

BOROUGH OF

SELINGSGROVE



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A LOOK AT OUR BOROUGH

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Call Before You Dig

State law requires you to call before digging so that utilities can mark the location of underground cables and pipelines. The Pennsylvania One Call toll-free number is 1-800-242-1776. You must call at least three working days before you dig for a building foundation, well, fence, invisible fences for pets, swimming pool or other purposes. We ask that you mark the digging site with white paint, white flags or stakes painted white to help our locators identify the exact site where you will be digging.

Opportunities are available for residents interested in serving their community. Call the Borough office 374-2311.

Borough Adopts EMS Tax Projects

The Borough has adopted an Ordinance enacting the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax. The tax rate is \$52.00 per year and the income limitation for exemption from the tax will be \$5,000.00 per year. The rationale for this tax - businesses in the borough and their employees utilize borough services and infrastructure during the day (water, sewer, streets, police or fire services), but some of those employees don't reside in the borough. These additional costs place a financial burden on the residents to maintain the roads, salaries for municipal employees and specialized equipment. This particular tax is a dedicated tax that must be used for police/fire/emergency services, the construction or maintenance of roads, or to reduce the property tax.

BOROUGH CLEANUP SCHEDULED

The annual Borough Spring Cleanup is scheduled for the following dates:

Monday: April 18, 2005
Isle of Que and west to and including Market Street

Tuesday, April 19, 2005
Streets west of Market Street to and including Eighth Street

Wednesday, April 20, 2005
Streets west of Eighth Street to and including 18th Street & University Ave.

(these dates are weather permitting)

SPRING & SUMMER EVENTS

*Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
April 18, 19, 20
Borough Spring Cleanup*

*Friday & Saturday, July 15 & 16
Old Tymer's Days*

*Sunday, July 17
Antiques on the Isle*

*Saturday, September 24
Market Street Festival*

visit our web site @ www.selingsgrove.org

Watch your newspaper for dates and times of:

**Summer Concerts at the Gazebo
Anthony Selin Playground Activities
Selingsgrove Pool Activities**

PHEAA Summer Jobs Program

Selingsgrove Borough Council continues to participate with PHEAA (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency) and the Degenstein Foundation to offer summer jobs for college students. Eligibility is based upon need as determined by PHEAA.

Job Openings:

- 2 students to serve as playground leaders.
- 1 student to serve as an alternate playground leader and do routine playground maintenance
- 3 students to mow grass and routine maintenance
- 1 student for general office duties.

Any student wishing to apply for these positions should contact the Selingsgrove High School Guidance Office and ask for the Degenstein Summer Jobs Application which is due by April 15, 2005.

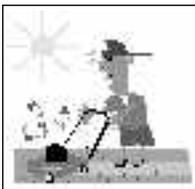
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE: SMOKE ALARMS

With the adoption of the Property Maintenance Code by Selinsgrove Borough Council, within a period of two-years from the effective date of the adoption of these regulations, single or multiple-station smoke alarms shall be installed and maintained in all properties regardless of occupant load at all of the following locations:

1. On the ceiling or wall outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms.
2. In each room used for sleeping purposes.
3. In each story within a dwelling unit, including basements and cellars but not including crawl spaces and uninhabited attics. In dwellings or dwelling units with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed in the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level.

Single or multiple-station smoke alarms shall be installed in other groups in accordance with *International Fire code*.

Residents are reminded that grant funds are available to any resident who meets the low-to-moderate income guidelines and wishes to install or replace their sidewalks. Please contact Janet Powers for eligibility requirements. The Borough ordinance calls for four foot (4') sidewalks. We recommend a minimum of a twelve inch (12") area between the sidewalk and curb.



POINTS ABOUT FLOODING IN SELINGSGROVE

FLOOD HAZARDS IN SELINGSGROVE. Areas of the Borough near the Susquehanna River, Penns Creek and small streams are subject to flooding. By using FEMAmaps, Borough staff will help you determine if a property is in the floodplain.

FLOOD SAFETY. Floods are dangerous. For your safety, plan escape routes to higher ground and evacuate when advised by Borough officials. Do not cross flooded roads.

