

# Volunteers band together for successful DHS Lock-In

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## IF YOU GO ...

The 13th Annual Dallas High School Lock-In Rummage & Bake Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 9 and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 10 which will be Half Price Day.

Graduation day. For most students, it's the day they have looked forward to since kindergarten. In a parental standpoint, however, graduation night means chewed fingernails and uneasiness that the child they raised for 18 years is going to be off with his or her friends, possibly at a party somewhere and will eventually be driving home at all hours of the night.

That was, until the Class of 2000 was about to graduate and Dallas PTSO mom Susan Levinson approached then-Dallas High School Principal Frank Galicki with an idea for a drug-free, alcohol-free graduation Lock-In party.

"We discussed it, thought it would be an outstanding idea and ran with it," Galicki explained. "That first year, we got a local car dealership to donate a used car as a raffle prize for the students of the first Lock-In. As you can imagine, the attendance was 99% of the graduating seniors because they all wanted to win the car."

Since then, committees of high school parents have secured big items, such as microwaves,

televisions and even computers, for subsequent Lock-In raffles. Parents are the movers and shakers who have made graduation night both safe and memorable for each successive senior class.

The trick has always been fundraising to earn enough money to put on a bigger and better party every year. The remarkable thing about it is that many of the parents continue to help with the Lock-In even after their children have graduated.

Heather Calkins and Michelle Tomaselli are co-chairs for the Fourth Annual DHS Lock-In Rummage & Bake Sale, the biggest annual fundraiser, yielding thousands of dollars for the event. According to Calkins, the list of parents and teachers who worked to establish the sale is quite long.

"Besides Michelle and me, Tanya Reinert, Maire Box, Deb Dan-

ko, Judy Santora, Donna Kon, Trudy McAndrew, Mary Barbara Gilligan, Debbie Zimmerman, Anne Manganello, Sue Van Horn, Kathy Millington, Maria Carr, Paula Glicini, Ellen Hunter, Theresa Dennis, Beth Monahan, Trudy Clemson, Jan Goeringer, Jill Martin, Diane Thompson, Kim Smith, Elia Pris, C.K. DeBona, Sharon Ellis, Marjorie Adam, Joanne Doziak, Heather Taylor, Ellen Machovich, Mary Donovan, Lisa DeGraba, Kippie Morgan, Noreen Diaco, Karen Pietraccini, Barbara Goode, Lisa Cummings, Sylvia Maas and teachers at both the high school and middle school are just a few of those who started this venture in the 2009/2010 school year," Calkins said.

The sale is held at the Dallas Middle School for a good reason, according to Calkins.

"It is important that the middle school parents know about the Lock-In, too, before their children get up to the high school. I didn't know about the Lock-In Committee until my son was a senior, but I would have helped out sooner had I known."

Donna Kon and Trudy McAndrew are the new co-chairs for the 13th Annual Dallas High School Lock-In. Both are in their second



Items are piling up for the Dallas High School Lock-In Rummage and Bake Sale. From left, are Lock-In co-chair Donna Kon, Dallas High School junior Rachel Kon and seniors Emilia Kon and Brian Reese.

year events and was amazed at the decrease in fatalities that have been recorded over a 10-year period. While the focus is on the night of graduation, it is a message that bears repeating continuously. We hope to involve the student body more each year so they understand the significance of the decisions they will make and to encourage them to make smart choices."

The DHS Lock-In Raffle & Bake Sale Committee is still looking for donations of sale items in good condition or better, as well as baked items. Larger items will be posted on a bulletin board during the sale and a percentage of the sale is requested.

Set up and drop off for the event will take place from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 8 at the Dallas Middle School, Conyngham Avenue.

Parents and teachers wishing to help during the sale should contact Trudy McAndrew via email at [Trudy@PlayItAgainWB.com](mailto:Trudy@PlayItAgainWB.com) and should include name, day(s), hours available and contact number.

For baked goods donations, call Michelle Tomaselli at 406-1247. Also, visit 2013 Dallas High School Lock-In Rummage & Bake Sale on Facebook.

year with the committee.

"I joined because I think it is so important to provide a safe night after the graduation ceremony," McAndrew explained. "I became involved when my son was a junior as I thought it was the junior class parents' time to help so the senior parents were able to enjoy the graduation ceremony. In reality, it takes many volunteers. There are underclass and senior parents as well as parents of grad-

uated students, both current and retired teachers and school administrators, and a great deal of community support.

"The message of the Lock-In is universal - to provide students with a safe, chaperoned night of fun and memories and to avoid the fatalities of celebrating graduation and the inherent risks involved with drinking and driving," she continued. "I researched the statistics for one of

## DALLAS TOWNSHIP

# Emulsion won't work when residents don't cooperate

By CAMILLE FIOTI  
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Leo Charney of Goldsmith Road asked the board of supervisors on Feb. 19 if his road could be sprayed with an emulsion in the spring to keep the dust down. Supervisor Frank Wagner said the roads are treated with calcium chloride to control the dust and argued that it was sufficient.

"It doesn't work," said Charney, adding that the road kicks up so much dust that he can't even go for a walk without choking.

