Councilman**

**Joselyn Long - Junior Council Member**

**Linda Durgin - Administrator**

**Cindy Long - Treasurer**

## **TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

Mark your calendars for the Dauphin Borough **Tree Lighting Ceremony** to be held on **Friday, December 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm.** Follow **Dauphin Borough Celebrating 250 Years** on Facebook for more information.



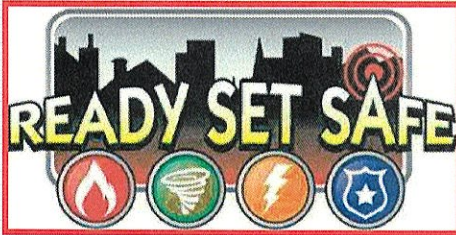
**Dauphin Borough** has partnered with the **ABC Promise Partnership** to collect a specific amount of **bottle caps/ plastic container lids** in exchange for **three park tables** of different sizes for children and adults. **Collection bins** for donations of the bottle caps and lids will be placed at the **Borough building.** **1050 pounds of caps** are needed.



Please view our website for information on **Agendas and Minutes of the Dauphin Borough Council.**



## DAUPHIN BOROUGH-MIDDLE PAXTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



As the seasons begin to change, we should be thinking about how prepared we are for the snow, ice and winds.

**Do you have a plan? Do you and your family have stored supplies for power outages?** If you need to relocate, do you know what you need to take; medications, pet supplies, special need items for your health? Below are some suggestions from **READY.PA.GOV.**

### 1<sup>st</sup> – BE INFORMED

**Join South Central Alert. (sctfpa.org)** – used by emergency management to update citizens of road closures, flooding, and impending weather alerts. Through this system we can also inform you of rerouting issues, shelters, and who to contact in an emergency.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> – BE PREPARED

Have a **family emergency plan**. Meet with your family and discuss why you need to prepare for an emergency. Discuss the types of disasters that are most likely to happen and what to do in each situation. Plan to **share responsibilities** and **work together** as a team. **Keep it simple**. A disaster is an extremely stressful situation that can create confusion. The best emergency plans are simple enough so that everyone can remember the important details.



- **How you will contact one another**
- **How you will get back together**
- **What you will do in case of an emergency**

**Practice and maintain your plan.**



### Home Emergency kit:

Your **home emergency kit** should contain **essential food, water** and **supplies to live on** for at least **three days**. Keep your **emergency kit** in a **designated location** in your home and in an **easy-to-carry** container in case you need to evacuate (you should also keep a **smaller emergency kit in your car**). Make sure that all family members know where the emergency kit is kept.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> – PETS

**Pets** are our family, We should have what they need to survive also; favorite toys, food, any medications.

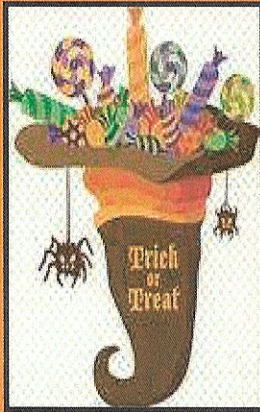
**Emergency Management is ALWAYS looking for personnel to assist with emergencies and disasters. From planning to mitigation, we oversee it all. If you are interested in assisting, feel free to contact me.**

**Bob Rusbatch**  
**Emergency Management Coordinator**



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## TRICK OR TREAT



Sunday, October 31, 2021 is designated **Trick or Treat** night between 6-8 PM. Be alert to all the ghosts, goblins and ghouls that will be out and about.

**SLOW DOWN!**

**BE PATIENT!**

Allow a little extra time to get to your destination.

## HOPE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

931 Red Hill Road, Dauphin

### ELECTION DAY SOUP SALE

Hope United Presbyterian Church

will be selling

**Soup by the Quart**  
and

**Bowls-To-Go Only**  
on Election Day, Tuesday,  
November 2, 2021.



## Fishing Creek Valley Community Association

Fishing Creek Valley Community Association has greatly missed having our regular events at the Fishing Creek Valley Community Center. Please mark your calendars for our upcoming events.



