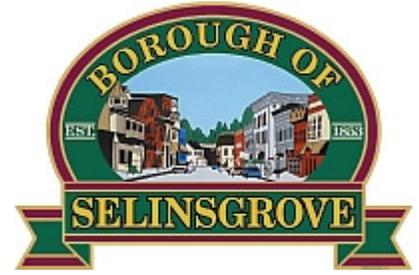


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 Website: www.selinsgrove.org



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

Interested in viewing the State of the Borough address by our Mayor, Sean Christine?

Visit our website at www.selinsgrove.org

Selinsgrove Borough Council would like to thank all the volunteers who have generously given of their time during the year.

Gelnett Trust

Francis "Rudy" Gelnett, a long time resident of Selinsgrove Borough, passed away in November 2010 at the age of 95. In his handwritten Will, he left the Borough the interest income from a significant endowment, now valued at \$5.1 million. He stated his wish that the funds be used to "enhance my hometown, Selinsgrove". Many residents remember Rudy riding his bicycle throughout town. There is talk of having his bicycle displayed as a "fitting and well-deserved tribute". Rudy could also be found playing the piano in the Community Room of the Borough Building. He continued playing the piano when he moved to the Grayson View assisted living facility a few years before his death.

The sole purpose of the Trust Fund is to promote the health, education and welfare of the citizens of the Borough of Selinsgrove by and through the distribution of the interest income. We receive a check for the interest on a monthly basis, and are depositing the funds in the Borough's Community Acquisitions and Improvements Fund. Borough Council believes the funds received from the Trust should not be used to replace tax money, but should be used to enhance the community above and beyond what we are able to do with tax money alone. In addition, funds will not be used to replace fundraising efforts or Grant opportunities.

The Pennsylvania Borough Code provides certain areas to which council is authorized to make appropriations using municipal funds. All must have a public purpose. Borough Council will discuss with legal counsel whether a group requesting funds has a public purpose prior to awarding any funds.

With this being said, the following is a list of organizations that the Borough may consider for an appropriation:

Library, Volunteer Fire, Ambulance & Rescue, Borough Anniversary/Bicentennial Group, Humane Society (if Borough contracts to provide pick-up service for strays), Nurses Services, Tourist promotion, Organizations of Veterans, Care and erection of memorials, Rewards for apprehension of certain Criminals, Municipal Music, Civic Purposes, Neighborhood Crime Watch, and Senior Citizen Organizations.

The Pennsylvania Borough Code prohibits donations of municipal funds to the Salvation Army, Boy's Club, Girl's Club, Scouts, Cancer/Heart etc. Associations, Schools, Rotary Club/Lions Club, Church, Scholarships, Loans, Private Enterprises, Memorial gifts to employees' relatives, Memorial gifts to Officials' relatives.

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SPRING & SUMMER Events

*Monday, April 16 - Tuesday, April 17
 Selinsgrove Borough Spring Cleanup*

*Sunday, May 13
 Susquehanna University Commencement*

*Monday, May 28
 Memorial Day Parade*

*Friday, June 1 - Saturday, June 2
 American Cancer Society Relay For Life
 Lopardo Stadium Susquehanna University*

*Saturday, June 9
 Savor Selinsgrove 2-5 p.m.
 (www.selinsgrove.net)*

*Friday, July 13 - Saturday, July 14
 Artwalk & Decorated Chair Contest
 Downtown Sidewalk Sales
 (www.selinsgrove.net)*

*Sunday, July 15
 Antiques on the Isle
 9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Front & Pine Streets, Isle of Que*

*Saturday, July 21
 Hops, Vines & Wines Brew Fest
 (www.selinsgrove.net)*

*Saturday, September 22
 Market Street Festival
 Downtown Selinsgrove
 (www.selinsgrove.net)*

visit our website @ www.selinsgrove.org

East Pine Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project

OVERVIEW-PennDot Engineering District 3-0 has undertaken a project to rehabilitate the bridge that carries East Pine Street over Penns Creek in the Selinsgrove Borough. The bridge, which provides access to and from the Isle of Que, is safe for traffic; however, substantial rehabilitation needs to be performed to maintain the bridge. The rehabilitation will include replacement of the open steel grid deck and stringers (beams that support the deck), steel and sidewalk repairs, and repainting of the bridge.

