

Heidelberg Highlights

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NEW COMMUNITY ROOM - NOW OPEN



The recently acquired property at 1639 East Railroad Street is now completely renovated, occupied and working as planned to its fullest. On the ground floor, it houses the Borough's Public Works Garage and Workshop, and also the new Community Room. The second floor has been leased to a new business in the Borough, Surgical Product Solutions. By leasing the second floor space, all expenses of this property including the debt payments are paid via the rental revenue. This then relieves the taxpayers from any fiscal burden as result of the purchase and operations of this new public amenity.

The furnished Community Room has seating for approximately 50 people, includes a small kitchen and ADA restroom accommodations. The room is also fully ADA accessible from Oak Way. The Borough is encouraging the public use of the facility by permit for small family get-togethers, parties and other communal functions. Council has set the rental fee at \$50 for residents and \$75 for non-residents. Heidelberg based non-profit organizations are also encouraged to use the space. Historical Heidelberg photographs and artifacts are also scheduled to be on display within the Community Room.

"The entire build-out of this new building was completely done in-house by our three-man public works crew. The tireless efforts by our guys is truly second to none; I cannot be more proud of their construction skills and their dedication to the community to truly undertake such a large-scale public improvement project with our own manpower, equipment and Heidelberg know-how," stated Joe Kauer, Borough Manager.

HEIDELBERG HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Historical Society is currently seeking old photographs of the Borough, local businesses, organizations, local servicemen, officials, sports teams, buildings, etc., anything really of local significance that you would like to share with your fellow neighbors. We are currently in the process of hanging all of these historical photographs and artifacts in the new Community Room.

If you would like to share your photographs, the Historical Society will simply make a copy of your photograph that is worth sharing, give you the original back and properly display it in the Community Room. We also accept donations of original artifacts.

Should you like to participate, please give your items to Councilman Bob DeBar or drop them off at the Borough Office.

SEWER BILLING UPDATE

In August, residents received their first separate Heidelberg Sewer Bill as part of the Pennsylvania American Water Company's divestiture from the sewer billing industry. This change to a separate third party sewer bill was not the choice of the Borough Council and Mayor; however was required to keep this valuable revenue stream in place to sustain the operations of the Borough's sewer system and wastewater treatment services. After receiving many proposals from utility billing companies, the firm selected was Diversified Technologies whose proposal outlined the best service at a reasonable price.

Now five months into the separate sewer bills, many of the transitional quarks have been worked out and the system is now working smoothly. We truly thank everyone for their cooperation and understanding during the transfer.

Residents have the option to have their sewer account set up to automatically withdraw the bill's balance from your checking account monthly or pay it traditionally. Payments can also be received in the Borough Office. There is also an after-hours drop box located in front of the Borough Building for your convenience.

Should you have a question pertaining to your sewer account, do not hesitate to call the Borough Manager at 412-276-0363.

A WORD OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION

In recent years, our borough has been fortunate to be able to come together and enjoy many celebratory events, neighborhood gatherings and community activities. From the neighborhood yard sales to the Oktoberfest and First Night of Lights that recently took place, it's important to recognize that these events involve many hours of planning, budgeting and physical labor. The group of individuals behind all of this planning may be small but the effects of their efforts are enormous. I think it's long overdue that we take a minute to recognize and thank them for their selfless efforts in making our community a better place to live. Their formal name is the Heidelberg Recreation Committee; their individual names are John Duda Jr., Joe Kauer, Dolly Kosol, Mary Anne Morgan, Linda O'Leary, Pat Smida and Joe Wissel Jr. These are the names that immediately come to mind, but there are others who give generously of their time and talent to make these events the successes that we all are able to enjoy. Please join me in acknowledging their efforts and thanking them for all they do.

