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Kingston Twp. prepares to sue Taminini

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
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Kingston Township is considering legal action against the developers of Sunrise Estates Phase II subdivision for allegedly failing to complete required public improvements or pay a security deposit to insure that the work will be completed.

In a public statement last week, the township "resolved that the township solicitor, together with the township manager and township engineer, do all things necessary to begin and prosecute legal action against the developers... unless the developers deliver to the township manager a letter of credit securing the completion of public improvements."

The township is demanding a letter of credit from the developer, Tamanani Industries, totaling \$96,000. "Any subdivision is required to put up a financial security for public improvements," explained Township Manager Jeff Box Friday. He said the money from the deposit would be used to complete the project if the developer is unable to for any reason.

"Mr. Tamanani's security deposit expired in November," Box said. "He has refused to re-issue it."

The deposit is required for the duration of the project plus one year after the township takes control of the subdivision's roads, according to Box.

Box said Tamanani found the

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The Christmas Story

The Mercy Center Preschool at College Misericordia held its annual Christmas program last Friday. Playing the parts of Mary and Joseph were Lorraine Lovecchio and Nicholas Shedlock, both of Dallas. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

New residents put pressure on services, governments

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

The 1980's brought substantial change to the Back Mountain, and some municipal officials say the change in population is chief among them.

"There's a lot more commercialism today than there was 10 years ago," said Leonard Kozick, Dallas Township tax collector. "You used to know every shop and every store in the area and when you walked down the street you knew everyone by name. Today there are more new people and more transients."

"We used to talk to everyone and know all about them but today we are becoming a 'bedroom' community," Kozick continued.

Other township officials agreed and mentioned the increase in traffic, the shopping centers and mini-marts that have sprung up.

"We have more crime today than we did 10 years ago," said Dallas Township supervisor Phil Walter. "Don't forget we are only two hours away from New York City. Houses are larger and they are much more

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Former mayor and manager of Dallas Borough

expensive. Houses that sold for \$35,000 five or 10 years ago are now selling for \$100,000 or \$200,000. We also have more

traffic problems."

Supervisor Frank Wagner says local officials have a tougher job than before. "Residents say raise the taxes but they forget some can't pay higher taxes. Governing is becoming more difficult. We have a lot of people who moved out here from New York or New Jersey and they want the same services they had there but they don't want to pay for them. They moved out here for more open space and are expecting city life in a country setting."

Wagner said 10 years ago, senior citizens were the first priority but now recycling is at the top of the list.

"We have lost the personal touch when we knew everybody at one time. It's not a little community anymore. There is a population change and a lot of the newcomers who know nothing about the area think they do and want to run it," Wagner concluded.

Dallas Township officials agreed that most of the township resi-

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School populations haven't grown, quality and scope of programs has

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

The Dallas and Lake-Lehman school districts have added greatly to their programs despite a stagnant school population in recent years.

The Dallas School District went through a great deal of change in the past decade, according to District Superintendent Gerald Wycallis.

"Our school population went down which resulted in our closing the Trucksville Elementary, Dallas Township Elementary and the Dallas Elementary schools. In 1981 we put a new roof on the Dallas High School," Wycallis explained.

The district increased the number of computers and media equipment in the instructional program and Dallas led the way in installing

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The school population in the Dallas district declined in the '80's. Three elementary schools were closed.

two-way intercoms in buses, which made it possible for the drivers to contact the school officials immediately in the event of emergency.

Smaller classes aided in providing better quality education and many advanced placement courses were incorporated into the programs, especially in math and science.

"The percentage of students continuing on to higher education is about the same," Wycallis said. "It averages about 70-73 percent. Although there are additional homes being built in the Dallas District, our school population is not increasing. In fact, school population has decreased," Wycallis said.

Wycallis explained that there had been no building of facilities in the '80's until the present projects—the Dallas Elementary additions and renovations to the senior high school.

"We have four fewer buildings

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Punishments await drunk drivers

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

New Year's Eve brings with it happiness but also often tragedy for those who drink and drive. Alcohol and gasoline don't mix, as well many will discover unless they heed the advice of the Back Mountain police chiefs this year.

"Don't drink," advised Paul Sabol, Kingston Township chief. "But if you feel you must drink, don't drive. If you're going to a party and you know you will be drinking, give your keys to a friend who doesn't drink and let that friend drive you home—or call a cab to take you home."

