

Brdaric case

# Public hearing set on zoning change

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A public hearing will be held Friday, Nov. 11, to determine whether John Brdaric will be able to operate a demolition landfill in former strip mining pits on Bunker Hill.

Brdaric is seeking approval of the project, in the form of changing zoning in the area from conservation to mining, from the Kingston Township Board of Supervisors.

The Kingston Township Planning Commission, which heard the case in October, has recommended that the zoning change be granted. Ben Gorey is chairman of the commission with other members being Ben Franklin, Walter Roberts, Peter George and Robert Tippett.

Brdaric owns approximately 230 acres of land on Bunker Hill and resides on a portion of it, but is only seeking to rezone the part of his property that is on the Swoyersville side of the mountain. He has also applied for a Solid Waste Landfill Permit that would have to be approved by the Luzerne County Planning Commission and the Department of Environmental Resources.

There is considerable local opposition to Brdaric's project with neighbors and Kingston Township having filed numerous complaints against him in the past for illegal dumping. As a result of one case that was

heard in magisterial court he was required to move stored salvage materials back 1,600 feet from Bunker Hill Road.

An example of the strong feelings in the area against Brdaric's Landfill is the following letter sent this week to DER by Kingston Township Manager Mark Kunkle with copies to Rep. Frank Coslett and Senator Frank O'Connell.

Brdaric operates an excavating and demolition business based in Luzerne and presently has to transport all the debris from knocking down buildings to landfill sites in Scranton or Dunmore. The nearby West Side Landfill accepts sanitary materials only since it is not designed to handle demolition materials thus making the costly trips to Lackawanna County necessary.

Specific concerns expressed by residents opposed to Brdaric's operating a demolition landfill on Bunker Hill are possible contamination of well water, heavy truck traffic, loose debris on area roads, rodent control and devaluation of property values.

The Public Hearing which will be held at the Kingston Township Municipal Building on Carverton Road will begin at 8 p.m.

It is anticipated the meeting will be well attended by those who strongly object to the project with tentative plans already underway to schedule a second public hearing in 45 days as allowed by law to hear additional testimony.



### Kiwanis officers

New officers for the Dallas Kiwanis Club were recently installed by Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor Robert Taylor. Shown here, from left, are Cliff Parker, treasurer; Mike Kerkowski, first

vice-president; Link Linquist, president; Lt. Gov. Taylor, John Luke, immediate past president; and Reese Pelton, secretary. Leon Trager, second vice president, was absent at the time of the photo.



### Golf committee

Members of the committee who were responsible for planning the First Dallas Rotary Fall Class Golf Tournament are shown here. The tournament, which was held at Irem Temple Country Club, realized over \$1300 in profits which will be used to help fund Rotary charities. From left, Paul Preby Jr., Dallas; Joe Killeen, Dallas; and Tom Turner, Dallas.

## POLICE BLOTTER

Dallas Township Police are investigating the theft of tires and wheels from a vehicle owned by a resident of Orchard View Terrace. Police report the car owned by David Reabuck was jacked up sometime in the middle of the night while parked in front of his home at 40 Westminster Drive and the wheels were removed.

Kingston Township Police are investigating a daytime burglary at the Carverton home of Kenneth Miller. The thieves broke into the home by kicking in the back door between 8 a.m. and noon while family members were out.

Stolen was a large amount of

costume jewelry valued over \$2,000, camera equipment, and checks and receipts belonging to the Orange Little League Association.

Two cases of Criminal Mischief were also reported by Kingston Township Police Chief Paul Sabol. In the first incident, a mail box in front of the Gene Petrowski home at 161 Staub Road was knocked down.

In the second incident, damage was done to a vehicle owned by Thomas Challenger while he was visiting a family on Bunker Hill. The right front tire of the 1972 Ford truck was flattened, the windshields and radio antenna bent and the right side mirror twisted.

### Continuance granted

A continuance has been granted to Charles F. Goodrich of Harveys Lake who was charged with driving under the influence to allow him time to obtain legal counsel.

The charge against Goodrich had originally been scheduled to be heard last Friday before District Magistrate Earl Gregory.

Goodrich, 57, was arrested last month following a two-car accident at the intersection of Route 309 and Alderson Road.

Arresting officer Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers had administered two field tests for sobriety and a breathalyzer test to Goodrich at the time of his arrest.

### Murphy in LA

In the Oct. 26 edition of The Dallas Post, it was incorrectly reported that Mrs. Shawn Murphy, a Democratic candidate in the Dallas School Board election, was unavailable for comment because she was attending a Planned Parenthood meeting in Las Vegas.

Mrs. Murphy, who is the executive director of Planned Parenthood of Luzerne County, was actually in Los Angeles, California, at the Annual Meeting of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

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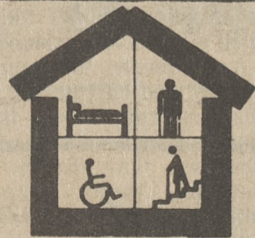
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