

Highway construction timeline

Officials from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) unveiled a proposed schedule for its \$3 million highway improvement project for the Route 309-415 highway corridor at a public meeting Tuesday, April 13, at the Dallas Middle School.

According to community relations coordinator Rollie Keisling, the work will be divided into three phases, expected to begin in June and be completed in mid-1995.

Phase I: Penn-DOT expects to open bids in June, begin work by early fall and finish in the spring of 1994 on construction of a center turning lane along a 1.2-mile section of Route 309 between Harris Hill Road and Center Street in Shavertown. The highway will be widened and curbing installed along this stretch.

Phase II: By fall, 1993, Penn-DOT expects to begin work on road modifications and installation of traffic lights at these Route 309 intersections: Franklin Street, Shavertown; Main Road, Dallas (Offset Paperback), and Center Hill/Upper Demunds/Hildebrandt roads. Route 415 intersections receiving work will be at Dallas Corners; West Center Hill Road (Pickett's Charge), and Route 118. Current plans call for Irem Road, at the large Shriner's hat opposite the Country Club Shopping Center, to be closed to traffic. This section is expected to be completed by spring, 1994.

Phase III: In mid-1994, Penn-DOT expects to begin construction of a jughandle to accommodate traffic turning from Route 309 northbound onto Hillside Road, widening the Carverton Road bridge to accommodate a pedestrian walkway and right turn lane onto Route 309 north and realigning Church Road.

by Grace R. Dove

Highway

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guests of Irem Temple Country Club.

"Increased traffic volume on Church Street could affect traffic at the four-way stop sign at Center Hill Road and the traffic light on Route 309," he said.

Lemmond and Dallas Borough councilman William Roberts suggested that a left turn lane be added on Route 415 north at the Machell Ave. intersection, so that stopped cars there don't cause a backup on Route 415 at Dallas Corners.

Lemmond said that many cars

use Machell Ave. to go to a family practice clinic, veterinarian's office and equestrian school, Gate of Heaven Church and Gate of Heaven School, all located there.

Dallas resident Hugh King asked how municipalities would pay for maintenance of traffic signals on municipal borders, for example at Offset Paperback and Pickett's Charge.

Understate law, PennDOT may install traffic signals, but the municipalities are responsible for maintenance and paying the electrical bills.

Con artists

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Fowler said that last year a con artist claiming to resal driveways at bargain prices made the mistake of stopping at the home of relatives of a local policeman, who immediately called police.

Franklin Township residents have made several complaints about a dark-skinned man selling lemonade jugs decorated with Disney characters, who continued to try to get into residents' homes even after they had refused to buy anything, according to township secretary Sandy Race.

"This is the first year that I've had any complaints," she said.

Police in Dallas, Jackson and Kingston Townships said that they haven't received any complaints to date about peddlers or questionable persons posing as salesmen.

Most area municipalities require transient salespersons or peddlers to obtain special permits, which they must display while making their rounds.

Franklin Township: A transient permit, good for a month, is available from the township secretary for \$2. Salespersons must have a Pennsylvania address, may only work between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. and aren't allowed to sell indecent or morally offensive merchandise.

Kingston Township: Transient permits are available from zoning officer Ben Gorey.

Dallas Township: Peddlers must obtain licenses for \$1 per month from the police department, who will fingerprint and run background checks for criminal arrests on all applicants, according to police chief Carl Miers.

Dallas Borough: There is a five-day waiting period for a peddler's license, which is available only from the mayor. The police check the applicants' backgrounds, photograph and fingerprint them, according to police chief Jack Fowler.

Fees are: one day, \$5; one week, \$15; one month, \$25 and one year, \$75. Salespersons working after dark must have special permits.

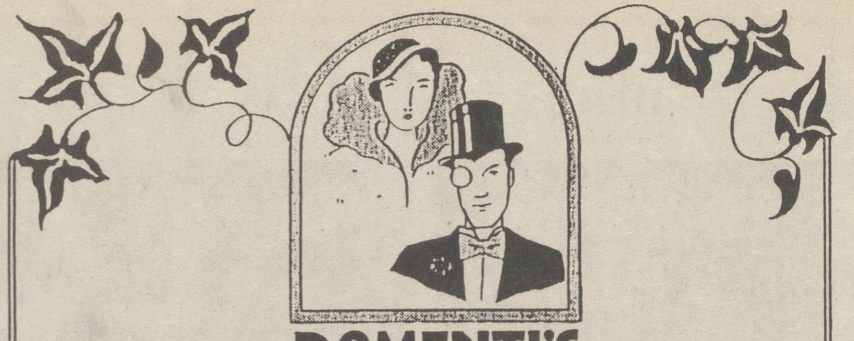
Jackson Township: Peddlers' permits are available from the police. Applicants must wait ten days while the police check their background, fingerprints and references, according to assistant police chief Jerry Leedock. The cost is based on the time that the salesperson will be working in the township.