SCHEDULE-Construction is scheduled to occur in an approximate three month period **starting on June 4, 2012 and ending on August 24, 2012**. Public notices and/or press releases will be issued prior to the start of construction.

VEHICLE FLOW DURING CONSTRUCTION-During the three month construction period, the bridge will be closed to motorized traffic (bicycle and pedestrian traffic will be maintained on the bridge). Traffic to and from the Isle of Que will be maintained via a detour that will utilize the emergency access roadway between US Routes 11/15 northbound and Bough Street. US Routes 11/15 northbound will be restricted to a single lane to allow for an acceleration lane from and a deceleration lane to the emergency access roadway. Closing the bridge to vehicles during construction will allow the contractor to rehabilitate the bridge in the shortest timeframe possible. An alternative method of construction was also studied that involved rehabilitating one lane of the bridge at a time while allowing traffic to use the other lane. This alternative was dismissed because it would have extended the duration of the project into a second construction season (18 months versus 3 months) and would have entailed about 50 one-hour closures that could occur at multiple times during the work day.

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC-Bicycle and pedestrian traffic across the bridge will not be disrupted during the construction period. The sidewalk on the East Pine Street Bridge will remain open for the majority of construction. The sidewalk must be closed for a short timeframe during construction, but during that time bicyclists and pedestrians will be permitted to cross the roadway portion of the bridge, which will be closed to vehicular traffic.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS PROJECT, PLEASE

CONTACT:

Mr. Chris Neidig, Project Manager
 PennDot Engineering District 3-0
 P.O. Box 218
 715 Jordan Avenue
 Montoursville, PA 17754-0218
 Telephone: (570)368-4391
 E-mail: cneidig@pa.gov

SHREDDING FOR A CAUSE—ONE DAY EVENT

SATURDAY, MAY 5th from 11:00 a.m. UNTIL 1:00 p.m.

Monroe Township Shed

For just \$5 a box you can help the Selinsgrove Library and make sure your confidential papers are destroyed and recycled.

2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT ON MARKET STREET

The Borough Office has been receiving phone calls from business owners in the downtown area about vehicles monopolizing parking spaces in front of their establishments.

The Borough wanted to bring to the public's attention that we provide four municipal parking lots for the public to use **FREE OF CHARGE**. They are located on West Chestnut St. (behind Kleinbauer's), South Market St. (beside Sharon Lutheran Church and Chris Kenawell's State Farm Insurance), South Water St. and on North Water St. (across from the Senior Action Center).

If you are a business owner/employee or downtown resident, consider parking in one of our municipal lots and opening up spaces for your customers to park. It will help with business in the downtown area. If you have an apartment in the downtown area, please consider using one of these lots. This will free up spaces for potential customers to park and shop.

The Borough does have signs posted in the downtown area that states there is a two hour parking limit from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and helping to make the downtown more inviting to guests of the Borough.

SELINSGROVE LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

The Selinsgrove Library has many exciting activities planned for a variety of age groups from babies, preschool age children, teens and even families. Please remember that the Library is currently located at 297 Route 204, Selinsgrove, PA 17870 (formerly the Jackson-Penn Elementary School).

The following is a list of activities the Library is currently offering. Come and join us for some fun!

Egg Drop at the Library
Saturday, March 31st, 10:30 a.m.

A fun family event where you create a way to protect your egg and keep it from breaking as we drop it from way up high! Lots of other fun activities involving eggs!

National Library Week
April 8th—14th

We will be offering special things to our patrons to celebrate the Library. Refreshments, fine forgiveness and a special story book character will be in the Library on Tuesday and Wednesday to visit the children.

Summer Reading Program
Starts June 11th

Registration begins May 28th. Our theme is Dream Big - Read. Join us for lots of fun as we explore the night and all the adventures it brings!

Teen Programs

Cinema 1: Free movie and popcorn every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Teen Book Group: Second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

Drama Group: Every Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Story Times

Mother Goose on the Loose—For babies ages 0-3 years, every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Preschool Story Time every Tuesday at 10 a.m.

