

Sewer rates

(continued from page 1)

Bagley said. "But our labor and energy costs would have doubled."

And, because DAMA released its wastewater into Toby's Creek, a designated fish propagation area, it would have faced more stringent state and federal wastewater regulations than Wyoming Valley has, he said.

DAMA also has less land to work with, which would have forced it to build large treatment towers rather than spreading the facility out over several acres.

Bagley said that DAMA, considered a non-profit municipal authority, determines its rates by a combination of the treatment costs paid to Wyoming Valley, the debt for setting up operations in 1972 and funded by a bond, and DAMA's own operating and capital costs.

Its annual operating budget is \$1,071,600, Bagley said.

Each customer's yearly \$188 bill is divided for:

- \$92.12 paid to Wyoming Valley.
- \$68 paid towards the 1972 bond and
- \$27.88 paid towards DAMA's operating costs.

The force main project was funded by state and federal grants which picked up approximately \$2,200,000 and a special capital improvements fund which DAMA had set up several years ago, Bagley said.

"Compared to Wyoming Valley's yearly rate of \$98, our rates may appear rather expensive," he said. "Actually, they're a bargain."

Although DAMA bills customers in Jackson and Lehman townships directly, they have their own separate municipal authorities and sewer lines, Bagley said. Both townships' sewer lines tie into DAMA.

Harveys Lake, which also has its own municipal authority, pays DAMA approximately \$138,000 per year to tie into its line.

Water

(continued from page 1)

dig up a line that no one knew existed.

Coyle said when General Waterworks came to Dallas, it didn't even have a map of the system. With the assistance of his crews, he has had to compile one, while adding new lines as development of the area continues.

Differing water line sizes and shallow water lines can play havoc with a system, especially during the winter, according to National Utilities manager Joe Bontrager.

National Utilities owns the Midway Manor, Oak Hill, Rhodes Terrace and Warden Place water companies.

"This winter we really took a beating out at Harveys Lake," he said. "In many cases the water lines were buried only about a foot deep, and the frost line went down a good six feet. With most of Rhodes Terrace and about half of Warden Place being seasonal customers, we didn't have water running continuously through the lines, so they froze up quickly. We dug so many holes this winter that we had to spend the whole summer filling them in."

In some cases, a good jolt from an electric welder was the only way to thaw frozen distribution lines, Bontrager said.

When a system develops problems and a boil advisory is required, the water company must get the word out to customers as quickly as possible, he said.

Customers are advised to boil their water before drinking it whenever a line develops negative pressure, in which water lines with extremely low pressure suck water back out of household pipes, Bontrager said.

"We try to get the TV and radio stations to announce boil advisories, but we know that either they forget to or we'll miss customers who don't have TV's or don't have their radios on," he said.

40 companies

(continued from page 1)

Garbush Water Company 160 Anthony Garbush
Sutton Hills, LTD 200 homeowners' association

LAKE TOWNSHIP
Evergreen Mobile Home Park 140 George Vatsko

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
Country Village Mobile Home Pk. 169 Elmer Reese

DALLAS BOROUGH
Homesite Water Co. 53 PG&W

DALLAS TOWNSHIP
Pellam's Terrace 105 David Pellam
Valley view Mobile Home Park 846 Martin Oley
Dallas Mobile Home Park 174 Mike Phillips, Mark Williams
Dallas Water Co. 5,073 General Waterworks
Overbrook Water Co. 298 Casterline, Ford and Rinehoffer

Applewood Water Co. 82 James Wisniewski
Orchard East Water Association 100 association
Country Club Apartments 240 Karson Management
Orchard West Water Ass'n. 90 association
Meadows 1/Newberry 50 association

Penn State has its own water system.
Chase Prison has four wells and a pipeline to the Ceasetown Reservoir

Water tests

All water companies, regardless of their size, must comply with state and federal safe drinking water standards.

According to materials supplied by General Waterworks, water companies must perform these tests on their water supplies:

- Continuously: biological contaminants including giardia, legionella (Legionnaires' disease), coliform and various viruses.
 - Daily: turbidity (sediments): every four hours.
 - Yearly: lead, copper, nitrates.
 - Every three years: arsenic, cadmium, chromium, mercury, selenium, silver, fluoride, barium, beryllium, cyanide, nickel, thallium, nitrites and asbestos.
 - Four quarterly samples taken every three years: carbon tetrachloride, benzene, styrene, toluene, benzene and ethanol compounds, pesticides, herbicides and PCB's (poly-chlorinated biphenols).
 - Every four years: radon, uranium and two isotopes of radium.
- Standards for wells occasionally differ from those for surface water supplies (reservoirs) and filtration plants.