**Fall Fest/Chicken Corn Soup Sale**  
Saturday, October 23, 2021 - 11AM

### **Breakfast With Santa**

Saturday, December 4, 2021 - 8AM - 12 noon (You must register for this event)



**Egg Hunt/Chicken Corn Soup Sale**  
Saturday, April 9, 2022 - Promptly at 11AM

Please bring containers if purchasing soup.

If you have any questions, please call  
Natalie Bailor at 717-599-5698.

## ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

405 Swatara Street, Dauphin

Zion Lutheran Church will host  
**Trunk-or-Treat** on October 31st  
from 6-8pm.

As you are out trick-or-treating through the Borough, please stop by and see us on the corner of Allegheny & Swatara Streets. Our parking lot will have some decorated cars with folks passing out candy from their trunks.  
**Hope to see you there!**



## CLARKS VALLEY ZION E. C. CHURCH

210 McKelvey Road, Dauphin

### **FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL**

October 30, 2021

11 am-2 pm

**Games, Food, Candy,  
FUN!!!!**



Clarks Valley Zion E.C. Church presents:



**Away in a Mango:  
A Christmas Island  
Adventure for Kids**  
December 11 & 12

Check out our website for more  
information.

[www.cvzec.org](http://www.cvzec.org)





# Fun ☒ Friendship ☒ Her Big Future ☒ Girl Scouts has you covered!



Life can be complicated, but keeping your girl curious, active, and happy doesn't have to be. Come see all that Girl Scouts has to offer your family.

New troops forming for the 2021-22 school year  
Join now and let the adventure begin!

Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania

[www.gshpa.org](http://www.gshpa.org)

Questions? Contact: 800-692-7816

[memberservices@gshpa.org](mailto:memberservices@gshpa.org)



## Looking for adventure? Want to learn new skills and responsibility while having fun? Then the Boy Scouts want you!

If you're between the ages of **11 and 17**, come and join our local **Boy Scout Troop 233** for fun-filled outdoor activities, sports, academics, camping, hiking and so much more!

**"Scouts learn the best part of success is the journey!"**

As we continue to climb out of the **Covid-19 pandemic**, our troop has been doing some things. We just returned from our **2021 Summer Camp Adventure**. We have **replaced** the railroad tie steps at **Hagy Park**. We also helped our charter organization, **Hope Church** with **painting** their shed along with laying out **tan bark**. The **volleyball area** at Dauphin-Middle Paxton Park is full of sand again, too. We continue to **clean** the roadside of **Clarks Valley Road** as well.

We have planned plenty for the boys to be kept busy by **camping, hiking, and community service** across our area.



The boys will be able to pursue their own **individual interests** as well as **troop activities** such as kayaking, learning life-saving skills, environmental science; winter camp and lots, lots more! Our troop is also looking forward to our **fundraising activities** such as the **Chicken BBQ, Spaghetti Dinner, and sub sales**. Activities like these help the scouts go on these awesome adventures.

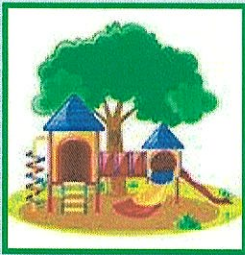


**Scout meetings** are held **Wednesday** evenings at **Hope Church**, 931 Red Hill Road, Dauphin from **6:30 to 8:00**. We are looking for **parent volunteers** to help out or to become part of our troop's committee! If you would like to **join** our troop, need **more information** or are in need of **community service** to be provided by our scouts, please send an email to [DauphinTroop233@gmail.com](mailto:DauphinTroop233@gmail.com) or visit our **NEW Dauphin Troop 233 Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2435005586803304>.