Ray Losego, Heidelberg Council President

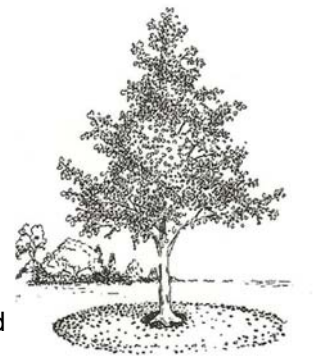
A MOMENT WITH THE MAYOR



I write these words as December nears its end and Rebecca and I wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and the best of hopes for a bright and prosperous New Year. Reviewing the year that is about to end, my duties as the President of the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG) for 2012 come to a close on December 31st. My year as President found me learning much about Heidelberg's neighboring communities and the role that SHACOG plays in making her 18 member municipalities better and more pleasant places to live and work. In addition, my term as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Local Government Academy (LGA) also ends on December 31st but the Board has extended to me another two year position. This is truly a singular honor and allows me the continued opportunity to work with area business leaders, legal professionals, and non-profit organizations to develop educational programs for newly elected and sitting elected officials from all across western Pennsylvanian. Working with the LGA, I hope to continue to advance Heidelberg's role in the organization and to help bring additional training and grant opportunities to the Borough. The big news of 2012 is the final submitting of bids for the Route 50 streetscape project within Heidelberg, Carnegie and Scott Township. For Heidelberg, this means \$900,000 of new infrastructure and amenities will be added to the Borough along the Route 50 corridor. It is expected that shovels will break ground for these improvements this spring.

A significant 2013 property tax update will center around the County wide property reassessment that occurred in 2012. As a result, Council was compelled by statute to reduce the Borough's millage to reflect increased property values. As such, the Borough's millage has been reduced from 8.5 mills to 7.0 mills. This will result in some of us paying lower property taxes in 2013, some of us the same, and some of us more. Importantly, as by statute, from the best information available, Council is of the opinion that the new millage will not generate more than five percent (5%) additional overall property tax revenue than the old millage did in 2012. As such, the 2013 Budget set by Council includes only a five percent potential increase in property tax receipts for 2013. Council also has set aside \$20,000 in the 2013 budget to use to reimburse those property owners that successfully appeal the County reassessed values of their homes. Finally, Council has voted to eliminate the Borough's five dollar (\$5.00) per capita or head tax. The per capita is tax paid by every resident 18 or older and has been on the books for decades before I became mayor. With its elimination, Council has truly acted to reduce taxes for the average Borough resident.

A final item is something that as a home owner, with lots of trees, I have been aware of for some time; and as an Associate Professor of Geology and Earth Sciences at Robert Morris University, I have been telling my students about for a number of years; and finally, as a "Tree Tender" trained by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and the TreeVitalize Project of Allegheny County to install urban, shade trees, I have been instructed to "champion this cause" for all who have a soft spot in their hearts for trees. The something I wish to share with you involves "mulch volcanoes". Mulch volcanoes are those conical piles of mulch that many people and businesses place around and next to the trunks of trees. Hence the name mulch volcano. Mulch volcanoes can and do slowly kill trees by keeping the tree's bark moist and susceptible to fungus and insect attack and infestation. The tree slowly is girdled by the loss of bark under the mulch volcano. Over the last few years, Rebecca and I have seen more and more mulch volcanoes at area stores and shopping malls, and sadly even in yards in some of Heidelberg's neighboring communities. Rebecca and I fear that mulch volcanoes may soon be common in Heidelberg as well. We encourage you to search the internet under mulch volcano. If you love trees, much of what you read will make you sad. Well enough for now. Rebecca and I wish everyone well and May God Bless.



GOOD GOOD GOOD
GOOD JOB!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth A. LaSota, Ph.D., Mayor

CHAR VALLEY TOWNS CELEBRATE REVITALIZED 'STREETSCAPE' IN 2013

BY: CONGRESSMAN, TIM MURPHY

As we ring in the New Year, residents of Heidelberg have reason to celebrate.

Soon, work crews will break ground on several million dollars worth of improvements to infrastructure, upgrades of sidewalks, installation of decorative lighting, and additional scenic enhancements to the Route 50 corridor.

Following severe damage to the neighborhoods in Carnegie, Scott, and Heidelberg during the 2004 Hurricane Ivan, elected officials and members of the community saw an opportunity for progress. We joined forces to commence a 'Tri-Community Revitalization Project' that will make Chartiers Valley more inviting for local commercial and residential development.



Rep. Murphy joins elected officials from Carnegie, Heidelberg and Scott Township for the Tri-Community Revitalization Project balloon launch and kick-off ceremony.

