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Register of Deeds John L. O'Brien announces his 2008 "Homestead Protection Outreach Program"

"During these extraordinary economic times, homeowners need help protecting one of their most important assets, their homes."

With that comment Southern Essex Register of Deeds John O'Brien today announces the kick off of his 2008-2009 Homestead Outreach Program. Starting at the Topsfield Fair on Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 10pm in front of the Administration Building of the 190 year old agricultural fair O'Brien is again reminding homeowners who haven't recorded a homestead on their primary residence that for a nominal \$35 charge they can receive \$500,000 worth of equity protection from some creditors on their home. "In times like these we all need as much help as possible," Register O'Brien said. "It's very important that I remind the people of Essex County of all their financial protection options." Register O'Brien will also be distributing Homestead Information to the public at City and Town Halls, Public Libraries, Post Offices, Senior Centers and various other locations and events across the 30 communities in his district.

The registry whose motto is "How may we help you!" is also available to assist homeowners from 8am- 4:30pm by calling at 978-542-1704 or by visiting our customer service desk at the registry offices in Shetland Park 45 Congress Street, Suite 4100 Salem, MA or by emailing us at <a href="mailto:southernessexcustomerservice@sec.state.ma.us">southernessexcustomerservice@sec.state.ma.us</a> or for additional information on Homesteads by visiting our web site at <a href="mailto:www.salemdeeds.com">www.salemdeeds.com</a>.