FLOOD WARNINGS. Warnings are issued on radio and TV. In some areas police go door to door. Plan what to do when a warning is issued and evacuate when asked to do so. Prompt evacuation protects your life and emergency personnel who may have to rescue people who do not heed warnings to evacuate.

FLOOD INSURANCE. Homeowners insurance does not cover flooding. You can buy National Flood Insurance in Selinsgrove. Ask your insurance agent. There is a 30-day waiting period before the policy goes into effect.

PROPERTY PROTECTION. Selinsgrove Borough provides information to help property owners decide what to do to protect property from flooding.

NATURALFUNCTIONS. Floodplains and wetlands store floodwater and are home to wildlife and unique plant communities.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. Development in flood areas must comply with Borough ordinances. Call the Borough Office to see what permits are needed.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS. Improvements that exceeds 50% of the market value of a structure must meet new construction standards.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE. Drainage system must remain clear of grass clippings and litter. Borough ordinance prohibits dumping in streams or stream banks.

RECYCLING DROP OFF SITE

302.1 Sanitation. All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition.

302.2 Grading and drainage. All premises shall be graded and maintained to prevent the erosion of soil and to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water thereon, or with any structure located thereon.

302.3 Sidewalks and driveways. All sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas shall be kept in a proper state or repair, and maintained free from hazardous conditions.

302.4 Weeds. All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 10 inches in height. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited.

302.5 Rodent harborage. All structures and exterior property shall be kept free from rodent harborage and infestation.

302.8 Motor vehicles. Except as provided for in other regulations, no inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled.



**Primary Election Day
Tuesday, May 17**

Omega Bank Donates Property to Selinsgrove Borough

Selinsgrove Borough Council wishes to express their gratitude to Omega Bank for the donation of the property at 100 West Pine Street (formerly known as the Trust Division). Council is in the process of discussing the possible uses and best way to utilize this property. One suggestion has been to move the police department out of the basement and into their own facility.

Do's and Don'ts of Curbside Recycling

The Borough of Selinsgrove provides curbside recycling on a monthly basis. A schedule of curbside collection dates may be obtained at the Borough Office. The curbside collection offers free pick-up of aluminum beverage cans and clear, brown and green glass bottles and jars.

Below are listed the most commonly asked questions concerning the program.

1. Where do I get buckets? Each residence was initially supplied with 3 buckets. If these no longer exist at your house, you may buy replacements at a cost of \$3.00 per bucket by calling the Borough Office. You may use any OPENTOP 5 gallon bucket or similar container for the placement of curbside materials. If you use your own containers, drill 3 to 4 small holes in the bottom of the bucket to allow for water drainage on rainy collection days.

2. What do you collect from households? The curbside trailer is set up to collect only aluminum cans and three colors of glass. Plastics, cardboard, tin cans, newspapers, magazines and high-grade office paper must be recycled at the drop off site.

3. What should we do if it snows? In the event of severe weather to include: ice storms, winter storm warnings, high wind warnings and similar events, the Borough may cancel collection for that day. A cancellation is a concern for the safety of our crew and the public. The Borough does not normally reschedule the collection and ask that you take the materials to the drop off site. We apologize for the inconvenience in the name of safety.

4. What happens if I get a TAG? A tag signifies the materials you placed at the curb were either not eligible for collection or was not sorted/separated correctly.

Curbside recycling is an easy and convenient way to recycle your glass and aluminum cans. For best results, follow these guidelines and have your buckets or similar containers "at the curb" no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day of scheduled pick-up.

