



Fresh Paint Days Greater Monessen Historical Society Westmoreland County

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Monessen is located along the Monongahela River just 30 miles south of Pittsburgh, PA. Monessen was known as a “Rust Belt” city of the “Mon Valley” due to the manufacturing of coke and steel. Today the city has a population of nearly 9,000 residents, but at the height of the coke and steel industry Monessen’s population was over 20,000 residents. With the decline of the steel industry Monessen as well as other “Rust Belt” communities experienced severe economic decline. Today the City of Monessen, Greater Monessen Historical Society, and the Monessen Chamber of Commerce are working together to revitalize the city, and the Fresh Paint Days program is a great addition to the revival of this former steel town.

The two-story Milson Building dates back to the early twentieth century and has been a local market and a shoe store as well as housing in the upstairs apartments. The building is located at a prominent intersection in the city. With the new paint the blighted building now welcomes residents and visitors to Monessen’s business corridor.

Event Date: October 2011

Township: Monessen

#Volunteers: 4

#Volunteer Hours: 103

“I drove through the downtown at night to pick up some items at Foodland. When I got to the red light and stopped, I said. “WOW!” I was speechless. Even in the darkened light conditions, the building looks fabulous! What a great thing. You really made a difference in downtown Monessen. Keep up the good work. You are doing a great job.”

Elizabeth Michaels
Resident



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