"If there are a group of you going to one place, select a designated driver and give him or her the keys before you arrive at the party," Sabol continued.

"A word of advice to those under 21—don't drink! If a driver under 21 is stopped and is charged with driving under the influence, his or her license will be suspended, a fine will be imposed and the driver

Party hosts can be held liable for the later actions of guests who became intoxicated

will be placed on a work program.

Have a safe, happy holiday, Sabol said, but stay away from drinking and driving. He warned there will be extra patrols out on New Year's Eve, both local officers and the state police.

Dallas Borough chief Jack Fowler warned that those serving liquor can be punished for their guests actions while drunk.

"Persons hosting parties in their home should also realize that they are responsible for their guests and should never allow anyone to leave to drive home if they have had too much to drink," Fowler said. "The host or hostess should ask someone who has not been

drinking to take the person home, or if possible, take the driver's keys and have them stay overnight."

If the amount of alcohol by weight in the blood of the person is 0.10% or greater, that person is legally drunk. That means they may have their driver's license revoked, be subject to pay a fine of not less than \$300 and serve a minimum term of imprisonment of not less than 48 hours, or if previously convicted of an offense under the code, not less than 30 days.

Those convicted twice must serve not less than 90 days and if three times for an equivalent offense within seven years, the license will be suspended for at least one year.

"Driving and drinking can be a dangerous or/and an expensive offense," Fowler. "Don't drink and drive, if you must drink the safe thing to do is to stay home or remain at the home of a friend. Then you will be around to greet New Year's Day."



Prince of Peace women donate items

The Church Women of Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas, recently donated Christmas stockings, lap robes, and wheel chair bags for residents at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas. Throughout the year, this group also visits with residents at the center who are members of their congregation. Shown holding Christmas stockings are some members of the group, from left, Florence Juris, Carol McKeever, Edna Yatsko, Jane Thompson, Betty Swanick, Phyllis Rivers.

Bare quorum votes Dallas Borough budget

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

Dallas Borough Council approved the 1990 budget of \$419,922 by a 4-0 vote at the December 19 meeting held at the municipal building. Council chairman Don Shaffer, council members Harold Brobst and Jerry Machell were absent.

Councilman Eyt's motion to adopt the resolution to set the real

estate tax at 14 mills for 1990 was seconded by Councilman Cooper. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

The council members also approved a penalty rate of 10 percent on delinquent real estate taxes not paid within 12-days.

All other taxes were approved without any changes from 1989. The motor tax fund audit was accepted as presented.

Borough manager Milton Lut-

sey reported that the one-way signs on Mill Street were difficult to keep in the proper position due the nature of the entrance way. The council will investigate the conditions.

The next meeting of the council will be the reorganization meeting which was scheduled for Monday, January 1, but due to the date being New Year's Day, the meeting will be held Tuesday, January 2.

Citizens' Council backs 911, elects directors

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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The Back Mountain Citizens Council voted unanimously to support a Luzerne County-wide 911 emergency support system at its meeting last Wednesday. The council will urge state legislators to pass a bill that would allow citizens to vote in a referendum to set up a 911 system in their counties.

Nancy Eckert, council president, said the council will urge legislators to take immediate steps to pass legislation so a referendum can be placed on the ballot in Luzerne County to authorize the 911 system.

The 911 question, if passed by the legislators would then go before the Luzerne County Commissioners and if approved by them, it would go to the voters by the May primary.

"We will take whatever steps necessary to encourage the passage," Eckert said referring to the council's support of the 911 system.

Elected as members of the board were Dr. Alan Boonin, Dallas Township; Susan Davis, Lehman Township; Pat DiPasquale, Dallas; Irene Thomas, Lake Township; Jack Thomas, Kingston Town-

ship; Frank Zeske, Franklin Township; one year terms.

Al Babetski, Lehman Township; Phyllis Belk; Ray Boyle, Harveys

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Coming up:

'ROCKIN' LOCK-IN' - All night New Year's party for 7th to 12th graders. With 'Arc Angel' and 'Suspect.' Kingston Armory, Market Street, tickets \$5.00.
DALLAS BOROUGH COUNCIL - Reorganization meeting, Tues., Jan. 2, 7 PM, Dallas Borough Bldg., Main St.
DALLAS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Tues., Jan. 2, 8 PM, Dallas Township Bldg., Route 309