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## Public service worth it despite aggravations say officials

By CHARLOT M. DENMON and ERIC FOSTER Post Staff

The resignation of Dallas Borough council member Jerry Machell has left a far more aggressive impression on Back Mountain communities than it does on the rest of the county. Officials in Back Mountain communities show that plenty of satisfaction though it doesn't cost.

"You take the good and the bad as a municipal officer," said Dallas Borough council member Jerry Machell. "You better realize that when you run for office."

"The compensation isn't monetary, it's the satisfaction you get when you see some of your goals accomplished, projects that help our community such as our playground, the sewers, street lights and sidewalks. When these projects are completed it is very rewarding," Machell said.

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Jerry Machell  
Dallas Borough Council member

"It's not an easy job, you deal with so many personalities and you put in a lot of time. There's no such thing as one meeting a month,

there are many of them especially when problems come up and believe me, they do!" he continued.

Machell compared serving on

the borough council to operating a large business.

"You try to do your best but you get knocked down many a time. People don't realize that there are constant meetings. It's a big business that you don't get paid for. Some people are always out to get you but that's part of the job. You've got to expect it," Machell concluded.

Phil Walter, chairman of the Dallas Township Supervisors, said that he has gained satisfaction from being able to avoid a tax increase

in the face of continuing development. And the little things also bring rewards.

"It's rewarding to me when I do something such as paving some of the streets, cleaning out the drains and gutters and answering complaints and the people tell me how much they appreciate it. It makes you feel as though you're achieving something," Walter said. "I feel good when we plow out some of the

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## Business to begin recycling

By ERIC FOSTER Post Staff

Beginning Thursday, September 26, about 425 businesses in Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township will be required to begin recycling.

The businesses are required to recycle four items - high grade office paper, corrugated paper (boxes), aluminum, and leaf waste - though every business may not produce all of the items (particularly leaf waste).

But unlike the residential recycling program, businesses will be allowed to choose their own hauler for recycling.

"You have to arrange with your hauler to have the items collected," said Tom Bagley, executive director of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA).

Though DAMA is not responsible for collecting the recyclables, it will have to report to the county every year on how much material has been recycled by businesses in the three municipalities.

To do that, DAMA has sent a letter and a report form to Back Mountain businesses, asking that it be returned with the name of their private hauler by September 26. A form must be submitted to DAMA at the end of each year with totals of how much material was recycled.

"Basically, we're relying on the commercial enterprise to tell us," said Bagley. "I suggested to a number of people to make a copy of the form and send it in. We fully realize that for most businesses, we're talking about pounds, not tons."

For some businesses however, there won't even be ounces recycled initially.

"Not because they don't want to but because the business operators haven't yet received the letter notifying them of the deadline to begin recycling."

"I'm really disappointed because I really want to be recycling," said Shane Pegely, manager of Mimmo's Pizza in the Dallas Shopping Cen-

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Enjoying the Dallas Elementary School playground last Saturday are from left, Alison Bader, Amanda and Jamie Coleman of Dallas. (Post Photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

## DAMA foes line up candidates

By ERIC FOSTER Post Staff

A group formed in response to the Dallas Area Municipal Authority's (DAMA) waste collection program has announced a write-in candidate for the one supervisor race in Dallas Township, and four others who are considering running for three supervisor seats in Kingston Township.

At The Back Mountain Citizens, Residents, and Taxpayers Association's meeting September 22, David Hontz Sr., 63, of Dallas Township, announced that he would run as a write-in candidate in Dallas Township.

"I want freedom, your own choice," said Hontz, referring to the controversy over DAMA's exclusive contract with Danella Environmental Technologies to collect garbage and recyclables in Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, and Kingston Township.

"When I have to pay somebody, I want to pay who I want," said Hontz, a registered Republican.

Those considering running for Kingston Township supervisor are John Manganiello, David Moser, vice president of the newly-formed association, George Tucker, and Rev. Robb Henderson, pastor of the Carverton United Methodist Church, where the meeting was held.

Of the four, only Henderson was at the meeting. Henderson plans to send letters to his parishioners asking their opinion of his candidacy before he makes his final decision.

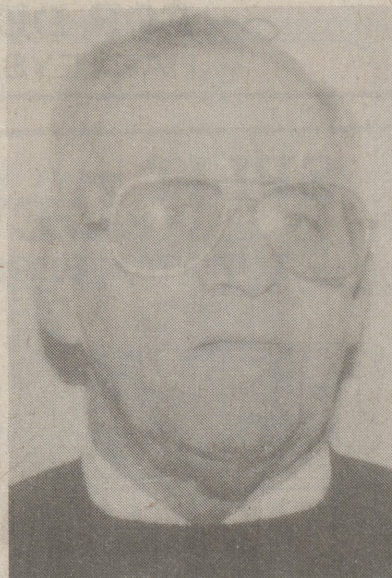
"Out of those four, three will run," said Jackie Zukowsky, secretary of the association.

