



REALTOR'S LETTER: Cost of City Homes Soars

“Up until recently, one could buy a property in Lancaster County under \$100,000 ... Nowadays we are looking at over \$100,000 unless you buy a condo at Clock Towers with a very high maintenance fee.

“The current city taxes total including county and school is 32 mills. I do not think the city can do a spot real estate re-assessment (as proposed by Mayor Rick Gray); it has to be county wide.

“There is going to come a day when you will RENT and pay dearly or have to be wealthy enough to own. There will be enough safety, entertainment and culture to attract even renters.

“However, the slumlords have to be cleaned up and where do the assisted living residents go? Will it be an area like the South East or South West Ends? It seems that the North East is getting \$120,000 and up from move-ins from NY and the Newark area, and the neighborhoods are really changing, pushing the assisted living and slum lords south.

“A source in City Hall told me that Franklin & Marshall, General Hospital, the Convention Center project, and just about any large project get their permit fees waived! Do you have any idea how many millions of dollars that is? The reason may be for economic purposes BUT that is hogwash. It is very unfair not to pay to play.

Reasons to VOTE NO to Donald Totaro for judge

When reporters from the *Intelligencer Journal* were given immunity from prosecution concerning illegal access to records in exchange for testimony, District Attorney Donald Totaro failed to investigate their editors.

When three members of the Convention Center Authority asked him to investigate millions of dollars of unsubstantiated payments, he claimed that the FBI had already investigated the matter. The FBI never contacted the parties.

When Assistant U. S. Attorney Jonathan Luna was murdered in Lancaster County and the FBI itself was implicated, Totaro declined to investigate.

When a convicted rapist confessed to crimes for which Ted Dubbs had spent five years in prison, Totaro took almost a year before sending a detective to investigate so that Dubbs could be set free.

Totaro conducted a year long political witch hunt of the county commissioners, intimidating them to accept a plea bargain for violations of the Sunshine Act which the actual subsequent grand jury report did not substantiate.

Penn Square Pigs?

How long will it take for the monopoly Lancaster Newspapers, Inc. and The High Group to recognize that they far overreached when they negotiated with a compliant Convention Center Authority Chairman Ted Darcus and Executive Director David Hixson for half of the revenue from the sale of convention center naming rights, worth as much as \$3.5 million per Sen. Gibson Armstrong?

Diverting as much as \$1.75 million

from the taxpayers to a partnership that has no financial or ownership interest in the convention center part of the project is nothing less than blatant, greedy, and uncivic.

As a result, Penn Square Partners has been dubbed “Penn Square Pigs” by a noted local Scalawag. Unless they act quickly to rescind claims to money that rightfully belongs to the taxpayers, that label is likely to stick.

RE-ELECT “Plucky” Molly Henderson

Molly Henderson’s career has been a profile in courage. She has stood up against vicious and baseless attacks from the most formidable and self serving of foes in order to serve the best interests of the citizenry and taxpayers.

How many would have had the integrity and courage to resist the self serving monopoly Lancaster Newspapers and The High Group by opposing taxpayer guarantees of the \$200 million convention center / hotel project?

The Chamber of Commerce and business interests favored construction of the Rt. 23

Corridor through the heart of county farmland, but she was one of the first officials to oppose it.

“Plucky” Molly has also led in bringing about farmland preservation, urban enhancement grants for our towns and the city, the Clipper Stadium, the Pennsylvania Academy of Music’s new building, safety training, park enhancements, a County Comprehensive Plan, the Youth Intervention Center, and periodic evening commissioner meetings.

She stood up for us. Isn’t it time we stand up for her?

LETTER: Oops. Wrong mayor!

“In response to the NewsLanc article “Say Thank You Mr. Mayor”: Conestoga View is not located in the city. It’s located in Lancaster Township. It’s in the city school district, but it’s not in the city.”

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