

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

DAUPHIN AREA SENIOR TRANSIT (D.A.S.T.)

D.A.S.T. provides rides to various destinations for residents of **Dauphin Borough & Middle Paxton Township** who are 60 and older. Priority is given to medical and therapy appointments. Trips to the West Shore are restricted to medical appointments only. All riders must be able to move about independently (sorry, we cannot accommodate mobility scooters, power chairs, or wheelchairs in the van).

This is a **free** service, but donations are greatly appreciated! Rides must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance by calling the Township office at **717-921-8128**. Appointments must fall between the hours of **8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Without the selfless efforts of a few faithful, caring folks, many in our community would struggle to make appointments, pick up needed medications, and get to the grocery store. If you are willing to volunteer a few hours a month to drive, please contact **Rue Megonnell** at **717-921-2727**.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Residents can contact **Sonya Boden** for information about the program, to stop, start or postpone meal deliveries or to volunteer to deliver meals, at 717-991-5815 or 717-921-8890. Please leave your name, message and contact number and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

MEALS ON WHEELS

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND PARENTS OF SENIORS:

INTERESTED IN A SCHOLARSHIP?

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

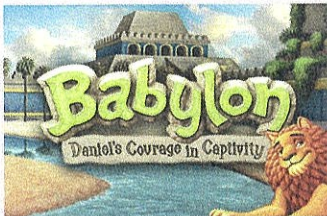
Applications Due April 1, 2024

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

CLARK'S VALLEY ZION E.C. CHURCH

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

V.B.S. Registration NOW OPEN!



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

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



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

Kingdom Kids Christmas Musical Registration:

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

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

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



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

2024 Membership Form

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____
Telephone _____
Email _____

Individual Membership—\$15.00 per year
Couple Membership—\$25.00
Lifetime Membership—\$250.00
Membership Dues \$ _____
Society Donation \$ _____
Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society
P.O. Box 532, Dauphin, PA 17018
(Please mail this form with your check)
Yearly memberships run from Jan 1.—Dec 31

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

HOPE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



We will have a variety of food, drinks and baked goods.

Hot dogs, chili, BBQ, soups, etc.

After you vote, stop back to see what goodies we have!

LIFELONG IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FITNESS TOGETHER (LIFT)

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

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

What are the effects of inactivity? Older adults may be labelled a fall risk or have a reduced quality of life with an inability to age in place. Each class has an active warm-up, targeted exercises using arm and leg weights and ends with a cooldown. The result is to enhance overall functional fitness through improved strength, flexibility, and balance.

For more information, please call 717-921-8803 or visit:

<https://extension.psu.edu/lift-8>

SPAY AND NEUTER

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

Kittens over 12 weeks of age, pregnant/nursing cats and tomcats with injuries can all be fixed. Cats will also receive vaccinations, including rabies. Transportation from the Township to and from the spay clinic can be provided. Traps for capturing wild and shy cats can also be provided, as well as referral information for low cost dog spay/neuter services.

Contact Linda Corson at 717-921-2117 or 717-580-1879 to make arrangements. Please leave a message if no answer.

FISHING CREEK VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Mark your calendars!



Chicken Corn Soup Sale/Egg Hunt

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

BRING SOUP CONTAINERS

DOG LICENSING

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

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

Lifetime licenses are available in person or through the mail and require either a microchip or tattoo.

Licensing is very important. The Dauphin County Treasurer's office maintains a database of licenses that are issued, which enables lost dogs to be returned to their owners more readily. It is also a mandated state law.

NO LICENSE = \$300.00 FINE + COURT COSTS / PER DOG

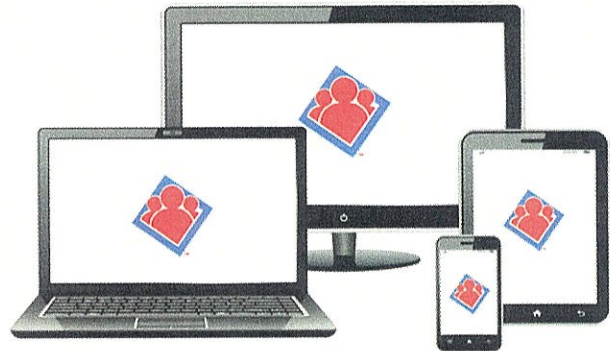


- President** – Brian Cuddy
- Vice President** – Kevin Musselman
- Council Pro Tem** – George Bechtel
- Councilwoman** – Kathryn Burton
- Councilman** – David Grbich
- Councilman** – Christopher Smith
- Councilman** – Steve Harris
- Junior Councilperson** – Jocelyn Long
- Borough Mayor** – Michael McKenna
- Treasurer** – Cindy Long
- Administrator** – Linda Durgin
- Roadmaster/Sewer Plant Operator** – Troy Toland
- Public Facilities** – Ryan Boyer

ATTENTION ALL BOROUGH RESIDENTS:

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

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



Please check our Facebook and website for more information.

