

## Long-range

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- The development of a master plan and land use planning
- Revitalization of downtown Dallas Borough and its shopping centers
- Services for seniors, teens and other special interest groups and borough events and activities
- Traffic, including traffic flow on 309 and 415, pedestrian traffic and sidewalks and area shuttles.

The four task forces will meet on July 18 at the Dallas Borough building at 7 p.m.

"What we are hoping for is an identification of the issues we will be going for at the next public meeting," said Moskowitz. The task forces will make their presentations at the public meeting to be held August 22 at College Misericordia.

Dallas Township is keeping a watchful eye on its neighbor's visioning process.

Township secretary Len Kozick said the township has no plans, as far as he knows for the formation of a long-range planning committee or researching a township-wide re-evaluation process at this time.

"What goes on in the borough has a lot to do with what goes on in the township," he said.

In Kingston Township, Board of Supervisors vice-chairman J. Carl Goodwin called for the formation of a long-range planning committee after numerous zoning and planning issues were raised in recent months.

Concerns such as fire protection, the township's water supply, stormwater management, population growth, recreation and conservation of green space have been key topics of debate in subdivision planning since January.

"There has been a lot of growth in the township since 1974, and I think it is about time we start evaluating some areas," Goodwin said at that time. "We're now dealing with a lot more traffic, and the township could use some revising and revitalizing."

### Community survey is a tool

Jackson Township has been working on a new comprehensive plan for the township since late last year. The old plan was adopted in 1979. They have hired a consultant, G and Albert, to help them in the planning stages and are now collecting the surveys sent to citizens in the spring. The compilation of those results will be presented in a public meeting, also planned for August.

"We want to keep open to the public as much as we can," said Charles Repotski, chairman of the planning commission.

Although at the last count in May only a bit over 200 of the 1,000 surveys sent out had been received back, Repotski has heard from residents and has an idea of the priorities of the township's people.

"Everybody I have talked to about this says keeping a good mixture of rural and agricultural districts, with moderate growth. Keeping the green areas and keeping our water supply and air quality. Things like that," said Repotski. "We (the planning commission) are even thinking about requiring developers to actually have tests done to see how much water they have. We don't do that now."

John R. Varley, the project administrator Jackson Township

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**Len Kozick**  
Dallas Twp. Secretary

has hired through a grant provided by Luzerne County Community Development, will then compile a preliminary report to be presented to the planning commission and then to the township supervisors.

Repotski pointed out that growth and development of the area "affects the public services that we offer — the police, the road department. It affects, of course, the environment, like water quality and air quality. It affects school districts terribly."

Repotski said completion of the comprehensive plan might take until February or March of next year. In the meantime, the planning commission and township supervisors have been busy updating regulations and ordinances and passing resolutions to deal with present and future situations. Some of the updated and new ordinances deal with the building code, junk, junkyard licenses and wireless communication and cell towers.

Dallas Borough and Jackson Township have recognized the value of seeking the opinions and involvement of their residents in the planning and implementation of this process. The strength of a municipality lies in its citizens.

"Only the community can deliver the types of goals that we have set for ourselves. Government cannot do it alone nor can business," said Moskowitz at the May public meeting. "We want a better life for our children and grandchildren and that's what this is all about."

### Harveys Lake turns to county

But not all Back Mountain municipalities see forming committees as a way to solve their planning and zoning issues.

Harveys Lake Borough recently abolished its planning commission, and decided to turn the process over to the county, while the borough council has been taken on a more hands-on approach, seeking grant approvals for stormwater management improvements in key trouble spots in the borough.

"We're working on getting grants right now," said council president Edward Kelly. "We have a strong council this year, and everybody is working well together to improve the borough as a whole."

Kelly said the borough will be looking at starting a long-range planning program within the next month as development around the lake becomes more of an issue.

Three subdivisions are in at least a conceptual stage at Harveys Lake.

Proposals for development near Grotto Pizza and along Halowich Road are in the planning stages, while construction villas at the old Hanson's Amusement Park have been circulating. A plan to build townhouses there was turned down several years ago.

### Correction: Eaton is not an officer of business

An article about hot dog vendor Bob Prescott which ran last week in The Dallas Post contained incorrect information about Harveys Lake Borough Council member Ruth Eaton's relationship with a borough business.

