

Protect PT

A citizen's group working to ensure the safety, security and quality of life from unconventional natural gas development

Summer 2019 Newsletter

Mariner East Campaign

Attorney General Josh Shapiro opened an investigation into Sunoco and its parent company, Energy Transfer Partners, for the violations that continue to stack up with Sunoco's pipeline operations in PA. Currently, the AG is working with the District Attorneys of Delaware and Chester County to investigate the violations in those areas. Protect PT started a letter-writing campaign to ask District Attorney John Peck to join the Attorney General's investigation and extend it to Westmoreland County and other impacted areas. **Send your letter today at bit.ly/MarinerEast.**

New Team Member

Some of you may remember Mary as our Media and Outreach Intern from last summer. Mary graduated from Liberty University in May with a B.S. in Journalism and is joining our team as our Outreach Assistant. She will assist with writing outreach materials and planning events. If you have not already met her, feel free to drop in and say hi. She would love to meet you!



Advocacy Updates

- **Appeal to the Inspector General:** In April 2019, Protect PT wrote to Inspector General Bruce Beemer, asking him to investigate the conduct of the PA DEP or refer the investigation to Attorney General Josh Shapiro.
- **EHB Hearing:** We are still hard at work, preparing for our upcoming hearing before the Environmental Hearing Board for permits at the Drakulic Well Site planned for Level Green near the border with Trafford. We will let you know when a date is set.
- **Beaver Run Reservoir:** We have been holding monthly meetings to discuss the Beaver Run Reservoir incident and steps to take moving forward. While the DEP has issued a violation to CNX for the casing issue that caused the pressure incident earlier this year, no fines or penalties have been issued. CNX said their pipeline failed from a combination of environmental and material failures. **CNX has also submitted an application for a new well less than half a mile from the reservoir.** We are drafting comments to the DEP, asking them to deny this permit in consideration of the Shaw failure and CNX's other violations. **In light of these and other events, we strongly urge residents to attend public meetings and speak up about these issues.** Now is not the time to give in. Keep pressuring your public officials to address these issues. **Go to bit.ly/BRRLetter to write to the DEP and ask them to stop CNX's operations**

Working With Our Neighbors

Protect PT partnered with *Protect Elizabeth Township* to host a Home Resource Guide Workshop for our neighbors in Elizabeth. About 25 people attended the workshop. *Protect PT* has also done workshops with residents in Braddock. One of *Protect PT*'s goals this year is to take what we've learned and help other communities in our region. We are hoping to hold workshops in four communities in Westmoreland and Allegheny County this year. If you'd like us to do a workshop in your community or you would like a copy of our home resource guide, you can fill out our form online at protectpt.org/home-resource-guide or email us at info@protectpt.org.



Left: Residents from Elizabeth Township learn about dealing with UNGD

Right: Residents from Braddock learn about dealing with UNGD



Save the Date

June 1: Westmoreland Heritage Trail Festival Trafford 10-3 Come out and enjoy a time of fun on the trails with family and friends. Stop by our table at the Trafford entrance to say hi!

June 3: Protect PT Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Protect PT office

Join us for a board meeting to learn more about what **Protect PT** is doing and how you can become more involved. If you are interested in becoming a board member, this is a great opportunity to learn more about our board.

July 13: Flea Market and Bake Sale

Come out and shop to support Protect PT. The sale will take place from **9-2 in the parking lot behind our office**. All proceeds will support **Protect PT**. If you would like to donate baked goods or items for sale, **fill out our form at bit.ly/DonateFleaMarket**. We are accepting items July 11 and 12 from 9-7. If you would like to volunteer at the event, email us at info@protectpt.org

Answers to Survey Comments

1. Can Protect PT hold a panel discussion with the township?
As a nonprofit, we are not allowed to endorse candidates. **We strongly encourage residents to connect with legislators to voice their concerns.**
2. When will the website be updated with well information?
We appreciate your patience as we are in the process of updating our website. **We will continue to send newsletters, emails and post on social media to update you on what is happening.**
3. Can we have access to more Protect PT documents?
In response to these and other comments, **we are in the process of rolling out a member community portal** which will allow for sharing documents, community discussion and more. Stay tuned for more information on this new feature.
Please know that you always have a seat at the table. Feel free to call or email us with comments and questions. We are always here for you!

New Summer Office Hours

This summer, we are adding evening hours to make our office more accessible. Our hours will be **9 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and 9 - 3 Monday and Wednesday - Friday.**