

Jeannette Homebuyer Fair

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Jeannette's South Sixth Street Hosts Homebuyer Fair Sept. 17

Q & A Homebuyer Panel, tours of 5 homes, personal consultation with Pre-purchase counselors and loan officers and free refreshments will highlight day

JEANNETTE, Pa. – The Jeannette Homebuyer Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 17 on South Sixth Street in Jeannette. Attendees will be able to participate in a Q & A Homebuyer Panel, meet personally with pre-purchase counselors and loan officers, enjoy refreshments and have the opportunity to win prizes. Five new homes will be open for tour, including an accessible ADA compliant home with first floor bedroom. The event is free and open to anyone who is planning to purchase a home or wanting to find out more about the home ownership process.

Those planning to attend should first check-in at 406 South Sixth Street where they can register for prizes and enjoy refreshments. It is also the site for the Q&A Homebuyer Panel which will be held from 11a.m. to Noon and repeat from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Topics will include:

- Step- by-step discussion of working with a realtor and how to go about searching for a home
- How you can get help with pre-purchase counseling, homebuyer education, credit repair, debt management and foreclosure prevention
- Financing options and down payment closing assistance available to buyers in the City of Jeannette and for first time homebuyers
- City of Jeannette Plans for the Future

The panel will include Whitney Stinebiser and Rudy Horwatt from the Westmoreland Community Action Housing Counseling and Money Management Center; Christa Ross, Realtor, RE/MAX Select Realty; Diana Reitz, Coordinator of Community Development, City of Jeannette; Dan Keller, Loan Officer, Huntingdon Bank and Alec Italiano, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development/ Jeannette Planning Commission.

Christa Ross who is marketing the homes on behalf of Westmoreland Community Action, the developer of the South Sixth Street neighborhood, says "This continues to be an amazing time to buy a new home. The properties in Jeannette are very affordable. With today's low interest rates, a new buyer can often own their own home for less than the cost of paying rent."

Diana Reitz, considers the Homebuyer Fair a great opportunity for buyers and the community to experience the progress that is taking place in the City of Jeannette. "Five homes on South Sixth Street will be open for tour, but there are many other opportunities for home ownership throughout the city," says Reitz.

The five open homes will be marked by balloons with various activities taking place in each one. Members of the Jeannette Business Association will be stationed in one of the open homes to welcome visitors and introduce them to the Jeannette business community.

Pre-purchase counselors and a loan officer will be located in other homes to help people learn more about the home buying process and even start the process for loan pre-approval.

Attendees can also schedule a free personal consultation for that day to talk with a pre-purchase counselor about credit scores and what goes into buying a home or a loan officer to start the process for loan pre-approval. To schedule an appointment call (724) 834-1260 Ext 150 or e-mail info@westmorelandCA.org

All of the new homes are ENERGY STAR certified and come with three bedrooms, first floor laundry, spacious open kitchen with pantry, front porch and two off-street paved parking spaces. All are visitable homes, with at least one barrier free entrance that is wheelchair accessible.

Additionally, 406 South Sixth Street is fully ADA complaint with two barrier free entrances, first floor master bedroom and accessible bathroom, specially equipped kitchen with wheelchair accessible sink, counters, dishwasher, range and hood.

The South Sixth Street neighborhood is one phase of a large-scale revitalization plan for Jeannette, which also includes the business district and industrial park area. It is a cooperative project of the City of Jeannette, Westmoreland Community Action, and the Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development.

Details about the Jeannette Homebuyer Fair is available online at AffordableHomesWestmoreland.com

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