

Burning

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of the program, which turns leaves and twigs into mulch, is quite successful. "We can't produce it (mulch) as fast as the people need it."

He said, however, that although the program is already set up, it could see future costs that grant money could cover.

For example, he said, without the availability of grant money, a piece of equipment called a Trommel Screen that could be needed in the future could cost DAMA—by way of the respective municipalities—\$70,000-90,000.

Carl Goodwin, Vice Chairman of the board of supervisors, said for him the grant money isn't the main consideration. He said he believes the practice of burning "just doesn't make sense in this day and age."

He said for three years the township and DAMA have both provided places where residents can deposit yard waste and limbs. "Really, there's no need for open burning of those materials in the township any more," he said.

Goodwin said he believes the

practice to be uncomfortable for people with allergies and that when police waste time when they are called to open burns that are creating a nuisance.

DEP spokesperson Mark Carmon said 902 grant money eligibility requires that municipalities discourage open burning of yard waste, a recyclable material. He said banning all open burning is not a requirement.

The ban on open burning would include some exceptions. According to O'Neill, those details will most likely be hammered out at the July 23 meeting. O'Neill said some of the exceptions being considered are for campfires, barbecues, and agricultural fires.

Currently both Dallas Borough and Dallas Township have regulations on open burning. Dallas Township has banned all open burning and Dallas Borough has banned the burning of yard waste.

The special meeting will take place Wednesday, July 23 at 7:30 in the Kingston Township Municipal Building.



Back Mountain girls participate in GigaDivas Camp at Wilkes

Three Back Mountain area girls recently participated in Wilkes University's GigaDivas (Girls Investigating, Girls Achieving) summer camp. The GigaDivas camp serves to keep girls interested in math and computer science related fields at an age when research shows that interest begins to diminish.

While at camp, the girls designed, built and programmed their own Lego Robots, learned to write computer programs to move a virtual robot, created animated characters and designed their own t-shirts.

From left: Katy Zurinski, Harveys Lake; Kristen Dagenais, Shavertown; Cheryl Stachowiak, Wilkes University senior Computer Information Systems major; Catherine Sullivan, Lehman.

Drainage on Laurel Lane in Trucksville will be addressed

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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TRUCKSVILLE — Thanks to the combined effort of PennDOT and Kingston Township, the residents of Laurel Lane will soon see a leaking storm water pipe in their road replaced.

The repairs to the road situated off of Carverton Road will be made through an Agility Agreement in which PennDOT has agreed to do the work and in exchange, the township will repay the department through

in-kind services.

Carl Goodwin, Vice Chairman of the Kingston Township, said the antiquated terra-cotta piping — laid some 60 years ago — has deteriorated leaving holes up to three feet wide along the side of Laurel Lane. The holes are not only a safety hazard, he said, but are also spilling water along the dirt street.

Edmund O'Neill, Kingston Township Manager, said residents have been dealing with the problem since at least last September. He said residents of

the street have complained about the problem, including one who felt flooding in her basement was a result of the broken pipes.

O'Neill said initially it was unclear whose responsibility the pipe was because the road is private.

He said the idea of an Agility Agreement, a cooperative pact, came out of a meeting between O'Neill, PennDOT officials and State Rep. Phyllis Mundy's office.

Under the terms of the agreement, PennDOT will provide

labor, materials and equipment in the amount of \$6,000. Kingston Township will be responsible for repaying to PennDOT \$3000 of the cost through various in-kind services over the next three to five years.

"The state was kind enough to say 'this is a major pipeline that discharges a significant amount of water off of Carverton Road (a state road) and the adjacent roads,'" said O'Neill. "They initiated the cooperative agreement."

KT hires auditor to check taxes

By LAUREN ROTH
For The Dallas Post

KINGSTON TWP. — An auditor has been hired to look into the agency that collects the township's 1 percent earned income tax, the township manager said July 3.

The tax makes up 90 percent of township revenue, so it requires special attention, said Edmund J. O'Neill. The township is looking at the Don Wilkinson Agency of Pittsburgh after a year of actual returns

and estimates that didn't reconcile in ways that worried township officials, he said.

"There were some inconsistencies," he said. "That may or may not be indicative of a problem."

The township gets money weekly based on an estimate from historical data. That estimate is later reconciled with actual returns and adjusted, O'Neill said. "If the amount is not what is anticipated at the end of the year it could affect budgeting severely."

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