

Visioning

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it though. I didn't see how we could make it more than what it is."

With five years of experience and much research in community visioning, he says he brought the concept of community visioning to the Dallas Borough council members, who embraced the idea, while stressing this is not his project alone. "But my fingerprints are all over it," he admits.

In fact, Mayor Timothy Carroll is spearheading the community project and council has had many discussions on the topic over the last six to eight months, leading to the invitations extended to 15 local leaders, a diverse cross section of the community, to attend the inaugural meeting and perhaps become members of the program's steering committee.

The next meeting, to be held in January, will be an organizational meeting and members of the new steering committee will be asked to invite others who may have been overlooked to the next general committee meeting. These participants will then break into workgroups to evaluate and assess the borough's resources. It will ultimately be up to the residents and constituents of Dallas Borough to decide what is important to them as stakeholders in the community.

"September 11 has affected all parts of our society. I think it fed into part of a desire to evaluate what we have to be able to be certain that we can maintain the good qualities that we have, in term of the quality of life," Moskowitz said. "But it also raises the other side of the issue," he added. "What aren't we doing? What don't we like? What can we improve on?"

Moskowitz feels the overarching issue is quality of life for Dallas Borough. "Some components are a viable main street corridor and an intelligent utilization of our developable land," he said. However, he stresses the community and not the borough government will ultimately decide the issues.

There are examples of community visioning programs near Dallas Borough, each with its own challenges. Tamaqua Borough, with four of its neighboring municipalities in Schuylkill County, implemented a visioning program in 1994, spearheaded by State Representative David Argall, to handle the devastation done by the anthracite mining industry. Tamaqua 2004 won a governor's award for community development for its renovation of the downtown area.

Monroe County 2020, a county-wide program, created a visioning program because popu-

A visioning program is not a drive-through exercise. We are talking about generational change.

Joseph Moskowitz
Dallas Borough Manager

lation was growing faster than in any other county in Pennsylvania. It has proven very successful to date.

Moskowitz asked State Senator Charles Lemmond to invite Jonathan Johnson, Senior Policy Analyst for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, to the first community visioning meeting to help with the initial stages of the program. Johnson brought Angela Callie, of the United States Agriculture Department (USDA), Allentown office, with him. Moskowitz has since formally requested the assistance and involvement of the USDA, so Callie will be available for the meetings also.

The initial stage of the community visioning will center on Dallas Borough but by the end of Spring 2002, it is hoped that Phase II of the process will be implemented. If Dallas Borough is successful in the initial part of the program, perhaps neighboring townships will join the process. Partnerships with surrounding communities can be beneficial to all concerned. Federal and state agencies look far more favorably upon communities that come to them seeking funding if they are collaborating with neighboring municipalities, Moskowitz said.

"I knew coming into the process that it is best served if we did it for the entire Dallas school district. That would really be the optimum group to go with, by school district. You already have an organization in place and that's part of the battle," Moskowitz said.

One of the more notable happenings in the Back Mountain community is the sports complex. "Certainly that is the broad-based initiative that involves most of our neighbors," Moskowitz said. "Those are the types of projects that we think will help move this process along in bringing our neighbors together in talking about these sorts of programs."

"I do believe strongly that if we can show some success with this initial program, our neighbors in Kingston Township and Dallas Township especially, will join the process," Moskowitz said. "If they do then we've really got something."



The children from Gate of Heaven Brownie Troop 631 sing traditional carols for the residents.



Resident Rosella Blanc is pleased to see Zoe Evans.

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Kenneth P. Brin, MD, PhD, joined the Heart Hospital at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center as an associate in cardiology. Prior to coming to Geisinger, he served as a cardiologist with the Summit Medical Group in Summit, New Jersey, and clinical assistant professor of medicine at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. He also served as chairman and CEO of Summit Medical Group.



KENNETH P. BRIN, MD

A graduate of Brown University in Providence, R.I., with a bachelor of science degree in applied mathematics, Brin earned his medical degree from the New York University School of Medicine and a doctorate in basic medical sciences at the New York University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. He completed a Fellowship in Cardiology at the Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore.

Board certified by the National Board of Medical Examiners, Brin is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine, Subspecialty in Cardiovascular Disease.

He is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, fellow of the American Heart Association's Council on Clinical Cardiology, and member of the American College of Physician Executives, American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, American Society of Echocardiography, and the American Medical Association.

He resides in Shavertown with his wife, Andrea.

Brownies

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Edith Costanzo had a great view from the sofa nearby. It was an added treat for them as the train demonstration was not part of the originally scheduled program.

"I remember when my boys played with their trains for hours," said resident Eleanor Cooper. "I could hardly get them to come to the table for dinner."

"Our residents love to have company," said Debra Zagata, activities director. "We wish that more people would come throughout the year to visit with them or provide some entertainment. They need that connection with other people in addition to their families."

Sidorowicz graduates from basic training

Air Force Airman Renee Sidorowicz has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. She is the daughter of Lisa Nordfors of 345 Loyalville Road, Dallas. Sidorowicz is a 2001 graduate of Lake Lehman High School.



AIRMAN RENEE SIDOROWICZ

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Fire department web addresses

Five local fire departments now have web pages where anyone who is interested may find out more about the departments and how to become a volunteer. The are:

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- Trucksville: <http://www.trucksvillefire.com>
- Kunkle Fire & EMS: <http://home.usnetway.com/~kunkle>
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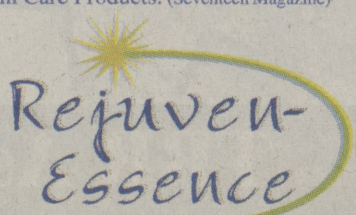
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