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Senator Dinniman Anticipated to Join Residents As They Speak Out in Defense of Their Community Against Bishop Tube Development Proposal

Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Time: 11am

Place: Cul-de-Sac, Village Way, General Warren Village, East Whiteland, PA

Senator Andy Dinniman is anticipated to join members of the East Whiteland community and Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, as they hold a press conference on Wednesday morning asserting their First Amendment rights to speak in defense of their community and outing developer Brian O’Neill for a lawsuit threatening residents with legal action in clear response for their vocal opposition to his Bishop Tube development proposal.

Developer Brian O’Neill, along with his corporate counter parts O’Neill Developers and Constitution Drive Partners, filed a lawsuit targeting the Delaware Riverkeeper Network and Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, on June 27 in the Chester County Court of Common Pleas. The suit threatens to add additional residents who have been actively challenging O’Neill’s efforts to initiate partial clean up of a highly contaminated site in East Whiteland Township, PA in order to accommodate construction of a housing development.

The Bishop Tube Site is a former metals processing plant located in East Whiteland Township, PA. The site is listed on the Pennsylvania Priority List of Hazardous Sites for Remedial Response under the Pennsylvania Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act. Groundwater, soil and surface water at the Site are contaminated with TCE, which is classified as a probable human carcinogen by the EPA and also as causing other significant health problems. Other contaminants of significant concern are also known to be present at the site.

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