Residents are reminded to kindly review the following Borough ordinances:

- ◇ No person shall operate a recreational vehicle on Borough property without the express written consent of the Borough.
- ◇ No person shall store abandoned automobiles on any public or private property in the Borough, unless such automobile is stored in a garage or other similar building. An automobile is abandoned when, for a period of forty-eight (48) hours or more, the automobile is left unattended on any public or private property and the automobile lacks a current state inspection sticker, does not have current registration, does not have an ascertainable vehicle identification number, or the automobile is physically inoperable in its current condition.

For more information, please refer to following Ordinances on the Borough’s website:

§ 10-303. Operation and Use of a Recreational Vehicle on Borough Property.

§ 10-103. Acts of Nuisance.

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

Phone: 717-921-2633

Fax: 717-921-8106

Email: dauphinboro@cocmast.net

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

Dauphin-Middle Paxton Lions Club

LEND A HAND FOR THE CARNIVAL

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

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

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

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

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

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



TWO SCHOLARSHIPS



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

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

Zion Lutheran Church

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

Questions? Email Melanie Mimmall at zlcseiorboxprogram@gmail.com.

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

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

YOU'RE INVITED

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

Dauphin Borough-Middle Paxton Emergency Management

Welcome to 2024

Hopefully we have not suffered from this past winter weather.

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

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

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

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

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

Bob Rusbatch

EMC

Penn State Extension Master Gardeners



New to gardening or looking to learn something new?

Connect with the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners in Dauphin County for practical horticultural information you can trust.



We offer for Dauphin County residents:

- Master Gardener Garden Hotline at dauphinmg@psu.edu or 717-921-8803 to ask your garden questions and get unbiased, research-based answers year-round
- Our annual Spring Symposium, Veggie Series and Home Gardening Series in collaboration with Wildwood Park's Olewine Nature Center
- A Speaker's Bureau, dedicated to providing educational programming, including presentations, for local organizations.
- Six demonstration gardens you can visit for ideas and inspiration as well as several Walk and Talk with a Master Gardener events through these gardens and other area parks in collaboration with Dauphin County Parks and Recreation and Highmark Blue Shield's "Get Healthy" initiative
- Master Gardener annual basic training to become a Master Gardener volunteer in Dauphin County

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

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

Household Hazardous Waste

PICK-UP SERVICE

It's Free!

Sponsored by the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners

GEORGE P. HARTWICK, III—JUSTIN DOUGLAS—MIKE PRIES



Flammable
Liquids



Household
Chemicals



Paint
Products



Automotive
Products



Sharps &
Syringes



Garden
Chemicals

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Schedule by calling
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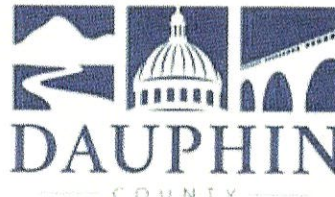
Get a kit in
the mail

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Place products out
on collection date

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

WM At Your Door



KEEP DAUPHIN COUNTY
Beautiful

Dauphin-Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority

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

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

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

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



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

Board Members:

Shannon Scott, President

Nichole Staley O’Gorman, Vice President

Tim Wenrich, Treasurer

Ron Hull, Secretary

Larry Cooney

Jeff Thrush

Michael Cohen



Dauphin Athletic Association

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

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

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

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



DAA Board

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



Dauphin Baseball Board

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



Dauphin Softball Board

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

Dauphin Pool

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

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

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

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



Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society

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

Ways to help the Society Rebuild

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

Historical Plaque: Preserving Our Past for Future Generations

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

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

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

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

Monetary Donations:

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

Gift Shop Items for Sale

Email the Society at research@dmphs.org or fundraising@dmphs.org if interested in any of the following items:

Our Heritage I - \$25

Our Heritage II - \$25

Fleece Blanket - \$25

Tapestry Blanket - \$60

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

Creek Dam left - \$25

Schoolhouse Bricks are also available - \$5



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

Monthly Meeting Upcoming Speakers

Thursday, April 25, 2024

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

Thursday, May 23, 2024

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

Thursday, June 7, 2023

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

Veteran's Memorial Brick Orders

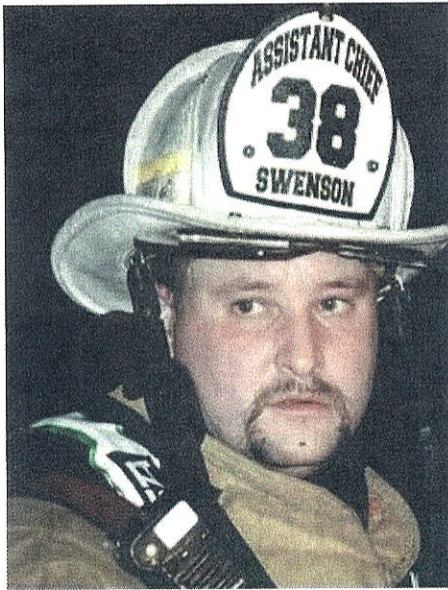
Veteran's Memorial Bricks are available for purchase in three sizes: 8"x4", 3 lines, \$50 – 8"x8", 6 lines, \$500 – 12"x12", 8 lines, \$1000

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

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

To contact the society please email to info@dmphs.org or 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!