SELINGROVE AREA POOL

Include the Selinsgrove Area pool in your summer planning! Enjoy an expanded concession stand! The ever-popular baby pool has just been renovated and is ready for young children. The pool complex features zero-depth entry for handicapped accessibility, a diving board, enclosed tube slide, and water features enjoyed by folks of all ages including a T-cross bar and a rain-drop. We also offer swimming lessons and weekly splash hops for 6-12th grades. We will be open once Selinsgrove Area Schools are done for the summer.



2012 Selinsgrove Pool Pass Information

With the summer season upon us, we would like to inform the community about some frequently asked questions we receive about the pool.

Selinsgrove Area Recreation, Inc. (SARI) is the governing body in charge of the pool. They accept applications for membership to the pool each year. **Family memberships are for immediate family only.** A family membership is recognized as those individuals living in the same household; however, it does not include grandparents, aunts, uncles, grandchildren, and children older than 18 years of age (except college students). Any exceptions will be at the discretion of the pool manager. Pool membership allows a season pass for each family member listed on the membership form. This allows entry and use of the facility at no additional cost. **A babysitter pass must be added to a family pass and can only be used when babysitting in the presence of a parent.**

The Selinsgrove Pool also offers passes for single and senior individuals. Prices vary according to which pass you would like to purchase.

Services available are pool rentals for birthday parties, office parties, or special events. For more information, you can call the Pool Office at 374-3548 beginning in June.

Summer Entertainment at the Gazebo

For more than 20 years, Selinsgrove Borough has provided concerts at the Gazebo during June, July and August. A committee of volunteers schedules these concerts based on the funds that are available. We have been very fortunate over the years to receive funds from various sources, namely, Selinsgrove Borough Council, private donations from interested persons including those who attend the concerts and others. As a result, we have been able to present entertainment three weeks out of each month.

Over the years, our attendance has increased. Our average attendance is around 100. Our largest attendance was 295.

We also invite community businesses and organizations to donate and serve refreshments. This has been very successful. Many times audience members assist with serving the refreshments which has been very helpful.

It is our hope that we will be able to continue our Summer Entertainment at the Gazebo in 2012. We always welcome suggestions and donations. Donations can be mailed to: Kay Spigelmyer, 600 Orange Street, Selinsgrove, PA 17870. Checks should be made payable to "Selinsgrove Gazebo Committee".

The committee wishes to thank all those who have supported our program. Without your support, these concerts would not be possible. We hope to see you at the Gazebo!



**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012**



Borough Continues Efforts to Reduce Sewage Waste

We are asking everyone to make an effort to decrease the materials going into the sanitary sewer through food preparation and cleanup and through the operation of garbage disposals and dishwashers.

There are three basic housekeeping practices that we all must remember:



disposing of food waste through "garbage disposals". Residential/Commercial garbage grinding units contribute substantially to the level of organic waste entering the sewer system. Don't use them! You should instead dispose of food waste in your trash for pickup, or in a compost pile for gardening. You may learn more about composting at: <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserves/rrr/composting/index.htm>



putting cooking grease and oil down the drain. Grease should be allowed to cool until it is solid and placed in your trash or composted. Pans should also be wiped with a paper towel to remove as much grease and oil as possible before washing.



putting dirty dishes containing food waste into a dishwasher. Food that is left on plates, bowls, pots and pans should be scraped or wiped off and placed in your trash or composted, before the dishes are placed into the dishwasher.

SELINGROVE SENIOR CENTER

Here's what's happening on the senior scene according to Senior Center Manager, Eunice Troxell.

Tuesday-quilting, chair aerobics and bingo, Wednesday-Pinochle tournament day and Thursdays are game day (Hoss, Poker and Rummikube) also offered is chair aerobics.

We are located at 8 N. Water Street. We can be reached at 570-374-4170. Our hours are Monday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you're a senior and like to be active and involved, come and check us out!



