## **Blight Summit with Local Officials** January 24, 2013

### Fryer Conference Center of Penn State Schuylkill 200 University Drive, Schuylkill Haven

#### Information:

TO:

125<sup>th</sup> District Officials, Mayors, Solicitors, Code Enforcement Officers, and Police Chiefs

FROM: Representative Mike Tobash

RE:

Continuing the Conversation on Blight Management in your Municipality

Blight Summit-Thursday, January 24, 2013

In an effort to continue the conversation and provide you with practical examples to fight blight in your community, Representative Mike Tobash, along with the Schuylkill County Commissioners invite you to attend a Blight Summit.

Each municipality in our area is dealing with the consequences and safety issue of blight. The negative impact blight has on our municipalities creates challenges for each of you. This program was created to directly address practical applications and current practices that may help you deal with this problem. We can work together to find solutions that are practical and strategic in fighting blight right here and now.

The program includes presentations focused on practical applications and resources for fighting blight in your community. For example, Tom Palamar, City Administrator for Pottsville, will discuss the Quality of Life Ordinance and Ticketing procedures that Pottsville has recently implemented. Local District Judge Jim Reiley will discuss the procedures of current blight ordinances and James J. Rhoades, Jr., Professional Engineer from Alfred Benesch & Co., will share examples of practical applications to fight blight to name a few. The slate of presenters has first-hand experience fighting blight and will provide you with ideas and tools to take back to your municipality.

This important summit will take place on Thursday, January 24, 2013 at Penn State Schuylkill Campus in the R. Michael Fryer Conference Center of the Classroom Building. The program will begin at 7 pm. I hope you can attend and please encourage others form your community to join us.

I would appreciate if you would let my office know of your attendance by Monday, January 21, 2013 by calling my district office at 570-385-8235 or emailing: do125@pahousegop.com.

#### Order of Events/Other Presenters:

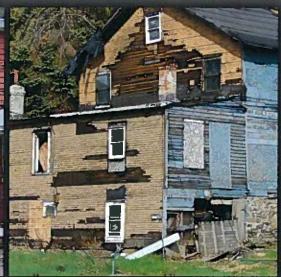
Introduction- Representative Mike Tobash Statewide Blight Task Force- Jerry Stumpf, Chairman Code Enforcement Issues- Anthony Merklinger, BCO Tax Sale Repository Process- Gary Bender Act 90- Mary Beth Dougherty, Legislative Aide of Senator Argall Conservatorship- Edward M. Brennan, Esquire New Land Bank Legislation- Cindy Daly Future Consideration of Blight-Senator Dave Argall

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Rep. Mike Tobash and the Schuylkill County Commissioners invite you to an upcoming...

# BLIGHT SUMMIT







# Thursday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m.

Penn State Schuylkill Campus R. Michael Fryer Conference Center Schuylkill Haven

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