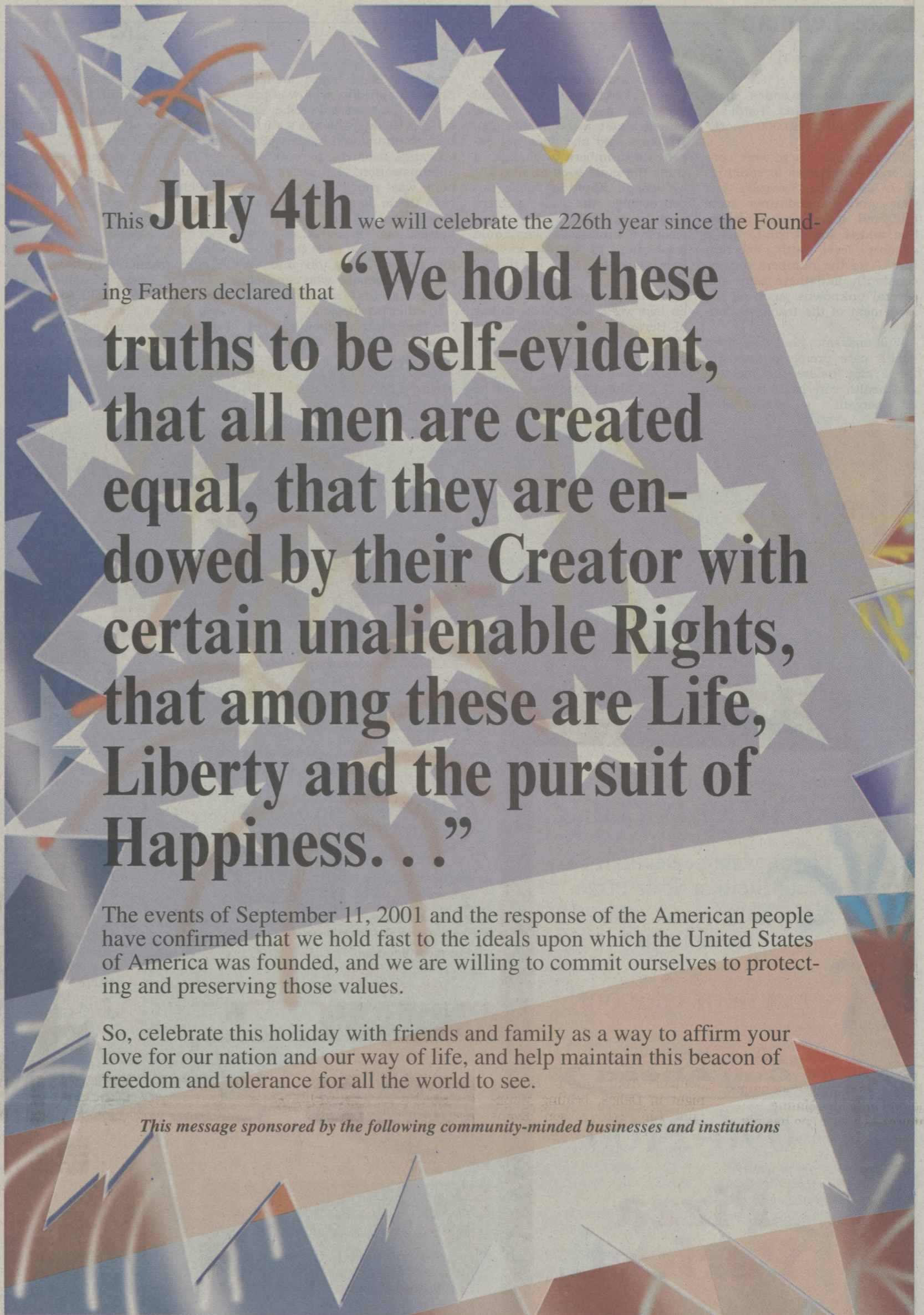
The Department of State Corporations Bureau incorrectly told the Post that Eaton was listed as the treasurer for Kaye-Eaton Enterprises Inc. But according to the Pennsylvania State Liquor Control Board (LCB), after an officer change in April 2000, Damien D. Kaye is president, secretary, treasurer, manager, director and shareholder. When called for information in the June 27 article, the LCB referred the reporter to the Corporations Bureau without making reference to its own records.

Also, both Kaye and Harveys Lake Zoning Board member Lynn Banta deny that Banta served as Kaye's attorney prior to or during Prescott's zoning hearing. Kaye said Banta represented him only once in a matter involving Prescott, but not related to zoning matters, after the hearing.

### Garage/Yard Sale sign reminder

The Kingston Township Zoning Officer reminds the residents of the Township that it is illegal to attach garage/yard sale signs to utility/telephone poles, or trees. The signs should be attached to individual stakes. All such signs should be removed no later than two days after the sale. Violators may be fined up to \$300. Additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Officer at 696-3809.

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