Look for Leaks

Fixing leaking fixtures and appliances will save you water and money. After ruling out drips from faucets and showerheads, do a thorough search. **METER ACTIVITY** Record the usage on your water meter; note whether it is moving. Then, refrain from using any water for about eight hours (overnight or while everyone is gone during the day), and check the meter again. If the reading has changed, you have a leak. **TEST THE TOILET** A toilet is the most common source of an unknown leak. To check it, add a few drops of food coloring to the tank. The food coloring will be evident in the toilet bowl after 30 minutes if there's a leak. Replacing the flapper will usually fix the problem. **OTHER POSSIBILITIES** Check the pipes under each sink, your washing machine hose, and the floor around your water heater; disconnect hoses from outside faucets. If you're unable to identify the leak's source, contact a plumber. **FYI** 1,661 number of gallons of water wasted in one year by a faucet leaking water at a rate of one drip per second.

SELINGSGROVE BOROUGH RECYCLES

The Borough of Selinsgrove's recycling center has become very popular with Borough residents. We would like to commend the residents and businesses who recycle with us as they are helping to significantly reduce the amount of product being placed in the landfill and making the current system of disposal more sustainable. With using our recycling facility come certain responsibilities. In order to provide an organized system for our employees and the end recycler, Lycoming County Resource Management, we must ask for your cooperation when placing items in the various roll-off containers located behind the Borough Maintenance Building located at 219 W. Sassafras Street. The Recycling Center consists of several roll-off containers, each intended for specific items which are indicated on the containers. A large sign is also provided which specifies what products are collectable at the site and how they must be prepared prior to collection. Although most of our recyclers are well informed, responsible individuals, we continue to have some problems with items being placed in the wrong container and with items which are not recyclable at our facility being placed in the roll-off containers.

Many clear plastic items such as the **shell/box clam type containers have the #1 symbol on the bottom and are being placed in our roll-offs for clear plastic bottles. WE DO NOT ACCEPT THESE ITEMS! WE ACCEPT BOTTLE AND JAR FORM PLASTICS ONLY!** Likewise, many yogurt and margarine containers indicate that they are #2 plastics, but we cannot accept this type of container, not being bottle or jar form. Our end recycler is not able to accept other types of plastic at this time. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

The Recycling Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. every Thursday except for Borough Holidays, and the first and third Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Our equipment and site improvements were partially funded by a DEP Act 101 Recycling Grant.

For the convenience of residents, the Borough also conducts curbside pick-up for four recyclable items on the last Wednesday of each month. Uncovered buckets or plastic bins for this purpose are to be placed at the curb before 8:00 a.m. on the day of pick-up. The items collected through this service are aluminum beverage cans, clear glass bottles and jars; brown glass bottles and jars; and green glass bottles and jars. Bottles and jars must have the lids removed and all items must be rinsed out. If items are not properly prepared and placed in separate bins according to item type, they will not be picked up.

Gelnett Trust

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In the 2012 budget, the Borough Council has used the interest income to increase appropriations for the Shade Tree Commission, Parks & Recreation, DH&L Fire Company, the Veterans Memorial, Selinsgrove Library and the Selinsgrove Pool.

To the best of our knowledge, Selinsgrove is the only municipality to have such an endowment. Consequently, we are considering ways to seek community input on its uses and to prioritize future requests. Applications for funding should be forwarded to the Selinsgrove Borough Office. Please utilize the Gelnett Trust application form found on the Borough website at www.selinsgrove.org. The Finance Committee will review requests, along with the current revenues and expenditures of the funds, and make recommendations to Borough Council. Borough Council will make awards twice a year during the June and December council meetings. Public comment on any proposed project is welcome at any time. Requests of an urgent nature will be considered on a case by case basis. The Committee may request additional information from any requesting group in order to make the most informed decisions. We look forward to receiving comments and questions as we seek ways to make the best use of the opportunities provided by this most generous bequest from "Rudy". Feel free to contact any member of council if you have questions or concerns.