Employee of the month at Meadows

Dallas resident Ruth Herbert, L.P.N., has been chosen outstanding Employee of the Month by her co-workers at Ecumenical Enterprises, Inc. Mrs. Herbert has been employed with EEI for 10 years and is charge nurse at the Meadows on the second floor, day shift.

She is a graduate of Dallas High School and Wilkes-Barre City Schools Practical Nursing program.

She resides in Dallas with her husband, Tim, and children, Mary, Amy and Timmy.

Ray Condo, Executive Director of EEI, presented Mrs. Ruth Herbert with complimentary dinner and theater tickets for two. She will also receive a paid day off from work.



Still time for absentee ballots

The Luzerne County Election Bureau has released the following schedule for the November 8 election:

- November 1: applications for civilian absentee ballots must be turned in to the Bureau of Voter Registration office by 5 p.m.
- November 4: completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Luzerne County Election Bureau by 5 p.m.
- November 8: election day.

K-PAT CARPET
ANY 2 ROOMS
\$29.95
UPHOLSTERY CLEANED
SOFA or 2 CHAIRS
\$29.95

Authorized Applicator
S
Scotchgard Carpet & Upholstery Protector

• Fully Insured • Guaranteed Work
• Residential/Commercial • Dual-Process
825-0146
Lowest Prices in Town - Compare & Save!
Office Cleaning Available

PENDANT SALE
25% to 50% off
14K◇ Diamond◇ Precious Stone
Roth Jewelers
659 Memorial Hwy., Dallas 675-2623

Six Month Certificate of Deposit

4.75% Annual Percentage Yield

5.00% Bonus Annual Percentage Yield

At First Heritage Bank, we know you want a high yield and the flexibility of a short term investment. That's why we're offering a six month Certificate with a **minimum deposit of just \$1,000.**

We know you appreciate someone who goes out of their way to earn your business that's why we're also offering a Bonus. Your Certificate of Deposit will earn a ¼ % bonus if you have, or open, a First Heritage Bank checking, savings or money market account.

Call us at **821-8555**

FIRST HERITAGE BANK
Member F.D.I.C.

64 North Franklin Street
Wilkes-Barre Pennsylvania

Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:30
Friday 8:30-5:30
Saturday 9 am-12 noon

Annual Percentage Yield is accurate as of the date of this publication and may change without notice. Substantial penalty for early withdrawal.

RCA
Digital Satellite System

Only 18" Wide

DSS
DIGITAL SATELLITE SYSTEM

Sharper Picture. Clearer Sound. Greater Choice.

• Laser disc quality picture capability™
• CD quality sound™
• Great programming choices for the whole family

System prices start at \$699 (D51120RW)
Professional Installation available.

Featuring **UP TO 150 CHANNELS™** OF PROGRAMMING EXCITEMENT, ALL IN DIGITAL QUALITY! **USSB**

SUGERMAN'S
SCRANTON-CARBONDALE HIGHWAY, ROUTE 6, EYNON
EAST END CENTRE, WILKES-BARRE, PHONE 829-3621

STORE HOURS:
MONDAY-SATURDAY 10 A.M. TO 9 P.M.
SUNDAY 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.
PHONE 876-3660 OR 961-3847

THE CINNAMON STICK
Handmade crafts, candles, potpourri, Seasonal crafts, new crafts each week

Please call for more information **675-9355**
Saturday 10-4 Follow signs from Shelly Dinner
Sunday 12-4 (Behind Sorber Well Drilling)

WYOMING VALLEY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
presents:

"On Guard: The Early Warning Signs of Stroke"

Vincent J. DiGiovanni, M.D., a neurologist on Wyoming Valley Health Care System's medical staff, alerts you to some of the early warning signs of stroke. Then, Dr. DiGiovanni discusses daily lifestyle changes you can make to decrease your risk of stroke.

We look forward to having you join us for a session that may preserve your quality of life.

Wednesday, November 2, 1994
7:00 P.M.
TPS Medical Pavilion Auditorium
468 Northampton Street, Edwardsville

Complimentary refreshments will be provided.
For reservations, please call 283-7222.

A service of
Wyoming Valley Health Care System