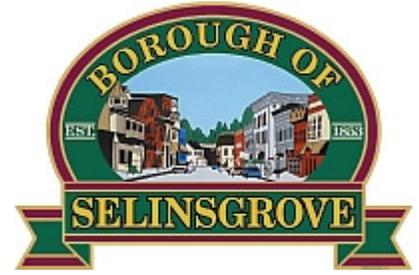


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Opportunities are available for residents interested in serving their community. Call the Borough office 374-2311.

Selinsgrove Borough Office  
 374-2311

Selinsgrove Borough Police Department  
 374-8655

Selinsgrove Borough Council would like to thank all the volunteers who have generously given of their time during the year for numerous projects throughout the Borough. Thank you for helping to make Selinsgrove Borough a better place to live, work and play.

**PLEASE NOTE**

- All properties must **keep all grass and weeds cut to less than 8"**. Because of **increasing complaints**, the Borough will be making a **special effort to enforce** this ordinance beginning this Spring
- **Unpaid water/sewer bills** will result in a **water shutoff notice**. Properties without water/sewer service are **"unfit for human habitation"** and must be **vacated immediately**. (see Page 6)
- Check with the Borough office before posting any notice, i.e. **yard sale signs**, along Borough streets. **Prior approval required**.
- **Abandoned vehicles must be removed** from your property or placed within a garage.
- Don't miss the once a year **opportunity to recycle electronics, computers, books, clothing and textiles**. These materials will not be collected during our Spring Cleanup (see page 2)
- Don't forget that you need to **contact the Borough before you trim, remove and/or plant a tree** within the Borough street right-of-way (see page 3)
- Don't miss the **curb-side pickup of garden residue and brush**, one in the Fall and a new opportunity this Spring (see page 4)
- The Borough's **annual street sweeping** schedule is also being delivered to every dwelling. Street sweeping, and more importantly, the need to **move your vehicle, starts at 2 AM, April 13th**. (see page 5)
- **Recycling is mandatory for all residents, businesses and institutions in the Borough**. The Borough's program works great and significantly benefits the environment. (see page 5)
- **Spring may bring flooding. Be prepared!** (see pages 4, 5, and 6)
- The **Selinsgrove Area Swimming Pool** is being renovated and improved. **Please support your community pool** with your contributions, memberships and patronage. (see page 7)

**SPRING & SUMMER Events**

*It's My Park! Day*  
**Saturday, April 18**  
 Anthony Selin Park, Sassafras Street

*Borough Auction*  
**Saturday, April 18 @ 9:00 a.m.**  
 Borough Maintenance Shed

**Monday, April 20 - Wednesday, April 22**  
 Selinsgrove Borough Spring Cleanup

**Friday, June 5 - Saturday, June 6**  
 American Cancer Society Relay For Life  
 Susquehanna University Stadium

**Friday, July 17 - Saturday, July 18**  
 Olde Tymer's Days

*Hops, Vines & Wines*  
**Saturday, July 18**  
 Selinsgrove Beer & Wine Festival  
 Downtown Selinsgrove

**Sunday, July 19**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
 Antiques On the Isle  
 Front & Pine Streets, Isle of Que

**Saturday, September 19**  
 Susquehanna University  
 Homecoming Weekend

**Saturday, September 27**  
 Market Street Festival  
 Downtown Selinsgrove

visit our web site @ [www.selinsgrove.org](http://www.selinsgrove.org)

**Our Local  
Volunteer  
Fire Department**



Looking for a way to make a difference in your community? Consider becoming a part of Selinsgrove's volunteer fire company. If you provide your time and desire, the fire company will take care of the training, the equipment and the support.

If fighting fires isn't for you, but you would still like to help, there are many other opportunities within the fire company to put your skills to use!

For more information on how to help out, contact DH&L Fire Company & Ambulance League at (570) 374-0011.

**2009 Snyder County  
Recycling Event**

Snyder County is planning an electronic recycling event to be held in the spring. The event will be held on April 17th and 18th at the Beavertown Carnival Grounds, and on May 1st and 2nd at the Monroe Township Shed on Park Road. **Electronics, appliances, metals, computers, books, clothing and textiles** will all be accepted with some exceptions. Fees will be required for televisions, copiers and any appliance containing Freon.

Contact Debbie Wolfe, Snyder County Recycling Coordinator, with any questions at 570-374-5751.