Selinsgrove Borough Curfews

The Borough receives several phone calls a year pertaining to curfews for children 18 years and younger. According to **Ordinance 70-2-unlawful conduct of minors:** it shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of eighteen (18) years to remain in or upon any public place or any establishment in accordance with the following schedule of hours:

1. From September 1 to June 15, between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. of the following day, official Borough time, except that on Fridays and Saturdays the hours shall be from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

2. From June 15 to September 1, between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. of the following day, official Borough time, except that on Fridays and Saturdays the hours shall be from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any minor accompanied by a parent or to a minor upon an errand or other legitimate business directed by such minor's parent or to any minor who is engaged in gainful, lawful employment during the curfew hours.

Ordinance 70-5-Enforcement;violations and penalties.

A. Any police officer who finds a minor violating the provisions of this chapter shall obtain information from such minor as to his name, age and address and the name and address of his parent or parents. The police officer shall thereupon instruct the minor to proceed to his home forthwith; and/or if the police officer deems it advisable, he shall accompany said minor to his home. The police officer shall ascertain, if possible, if the parent or parents are at home and, if so, shall notify them verbally of the violation. In all cases, the police officer shall make a report of the violations to his superior officer. A written notice shall be mailed to the parent or parents of the minor, advising them of the violation of this chapter.

B. Any parent who shall permit a minor to violate the provisions of this chapter after having received notice of one (1) prior violation shall be fined not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.) for each violation.

C. Prosecutions shall be before the District Magistrate for the Borough of Selinsgrove, and all fines imposed and collected shall be paid into the treasury of the Borough of Selinsgrove for the use of the Borough of Selinsgrove.

SELINGROVE SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The Selingsrove Shade Tree Commission continues to work within the Borough to preserve green growth through the establishment and preservation of healthy shade trees. In 2011, The Commission selected and planted shade trees in the Sharon Lutheran Cemetery; Trinity Lutheran Cemetery on David Street; the Moose on High Street, with one tree planted inside the Moose playground; St. Paul’s United Church of Christ on Orange and Mill Streets; at Weis Markets on Broad Street; and approved the transplant of trees to West Pine Street, near the Selingsrove Police Department headquarters. The members of the Commission will continue to work cooperatively with Parks and Recreation on relevant projects, and it also continues to maintain trees, mulching, weeding and trimming bushes at the Tree Museum and Anthony Selin Park. During 2012, the Commission has plans to prune, replace and plant certain trees in the business district.

The Selingsrove Shade Tree Commission is a resource that is available, free of charge, to any member of the Borough who has a question or desires information regarding shade tree care. They would also like to let the public know that if you own a home that has a Borough right-of-way, you may be able to have a tree planted there by the Commission under the Adopt-a-Tree program. Finally, the Selingsrove Shade Tree Commission is always looking for individuals interested in volunteering their time toward local beautification projects or participating on the committee itself. If interested, please contact the Commission at SelingsroveShadeTreeCommission@gmail.com.

The following is a list of contributions made by some of our friends in the Selingsrove community to the Selingsrove Shade Tree Commission:



Belle McLain - In memory of Russell and Dottie Sheaffer
Selingsrove Senior Center
Molly and Dwayne Eshenaur – In memory of Brittany Elizabeth Eshenaur
John Fischer - In memory of Carolyn Fischer
Raven Rudnitsky - In honor of Marv Rudnitsky
Lawrence Boellhoff
Weis Markets, Inc.



If you would like to make a donation, please fill out the attached form and return to the address listed.

Name _____ Phone _____

Yes! I would like to make a donation towards putting the “Grove” back in Selingsrove! Please accept my donation of:

_____ \$10 _____ \$25 _____ \$45 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 Other \$ _____

I would like to make this donation in honor of/in memory of _____

_____ I would like to volunteer to be a part of The Shade Tree Commission’s preparation and planting efforts! Please contact me to let me know how I can help!

Please make checks payable to “The Selingsrove Shade Tree Fund” and return to:
Selingsrove Borough Office
Attn: Shade Tree Fund
1 North High Street
Selingsrove, PA 17870

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY HORSESHOE CLUB 2012

Forming Single & Double Leagues
 East Snyder Park
 University Avenue, Penn Township
 Selinsgrove, PA Snyder County
 Registration dates: April 24 & April 26, 2012
 Time: 7:00 P.M
 \$20.00 registration, includes both Single & Doubles
 For more information contact:
 Rick at 374-3845 or Jim at 837-3789



Is Your Streetlight Out?