NOTE:

**NO Drop Off prior to or
after scheduled times.
Violators will be prosecuted.**

RECYCLING DROP OFF SITE

Selinsgrove Borough has received a grant from the PA Department of Environmental Protection to upgrade our recycling opportunities. With this grant, the Borough purchased roll-off containers. These containers are located at the rear of the Borough maintenance building on West Sassafras Street. At this time, you may take all of your recyclables to the drop off site every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Below is listed the items available for recycling and how each is to be prepared for a successful recycling process:

1. Tin Cans. Rinse and remove paper labels.
2. Aluminum Cans: Beverage cans only. Rinse.
3. Glass: Clear, Green and Brown. Rinse and remove caps. **(Jar and bottle form only). No plate glass, mirrors, auto glass, ceramics, window glass, pyrex/cooking glass, drinking glasses or light bulbs. Take care placing glass in the bins in order to avoid personal injury.**
4. Plastics: No's 1's & 2's. Rinse and remove caps. Bottle shaped-mouth smaller than body. **(No motor oil, antifreeze, chemical or butter containers.)**
5. Corrugated Cardboard ONLY. Break down. (No paper board or waxed cardboard such as shoe boxes, cereal boxes, gift boxes, etc.)
6. High-Grade Office Paper. **No envelopes.**
7. Newspapers. Remove all glossy inserts and put with magazines. **Do not tie. Do not place in plastic or paper bags.**
8. Magazines & Catalogs. **Please remove ties and bags prior to placing items in bins. Ties and bags cannot be recycled at our facility.**

There are a few changes to the recycling program. The changes are at the request of the recycler who is hauling our materials.

IMPORTANT: Remember to be careful when placing your recyclables in collection bins. Make sure the correct material goes in the proper receptacle - a tin can in the aluminum recycling bin can contaminate the whole load. In this case, the Borough would be responsible to pay for the entire roll off load as garbage.

Snyder County Solid Waste Management Authority has scheduled a 2005 Recycling Event on Friday, April 22 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Monroe Township Shed on Park Road. They are recycling appliances, metals, electronics, computers and textiles. The electronics will be tested and reused when possible. The textiles service is being provided by American Reuse Workers. They are accepting all clothing. Even if something is not wearable it can still be recycled. For more information, call Debbie Wolfe at 570-374-5751.

Brush and leaves can be composted at the Compost Yard at the south end of Strawberry Alley. No grass clippings, vines or soft stem plants. Composted leaves and wood chips are available to Borough residents.

MORE ABOUT RECYCLING

Please cooperate with our recycling program by removing lids, washing out your recyclable items and separating them as specified in our recycling schedule. Borough employees are authorized to reject all items not properly prepared for recycling.



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Borough Council

- Dianne K. Mengel - President
- William D. Hetherington, Jr. - Vice-President
- Sean E. Christine
- Carol L. Handlan
- Marlin A. Inch
- George R. Kinney
- Wilhelm Reuning

Other Borough Officials:

- Garry F. Beaver - Mayor
- John C. Bickhart - Borough Manager
- Thomas L. Garlock - Chief of Police
- Robert M. Cravitz - Borough Solicitor
- John A. Coukart - Borough Engineer***

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Other parts of the Borough's Recycling Program include the drop-off of brush and leaves, excluding grass clippings, vines and soft-stem plants, at the Borough's Compost Site, located at the south end of Strawberry Alley.

Enhancements to Borough's Drop-Off Recycling Program

The "every Thursday" drop-off of recyclables at the Borough Shed on West Sassafras Street has a new look and provides additional convenience and opportunities for recycling for Borough residents and business owners. The familiar trailer that was located in front of the Borough Shed has been placed with a series of roll-off type containers located at the rear of the building. All materials that are accepted as recyclables within the Borough may be taken to the new recycling area on Thursdays, except for holidays, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on the third Saturday of each month, except for holidays, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. These roll-off containers are clearly marked to indicate the specific materials to be placed inside. Borough residents will be expected to carefully separate all recyclable materials, exclude all materials that are not permitted to be recycled and carefully place the recyclables in the proper container. The drop-off of newspapers and magazines, that had previously been limited to only the third Saturday of each month, will also now be possible every Thursday. In addition, all of the recyclables that may be dropped off on Thursdays will also be able to be dropped off on the third Saturday. A Borough employee will be present to supervise this more "self-service" style of recycling and to answer questions. These enhancements are made possible as a result of Act 101, Section 902, Recycling Grant Program of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and with the assistance and cooperation of DEP and Snyder County Solid Waste Management.