Roadmaster Martin Barry said the only way an emulsion treatment would work is if every resident cooperated and stayed off the road for at least three hours. Barry recalled a time when his department treated a gravel road with emulsion and several residents ignored the drying time restriction. Supervisor William Grant suggested looking into comparing prices between emulsion and calcium chloride. Supervisor Liz Martin agreed.

The board denied a request from a Druid Hills resident to remove three trees from the front of her house. The trees are in the township right-of-way, but are not

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hanging over the roadway nor are they rotten, the board pointed out. "Based on the evidence we have, we don't have any obligation to clear trees," said township solicitor Tom Brennan.

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PVR Environmental Project Manager Nicholas Bryan said he and his company, which acquired Chief Gathering, LLC last April, are continuing efforts to better prepare local first responders in the event of an emergency. Bryan is coordinating the training, which will take place in April,

with state Senator Lisa Baker and state Representative Karen Boback. He said he's also generating public awareness through pamphlets and contacting landowners.

"We are developing a more robust action plan to be as prepared as possible," Bryan said.

Chris Yankovich of Chris' Auto Repair asked the board to consider rotating towing providers for accidents and breakdowns. Currently, towing services are primarily provided by Martin's Towing. Supervisor Liz Martin, who is not related to the owners of the towing service, said the board is looking into a monthly rotation for towing providers and will discuss it further at its next work session at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5.

The next board of supervisors meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19.



Lake-Noxen Elementary school teachers Carrie McDonald, left, and Charlotte Williams are treated to homemade soups and lunch by the PTO.

# Honor thy teacher at Lake-Noxen

Teachers at the Lake-Noxen Elementary School were guests of honor at an appreciation luncheon sponsored by the school's Parent-Teacher Organization on Feb. 12.



Lake-Noxen Elementary kindergarten school teacher Frankie Session gets a hug from Hannah Kuhar during a teacher appreciation day lunch at the school.

## HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH

# Suspicious? Then call 911

By SUSAN BETTINGER  
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Mayor Clarence Hogan read aloud a statement from Harveys Lake Police Chief Charles Musial who indicated that borough residents are not always reporting suspicious activity.

Musial noted one instance where a resident observed suspicious activity, but "didn't want to bother the police" and another instance where the resident waited three days before reporting an incident to the police department.

Musial emphasized that residents should call 911 immediately while witnessing any suspicious activity.

In others matters, Stell Enterprises has received the bid award for the installation of a manufacturing treatment device in the parking lot of Bill's Café on Old Lake Road. The treatment will separate phosphorus from the water and capture small stones in a catch basin.

Stell's bid of \$59,400 will be funded by a 319 grant. Stell

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had the lowest bid of the six groups competing for the project. Site Services Group submitted a \$64,575 bid, Neal-Lynn Inc., \$68,252; Fabcor Inc., \$75,950; Picarski Inc., \$78,212; and Linde Corp., \$85,025.

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Councilman Thomas Kehler

reported that \$3,600 in amusement taxes were collected for the year.

The running of the 2013 Glen Summit Spring Water Race around the lake will be held on Saturday, April 20.

Queen of Peace Road resident Jason Miller reported that he has observed bags of garbage in the driveway of a home, whose owners have been out of the area, for the past few months. Miller stated no one has been in the house all winter and questioned whether or not the garbage was generated in Harveys Lake. Miller added that residents may be "paying for outsiders" (to leave their garbage).

The next council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19.

## LEHMAN TOWNSHIP

# Barking dogs are 'living hell'

By CAMILLE FIOTI  
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A Meeker Road resident said his neighbor's two large dogs have made his and his family's life a "living hell" and asked township supervisors for help.

"I wake up, watch TV, eat dinner, read to my children and get to listen to dogs," he said, referring to the around-the-clock barking. He said the dogs also charge at him, his family and even passersby who walk their dogs along the road.

The resident said he contacted the police department and said he was told nothing could be done because the current dog ordinance only applies to residences in residential zoning districts, not agricultural or conservation districts.

"There's no doubt we need to fix that," board chairman Dave Sutton said, referring to the wording of the ordinance. "We allow homes to be built in agricultural and conservation districts. It should include all residences. I don't care if it's a kennel. These dogs should not be barking all

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the time."

The board voted to look into updating the ordinance.

In another matter, supervisors discussed the pros and cons of keeping a 50-ft. wide right-of-way in the Amber Woods subdivision. Zoning Board Solicitor Jack Haley said keeping the property would give the supervisors the power to reject potential new development on the land adjacent to the right-of-way.

The board agreed that keeping the land is in the best interest of the township. "There's big acreage available for development that borders on Amber Woods," Sutton said. "The potential is there for development."

Haley, who sat in for township solicitor Peter Savage who was absent due to illness, said keeping the land could pose a potential liability problem. Sutton said

the benefit of having more control over development outweighs the minimal liability risks.

Jan Valick, of Trojan Road, tried to initiate a discussion with supervisors about an issue regarding the location of the roadway, which partly crosses his property line. Sutton said he was unable to respond because the matter is now in the hands of Valick and the township's attorneys.

The board also ...

Authorized the treasurer to negotiate a favorable lease rate for a new back hoe and dump truck.

Rescheduled a special hearing regarding the vacating of a township road in the Lake Silkworth area for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 18. The regular supervisor's meeting will follow the hearing.