

Harveys Lake looking into police cooperation

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HARVEYS LAKE - A complaint of slow police response opened a discussion about the borough perhaps seeking assistance from neighboring communities.

At the April 18 meeting of Harveys Lake Borough Council, Sandra Serhan requested a progress report on a lack of police response to a 911 call by her neighbor who thought her car was being vandalized.

She noted that in the past "An officer took over two hours to respond to a child in danger in a motorcycle incident." Councilwoman Ruth Eaton responded sympathetically. "I assure you that this situation will come to an end to everyone's satisfaction." She explained that the borough is "looking into overlapping coverage" from other communities. "The public is allowed to come and be present at work sessions. We are working on these issues."

James Drury asked if a meeting had been held regarding the road drainage issue he presented at last month's meeting. Councilman Dennis Hogan responded, "There was no water laying on the road. There was no disaster." Council President Andrews remarked "The only way to do it is to observe it while it's happening." He asked Drury to call the borough office during the next rain so that he could show Jim DeGeorge and Charles Musial the flow of water drainage down the driveway in question.

Drury also inquired as to how the members of council are being paid for income tax purposes. "All members of Council are being paid as private contractors. No tax is being taken out," Andrews said. He said that in his experience, this system was legitimate and appropriate since each member needed a variable amount of time to complete their responsibilities. Solicitor Charles McCormick said that he will refer the question to the borough accountant, since that is his area of expertise.

Councilman Hogan announced that spring cleanup will begin at the end of the month. "Permits will be needed. No illegal dumping will be allowed," he said.

In addition, he expects "street signs on all streets before the summer is ended." He invited citizens with road concerns to call 639-2070.

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Harveys Lake Borough Council

a moment to note the recent passing of former council member Bill Wilson and extended condolences to his family. "The Borough owes a big thanks to Bill and the great job he did. He will be sadly missed."

In other business:

- Zoning Officer Jim DeGeorge reported that there will be a hearing May 2 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building. The Dolloff property permit is running out and must be renewed. Since there were some "environmental issues of concern at that property" the Council authorized an evaluation of the site by Pasonick Engineering.

- Councilman Daniel Hanson reported that Representative Hasay's office is still working on a few grant possibilities. He was told by Michael Daley, formerly of the Ordinance Review Committee, that Gov. Ridge has awarded a \$25,600 Growing Greener Grant to help renovate the stream at Old Sandy Beach and eliminate the overflow culvert behind the Harveys Lake Sewer Authority building.

- Hanson gave a projected timetable for the building of the Borough garage and the future use by the community of the recreation center as Thanksgiving if current progress is expedited.

- As liaison to the sewer authority, Hanson stated that "Second quarter bills will include letters regarding illegal connections of sump pumps into the sewer lines."

- Mayor Richard Boice reported that he and the chief of police will attend a law enforcement liability seminar in Pittston next month.

- Councilwoman Eaton pointed out that the increase in bills and payroll for the month was due to the payment of \$22,900 for the new police cruiser.

- Attorney Lynn Banta was appointed as a member of the ordinance review committee.

- The Triathlon for August 6 and the American Diabetes Walk for October 8 were approved pending arrangements to be made with the police and fire departments.



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Posing with their famous fire truck, from left, kneeling: Bill Eck, ass't chief; Shawn Mullen; Jason Kairo, Bob Sarley. Standing: Brian Johnson, chief; Steve Mathers, 2nd ass't chief; Larry Long, capt.; Bill Sarley, fire board sec.; Walter Davis.

Trucksville Engine 56 is now in stores

By RONALD BARTIZEK
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TRUCKSVILLE - A little bit of Trucksville is for sale, but if you buy it, nothing will be missing.

A 1999 Ford F450/KME mini-pumper fire truck, the newest vehicle parked in the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Dept. garage, was the model for the latest Mattel "Emergency Service" collectible, which goes on sale at department and toy stores this week.

The scale model is a faithful

rendering of the original, down to the number "56" on the hood.

