

**You are invited to attend the
Polish American Heritage Month Celebration
Polish Harvest Festival "Dozynki"**

Sponsored by the
Polish American Congress
Eastern Pennsylvania District
and the

Polish American Cultural Center Museum

Sunday, October 22, 2006

"Dozynki" Harvest Mass - 10:30 A.M.

St. Adalbert Church

Thompson Street & Allegheny Avenue
in Philadelphia's Port Richmond section

**"Dozynki" Harvest Festival
12 Noon to 4 P.M.**

St. Adalbert's Auditorium

Thompson Street & Allegheny Avenue

The Dozynki Festival will feature:

**Food & Refreshments - Live Music & Dancing - Polish Folk
Dancers - arts, crafts and displays, and other entertainment.**

**This is a community-wide celebration of Polish Heritage
for people of all ages and a time to enjoy yourself.**

Bring your family and friends • Admission is Free

For additional information call the Polish American Cultural Center Museum,
308 Walnut Street in historic Philadelphia,
Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. (215) 922-1700
Internet: PolishAmericanCenter.org

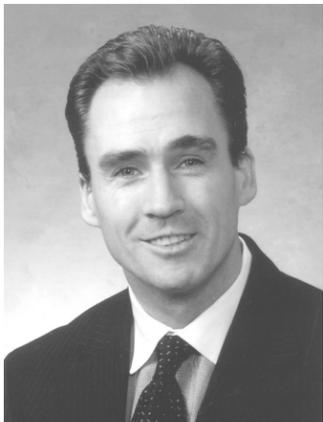


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Polish American News. For more information, call
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An Update From

**Pennsylvania State Senator Michael Stack
Fighting to Keep our Neighborhoods Safe
Standing Up Against PGW's Plan to Transport
Liquified Natural Gas Tankers Up the Delaware River**



Senator Michael Stack

In 2005, PGW announced a plan to receive LNG from tankers sailing up the Delaware River. PGW claimed that the purpose of the project was to provide affordable natural gas. At first glance PGW's plan sounded good, but the facts showed that the proposal created significant safety and quality of life risks.

The Department of Homeland Security declared LNG Tankers could be an attractive target for terrorists. A government report said an attack on a tanker could "set off a fire so hot it would burn skin and damage buildings nearly a mile away."

The location of PGW's proposed LNG facility in Port Richmond is within a mile of residential neighborhoods, schools, recreation and daycare centers. Anyone near the Delaware River might be in jeopardy.

During a town meeting I hosted with Rep. McGeehan, a Philadelphia Police Inspector said that I-95 would have to be closed during LNG deliveries, creating gridlock.

During LNG deliveries in Boston Harbor, bridges and highways are closed and planes are redirected. Rep. McGeehan and I visited Boston Harbor to witness an LNG delivery. Although, we were impressed with the Coast Guard's operation, the trip reinforced our belief that an LNG import facility is not the right fit for Northeast Philadelphia.

I emphasized how it was important for PGW and their partner, Hess LNG, to provide us with answers about the safety concerns of neighbors. Finally, Hess decided to pull out of the project.

We have won round one. You can count on me to stand up against PGW in the future whenever the quality of life or safety of our neighborhoods is threatened.

**I WANT TO THANK ALL OUR NEIGHBORS WHO CAME TO
THE TOWN MEETING AND LET THEIR VOICE BE HEARD.
WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY,
WE CANNOT BE IGNORED.**

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**Some of the reasons why Polish Americans
are outstanding citizens of Pennsylvania and the
United States of America**

1. Polish Americans are a major asset to the State of Pennsylvania and every state where they live. They consistently pay their fair share of taxes including income, wage, business, sales, and real estate taxes. These taxes make up a sizable portion of the revenue generated for municipal, state and federal government services.
2. They remain outstanding property owners who pride themselves with ongoing building maintenance, which in turn promotes real estate values and reduces crime.
3. They strive to maintain the communities where they live as clean, safe places, which in turn reduces law enforcement costs and adds to the quality of local communities.
4. They support educational alternatives for their children and the right of families to choose public, private or parochial schools. Very often, while increasing their own financial burdens, they select private and parochial schools, providing yet another tax reduction for taxpayers.
5. They support the mission of organizations like Polish American Social Services and others that assists individuals of all ages within their own communities. This saves considerable expense in the delivery of social services, especially when assisting individuals with language barriers to self-sufficiency. Polish Americans represent a major portion of the tax base for municipal, state and federal governments and make considerable contributions to social, cultural and educational programs, which benefit the general population.
6. Polish Americans sponsor public events to promote positive publicity and goodwill for the communities where they live.

These are a few examples why Polish Americans are an important part of America and its tax base. When Polish Americans ask for something, the request should be a top priority to local and national elected officials. In reality, it is a portion of Polish American tax dollars that make state-wide services, national services and international grants possible in the first place.

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