## **DAUPHIN MIDDLE PAXTON JOINT PARK AUTHORITY**

Thank you to the **Dauphin Baseball and Softball Associations**, and all of their **volunteers**, for another **outstanding** baseball and softball season. Much of the work done to maintain the **Dauphin Middle Paxton Community Park** is performed by **volunteers**, and **supplies and materials** are often **donated** by local businesses. We would be unable to keep it in the beautiful state that you see without this generosity. If you are interested in volunteering your time or making a financial contribution to defray the cost of park projects, please contact Nichole O'Gorman at (717) 921-2212 or [nogorman@staleyogormanlaw.com](mailto:nogorman@staleyogormanlaw.com). Monetary donations can be mailed to us at P.O. Box 521, Dauphin. **Your help is greatly appreciated.**



We are pleased to announce that we have been **awarded grant funding** to **defray** the cost of **upcoming park expenses!** Thanks to a **Dauphin County Local Share Gaming Grant**, we will be undertaking the preparation of a **master plan** for the park. This will enable us to plan more effectively for park needs, and make us eligible for other sources of grant funding. In conjunction with this plan, we will be able to make some improvements which will make park facilities accessible to our residents with disabilities. Many **thanks** to our **County Commissioners** for their generous support of the park. **Thanks** are also due to the **Township Supervisors**, members of the **Borough Council** and all of the **community organizations** who supported our grant application.

As you make plans for picnics, parties, family reunions and other gatherings, consider **renting** one of the park's pavilions. **Rental fees** are just **\$50** for the **large pavilion** and **\$25** for the **small pavilion**. Your rental includes use of the park ball fields, a handicapped accessible playground, and basketball and volleyball courts. If interested in reserving a date, please **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 or other debris** in any area of the park is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. Our dumpsters are for **park waste only** – please do not place your residential or business trash in them. Dumping impairs the public use and enjoyment of the park, creates expense and unnecessarily consumes volunteer resources for cleanup. **Violators will be prosecuted.**

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



## **Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association - News and Upcoming Events**

### **OPPOSITION TO A ZONING CHANGE THAT THREATENS THE WATERSHED**

In early June 2021, the **CCWPA** launched an effort to educate the Middle Paxton and surrounding area public about a perceived threat to the Clarks Creek Watershed: an application to change the zoning of a significant tract (formerly known as the Hagy Farm) near the western end of Clarks Creek, from C-O to C-I, to allow the construction of a trucking warehouse.

After the **CCWPA** Board of Directors resolved to oppose the zoning change, **CCWPA** held a public ZOOM Presentation on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, attended by 42 people in ZOOM and live-streamed on Facebook. It may be viewed at: <https://www.facebook.com/CCWPA>.

An online-petition was created to register opposition to the zoning change; it may be viewed at <http://chnng.it/8C7dfFK7>. As of this writing, almost 1,200 people have e-signed it!

**CCWPA** then made a formal appearance in opposition to the zoning change request at the Monday, June 14, 2021, Middle Paxton Township Planning Commission Meeting. After the **CCWPA** presentation and after discussion, the Planning Commission voted to recommend rejection of the application.

On June 26, **CCWPA** President Paula Zankel and Board Member Ryan Evans were featured guests on a local iHeart Radio interview show about the rezoning issue: that interview may be heard in its entirety at <https://ihr.fm/3wZLXyV>; Paula and Ryan also appeared on ABC 27's "News at 11" program on July 6; that interview may be viewed at <https://bit.ly/ABC-News27Interview>.

The **CCWPA** attended the Middle Paxton Board of Supervisors Meetings on July 6 and August 2, in order to follow the progress of the application (which as of this writing has been tabled), and the August 3 meeting of the Dauphin Borough Council.

**CCWPA** volunteers staffed a booth at the annual Middle Paxton Lions Club Carnival in Dauphin Borough on July 29-31, distributing information about watershed protection and the rezoning application fight, including "Stop the Warehouse" yard signs. We hope we saw you there!

