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HARVEST FESTIVAL IS BOOMING SUCCESS

Residents have their say about pipeline

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UP NEXT

The next Dallas Township Zoning Hearing for Chief Gathering LLC's application to build a metering station will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10 in In-salaco Hall at Misericordia University.

Residents lined up to testify at the continued zoning hearing Monday for Chief Gathering LLC's application to build a metering station about 1,300 feet away from the Dallas schools.

Prior to the start of the hearing, zoning Solicitor Phil Gelso began to explain the process to residents wishing to speak. After more than half a dozen hearings and five witnesses presented by Chief, residents were prepared to state their case.

"We know the drill," said resident Diane Dreier.

Seven residents offered testimony at the hearing, and their concerns included the proximity of the facility to the four schools, logistics of evacuation if an emergency arose and whether the Transco interstate pipeline's age will cause an increase of danger at the site.

Chief is proposing to build a

natural gas metering station off Hildebrandt Road about 1,300 feet from the Dallas School District campus. The facility would include buildings to host metering equipment, various valves, a "smart pig" receiver and other equipment.

The purpose of the facility is to measure gas flowing from wells in Susquehanna and Wyoming counties to the 53-year-old Transco interstate pipeline to be sent to market.

Through hearings that have been ongoing since February, Chief's plans have changed dramatically. The company agreed to downgrade the site from a

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Dallas Harvest Festival-goers enjoy a ride on an antique Dallas fire truck. Mother Nature was in all her glory last Sunday, providing beautiful fall weather for the annual event held on Main Street in the borough. For more festival photos, please turn to page 8.



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK PHOTOS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Leona Huntz, Shirley McDonald and center director Shirlene Long dance the hula at the Dallas Senior Center.



Joy Yeust helps prepare the Hawaiian feast.



Warren Peters gets ready to hula.

Aloha from the Dallas Seniors

A "Hawaiian Day" was held at the Dallas Senior Center at 22 Rice St., Dallas. Members dressed in Hawaiian shirts, grass skirts and leis and practiced the hula during the event. A Hawaiian-themed lunch of pork and pineapple was served. The center will hold a masquerade party on October 31. For more information, contact the center at 675-2179. The center is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board addresses traffic concerns

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Pear Tree Lane will be closed until officials can further study its effects on campus traffic.

Pear Tree Lane will be closed to all traffic entering or exiting the Dallas School District campus beginning on Sept. 26, officials announced at a meeting Monday.

Superintendent Frank Galicki said he and Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Mark Kraynack met with Dallas Township supervisors, engineer and chief of police and a representative from K&W Engineers on Monday morning to discuss and observe traffic patterns at the four-way intersection where Pear Tree Lane meets the campus from a neighboring development.

Galicki said it was evident that traffic at the site, which leads to the high and middle schools, had become "difficult to manage in a safe venue."

Parents will now need to utilize the entranceway off Hildebrandt Road to access school grounds. Galicki said the middle school student drop-off route will also be revamped. Parents should take the access road and continue towards the high school instead of turning left at the Pear Tree Lane intersection. He said parents can drop off students at the lower end of the bus pick-up area.

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Construction is ongoing on campus. Galicki said paving will continue and projects such as the middle school track will need more time to be completed.

Bob Nesbit of Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates told board

members at a meeting on September 12 that a subcontractor had incorrectly set the track and it needed to be redone. Galicki said the track will need 15 days to set once the rubber is laid before it can be used by the public.

Nesbit also mentioned a building inspector's concerns about the high school's compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act compliance. Galicki said materials have been purchased to correct issues in art and science labs and work will be completed soon.

The board approved several construction change orders for the high school project that total \$48,481.

Those change orders cover costs for work, including materials and labor for the track resurface, removal and replacement of curbing at the middle school, eliminating a grass area near bus drop offs, creating a larger building dedication plaque, adding electrical work to cafeteria doors, relocation of a dryer and air handling unit and other work.

A formal dedication of the building will be held at 5:30 p.m.

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