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Diane Hollenbach

Township Manager

Township Municipal Building

1 Quarry Road

Blandon, Pennsylvania 19510

Diane Hollenbach:

My name is Richard Colelli, a resident of Blandon, residing at 407 Acer Drive, Tree Tops Subdivision. This letter is to inform you of a serious situation which took place during the first week of March, 2015. Approximately 11:34 PM a large oak tree fell onto my home causing over $10,000.00 in damage. The entire electric meter was destroyed and needed to be replaced. This by itself could have caused serious fire damage to my home. The tree was situated on Blandon property on a wooden lot between my home and the playground. This is the third tree on this empty lot which has uprooted and toppled in the past five years. There remain many trees leaning towards my home, and I believe that in time, they also will uproot and fall in the direction of my residence. These **nuisance trees** will once again cause property damage, but more serious, may cause injury or even death to my daughter or myself.

This time, only divine intervention prevented serious injury, or worse, because if this tree would have had direct impact on my master bedroom, ten feet to the left, I would have been injured or killed. I am requesting from Maidencreek Township to top off the leaning trees or cut them down to prevent this from happening again in the future.

My insurance company has many pictures of the damage caused by the tree, and Berks Fire, Water Restoration Company is finally in the process of fixing my damaged home, one and a half months later. I have enclosed pictures to show how close my family were to serious injury.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Colelli

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cc: State Farm Insurance Company


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