



## Ken Field

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### You Just Have to Know What You're Looking At

I worked on a home recently where a bathroom was being remodeled and a small piece of hot water baseboard needed to be removed. I had to drain some water from the heating system so I went to the basement and what I saw was very typical; a lot of pipes. But since I am a student of the hydronic geniuses who share their knowledge all the time I immediately notice a few things that are done wrong. Because my job was to remove the heater I just kept at that until it was done then when I went to refill the heating system the homeowner came into the basement. I said "I'm finished but I'd like to ask a few questions about your heat." He had no problem with that and by the time I was done he thought I could see through walls. I asked if there was a big difference between temperatures on the first and second floors. He said not when my wife has the windows open on the second floor. OK, good answer. I asked how the heat was on the side porch (that used to be open but was obviously closed and finished many years ago). He said "what heat". I get it. There is about 20 feet of baseboard out there but it never gets hot.

I showed him the piping problems that cause both of those issues. I admitted that I wasn't really looking for another job at the moment but if he wanted to correct all of those problems, save some oil money and keep the windows closed upstairs it really wouldn't cost an arm and a leg. It is never easy to add heat to an existing system and get the ratio correct. But you can add heat if you make it an independent zone. You can also split areas that don't heat evenly and put them on their own zones. Those are places where setback thermostats really work. Even if the boiler is old and will need replacement soon, the zone work won't need to be touched. A new system can go in and all of those modifications can stay as they are making the new system work even better.

The homeowner admitted that he had asked a few people over the years why the porch area never got hot but none ever gave a reason except maybe air was in that part. Well, that's the standard answer but it is usually wrong. Ask a hydronic expert next time and get a real answer. Ken Field is the owner of Slate Belt Energy and Field's Service, Inc. As a certified energy rater and contractor, he is qualified to assess every aspect of energy usage and prescribe solutions to save energy. He can be reached at 610-759-

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ESTATE SETTLEMENT  
REAL ESTATE AUCTION  
AFFORDABLE INVESTMENT PROPERTIES  
2 P.M. TUESDAY DECEMBER 19, 2023 RAIN, SNOW OR SHINE  
ON THE PREMISES  
2422 AND 2426 ROUTE 390  
VILLAGE OF CANADENSIS, BARRETT TOWNSHIP, MONROE COUNTY, PA 18325

REAL ESTATE CONSISTS OF 2 PROPERTIES SOLD TOGETHER

**2422 Route 390** consists of a Masonry Building formally a General Store, Main Level and Huge Basement. Formerly known as "Cotton Candy General Store". Deed Book 1577 Page 1611 Tax Map: 01.23.1.22

**2426 Route 390** consists of a 100 Year Old former Tavern known as "Guys Grill and Blue Room Bar". First Floor has Large Former Bar Room (Bar Still There) and Additional Room. Second Floor has 3 Bedroom Apartment with 2 Bathrooms. Building has Original Tin Ceilings and Large Basement. Deed Book 1526 Page 792 Tax Code: 01.23.1.21

Both Buildings are Loaded with Antiques, Old Furniture, and all kinds of stuff included in the Sale.

**INSPECTION: TUESDAY DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> NOON TO 2 P.M. AT YOUR OWN RISK**

**TERMS: \$10,000 BANKS CASHIER'S CHECK** (payable to Jack Muehlhan Auctioneer Escrow) AT SALE. BALANCE AT SETTLEMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS. Insurable Deed, No Back Taxes, No Buyer's Premium. "What You Bid is What You Pay". One money Buys 2 Properties.

**AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:** Rare opportunity to BUY an Old Tavern with Apartment above and adjoining Former General Store Building needing work, But an affordable opportunity to own 2 Village Landmark Properties. Must Be SOLD to Settle Estate and can be bought for a price you won't believe. BID YOUR PRICE!

**SALE ORDERED BY:**

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Remember: You are only going to pay one more bid than someone else was willing to pay.

## Heating Assistance Program Now Open

By Rep. Joe Emrick  
BETHLEHEM

Residents who struggle with their home heating bills can now apply for assistance from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).



LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps individuals and families pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants. It also provides crisis grants to help in the event of an emergency or if a resident is in danger of losing his or her heat due to broken equipment, lack of fuel or termination of utility service.

The income eligibility guidelines for LIHEAP are set at 150% of the federal poverty income level. For example, the income limit for an individual is \$21,870 and for a family of four it is \$45,000.

Residents may apply for LIHEAP online at [compass.state.pa.us](http://compass.state.pa.us), by phone at 1-866-550-4355 or by contacting the County Assistance Office in their county of residence.

Go here for additional information. The program runs through April 5, 2024. [http://links.pahousenews.com/q/54J77\\_J0XJtvM46JePcgzzWPJDHN5zzZcOJYnZ0aW1lc0ByY24uY29tw4gjIQqPSVzfYg-LiBNotUnOVY6DLw](http://links.pahousenews.com/q/54J77_J0XJtvM46JePcgzzWPJDHN5zzZcOJYnZ0aW1lc0ByY24uY29tw4gjIQqPSVzfYg-LiBNotUnOVY6DLw)

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