

# Dallas Township

Home of the Mountaineers

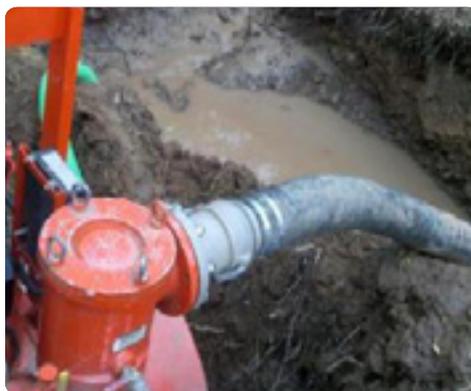


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## Will Pipeline Mud Spills Affect Township Wetlands?

Beginning on May 1, 2012, a series of pipeline drilling mud spills occurred in wetlands at two sites in Dallas Township - Kunkle and Upper Demunds Road. Southeast Directional Drilling, a sub-contractor for PVR NEPA (former Chief Gathering, LLC), was responsible for the substantial leaching of a Bentonite clay solution. Representatives from the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Southeast and Chief/PVR attended the Dallas Township Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, May 15th to answer residents' questions. Supervisor Liz Martin requested that PVR NEPA pay for water testing in the wetlands areas as well as the five or more artesian wells located near the Kunkle site. The request was denied, via a letter from PVR NEPA local counsel Atty. Jeff Malak. At the Township's June Work Session on Tuesday, June 5, the announcement was

shared with those in attendance as well as a list of prospective water testing personnel: George Turner (570)836-1055; Brian Oram (570)335-1947; and Altest Environmental (570)239-7086. Affected residents should also alert the Township office, at (570)674-2007; or email Supervisor Liz Martin, at [lmartin@dallastownship.com](mailto:lmartin@dallastownship.com).



## Dallas Township News & Views

In an effort to keep our residents up to date with current events in the Township, we announce the first issue of our new quarterly newsletter. If you haven't already done so, please take the time to sign up for subsequent issues at [www.dallastownship.com](http://www.dallastownship.com). If you don't have access to a computer, call (570)674-2008. Copies will also be available at the Township office.

## Notification System Opt-In Requested

Dallas Township EMA Coordinator Alan Pugh asks that residents who are interested in receiving emergency-related notifications should opt-in via our website in the same manner as the Township newsletter. Opting in for the Newsletter will automatically include notification.

Again, if you don't have access to a computer, call (570)674-2008.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Dallas Township, 2919 SR 309 Highway, Dallas, PA 18612

# SPCA & Dallas Township

Over 6,500 animals entered the doors of the SPCA this past year from the 76 municipalities throughout Luzerne County and beyond. As a non-profit organization, the SPCA provides essential services, including housing, feeding, and medical care for animals; getting them ready for adoption (including spaying or neutering); ensuring licenses are obtained and other valuable services - all of which cost money. The SPCA takes its job seriously and goes well beyond the basic care of these animals. From Dallas Township alone, 83 animals were received by the SPCA in 2011, 60 of which were strays (45 cats and 15 dogs); and 43 of the 60 were euthanized (30 were cats). Township residents should be responsible for their pets,

including strays that have adopted your household. Feral cats multiply exponentially each year. If you are feeding and caring for them, please consider having them spayed or neutered.



## From the PA State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS): Townships Today



It's that time of year again, and you know what that means: Township road crews will be out in full force, patching potholes and paving streets. And while you may be tempted to speed past barricades and workers, here are some sobering statistics to keep in mind:

- The Federal Highway Administration reports that more than 20,000 workers are injured in road construction work zones each year.
- PennDOT says that in 2010, there were 1,886 vehicle crashes in work zones across Pennsylvania, including 110 on local roads. Four of the 23 resulting deaths were workers.

Pennsylvania has several statutes that are aimed at protecting road crews and motorists alike. The commonwealth's work zone safety laws, for instance, require drivers to turn on their headlights when entering posted work areas.

Make safety a priority when traveling township roads this summer, especially when you encounter work zones and accident scenes.



## Dallas Township Ordinances Passed

A number of ordinances have been passed in Dallas Township since the beginning of 2012. They are as follows:

**Ordinance No. 1 of 2012:**  
Dallas Township joined the PA Local Government Investment Trust

**Ordinance No. 2 of 2012:**  
Dallas Township Firearms Ordinance

**Ordinance No. 3 of 2012:**  
Adoption of the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code

**Ordinance No. 4 of 2012:**  
Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Update

**Ordinance No. 5 of 2012:**  
Nuisance House Ordinance

## Dallas Township Administration

### Supervisors:

**Frank Wagner** - Chairman  
**Liz Martin** - Vice Chairman  
**Bill Grant**

**Nancy Balutis** - Secretary/Treasurer

**Liz Martin** - Assistant Secretary/  
Treasurer

**Tammy Miller** - Clerk

**Carl Alber** - Zoning/Code  
Enforcement Officer

**Len Kozick** - Tax Collector

**Martin Barry** - Road Master