**CCWPA** will continue to monitor the situation and report to the public as needed!

### **SEPTEMBER 18 ANNUAL MEETING AT HAGY PARK**

**CCWPA** is holding its 2021 Annual Meeting in Hagy Park, 1130 Mountain Road, Dauphin, at 2 pm on Saturday, September 18. Members and friends are welcome! At the Annual Meeting, we review **CCWPA** efforts and activities of the past year, discuss the latest testing and condition of the watershed, and give notice of future efforts and events. Due to the staggering of Board terms, there will be an election for Board positions at this meeting. Further details will be posted on the **CCWPA** Facebook page, on the **CCWPA** Web site, and sent to members and friends via e-gram.

### **OCTOBER 23, 2021: 21st ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY TRASH COLLECTION**

Volunteers needed! The **CCWPA** is holding its 21st consecutive Adopt-a-Highway Trash Collection Effort on Saturday, October 23, from 9 am - noon. Once again, our efforts are under the aegis of the Great American Clean-Up of Pennsylvania. Full information is posted on the **CCWPA** Facebook Page and Web site, including a rain date if needed. We hope to see you!

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 Web site at <https://ccwpa.org>. **CCWPA** Annual Meeting minutes, membership forms, and By-Laws may all be downloaded from the Web site.



Use our CONTACT FORM to let us know you're interested in joining and/or helping out, or send us an e-mail to [info@ccwpa.org](mailto:info@ccwpa.org).

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





**MISSION:** To preserve the community character and natural resources in Fishing Creek Valley.

## **SAVE FISHING CREEK VALLEY is now PRESERVE FISHING CREEK VALLEY**

**Preserve Fishing Creek Valley (PFCV)** is now up and running as a recognized **501C (3) non-profit** organization! Formally organized on February 2, 2021, its mission stated above is a simple one. The organization is **moving on** from one associated with “**stop the warehouse**” to one more **holistic** in preserving the beauty and strength of the Valley.

By-Laws were adopted by the **Board of Directors** on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and can be viewed on our website at [savefishingcreekvalley.org](http://savefishingcreekvalley.org).

The volunteer **Board of Directors** is now in place with community members as follows:

Christian Masters, *President*

Karen Lutz

Bill Shreve

John Alwine, *Treasurer*

Carolyn Shaffer

Anna Breinich, *Secretary*

Angie Myers

**Now the fun begins!** The Board of Directors will be developing the **PFCV Work Plan** for the rest of 2021, part of which will be setting up the following **Committees** in accordance with our **By-Laws**:

**Fundraising:** To work with the Treasurer in establishing achievable fundraising goals.

**Membership:** To establish a membership development program, including general member outreach (website/newsletter content and distribution).

**Activities:** To develop and coordinate an annual schedule of community events.

**Conservation:** To work with land conservancies and other agencies in identifying potential parcels for conservation purposes.

**Government Relations:** To maintain contact with and provide comments to local, county, and Commonwealth agencies, as needed.

### **A CALL TO ACTION**

**Get involved! The organization's success is driven by your involvement.** Volunteer to get involved in any of the above committees or anything else of interest to you.

**Funding.** The **Fishing Creek** community has been extremely generous for past efforts of **Save Fishing Creek Valley**. The **PFCV** is a non-profit organization and any donations to support the organization's activities are tax-deductible and needed. **PFCV** is totally volunteer driven but still needs funding to implement our mission. **New membership opportunities will be available soon!**

**New Signs.** New **PFCV** signs are now available at Bill and Cindy's Valley Store. Why not stop by and purchase a new sign.

*Thanks for your commitment to keep our valley one of beauty and livability. For more information,*  
[contactus@preservefishingcreekvalley.org](mailto:contactus@preservefishingcreekvalley.org).





This is just some of what The Library has to offer! Many other programs are being held virtually. To browse a full listing of Library events, visit [dcls.org/events](http://dcls.org/events). For more information or to register, call 717-234-4961 and choose option 6.

## Curl up on your cozy couch and read along with The Library this winter!



The **Winter Reading Challenge** kicks off on **December 1** and runs until February 28. Earn points by reading, creating picture or written book reviews, and completing activities! **Open to all ages.** Register at any of The Library's eight locations or online at [dcls.org/wrc](http://dcls.org/wrc).