Mattel first contacted the fire company in February, 1999. Mattel came to us and asked to sketch it," said Bill Eck, assistant fire chief. But the finished toy wasn't going to have the Trucksville name on it. "They were going to give it another name," Eck said. "But we bugged them until they agreed to use Trucksville."

He said Mattel finally accepted the idea that Trucksville was a

pretty unique name to have on a fire truck.

The model trucks, which will sell for \$5.50 each, will be produced only once. The department was one of the first customers, ordering 360 trucks that will be made available for purchase to friends of the fire company. Mattel gave six complimentary trucks to the department.

You can check out all the department's equipment at www.trucksvillefire.com

Inkjet cartridges to be collected, recycled

The PTO of Wycallis Elementary School in Dallas is sponsoring an empty computer inkjet cartridge recycling program in conjunction with Earth Day. LPT, Inc. will make a donation for each qualifying cartridge they receive. The money collected from this community-wide drive will be used as a "seed fund" for a new environmental committee at the school. Used inkjet cartridges will be collected at each of the Dallas Schools and at the Back Mountain Memorial Library during the period of April 25, through May 2.

Host families sought

Seeking families interested in hosting a child from Russia for six weeks during the summer. Sponsored by Kidsave International, World Links Inc., and Russian Children's Charity, the child or children will reside in your home as part of your family while attending a summer day camp program in the Luzerne County area. The program has become an effective way in finding permanent adoptive homes for older children age six through eleven who might not otherwise be adopted. Hosting a child does not mean you must adopt the child but all children are available for adoption. If you are interested in hosting, volunteering to assist or require further information call Brunon or Barbara Kryger at 714-4722.

Trucksville UMC

Women to meet

The United Methodist Women of the Trucksville United Methodist Church will gather in the Memorial Room of the church on May 2, at 7 p.m. for their monthly meeting. Lorna Laskowski will present a program entitled "A Society for All Ages". Refreshments will be served.

Patton

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is a really good organization. It's like a family there. There is a lot of friendship."

"He's always liked helping with little children but this was something totally different for him. I didn't know if he would like it," said Rich's mother, Holly Patton. "It has been so good for Rich. It has really rounded out his personality. In fact, he just won a sportsmanship award and I am so proud of that," she added.

Rich won the award when the Lake-Lehman baseball team won the Trojan Classic Tournament.

"Yes, I was surprised to win an award for sportsmanship," said Rich. "I've been really busy with this project. I've spent over 80 hours on it so far. It's hard to work on this during your senior year when there are so many other things going on. I've also been applying to colleges and that takes a lot of time. I haven't decided yet where I'm going next year. I will definitely keep working with the Special Olympics, though," he said.

The hard work paid off — Rich received a score on 93 out of a possible 100 when he presented the project last week.

That's good news for the organization. "We're in dire need of volunteers," said Eddy. "The local high school students are starting to help out. We just had a bowling tournament in March in which clubs from six area high schools helped us. We always need more volunteers, though."

Perhaps next year's students will learn that there are many rewards offered by making their completion project a special volunteer activity. "In fact, last year's

"Rich is a great help with our powerlifting where he coaches the participants. He's also helped in other ways, too."

Bob Eddy
Special Olympics, Luzerne Cty. manager

seniors strongly recommended some type of charity project to the juniors," said Mrs. Jeris Baranowski, project advisor for Lake-Lehman High School. "They said they got much more out of the projects than if they did a straightforward research project. They developed time management skills and increased their other strengths."

Students at Lehman must do their projects alone. They are encouraged to set a goal of \$500 for fundraising events and most of the students reach that goal. Some of the other organizations that have benefited from this year's senior projects include the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, the McCauley House, Salvation Army and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"We are very proud of the way our Lake-Lehman students have worked on these projects. This is our second year, since we were in phase two of the program, but now our students start planning for this in their freshman year," said Mrs. Baranowski. "They really help out the community organizations with these projects."

Vendor space available for craft show

Vendor space is available for the Dallas High School Soccer Club's annual spring craft show. The show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 7. More than 100 vendors will be present. For information, call Blanch George at 696-3478.

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