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Davenport St. residents upset with road work

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Depending on which residents you talk to, people who live on the paved section of Davenport Street in Dallas Borough are either satisfied with the condition of the road or they are not.

Ever since work was done by the Dallas Water Company on the street last year, there have been a number of complaints about the condition in which the road was left. Some say it is the water company's fault, others say it is a combination of the company and stormy weather, and still others have no complaints at all.

One who does have complaints is Elwood Sheldon. Sheldon said he complained to the company about the road conditions last August but has not received

satisfaction.

"They need to fill in the laterals better and they should square off the road edges," Sheldon said. "A lot of times you get water coming down the hill and it washes into your yard."

That's the same problem that at least two other residents are experiencing. George Michaels said the company was already doing work on the road when he moved in, but did not install any curbing when they finished. Now Michaels says water runoff goes onto his property and through his yard.

Says Sophie Bernick, "I had to fill in a couple of spots in front of my house because the water was washing off the road and into our driveway. It's certainly not a big problem. But they

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Oh boy, who's this guy?

Bill Pukanski looks seriously at Santa Claus, not certain

whether or not he approves. Bill approved of Santa later when the jolly old man gave him a ball from his bag of toys.

News you need

Seniors deadline approaches

The deadline for senior citizens and other eligible persons to apply for the state's property tax and rent rebate program is December 31.

Rep. George C. Hasay said that those eligible for the rebates include individuals age 65 or older, widows and widowers age 50 or older and permanently disabled persons age 18 and older who meet the income guidelines. The maximum eligible income for claimant and spouse is \$15,000. Only one person per household may apply.

Eligibility is based on income tax figures for the 1985 tax year.

The maximum amount of the rebate is \$500. Those who receive rebates also automatically qualify for inflation dividends of up to \$125.

Complete eligibility details are included in the application booklets which may be obtained from Hasay's offices.

Hasay's local office is at 2261 Sans Souci Parkway, telephone 542-7345 and 735-2794.

AIDS antibody test available

A local health official reemphasized the availability of a free-of-charge AIDS antibody test for persons who fear they may have been exposed to the virus that causes AIDS. Michael Mulvey, Public Health Educator said his office is concerned that local residents - particularly those in the high risk groups for AIDS - may not be aware that the test is available locally.

He said persons at highest risk of infection from the AIDS virus are persons with multiple sexual partners, or users of illicit intravenous drugs who share needles.

Those interested in scheduling a test through the Lackawanna County State Health Center should call the State Health Center at (717) 963-4567.

Zoning office hours listed

The Office of the Kingston Township Zoning Officer will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays for the months of January and February, 1987.

Events calendar now available

The "1987 Pennsylvania Calendar of Events" is now available free from the state Commerce Department's Bureau of Travel Development. The 104-page booklet lists more than 800 local events held annually throughout the state, including fairs, festivals, major sporting events and special celebrations.

Each listing includes the event's exact and regional location, contact address and telephone number. The calendar also has an index of Pennsylvania's 51 tourist promotion agencies and a map dividing the state into six regions, followed by a list of counties within each region.

For a free copy of the "1987 Pennsylvania Calendar of Events," write the Pennsylvania Bureau of Travel Development, 416 Forum Building, Dept. SXD, Harrisburg, PA 17120 or call toll-free 1-800-VISIT-PA, ext. 274.

Veteran's rep to visit here

Regional Representative Andy Dorak of the Governor's Veterans Outreach and Assistance Center will be available on Thursday, January 8 at the Kingston Township Municipal Building, 11 Carverton Road in Trucksville from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. to help individuals with problems or questions relating to benefits.

Proof of veteran status or disability is required. Phone 827-7343.

Santa visits Haddonfield Hills

By JEAN HILLARD
Staff Correspondent

Sleigh bells ringing, curtains being pulled back, children looking out the windows and Ho Ho Ho, here come Santa Claus.

Since the mid 1960's, Santa Claus has visited the little children of Haddonfield Hills, Dallas, in their homes every year during the Christmas season.

