

WELCOME!

The Montgomery County Partners for Home Ownership has received your registration to be an exhibitor at the 2011 Housing Fair on Saturday, April 9, 2011. The event runs from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School, 201 E. Germantown Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA.

Attached is a map showing the building and Fair location. The site will be open for exhibitor setup starting at 9:00 AM.

Each exhibit space is equipped with one table and one chair (*unless 2nd chair has been requested*). Booths are approximately 8 feet wide with tables approximately 6 feet long. Two representatives are allowed per booth. Lunch for vendors will be provided.

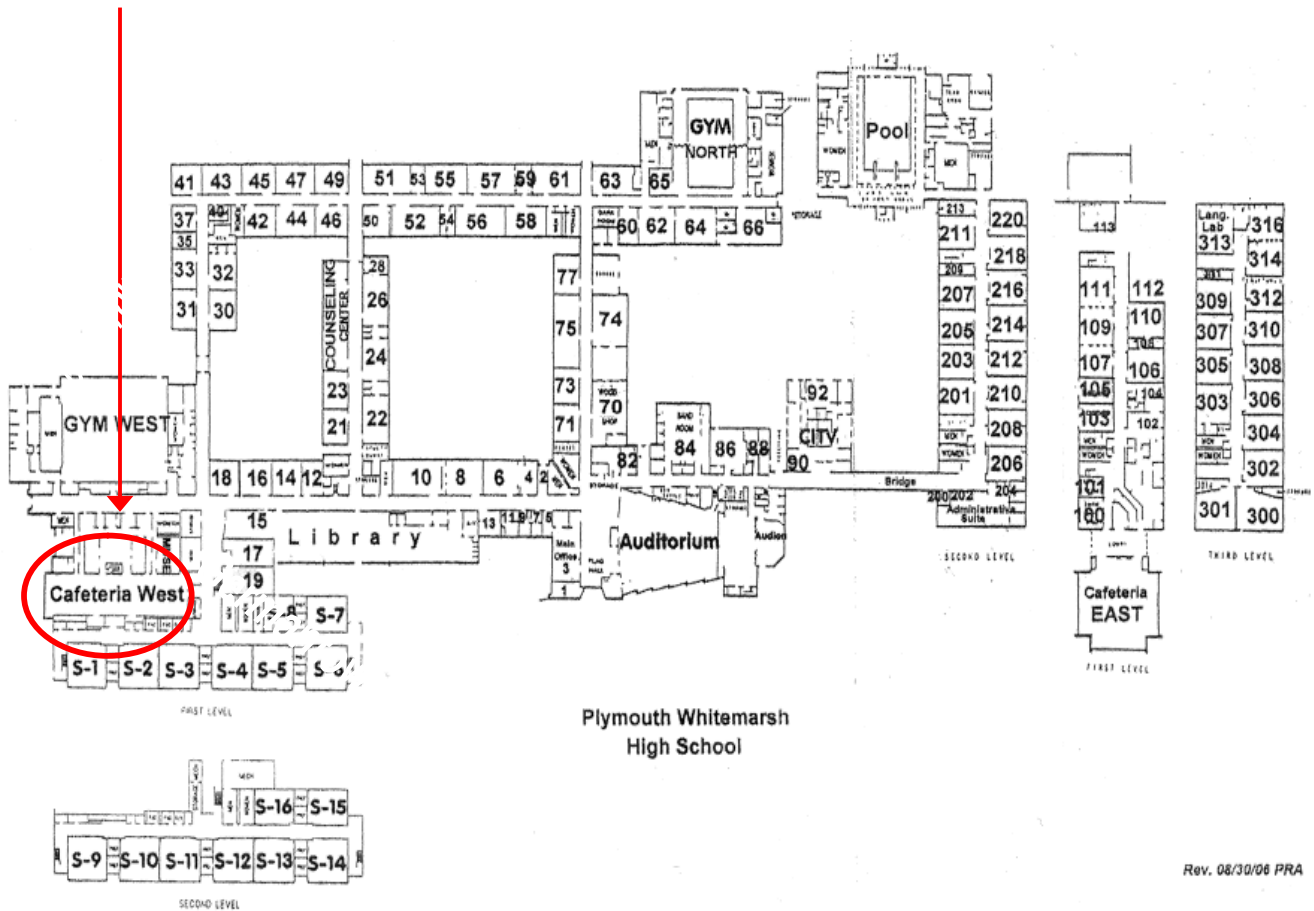
If you have any questions, please call Judy Memberg at (610) 275-4357 or Kori Springer at (610) 278-3540.

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PLYMOUTH WHITEMARSH HIGH SCHOOL

201 E. Germantown Pike, Plymouth Meeting

**2011 Housing Fair
Location**



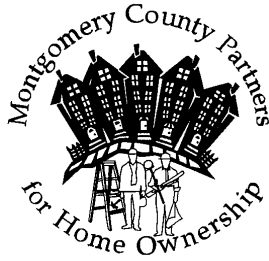
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2011 HOUSING FAIR WORKSHOP SCHEDULE*