### East Shore Area Library, 4501 Ethel St, Harrisburg, PA 17109

**Sundays, October 3, November 7 and December 5 at 2:00 pm**

Generate wellness, socialize, and boost your creativity at **Crazy for Coloring!** Walk-ins are welcome! (For adults, 18+.)

**Wednesday, October 6 – Saturday, October 9 (Hours Vary)**

The Friends of East Shore Area Library will hold their **Fall Book Sale**. Shop new and gently used books, movies and more. Proceeds benefit the East Shore Area Library. For more information, visit [dcls.org/friendsevents](http://dcls.org/friendsevents) or call (717) 652-9380.



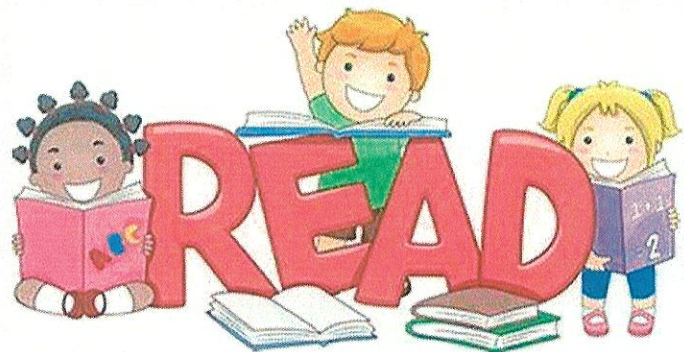
**Sunday, November 14 at 2:00 pm**

Caldecott and Coretta Scott King honoree **Cozbi Cabrera** will join The Library celebrate **Children's Book Week** and to talk about her award-winning book, *Mama and Me*. Registration opens on October 1. Register at [dcls.org/cbw](http://dcls.org/cbw) or call (717) 234-4961 opt. 6. (For families with children of all ages.)

### Ned Smith Center for Nature and Arts, 176 Water Company Rd., Millersburg PA 17061

**Saturday, September 25 at 1:30 pm**

Debbie Naha-Koretzky, the Wild Edibles Lady, will present **Foraging Wild Edibles** for The Library's Lively Minds Series. She'll lead a conversation about what you can eat that's growing naturally in your own yard! She is the author of *Foraging Pennsylvania and New Jersey* and is a Licensed Dietitian Nutritionist, a Certified Rutgers Master Gardener, and a Pennsylvania Master Naturalist. (For adults, 18+.)







## 2021 Legislative, Economic Updates and Upcoming Events

*By State Rep. Sue Helm (R-Dauphin/Lebanon)*

As we embrace the return to normal and work to get **Pennsylvania** back on track, I remain incredibly honored to represent the **104<sup>th</sup> District** in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. This last year and a half has been an incredible struggle for us all.

We are very excited to resume holding events throughout the **104<sup>th</sup> District** and have several planned throughout the fall months. Please mark your calendars for the following events:

### **Concealed Carry Seminars**

On **Thursday, September 2**, from **6-8 p.m.**, I will be hosting a concealed carry seminar at the **Halifax Ambulance and Rescue Association Building**, located at 31 Bunker Hill Road in Halifax. A presentation will be given by Josh Bodene, a criminal defense attorney with specific interest in firearms law and civil liberties. **Please call 717-692-0833 to register.**

### **Chronic Wasting Disease Seminar**

On **Wednesday, September 8**, from **6-8 p.m.**, I will holding a public information seminar on **Chronic Wasting Disease**, an illness found in Pennsylvania's deer population. This event will also be held at the **Halifax Ambulance and Rescue Association Building**, where presentation will be given by Dustin Stoner from the Pennsylvania Game Commission. **Please call 717-692-0833 to register.**

### **Drive-Thru Senior Expos**

We will be holding two drive-thru senior expos this fall. The first will be held on **Friday, September 24**, from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at **Ridgeway Community Church**, located at 525 North Progress Ave. in Harrisburg. Attendees have the choice to receive a free turkey, ham or roast beef lunch. **Registration is required by September 17.** Please register and provide your choice of lunch by calling **717-651-0100**.