When the sleigh bells are ringing outside, you better be good because Santa is surely in our town tonight.

The late John Konsavage was one of the first to get in touch with Santa at the North Pole and, after a lot of convincing that these kids were special, Santa and

his elves (the reindeer were always too busy preparing for their long flight on Christmas Eve and Rudolph refused to let them go) made it every time.

The first year Santa came there were only a handful of houses in Haddonfield Hills.

Now, some 20 years later, there are over 60 houses. Of course not every house has little children, but everybody peeks out the windows to see Santa no matter how big they are.

Every child gets to sit on Santa's lap and he gives each one a present, his elves pick out the presents, always a perfect match, a football for a little guy and a dolly for a little girl. He even stays a while for pictures if you want them.

This year he had a present for a little girl whose mommy had received a present 20 years ago.

The second generation is now in sight, Santa is getting older, and jollier and he'll probably be telling us about yet another generation 20 years from now.

Santa has so many stories and many of them from Haddonfield Hills, Dallas, Pa.

A Dallas Post photographer happened to be in the area when Santa was visiting this year and little Billy Piekanski, 10 months old and big sister Loni Jean Piekanski, 22 months old were telling Santa first hand what they wanted for Christmas.

Santa already knew and he surprised them with their favorite toys - a ball for each.

1986 saw growth in Back Mountain

By DOTTY MARTIN
Editor

Another year has come and gone and, with 1987 right around the corner, the Back Mountain not only has a lot to reflect on but a lot to look forward to.

With a growth rate as rapid as an runner's heartbeat, the Back Mountain steams full speed ahead into 1987, becoming bigger and better than ever before.

This past year, however, was not without incident in our area as a trip through our news stories of 1986 proves.

JANUARY

The year began with a bang, literally, as Caroline Ross Rittinger, of Forty Fort, was charged with the New Year's Day murder of her father, Robert August Shipkoski. Shipkoski, a resident at Hillside Personal Care Home in Dallas, was

stabbed to death in his room at the center.

Also during the first week of the new year, Michael and Barbara Kasper discovered a box of dynamite while clearing their basement at 106 Pioneer Avenue in Shavertown, preparing to move to a new home. After the dynamite was de-activated, it was learned that the former owner of the property was a construction specialist and had stored the dynamite in the home.

Things didn't calm down for a while as six corrections officers were injured at the State Correction Institute at Dallas during an altercation with three inmates. Shortly after that, Henry C. Tuck IV, Country Club Road, Dallas, died from a gunshot wound to the head. Tuck's younger brother, Andrew, who was in the room with Henry at the time of his death, was later cleared of any wrongdoing as

the death was ruled accidental.

FEBRUARY

In early February of this year, Wayne Hughes, an environmental science teacher at Dallas, and John Comitz, a science teacher at Lake-Lehman, mourned the Challenger space shuttle tragedy. Both men were applicants to NASA's Teacher-In-Space program.

Charles D. Lemmond Jr., of Dallas, announced his candidacy for the 20th Senatorial District State Senate position while William Scranton III, former editor of The Dallas Post, announced his candidacy for governor of Pennsylvania.

The Dallas School Board discussed the possibility of closing the Dallas Township Elementary School, which was indeed shut down later in the year, while Insalaco Markets announced plans to occupy 31,000 feet of space in the new Country Club Shopping Center.

MARCH

In March, Kingston Township residents were told that Century Communications would receive a 10-year contract to hook up them up to cable television while Dallas residents would receive cable service from Tele-Media Company.

APRIL

In April, 32-year-old Ronald Quarteroni of Lehman Township held police at bay for over four hours with a .44 magnum rifle. Quarteroni was eventually talked out of the house and committed to a mental health facility for treatment.

The Back Mountain Baseball Organization held its Opening Day while Harveys Lake Council members entertained questions from residents concerning the garbage policy in the borough and a flap developed over who would hold positions at the

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