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People like recycling program, but not how it was done

By RICH JOHNSON
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A very random sample of residents conducted by a roving reporter has found support for the controversial Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) trash and recycling program, but objection to how it was implemented.

In interviews at their homes, several residents of Dallas Township, Dallas Borough and Kingston Township said their garbage was being picked up by Danella Environmental Technologies, the designated hauler, but they expressed concern for smaller haulers who have lost business under the program.

"There are two ways of looking at this," said Joe Casey of Trucksville. "We will make out better financially with this new system, but it bothers me the way it was done."

"They should have given the individual haulers more consideration."

Diane Martin
 Dallas

"I'm glad to see that we are finally recycling, but there must have been a better way to do it."

John Kearn
 Dallas

Mrs. Thomas Lloyd of Orchard Street agreed. "We are going with DAMA but we felt it was a bad deal for the local haulers."

Under the newly instituted recycling program in the three municipalities, DAMA contracted exclusively with Danella for pickup of garbage and recyclables, leaving smaller haulers to argue that the act was unconstitutional and would put them out of business.

Most residents will save money with the new

program but feel that the way that municipal officials handled the situation put a black cloud over the issue.

"I'm glad to see that we are finally recycling but there must have been a better way to do it," said John Kearn of Dallas.

Mary Young of Dallas Township said that her family would save money in the long run but was satisfied with the prior service. "It will be close

but I think we will save some money overall," said Young. "I don't think we would have switched companies unless we had to because we were very satisfied with our hauler."

Casey and Lloyd also said they were satisfied with their haulers but said they went with DAMA because of the new program.

"I'm for recycling and that's why we are doing it," said Lloyd. "I have noticed though that the garbage doesn't get picked up as quickly with the new program. Sometimes it sits a whole day before they get to it, but before the hauler was always here between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m."

Casey added, "We don't have much garbage and our hauler always made sure it was picked up. Now we will make out better financially I hope we get as good as service as before."

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All Aboard for the hay ride

Dozens of area children turned out last week for a hay ride sponsored by the Dallas Borough Recreation Center. The annual

summer event is one of the favorites with area kids. Pony rides were also available. (Post Photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

Dallas Twp., Borough officials favor lower trash fee for seniors

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Protests from senior citizens who say they can't afford the newly-instituted trash and recyclable collection program have drawn a sympathetic response from officials in Dallas Township and Dallas Borough.

A Dallas Township senior citizen told the supervisors at their July 16 meeting that she opposed the new trash and recyclables collection by the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) because she can't afford it.

"I live on a fixed income and I can't pay \$135 a year," she said. "I don't have any garbage and I buy only those things that I can recycle. I don't need to have garbage or recyclables collected. I take my own recyclables but if I don't go with the new program they will put a lien on my house. I worked for 46 years and I have never had a lien on my house," the woman said

referring to the DAMA collection. Township chairman Phil Walters told her that DAMA probably would not put any liens against her house.

"They never put liens against homes because of the sewers and they were installed 20 years ago," Walters said. "If they did they wouldn't take your house from you. That lien wouldn't be satisfied until you died or the house was sold."

The woman retaliated by saying, "That house is all I have to leave for my daughter."

Walters also reminded the woman that she had to pay school taxes and mentioned that the school taxes just went up.

"I have to pay them but it isn't that I want to but if I don't they will sell my house," she said.

Dallas Township engineer Thomas Doughton, also a member of the DAMA Board, told the woman, "If somebody tries to take your

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Protests to garbage plan is similar to past opposition of sewers

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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The opposition to the municipal collection program brings back memories to DAMA plant manager Tom Bagley, who faced similar opposition to the installation of a sewer system in the 1970's.

"In many ways the protests and insinuations are similar to the approved sewer installation which was passed in 1969 and construction started in 1971," said Bagley. "We had many of the same kind of complaints from property owners in the beginning just as we have had now."

however. Property owners had front footage assessment at \$8.00 per front foot, the roads in the three municipalities were torn up and many people had septic tanks that gave them no problem. Just as now, they couldn't see why they had to empty their septic tanks and pay to hook up to sewer lines and they came to meetings with protests and many questions," Bagley continued. "We didn't have our plant and offices built when the sewers were first started but we held meetings in the Dallas High School and to most of them groups of citizens turned out, many

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Huntsville Road repairs wait for water main work

