



SLATE BELT RISING

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Residential and Commercial Façade Improvement Programs are designed to help improve the exterior appearance and condition of residential and commercial properties within the four boroughs. The program's goals are to maintain historical and architectural integrity, improve neighborhood appearance, and help property owners make exterior repairs to their homes or businesses while increasing property values for all borough residents.



ABOUT SLATE BELT RISING

Slate Belt Rising is a neighborhood revitalization initiative designed to integrate and capitalize on the substantial assets of the individual Slate Belt boroughs of Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, Bangor, and Portland. While Slate Belt Rising specifically targets these four boroughs, some initiatives promote development and coordination of services throughout the entire region.

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Former Gov. Mark Schweiker and Dr. Glenn Kashurba to Be Featured In "25 Years Later: Remembering Shanksville and Flight 93"

Special public forum will provide oral history account of the heroism of Flight 93 passengers and crew, and the leadership, compassion and resilience that emerged in rural Pennsylvania

By David La Torre

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. — As the nation prepares to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, former Pennsylvania Governor Mark Schweiker and renowned child psychiatrist, Dr. Glenn Kashurba M.D., will be featured in: "25 Years Later: Remembering Shanksville and Flight 93," a special public forum reflecting on the heroism of the Flight 93 passengers, the extraordinary response that followed and the enduring lessons of leadership, service and resilience born in rural western Pennsylvania.

The oral history account will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. EDT in the auditorium of Shanksville High School, 1325 Cornerstone Road, Shanksville. Taking place just hours before the region's formal ceremonies commemorating the heroes of Flight 93, the forum will provide a rare opportunity to hear firsthand reflections from two individuals whose lives became deeply intertwined with one of the defining events in American history.

Presented in partnership with The Tribune-Democrat of Johnstown and the Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN), the evening will be moderated by Chip Minemyer, publisher of The (Johnstown) Tribune-Democrat, and Francine Schertzer, Senior Vice President, Politics and Policy at PCN-TV). The program will feature audience Q&A.

Schweiker served as Pennsylvania's lieutenant governor on Sept. 11, 2001, and became governor less than a month later, helping lead the Commonwealth through the aftermath of the attacks. Over the past quarter century, he has returned to the Flight 93 National Memorial on numerous occasions to honor the passengers and crew, recognize the courage and devotion of their families and reflect on the enduring legacy of Flight 93. Since 2018, he has served as the Executive in Residence for the homeland security program in the Department of Political Science at Rider University.

Kashurba, a psychiatrist and pediatric psychiatrist, volunteered with the American Red Cross to support the families of the Flight 93 heroes when they visited the crash site in the dark days immediately after 9/11. He later chronicled his experience and those of other responders in his acclaimed books, "Courage After the Crash" and "Quiet Courage." Kashurba went on to a 25-year career in disaster medicine, responding to disasters across America.

Drawing on those firsthand experiences, Schweiker and Kashurba will provide an oral history account of the heroism of the United Flight 93 passengers and crew, the emergency response to the crash, the leadership decisions made during one of the darkest days in American history, the emotional toll on families and first responders, and the remarkable compassion demonstrated by the people of Somerset County in the days and weeks that followed.



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