In 2008, I secured federal funding to revitalize Washington Pike, Carothers Ave., and Third Street in Heidelberg, Scott, and Carnegie. As part of the planning process, numerous meetings and site visits were conducted by municipal officials, PennDOT, and me. Just a few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to attend the 'kick-off' ceremony to mark the announcement of public bids for the revitalization project.

Never once did I doubt this project would come to fruition because of the support and commitment it has received from all of the communities and leaders involved—and I am proud of the work we've accomplished together. My hope is that this project will not only attract new development and improve public safety, but also encourage residents to socialize and forge stronger bonds in our community.

As of press time, construction bids are being reviewed and construction is set to begin in 2013. I'm optimistic and certain this development will make Heidelberg, Scott, and Carnegie even more attractive places to live, work, and shop for years to come. To stay informed on the progress of the enhancement project, make sure to sign up for my weekly e-newsletter by visiting my official website Murphy.House.Gov.



REFUSE AND RECYCLING PENNSYLVANIA COVERED DEVICE RECYCLING ACT WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

Enacted in 2010 by the Pennsylvania State Legislature, the Pennsylvania Covered Device Recycling Act requires that consumers **NOT** dispose of covered devices, such as computers, laptops, monitors and televisions, with their trash. This means that effective January, 2013, residents will no longer be permitted to place these items out for weekly trash pickup. You will have to take them to an electronics recycler. Resi-

dents can find more information on registered manufacturers and where to recycle covered devices at www.dep.state.pa.us Keyword: Electronics Recycling.

Heidelberg also recycles newsprint and other paper goods. Paper recyclables can be deposited in the green and gold paper recycling bin located in front of Heidelberg Park on Industry Way. All proceeds received from paper recycling benefit the Heidelberg Recreation Fund that sponsors the many family-friendly community events here in the Borough. So let's help save the Earth and continue to support our Recreation Committee with the recycling of paper!

WAS HEIDELBERG'S ELLSWORTH AVENUE NAMED FOR COLONEL ELMER E. ELLSWORTH?

A word from the Heidelberg Historical Society, Councilman Bob DeBar

As many of our streets are named for Presidents, trees or numerals, how does Ellsworth Avenue, our primary residential east and west meridian thoroughfare fit into this grid? It is believed that Ellsworth Avenue is named for Elmer E. Ellsworth, the first Union casualty of the Civil War.



On May 24, 1861, the day after Virginia's succession was ratified by referendum; President Lincoln looked out from the White House across the Potomac River, and saw a large Confederate flag prominently displayed over the town of Alexandria, Virginia.

Colonel Ellsworth immediately offered to retrieve the flag for Lincoln. He led the 11th New York across the Potomac and into

the streets of Alexandria uncontested. He detached some men to take the railroad station, while he led others to secure the telegraph office and get the Confederate flag, which was flying above the Marshall House Inn. Ellsworth and four men went upstairs and cut down the flag. As Ellsworth came downstairs with the flag, the owner, James Jackson, killed him with a shotgun blast to the chest.

Lincoln was deeply saddened by his friend's death and ordered an Honor Guard to bring his friend's body back to the White House, where he laid in state in the East Room. Ellsworth was then taken to the City Hall in New York City, where thousands of Union supporters came to see the first man to fall for the Union cause. He is interred in his hometown of Mechanicville, NY in the Hudson View Cemetery.

Was the naming of this street our Borough fathers' way of honoring Colonel Ellsworth?

SNOW REMOVAL WITHIN HEIDELBERG



The winter season will soon be upon us. Please remember that snow cannot be pushed out in the streets. Our Public Works Foreman,

Mark Turnbull, has to be able to plow the streets safely. He cannot always avoid some of the snow from blocking people's driveways, please be understanding. Try to help your elderly or handicapped neighbors during these cold weeks and months ahead. We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

- The Public Works Department is on call 24 hours a day for snow and ice removal of the 8.5 miles of roadway within the Borough. That equals over 16 lane miles of roadway that needs to be plowed and treated during winter weather occurrences.
- During severe snow situations where plowing is needed, the main Borough roads have priority, which in some cases requires residential roadways to be designated as secondary.
- **It is unlawful to shovel or plow snow back into the streets.** Please place snow on the curb-line or next to your driveways.
- **Sidewalks are to be cleared of ice and/or snow within 12 hours of the storm.** Failure to clear sidewalks could be punishable of a fine of \$600.
- When streets are plowed, snow will be pushed in front of driveways, parked cars and walking paths. Unfortunately, there are no other places for the snow to go. The Public Works Department apologizes for the inconvenience.
- The Public Works Department is not permitted to assist residents by clearing driveways, sidewalks or paths to mail-boxes.
- There may be delays or cancellations of garbage collection as result of snow accumulations. Until the snow situation is under control, it is impossible to say when garbage will be back on schedule.
- Please keep fire plugs clear of snow. They are for your safety!

