

Spring cleanup scheduled throughout Back Mountain

Kingston Township

The Kingston Township spring cleanup will be held May 5, through May 10 at the Kingston Township Public Works Facility, East Center Street, Shavertown. The hours will be Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spring cleanup is open to Kingston Township residents only.

Residents with full size vans, pickup trucks, and trucks larger than a regular pickup truck bed will be required to obtain an admission coupon from the Kingston Township Municipal Building, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Coupons for the full size vans and pickup trucks are free of charge and are limited to one township residence.

Coupons for trucks larger than pickup trucks, such as U-Haul Vans, small dump trucks, and stake body trucks, are available for a fee of \$85. Proof of residency such as a tax bill or driver's license is required to receive a coupon. Trailers require a coupon for one trip only. Admission coupons are issued to the occupants of rental units, not to owners.

Residents are reminded that, as in previous years, items that will not be accepted include washers, dryers, furnaces, stoves, refrigerators, water heaters, or other large appliances. These items can be disposed of through the Dallas Area Municipal Authority for a nominal fee. Residents should call DAMA at 696-1133, if they have large bulk items. Other items not accepted include household garbage, recyclable materials, commercial construction debris, medical waste, toxic substances such as paint, solvents, fertilizers, or automotive fluids. Tires are limited to two per residence.

Residents with passenger cars or other vehicles not described above must show proof of residency to police officers on duty at the entrance to the clean-up. Police officers will also collect the admission coupons at the entrance.

Questions may be directed to the Kingston Township Administrative Office at 696-3809.

Dallas Borough

The annual spring cleanup for all Dallas Borough residents will be on Monday May 5, and continue on Saturday May 10. As in previous years the collection site is located behind the Dallas Borough Municipal Building at

25 Main Street. The hours of operation for the cleanup will be Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The Borough will accept all unwanted articles except for the following: municipal waste, yard waste, toxic materials, asbestos, construction debris, paint/paint cans, batteries and ashes. There will be a \$2 charge for the disposal of tires and residents can call the Public Works Department at 674-5362 to arrange for pickup of oversized items. There is a fee of \$15 per item for pickup service.

For additional information call the Department of Public Works or the Dallas Borough Administrative Office at 675-1389.

Franklin Township

Franklin Township will conduct its annual spring clean-up for township residents on Friday, May 9 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, May 10, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the township building on Municipal Road in Orange. Proof of residency is required and will limit the bearer to one pickup truck load; a second load will be permitted for a fee of \$25.

The following items will not be accepted for disposal: household trash, hazardous waste, batteries, chemicals, shingles, cinder block, concrete block, concrete, or animal or human waste. In order to comply with the Federal Clean Air Act, appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers must have documentation that all freon and other gases have been removed.

Doors must be removed from refrigerators and freezers. Small items and broken glass must be placed in cardboard boxes to prevent spillage. Metal must be separate from landfill items. Only tires that have been taken off the rim will be accepted; a \$3 per tire fee will be charged for automobile tires and a \$6 per tire fee will be charged for truck tires. Acceptance or rejection or any item not listed above is at the discretion of the supervisors.

Residents are asked that, in all cases involving money, either a check or the exact amount of cash be given. Those needing additional information can contact the Municipal Building at 333-5131.

Dallas Township is also holding spring cleanup the week of May 5. Call the township at 675-5217 for information.

Sewage

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Lake Municipal Authority, which operates the sanitary sewage system in the borough. Niskey said he also took the issue to borough council twice last year.

"It was poo-pooed and put off to the side," he said.

"I talked with Mayor Boice. I thought this was terrible. I'm not going to have paper, solids and urine in Harveys Lake," Niskey said.

"Nothing has occurred and two weeks ago she popped again."

Boice said the problem is not new — it has been going on for years. He said the problem is larger than those four manholes and that others are doing the same thing.

He also said the borough has been trying to address it through a variety of measures.

"We do have a problem we've been working on for several years," said Boice. "When three or four inches of rain comes down hard in a short period it gets into a lot of homes; they pump it into the sewer line."

Boice said although there is an ordinance banning it, residents have hooked up their sump pumps to the lines, causing them to overflow when it rains heavily.

"Three or four times a year it overloads the system. It bubbles right out of the tops of the manholes," he said.

Boice said if residents would re-route sump pumps, the over-

flows would not occur.

If he could prove who was feeding their surface water into the sewers, Boice could fine them, but, he said he cannot prove who is, without going into homes. He said that cannot be done without a warrant — which also requires evidence.

Boice said he thinks fixing the problem is a matter of educating the public.

He said he has explained the situation in a newsletter sent to residents monthly. Appealing to their pocket books, he said he has explained that if the problem isn't corrected voluntarily, the borough could be looking at a sewage pump upgrade that would cost the municipality \$1.4 million, an amount that would trickle down to the homeowner in the amount of \$100 more a year on top of the \$528 they already pay annually.

"We're still trying to convince residents to voluntarily re-route them," said Boice.

If they would open up their homes, Boice said the borough would be willing to come in and re-route it for them.

"Dancing manhole covers means you have too much flow in the sewer line," said Mark Carmon of DEP. He said he didn't want to answer prematurely, but that it sounded to him as though it very well could be surface water infiltrating the system, the same answer Boice gave for the overflows.



Water pressure from a sanitary sewer line forced the top of a manhole cover out of place. As a result raw sewage poured out, eventually making its way to a grate and directly into the lake. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) said the problem could mean the borough is in violation of The Federal Clean Water and Streams Act. An investigation is pending.

"Whether raw or untreated, it shouldn't be happening and entering the waters of the Commonwealth that's why we want to get involved," he said.

Carmon said if an investigation finds the reports true, the borough would be in violation of clean streams law and a whole hierarchy of enforcement could result, including fines.

DEP's next step he said, is to find out who the responsible parties are, instruct them on how to move forward and then monitor the situation.

Those steps, said Carmon, would be taken in a matter of

days. If the situation is not corrected, or the responsible parties are uncooperative, he said DEP has the ability to fine them.

In the meantime, Niskey is most worried about the health of the lake and its residents.

"We've talked and talked — nothing's happened."

He said it is not uncommon for him to go pick up after the gushing water stops, but he does it, he said, because "I know where it will end up. We don't need to be putting that into a swimming lake."

Yesterday

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Dallas Area Municipal Authority announced at a meeting that they will consider an increase in the cost of permits for sewer line hookups. At the meeting tax collector Vern Pritchard had stated that many complaints were received about work that was to be done in the spring and had not

been started. The U.S. Department of agriculture and the U.S. Postal Service announced that food coupons may be sold in post offices. The Postal Service issuance had been successful in issuing stamps on a trial basis.

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The new three-year contract between Dallas School Board and professional employees of trained some concern among some of the directors and also among some of the candidates running for seats on the board. The contract gives

professional employees an average increase of 8 percent annually for the three years by revising the present pay schedule.

Students at Dallas Intermediate School took over teaching and administrative duties at the school. Student Educator Day gave the 5th and 6th grade students to assume roles of teachers, school principal, secretary, custodian and central supply clerk for the day.

Harveys Lake pickup for seniors

Harveys Lake Borough will have their annual pickup for the senior citizens of the Lake. Senior/handicapped residents may call the Borough office at 639-2113 Ext. 0 beginning Monday May 5 and ending Friday May 16 to be placed on the list. The actual pickup will begin Monday, May 19 and end on Friday, May 30. There is a \$10 fee for this service.

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