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Kingston Township to discuss zone changes

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A few residences and businesses in Kingston Township will fall under new zoning requirements if proposed amendments are made to the township's zoning ordinance.

The township supervisors will vote on the amendments at a public hearing April 10.

There are four proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance. According to zoning officer Ben Gorey, three of them deal with administrative functions while the fourth addresses changes to properties along portions of Route 309.

Gorey said that there is some confusion as to how the properties are currently zoned and that the amendment will help clear up the matter.

The properties in question are located along Route 309 from where Main Street touches the highway to N-Mart in Trucksville.

"According to the zoning map these properties do not fall under any of the township's zones," said Gorey.

The zoning map lists all of the zoned properties in the township, but this specific area is not listed as being zoned.

"We believe they were supposed to be part of the B-2 (Commercial) zone, but for some reason the map shows the B-2 boundary line extending along (Toby's) Creek and these properties are excluded," added Gorey.

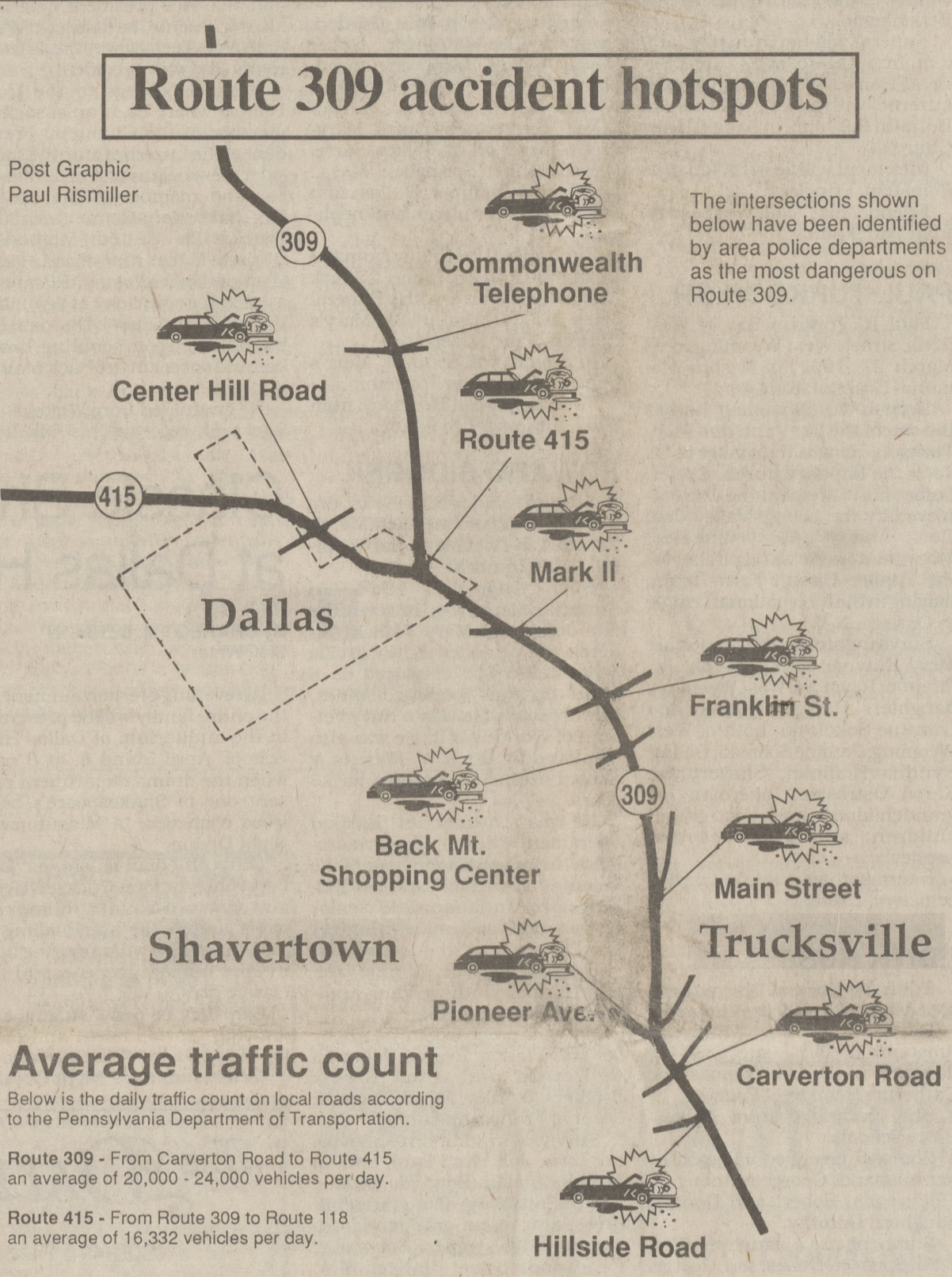
The amendment to the zoning ordinance will redraw that area of the map and thus all the buildings will be zoned R-2.