Our second senior expo will be held on **Friday, October 1**, from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at **Grace United Methodist Church** in Millersburg, located at 982 Medical Road. Attendees will have the same choice of a turkey, ham or roast beef lunch, and **must** register before **September 17** by calling **717-692-0833**.

### **Active Shooter Safety Seminar**

**Thursday, October 7**, from **6-8 p.m.**, at the **Pennsylvania Game Commission headquarters**, located at 2001 Elmerton Ave. in Harrisburg. Presentation will be given by Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Michael Myers. **Please call 717-651-0100 to register.**

### **Drive-Thru Veterans Appreciation**

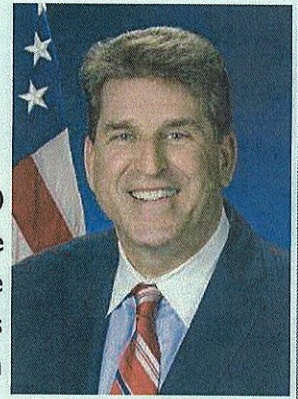
To show our unwavering support and gratitude to our veterans, we will be holding two drive-thru veterans appreciation events. The first will be held on **Friday, November 5**, from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at **Ridgeway Community Church**. Attendees will have the choice of a turkey, ham or roast beef lunch. **Registration is required by October 29.** Please register and provide your choice of lunch by calling **717-651-0100**.

Our second drive-thru veterans event will be held on **Friday, November 12**, from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at **United Methodist Church** in Millersburg. Attendees will have the same choice of a turkey, ham or roast beef lunch, and **must** register before **October 29** by calling **717-692-0833**.

As always, I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve as your state representative. If my office can be of assistance to you regarding any state-related issue, please don't hesitate to contact my Linglestown district office at **717-651-0100**, my Millersburg district office at **717-692-0833** or visit my website at [\*\*www.RepHelm.com\*\*](http://www.RepHelm.com).



**State Senator John DiSanto**  
**15th Senatorial District**



**Redistricting Process Underway**

Article I, Section 2, of the US Constitution requires a Census be taken every 10 years for the purpose of apportioning the US House of Representatives. The Constitution of Pennsylvania requires that the legislative districts for the State House of Representatives and Senate be redrawn following the federal census. This process ensures the boundaries of elective districts are periodically redrawn to maintain equal representation based on population.

The Pennsylvania General Assembly has appointed a bipartisan and bicameral Legislative Reapportionment Commission to redraw district boundaries for the State Senate and House of Representatives for next year's elections. Recent hearings focused on staffing, census data, primary election deadlines, and reapportionment criteria. The Commission is committed to a fair, transparent, and legal process that is accountable to the public. You can track the process and access agendas, hearing videos and other materials at: [www.redistricting.state.pa.us](http://www.redistricting.state.pa.us).

Congressional redistricting is conducted by legislative action – a bill which proceeds through both chambers of the General Assembly and is signed into law by the Governor. The State Government committees of each chamber will hold hearings on appropriate boundaries for Pennsylvania's seventeen congressional seats (down from 18 following the 2010 Census). You may view news and meetings of the Senate State Government Committee at: [www.stategovernment.pasenategop.com](http://www.stategovernment.pasenategop.com).

**Expanding Broadband Access**

I recently supported Senate Bill 442 to address challenges with expanding access to broadband in underserved areas. The proposal would require the Department of General Services to conduct a comprehensive inventory of all state-owned properties for broadband deployment. The bill would also require that revenues generated from leasing these state assets go towards expanding broadband services. SB 442 is now in the House for consideration.

I have also supported the establishment of the Unserved High-Speed Broadband Funding Program to benefit our underserved communities and allow companies to use existing easements held by rural electric cooperatives to ease deployment and lower costs.

The pandemic has clearly demonstrated that broadband access is a necessity, not a luxury, in today's world. Pennsylvania must do better to close this digital divide. Continuous improvements are being made; however, it will require a multifaceted approach to connect all families and businesses to reliable broadband services.

***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.***