Al Kosol
Councilman, Road Committee Chairman



HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM
HEIDELBERG BOROUGH COUNCIL, MAYOR
AND STAFF

2012: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Much change and progress has happened within your Borough over the past twelve months. As a united community, we have seen vast improvements in the realms of public works projects, community facilities, economic development, legislative advancements, to even greater community events.

Three roadways were paved this year; they included Peach Way, the last section of Ellsworth Avenue and the takeover and full reconstruction of the former private roadway, Coal Road. Of these three roadways, we only had to pay for half of the costs of Ellsworth Avenue as grant funds and outside assistance have covered majority these projects. New ADA sidewalk ramps were also installed through another grant program at the corner of First Street and West Railroad Street.

New community facilities that were made possible this year was the Heidelberg Park Comfort Station and the new Community Room & Public Works Building on East Railroad Street. These two facilities have advanced our recreational amenities greatly. The Public Works also constructed a mobile stage unit that has been used at our Oktoberfest and Light Up Night. On the 56th anniversary of the last circus under the big-top here in Heidelberg and in the United States, Councilman DeBar was able to spearhead a project that erected a permanent Pennsylvania roadside historical marker here in the Borough to commemorate the former Heidelberg Raceway.



Community and Economic Development goals were also advanced this past year with the joint project with Allegheny County that transformed a former flooded walk-away and abandoned property at 1606 West Railroad Street into Western Pennsylvania's first passive constructed home. The design of the East Railroad Streetscape project was also completed; this will totally transform our central business district next year. Borough Council and Mayor also adopted the Borough's first Comprehensive Plan and just finished drafting our new Zoning Ordinance. To advance the streetscape project, the Borough also acquired the Lamar property along East Railroad Street. This property will not only allow for a substantial donation credit to offset the streetscape project grant, but will give the Borough control to make this site a beautifully landscaped showcase for our Borough.



To advance "green" efforts in the community, the Borough was awarded a 2012 Western Pennsylvania Conservancy TreeVitalize grant that planted 21 new street trees along West Railroad Street. Multiple sewer system repairs were undertaken this year, keeping our collection systems in tip-top shape. These included significant repairs on Madison, Lincoln, Garfield, Collier Avenues and Oak Way. The Council and Mayor have always encouraged the Borough Manager in his efforts to secure the many grants that have improved many facets of our community; we were able to secure \$106,399.00 worth of grants this year. Furthermore, through Council's diligent finance administration, we anticipate ending 2012 with a General Fund surplus of \$23,000 that will be transferred to the Road Fund come 2013.

As for staff, we welcomed two new police officers to Heidelberg, full-time Patrolman Adam Nida and part-time Patrolman Rachael Anderson. Both have been wonderful additions to our Borough family and community.

Heidelberg was also recognized at a State level by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, where she received the 1st prize award for our newsletter and 2nd place for our website. These two mediums, in addition to the Borough's Facebook page, have yielded a great avenue to publicize our many community events. Through the hard work of the Recreation Committee, the Borough sponsored a summer concert / family night series in the Park, a community fishing derby, a memorable Memorial Day service, Oktoberfest that even hosted a fireworks show, Halloween parade and party and as of late, our annual First Night of Lights. Their hard work has truly aided to increase our community's town spirit and small town charm.

In retrospect, 2012 was an amazing year that will leave many wonderful permanent fixtures within Heidelberg. Through the diligent efforts of your Heidelberg Councilmen, Mayor, Staff and our many volunteers, our community is truly becoming a supreme place to raise a family, live, work and play.