Starting Times	WORKSHOPS - CLASSROOM A	SPEAKERS
10:30 AM	<p>Electricity Deregulation – How to Save Money & Chose the Right Supplier <i>With the new deregulation of electricity providers, how do you select the best deal for you? What are the options? Can you save money?</i></p>	<p>Shari Williams PA Public Utility Commission</p>
11:30 AM	<p>Going Green -- Home Audits, New Technology & More <i>How can I make my home more energy efficient? How do I find a company to do an energy audit? Why should I have an audit? What's the latest technology for "going green"? What is the Smart Ideas Program? What are low cost ways to save? How do I qualify for Rebates?</i></p>	<p>Steve Luxton, CMC Energy</p> <p>Selena Brown, PECO Energy</p>
12:30 PM	<p>Home Improvements - Making the Right Improvements: Basics & More <i>What are the most important improvements to make? What are some low cost ideas that have the biggest impact? What are the latest trends in home improvements? This is your chance to ask an expert!</i></p>	<p>Staff from Lowe's Home Improvements</p>
1:30 PM	<p>Foreclosure Prevention – Can You Keep Your Home? <i>What help is there to keep my house? What programs help to prevent foreclosures? Do I qualify for a mortgage modification? Who can help? What are my options?</i></p>	<p>Carolyn Johnson, Esquire Legal Aid of SE PA</p> <p>Hope Katz CCCS of Delaware Valley</p>

Starting Times	WORKSHOPS - CLASSROOM B	SPEAKERS
10:30 AM	<p>Buying a Home: Is This the Right Time to Buy? <i>Should I buy in this market? How do I find a realtor? Should I look at foreclosed properties? What is a short sale? How do I determine the right price for a house? Are prices still falling? Should I use a Home Inspector? How do you find a home inspector? What is the value of home inspections?</i></p>	<p>Carolyn Prante Harvard Realty Exchange, Inc</p> <p>Rick Ray, Spy Home Inspections</p>
11:30 AM	<p>Improving Credit Scores – Learn What You Really Need to Know <i>How do I improve my credit score? How do credit scores work? What helps and what hurts credit scores? How long do things stay on a credit report? Where can I get my report with scores? What if there is an error on my credit report - how do I fix it?</i></p>	<p>Nikki Holcroft Genesis Housing Corp.</p>
12:30 PM	<p>Where's the Money: Home Buyer Grant Programs <i>Are there still programs to help buy a home? What is the Montgomery County Program? Are there any other programs? How do I qualify for these programs?</i></p>	<p>Kori Springer Mont. County Dept. of Housing & Community Development</p>
1:00 PM	<p>Understanding Mortgages in Today's Market <i>Do I qualify for a mortgage? What are the different types of mortgages? What are the rules? Can I refinance a home at a better rate? What is the best loan for me?</i></p>	<p>Jerome Scarpello, Leo Mortgage</p> <p>Dave Eglin, Colonial American Bank</p>
2:00 PM	<p>Understanding the Fair Housing Act – Know Your Rights <i>There are laws that protect your rights as potential homebuyers. Learn critical information about the rules for lending, mortgage, insurance and brokerage practices.</i></p>	<p>Heather Lewis Fair Housing Rights Center</p>

**Workshops times and topics are subject to change.*



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Free Workshops Offered Saturday at 2011 Housing Fair

Upcoming event offers free information on real estate topics

The 2011 Housing Fair, sponsored by the Montgomery County Partners for Home Ownership, will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School, 201 E. Germantown Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462.

The Housing Fair is a free event open to all. Consumers are invited to attend one of the nine workshops, visit participating exhibitors, and enter to win a door prize, including a new iPad computer.

Workshop Schedule

- ❑ Electricity Deregulation - Save Money & Chose the Right Supplier (10:30 am)
- ❑ Buying a Home: Is This the Right Time to Buy? (10:30 am)
- ❑ Going Green - Home Audits, New Technology & More (11:30 am)
- ❑ Improving Credit Scores - Learn What You Really Need to Know (11:30 am)
- ❑ Home Improvements - Making the Right Improvements (12:30 pm)
- ❑ Where's the Money: Home Buyer Grant Programs (12:30 pm)
- ❑ Understanding Mortgages in Today's Market (1:00 pm)
- ❑ Foreclosure Prevention - Can You Keep Your Home? (1:30 pm)
- ❑ Understanding the Fair Housing Act - Know Your Rights (2:00 pm)

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Housing Fair exhibitors will be available to answer real estate questions one-on-one throughout the day. Exhibitors include:

Lenders

Abington Bank
Bank of America
The Bryn Mawr Trust Company
Cardinal Financial Company
Colonial Mortgage
First Niagara Bank, N.A.
Harleysville Savings Bank
Leo Mortgage
PrimeLending, A Plains Capital Co.
Reverse Mortgages of PA & NJ, Inc.

Realtors

Coldwell Banker Preferred - Blue Bell
Harvard Realty Exchange
Re/Max Action Realty
Weichert Realtors - Blue Bell
Weichert Realtors - Fort Washington

Home Services

HDI Associates - Home Inspections
Lowe's
PECO
Progressive Housing Ventures, LLC
Roberto & Associates

Non-Profit & Government Agencies

Congressman Patrick Meehan PA-07
CCCS of Delaware Valley
Fair Housing Rights Center of SEPA
Genesis Housing Corporation
Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County
Montgomery County Housing Authority
Montgomery County Housing & Community Dev.
PA Housing Finance Agency
Phoenixville Homes

Please check the MCPHO.org website or call 610-275-4357 for more details about the workshops and exhibitors. Workshop times and topics are subject to change.

Since its formation in 1997, Montgomery County Partners for Home Ownership (MCPHO) has been dedicated to educating the public on the multitude of informational services and financial assistance programs available throughout the home buying process. The organization consists of local banks, mortgage companies, real estate agencies, non-profit agencies, Montgomery County officials, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

For more information about the 2011 Housing Fair, please contact Judith Memberg, Fair Chairperson at 610-275-4357 or jmemberg@genesishousing.org.

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