

Defends

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He said he understood the concerns raised by some of the smaller haulers but added that it might be too late to begin complaining. "This recycling isn't a new idea and the haulers have to understand that," said Chadwick. "Act 101 was approved in 1988 and in February of 1989 there was a meeting in the Back Mountain to discuss recycling and what would have to be done."

Chadwick said the meeting was set up for local officials, members of the Back Mountain Citizen's Council and waste haulers.

"The topic was recycling and what was coming down the pike and what things would have to be done," he said. "There were a number of citizens there but only two haulers spoke up and they took the opinion then that they weren't going to go along with any of this."

Chadwick said that it may have been that type of attitude that has hurt some haulers now. "We tried to explain then that recycling was coming, it is a good thing and (the haulers) had better find a way to deal with it or they would find themselves in a bad position," he added.

The importance of recycling and why it should be done is the important issue at stake, according to Chadwick. "We can't just keep dumping things like we did 10 years ago," he said. "We need to give people an incentive to recycle and it seems like the DAMA program does that."

Recycling

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Some residents and local haulers are fighting the DAMA program saying they should have a choice of haulers and that the program is being forced upon them.

Complaints such as these have not been heard at Harveys Lake. "To my knowledge we haven't received any complaints like that," said Harveys Lake councilman Joseph Sgarlat. "Most of our complaints come about when the hauler leaves some garbage, but it isn't often."

Sgarlat said that the municipal hauling program has helped to keep the price of garbage in the borough one of the lowest in the Back Mountain. "Every year this comes

up for bid and we always go with the lowest bid," said Sgarlat. "That way we serve the community the best way we can and I think it is the right thing to do."

During the last four years the borough has changed haulers three times in an effort to keep fees low. The garbage fee for Harveys Lake residents is \$85 annually per home and was not raised when the borough began its contract this year with Solomon.

Some of the Back Mountain residents fighting the DAMA program say they will continue with their own haulers and will not pay the bills sent by DAMA.

No similar complaints have come to light at Harveys Lake, according to officials.

Solicitor Charles McCormick said that there have been cases of residents not paying bills but it

was not a protest to the hauler. "I don't believe we have had a case like this," said McCormick. "We have gone after some residents but it wasn't because they were fighting the hauler."

McCormick said that the borough has taken legal action against residents who haven't paid the garbage fees and has been successful in doing so.

Sgarlat said that cooperation from borough residents also has made the program successful. "We are looking out for the residents but they also play a big part in this," he said. "It is the 100 percent participation from residents that keeps this going and we can thank them for helping keep the fees low."

In Kingston Township, Box said that he hopes the program can get the same success from residents. "We are trying to keep costs as low as possible," he said.

"People think we are mandating a private hauler but that is not the case," added Box. "We have mandated a municipal pickup and it is not what people are making it out to be."

Box said that the three municipalities made an agreement with DAMA to run the program and a bid structure was used to determine the hauler.

"It's not like we went out and bought a truck and hired some people to do the work," said Box. "We advertised for bids to keep the costs lower than if we did do the work ourselves."



DINING AL FRESCO - The Pine Brook Inn, a longtime Back Mountain favorite dining spot, will soon be celebrating its first year anniversary in the hands of Joe and Matthew Mooney. Public interest in the lovely open air deck has led to the addition of dining and cocktails outdoors under beautiful umbrellas. (Post Photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

Pine Brook now offers dining on the deck

The Pine Brook Inn, one of the Back Mountain's favorite dining spots for nearly 50 years, will soon celebrate its first anniversary under only its third owners, Joe and Matthew Mooney. The Pine Brook's lovely deck with a panoramic view of "the country" has been the subject of great interest from patrons, and the Mooney team has now added dining and cocktails on the deck to complement the improvements to the decor as well as the tempting new menu introduced last year.

The Pine Brook is located on Lower Demunds Road in Dallas. Reservations can be made by calling 675-3550. The restaurant is open Wed. and Thurs. evenings from 5 to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturdays from 5 to 10, and Sundays from 2 to 7 p.m.

