

Businesses plan festival to combat road construction

Businesses surrounding the bridge construction on East Center Street in Dallas have been feeling the pressure from the loss of the intersection in early April. Patronage has decreased because accessibility to the buildings has been limited.

In order to combat the negative effects of the construction, the surrounding businesses have banded together to hold a Fall Festival from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14 on Main Street in Shavertown. Studio 309 Music Antiques and Collectibles, Dallas Sporting Goods, Mary's Flower Garden, Purple Paper Eaters and Buka will all participate in the event.

The festival will feature live music by local artists, hot cider and donuts, vendor tables and a guitar give-away. The event is intended to remind patrons

IF YOU GO ...

WHO: Studio 309 Music Antiques and Collectibles, Dallas Sporting Goods, Mary's Flower Garden, Purple Paper Eaters and Buka
WHAT: Fall Festival
WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 14 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
WHERE: Main Street, Shavertown
WHY: To combat effects of bridge construction on East Center Street in Dallas

that these businesses are open. Greg Williams from Studio 309 hopes that the new intersection will be good for his store, but in the meantime, he hopes this event helps create awareness for all businesses affected by the construction.

-Megan Schneider

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Drainage issues are still resident's concern

Resident Sharon Ellsworth expressed her continued concern over drainage issues on Timbergrove Road at the Jackson Township supervisors meeting on Oct. 1.

Ellsworth addressed the issue several years ago with the supervisors and has been fighting for a resolution for almost 10 years. A meeting was scheduled for the following morning with township supervisors, Ellsworth and the utility representatives to discuss what can be done to correct the situation. Ellsworth is particularly concerned about large rocks washing down onto her property and the potential for damage.

In other news ...

Resident Mary Dockeray requested that a summary of the township bills be included in supervisor meetings so taxpayers know what is being paid each month. She also asked that the information discussed at the compost meetings in Exeter be addressed at township meet-

ings.

Township Supervisor Tim Evans informed Dockeray that the information in question is available anytime at the township office but that supervisors would take the suggestion under consideration.

The board approved the yearly update to the SCI-Dallas emergency plan and authorized the solicitor to draft a new Floodplain Ordinance as required by FEMA.

Supervisors authorized an advertisement for a part-time police officer.

Ellsworth brought to the board's attention that recent police reports are not available online. Evans thanked her for the information and agreed to look into it.

The next Jackson Township Board of Supervisors meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Nov. 5 at the township building on Huntsville Road.

-Megan Schneider

DALLAS TOWNSHIP

Insurance, police are big issues

By MEGAN SCHNEIDER
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Dallas Township received a status update from DGK Insurance and Financial Services regarding its upcoming selection of insurance policies and providers at the supervisors work session on Oct. 2. The township is expecting five quotes from four carriers. Since this is not a bidding process, the township is not required to accept the lowest premium proposed.

The board also heard from Dallas Fire & Ambulance regarding the proposal of an ordinance allowing the fire company to bill insurance companies for its services. Dallas Fire provided supervisors with a copy of the current ordinance in effect in Dallas Borough and supervisors came to the decision that a proposal should be made at the October meeting.

Supervisors discussed updating telephone, internet and wireless services, allowing them to save the township a combined \$2,000 annually.

Annual contributions to charity were noted as \$1,000 to the Luzerne County SPCA, \$4,000 to the Back Mountain Library and \$1,000 to the Visiting Nurses Association of America. The board agreed to check the status of the VNA on the grounds that it may no longer be a non-profit organization.

Police Chief Bob Jolly addressed the board about the parking problem in College Manor as a result of overcrowding from Misericordia University. Supervisors they would discuss

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amending the parking policies and the police's authorization to tow vehicles.

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Roadmaster Martin Barry expressed his desire to proceed with the adoption of a letter of notice to residents regarding their responsibilities of plant life overhanging public roads.

Barry also addressed residents' concerns about potholes and heavy traffic on the dirt section of Harris Road. The road has seen heavy traffic due to GPS directions and Barry assured the road will be posted with "No Thru Traffic" and speed limit signage.

Resident Mary Lou Thomp-

son asked the board about a tree that had fallen onto her property. She was told the matter was of a civil nature and was advised to speak to a magistrate.

The Dallas Township Board of Supervisors regular meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 16 at the township building.

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