Gorey does not expect any problems if the amendment is approved. "This will probably be better for the property owners," said Gorey, "because right now that area could be interpreted as conservation and residential commercial."

The properties are owned by eight individuals, who have been notified about the hearing. However, Gorey said that only one owner has questioned the proposed change and came away satisfied with it.

"In fact, it is probably what the property owners want because if

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More truck traffic expected when Cross Valley done

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While heavy automobile traffic on Route 309 through the Back Mountain has become an important concern, increasing numbers of trucks passing through may create the next major hazard on the highway.

The last survey of traffic on Route 309 was done approximately three years ago, and it showed nearly as many cars traveling on the local roadway as on an interstate highway.

"The traffic count then was 24,000 cars daily," according to Rolly Keisling, community relations coordinator. "That count was done before the highway project was done on Route 309," said Keisling, referring to the addition of a turning lane and dividers on some parts of the road.

"There have been no official surveys done since that time and no one really knows the count of traffic traveling north and south on Route 309 now," said Ed Schechter, former Transportation Advisory Committee Chairman for the state. "The heaviest hours for traffic appear to be before 8 a.m. in the morning and in late afternoon when work traffic lines the highway both north and south."

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5th lane coming for parts of Kingston Twp.

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Despite fiscal cutbacks in Harrisburg, the state Department of Transportation is optimistic about the chances of a fifth lane being added to a portion of Route 309 in Kingston Township.

PennDOT officials announced in February that a corridor safety initiative study was being planned for the roadway and they believed that the study would show the need for a "turning lane" along a stretch of the road in Trucksville.

Even though some funding for state highway projects is being cut, PennDOT spokesman Rolly Keisling said Monday that there is a good chance the fifth lane will be constructed.

"This is part of our ongoing safety initiative," said Keisling. "We

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Jackson Twp. plans \$200,000 renovations to municipal building

By RICH JOHNSON
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If things go as planned, a \$200,000 renovation project will be completed by the end of summer at the Jackson Township Municipal Building. First, however, the township must settle some complications with the project's plans and check the references of the low-bid contractor.

The project calls for the renovation of the municipal building along Huntsville Road with hopes that it will lodge the police department and offices for other municipal employees.

The township purchased the building nearly two years ago and has used it as a garage area for township vehicles. Plans call for renovations that will keep one part

Supervisors had hoped to get a grant for the project. None has come through so far.

of the building for the road department. The rest of the building will be used as a permanent home for the police department and other offices, according to supervisor Thomas Adams.

He explained that the first floor will house the police offices and a holding room while the second floor will have offices for the township secretary and supervisors, the building inspector and the zoning officer.

Adams said that plans have been discussed since the building was purchased but no action has been taken because the township was seeking grant money to help pay for the renovations.

"We were hoping to do this in conjunction with the recreation park but we only received grants for the recreation area and this project was turned down," said Adams.

Bids for the renovations were opened at the April 1 supervisors meeting and the low bid was submitted by Tri-State Construction of Scranton at \$197,800.

Adams said that the township has taken out a 10 year low-interest loan from Luzerne National Bank to pay for the renovations.

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CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER - Sat., April 6, 4:30-7 PM, takeouts at 4:00. Adults, \$5.50.

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Lake walk raises funds to fight MS

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Harveys Lake Borough will join 250 other communities across the nation Sunday as it plays host to nearly 1,500 walkers who are raising money for the fight against Multiple Sclerosis.

The walkers will converge on the lake for the annual Super Cities Walk on behalf of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. This is the third year the local walk will be held at Harveys Lake and organizers are thrilled with the way the event is shaping up.

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The play's the thing

Kristen Gurdin as Hermia, an Athenian woman in love with two men, rehearses a scene with Keith Herstek, who plays Demetrius, one of the men in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer's Night Dream." The classic comedy will be presented at Dallas High School April 5 and 6. Story on page 2. (Post Photo/C.M. Denmon)