

Local Veteran And His Wife Displaced For Nine Months Due To Tragic Fire In Upper Mt. Bethel

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L-R John Bermingham UMBT Chair Board of Supervisors, David Friedman UMBT Supervisor, Ingrid Berner, Pete Reisen, Toni Lynch SBVA, Nick Graziano UMBT Manager

By Michael Ortoski

UMBMT - A local veteran Pete Reisen and his wife Ingrid were tragically displaced for nine months two weeks ago from a fire that ripped thru their home in Upper Mt. Bethel (UMBMT). "They said we would have to find housing for nine months till the house would be fully repaired" said Reisen. On Sunday Members of UMBMT held a fund-raiser for money, food and household items for the couple. "We want to help Pete and his wife get thru this. "Pete has been instrumental to helping a lot of others in this community over the years, now it's time for us to help him" said John Bermingham UMBMT Chair Board of Supervisors. Other members of UMBMT who were there in support were David Friedman UMBT Supervisor & Nick Graziano UMBT Manager.

Mission of Love Food Hub in Bangor has reached out to the couple to assist them in their time of need with food.

Slate Belt Veterans Assoc. members Toni Lynch and Michael Ortoski were their to present a check to the couple for \$500, Pete (the 'God-father' of UMBT) as he was nicknamed years ago by the community is a veteran who served in the U.S. Army for most of the 1960s.

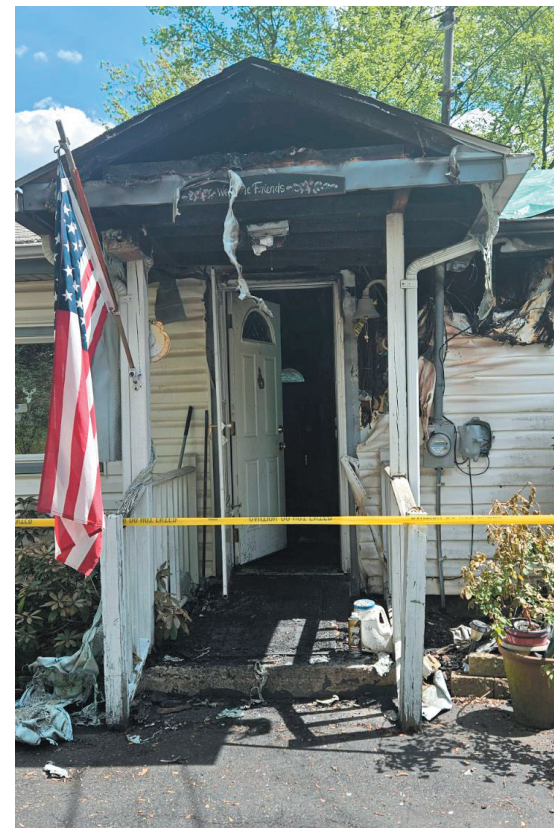
Reisen born in 1939, Reisen moved to Upper Mount Bethel with his family when he was a year old. He began working as a volunteer firefighter with the Mount Bethel Fire Co. in 1969, and has spent his entire life living and serving in the township.

If you would like to donate please call John Bermingham at 602-703-3717.

The Slate Belt Veterans Association (SBVA) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit association that honors and supports those who have returned home, especially those veterans with service-connected disabilities by providing affordable and energy-efficient housing.

The plan is to develop a housing complex in Bangor borough of eight buildings on the property, two floors, in each building and two apartments on each floor. The buildings will meet all ADA requirements and will include the necessary modifications required for the benefit of Veterans with disabilities and/or their families.

The Slate Belt Veterans Assoc. is a 501(c)(3) and so your donation is 100% tax deductible. Your generosity will go right to work on the completion of this special project. To read more go to sbva.org.



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