

Zoning

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to public water. There have been rumors for several years that some type of strip mall with a K-Mart or Wegman's will be built on that property.

The Board of Supervisors will consider this request because it relates to rezoning. "I've been here since 1972," said Kozick. "We've only had about three rezoning cases in all that time."

The Dallas Township Zoning Board settles questions and appeals with current zoning. The Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public meeting on Monday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. to hear two appeals. The Parsons of Midland Drive have requested a special exception to the side yard requirement of 12 feet. Their property is in a R-1 area.

The other request for appeal to be considered is from Raymond Hall, Harvey's Lake, who wants to establish professional offices at 18 Old Grandview Ave., Old Goss Manor, at the intersection with Rt. 309. This is also currently R-1 zoning.

"R-1, residential, is the highest form of zoning," said Kozick. "The last time someone requested something similar in that neighborhood we had a lot of input." According to the legal notice, interested parties are urged to attend the meetings.

Kingston Township is also addressing some land usage issues. The Planning Commission has recently held several public meetings to consider the request of Nextel Partners to install a communications tower in Shavertown.

In addition, the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hear-

Rumors abound of a Wegman's, K-Mart or Wal-Mart coming to the area

ing on Wednesday, Dec. 13 to consider an application for rezoning. The property of Marian Sands at 1525 Eighth St. is currently A-1, agriculture. There is a vacant building on the property.

"The property was originally part of a very large area of land," said Ben Gorey, zoning officer for Kingston Township. "A few years ago it was subdivided into this 2 1/2 acre parcel near the road and another much larger area with a barn on it. The larger area was sold and a single family residence is on that acreage that is still zoned A-1," Gorey said.

The applicant has asked that the property be rezoned to B-1 which would allow retail stores, commercial offices, professional services, banks and clubs and lodges without entertainment. Some other conditional usage is possible with prior approval from the board. The property is being sold to Jerry Kane contingent on the approval of the zoning change. Mr. Kane owns the car lot across the street from the property.

The Board of Supervisors will take testimony from all interested parties at the December 13 meeting. The Kingston Township and Luzerne County planning commissions have recommended approval of the application.



Decking the Meadows. At left, Pauline Casterline is helped by Marcia Landers, Activities Coordinator, to place an ornament on the tree. Joe Ostrowski, Food Service Manager, served eggnog (right). Skip Davis, volunteer, decorates the top of the tree (below).



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Meadows Manor staff helps residents decorate for the season

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DALLAS - The sights and sounds of Christmas were abundant at the Meadows Manor last week. With Christmas carols playing in the background, residents, family members and friends, staff and volunteers decorated a beautiful 12-foot tree to perfection.

Volunteer Skip Davis climbed a ladder to decorate the top of the tree while many busy hands completed the rest of it in only 30 minutes.

Marcia Landers, the Activities Coordinator, Joe Ostrowski, the Food Service Manager, and Jim Olson, the Maintenance Supervisor, were busy directing the activities of the Assisted Living Resi-

dents and their guests. Refreshments of eggnog and cookies were served to add to the holiday spirit.

"Many of our residents have been with us since day one three years ago," said Marcia Landers, taking a step back to look at their completed work. "It's a pleasure to provide meaningful activities and watch them enjoy themselves, especially during the holidays."

Ostrowski was busy serving goodies to the crowd, but stopped for a minute to reflect on the moment. "We enjoy caring for our residents," he said. "Some day we will want someone to care for us."

While helping a resident place ornaments on the tree, Jim Olson said, "this is their home and we enjoy taking good care of it and them."

Vandals

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parts were put in another mailbox that is set next to the Byrons'. There are five houses on the small private road that runs from 42nd Street to the Byrons' home, and the mailboxes for all of them are in a group, each with a number but not a name.

The first time deer parts were left, the Byrons thought it might have been because they stopped allowing hunters access to their 247 acres. They took that step after hunters who were allowed to roam the land came too close to the homes. Since then, Tom Byron has posted the property each year

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with signs indicating that hunting and trespassing are not allowed. That hasn't stopped poachers. "I think people are hunting all the time," he said. "We heard 10 or 15 shots opening day."

Snowmobilers and all-terrain vehicle riders also routinely

doesn't tolerate trespassers, and has called in game commission officers and the police when necessary. He also has cars that park on the property towed away; the latest one just last week.

Also last week, someone drove cars or trucks over the open fields just off 42nd Street, damaging the

turf. The Byrons donate use of the fields to Northeast Attack soccer and they are used as backup fields by College Misericordia. The College cross country team trains on the Byrons' property, and they allow hiking, horseback riding and birdwatching, with permission. "It's been a habitat and haven for all sorts of animals, including deer," he said.

Aside from the emotional disturbance to his family and to the other families living there Byron is concerned for people's physical safety. "There probably are eight or 10 children here," he said.

Dinner, bake sale at Loyalville UMC

The Loyalville United Methodist Church will host a baked ham/turkey dinner and bake sale Saturday, Dec. 9 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The charge of \$6.50 per adult and \$3.25 per child 12 and under includes homemade pie for dessert. Takeouts will be available, please call ahead to 477-3521.

The church is on Loyalville Rd., three miles off Rt. 118.

Dallas High Band fundraiser

The Dallas High School Band is participating in a consumer program that may provide music items such as music stands, sheet music or instruments. "Pepsi Notes" appear on certain packages of Pepsi and Frito Lay products, with a number of points listed. Shoppers are asked to cut out the notes and drop them off at either the Back Mountain Memorial Library or at the high school office, so they may be redeemed.

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