***Story Times at  
Selinsgrove Community Library***

Mother Goose on the Loose is a fun story time for babies and toddlers. Join us as we learn rhymes, sing songs, listen to stories and move about the room! Mother Goose is held every Tuesday in the community room at 10 am for toddlers ages 18 mos. – 36 mos. and 11 am for babies ages 0-17 mos.

Preschool Story Time is held every Wednesday at 10 am. It is always a fun time full of songs, finger plays, stories, crafts and more!

All story times are free, and no registration is required.

**Spring Cleanup 2009**

**Monday, April 20, 2009**

*Isle of Que and west to and including Market Street*

**Tuesday, April 21, 2009**

*Streets west of Market Street to and including Eighth Street*

**Wednesday, April 22, 2009**

*Streets west of Eighth Street to and including Eighteenth Street and University Avenue*

**(Schedule will be delayed/extended, as needed due to weather conditions, until all materials are collected – check the Borough's Web Site at [www.selinsgrove.org](http://www.selinsgrove.org) for updates on the schedule )**

**Procedure and Requirements:** Materials are to be placed along the curb, but not in the street or obstructing sidewalks, before 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled day, and no sooner than Friday before the scheduled day for pickup. All materials must be secured from being blown away or scattered by animals or persons seeking "treasures." The owner of the material is responsible for compliance with the Borough's littering and waste regulations.

A **"Special Refrigeration Unit Pickup Tag"** is required to be purchased in advance from the Selinsgrove Borough Office and affixed to any appliances such as a refrigerator, freezer, air conditioner, dehumidifier, or other appliances with a refrigeration unit, or such appliance will NOT be picked-up. The cost of the "Tag" is \$7.50 per appliance. Refrigeration units may NOT be removed or drained. "Tags" will NOT be sold by workmen picking-up materials. Contact the Borough Office if you require special assistance.

**Restrictions:** The following materials will NOT be picked-up during Spring Cleanup: clean fill materials (such as bricks, concrete, cement blocks, rocks, stones, sand, gravel, soil, etc.), cement, railroad ties, brush, tree limbs and trimmings, grass clippings, **garden residue including vines and soft stem plants, leaves, garbage, recyclables (such as aluminum, bi-metal or tin cans; clear, green, or brown glass bottles and jars, #1 or #2 plastics, corrugated cardboard (except if used as a container), high-grade office paper, newspapers, magazines, plastic grocery bags, etc.), tires, asbestos, paints in liquid form, liquids, vehicle batteries, recyclable computers and electronic goods (such as computer equipment, adding machines, calculators, cameras, video cameras, cordless phones, copiers/scanners, DVD players/stereos, VCRs, fax machines, monitors, power supplies, printers, televisions, typewriters, and cell phones, etc.),** and any material restricted by the landfill or deemed to be hazardous or unsafe for pickup by the contractor. **Containers holding fine materials must be solid, moisture-proof, and capable of permitting the container to be manually picked-up and loaded into a garbage truck, and not exceed 30 pounds in weight per container.** Paint cans must have lids removed and paint must be dry or thickened with sand, "Kitty-Litter" or similar material to no longer be liquid. Lumber and building materials, **including doors, carpet, etc.,** to be limited to 4 foot lengths and a total of 1 cubic yard (equal to a combined container capacity of 200 gallons) per household and must be bundled, **securely tied and/** or placed within solid, moisture-proof containers. Refrigerators, freezers or similar containers must have their doors removed for safety purposes. Propane tanks must be empty and have the valve open.

**PERSONS PLACING AND OR PERMITTING THE PLACEMENT OF MATERIALS FROM OUTSIDE THE BOROUGH OF SELINGSGROVE WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW.**



## Brush Pickup

May 4 - 6 and October 26 - 28

Brush, branches, tree limbs, tree trimmings (no bigger than 4" in diameter, and limited to 1 cubic yard or 200 gallons) will be picked up curbside. Garden residue, twigs, vines, soft stem plants and weeds (no grass clippings, dirt or soil debris) should be placed in moisture-proof, open-top containers capable of permitting materials to be picked up and loaded into a truck. Items are to be placed along the curb, but not out into the street, before 7:00 AM on the scheduled day for your street. Brush pickup will follow the cleanup schedule.

