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New water tank for Elmcrest will be ready soon

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Dallas Water Company manager Joseph Salla stated last week that the new tank in the area of Stonehedge and Elmcrest is completed and will be ready for use by the end of this week.

The tank is filled, according to Salla, and the telemetering equipment to record the level of water in the tank is being installed.

The new well is nearly finished and should be in operation about October 1.

"People can expect increased pressure in the Stonehedge area from the present 34 pounds to about 45 pounds with the booster pump," Salla said. "If for some reason the power goes off residents will still have pressure of about 34 pounds. Elmcrest and Goss Manor will also have an increase in pressure of about 15 pounds."

Salla also stated that despite the recent rains Pennsylvania is still under drought watch and some parts of the state are under drought warning.

"If there is not enough rain in some regions or statewide by October 1, the state may move into drought emergency. This, however, will be by areas and the local area should not be affected," Salla said.

Lake Townhouses still in planning

By SARA J. LUNDBERG
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The Harveys Lake Zoning Board voted recently to grant a special exception to Al-Sar Corporation for a proposed townhouse development on Barnum Street at Harveys Lake. The exception came over a month after the Borough Planning Commission voted to reject Al-Sar Corporation's application for permission to build 29 townhouses on 3 1/2 acres of land.

The exception was granted by the Zoning Board on the condition that the developer remove a few of the townhouses from the plans. Al-Sar developers agreed to this condition which was meant to decrease the density of the subdivision.

Attorney Mark McNealis said he is in the process of preparing an appeal on the Zoning board decision, in behalf of his client Robert Zimmerman. Zimmerman, who lives across the street from the proposed development, challenged preliminary approval of the project on the basis that the plans did not comply with borough residential zoning ordinances. At a July 25 meeting the Planning Commission voted to reject the application for those reasons.

"Borough ordinance regarding subdivisions specifically states that both planning commission and zoning board review and approval are necessary," Attorney McNealis said.

The special exception was given by the zoning board without the condition of further review by the Planning Commission, McNealis said. George Gwilliam, who is chairman of the Planning Commission, said that Al-Sar developers have not yet submitted revised plans.

Shavertown UM Church garage sale

The Board of Trustees of the Shavertown United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Super Garage Sale to be held at the church 163 N. Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown on Friday, Sept. 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 24 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Construction Continues....

Workers install concrete barriers between north and southbound lanes on Route 309

Several development requests approved in Kingston Township

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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The Kingston Township supervisors have approved the second and final reading of the ordinance confirming the rezoning of the properties of Sheldon E and Ethel S. MacAvoy, 63 North Main Street and of John A. and Leona G. Mikina, 69 North Main Street from residential to business by a 5-0 vote. The matter came before the supervisors regularly scheduled meeting September 14.

Supervisor Daniel Wisniewski moved that the supervisors approve opening of the bids for the Center Street park expansion project which they did unanimously. There were only two bids submitted, one from Bdraric for \$97,680.62 and a second from Panzetta for \$106,423. The supervisors voted to table the bids for review and evaluation until the October meeting.

The township supervisors also approved the recommendation of the planning commission to grant final plan approval to the Cedar Lane Phase II subdivision contingent upon the developer creating a T intersection instead of a 40 foot cul-de-sac.

They also approved the recommendation of the planning commission to approve the rezoning petition of Jane Haughwout, 330 Old Carverton Road from agricultural to residential and set October 12, 8 p.m., as the date and time for a public hearing on the matter.

The supervisors rejected the recommendation of the planning commission to approve the Firewood Farms II subdivision plan.

The Isaacs preliminary subdivision plan was approved with the stipulation by the supervisors that the current right-of-way width of Hickory Street be maintained and that a turn around be provided for snow removal equipment.

The recommendation to grant waivers to the Woodside II and Woodridge II subdivisions from Cartway width to allow 20 foot cartways within the subdivisions was approved unanimously by the supervisors.

The supervisors voted to join the Back Mountain Regional Water Commission and appointed James Ward, 25 Tamanini Drive to the Commission and Dr. Brian Redmond, 99 Shaver Avenue as an alternate to the Commission.

Kingston Township Patrolman Joseph W. Bren submitted his letter of resignation as fulltime patrolman in the township. Bren also requested that the supervisors appoint him as a part time patrolman.

Dallas Post Office hours expanded

Post Office retail window service hours are being expanded by the Dallas area on September 17, 1988, according to Postmaster Thomas P. Bly. The changes follow the announcement by Postmaster General Anthony M. Frank that the Postal Service will be able to restore service and still comply with Congressionally-ordered operating fund

The supervisors presented an engraved plaque to Chief of Police Paul Sabol in recognition of his 25 years of service to the township and declared September 15 as Paul M. Sabol Day.

Kingston Township resident Lou Moses expressed his appreciation to Manager Fred Potzer for the assistance Potzer had given him during his years as township manager. Moses was joined by others in the audience, who thanked Potzer for his assistance throughout the three and a half years he had served the township. The citizens gave him a standing show of appreciation.

Potzer thanked the citizens and the supervisors and stated he would be willing to assist when needed.

