

# Water

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and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), along with making checks of their own, including the inspection of basin areas for possible contaminants.

A coliform test, which checks for the presence of bacteria is also performed once a month.

"If we do get a complaint of dirty water from someone," Salla says, "we check the water of other people around that particular home. If no one else has the same problem, then we flush the one main. And we usually respond in 20 to 30 minutes. We are extremely service-oriented."

Residents of the Dallas area seem content with their service and had no complaints of the company at all.

"Our water is excellent," Bob Pugh of 96 Peartree Lane said. "We've been living here for nine years and we've never had a complaint. When we lived in Trucksville, prior to moving here, the water was really bad. We never drank it. But, we haven't had any problems here."

Said Ruth Jacoby of 73 Church Street, "Our water is very good, we never had a problem."

Added Edward Dexter, 61 Highland Blvd., "Our water is good. Once in a while, we lose pressure. But, it's been much better the past couple of years."

Not all the comments were favorable, however. Residents in the Shavertown area say there water is sub-par and would like to see it upgraded.

"The water is fair, but it could be improved," George Chapman of 54 W. Center Street said. "We put in a filter system to help purify it. But the meter man comes around and he seems concerned about the problem."

Larry Newhart, 10 Roushey Street, also describes his water as "fair" although neither he nor his wife drink it. "It's got an awful taste," Newhart said. "They put too much chlorine in it or something. But, it's better than it used to be, although it could be better. And it's expensive, too. We average about \$60 a quarter."

Customers serviced by PG&W have been complaining for years about the quality of water they have been receiving, culminating in the 1984 giardiasis outbreak which affected over 400 people.

The company is currently in the process of reviewing plans covering areas such as water quality, water demand and the possibility of treating water from different reservoirs at a single filtration plant. But, for now, water quality remains a problem.

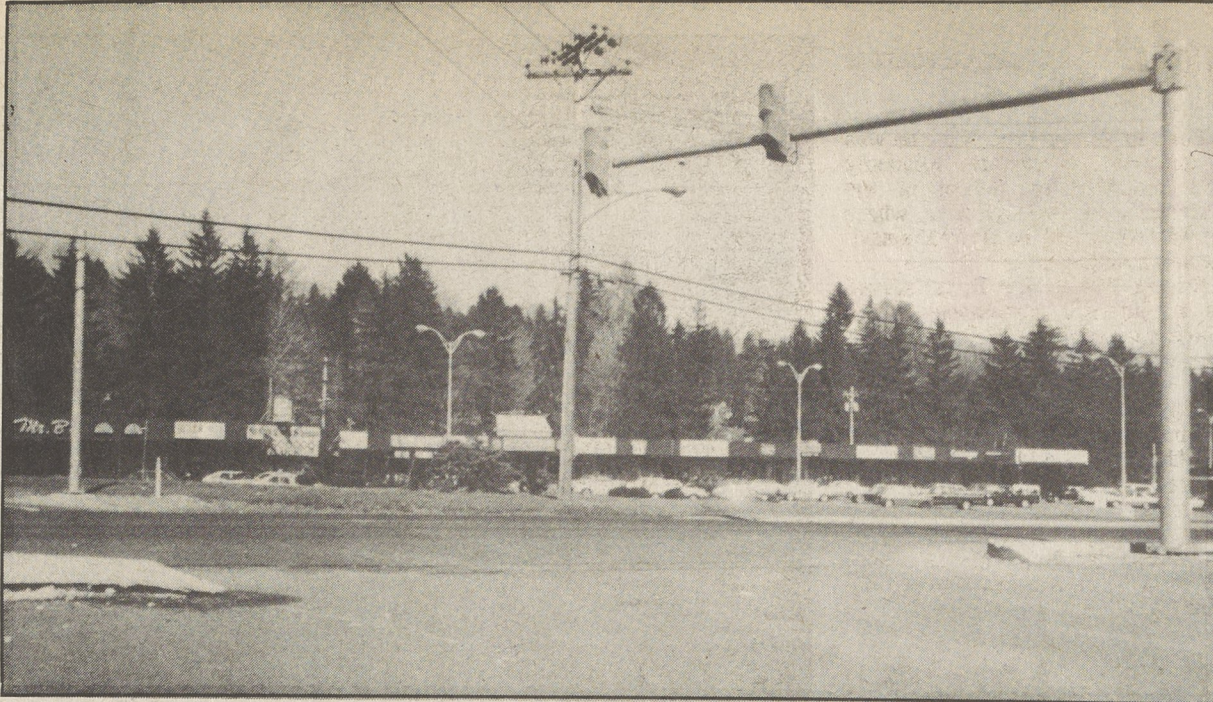
"We use it (water) for cooking, but for a glass of water, forget it," Melrose Luzetski, 75 Oliver Street, Swoyersville, said. "When my daughter complained, all they said was that there's nothing wrong, it's okay. My son-in-law goes for water at Francis Slocum and that's what we use for drinking."

