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**Executive Director's Mes-
sage**



In 1996, the MVEDP began a terrific journey into the community development arena in an effort to improve our communi-

ties and the lives of the people in this region. We initiated our first housing rehabilitation program that has now surpassed the \$2.5 million mark with over 150 families assisted in improving their homes. We also helped secure \$250,000 in grant funding toward the \$450,000 cost of the new gymnasium at the Moshannon Valley YMCA.

Another community development venture that we started up in 1996 was the Philipsburg downtown revitalization program. With the support of the business community, and working in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED), we were able to raise over \$100,000 locally toward the cost of a new Philipsburg Main Street Program.

We recently learned from DCED officials that over 85% of Main Street Programs across the state are dissolved once state grant assistance has been exhausted. The Philipsburg Main Street Program would have been a part of the 85% were it not for the support of the Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership.

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**2012 Golf & Picnic
Outing**

The Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership held its 23rd Annual Golf & Picnic Outing on Tuesday, June 19th at the Philipsburg Elks Lodge and Country Club. The event was sponsored by Hawbaker Engineering, Keller Engineering and Christoff Mitchell Petroleum. 11 teams completed in three flights.

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**MVEDP Supports
GEO Expansion**

At a recent meeting of the GEO Corporation Community Advisory Board, we learned that GEO is presently involved in a construction project to expand their Decatur Township facility. At least ten new employment opportunities will be created as a result of the expansion.

The GEO facility ranks with the Wal-Mart Distribution Center, SCI-Houtzdale, and the Sinterstahl GmbH (now PMG PA Corporation) as one of the best developments ever to land in the Moshannon Valley region.

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South Hills School Expanding Outreach



Pictured: Bobby Smith & Melissa Brannen, Director

South Hills School of Business is expanding outreach and recruiting efforts under the leadership of its new director, Melissa Brannen. South Hills already has a sterling reputation among employers who have interns and graduates working for their businesses. However, not as many potential students and employers realize that the Philipsburg location offers the opportunity to start and complete a two-year degree right here in the Moshannon Valley. South Hills offers a degree in half the time of traditional four-year degree programs at much lower cost. Many South Hills graduates are working side by side with four year college grads in the same jobs with much less student loan debt to service. Melissa hopes to spread the word about South Hills

Philipsburg along with another new addition, Bobby Smith. Bobby was originally hired on in the financial aid office, but is expanding his duties to also include career services functions at South Hills, Philipsburg. Together, they will be visiting businesses to identify and create new opportunities for South Hills interns and graduates. The internship component of South Hills is a win-win proposition for both the students and the companies they work for. South Hills students are a step ahead of most other graduates because they have meaningful experience in their field of study upon graduation. They have already provided an employer with valuable services and completed project work that companies may not have been able to accomplish without the extra manpower of South Hills interns. Any local business can contact South Hills to request more information on how they can become involved in the intern program.

In addition to the valuable education opportunities South Hills already provides to Moshannon Valley residents, it is also offering help and services to local residents and organizations:

- College Financial Aid – Regardless of what school a student is considering, South Hills will offer full turn-key assistance to any Moshannon Valley resident with FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) applications.
- YMCA Partnership – South Hills, Philipsburg is donating a classroom and instructor to the YMCA summer program to provide computer instruction to local youth. It also was the sole sponsor of The 32nd Annual YMCA Black Moshannon 5K/10K Race/Walk.
- Local Youth Sports Sponsorship – South Hills, Philipsburg donated \$2,500 to the Philipsburg-Osceola Little League for a new scoreboard.
- College Test Drive – South Hills offers a program for anyone wanting to experience college classes. This Fall, South Hills is offering a chance to “test drive” Computer Forensics or Accounting for a week for free. Tutoring services are also offered to those potential students who may need a brush up on math and/or english skills before applying to a post-secondary school.

For Information about programs & services or partnership opportunities with South Hills, Philipsburg:

Phone: 814-342-7427

Email: philipsburg2@southhills.edu

200 Shady Lane, Philipsburg, PA 16866



Thank You!

The Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership & the Philipsburg Revitalization Corporation thank you for your support of our economic & community development efforts!

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Clearfield County Marcellus Shale Activity Featured in USA TODAY Article

The Wednesday, June 27th edition of the USA TODAY newspaper included a front-page article about Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling activity. Photographs were included with the article and those photos were of a drilling site in the Moshannon State Forest area of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

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The MVEDP helps the private sector to generate new employment opportunities by providing sites and building space to businesses. Anyone who brings a lead (business owner) to the MVEDP that buys a lot in our Business Park, or rents space in either of our two multi-tenant buildings **will be paid a 5% finder's fee.** For example, if a new lease is signed and \$30,000 in rent will be paid over a two-year period, the "finder" will be paid a lump sum fee of \$1,500.00! The MVEDP considers everyone in the community to be its partner in working to enhance the economy of this region. Bring us a new business tenant or business owner that purchases land in our Regional Business Park and **GET PAID!**



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Executive Directors Message

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The Board of Directors of the MVEDP has again stepped up to the plate to assist the Philipsburg Main Street Program. After learning that the Philipsburg Revitalization Corporation has exhausted almost all of its resources, the MVEDP's board recently approved a PRC proposal to provide additional MVEDP financial assistance to the program. If all obligations are met over a five-year period, an additional \$192,000 will be provided to the downtown revitalization effort. Including this new obligation, the MVEDP's total commitment to the Philipsburg downtown will exceed the \$500,000 mark in FY 2016/17.

We applaud Philipsburg Borough Council's recent decision to commit an additional \$6,000 of in-kind services to the Philipsburg Main Street Program. Effective partnerships are essential if revitalization projects are to be successful. The Philipsburg Main Street Program has been a great success over the years and we are pleased to be an important partner in that successful downtown revitalization work.

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Housing Rehab



Staff of the MVEDP is currently taking applications from homeowners interested in participating in the Phase III Eastern Clearfield

County housing rehabilitation program. The project targets the communities of Chester Hill, Osceola Mills, Wallaceton, Decatur Township, Morris and Cooper Townships.

The MVEDP's housing rehabilitation program provides grant assistance to homeowners to bring their homes up to code. Improvements may include new furnaces, electrical, plumbing, roof, foundations and new windows and doors.

Homeowners must be income eligible to participate in the program. Eligibility guidelines can be secured by contacting Sherrie Beals of the MVEDP at 342-2260 or applications can be downloaded from our website www.mvedp.org.

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MVEDP 2012 Golf & Picnic Outing Highlights

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First Flight winners were Tim Ronan, Tom Scott, Alan Herr, and Jeff Herr, Second Flight winners were Jerry McKinney, John Shimko, Richard Snyder, and Stan LaFuria, Third Flight winners were Lynn Gensler, Greg Baughman, Harman Hartshorne, and Thomas Mann.



First flight winners.



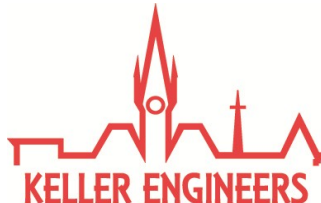
Second flight winners.



Third flight winners.

This is the fourth year the MVEDP has solicited sponsors for the event and it was very successful! Thank you to our prime sponsors: Hawbaker Engineering, Keller Engineering and Christoff Mitchell Petroleum.

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The MVEDP can provide loans at an interest rate as low as 3.5%. This lower interest rate is intended to save the business owner money that can then be used for other purposes.

The RLF Program can fund 33% of a total project cost. If a local manufacturer needs \$200,000 for the purchase of new machinery and equipment, the MVEDP can provide \$66,667 toward that total project cost. Since only 33% of the project cost can come from the RLF Program, it is important for business owners and entrepreneurs to have bank or other financing available for their projects.

The MVEDP's RLF Program is available to all types of businesses including manufacturing, service, commercial and retail. Contact the MVEDP at 342-2260 if you are interested in learning more about this important economic development tool.

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