

Owner hopes to reopen restored Beaumont Inn in time for holidays

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If all goes according to schedule, a renovated Beaumont Inn will open for business prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.

James Harkins of Penn State Seed Company, owner of the 40-year-old inn which was for years a popular restaurant hotel where local residents enjoyed many delicious dinners, receptions and other social functions, is restoring the Beaumont Inn. He plans to redo it as similar as possible to its decor in the 1940's.

It was in June, 1947, that Peter Masonis of Luzerne, owner of Masonis Cafe, purchased the 55-acre of land along Route 309 between Kunkle and Beaumont.

Masonis constructed the large brick building overlooking the highway which included 15 guest rooms for tourists on the second floor, a large banquet room, grill, kitchen, bar and restrooms on the first floor in less than a year. He held a grand opening of the Beaumont Inn in March, 1948.

The inn specialized in steaks and lobster tails and soon became popular for its variety of home-cooked foods. It also became the "place" to hold wedding receptions, banquets and dinner dances as well as clam-bakes and picnics in a grove on the property.

The diningroom accommodated 225 people which was among the first of its kind in the Back Mountain area. The guest rooms on the second floor became favorites with tourists using Route 309 to travel to New York and Canada and became popular as the halfway mark for many motorists.

In 1956 Masonis decided to retire from business and sold the inn to Joseph and Constantine Vaskas. The Vaskas brothers continued to operate the inn until June, 1957, when they retired and sold the property to James Harkins.

During the time the Vaskas brothers owned Beaumont Inn, Joseph married the former Ruth Masonis, Peter's daughter. Ruth and Joseph live in their home located across the highway from the inn.

For years the owners continued to feature and serve the same kind of dinners, Masonis had in earlier years. As often happens, with more restaurants locating in the Back Mountain area, the inn dropped in popularity and the Vaskas family served fewer dinners and catered to less and less receptions and banquets.

Harkins explained that he is not changing the decor of the inn but is renovating it to make it more efficient and to restore the second floor accommodations.

Over the years the upstairs guest rooms were replaced by two five-room apartments and Harkins is having the upstairs remodeled so there will be 10 guest rooms with individual baths.

"We are trying to keep the building as much the same as it was originally both inside and out," Harkins said. "John Rolfe of England will be manager-chef. He plans to feature international cuisine with emphasis on seafood."

"We also plan to operate the inn as Peter Masonis did during the years it became the most popular dining place in the Back Mountain. If our venture is the success we expect it to be, we will probably expand in the future," Harkins concluded.

Ruth Masonis Vaskas said she is happy to see the inn being remodeled and is looking forward to it becoming the popular place it was for many years.

"I am happy it was purchased by someone like James Harkins, who is interested in bringing the inn back to the people in this area," Mrs. Vaskas said.

Watch for the opening of the new Beaumont Inn-it may be just the place to enjoy holiday dinner.



BEAUMONT INN Contractors are busy renovating Beaumont Inn to be ready in time for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Above is the front of the building being remodeled similar to the Inn in 1948. At right is a view of the Tunkhannock Hills from a newly remodeled guest room window. (Charlotte Barizek photo)

Water

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contamination," Rodda said. Borough representative and councilman Craig Tupper told the commission that the Dallas Fire Company officials have been checking on various companies.

Ward, explained that Kingston Township now has an ordinance that a developer must put in mains and hydrants whether or not there is a company or wells. He also said that in Kingston Township the ordinance will stipulate a hydrant for every 15 homes in accordance with the new DER regulation.

Meeting date for the commission will be the first Thursday of every month after October. The October meeting will be October 13 at which

time officers will be elected. Officers will include president, vice president and joint secretary-treasurer.

Tupper explained that Dallas Borough will have named its representative to the commission by the October meeting, that it will probably be John Molsky. Municipalities who will comprise the commission are Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Franklin Township, Harveys Lake Borough, Kingston Township, Lake Township and Lehman Township. Representatives already named are Jim Ward, John Molsky, Dallas Borough; Joe Grimes, Dallas Township; Joy Daubert, Franklin Township; Charles Balavage, Lake Township; and Doug Ide, Lehman Township.

Harveys Lake Borough representatives were not at the meeting due

to damage caused by the severe storm the night before but it is reported that they approved joining the commission and will be represented in the future.

Dallas

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Jaycees honor council members

John Jablonski Jr., vice president of Back Mountain Jaycees, presented a framed certificate to council members, residents and the mayor, in appreciation for the continuing assistance extended to the local Chapter. Borough manager Robert Brown thanked Jablonski for the Jaycee tribute and said the plaque will hang in the new council chambers.

Mariani elected to head pharmaceutical group

John Mariani R.Ph., Dallas and William Seitzinger, R.Ph., Wyoming were recently elected to presidential offices within the Pa. Pharmaceutical Association. Mariani was inducted as president and Seitzinger as second vice-president at the recent State Pharmaceutical Association's annual convention held at the Mountain Laurel Resort, White Haven.

Both men have been active and held several posts within the organization for a number of years prior to attaining their presidencies.

Police were instructed to enforce the sign "Do Not Block Intersection" on Route 415 and, if necessary, ticket offenders.

The meeting was adjourned on October 4, 7:45 p.m., for the purpose of general business.

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