## We Continue to Support Our Local Roofing Contractors...

e would like to express our sincere appreciation to the many residents of Westmoreland County who took the time to read our editorial, which appeared in last years' May 7th-8th edition of this newspaper. In that article, we urged the hiring of Local Contracting Companies to fix or replace any storm related damage, rather than employing "out of state" contracting companies. In a recent news story dated February 1st, the Tribune-Review reported on the misfortune of 17 Westmoreland County homeowners who had a mechanics' lien placed against their homes. As stated in the report, these liens occurred because the "out of state" TEXAS based roofing company that the residents hired to fix or replace their damaged roofs, failed to pay a Wisconsin based material supplier for the materials that were used on their properties. The situation encountered by these local homeowners is very disturbing, and all too common. Similar hardships and documented events have occurred throughout a variety of states where "out of state" companies have sought out of work at the expense of the local homeowners and contractors in an affected storm area.

There may be some homeowners who as of yet, have not finished the Moving Forward... process of hiring a contracting company. Or perhaps, are feeling a little rushed to finish the job. Our advice is ... you still have time. The majority of damage done to a roof by hail will not cause an immediate leak. Over a period of time, hail damage may affect the structural integrity of a shingle product. But, it is a gradual process. It is entirely possible, that it could take a few years before you could experience any problems with your roof system. With that thought in mind, if you have received a settlement check from your insurance company... you should not feel pressured into getting your roof replaced. In most cases, you have the option of repairing or replacing your damaged property, at a time of your choosing. Do not sacrifice the quality and the reliability that a Local Contracting Company can provide, in exchange for a quick solution by an "out of state" company. Remember, these "companies" are rapidly leaving the area to pursue other work. As an insurance policyholder, you have the ability and right to choose the contracting company of your choice. Again, we strongly urge you to consider and support the Local Roofing and Siding Companies to inspect, and if need be, do any necessary work to maintain and protect the substantial investment you have made in your home. Be smart and trust your home to the Local Contracting Companies. They will be here...long after the

other companies have left town.

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