Norristown, PA (May 2, 2012) – When Montgomery County closed its assisted living facility at the Human Services Center (HSC) three years ago, the rooftop garden area off the third floor was closed and subsequently neglected.

However, when the administration of Josh Shapiro, Leslie Richards, and Bruce L. Castor, Jr. took office in January and asked employees for suggestions, one of those suggestions was to rehabilitate the garden to be used as a place employees could have lunch or take a break during nice weather, especially since the cafeteria at HSC had also closed.

Julie Kleinguenther and Christine Harubin, whose offices overlooked the garden area, made the suggestion during a visit by the commissioners to the offices of Child Care Information Services.

The commissioners enlisted the help of the county’s public property department, and today the fruits of those labors are being unveiled.

“This administration is committed to listening to our employees and making their working conditions as good as they can possibly be,” said Shapiro. “Thanks to the suggestion made by Julie and Christine, we were able to bring this area back to life with a lot of hard work from our public property employees and very little money.”

The county’s electricians and skilled trades personnel did significant work on the project, but Mary Indiviri, head of public property, said that Nina Bailey and her building services crew and day custodial group were the people who really made the project come to life.