

**Pump House  
Park &  
Anthony  
Selin Park**

Selinsgrove Borough owns these recreational areas and rents the facilities out for weddings, family picnics, birthday parties and get togethers. Please contact the Borough Office for prices and availability at 374-2311.

**Is Your  
Street Light  
Out!**

Whenever your street light goes out you should contact the Borough Office so PP&L can be notified. Please obtain the pole numbers (located on the pole) and the location. The Borough will fax this information to PP&L for prompt service.

**2001 STREET  
PROGRAM**

Borough Council has decided that Pine Street (from Broad Street to Market Street) and Chestnut Street (from Broad Street to Orange Street) will be paved in 2001.

Pine Street will involve replacement of a water main, curbing, sidewalks and paving. If your sidewalks abut your curbing, you will need to replace both. Should your curbing be replaced but your sidewalks meet the criteria of the Borough ordinance, you will not be required to replace your sidewalks. Residents will receive written notification of what they will need to replace.

Chestnut Street will only involve curbing, sidewalk replacement and paving. Again, residents will receive written notification of what needs to be replaced.

Borough Council Members and the Borough Engineer will walk the project area to determine which curbing and sidewalks will need to be replaced.

If the required work is not completed by a certain date, the Borough will have the contractor complete the work. Each property will then have thirty (30) days to pay the assessment. After that time, a municipal lien will be placed against the property with penalty and interest.

**SPRING &  
SUMMER  
UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

*Borough Spring Cleanup  
Week of April 23rd*

*Old Tymer's Days  
Friday & Saturday  
July 13 & 14, 2001*

*Antiques on the Isle  
Sunday, July 15, 2001*

**BOROUGH  
CLEAN-UP**

The Borough of Selinsgrove will be tentatively having its annual spring cleanup during the week of April 23rd, 2001. Collection on each street will take place on a specific day during that week.

**Please watch the newspapers for dates, items not to be collected and restricted items.**

Please note that it is illegal to bring in items from outside the Borough. These items will not be picked up.

Remember your elderly neighbors and ask if they need assistance. For further questions, call the Borough Office at 374-

Selinsgrove Borough is in the process of developing a web page - please look for us at [www.selinsgrove.org](http://www.selinsgrove.org)

**SIDEWALKS  
UPDATE**

Residents continue to contact the Borough Office regarding the installation and/or replacement of their sidewalks. Council commends those who recognize their responsibility for property maintenance.

Members of Borough Council will begin the inspection of sidewalks in order to determine to whom written notification needs to be sent. They will begin with residents who have no sidewalks. These must be installed by June 30, 2001. Residents will receive a certified letter giving them thirty (30) days to complete the work or have a signed contract for the work to be done. Otherwise, the Borough will have the sidewalks installed. If the Borough is required to have the work done, a municipal lien will be placed against the property. The ordinance calls for four foot (4') sidewalks. We would also recommend a minimum of a twelve inch (12") area between the sidewalks and the curb. It will protect the curbing and save money in the long run.

Grant funds are available to those property owners who meet the eligibility rules. Please contact Janet Powers for eligibility requirements and additional questions at 374-

**VOTE  
Primary Election  
Tuesday, May 15, 2001**

**Other 2001 Projects**

Below are listed other projects being planned during 2001:

1. Sewer line replacement along the ditch on Sassafras Street to Sand Hill Road.
2. Curbing, sidewalk and paving of Water Street to be completed.
3. Storm sewer line placed across Route 522 on Broad Street for future storm sewer plans.
4. Enlargement of the Anthony Selin Park Pavilion.

Other concerns under discussion are expansion of the Library, relocation of the Fire Company and relocation and/or expansion of the Police Department offices.

It is the responsibility of every property owner to make sure that tree limbs or brush do not overhang onto the sidewalks or into the street as to obstruct traffic. Several complaints have been received regarding this problem. Spring is usually the time for this type of tree and brush trimming. Remember, you may take these branches to the Borough compost site on

**UTILITY BILLING**

Each quarter homeowners receive a water/sewer/recycle bill for each property. These bills are mailed at the same time each year: January 20 - April 20 - July 20 - October 20. Payment is due on the date set forth by Borough ordinance: February 20 - May 20 - August 20 - November 20. If payment is not received, the Borough does have the right to place a municipal lien for services against the property. The Borough anticipates these revenues to offset expenditures during the year.

***Concern From A Borough Resident***

A Borough resident came into the office with concerns regarding parking for the elderly. She is not handicapped but would like to be able to park in front of her house. She was advised that parking on the street is open to the public. She is asking that people take into consideration their elderly neighbors who need to carry groceries from the car. If your neighbor is elderly maybe next time you could be a little more considerate by inquiring about a possible

***Permits are required for construction of decks, portable sheds and carports.***

**SUMMER ACTIVITIES:  
PARKS & RECREATION  
MUSIC AT THE GAZEBO  
LIBRARY & POOL**

Selinsgrove Borough Parks and Recreation Commission will once again organize activities at the Moose playground. College students will be guiding constructive play time, craft activities and creative learning beginning in June through mid-August.

Music at the Gazebo will begin during the month of June. Many regular bands will perform throughout the summer.

The Selinsgrove Library will have programs for children of all ages. Look for Story Time and the Summer Reading Club in addition to workshops that will be available.

The Selinsgrove Community Pool will open the beginning of June. Season passes for the pool are available at the Borough Office.

Watch your local newspaper for listings of

*Watch for the grand opening of the Selinsgrove Market Street Manor elderly housing complex.*

**RECYCLING AND YOU**

The Borough of Selinsgrove provides a three-phase recycling program for Borough residents.