President of the board Herb Hill expressed appreciation on behalf of the supervisors to Potzer and wished him success in the future. Hill stated that Potzer had agreed to work with the supervisors on an hourly basis until a new manager was appointed.

The next regular meeting of the supervisors will be October 12, 8 p.m., in the township municipal building.

cuts of \$160 million for 1988 and \$270 million for 1989.

Based on our current assessment, Bly said he is readjusting retail window hours on Saturdays at the Dallas office. The office will continue to close at noon on Tuesdays, the new Saturday hours will now be from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

309 finish now at late October

By SARA J. LUNDBERG
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The completion date for the construction project on Route 309 which started in March of 1987 has been pushed back a third time; PennDOT now says the construction will be completed by the end of October. The highway was scheduled for completion by mid-August, but several problems cropped up along the way.

Jim Sterner Jr., who is a Construction Manager for American Asphalt, the contractor assigned to the project, said that the delays resulted from problems with two concrete barriers. Sterner said that PennDOT asked that concrete instead of stone be laid beneath the island separating north and southbound traffic off Center Street, and the state miscalculated the specifications of the concrete barrier which will run between the north and southbound lanes from the Cross Valley Expressway to Hillside Road.

The barrier had to be redesigned and reordered and is expected to be finished within the week, Sterner said. The construction manager said he does not know how much money the delays added to the costs of the project, which was awarded to American Asphalt with a bid of \$4 million in 1987.

Sterner said the purpose of the concrete barriers which will run from the Cross Valley Expressway to Hillside Road is to help prevent glare from oncoming car lights, and as a means of protection to stop traffic from going on to the opposite side of the road, but these same 'protective' barriers are driving some Route 309 merchants out of business and others to relocation.

The Ruth K. Smith Real Estate Company will be moved from its current location to the opposite side of the highway. This puts the business, 'on the right side of the highway' with the traffic flow heading toward the Back Mountain, according to President Ruth Smith.

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Lake-Lehman District enrollment rises by 26

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Total enrollment in the Lake-Lehman School District has increased by 26 students, although some schools have shown a decrease. Increases were shown in Lehman-Jackson Elementary of 43 students and Lake-Noxen Elementary of 20 students; decreases were two students at Ross Township, six students at Junior High and 29 at Senior High. Dr. Charles Borchetta, Lake-Lehman School District superintendent, in his report to the directors at the September 13 board meeting, stated that the enrollment at the beginning of the current year had increased 1.18 percent over last school year's total enrollment of 2,197.

Borchetta reminded the directors that enrollment figures are changing constantly and will not stabilize for at least another week.

The superintendent also spoke briefly about the alleged abduction of a student on Mooretown Road, Lake Township, after the student stepped from the bus. He told directors that Monday, Sept. 12, it was determined that the student lied, the incident was a hoax.

Dr. Borchetta assured the directors and community people that the bus drivers are constantly on the alert for anything suspicious or that will endanger the safety and welfare of the students and the drivers report such to the authorities.

Planning group committee to meet

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Dr. James Ryan, Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus, stated Friday, September 16, that a meeting of the Back Mountain Development steering committee was scheduled for Thursday, September 22, to discuss planning.

The steering committee is comprised of residents interested in the development in the Back Mountain and how it should be controlled.

Ryan explained that last week a few members of the steering committee met to evaluate the concerns submitted by citizens who attended the two community meetings held at Penn State Campus.

"Approximately 20 people have been invited to the steering committee meeting," Ryan said. "We plan to review and make recommendations about the concerns of the citizens and arrive at some conclusions. After that we will set a general meeting at which we will decide on what actions will be taken."

Directors approved adoption of a resolution for Elva Elston, former secretary to the high school principal who retired September 2 and also approved a motion to accept the intent to retire notification at the end of the 1988-1989 school year from Frank Mrufochinski.

Scott A. Schafer, Lake-Lehman graduate and former member of the football team, was approved as a volunteer assistant football coach. James M. Spencer was named junior high basketball coach at a salary of \$1,450 and Cheryl Travis was named junior high field hockey coach at a salary of \$1,120.

Edna Higgins was appointed as a 7 1/2 hour custodian at the junior high school on a probationary period from September 14 through December 14 at \$5.15 per hour and thereafter at \$5.25 per hour until raises take effect in July, 1989.

Penn State University's request to use the Lake-Lehman Junior High School gym at an annual rental of \$500 was approved.

Directors approved by an 8-0 vote the awarding of contracts for spring athletic materials, supplies and equipment. Approval to award a contract for a gymnasium sound system at the senior high school to Comcast Sound Communications Inc., Dunmore, at a total of \$6,966, passed by an 8-0 vote.

The directors accepted the resignations of Joy Schuler, Lake-Noxen cafeteria manager and Elizabeth Chamberlain, Lehman-Jackson cafeteria worker. The names of Marlene Fielding, RD 1, Dallas, Margaret Tawes, RD 2, Dallas, and Frances Sabaluski, Lehman, were added to the cafeteria substitute list.

Forty three school bus drivers were approved for the 1988-1989 school year and pending physical. One additional driver may be added.

The October meeting will be held Oct. 11, 1988, 8 p.m., in the multipurpose room of Ross Elementary School, Sweet Valley.

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