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FORGOT ABOUT THAT DUNDER MIFFLIN STOCK? TREASURER McCORD IN SCRANTON TO HELP RESIDENTS FIND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Treasury seeks the owners of \$7.8 million in Lackawanna County

HARRISBURG – Michael Scott has unclaimed property. So do Andy Bernard and Ryan Howard. There's even a few Dunders and Miffins on the list. Today in the Electric City, Treasurer Rob McCord and his staff will help visitors to the Mall at Steamtown search for unclaimed property free of charge.

Treasurer McCord's visit coincides with Treasury's annual unclaimed property advertisement campaign running today in newspapers throughout northeastern Pennsylvania. The names listed represent the newest unclaimed property received in the past year. This year, Treasury is advertising over 100,000 names statewide, representing only a portion of the unclaimed property owners in the database.

"Pennsylvanians have about a one in ten chance of finding unclaimed property in their name," said Treasurer McCord. "Even if you don't see your name in the paper, I hope that all NEPA residents search the free unclaimed property database at www.patreasury.org – after all, what's better than finding money you never knew you had?"

Treasurer McCord and his staff highlighted the names of Pennsylvania unclaimed property owners who share a name with characters from *The Office*, the NBC sitcom set in Scranton. And at time when even television characters fear the closing of a fictional company branch, Treasurer McCord pointed out the positive impact that finding money you didn't even know you had can be a great boost to a household budget.

"In this tough economy, it's urgent that people look everywhere they possibly can for lost property," Treasurer McCord said. "Our unclaimed property program helps citizens do just that."

In 2008, the Pennsylvania Treasury Department reunited nearly 58,000 owners with their unclaimed property, totaling more than \$86 million. Treasury is currently seeking the owners of over \$1.5 billion in unclaimed property – \$7.8 million of that is due to owners from Lackawanna County.

Each year, Treasury receives millions of dollars in unclaimed property from abandoned bank accounts, forgotten stocks, uncashed checks, life insurance policies, safe deposit boxes and other sources. Treasury maintains custody of this unclaimed property while working hard to return it **free of charge** to its rightful owners. To search the unclaimed property database, visit www.patreasury.org.

*Pennsylvania Treasurer Rob McCord is committed to managing the Commonwealth's assets for the benefit of all Pennsylvanians. A respected business leader, McCord is focused on **strengthening the state's economy, enhancing the financial security of Pennsylvanians, and increasing the efficiency and transparency of the Treasury.** To learn more about Treasurer McCord's initiatives and programs, please visit the Pennsylvania Treasury Department at www.patreasury.org.*

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