Police report

DALLAS BOROUGH TV, VCR STOLEN

Richard Burns, Machell Avenue, Dallas, reported a burglary July 7, to police. Burns said he was a traveling salesman and left his residence Sunday, July 7, and when he returned home he noticed that missing was a 25-inch TV set, Sony stereo-radio and a VCR. Burns reported the burglary to police at 10 p.m. prior to leaving on another business trip. Investigating officer was Michael Krzwicki, Jr.

CAR RADIO TAKEN

Joseph Kowalski reported a theft to Dallas Borough police July 9. Kowalski told Officer James J. Martin that sometime between July 7 and 9, someone entered his 1979 Jeep parked in the driveway of his Dallas home and removed an AM/FM stereo cassette player. It appeared the thief used a set of pliers to remove the stereo valued at \$65.

DUI CHARGES

Officer James J. Drury, June 26, charged Brian Czapracki with DUI after stopping the victim for driving erratically north on Route 415 and turning north on Church Street, running a stop sign. Czapracki's Blood alcohol concentration tested .16.

Officer James J. Martin June 30 cited Janice Christine Vitack, Pittston for DUI after stopping her for driving in an erratic manner south on Route 309. Her blood alcohol concentration was .27.

Officer James J. Martin, cited Francis Cummings July 2 with driving under the influence and without a license while traveling south on Route 309 in an erratic manner. His blood alcohol concentration tested .25.

DALLAS TOWNSHIP POOL VANDALIZED

Officer John Appel investigated a criminal mischief report where the victim, Barbara O'Donnell,

stated that her son heard a loud splash in their pool area and when she checked she saw a long pipe in the pool that caused the liner to break and the water left the pool.

CAR DAMAGED

David Hartzel, Maryland resident, reported to police July 8 that he had his car parked in the driveway of the William Hartzel residence, Dallas, from July 1 to July 8 and sometime during those dates his windshield wipers were bent, car antennae bent and the garage door handle turned. Investigating officer was Truman Brandt.

ITEMS STOLEN FROM PARKED CAR

Robert Finley, Shrine View reported to township police, July 10, that he parked his car in the house driveway at 2 a.m. with the doors unlocked. He stated that July 5 he discovered items valued at \$210 missing. Chief Carl Miers was investigating officer.

DUI CHARGED

Charles Robert Goodrich, Jr., Dallas, was charged July 7 with driving under the influence by Officer Doug Higgins, when Goodrich stopped operating his vehicle on the highway while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance. His blood alcohol concentration tested .16.

3-CAR ACCIDENT

Officer Truman Brandt, July 8, investigated a three-car accident on Route 309 where two of the cars had to be towed from the scene. Investigation revealed that a car driven by Mitchell Gerstein of Dallas was traveling north on Route 309 in the passing lane and came upon a car driven by Mary Theresa Corridoni, Pittston, who was slowing down for slow moving traffic.

Gerstein's car struck the Corridoni car in the rear causing it to strike a car driven by Morag Michael of Dallas in a chain reaction. Michael was able to drive her car from the scene. The other two cars had to be towed.

BRAKES FAIL, CARS COLLIDE

Officer Wayman Miers, July 11, investigated a two-car accident on Lower Demunds Road at the intersection with Hildebrandt Road. Robert Wilkinson of Dallas stated he was driving south on Lower Demunds Road and at the intersection of Hildebrandt Road, George Gentile of Pittston in his car failed to stop at the stop sign

and struck the Wilkinson car. Wilkinson said the Gentile car was pulling a boat. He also said that the driver left the scene. A witness told police that he heard a bang from the Gentile car and it did not stop and struck the Wilkinson car. He also said that Gentile stopped at the entrance to Ransom Road and checked with Wilkinson, that both were talking, then Gentile left the scene.

Later Gentile contacted the police and told them he would come to the station with information. He came to the station at 2:30 p.m., July 11, and said his brake pedal went to the floor and he struck the Wilkinson car but after the impact he was able to pump his brakes and get them to work.

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