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Enrique Gonzales clears snow off the family car by hand after a two-inch snowfall delayed school buses and iced roads.



Jim Gurzler clears sidewalks on Machell Avenue near Dallas center after a two-inch snowfall on Tuesday morning.

## DALLAS TOWNSHIP

# Visioning session allows residents a say in future

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### FOR MORE INFO ...

For more information on joining the ad hoc committees in Dallas Township, visit the township website at [www.dallastownship.com](http://www.dallastownship.com).

Residents from Dallas Township and members of the township's planning board met with Jack Varaly from Varay Associates on Nov. 28 to begin the process of building a comprehensive plan for the township.

Varaly was hired by the township to help prepare a plan to map out a vision for the future. The meeting was held to encourage residents to express their concerns and opinions regarding issues of zoning, housing, land use, natural resources and other topics and allow residents to volunteer for ad hoc committees to help gather ideas for the plan.

"The most important thing that goes into the plan is identifying the vision of what they want the township to become," Varaly said about residents.

He added that the majority of the township is zoned A1 agricultural and advised that, when committee volunteers consider rezoning, they expect slow but steady growth and not the kind of boom the area has experienced during the last 20 years.

Census data for the township is available on the township's website. Elizabeth Martin, vice chairman of the Dallas Township Board of Supervisors, said she would post more specific information on the jobs of committee members and offer examples of other comprehensive plans so people have a better understanding of the process.

"Citizen participation is very important," said Martin. Carl Kaschenbach asked sev-

eral questions about how the process worked. He also posed a question regarding rezoning and wetlands, expressing a desire to know how accurate area maps are in regard to showing wetlands in the township. After much discussion, it was understood that every property would have to be assessed by a professional to determine exactly where wetlands are located.

Kaschenbach said, "We are shooting in the dark a little bit then."

Varaly explained that, regardless of rezoning, safeguards are built into other ordinances that will protect the wetlands not mapped from being built on or destroyed.

The township had approximately 10 volunteers for committees during the meeting, including Kaschenbach, Walt Kochen and Mary and Al Rodriguez. Martin expected more volunteers to step forward before the end of the week. Committees will meet approximately once a month but times and dates have not been set. Varaly said the process should take about three months to complete.

He clarified that the comprehensive plan does not implement any changes but gives supervisors a direction. Every decision will still have to pass through a public meeting before anything is made official.

# School or no school?

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Superintendents Frank Galicki of the Dallas School District and James McGovern of the Lake-Lehman School District are the men ultimately in charge of how safely students travel to school during inclement weather.

When our area saw its first brush with snow of the season this past Tuesday, Lake-Lehman remained on its regular schedule while Dallas called a two-hour delay.

That isn't the way things are normally done. It all comes down to planning and timing.



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A two-inch snowfall delayed school buses and inconvenienced shoppers like Kyle Niccum, left, who trudged up Church Street Tuesday morning.

Galicki explained that all schools communicate before and during storms or anticipated weather to coordinate schedules as much as possible.

"There is a network; the West Side supers contact each other," he said.

Usually, the decision to call a delay or cancellation is made by

6 a.m. Galicki explained that since Tuesday's snow didn't start until late morning,

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## HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH

# Community continues to be divided on police station

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### FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Read a letter written by Harveys Lake Borough Council president Larry Radel explaining his position on the police station issue on The Dallas Post website. Log onto [www.mydallaspost.com](http://www.mydallaspost.com)

Once again, the possible move and renovation of the Harveys Lake Police Station was a topic of contention at the borough council's regular meeting on Nov. 20.

Resident Danny Blaine brought up the topic during the public comment portion of the meeting when he presented council with a letter written by resident Ed Williams. The letter was in regard to the homeowners of Marina Pointe. Blaine read part of the letter aloud, stating that Marina Point residents are against moving the police station to Little League Road.

"It doesn't seem logical to me and I disagree 100%," said Blaine of the proposed move.

Guy Giordano said he saw estimates for the renovation of the current station that the borough received last week and thought

they were wrong.

Judi Williams Spagnuolo then asked council about floor plans available for public inspection on a back table in the room. The floor plans are for the renovation of the recreation center on Little League Road. Spagnuolo checked with council to be sure original bids for both buildings had come in over the allotted grant money. She raised the question about cost and whether that would result in a tax increase.

"As a taxpayer, I can't afford to pay," she said.

Mayor Clarence Hogan stated the floor plans on display were drawn prior to receiving estimates from contractors and they were only on display because the police station issue was a topic on the agenda.

This sparked debate in the meeting room that continued for approximately 15 minutes. Council President Larry Radel defended the proposed moving of the police station while council

members Michell'e Boice and Thomas Kehler tried to explain that estimates for the current station are exaggerated and include an addition that is "unnecessary."

Radel defended the addition in the estimates, saying engineers are trying to make the square footage of the buildings the same for comparison purposes. Radel said, "The reality is we don't know how much it's going to cost."

Kehler added that if the estimates of the current station are taken into consideration, the cost of renovation is about \$87,000, almost the same as renovating the recreation center.

During the debate, resident Carol Culver scolded Council President Radel for "rolling his eyes" while other council members were presenting their viewpoints.

Council member Amy Williams reported the borough is preparing to send certified letters to all residents who have



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The current Harveys Lake Municipal Building on Route 415 as seen from the west side.

over \$500 in unpaid garbage fees and that the borough is short almost \$80,000 in garbage fees.

Council member Ed Kelly quieted the situation by stating, "We won't have to raise taxes if we can get people to pay their fair share."

Boice proposed to have a pro-

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The Harveys Lake recreation building now houses Charlotte's Reading Room but is being considered as a possible site for a new police station.



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