

DALLAS BOROUGH

Police will be kept safe with Tasers, body armor

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The Dallas Borough Council took action to better equip its police department at its monthly meeting on Wednesday evening.

Tasers will be purchased via a grant from the Pa. Commission on Crime and Delinquency in the amount of \$9,949, and guidelines will be adopted soon after the purchase on how to properly use the new electronic control devices.

Four body armor packages for full-time police officers will also be purchased through Starr Uniform under a state cooperative purchasing program at a quoted price of \$3,728.

In addition to equipment,

council approved the allocation of pension funds for the police department as well as the road department and borough manager. The police department received \$24,610.26 from the General Municipal Pension System State Aid fund, and the road department and borough manager received \$10,973.

Council hired a new road department employee, Frank Stanish, at an hourly rate of \$11 for 24 hours per week.

In other matters...

Council approved and authorized final payment of \$1,922.28 to Popple Construction, Inc. for the completion of the Dallas Borough/Luzerne County Office of Community Development Drainage Improvement Project on Spring Street.

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Kovalchik, Kollar & Co. was approved to proceed with the borough's auditing and accounting needs for the 2010 year at a quoted fee of \$4,235.

Council voted to support the Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company Relief Association with \$19,089.74 from state funds.

William Pieffer was appointed as an alternate member of the Dallas Borough Zoning Hearing

Board for a term of three years.

Council approved the Dallas Borough Procedures for Compliance with the Professional Services Contract Provisions of Act 44 of 2009 relative to pension plans in the borough. Act 44 refers to auditing procedures and the borough is required to follow a new written procedure if a new actuary is hired to handle the pension plans.

The borough manager, solicitor and engineer will draft an updated borough flood plain ordinance to comply with the National Flood Insurance Program and the Federal Emergency Agency's updated programs.

The borough manager and engineer will also amend aspects of Phase I of the downtown master plan with funds received from the Pa. Department of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$1,335,687.

The borough manager and solicitor will amend the borough zoning ordinance concerning fence provisions, unattached accessory structure provisions, developer fees for zoning reviews and Planned Residential Development dimensional regulations, and they will present the changes

to the council at a later date.

The Dallas Borough Fall Leaf Collection Program will begin during the first week of November, and residents are urged not to place items in the roadway or in gutters because they could potentially block storm drains.

Borough Manager Tracey Carr congratulated volunteers and organizers of the Dallas Harvest Festival, which won in the category of "Best Organized Event" in the 2010 Best of the Back Mountain readers' contest conducted by The Dallas Post.

The next Dallas Borough Council work session will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15, and the next regular meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, in the borough building on Main Street in Dallas.

Harris dancers present 'Halloween Hop' today at Meyers High School

Dancers from the Joan Harris Centre will perform their 29th annual Halloween show, "Halloween Hop," at 2 p.m. today, Oct. 24, at the E.L. Meyers High School auditorium.

"Halloween Hop" is a 90-minute performance, divided into three separate acts. Highlighting

this year's Halloween show will be a twist to the classic Aesop fable about a country mouse and a city mouse, but this time set on Old McDonald's Farm.

To keep a real balance to the performance, and to add a little "trick" to what is mostly "treat," the production will include a few

spookier works such as a lyrical dance treatment to the classic concept rock song, "Enter the Sandman."

Tickets are \$9 in advance and children under 5 years of age are free of charge.

For more information on "Halloween Hop," call 287-7977.



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CIVIC BRIEFS

Breakfast Buffet set

The Noxen Volunteer Fire Company will hold a Breakfast Buffet from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, Oct. 24, at the fire hall on Stull road.

Price is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age.

'Rent' comes to Music Box

The Music Box Players present "Rent," Jonathan Larson's Tony Award/Pulitzer Prize winning musical, today, Oct. 24 and 28-31 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays with a buffet diner served 90 minutes before.

Special student nights will be held October 21 and 28 with show-only seats for \$15 with ID. A portion of ticket sales will be donated to the American Red Cross.

Call 283-2195 for reservations.

4-H Club plans fall festival

Soaring Saddles 4-H Club will sponsor a fall festival from noon to 5 p.m. today, Oct. 24, at Pine-wood Acres 232 Harris Pond Rd., Sweet Valley (off Route 118 near Mountain Fresh).

A used tack exchange will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Sellers should register from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. today, Oct. 24.

There will be fresh-baked goods, local cider, pony rides,

temporary tattoos, pumpkin decorating, horseshoe toss and a silent auction. For more information, call 574-6618.

Historical Assn. meets Oct. 27

The Back Mountain Historical Association will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27, in Misericordia University's Lermund Theater.

Misericordia history student Brian Simko will share reflections of Judith Dawe on barns of the Back Mountain.

For reservations, call 674-8036.

Halloween party, contest planned

The Noxen Historical Community Association will hold its annual Halloween party and costume contest from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29, at the Noxen School.

There will be music, karaoke and videos for all by D&D DJ's. Door prizes will be awarded and costume contest with prizes will be held.

Food and refreshments will be available. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years of age accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call 298-2052. All proceeds benefit the Noxen School Building Project.

Chicken and biscuit dinner planned

A fall chicken and biscuit

dinner will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29, at the Eastern Star hall, Foster Street, Dallas. Take-outs will start at 4 p.m.

Tickets at \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children will be sold at the door. Pre-schoolers eat free.

For more information, call Dianne Corby at 675-4893.

Free program about bats offered

"Live Bats: Fact or Fiction" will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, at Wild Birds Unlimited, Dallas Shopping Center.

Susan Gallagher, chief naturalist for Carbon County Environmental Education Center, offers the free program to help participants understand local bats and the benefit they provide in nature. Children will receive free candy for Halloween.

Kingston Twp. Halloween Parade set

The Kingston Township Recreation Commission will host its second Annual Halloween Parade at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, at the East Center Street Park. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 31.

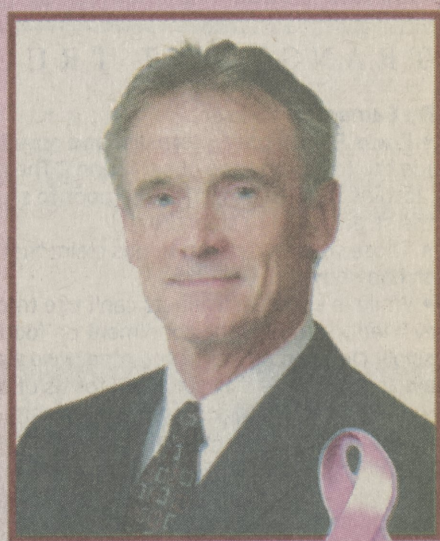
All children of Kingston Township are invited to attend and show off their costumes. Following the parade, all participants will be given treats to start off their trick or treating.

A carved pumpkin contest will also be held. Children wishing to enter the contest are asked to bring their carved pumpkins.

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