

Burning ordinance draft expected next month

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LEHMAN TWP. — The supervisors plan to have the draft of a burning ordinance ready for next month's meeting. Supervisor Dave Sutton has been studying rural burning ordinances in the area and around the country to come up with one "that suits Lehman Township."

"Some were too strict, some had nothing to say, but I did find out what 'putricibles' are," Sutton said with a laugh at the Oct. 18 meeting. Solicitor Jon Roger complimented Sutton on his research and the comprehensive nature of the draft ordinance.

There is no burning ordinance now and Sutton said there have been abuses recently, especially around Oak Hill.

"We're definitely having a problem around Oak Hill where the lots are a lot smaller," he said. "Our intention is to put some conditions on burning such as the size of the fire, duration, and maybe time restrictions after 9 or 10 p.m."

Jamie Adamshick, a land owner, said the evening hours are the safest time to burn. "Dew-up is usually at dusk, so I fire up at night. If you have a fire at 3 p.m. you're more likely to have it go out of control than at night when the moisture will keep it down."

Sutton said the ordinance would not affect farmers and were intended to be "generalized ordinances" and that the township did not have the manpower to issue burning permits or even strictly enforce ordinances. "We just need to have something that people can refer to."

The supervisors think stop signs placed at three Lehman intersections are a small inconvenience to put up with considering the safety benefit.

"Most residents around Oak Hill using the new stop sign to turn onto 42nd Street from Idetown Road feel much safer now," said Sutton.

Additional stop signs have been placed on Old Route 115 at the intersections with Mountain View Drive and Hayfield Road. "People coming out of Penn State campus have been taking the stop signs more seriously," noted police chief Howard Kocher, now that it is a

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four-way stop.

Cars making the turn onto Route 115 from Mountain View Drive to get to Lake-Lehman High School can safely come out onto Route 115 knowing traffic coming over the hill from Route 118 will have to stop, said Barbara Simms. "Now I don't feel like I'm going to get hit," she said.

In another safety related matter, the supervisors are looking into placing weight restrictions on trucks using township roads. Roadmaster Doug Ide said large tractor trailers travel the roads frequently, threatening the berm and soundness of the blacktop. He says some trucks can't make the sharp turns on Hillside Road and have even damaged stone walls near the roadway.

In conjunction with the county commissioners, the supervisors plan to limit truck weights on township roads except for local deliveries.

In other business:

- The supervisors said Lehman will hire another part-time police officer.

- The supervisors agreed to contribute \$1,500 to the Back Mountain Council of Governments towards cooperative or shared municipal services. They also authorized the COG to apply for a \$25,000 state grant along with the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association to study data and attract new jobs to the Back Mountain area.

- Elaine Mastruzzo, a property owner at Lake Silkworth, complained that the town's bus turnaround in the back of her property has been expanded over the years, creating a basin in the back of the property which repeatedly floods and does not allow her to "improve the property." Ide told her he would look into the matter, clear out the drainage area, and evaluate any other drainage possibilities for the road. Mastruzzo was relieved on Tuesday morning that Ide had already responded to her.



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Lake-Lehman's Queen

Marissa Mahle was crowned the 2004 Lake-Lehman Homecoming Queen during halftime of last week's football game. Last year's queen, Jackie Lovecchio, placed the tiara on Marissa while proud parents Shari Casterline and David Mahle looked on.

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ministry offices.

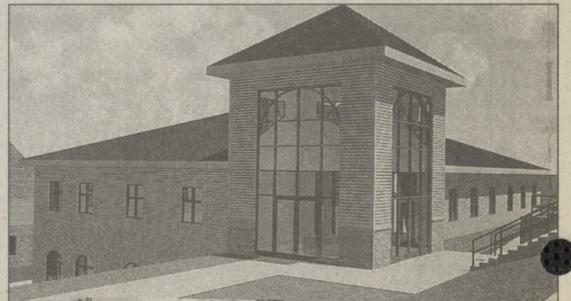
"We want our church to expand on its best quality," said Crynes, "and that is our quality of hospitality and sense of welcome. It's most exciting to see our congregation come alive and respond so well to meeting the future needs of this parish."

Rose Marie Taylor, chairman of the pastoral council, echoes the sentiments of Father Crynes. "I have a 15-year-old son who is very involved in the church. I think our generation not only needs to be good stewards of our present resources, but we also need to provide for the future so that our children can enjoy our labors as we have enjoyed this beautiful sanctuary built for us so many years ago."

With many improvements being made to the church and its surrounding grounds and facilities, none was deemed more important than the priority felt by master planning committee member Carol Kaleta and others. "We had a grand wish list," said Kaleta, "but the true grit of the project was to meet the needs of all of our people, not just the able-bodied ones."

Handicap access was a very high priority and a real eye-opener. The planners wanted people in wheelchairs and on walkers to be able to come to church and enjoy the services and programs.

"We love to do homebound calls to help all of our members feel a part of the church, but we will be excited and pleased to have them actually



This architect's drawing shows the new parish center that is planned to replace the existing rectory, behind the church.

come and be an active part of the church once again," Kaleta said.

"Our defining moment as a parish is recognized in the realization that St. Therese's is a welcoming community committed to our ministry," said Fr. Crynes. "How fortunate

we are to have a vital, interested people to help us move forward in our commitment to our faith and to each other. And to think we are only limited by our facilities, and that too will change as a result of this campaign for the future."

Lehman man faces child pornography charges

LEHMAN TWP. — A 34-year-old man was arrested on child pornography charges at his home Oct. 20.

Harold Leslie Saxe Jr. of Market Street had images on his computer depicting children nude and engaging in sex acts, state police said.

The Pennsylvania State Police Area II Computer Crime Task received information originating from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that Saxe was uploading child pornography on the Internet.

State police and the Lehman Township Police Department conducted a joint investigation and seized Saxe's computer.

Saxe was charged with sexual abuse of children, possession of child pornography and dissemination of child pornography, state police said.

He was arrested without incident and arraigned before District Justice James Tupper, at which time he was released on \$10,000 unsecured bail, state police said.

Fire department web addresses

Five local fire departments now have web pages where anyone who is interested may find out more about the departments and how to become a volunteer. They are:

- Shavertown: <http://go.to/shavertownfire>
- Trucksville: <http://www.trucksvillefire.com>
- Kunkle Fire & EMS: <http://home.usnetway.com/~kunkle>
- Harveys Lake Fire & EMS: <http://www.geocities.com/harveyslakefire>
- Northmoreland Fire: <http://www.geocities.com/station140>

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