NEWS FROM THE HEIDELBERG POLICE

On behalf of the entire Heidelberg Police Department, we would like to wish you a very Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

As of this date the 2012 year has been extremely busy for the Heidelberg Police taking over six hundred and fifty police reports and answering in excess of eight hundred and thirty seven calls with this year still not at its end. Over the last seven years since this news letter has been sent out by the borough, we have stressed driving safety, home security and community awareness and being a good neighbor by calling 911 when you see suspicious individuals or vehicles in your neighborhood. Our officer's do all they can to ensure your children's safety and security at the school bus stops both before and after school and over the summer months with high visibility and proactive community policing in the neighborhoods 24/7.

Again during this holiday season the Heidelberg Police are making every effort to ensure that you take precautions in you or your family not becoming a victim of credit card fraud, internet scams, burglaries or a victim of any type of crime. Always be aware of your surroundings and who is around you at ATM's or when taking items purchased for Christmas to your vehicle. Always secure merchandise in your trunk, not in view in the back seat. Carry your credit cards, and cash in your pocket, not a wallet or purse should you be a victim of a robbery or purse snatch, give them your wallet or purse, but your valuables will be safe in your pocket. Keep timers on when out visiting for the holidays; keep a radio of TV on just loud enough to be heard at the back or front door. Never become a creature of habit such as when you leave for work each day, break up those times, leave a little later or earlier, it makes it too easy for criminals to learn you're routine when you're a creature of habit. Report suspicious vehicles hanging around your streets you aren't familiar with, get the plate number for the police to run and check on. Let the police know if you are going out of town for an extended period and fill out a vacation watch sheet at the police station. Remember to be a defensive drive especially with the winter weather and icy roads ahead and be alert for drunk drivers not just over the holidays but always. Be aware of the 15 Mile per Hour School Zones and the times it is enforced such as in the 1800 block of Ellsworth Ave here in Heidelberg which many drivers fail to adhere.

The officer's of the Heidelberg Police are proud to serve this community and its residents and hope that the new year brings you health and happiness and the peace of mind knowing that we are out there for you and your families peace of mind.

Remember if you need help, dial 911 for the quickest response. Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

Vernon M. Barkley, Chief of Police



FIREHOUSE NEWS

He's Making a List, and Checking it Twice!

Santa Claus is coming to town on **Friday, December 21, 2012 beginning at 6pm.** Santa knows how great our town is! So he's making a special visit to meet the Heidelberg residents and children to begin working on his "Naughty and Nice List" in preparation for Christmas. Since the elves will be busy preparing for Christmas, he has asked the HVFD, Santa's new little helpers, to escort him around our fair town and hand out goodies from him and the fire department! We hope everyone can join us and meet the big guy! Happy Holidays!

HVFD Annual Fund Drive is under way.

Every year HVFD must ask you, the residents of our borough, to help by donating to our department. This year only 21% of our community contributed which is down from 43% in 2011. We would like to thank those that have donated already and remind those who have not that they are not too late. The donations are used to help keep our firefighters safe by replacing old personal protective equipment like boots and gloves. During this holiday season, please help our department make sure that our firefighters are properly equipped and are able to make it home safe to their families. We understand times are tough, but even the smallest contribution will go a long way.

Come and support HVFD and get a chance to go home with your pockets a little fatter! Every Thursday night at 7pm, players from as far as West Virginia and Ohio make the trip to Heidelberg to experience what people are calling the BEST BINGO AROUND. Every week 'Players Specials' games are available with a range of prizes like a free jackpot or \$15 all you can play. Our ladies auxiliary makes sure that fresh, delicious, made to order food is available along with a menu full of treats. For more information you can visit www.heidelbergfire.com or call the station at (412)276-5955.





STAYING CONNECTED TO YOUR COMMONWEALTH

Deadline for Property Tax/Rent Rebate Applications

If you have not filed for the PA Property Tax & Rent Rebate Program, I want to remind you the deadline is December 31st. If you

are age 65 and older, a person with a disability 18 and older, or a widow or widower age 50 and older, you may be eligible. Income limits are \$35,000 for homeowners and \$15,000 for renters. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can increase rebates to \$975. You can stop by any of my district offices to obtain a claim form (PA-1000), receive help in completing your application, and check the status of your claim.

You may also check the status of claims online by visiting the Department of Revenue's website at www.revenue.state.pa.us or by calling 1-888-PATAxes. This program is supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery and revenue from slots gaming.