Dauphin Middle Paxton Fire Co. #1



Dear Residents,

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

-Shane Swenson
Fire Chief

2024 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

President—Matthew Shive

Vice President—Mike McKenna

Secretary—Jon Fleming

Treasurer—Brad Field Sr.

Trustees—Shane Swenson, Al Smith, Noah Smith

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

VOLUNTEER!

Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company is always looking for new members. There are many ways you can help the fire company. We are always looking for:

-Firefighters

-Junior Firefighters

-Drivers

-Contributing Members

We have training every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.
Stop in and check it out!



Bricks for the Honor Garden outside of the Firehouse/Township building are still for sale. Bricks are \$75. If you would like to purchase a brick, please stop in at the station or email dauphinfire38@yahoo.com for an order form.

Join Your Local Fire Company Today!

Visit our website to find your local **Capital Region** fire company and learn how you can help!



www.CAPITALREGIONFIREFIGHTER.org



Check out our Facebook page for our online raffles!

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

Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association

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

2023 Past Activities

Your CCWPA continues to attend Township and Borough meetings and monitor zoning and construction, as part of our commitment to safeguarding the purity of our watershed. Our watershed faces issues such as storm water runoff, the development and installation of impervious surfaces near Clarks Creek, and zoning changes that presage new kinds of challenges to water purity. CCWPA fights to stay knowledgeable, keep informing the public and mobilizing "friends of the watershed" when needed.

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

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

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

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

2024 Planned Future Activities

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

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

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

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



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



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

State Senator John DiSanto

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

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

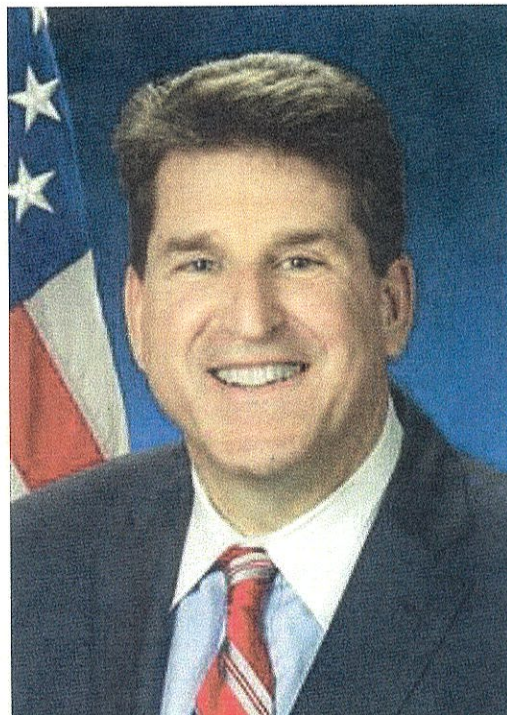
Eligibility for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program has been expanded in 2024, for taxes and rent paid in 2023. The income cap (with 1/2 of all Social Security income excluded) for homeowners has been raised from \$35,000 to \$45,000, and for renters from \$15,000 to \$45,000, and the maximum standard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

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

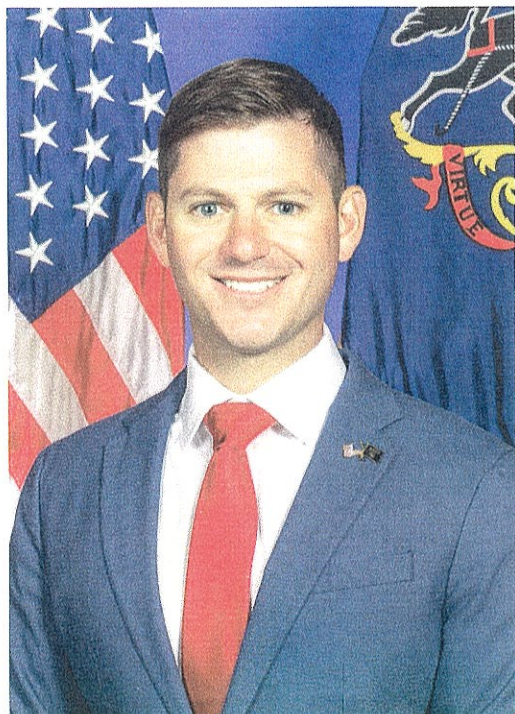
If you require any assistance navigating these or other state programs, please call my office at 717-787-6801 or reach me online at www.senatordisanto.com/contact/:

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

Please stay in touch! Go to my website, www.senatordisanto.com, and click on "sign up for emails." You may also call my office at 717-787-6801 for help with any state-related matters.



State Representative Joe Kerwin



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

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

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

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

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

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

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