## Borough Participates In National Flood Insurance Community Rating System

The Borough of Selinsgrove continues to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS). The NFIP's Community Rating System is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. Rates are discounted in participating CRS communities to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from community actions that meet the 3 goals of the CRS; (1) reduce flood losses; (2) facilitate accurate insurance ratings; and (3) promote awareness of flood insurance. The Floodplain management activities implemented by Selinsgrove Borough qualifies for a (CRS) Class 7 rating, entitling its residents to a 15% discount in the premium cost of flood insurance for NFIP policies issued or renewed in Special Flood Hazard Areas on or after October 1, 2007. This is a significant savings for those of us who carry Flood Insurance on our building located within the Borough. There is no discount for Preferred Risk Policies; and the discount in Zone B is 5% because this zone already reflects significant premium reductions. This savings is a tangible result of the flood mitigation activities the Borough has implemented to protect lives and reduce property damage.

## Employment Opportunities

The United States Census Bureau is looking for interested persons to assist in the compilation of the 2010 Census. Temporary part-time and full-time positions are available. These positions include *Census Taker, Crew Leader, Crew Leader Assistant, Recruiting Assistant, and Census Clerk*. Census Team members receive paid training, as well as authorized mileage reimbursement. You can work flexible hours and earn a competitive pay, while helping your community to have a successful 2010 Census.

For more information call (toll-free):  
1-866-861-2010

## What is the Main Street Manager Program?

Have you heard of the Main Street Manager Program but not really sure what it means? My name is Jessica Newell and I am the Selinsgrove Main Street Manager. My office is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the FNB Building on the corner of Market and Pine in downtown Selinsgrove. My view overlooks the bank parking lot and the Borough Building. To visit me, just come in the double doors in the back and look for my sign and doorbell just inside. Once you ring the bell, I will come downstairs to greet you. You can also call ahead so I will know you are coming.

Now, for the details...the Main Street Program is a national, comprehensive, community-based revitalization approach developed in 1980. Communities across the USA apply its four key components with great success:

- \*Design – Putting Main Street into TOP physical shape including building facades.
- \*Promotion – Encouraging visitors to our downtown through events and other promotions.
- \*Organization – Organizing everyone working toward common goals for the community.
- \*Economic Restructuring – Finding new or better purposes for Main Street businesses to help them grow and thrive.

In simple terms, the Main Street Program revitalizes, or re-energizes, our downtowns to encourage people to work, play and shop in our downtowns. People really appreciate the great customer service and specialty products found in small businesses. As Main Street Manager, I am responsible for coordinating volunteers for activities. Please contact me if you are interested in helping Selinsgrove! Email me at [mainstreetmanager@susqu.edu](mailto:mainstreetmanager@susqu.edu).



*Jessica Newell  
Main Street Manager  
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2 South Market Street,  
Selinsgrove, PA 17870*

## Be Creative @ Your Library!

This year's Summer Reading Program is all about being creative! Summer at the library will be full of theater, dance, music, crafts and more! Be sure to check out the library website ([www.snydercountylibraries.org](http://www.snydercountylibraries.org)) or come visit us to find out more about our programs and story times. The Summer Reading Program will be held from June 15<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>. We will have programs for all ages...and some great prizes on the prize cart. Can't wait to see you this summer

## Recycling in Selinsgrove

### Curbside Recycling

Curbside recycling is offered to residential establishments on the last Wednesday of each month. Aluminum beverage cans, clear glass, blue/green glass, and brown glass bottles and jars are collected, provided that they are separated by color and are placed in a solid, open-top container such as a bucket or standard recycling bin. Items that are not properly prepared will not be picked up. If you have any questions, please refer to your 2009 Recycling, Street Sweeping and Spring Cleanup Schedule, or call the Borough Office. Our recycling trailer and black buckets were partially funded by a DEP Act 101 Recycling Grant.

### Commercial & Institutional Recycling

The Borough of Selinsgrove is mandated by the State to require commercial, municipal or institutional establishments to recycle high-grade office paper, aluminum, corrugated paper and leaf waste, (see Borough Code 82-17, Mandatory Recycling). An annual DEP report form was sent out to each establishment in late December, with instructions to complete the form and return it to the Borough by February 1, 2009. If you have not yet completed and returned the form please do so promptly. Make sure the form is signed by a company representative. Any establishment that is not currently recycling is in violation of Borough Code 82-17, and is subject to a fine.