A law aimed at controlling flim-flam repairmen preying on the elderly, House Bill 961, is currently under consideration by the House Consumer Affairs Committee, according to a press release from Representative George C. Hasay, co-sponsor of the bill.

The bill prohibits itinerant repairmen from concealing or misrepresenting their names or posing as government officials or agents as an attempt to hoodwink homeowners over 60 to sign a contract for overpriced, shoddy home repairs.

"People shouldn't let anyone into their home, unless they know them or the person has provided proper identification," Fowler said.

"Residents shouldn't be afraid to ask the police to check door-to-door salespersons out - all that they need to do is dial 911. If they're legit, they'll have a permit."



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are encouraged to attend.
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Rabies

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that rabies vaccinations protect public health by preventing human exposure to the disease. It's also state law.

"The vaccination is termed a three-year shot, but it may not necessarily protect a pet for a full three years," Phillips said. "The length of protection depends on the animal's immune system. Pet owners should consult their family veterinarian for more definite information on how long the shot will protect their pet."

Rabies is a fatal disease of the central nervous system, which can affect all warm-blooded animals, even birds.

The virus is transmitted by saliva from a bite or a lick from an infected animal, and occasionally produces few symptoms until its final phase.

Kiwanis members will provide manpower for organization, clerical work and cleanup, while Dr. Phillips will provide the vaccine, certificates and tags for each animal.

Pets should be on leashes or in cat carriers.

In addition to offering a reasonably-priced public service, the rabies clinic will help to raise funds for Kiwanis community service projects.

Garinger

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Garinger says helping students in their pursuit of employment has been a relatively simple task.

"No matter how tough it is, I've never met a person who didn't get a job," explained Garinger. "I always tell them that the more rejections you get, the closer you are to getting a job. I've always tried to treat each student in the same manner I would want someone to treat my own child."

The Harveys Lake resident recently was bestowed a tremendous honor at Misericordia when he was one of two people selected to put the first ball through the baskets in the school's new Anderson Sport-Health Center.

"Three weeks ago, Jack Hoover and myself were called to go to Anderson," explained Garinger. "We were given the honor of making the first baskets in the gym. Tears were in my eyes."

Garinger enjoyed his role at Misericordia so much, he doesn't look at this move as a retirement.

"To retire, you must first have a job," said Garinger, who gave much credit to his wife, Lucy, and four children. "My professional life at Misericordia has been so rewarding that I never thought of it as a job. I want to stay close to the school. I won't leave College Misericordia, I just won't get paid."

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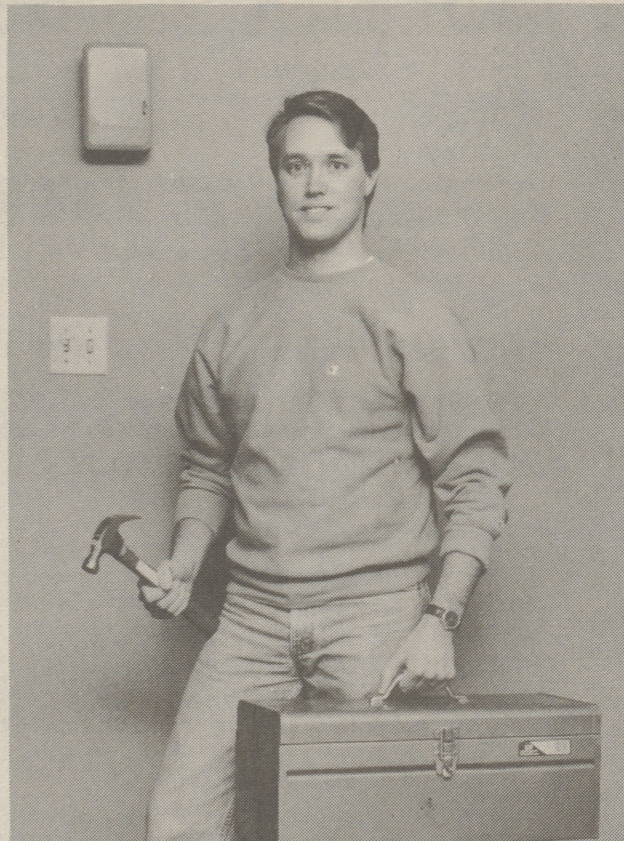
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