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Vandals continue to damage parks in Dallas Borough

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Vandals have repeatedly damaged recreation parks in Dallas Borough and officials are seeking residents' help.

According to borough manager Tracey Michael Carr, a portion of fencing was dismantled, a gate removed and a hole burned into a plastic picnic table at Bicentennial Park, or "Tot's Lot," on Huntsville Road.

The Kenneth A. Young Memorial Park on Burndale Road and Luzerne Avenue "has experienced more severe damage

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Borough manager

with more frequency." That includes broken picnic tables that were turned over and used as skateboarding ramps, smashed lights, graffiti and shingles ripped off the recreation building, as well as damaged restroom facilities. Littering is also a recurring problem.

Carr says vandalism at both of the parks is an ongoing problem and it is the responsibility of the borough's road department to clean up and replace damaged items in the parks.

"The police do patrol the area, but this seems to be happening when the police

aren't around," Carr said. "What we'd very much like is for the neighbors and those around is, if they see something, to please call 911 and report it to the police department."

In response to vandalism at the parks, borough council unanimously passed an amendment to the park ordinance last August to install signs with playground rules at both parks. The parks' hours were also changed from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the original ordinance to 9 a.m. to dusk in an attempt to prevent vandalism.

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Harveys Lake Council updates zoning manual

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Clearing up any confusion over zoning ordinances and offering better-defined terminology, Harveys Lake Borough Council members recently approved an updated zoning manual.

Jack Varaly, a consultant with Michael J. Pasonick Associates of Wilkes-Barre, assisted council in redefining 78 terms, clarifying the height of shoreline buildings and adding new ordinances and addendums such as the windmill ordinances, outdoor fuel burning furnaces and no-impact home-based businesses.

One of the biggest changes in the new manual is the how the height of shoreline buildings will be determined. The building height ordinance states "maximum height of any building or structure, regardless of use, will not exceed 12 feet measured from the shoreline based on the normal high-water elevation."

Borough Secretary Susan Sutton said in the past there was some confusion as to whether it was 12 feet from the dock or

high water mark. She said the ordinance also states the zoning officer could require a certified shoreline elevation determination by a licensed land surveyor.

Sutton said the ordinance was made in an effort to protect the pristine view of the lake for all residents and visitors

Zoning Officer Andy Luzet-ski said a more defined description of dock width and lengths was added. The regulation states a "dock length can be the width of the property minus the required setback of 10 feet on each side from the extended side yard property line."

The maximum dock length is "50 feet but not to exceed 20 percent of the distance to the nearest point on the opposite shore."

One of the 78 terminology changes was a switch from bathroom to cabanas. Sutton said a cabana is a temporary structure that will be removed for winter months.

"The manual has not been updated since 1992," Luzet-ski said. "I had to cross-reference ordinances and any changes. Now everything is in one book."

SALUTING THE STARS AND STRIPES



Scouts Michael Santora, left, Justin Butsavage, center, and Jacob Serafin from Dallas Cub Scout Pack 281 salute and carry their flags during Memorial Day services at the Woodlawn Cemetery. For more photos of the Back Mountain Memorial Day parade and services, please turn to page 7.

High school students help make the grade at nursery school

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Twelfth-grader Katee Pelleschi gently helped preschooler Maddison Park spoon some pink fingerprint onto her sheet of paper.

Pelleschi watched and assisted Park and several other young children as they painted with a mixture of cooked corn starch, water and food coloring.

"Maddison, that is really nice," Pelleschi told Park. "Are you going to give that to your mom?"

Park nodded yes.

Pelleschi is one of 32 Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School students running an annual nursery school for district children. The program serves as the concluding activity for the year in Robin Rogers' elective child development class open to juniors and seniors.

Seventeen preschoolers are enrolled in this year's program, which runs from 7:40 to 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from March 31 through May 14. The program, free to potty-trained children ages 3 to 5 who reside in the district, is held each spring and is advertised at kindergarten registration and by word of mouth.

According to Rogers, the nursery

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school at Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School began over 35 years ago by Barbara Schulde. Students in the course plan activities for circle time, crafts, active play and small groups. They also prepare a nutritious snack to serve the children.

"They get experience about what we've been talking about all year," Rogers said. "I've had students who've had this class bring their children."

Preschooler Nathan Stanski likes leaving his mother for a little bit to run around and play tickle monster and Cody Lamoreaux, 12th-grade, enjoys chasing after Stanski and the other children. He signed up for the class after seeing last year's seniors interacting with the preschoolers in the hallways.

"It's pretty fun," Lamoreaux said. "They're all excited but since they're different ages, they're very different. It



Adam Harry helps Evan Cerone with fingerprinting during a nursery school held at Lake-Lehman Senior High School.

makes you wish you had a little brother or sister."

Lamoreaux can see the difference in the hand-eye coordination between the 3 and 5-year-olds and notices that the older ones talk more. His favorite activity to do with the children is going to the wrestling room to play with a large parachute.

"It's funny to see us big kids with the little kids," said 12th-grader Jess Jones. "Some of us will be good parents."

On a recent day, the high school students helped put painting smocks on the

preschoolers in preparation of fingerprinting. Preschooler Evan Cerone laughed as he spread fingerprint onto his paper, using both of his hands.

"I love kids, so this is really fun instead of sitting in class every day," said senior Julie Ottaviani. "It's fun to see how different every kid is."

Nancy Garvey, a family and consumer science teacher at Dallas Senior High School, says a nursery school program at Dallas was started in 1975 by Nancy

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The new Harveys Lake Borough zoning manual is available for viewing at the Harveys Lake Municipal Building. The next meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council is 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, at the municipal building.