"We don't drink our water," Michael Savakinas of 398 Charles Street in Luzerne said. "We use it for washing and cooking, but that's about it."

A West Wyoming couple, who asked not to be identified, say they haven't drank their water since 1983.

"Sometimes it's brown, sometimes it's blue. It's terrible. We use it for washing and cooking, but we have no choice."

Added another Luzerne woman, "They (PG&W) have you over a barrel. I was shocked when the PUC went along with the people."



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## Lights installed

Shown here are the new traffic lights which have been installed at the intersection of Routes 309 and 415 at the Dallas Shopping Center. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation officials are hoping the new lights, when they become operational, will alleviate the traffic congestion motorists usually experience at this intersection.

## Permits needed in township

Homeowners in Kingston Township and contractors doing work in the Township are reminded that Building Permits must be obtained for the following: New homes, additions, garages, moving or tearing down buildings, sheds (including temporary sheds), roofing, siding,

converting homes to apartments, patios, roofing over or closing patios, chimneys, porches, closing in porches, commercial building, swimming pools, driveways, and new businesses.

Permits for pools are \$20. Driveways \$5. New Homes and additions to be used as living quarters are approximately \$4 per \$1,000 of construction costs, all other permits are based on a \$2 per \$1,000 of construction costs.

Permits may be obtained by contacting the Kingston Township Zoning Officer Ralph Anthony, Jr. at the Municipal Building on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 2 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Friday hours will be from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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(Trustee) Catherine. M. Corzan, al, to Margaret E. and Dennis J. Brislin, ux, Property - Jackson Twp., 1.884 acres.

Karen Dombek, al, to Nassau Life Insurance Co. LTD. Property - Dallas, Wyoming Ave., 2 parcels.

David Germick, ux, to Kay S. and Thomas W. Cypher, ux, 91 Shaver Ave., Shavertown. Property - Kingston Twp.

Elsie Wilson to Diane and Stanley C. Ushinski, Sutton Rd., RD 5, Shavertown. Property - Jackson Twp.,

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deciding vote when a tie or split occurs among board members. He does, however, have control of the police department. But, like most governments in the Back Mountain, he relies on various committees to provide a smooth running operation.

"The council has committee chairmen who take care of various departments like the police and road divisions," LaBar, who is in the first year of his second four-year term, explained. "They report to the supervisors on what's been going on. We, in turn, offer suggestions and criticisms, but whatever we decide is in the best interest of the people."

One concern council does have to deal with is the limited amount of funds for various projects.

"Sometimes you find yourself wondering why you don't do certain things," LaBar noted. "There are some things we'd like to do concerning drainage problems and eye-sores, sprucing up the town and patchwork. But we have to take care of the most important things first and make sure our people receive the best possible service."

That's the way councilman Ray Jones at Harveys Lake Borough describes their government's efforts in taking care of its residents.

"I dont think council is a good way to describe us," Jones, who is the financial chairman, stated.

"If I had to describe the way we operate, I'd say we are a great team. Everyone works together out here. Rick Boice and myself generally get knowledge of whatever problems come up first because we're right here. But if we're not, someone else is. Then we get in touch with everyone else (there are seven members on the board) and usually we can work it out in a few hours."

Jones says that once in a while board members do have disagreements, but not because of political reasons, which is often the case, and whatever decisions are made are done as a body and for the good of the town.

"Years ago they did have squabbles because some people had big egos. Not only here but in other places, too. And, if you really examined why people did certain things, you would find it was for their own personal gain or because they had inflated egos."

"Here we do express our viewpoints, but we're all interested in one thing, and that's serving our community the best way we can."

## Taxes

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of heat, electric, water, garbage, telephone, sales tax on his new car, business mileage figured at 21 cents, then we added to those depreciation, dues, insurance, mortgage insurance and office expenses.

Since Joe had paid no social security tax — we had to figure that, self-employment tax, it's called.

It was now 2 a.m., Monday morning, that is! Were we done — indeed not! Joe had dividends, savings account interest and other income to include. We went to another box and dug out his reports from the stock broker, realtor (oh, yes, our friends own property other than their own) and bank interest. This took another hour or more. By this time, my husband was sleeping on the livingroom sofa (he doesn't do

income tax — that's not his job, he says) and Jane was making more coffee. At this point, it would take more than coffee to keep me awake.

It was then I made a major decision! I turned to Joe and said, "We have been friends for years. If that status is to continue, I have a suggestion. I have listed all your assets, expenses and depreciation items. Part of your 1040 form is filled in. Later today, call an accountant, (I'll give you the name of a good one) make an appointment and let him finish this return. It's 6 a.m. and I work tomorrow. So does Jane and so should you. So, go to bed - I'm going home."

"It's later than you think! To you taxpayers out there who haven't done your return - don't call me - call the IRS!"

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