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Marianne Williams, Dallas, looked for her home on a locator map. Attendees were asked to place a sticker on the map, so planners knew where they came from.



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Michelle Barbieri, a planner with Kise Straw & Kolodner, asked Marshall Rumbaugh, Dallas Township, for his vision of the community's future.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The multi-municipal master plan should be ready for presentation by October. "Expect to see us again in the fall," said Marian Hull, project manager. Comments received at the May 2 meeting will be incorporated with more field work and refinement of data already gathered. Joe Moskovitz, the Dallas Borough Manager who has spearheaded the effort, called this "a living plan," and said public input is its most important aspect. More will be accepted at the fall meeting, or you may contact local officials at any time.

\$37,500 traffic study. The results of all three will be incorporated in the plan's goals and strategies.

After Hull breezed through an overview, the nearly 100 people who turned out for meeting spent 45 minutes visiting displays placed around the McGowan Conference Room in the Bevevino Library at College Misericordia.

Michelle Barbieri, a Kise Straw & Kolodner planner, asked visitors to her spot, "What would you like to see and not see?" then wrote comments on a large display board. At another station, people placed stickers to register a "Yes" or "No" on 12 questions. Getting nearly total support were building more trails and greenways, and zoning to protect the "cultural setting" for historic resources.

And while nearly everyone said the Back Mountain lacks all the commercial and retail services residents demand, Barbieri said comments she received indicated people were content going out of the area to shop at "big box" stores.

Borough resident Lance Zeyher is concerned about safe-

ty, both for his three children and for himself when he rides a bicycle to Trucksville, to reach the Back Mountain Trail. "I'd like to see it (the trail) get finished," he said.

Standing near the transportation table, Frank Rollman, a member of the Dallas Borough Planning Commission, said he doesn't think traffic congestion is bad compared to metropolitan areas. "But you have to look forward because it's only going to get worse."

When the meeting reconvened, Keith Mullins, a transportation planner, said "cut-through" and truck traffic, "a use of roads that's not intended," were major themes. Hull said the findings will be shared with PennDOT, which is conducting a separate study that is expected to lead to a change in the confusing intersection at the center of Dallas.

While she liked what she saw at the presentation, Dallas business owner Elva Valentine said follow through will be needed to control and direct growth. "We need more than a plan; we need regulations" that will be enforced consistently, she said.



No wimps here. Asked to place stickers on "Yes" or "No" boxes pertaining to 12 issues, nearly all expressed solid majorities one way or the other. The exceptions were the need for more senior housing and affordable housing, which split nearly evenly.

Harveys Lake offers trash pickup for seniors

Harveys Lake Borough will offer curbside pickup of items from homes of senior citizens age 62 or more the weeks of May 16 and May 23. The first load will be no charge, the second will cost \$25.

Residents should call the borough office at 639-2113 this week to schedule pickup.

The borough will accept discarded items from residents Saturday, June 4 and September 10, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon each day. Collectoin bins will be set up at the recreation center ground, off West Point Avenue.

There will be a charge of \$25 per load in cars or 1/2 ton pickups. Larger trucks will be charged \$50 per load. Other charges are: car tires, \$5 each; truck tires, \$10 each; batteries, \$3 each; propane tanks, \$3 each; major appliances, \$10 each.

Shingles, drywall and insulation materials will not be accepted.

Permits must be obtained in advance from the borough office. Proof of residency is required. No permits will be granted the day of the dropoff. Call 639-2113 for information.

AUCTION

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co-advisor to the Lake-Lehman Key Club, is more than happy to get her students involved in the project. "I believe charity starts at home," she explains. "We always try to help in the community and literacy is one of our Key Club platforms."

Many of the students who volunteer with the project cite an interest in reading and literacy as their main motivation. Lauryn Ference, a Lake-Lehman junior, says, "Throughout my whole high school career I've been interested in volunteering. I think it's a great event to promote reading to younger children and promote literacy in the Back Mountain."

Fellow Key Clubber Ryan Wagner sees similar benefits. "Kids need to be able to go to a good library and do research," Wagner says. He enjoys visiting the local library because "you feel secure there. There's a lot of space to read and a large selection."

Others just enjoy the auction so much they want to do more to help keep the tradition alive. Andrew Edgar, a Dallas High freshman and Key Club member, moved with his family to the area eight years ago. "Ever since I came to Dallas I've gone to the auction and liked it," he says. "I was excited to work on something I enjoyed."

Edgar has done his other volunteer work, working the Kiwanis booth at the Luzerne County Fair and pledge week at WVA.

That love for community service makes the job easier.

Key Club members will work before, during and after the auction. Their tasks range from garbage removal to carrying antiques to buyers' cars and working the food concession stands. According to Honeywell, each Key Club group logs at least 100 community service hours during the event.

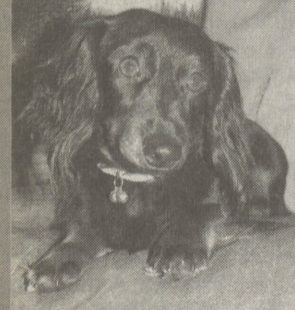
The dedication of the volunteers impresses the Key Club advisors. "They're very responsible, helpful and cooperative," Shannon Forrer, Dallas advisor, says. "They do their best in everything they try. They're a great group of kids."

Lehman's Honeywell agrees: "They're so personable, willing to work with everyone." Honeywell also notes that the younger generation brings a certain knowledge of the Back Mountain to the event. "They use the library and know the importance of having a community library."

Snyder is grateful for the students' help. "I love to work with them," he says. "They're the greatest asset to the community. I wish more kids would come out and volunteer."

Snyder says the auction committee is still looking for more volunteers, both student and adult, for the event, which will run from July 7 to 10. The committee needs help before as well as during the auction. Jobs vary, but there is a particular need for trash removal assistance. Interested volunteers can contact Martha Butler at the library, at 675-1182.

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