Commercial, institutional and residential recycling is offered by the Borough of Selinsgrove for establishments located within the Borough limits. Our drop-off center is located behind the Borough Maintenance Building on West Sassafras Street. The hours of operation are 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM each Thursday, and 8:00 AM to noon on the first and third Saturdays of each month. The items accepted are: clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars, aluminum beverage cans, #1 and #2 plastics in bottle form only (all items should be rinsed and lids removed), corrugated cardboard, high-grade office paper, shredded paper, newsprint, magazines and catalogs, phonebooks (placed with magazines), and batteries. Items must be separated and placed in the appropriate bin free of plastic bags or other bindings. Bins are labeled accordingly. Do not drop off recyclables when the center is not open. Borough employees will refuse materials that are not recyclable or are not prepared properly for recycling. The recycling center equipment and improvements were partially funded by DEP Act 101 Recycling Grants.

**Watch your newspaper for dates and times:**

- Summer Playground Activities  
June, July and August
- Summer "Concerts at the Gazebo" Series  
June, July and August
- "First Friday" Events

**Reminder: Zoning Permits are required for all structures, including portable storage sheds, decks and patios. If you have any questions in this regard, please call the Borough Office at 374-2311.**

## Safety Tips After a Flood

*Do not walk through flowing water.* Drowning is the Number 1 cause of flood deaths.

*Do not drive through a flooded area.* Don't drive around road barriers -- they are there for your protection. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else.

*Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.* The Number 2 flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can even travel through water.

*Look before you step.* After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris and mud, which can be very slippery.

*Be alert for gas leaks.* Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or any kind of open flame unless you are sure that the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated. Even a spark from an electric switch can ignite a gas leak.

*Carbon monoxide exhaust is known as the silent killer.* Use a generator or other gasoline powered machine outdoors. The same goes for camping stoves; charcoal fumes are especially deadly. Cook with charcoal outdoors only (flood or no flood).

*Look for animals that have been flooded out of their homes and may seek shelter in yours.*

*Clean everything that got wet.* Floodwaters have picked up sewage and chemicals from roads, farms, factories, and storage buildings. Spoiled food, cosmetics, and medicine can all be health hazards. When in doubt, throw them out.

*Take care of yourself.* Recovering from a flood is hard on both the body and the spirit. It can have long lasting effects on you and your family.

*Residents who do not live in a flood prone area can help those who do by not congesting the area with unnecessary traffic.* Only property owners, residents, officials, and volunteer helpers should be moving about in a recently flooded area, and only after officials have opened the area for reentry.

### Downtown Selinsgrove Façade Grants Available

The Design Committee of Selinsgrove Projects Inc. is excited to invite you to an informational session on facade grants and improvements for your business or building! The Façade Grant funds are available to commercial properties owners or business owners to facilitate image-making improvements and to encourage restoring or recapturing the historical significance that makes Selinsgrove unique. These funds are administered and awarded through guidelines established by the Design Committee. This committee will receive and evaluate the applications from commercial property owners or in cooperation with the business owner/tenant. These funds are applicable only for street-front improvements. We invite and encourage you to attend an informational meeting to learn more about how you might be eligible for these funds. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14th, from 6 to 8 PM in the Community Room in the basement of the Selinsgrove Borough Building. Mark your calendars for this very important meeting!

### It's Street Cleaning Season Again

The street sweeper will be back in action on April 13, 2009 and continue through October 16, 2009. There is no parking on certain streets between 2 AM and 6 AM, according to the Street Cleaning Schedule. Any vehicles in violation of the parking times indicated will be ticketed. **Reminder: parking tickets are issued if vehicles violate this schedule, even if the street sweeper does not run.**

The schedule listing the days of the week for each street is included in the Recycling pamphlet, or can be found online at [www.selinsgrove.org](http://www.selinsgrove.org).

## Water/Sewer/Recycling Billing

All bills for water, sewer and recycling services are due and payable on the 20th day of February, May, August and November of each year for service furnished during the immediately preceding calendar quarter.

Any customer who doubts the accuracy of a bill shall bring or mail the bill, within ten (10) days of receipt, to the Borough Office. The Borough shall check the bill and either confirm the original billing or issue a corrected bill.

Failure to receive a bill shall not exempt a customer from the obligation to pay the bill by its due date. The Borough, at any time, shall issue a duplicate bill upon proper request. However, no claim for exemption from assessment of delayed payment charge for any reason whatsoever shall be entertained or allowed.

