

Water

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concern.
 "We're not really addressing the water issue," said Bill Eck, zoning and code enforcement officer for Kingston Township. He said every time a new development goes in, he and the planning commission ask the same question; "What about water?"

The issue is compounded because developers nearly always plan to use Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) sewers as opposed to on-lot septic systems. He said the decision results in gallons of water from limited Back Mountain underground resources being pulled up through wells and sent down to the valley.

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 Zoning Officer
 Kingston Township

"And there goes how many gallons of (Back Mountain) water downstream to DAMA?" he asked rhetorically.

He said the use of on-lot septic systems instead of sewer hookups, would allow Back Mountain water to be used then filtered through sand banks and returned to the ground on the lot it came from. However, developers are required to tie lots into sewer lines if they are within 150 feet of them.

In an effort to help control water consumption, Kingston Township last week approved an amendment to its water ordinance that makes it impossible for developers to plan a development with all individual wells for water supply.

Goodwin pointed out that although water companies also draw from the aquifer, "It's not 44 individual wells that can have unlimited water."

In June, the COG advertised for a consultant to help draw up a regional comprehensive master plan. About 10 consultants have applied to date.

Once the consultant is hired, a move expected by the end of August, the COG will apply for a Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program grant through the Department of Economic and Community Development. According to Joe Moskovitz, Dallas Borough Manager, the cost of the master plan is expected to be around \$100,000.

Moskovitz said there are many aspects to the plan, one of which is an aquifer study. Other growth-spurred topics to be covered within the plan are: a traffic corridor study, a land-use study/open space study and updating member municipalities' own master plans and zoning ordinances.

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Dallas Township High School Class of 1953. From left, first row: Augustine Haradem Vagen, Nancy Elston Schimmel, Mrs. Mary Mohr (teacher), Mrs. Betty Thomas (teacher), Mrs. Mary Mulderig (teacher), Mr. Robert Dolbear (teacher), Mrs. Dolbear, Gloria Davis Adams, Maureen Stasko Bracey, Sue Parsons Smith, Carol Swisher Hawk, Jannerre Moss Grieves. Second row: Betty Gramley Weidner, Shirley Welsh Mawle, Linda Kozick,

Dotty Rice, Robert Rice, Thomas Rogers, Barbara Rogers, Sally Lasher Wagner, Frank Wagner, Chris Miller, William Miller, Lena Misson Baur, Jessie Carey Fowler, Yvonne Schlittler Jones. Third row: Richard Bartholomew, John Mahle, Leonard Kozick, Jane Thomas, William Thomas, David Moore, Robert Kubasti, William Hartman, Lloyd Smith, Byron Grieves, John Baur.



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Although they "see each other only every now and then," Tom Rogers and Len Kozick say they were friends through 12 years of school.

Class of '53

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ball team when it was still a half court sport, said no matter how much her students have changed over the years, she never forgets a face.

Pointing to a woman busying herself with party preparations Muldarig said, "Shirley was the star of the basketball team, she, Gloria Davis and Jesse Carey. They were undefeated."

The class has gotten together for their five, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 38 year reunions, but hasn't been together as a group for 12 years.

"We are surprised at how different some of our classmates look than when we saw them last," said Shirley Mahle.

Mahle was part of a group of seven alumni who started putting the party together at the end of 2002.

Baur said while out and about around town she would occasionally run into former classmates. It wasn't long before the subject of the looming

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Shirley Mahle
 Dallas Township High School
 Class of 1953

50-year anniversary came up. "We thought, 'Hey this is a big deal,' and decided to put it together."

"We've always been best friends, this whole class," said Mahle.

"I think this is marvelous," she said. "We have an excellent turnout and a beautiful day."

Muldarig said she and Dolbear make it to a lot of reunions. She said she enjoys the many memories of "happenings" and "incidents" that always come back. "Teaching at Dallas was all pleasure," she said.

Bears

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bear. Those activities are typically the things the Pennsylvania Audubon Society warns against. They recommend that garbage not be put out earlier than necessary and that you should never put table scraps out to feed animals. Also, don't put fruit and vegetables in your compost piles and don't throw Halloween hay stalks into the woods after the holidays.

Bears also like sunflower seeds, hummingbird nectar and suet. If you are having trouble with bears, they recommend that you only feed birds from late November through March while bears are hibernating. If

"If you see a bear the first thing you should do is to make a lot of noise."

Joe Wenzel
 Education Supervisor,

Northeast Regional office of the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

you want to continue to feed the birds at other times of the year, you can suspend feeders from high crosswires or take the feeders in at night. "One thing people are surprised by is when a bear pulls their barbecue grill right into

the woods," said Wenzel. "You need to clean your grill regularly."

The Game Commission traps about 600 bears annually. "We do a lot of research with the bear population, so don't be surprised if the bear has tags in one or both ears," said Wenzel.

"Most of those bears are part of our research work but sometimes they are nuisance bears.

We have a three strikes and you are out policy in PA." Nuisance bears are trapped, tagged, and moved to a less inhabited area.

The Game Commission has a wealth of information about black bears and other Pennsylvania wildlife at its website at www.pgc.state.us. If you want to report a bear to the Dallas office, call 675-1143.

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