

## **SCAM ALERT**

### **Certified Deed Copies**

Many Berks County residents have recently received letters from a company called National Deed Service, Inc. offering to sell them a certified copy of their property deed for \$69.50. Please note; National Deed Service, Inc. is not affiliated with or acting on the behalf of Berks County or any Berks County Office.

You may obtain a copy of your deed directly from the office of the Berks County Recorder of Deeds for the charge of \$.50 per page which typically would total \$2.00 for the average four page deed. If you would like the deed certified by our office there is an additional charge of \$2.00 per document. This means that the typical charge for a certified deed from the Berks County Recorder of Deed's Office is \$4.00. **There is no need to pay the ridiculous price of \$69.50.**

You may also obtain deed copies from our website at the same charge of \$.50 per page. You can even obtain a certified copy of any document available on our website for the flat charge of \$10.00 per document. The on-line certified document contains the United States Postal Service electronic postmark which is registered with the US Postal Service to prevent fraud.

Please keep in mind you should have received your original deed soon after purchasing your home. Since January of 2008 we have been returning recorded documents within 2 days after recording. Also keep in mind that the Berks County Recorder of Deeds Office has been safeguarding your property records since 1752, you may obtain a copy of any of our documents at anytime and since the implementation of our on-line records website those documents are available 24 hours per day 7 days per week.