

DALLAS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Public input sought on master plan

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The public will have an opportunity next week to voice its opinions on the Dallas Borough's downtown master plan and zoning ordinance revisions project.

It was announced on Wednesday night at the regular borough council meeting that a public meeting will be held to present information and to receive public comment on the project. The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 23, in the Kennedy A/B rooms in the Banks Student Center at Misericordia University.

According to borough manager Tracey Michael Carr, the borough received \$50,000 from Luzerne County and \$50,000 from Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to develop the downtown master plan and zoning ordinance.

"The idea is to help develop the core downtown area of Dallas Borough," Carr said.

Council approved payment in the amount of \$9,705.69 to Kairos Design Group, LLC for services rendered relative to the project from Jan. 23 to Feb. 22. An invoice will be sent to Pennsylvania DCED for reimbursement for the work.

Kenneth Young Memorial Park

Approval was made to pay \$3,714.72 to Johnson Mirmiran & Thompson for work completed on the Kenneth Young Memorial Park master plan from Jan. 16 to Feb. 15.

Carr announced the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children of the borough will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, at Kenneth Young Memorial Park.

New fire hydrants

Council approved two new fire hydrants to be installed in the area of Maplewood Drive and Pine

crest Avenue in conjunction with the water main installation project being completed by United Water. The approximate annual water usage cost is \$200 per hydrant.

Spring cleaning

Street sweeping has begun and will continue until all borough roads have been swept.

Spring Cleanup 2009 will be held from Monday, May 4, through Saturday, May 9, at the municipal building. Hours of operation and specific fees, rules and regulations will be announced at a later date.

Employees

Council authorized Carr to seek applications for counselors for the 2009 Summer Recreation Program. Council also accepted the resignation of Nancy Ide as a borough school crossing guard for the 2008-09 school year as per her verbal resignation notice effective Feb. 27.

LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL BOARD

Dangerous bus route discussed

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Members of the Lake-Lehman School Board are trying to make adaptations to a potentially dangerous district school bus route.

The board announced during its regular monthly meeting on Monday night that it will attempt to make changes to the route to Lake Silkworth. According to Charles J. Balavage, treasurer of the board, the current route has many hills and curves and children are forced to walk a distance after exiting the bus.

"Jim and I did go for that walk on one of the less icy days and one of us almost fell," Balavage said, speaking of Superintendent James McGovern.

McGovern says the board will also look into adding a crossing guard at a blind spot on the route located on a curve on Lake Road.

Buyout

The board approved the offer of a one-time \$5,000 buyout to all Lake-Lehman Education Association bargaining unit members who provide an irrevocable letter of intent to retire at the end of the

school year. Letters of intent must be received by the board on or before May 1.

Ross construction

Approval was also made to authorize Quad3 Group to submit a required form involving the plans and specifications for the Ross Elementary School non-reimbursable construction project to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Top 10 seniors

McGovern encouraged the board to attend the annual community night of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Harveys Lake at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, at Lake-Noxen Elementary School. The program will honor the top 10 seniors of Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School.

"I'd like to see as many people go to this event as possible," McGovern said. "This is a great night to celebrate the accomplishments of our senior class, especially the top 10."

L-L Educational Foundation

The Lake-Lehman Educational

Foundation can now be reached directly from the Lake-Lehman School District's phone number at 675-2165 by selecting extension 10.

The foundation will holding its Second Annual Ladies Tea in May and its Second Annual Golf Tournament in July.

Recently, the foundation joined Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance, a community and economic development organization, for an annual fee of \$35.

In other business, the board:

- Appointed Eric Boylan, of Pittston, as indoor percussion director for the 2008-09 school year at a stipend of \$1,765 per the Lake-Lehman Education Association collective bargaining agreement.

- Announced the calendar for the 2009-10 school year will be addressed at the regular April board meeting. McGovern asked for suggestions from the board because Labor Day falls later in September this year.

- Announced that the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School received a \$1,000 grant from Wal-Mart.

DALLAS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Dallas Township roads will be repaired

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A \$100,000 grant will be used to make improvements to a section of the Old Tunkhannock Highway, Route 309, in Dallas Township.