A bill that is unpaid after its due date shall be delinquent and shall be subject to a one-time only penalty of twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount due. Services may be terminated from the delinquent premises as provided by law and shall not be restored until all delinquent bills against the same have been paid. Additionally, failure to pay delinquent bills for two (2) quarters may result in a lien being imposed against the delinquent premises together with interest, attorneys' fees and court costs.

Customers having difficulty paying their utility bill can contact the United Way, the Red Cross, Pennsylvania Department of Welfare and their local churches for assistance. Payment schedules can be offered to customers. Any customer not making regularly scheduled payments will have their utility service discontinued without additional notice.

## Flood Insurance Information

The Borough of Selinsgrove continues to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program so that its property owners can obtain flood insurance for their home and its contents. Due to the proximity of the Susquehanna River, Penns Creek and our two main tributaries, a large percentage of our homes are located within the flood plain. Anyone living in our community for 12 years or more will remember the significant flood the community experienced in January of 1996 and September of 2004. The winter flood of 1996 was particularly difficult to recover from because of the cold temperatures. Many home owners were displaced for several days while trying to return to their homes to find alternative heating sources in order to thaw out frozen pipes, dispose of debris, remove spoiled household items and make their homes livable again. Susquehanna University kindly offered shelter to residents in their gymnasium. It is heartwarming to see how the community comes together to help each other during flood emergencies. Flood insurance was on everyone's mind at this time. Those who had flood insurance were able to recover much faster than those who did not. Don't wait until the next devastating flood to buy flood insurance - there is a 30 day waiting period before a National Flood Insurance policy takes effect. Your insurance agent can assist you in obtaining flood insurance for your buildings and/or content within the Borough. Flood insurance may be required by your mortgage carrier if your home is located in the floodplain. Tenants can buy flood insurance for the contents of their home or apartment.

Technical advice, assistance, and publications can be obtained from the Selinsgrove Borough Office in regard to Flood Plain Management and FEMA regulations. The Borough Zoning Ordinance contains regulations specific to the Floodplain District. Please remember that Zoning Permits are required in the Floodplain District prior to any construction, reconstruction or repair of damages resulting from any cause including fire, wind, hail, snow, fallen trees, vehicles, etc.

### ***Borough welcomes new employee.....***

Timothy M. (Mike) Lang began his employment with Selinsgrove Borough on September 29th. His daily responsibilities includes maintenance and operation of the recycling center and maintenance of the parks & recreation areas. He enjoys the vast array of duties; each day is different. He works with a "great group of guys" and that makes his job much more enjoyable. When not working, he enjoys spending time with his fiancé, Amy, and 2 children, Mason & Halia. He also enjoys hunting, fishing and PC troubleshooting/repair. With the addition of Mike this past fall, Selinsgrove Borough continues to be proud of their employees and their dedication to serving the citizens of Selinsgrove.



*Say "hello" to Mike when you see him at the recycling area on Thursdays.*

### **It's My Park! Day - Saturday, April 18**

Our semi-annual **It's My Park! Day** events in April and September will bring many volunteers to over 10 sites in our Borough. Projects and events are organized by local community groups, corporate partners, or Parks & Recreation Board members.

Get involved in planting, painting, restoration, and clean-up projects in a park near you! Cleaning up litter in parks, along the river and playgrounds. Raking, mulching, planting bulbs and tree care. Painting benches, fencing, and comfort stations throughout your playgrounds and parks.

Want to volunteer in Selinsgrove's parks? Are you a business or community group leader interested in making our town's playgrounds more attractive and safe? You've come to the right place! Parks are the common ground where we all come together. Thriving parks need active community involvement - they need people like you. Join the ever-growing corps of people working together to enrich and celebrate Selinsgrove's public green spaces.

April 18, 2009, Spring **It's My Park! Day** will be a great success! Everyone will meet at Anthony Selin Park at 1:00 p.m. From there we will fan out over town. For more information contact any member of the Parks & Recreation Board.

***See ya there!***

## Big Changes At The Selinsgrove Area Pool

This summer, those looking to escape the heat will find some exciting new features at their favorite swimming spot on the hill. The Selinsgrove Area Swimming Pool is a popular summer destination for many, and has been serving nine municipalities in eastern Snyder County for the past 40 years. This year, the pool will undergo changes that will improve the structure and make it both safe and enjoyable for many years to come.



