Penbrook Revitalization chose the home of Salvatore Pantano for their Fresh Paint Days project. Mr. Pantano is a long time resident of Penbrook, which was founded in 1861. Mr. Pantano is a Veteran of Foreign Wars having served in Korea. He was awarded two purple hearts for wounds he received in this conflict and also was a recipient of the Bronze Star for Valor and many other awards for his combat. Mr. Pantano is an active member of the community serving as councilman for the 1st ward, and even though he is in his eighties, he is still giving back to his community.

This project was a truly a community effort. The neighborhood came out to help paint Mr. Patiano’s house and added finishing touches such as a new storm door, mailbox, house numbers, and porch furniture. The Penbrook Police Department also contributed to the project by making chili for the volunteers. Yard work was completed by neighborhood children who were too young to participate in the painting. A flower garden was planted, adding the final touch.

Penbrook Revitalization was chosen by Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful for the best community revitalization award.

Event Date: September 24, 2011
Township: Penbrook
# Volunteers: 25
# Volunteer Hours: 348

“This project helped provide a wonderful neighbor make needed improvements that may not have happened otherwise. Great Idea!”

Lisa
Penbrook resident

“It certainly improved the house and the neighborhood. We need more projects like this one to improve the community and help the senior citizen.”

Bill
Penbrook residents

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