



RITTER NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

You're Invited

Annual Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 2

6:30 pm social; 7:00-8:00 pm business/panel

Panel: Local employers and impact of affordable housing

New Leaf: third flr, SC Municipal Bldg, 243 S. Allen St.

Colleen Ritter has been named Executive Director of the State College Community Land Trust, effective January 1, 2017. She succeeds Ron Quinn, who will retire from the position on Dec. 31, 2016.

Colleen currently is the program coordinator for the Land Trust. She oversees the many processes involved in the program: purchase and renovation of houses, property rehab; coordination of resales; interaction with applicants, sellers, and lenders; and stewardship of SCCLT homes and households.

Susan Venegoni, SCCLT president, said, "I am thrilled Colleen will serve as our next Executive Director. Her years of experience will provide stability and continuity to our program and homeowners. She is uniquely poised to help us move the SCCLT into the future, with new ideas and approaches that will further the mission of the organization. I look forward to working with Colleen in her new role."

She added, "Finally, we want to express our deep gratitude to outgoing director Ron Quinn. He has provided significant leadership to SCCLT and the community during his many years of advocacy and dedicated service to affordable housing."

Since 2000, Colleen has held several positions within the SCCLT. Professional experiences include low-income housing development and housing management over the past 25 years both in the US and the UK. In addition, Colleen has served for several years on the State College Redevelopment Authority.

She earned a BA in economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and professional certificates in non-profit management and housing development finance.



From the President

Since 1996, the SCCLT has been quietly working to increase home ownership opportunities and long-term residency in the Borough of State College. The need for affordable homeownership and sustainable neighborhoods continues to steadily grow with today's median house prices rising to \$275,000. We have been successful in both of our initiatives, thanks to all of our current partners, volunteers, and dedicated supporters! We couldn't have gotten this far without you. Thank you so much.

Now, we don't want to be quiet any longer. We want everyone to know what we are doing and how we are making a big difference in our neighborhoods and the Borough.

The State College Community Land Trust is getting the word out and forming new partnerships to advance its mission and message. Our model benefits the people we serve, the neighborhoods with SCCLT homes and families, local businesses, and the Borough itself. We have provided free budget counseling to 200 individuals, even if they don't buy a SCCLT house. We want to offer more affordable home ownership opportunities to the next generation of Borough residents, but the challenges are considerable.

We are now a Partner Agency with the Centre County United Way. We are sponsoring outreach activities with the State College Spikes and sharing our story



Volunteers Jack Schreck and Vicki Fong handed out information at a State College Spikes game.



Susan recently made presentations to members of the Sunrise Rotary and the State College Downtown Rotary Club. The Outreach and Development Committee is expanding its community outreach efforts.

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If you are a member of a community organization interested in affordable housing, contact us by email or phone. We are taking our show on the road and sharing our stories. Feel free to share our web site (www.scclandtrust.org) or "like" our Facebook page. Come to our Annual Meeting to learn more. Help us build on the success we have achieved over two decades because more and more people need our assistance and opportunity to buy their first home.

Working together, we can keep doing great things.

Susan Venegoni

HOW SCCLT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

At the Centre County United Way kickoff, homeowner Tracy Spalvins said, "Not only was I able to purchase a home through (SCCLT), but they provided me with homeowner education as well as pre-purchase budget counseling. SCCLT, Mid-Penn Legal Services and the Centre County United Way all helped me realize my dream of becoming a homeowner in the community where I work and live."



Sale Pending:

A new family is excited at joining the SCCLT community!



Homeowners Joel and Lorie said, "This will be the first house that our 18-month-old daughter remembers, and we have loved making memories as a family in this house."

In Appreciation

The SCCLT board and some homeowners thanked key supporters at a recent reception at the Walnut Street house. Donors chatted with new and longtime homeowners as well as with volunteers and board members. Spats Café donated delicious hors d'oeuvres for the evening. Sue and John Hiester provided artwork and decorator pillows for the door prizes.



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Northwest Bank Foundation made a gift of \$2,500 to support SCCLT homebuyer and land lease programs. Executive Director Ron Quinn accepted the check from Senior Vice President and District Manager Mike McAndrew and Regional President Jonathan Rockey.

Reliance Bank, led by President/CEO Dennis Doll, also made a contribution of \$500 to further our mission of creating sustainable neighborhoods. Thank you to both banks for their generosity!



For Sale: Walnut St. house close to campus <http://www.scclandtrust.org/homes-for-sale.html>



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SCCLT MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM

A monetary donation qualifies you as a member.

Enclosed is my donation in the amount of

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 other _____

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I/we wish to remain anonymous Include my/our names in appropriate publications and publicly recognize us as:

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Your Gift to SCCLT Supports:

- | \$50 — will buy an integrated smoke detector OR it will defray the cost of pre and post budget counseling for first time homebuyers
- | \$100-will allow volunteers to paint two rooms with low VOC paint OR install an energy efficient window
- | \$250 — will allow us to upgrade a new appliance to an Energy Star appliance OR offset the cost of legal counseling for purchasing a borough home
- | \$500-will ensure one house will be lead-free OR provide for an emergency repair fund
- | \$1000-allows upgraded electrical service to meet code OR provide for a roof to be replaced

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