Stay Connected

With the 2013 legislative session beginning in January, many important issues will be before the General Assembly and I want to remind constituents of the ways you can stay connected.

I publish a weekly News & Views on Tuesdays that informs constituents of legislative activities in Harrisburg as well as happenings from around the 42nd Senatorial District. To receive my weekly News & Views, simply visit www.senatorfontana.com and enter your email address on the home page, under the heading "Subscribe to E-News!" You will receive each edition in your inbox on Tuesdays. The website also allows you to download applications and forms, provides toll-free numbers to a variety of departments and agencies and contains my contact information and location of my district offices.

You are always able to discuss legislative issues and express opinions on matters before the General Assembly by contact one of the offices or by emailing me directly at Fontana@pasenate.com. I can also be followed on Twitter at www.twitter.com/WayneDFontana.

If you need assistance on a state matter, you can visit or call any one of my offices to receive full-service on a variety of items including: notary services; PennDOT issues; unclaimed property forms; tax forms; senior bus passes; and more.

Most importantly, I want you to know that I and my staff are always available to assist you. Since my election in 2005 we have always made sure that any constituent who comes to us has their problem solved and if we can't solve the problem directly, we at least provide direction to get a solution.

Senator Wayne D. Fontana
www.senatorfontana.com

NEWS YOU CAN USE FROM STATE REP. NICK KOTIK



Help with home-heating bills available

Old Man Winter is quickly approaching. As temperatures drop, home-heating bills tend to climb, putting a strain on many household budgets. Every year, hundreds of thousands of families across the state apply for help to heat their homes through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Both homeowners and renters can qualify.

LIHEAP offers two types of grants and the amount of each type of grant depends on income, household size, type of heating fuel and region of the state. Cash grants help families pay regular monthly heating bills and are sent directly to the utility company to help with heating bills. Crisis grants are also available to pay for heating emergencies such as a broken furnace, fuel shortage, or utility service shutoff. To qualify, a household of one can earn up to \$16,755; a family of four can earn up to \$34,575 and qualify. To apply, you will need the names of every person living in your household, their dates of birth, Social Security numbers and proof of income, and a recent heating bill. Applications are available at www.dpw.state.pa.us.

Multi-year fishing licenses are coming to PA!

Beginning Dec. 1, for the first time ever, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission will offer multi-year fishing licenses! Licenses will be available in the traditional one-year license, and now in three- and five-year licenses as well. While the annual license fee remains the same for all three options, the transaction and processing fees will only need to be paid once for the entire purchase, providing savings on those fees.

Anglers who purchase the multi-year licenses will also be eligible for several rewards, including a free online subscription to *Pennsylvania Angler and Boater* magazine as well as discounts on equipment. All three licenses are available at the PFBC Outdoor Shop at www2.pa.wildlifelicense.com.

Representative Nick Kotik



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TAX COLLECTOR'S DESK

As we approach the end of another year, I wanted to review what needs to be done to address any of your 2012 Real Estate Taxes that remain open.

2012 Heidelberg Borough Property Tax

2012 Heidelberg Borough property taxes are now due at penalty. A 10% penalty must be added to the face tax amount when paying this Borough Tax. We are continuing to work on delinquent accounts to bring them up-to-date and eliminate the need to pursue legal action with the magistrate. This program has been successful and continues to save our residents the additional burden of court costs. We understand that many are facing difficulties; the Borough and Tax Collector are willing to work with these accounts to eliminate any additional costs. Our goal is to bring these accounts up-to-date before the property must be leined. If you are behind, please contact me immediately to review your Borough Tax Account and establish a reasonable payment schedule.

2012 Chartiers Valley School District Taxes

Residents not currently paying on the installment plan: 2012 School Taxes are now due at penalty. A 10% penalty must be added to the face amount when paying this school district tax.

After December 31, 2012, I'm required to turn over all accounts that remain open to the School District's Delinquent Collector. After this transfer of records has taken place, I can no longer accept payments and additional costs will be added to your account by the Delinquent Collector.

If you have any questions on your 2012 Borough or School taxes or the information detailed in this letter, please contact my office. The Tax Collector's Office is always available to answer your real estate tax questions at 412-276-5413.

Ted R. Gazda, Real Estate Tax Collector