1. Curbside recycling for three colors of glass and aluminum beverage cans is provided on the last consecutive Thursday and Friday of each month. The area from Spruce Street north is collected on Thursday, while Spruce Street south is collected on Friday. Please have your recyclables in containers at curbside by 8:00 AM. Glass is accepted in jar or bottle form only. It must be separated by color, rinsed out with lids removed. Aluminum beverage cans must also be in a separate container.

2. A drop off site is also provided at the Borough Maintenance Building on W. Sassafras Street every Thursday, except Thanksgiving Day. The hours of operation are 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. The articles accepted are as follows: steel cans (rinsed and with labels removed), aluminum and bi-metal beverage cans, glass (clear, green and brown in bottle and jar form, rinsed and

with caps removed), and plastics (#1's & #2's in bottle form, rinsed and with caps removed), corrugated cardboard and high grade office paper. Motor oil, anti-freeze or chemical containers are not accepted.

A drop off site is provided at the Borough Maintenance Building on W. Sassafras Street the 3rd Saturday of each month between the hours of 8:00 AM and 12:00 noon for newspapers and magazines only. Please separate glossy paper from newsprint. Bundle glossy paper and magazines together with twine or place in paper bags. Bundle newsprint with twine or place it in paper bags.

Drop off items only during designated time periods when recycling trailer is manned. No dumping is allowed. Violators will be prosecuted.

3. A compost site is provided on South Strawberry Alley. Brush, small tree trimmings and leaves are accepted. Grass, large branches (more than 8" in diameter), railroad ties and construction materials are not allowed at this site. Violators will be prosecuted.

**FLOOD SAFETY**

To reduce the potential for injury due to flooding, consider the following:

Know the flood warning system.

Plan escape routes to high, safe locations.

Stay tuned to radio or TV for possible flood warnings.

Evacuate flood hazard areas in times of impending flood, or when advised by emergency officials.

Do not attempt to cross a flooding stream on foot or by vehicle where water is above your knees.

**FLOOD WATCH**

Flooding is possible within the watch area.

**FLOOD WARNING**

Flooding is imminent or has already occurred in the warning area.

**SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT**

Any improvement which equals or exceeds 50% of the market value. Structure must be reconstructed to meet current floodplain code requirements.

**SELINGSGROVE HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING**

Selinsgrove created a hazard mitigation planning committee to assess projects in the Borough as part of mitigation activities with the Wyoming Valley Levee Raising Project on the Susquehanna River at Wilkes-Barre. Committee members include Borough residents affected by flooding and Borough and emergency services officials, guided by SEDA Council of Governments (SEDA-COG). Meetings are ongoing to identify problems and develop solutions. One public meeting has been held for Selinsgrove residents and a second public meeting will occur in Spring 2001.

**LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD**

Selinsgrove has experienced numerous serious floods, including the most memorable Hurricane Agnes in June 1972 and, more recently, a flood in September 1999. Flooding in the Borough is caused by high water and ice jams in the Susquehanna River and Penns Creek. Smaller streams in the Borough flooded in 1999 due to heavy rain. Flooding particularly affects structures located in the 100 and 500 year floodplains, shown on the map of Selinsgrove Borough. The 100 year floodplain has a 1% chance of being flooded in any given year. Smaller or larger floods can occur. The Borough Office can help determine if your property is in a flood hazard area.

**THE FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM**

Selinsgrove's flood warning system has many components. The Snyder County Emergency Management Agency and Communications Center conducts 24-hour monitoring of weather reports and river forecasts from the National Weather Service and Mid-Atlantic River Forecast Center. The Communications Center and National Weather Service issue flood watches and warnings for the Susquehanna River and smaller streams. Residents are advised of possible flooding events through local radio stations and the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS). In some areas, Firemen and Borough police officers go door-to-door to alert residents. Emergency shelters in Selinsgrove are established at Susquehanna University and if needed at the Selinsgrove Area High School. Unnecessary risks to rescue personnel can be avoided if residents promptly evacuate when notified by officials.

**FLOOD INSURANCE**

Standard homeowners' or renters' insurance policies do **not** cover losses due to flooding. Selinsgrove participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), so any property owner in Selinsgrove Borough can obtain federally-backed flood insurance. Flood insurance is available through insurance carriers to property owners for buildings and contents, and to tenants for personal property. For homes located in flood prone areas and purchased with federally backed mortgages, flood insurance may be required. Information about flood insurance and rates can be obtained from insurance agents. There is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance policies take effect. Selinsgrove is working to provide discounts to flood insurance policy holders through the Community Rating System (CRS) Program.

**PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES**

Every year flooding causes more property damage than any other type of natural disaster. Businesses and residents can take measures to reduce flood losses. Inventory can be organized for speedy removal to higher locations within a facility or off-site. Closures can be installed to prevent water backups through drains. Buildings can be elevated above flood levels, or furnaces and electrical panels can be relocated to higher floors. The Borough has information to help property owners decide what to do.

**FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Development in the floodplain must comply with Borough Floodplain Ordinances. Contact the Borough Code Officer if any work is to be performed in any flood hazard area.

***FOR MORE INFORMATION...Residents are encouraged to attend the Spring 2001 public meeting. For information on flood hazard, protection, and mitigation call 374-2311.***



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**IMPORTANT**

FIRST CLASS MAIL  
U. S. POSTAGE  
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**A LOOK AT OUR BOROUGH**

**TO REDUCE FLOOD  
DAMAGES DURING A  
FLOOD EVENT:**

Turn off all electric circuits at the main power switch. Turn off or disconnect all electrical appliances. Shut off the main gas valve and water service.

Move valuables to upper floors

Bring outdoor possessions inside or tie them down securely.

Do not pump out basement while floodwaters are still rising. Pressure from floodwaters may cause foundations to collapse.