Selinsgrove Area Recreation, Inc. (SARI) will renovate the pool this spring for a great new start to the swimming season. The renovations include improvement or replacement of pool gutters, re-circulators, system piping, chlorination equipment and the filter system.

New water features will include rain drop and T-cross bar sprinklers, an enclosed tube slide, a two-third meter diving stand and board, and zero-depth access into the water, which will make the pool handicapped accessible. Once the pool is expanded and improved, it will be able to accommodate more swimmers of various ages and abilities. Renovations to the bath house are also anticipated. The renovations to the main pool have already been designed and bid, and the construction is proposed to be completed in time for the start of the swimming season.

SARI has begun to receive funds for this project from various groups and organizations, but they need your help to reach their goal of \$649,800. The current funding available for the project is \$579,500, leaving \$70,300 yet to be raised.

With these renovations, we hope that the pool will continue to provide summer fun to the area for years to come. Help us keep the area tradition alive by supporting the pool. Please consider making a contribution today. SARI is a 501.c.3 entity and contributions are eligible tax deductions.

For more information on the pool operations, see [www.selinsgrovepool.com](http://www.selinsgrovepool.com)

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### Selinsgrove Area Recreation Inc. - Pool Improvement Project

**Yes, I/we would like to help!**

Contribution Level

Donation from: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation in Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

- Gold: .....\$1,000
- Blue: .....\$750
- Red: .....\$500
- White: .....\$250
- Patron: .....\$100
- Donor: .....\$50
- Sponsor: .....\$25
- Friend .....\$10

**Make Check payable to: SARI (Selinsgrove Area Recreation, Inc.) Pool Improvement Project  
Mail or Deliver to: Selinsgrove Borough, One North High Street, Selinsgrove, PA 17870**



**IMPORTANT**

**Selinsgrove Borough  
1 North High Street  
P. O. Box 34  
Selinsgrove, PA 17870**

***Borough Council Members:***

- Carol L. Handlan - President
- Joseph Herb - Vice-President
- Dorothy M. Anderson
- Shane Hendricks
- Marlin A. Inch
- Dianne K. Mengel
- Erik Viker

***Other Borough Officials:***

- Peter C. Carroll - Mayor
- John C. Bickhart - Borough Manager
- Thomas L. Garlock - Chief of Police
- Robert M. Cravitz - Borough Solicitor
- John A. Coukart - Borough Engineer
- Corby L. Bowersox - Public Works Director

**A LOOK AT OUR BOROUGH**

**Lights Out?**

If you notice that a street light is out, please contact the Borough Office at 374-2311 with the location and pole number of that light.

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The Selinsgrove Community Library now offers Wireless Internet Access. If you have a laptop, you are more than welcome to come in, sit down, and get connected! If you have any questions, feel free to stop in and ask, or check out the library's website at [snydercountylibraries.org](http://snydercountylibraries.org).

**Susquehanna University to Install Audible Alert System**

In a continued effort to enhance our emergency response, Susquehanna University will be installing an audible emergency alert system to complement our established notification capabilities. The system is intended to serve the entire property of Susquehanna University and the area immediately surrounding the campus during emergencies such as weather, violence, terrorism and certain accidents. The system will also be designed to give instructions during evacuations or shelter-in-place situations.

Currently, Susquehanna University is able to communicate emergency messages to students, faculty, and staff via campus phone, email and text messaging. The proposed audible system would maximize our message by communicating to others in the community.

Two Whelan 2904 Omni-Directional high power voice and siren systems will be installed at two locations on campus. Other institutions deploying this technology include Bloomsburg University, Bucknell University, Haverford College, and St. Joseph's University.

Susquehanna's Department of Public Safety would be responsible for activating the system during an emergency. Any audible siren or voice message would be activated for short periods until an emergency is over or the necessity for such messages is eliminated. The length of time could be anywhere between a few seconds to several minutes depending on the emergency or disaster. Prior to any installation, testing, or exercises of this equipment, the University would notify the community highlighting the program or any dates and times of use. If the system is used during a real event, the University will notify the community outlining the nature of the incident as appropriate.

This system will comply with borough ordinances and should not interfere with any borough functions. Please feel free to contact Thomas A. Rambo, associate dean of student life & director of public safety at 372-4136 or [rambo@susqu.edu](mailto:rambo@susqu.edu).