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Housing boom in Back Mountain

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
Post Staff

BACK MOUNTAIN — A development may be coming soon to a neighborhood near you. Ten housing developments and hundreds of homes are currently planned in areas throughout the Back Mountain. Here's a look at where they are and what municipal officials think about them.

Calls to seven Back Mountain municipalities found that 312 housing units are being

developed, within 10 projects, in five municipalities. Ranked in order of the municipality with the most activity, they are: Dallas Township, Kingston Township, Harveys Lake, Jackson Township and Lehman Township. Those surveyed but reporting no major developments were Dallas Borough and Ross Township.

Dallas Township leads the way with a whopping 134 planned units. The 42-unit Dakota Group Townhome community has been approved for Route 309 across from

Country Club Apartments. Construction has already begun on the 32-home Overbrook Farms on Overbrook Road.

In addition, Greenbriar Estates, a combination assisted living and independent living facility at Route 415 and 42nd Street, was recently approved by the Dallas Township Planning Commission. The development is expected to be completed by January 2004.

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Overbrook Estates in Dallas Township is only one of several residential developments underway or approved.



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Storm cleanup

College Misericordia maintenance worker Larry Denlea and lead custodian Dave Stuart removed a large branch from Lake Street in Dallas Borough. The branch came down during a storm Monday evening that brought down trees and power lines throughout the Back Mountain.

Gas leak worse than first thought

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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Nearby neighborhood threatened again. Pg 3.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP — The gasoline leak at the American Asphalt plant in Jackson Township may be significantly larger than originally thought.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) said Friday that gas tanks at the American Asphalt plant in Jackson Township could have leaked as many as 2,000 gallons of gas. On Tuesday, DEP officials said the leak is proving much worse than was initially reported.

Contamination of groundwater in the area is feared and

wells are being tested.

On July 15, American Asphalt workers discovered two underground 10,000 gallon tanks were leaking. A cleanup, containment and investigation effort is underway.

Mark Carmon, spokesperson for DEP, said the department received a call from the company July 15 reporting the leak.

He said a team from DEP responded to the site where two 10,000 gallon tanks were found

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Sewer board members may be asked to resign

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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HARVEYS LAKE — Members of the Harveys Lake Protective Association are calling for Harveys Lake Municipal Authority board members to resign. The 130-member organization will vote August 6 on whether to formally adopt the position.

According to minutes from

the July protective association meeting, a letter to its president, Mark Sobock, from member Jay Niskey that was read to those in attendance suggested the Municipal Authority Board be asked to resign and interested citizens of the borough appointed in their place.

The letter states: "Based on their past inactions when di-

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Sign draws outcry from neighbors

By CAMILLE FIOTI
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LEHMAN TWP. — A sign announcing the construction of a mobile home park at West 42nd Street and Route 415 has brought a flurry of calls from concerned residents to Lehman Township Zoning Officer Charles Bartlett.

The sign is on a 40-acre parcel of land owned by developer Richard Angelicola, who intends to build an

independent-living facility for senior citizens at the site. Part of the facility will be in Dallas Township. The sign reads "Coming Soon! 42nd Street Mobile Home Park: Phase I - 9 sites, Phase II - 22 sites."

The assisted-living portion of the project was approved by Dallas Township. In March, the Lehman Township Supervisors voted to change the property from A-1 Agricultural to R-3 Multi-Family Residential.

A large number of residents attended a recent zoning hearing to protest construction of the proposed senior citizen's development, citing increased traffic, loss of privacy and destruction to the environment. The zoning change has been appealed and is still pending.

According to Supervisor Douglas Ide, "If the property reverts back to A-1 Agricultural, mobile homes

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Squirrel proof, maybe, bear proof, no

Talk about cooperation! Two issues ago, The Dallas Post asked anyone who had seen a bear or other wild creature in their yard to send in a photo. So, Wednesday morning, a bear ambled into the back yard of Post correspondent M.B. Gilligan, posed for photos while snacking at a bird feeder, then crossed Westminster Drive and cut through a yard and over to Kingswood Drive, all in Orchard View Terrace, Dallas Township.

If you've had a similar experience, please send the evidence to The Dallas Post at 607 Main Rd., Dallas PA 18612, or by e-mail to dallaspost@leader.net.



Developer content to wait for roundabout approval

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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DALLAS — Last week the Dallas Borough Council put off a scheduled vote on whether to add the roundabout to the state Department of Transportation's 12-year plan. The developer of the possible "big box" retail store in Dallas Township says the delay is fine with him.

"We're getting closer and closer. Things take time," said developer J. Naparolo.

Naparolo purchased the former Yalick property in 1998. Last November he presented preliminary plans to Dallas Township for a 155,000 square foot big box and other stores, as part of a routine application to gain a highway occupancy permit and start construction.

Since then he has been unable to

gain the permit and move forward because he and Dallas Borough Council have been unable to come to agreement on how to accommodate expected additional traffic. Borough Council disapproved of his proposal to turn Lake Street one-way.

The roundabout has been proposed as an alternate plan. For Naparolo to gain the permit needed to start construction, Dallas Borough needs to approve the addition of the roundabout to PennDOT's long-range plan. Council had planned to vote on whether to add it last week.

"We're not going to take further action on the roundabout until we have advice from our solicitor," said Kathy Kupstas, council president, after the meeting postponing the vote.

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