Officers of the association polled the residents on what they felt was the main issue at hand.

"We need to know how many people are here for freedom of choice, and how many people, if they made changes, would go with them?" asked Zukowsky.

"How many people are here because of the price?" asked Zukowsky.

About 20 of the 100 people in



DAVID HONTZ, SR.

attendance raised their hands.

Zukowsky then asked, "Is the main issue the freedom of choice?" The residents bellowed a "Yes."

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## Write-in candidate can fill Dallas Boro council vacancy

After 3 council members quit

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Post Staff

Dallas Borough residents will have a unique opportunity in the November election; they'll be able to fill a vacancy on the borough's council by write-in vote.

What had been rumored for several months came true at the September 17 meeting of the council when three council members—Bob Brown, Don Shaffer and Timothy Carroll—announced their resignations effective September 30. Brown and Shaffer had chosen not to run for new terms, so their names would not have appeared on the November ballot, but Carroll's term would have run until 1993.

Now it appears that one council seat will be up for grabs, since the borough's Republican committee was unable to bring forward a candidate in time to make it onto the ballot.

In a letter of resignation, Carroll stated that his decision had nothing to do with the current garbage and recycling protests nor with other problems recently coming up, but that his business needs his attention and he has other interests he wanted to pursue.

Shaffer's letter stated that he thought it best to resign now and give the new council time to prepare the budget for the coming year.

Brown, who was appointed last year to fill out the term left vacant by Russ Eyt's resignation, had indicated earlier that he thought it best to resign and give the other council members coming on board an opportunity to become familiar with the council's business. He also indicated in his letter that he thought it best that they aid in preparation of the new budget.

Shaffer and Brown were not present at the meeting. Following the order of business council adjourned the meeting until Oct. 3 when they hope to appoint members to fill the vacant seats.

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## Dallas Township supers to appeal zoning board ruling

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Post Staff

Dallas Township's Board of Supervisors will appeal the township zoning board's ruling that a home for five mentally handicapped is acceptable in an R-1 residential zone. The three man zoning board handed down the decision in favor of the group home at 236 Church St., Dallas, at its meeting Sept. 17.

Township Supervisor Frank Wagner said there has been enough resistance to the home to justify

the appeal. "As supervisors we have a responsibility to our residents and the residents in that area of Church Street contend that the group home is in violation of the R-1 zoning ordinance," Wagner said.

"Our solicitor Frank Townend has defined the home where the five mentally handicapped men are living as a boarding house and as such is a business and under the ordinance should not be allowed in

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## Water use worries prison neighbors

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Post Staff

Residents in the area around the State Correctional Institution at Dallas are concerned that the prison's use of water will drain their wells, and they're angry that the state has dragged its feet in addressing the problem.

"Why should our committee have to tell the state what to do?" asked Pat Rusiloski, chairperson of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the State Correctional Institution at Dallas.

Rusiloski expressed her impatience with a project to bring water to the prison from Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company's Ceasetown Dam. "This project was supposed to be completed this month but it was just put out for bid on September 16."

Rusiloski raised the question at

a meeting of the committee with state and prison officials September 20.

The prison uses 350,000 gallons of water daily and residents are worried the amount of water used by the prison will drain their water supply.

Plans for the prison to use Ceasetown Dam have been in the works for more than four years and the bids were to be opened Sept. 16. The contract now must be awarded to a contractor within 40 days.

"This should have been done before," said Rusiloski. "The Governor froze everything and now it will probably be a year before the project will be finished."

Rusiloski said recently instituted water use restrictions will help.

"The superintendent Joseph Ryan has had restrictions on wa-

ter within the prison since September 4 and until they went into effect the prisoners were taking showers every day. Now they are restricted to three showers a week and using plastic for eating," said Rusiloski. "If we have a mild winter without much snow or another drought, who knows what will happen?"

Ryan told the committee that he is prepared to bring in water in tankers if the water levels make it necessary.

Rusiloski said that in 1983 there were 1300 inmates at the prison. Now there are 2,014. "I'm concerned about the water and the security at the prison," she said.

Committee members emphasized the need for the representatives who were present to keep

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**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - Tues., Oct. 1, 11 AM-5 PM, Dallas United Methodist Church. Call 823-7161 for appointments.**

### Community Events

**RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE - Sat., Sept. 28, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM, Noxen Methodist Church.**  
**FAMILY STYLE CHICKEN SUPPER - Sat., Sept. 28, 5-7 PM, takeouts 4-4:30, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown. Adults \$6.00, children \$3.00.**  
**FAMILY STYLE HAM DINNER - Sat., Sept. 28, 5-7 PM, Sweet Valley Vol. Fire Co. Takeouts 4:30-5 PM. Adults \$6.00, children 6-12 \$3.00.**

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