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Dear Homeowner:

We are in Whitpain Township as part of a study on the 1950s development of the area, including Broad Axe Village and Greystone Manor. We chose these two neighborhoods to research a bit more intensively as case studies, and are looking for help from original or early residents.

The types of things we are interested in include:

- builders and realtors involved in the planning, construction, and marketing of the homes
- original prices to purchase the homes
- house plans/designs and how they compare with others in the area
- community or neighborhood associations
- how the houses were advertised, and whether they were targeting first-time buyers, young families, more experienced homeowners, or other types of buyers
- what attracted you to these homes and neighborhoods
- where you moved from, before you purchased this home
- what types of changes to the homes were common as the years passed

Please call or email me (717-783-9922; afrantz@state.pa.us) if you have any stories you would like to share with us about your home and community in the 1950s and early 1960s. I would be happy to call you whenever it is convenient. Our research team will be in the area again soon, and if you have photos to share we would love to take a digital image of them – we can stop by at your convenience.

We hope that this project will give us a better understanding of our more recent past, and give us a better picture of Whitpain Township in the mid-20th century. We appreciate any information you can share. Thanks for your time and interest!

Sincerely,

April E. Frantz
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