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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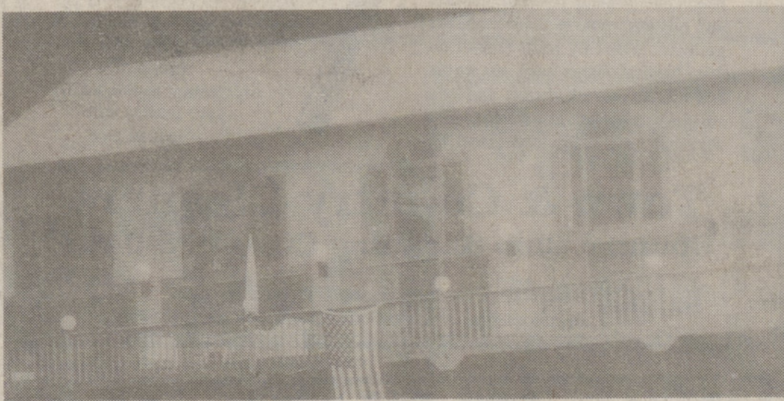
It will be some time before Huntsville Road is smoothed and paved, according to Dallas Borough councilman Donald Shaffer.

In answer to a resident's question about repairs to Huntsville Road by the county, Shaffer replied that R. N. Fitch & Sons are waiting for a contract to put in new water mains on Huntsville Road for the Dallas Water Company.

"In my opinion it will be a while before the county will do any paving of the road," Shaffer said. "They are not going to redo the roads to have them torn up for laying lines. You know what a mess that can be."

Also at its meeting July 16, Dallas Borough Council held the first reading of taking over the roads in the newly-developed area of Stone Hedge. Manager Milton

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BEING CHALLENGED - This residence has come under fire lately as neighbors say a newly installed kitchen is in violation of zoning conditions put on the house. (Post Photo/Rich Johnson)

Neighbors say Lake home is really a multi-family

By RICH JOHNSON
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The Harveys Lake zoning officer has been asked to take action against a homeowner who neighbors say is in violation of zoning conditions because her home is being developed as a multi-family residence.

The controversy surrounds a residence owned by Mary Sulewski near Pole 200 on Lakeside Drive at Point Breeze. Neighbors say the property is a multi-family unit, which goes against conditions of the occupancy permit that specified it was to be a single family home.

The issue first came to light last summer when Sulewski's family went to the borough's zoning hearing board to obtain an occupancy

permit. At that time, some residents complained that the residence was constructed to allow for separate living quarters and would leave the option that it could be used as an apartment building. The family argued that the building was designed so it could be used on weekends by Sulewski's six daughters and their families.

The zoning hearing board issued the occupancy permit with three stipulations: that the building be used only by the Sulewskis, that no part of the building can be leased or used by anyone not in the family, and there can be no structure or use changes without prior approval from the zoning board.

Since that meeting work has continued on the building and

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Another bear is sighted

Black bears are becoming regular visitors to Back Mountain communities lately. One was first sighted in May walking down Davenport Street. A few weeks later another was spotted crossing some fields above Davenport to Overbrook Road and July 15 another was seen crossing the road in the area of Lake Louise.

Sophie Lucidi of Orange was driving along Ransom Road toward Dallas on her way to work about 6:50 a.m. when she spied the big visitor.

The road was torn up in the area near Lake Louise so Ms. Lucidi had to drive slowly—approximately 15 miles per hour she said—when she spotted the huge black bear crossing from one side of Ransom Road to the other.

"The animal was beautiful. It was so exciting! It was making its way from one side to the other slowly because of the torn up road," Ms. Lucidi said.

"Its fur was so black and long. It was huge and exciting to see. I used to go hunting but I never saw a bear in the woods. I would have stopped but there was a truck behind me and I couldn't. If there had been no breaks in the road I believe the bear could have walked right into my car."

"It was great to see it out in the open. It went in the direction of Lake Louise. There is water on that side of the road so I think it might have been looking for that," Ms. Lucidi said.

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Community Events

LAKE SILKWORTH FIRE CO. BAZAAR - Fri.-Sun., July 26-28, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church grounds, Route 29. Starts Friday at 5:00 PM. Entertainment each night, food, refreshments, games.

FAMILY STYLE HAM DINNER - Sat., July 27, 5-7 PM, Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Co. Hall. Adults \$6.00, Children under 12 \$3.00. Takeouts available 4:30-5 PM. Tickets at the door.

DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR SHAVERTOWN FIRE CO. BAKE SALE AND WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE - Sale will be Aug. 2-3. Articles in good condition, no clothes. Drop off at the Fire Hall July 31 and Aug. 1 after 7 PM. 675-4514.

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