

Watch out for hungry bears, police warn

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DALLAS TWP. — "It's the time of year the bears are making their rounds and putting on weight," said Police Chief Bob Jolley at Tuesday night's meeting of the Dallas Township Board of Supervisors.

According to Jolley, the Game Commission is setting traps within the township to relocate bears that are making nuisances of themselves as they seek extra food.

Jolley said the bears' presence has become more intense this fall, as is common, because the animals are seeking extra food to prepare for the winter months.

Jolley explained that it is not uncommon for the police department to receive calls from people who have seen a bear and are unsure what to do.

To avoid attracting hungry bears, Jolley suggests bringing in bird feeders in the evening and if disposing of food in the outdoor trash, adding a cup of ammonia to the can.

In some areas where there are recurring problems, the Game Commission has set traps. After the bears are caught, they become subject to a variety of testing and are then relocated to other locations within the state.

Jolley said the bears are prevalent on Chestnut Ridge, but not uncommon in other areas of the township; no specific numbers were available.

In other news, Vice Chairman Frank Wagner said all of the township's supervisors have been actively participating in the proposed Back Mountain Council of Governments (COG) meetings. Wagner also said the board plans to vote on whether or not to draft an ordinance to join the COG at the October 1 meeting.

In other business, the board voted to open a bid for a new, general municipal use truck, to replace one of the townships' mine.

Race for the cure

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hopeful," he said. "That gives me hope."

"I'm very excited about the race and thankful to be here," Kreidler said. "I'm glad that everybody came out again to run with me. It's a beautiful day in more ways than one."

At the end of the day, Sassaman reported seeing more than 8,000 numbered participants in the race. "As I looked around at all of the pink survivor's shirts," she said.

"I was very moved by the sea of people and the massive support of personal and corporate sponsors who came out to make a difference in all of our lives."



Group organizer, Karen Sassaman, (left) is happy to be standing along side her friend, Cindy Kreidler, a breast cancer survivor.



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For the third year in a row, a group from the Back Mountain has traveled to Scranton to participate in the Race for the Cure in honor and celebration for the life of their friend Cindy Kreidler, a breast cancer survivor. They are: first row, left to right - Jeff Kreidler, Bridger Whitesell, Nicole Stempien and Lucille Stempien. Second row: Rev. Mark Harper, Susan Harper, Michele Steele, Marianne Williams, Linda Baines, Karen Sassaman and Cindy Kreidler.

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for police officers to help control costs. Police department man hours constitute a large portion of township funds.

"It is amazing how we simply start talking about something and rumors get started," said Sutton.

In addition to the police department, the supervisors are also reviewing the road department and health care costs. Health care insurance premiums, an increased cost for nearly everyone this year, have risen 15 percent for the township. The policy renewal date for the township's insurance plan is in October.

In anticipation of decreased township income, the supervisors authorized a \$30,000 line of credit loan as requested by the township treasurer from Luzerne National Bank. The supervisors plan to begin work on the township budget this month. Final approval of the budget will be in January.

Ann Marie Jones, owner of the Lehman Center Sunoco, was happy to hear the police department was staying intact. Jones attended the meeting to publicly thank not only the responding Lehman police officers for their great work, but also Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Jackson Township police as well, in apprehending two burglary suspects in a break-in at the service station, September 1. It was the second burglary attempt in two weeks on the station.

"We are grateful and appreciative of the job they have done for us, as well as the rest of the Back Mountain," Jones said. "I can now appreciate the phrase, 'We now have two in custody,' more than you can ever imagine."

Jones said as she and her husband drove to their business site after being notified of the break-in by the county, they listened to the police scanner.

"It was just amazing to hear them knowing it was our business," said Jones. "We were listening to them actually arresting these guys and it was just amazing."

"We have absolutely no intention of getting rid of our police department. I speak for all three of us."

David Sutton
Lehman Township Supervisor

"The Back Mountain is lucky to have the police departments we have back here," agreed Sutton.

In other business:
• James Welby will be recommended by the township supervisors as the new Lehman Township Emergency Management Coordinator. Appointments to the office must be made by the governor.

• The 20th Annual Lehman Haunted Barn will be spooking Lehman Center throughout October again this year. Jonathan Pineno, coordinator of the project, requested a temporary permit for the event, which supervisors granted providing traffic and litter control stipulations are met. The Haunted Barn benefits many community groups including the Lehman Volunteer Fire Department, Lake-Lehman Chorus, Wyoming Valley Children's Aid Fund and the Lehman and Idetown United Methodist Churches. For more information or to volunteer to help out on the project go to www.hauntedbarn.org.

• Temporary permits were also issued to Penn State University, Lehman Campus, for a car show, sponsored by the Radio Club, to be held October 6, and for the Haunted Forest, held by the Student Government during the last two weekends of October.

• The supervisors thanked Mark Morrow for the donation of a Chipmore wood chipper to the township valued at \$4,000.

• Supervisor and township roadmaster, Doug Ide, said he expects to send letters to the state representatives to ask for funds toward a road grader for the township.

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