The Dallas Township Board of Supervisors said Tuesday night at their bi-monthly regular meeting that paving and cross drainage work will be performed on the road in the area of Kunkle Motors to the Wyoming County line. The project will be funded by a 2008 Office of Community Development grant for street improvement.

"Roads are expensive," said Supervisor Glenn Howell. "We try to keep them in good condition."

In order for the township to receive the OCD grant to repair the road, the average income of residents living in the area could not

exceed a certain amount, although supervisors did not know the cutoff amount.

Township engineer Tom Doughton said it will cost approximately \$7,000 to \$9,000 for the engineering and drawings for the improvements. Doughton also said there is a possibility the grant may increase by 20 percent due to the 2009 federal economic stimulus package.

According to Doughton, township employees will do part of the work on the project with bids for the remaining work expected to be advertised in June or July. The project must be completed by the end of the year or the grant money will expire.

In other news, the supervisors announced that they will hold a special supervisors meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, for the opening of waste container bids for spring clean-up.

The spring clean-up will be

held the first full week of May and is open to all township residents. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, May 4, through Friday, May 8, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 9. Drop-off is in the rear of the township municipal building and proof of residency is required.

There is a \$5 service charge for large item such as carpets, overstuffed chairs, couches, dressers, stoves, washers, dryers, TVs, water heaters, tanks, etc. A maximum of two tires are allowed per household with a \$2 per tire charge.

Items not accepted for disposal include hazardous wastes, chemicals, brush, tree stumps, cinder blocks, animal or human waste, shingles, sheet rock or other building materials, leaves, grass, garbage, newspapers and Freon-based items such as refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, or air conditioners.

Monday Painters' artworks on display

The Monday Painters are currently exhibiting their artworks at Citizens Bank, Main Street, Dallas, through the end of March.

The Monday Painters are a group of six women artists who study art with Sue Hand of Dallas. They create subjects in many drawing and painting media and most have been creating art for over a decade.

The six artists are Margaret Borton, Dallas; Connie Borchert, Sweet Valley; Susan Coslett, Shavertown; Peggy Davidson, Mehoopany; Lee Manganello, Luzerne; and Dorothy Nicol, Shavertown.

Currently included in the exhibit are works in oils, colored pencil on black paper, watercolors, acrylics and mixed media. The subjects depicted range from the Susquehanna River to barns, florals and renderings of peacock



The Monday Painters, a group of six women artists who study with Sue Hand of Dallas, are currently exhibiting their artworks at Citizens Bank, Main Street, Dallas, through the end of March. From left, seated, are Connie Borchert and Dorothy Nicol. Standing, Peggy Davidson and Susan Coslett.

The public is invited to view the exhibit through the end of March at Citizens Bank, 15 Main St., Dallas, during regular banking hours.

Kids invited to hunt for eggs at MU

The Misericordia University Alumni Association's annual Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch with the Easter Bunny will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, at the Banks Student Life Center.

Children will have the opportunity to meet with the Easter Bunny, enjoy brunch and participate in an egg hunt on the front lawn of the center. A festive brunch, including scrambled eggs, French toast, sausage, home fries, hot dogs, chicken fingers, pastries and drinks will be served in the Cougar's Den. A professional photographer will also be available to take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Event coordinator is Bob Kalleta, Alumni Services Coordinator.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children from 5-12 years of age and free to children under 5. There are two seating times for brunch: 10 to 11 a.m., and 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



There will be plenty of fun for children of all ages on the campus of Misericordia University at the Alumni Association's annual Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch with the Easter Bunny, on Saturday, April 4. Last year, cousins Matthew Mowry of Tunkhannock, left, and Caden Martin of Dalton found the golden Easter egg together and split the grand prize of a \$20 gift card to Toys 'R Us. This year's hunt features a silver and golden Easter egg for a \$15 and \$20 Toys 'R Us gift card.

The hunt will be held for all participants sharply at 11 a.m. Space is limited, so reservations are required. To make a reservation, call the Misericordia Alumni Box Office 674-6768.

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