All high-level streetlights located along Borough Streets are the responsibility of PPL Utilities. Giving PPL the pole number when you call to report the outage allows them to pinpoint the location and to speed repairs. You'll find the pole number on a metal strip attached to the pole. It will always be five digits, followed by a S, and then five more digits, for example, 12345/S67890. Once you have the pole number, call PPL at 1-800-342-5775.

Flood Map Information Service

As a public service, the Borough Office will provide information on whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as shown on the current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) of Selinsgrove, as well as information on the FIRM zone and the base flood elevation or depth, if shown. FIRM elevations on this map are referenced to the North American Vertical datum of 1988.

The Borough also has a handout on the flood insurance purchase requirement that can help people who need a mortgage or loan for a property in the SFHA. The Borough web site www.selinsgrove.org contains many additional documents, references and links to other sites.

The Borough maintains copies of completed FEMA Flood Elevation Certificates for buildings built in the floodplain since 1991.

Please contact the Borough Office with any questions. If you make an inquiry, please provide us with the street address and, if possible, the tax parcel number.



MEMORIAL DAY - EVERY DAY

On Memorial Day, May 30, 2011, the words of this young man, who is a leader within our community, was heard by many who were in attendance. These words are worthy of repeating and remembering every day.

Jeremy Smallwood, Chaplain, First Lieutenant, Dauntless Hook and Ladder Company-The word "community" can be used to describe a few different things. In English we have one word for it, other languages have several words, but it comes down to this: community can be a loose association of individuals who are gathered together because of coincidence or convenience. OR, community can describe a group of people who are gathered for something greater than themselves. This is what makes a great community. A community like this becomes part of your identity; its part of what makes you, you. A community like this is full of diverse people, yet what draws us together is stronger than our differences. People in this type of community are devoted to one another whether they are perfect strangers or long time friends. And, people in this community are worth sacrificing for.

I want to suggest to you today that if you have not experienced living in a community like this, you have not truly lived. If you have not experienced a community that is worth sacrificing for then you have not found true meaning. There is an idea found in the bible, and perhaps the holy texts of other traditions that I am less familiar with that goes like this: in order to find one's life, one must lose it for the sake of sacrifice out of love for others.

Community is where the **WE** is more important than the **I**. The **US** is more important than the **ME**. My selfishness is kept in check by the fact that I am devoted to all these other people too, because there is something mysterious that holds us together. When you add into this the following ingredients: a long tradition of hard work and success, a fantastic life of culture and the arts at a world class university, and natural beauty as rich as any place I've seen in this commonwealth and you have Selinsgrove, PA. Yes, this is a community worth sacrificing for. You will find none better.

This is the reason for the existence of Dauntless Hook and Ladder Company. In 1872 members of this community who felt that the community was worth sacrificing for founded this department. In 139 years much has changed but our mission has not. We continue to feel that volunteerism is one of the trademarks of a great community; it is one of the indicators that what we have is special, worth preserving, and worth sacrificing for.

Just ten years ago we watched with horror, as did many of you when the towers fell. In that moment we watched 343 of our brothers and sisters die. They died saving as many of 25,000 people; people they thought were worth sacrificing for. As we stand here ten years since the events of 2001 we hold up their sacrifice as our ideal, heroic image of what makes a firefighter. I speak here on behalf of DH&L, Hummels Wharf, and the other great fire companies in our community. We may never be called upon to run into towers of 25,000, but we may be called upon to run into your house or your business for 1, or 2, or 4. May we have the honor of being the ones you call in your moment of distress. May we be for this awesome town the ones who bear the honorable title - firefighters.

As tragic as the events of ten years ago were as they unfolded in front of us, we realize that in proportion, it was nothing compared to the number of sacrifices in our armed forces during the last three centuries. Since the days of Anthony Selin, who himself served in the Revolutionary War, our citizens have served alongside the most courageous in our nation in the Civil War, the two World Wars, and every major conflict of the twentieth and twenty-first century, and still today. We honor the service and sacrifice of the women and men who have demonstrated for us what true sacrifice means. May we, citizens of Selinsgrove, PA, be worthy of their sacrifice. Offered in Patriotism and Respect.

