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Craig Shields responds to Floyd The Barber's comments

Floyd the Barber wrote:

RE: Necho Allen, building donations give Barefield its brawn

I personally like Craig Shields, but this article is very misleading.

This is a really nice puff piece like all the many puff pieces I have read in this paper about Craig Shields, PHA and Barefield. Fact: Go pull the financial documents, the majority of funds for these projects were invested by the taxpayers, not Shields or Barefield. In one sentence, he states he couldn't operate the Necho Allen property without tax free status from the city, county and school district. Later in the article he states that same property generates "a few hundred thousand in profits". Then there is this.... There's no contractor who's going to invest \$60,000 in a house up on Second Street when you can only sell them for \$35,000," Shields said. That is because most contractors (in real life) run "for profit" businesses and don't have access to all these Federal grants and PADCO loans. And they don't have the benefit of getting properties for a dollar or lifetime tax free status. Barefield basically owns Pottsville, why would any developer step in here and try to compete with a Federally funded entity? Other than Fanelli, you won't see much commercial development either. If Barefield is allowed to continue on it's current path, Pottsville will attract more and more Section 8 seeking renters, thus lowering the tax base, increasing the use of local services. Pottsville's property owners are getting older, giving up their homes and instead of being replaced by working tax paying families, they are being replaced by government dependent, low income families. People are being attracted to Pottsville because the PHA and Barefield is trying to make this city a utopia for low income people. The question should be asked, is that what we really want? I say no.

Craig Shields wrote:

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How many times Do I have to tell Floyd the Barber. that the Necho Allen is the only property that does not pay for property taxes. Every other building is paying the city, county and school taxes that are due. Get it straight Floyd, the article clearly states that the taxes are paid. Barefield will continue to reinvest in the City. How many properties or programs or recreation activities do you sponsor. Barefield also donates to a lot of youth programs for the kids from Pottsville High sports to Avenues, AAU Team etc. For your information Floyd since 1986 Their has been no increase in the number of Section 8 units in the City. GET YOUR FACTS Straight. There is also a REDUCTION of on the numbers of units owed by the Housing Authority in the past couple of years. ^6 units on Peacock Street, 6 Units on John O'hara Street, 11 unit in Laurel Court Building. Over half the units of Section 8 and Public housing are ELDERLY UNITS that most of the tenants living on Social Security.

The properties that Barefield gets are units that are available at tax sales. Go buy a few Floyd and rehab them. How does Section 8 renters lower the tax Base? I am waiting for you words of wisdom. You can call me at 628-2702 anytime.

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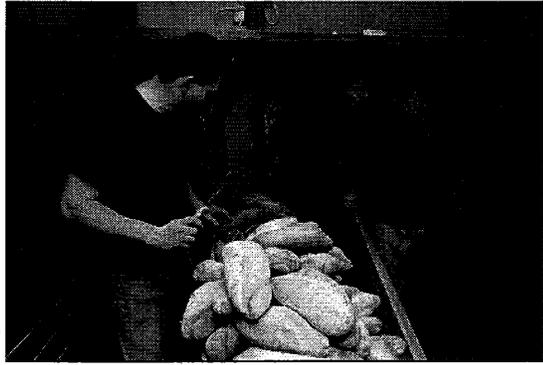
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