

## Water

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pounds are minerals. These substances don't change from year to year, and many water companies test them only every three to nine years. Other substances, volatile organic chemicals, are monitored more frequently. If contaminant levels of a substance are low, the time between tests may be increased. If a contaminant approaches the maximum contaminant level allowed, monitoring would be increased, said Wisniewski. If necessary, testing can be done weekly, monthly, quarterly, and yearly.

Even though water quality reports do list accurate, timely information, some residents are frustrated by incomplete explanations. "We're not chemists," said Joseph Pagoda, a resident of Oak Hill in Lehman. "I wish someone would provide an information packet explaining what everything means." In the past, Pagoda has fought with National Utilities about water quality and service issues.

The Consumer Confidence Reports of both National Utilities and United Water said tap water meets or exceeds all government regulations and is safe to drink, but a good CCR can't replace inadequate service. Residents of the Oak Hill development in Lehman still deal with low water pressure and dirty water. "I don't doubt the results, and I believe that the water meets federal standards," said Bill Tomayko, Pagoda's neighbor. Tomayko said water is fizzy when it comes from his tap. "It's like drinking alkalizer. The water is fine after I leave it sit for two or three minutes. Once it settles, the water is clear."

*"Pennsylvania is one of the most active states for monitoring and regulating their water supplies."*

Mark Carmon  
Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection

The CCR can list information in several different ways. United Water, which serves most of the Back Mountain, lists health related standards and appearance related standards separately. The CCR from National Utilities, which serves Oak Hill and Midway Manor, lists only the health related standards.

Testing can be very expensive, said Carmon. Some water companies have their own laboratories, while others use contracted labs certified by the state. "Yearly testing could put smaller 'Mom and Pop' companies out of business," he said.

The government is still learning from the process, said Wisniewski. Pennsylvania has not finalized its rules for the Consumer Confidence Reports. Wisniewski said each state has two years to adopt the EPA rules after they are released, and states can request a two year extension if necessary. "Pennsylvania will probably require all of the two year extension because many new rules have been issued and the state wants to consider them all," she said.



POST PHOTO/BILL GOODMAN  
The concession stand at the Dallas High School football field is almost ready for business. Workers have put the brick facing on the walls and the inside is nearly finished.

## Fieldhouse

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properties on Westminster drive. The poles were not part of that plan.

The poles were necessary because a power line had been displaced by the field house and needed to be relocated. The district wanted to bury the cables but was prevented by OSHA regulations. The school district has spent \$26,000 to have UGI Electric Service reroute the power lines behind the athletic fields.

Neighbors have complained about wet and unsafe conditions to the school board of

directors, and Dr. Gil Griffiths said the school has put down heavy stone to help take care of the water problems.

Phillips said Dallas Township has an obligation to enforce the land zoning ordinances. "There may be legal action taken there too," he said. Len Kozick, township zoning officer, said he believed the district was complying with township ordinances.

If Phillips succeeds with his legal action, Griffiths said construction of the field house will get further and further

behind. Crews have lost almost a week because of the wet conditions.

The bleachers and concession stand are still expected to be done for September 1. The district will create temporary walkways and use secondary entrances by the concession stand and on the visitor side of the field until work is complete. Much of the construction work will be done by September 1. Crews will then work on the esthetic touches such as installing the brick pavers, said Griffiths.

## Harveys Lake

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worship if they qualify as a part of the historic district."

In a brief ceremony, Karen (K.C.) Boback, Wyoming Seminary Class of 2000, was presented with a Robert C. Edwards Foundation Scholarship by Joyce Stahl, a member of their Board. K.C. is eligible to receive \$1,000 for each of her four years at the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania as long as she maintains a satisfactory grade point average. She thanked Hanson for the nomination and noted that the money was important in helping her attend the university. This scholarship is specifically for residents of boroughs. Stahl stated, "So far, more than \$60,000 has been given to qualified students."

A settlement proposal with James DeGeorge, former zoning officer, was passed "reluctantly." The exact amount of the settlement was not disclosed. His overpayment by approximately \$1,000 during the last weeks before his June resignation date was brought up in a previous council meeting. The new officer's salary is based on a percentage of fees collected in order to avoid another problem.

Carrie Street was inspected by Pasonick Engineering and found

to be able to meet the standard for Liquid Fuel Funds. Councilman Ed Kelly recommended that the solicitor prepare for adoption of the street by the borough so there would be time to have American Asphalt add it to their list.

Councilman Kopko reported that there are only two police officers certified to use the automated external defibrillator (AED). He noted that "There is a five minute response time with the police," so they would be the first to help someone in need. Mayor Boice, Councilwoman Eaton and the police chief were asked to schedule the other officers for training as soon as possible.

Kopko also discussed the possibility of the borough's purchase of a piece of land from Joseph Olenik for use as a vehicle turnaround. Solicitor Charles McCormick had previously done a title search and suggested a lease agreement might be better for Olenik as well as the borough. McCormick will contact Olenik to follow up that proposal.

McCormick opened four sealed bids on construction of a pole barn. Action was tabled until Pasonick Engineering could review them and make a recommendation.

## Idetown bicentennial meeting

The last meeting of the committee planning the Idetown Bicentennial and memorial stone placement honoring Nehemiah Ide, the namesake of Idetown, will be held Sunday, Aug. 27 at 2 p.m. at the Idetown United Methodist Church. All committee members and anyone who is interested in the celebration are urged to attend.

The event is planned for Sept. 17.

## Civil Service Commission opening

Dallas Borough Council is seeking a resident who would be interested in serving on the Borough's Civil Service Commission. As provided by State law the Civil Service Commission is a three member body appointed by Dallas Borough Council to assist with the hiring of police officers.

Any interested resident of Dallas Borough should call 675-1389 or fax information to 675-7308.

## Dallas Borough Council seeks new member

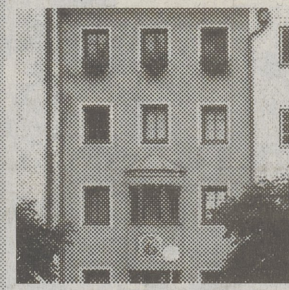
At the last regular meeting of the Dallas Borough Council, held on July 18, the resignation of Council member Charles Kane was accepted.

Dallas Borough Council invites any interested resident to contact the Borough office at 25 Main Street, Dallas, 18612, by letter or by phone at 675-1389 as soon as possible.

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