Local Flood Hazard

Properties within Selinsgrove’s Floodplains are subject to three types of flooding: Overbank Flooding: The major flood problem facing Selinsgrove due to flooding of the Susquehanna River. The flooding is usually caused by storms covering a large portion of the Susquehanna River Valley upstream of Selinsgrove. Rapid snow melt and ice jams can add to the problem. Advance flood warnings are generally available for large stream flooding. Penns Creek is also subject to flooding from the same causes, but with shorter advance notice.

Local Drainage Problems: Segments of Broad Street, Liberty Alley, and North High Street at Snyder are several of the areas in which stormwater collects and cannot drain quickly, causing them to be inundated during downpours.

Sewer Back-Ups: When the lower portions of the Borough drainage system become inundated, sewers back-up and flow to the lowest openings, which are basements for sanitary sewers, and streets for storm sewers.

The Flood Warning System

Selinsgrove’s flood warning system has many components. The Snyder County Emergency Management Agency and Communication 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 Emergency Broadcast System (EBS). In some areas, firemen, Borough employees, and/or police go door-to-door to alert residents. Unnecessary risks to rescue personnel can be avoided if residents promptly evacuate when notified by officials.

Flood Insurance

Standard homeowner’s 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 continue discounts to flood insurance policies through the Community Rating System (CRS) Program.

Property Protection Measures

Every year flooding causes more property damage than any other type of natural disaster. In order to reduce flood losses, businesses and residents can take the following precautions:

- Organize inventory for speedy removal to higher locations within a facility or off-site
- Install closures to prevent water backups through drains
- Elevate buildings above flood levels
- Relocate furnaces and electrical panels to higher floors

For help making the decision on what you, as a property owner, should do to prepare for flooding check out the information or FEMA publications located in the Borough Office. FEMA publications are also available at the Selinsgrove Public Library.

Floodplain Development Requirements-Development in the floodplain must comply with the Borough Floodplain Ordinances. If any work is to be performed in any flood hazard area, contact the Borough Code Office. To find more information on flood precautions or floodplain development requirements, contact the Borough Office, or visit the Borough’s website at www.selinsgrove.org.

Flood Awareness

Selinsgrove Borough survived another flood. On September 8, 2011 we experienced the flood we had all been dreading. We are fortunate that we had no loss of life, we did however, have substantial property damage. Several families from the Isle of Que remain in temporary housing provided by FEMA. All the FEMA housing was placed outside the Borough in locations with utility hook-ups. We have seen first hand what flooding can do. Please use every precaution in the future. When advised by emergency officials or Borough employees of imminent flooding, please be safe and evacuate to higher ground. If your home is located in the flood plain, be sure to open your basement windows and doors, and turn off all power sources before leaving your home. Leaving your windows closed can cause your foundation walls to collapse.

Selinsgrove Borough residents receive an automatic 15% discount on Federal Flood Insurance Policies through the Borough’s continued participation in the Community Rating System (CRS). The Borough is currently classified as a Rate 7 with CRS. This is the highest rating in Snyder County. The Borough has this rating because of its enforcement of FEMA regulations and its record keeping practices.

DEFINITION OF TERMS:

FLOOD WATCH-Flooding is possible within the watch area

FLOOD WARNING-Flooding is imminent or has already occurred in the warning area

FLOOD SAFETY TIPS:

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 knee.





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IMPORTANT

Borough Council Members:

- Brian J. Farrell - President
- Peter C. Carroll - Vice President
- Shane Hendricks - President Pro Tem
- Dorothy M. Anderson
- Erik Viker
- Tim R. Charles, Sr.
- Richard P. Mease
- Maggie Lemons - Junior Councilperson

Other Borough Officials:

- Sean Christine - Mayor
- Sharon Badman - Interim Borough
 Manager & Borough Treasurer
- Thomas L. Garlock - Chief of Police
- Robert M. Cravitz - Borough Solicitor
- John A. Coukart - Borough Engineer
- Corby L. Bowersox - Public Works
 Director
- Mary Bannon - Main Street Manager

A LOOK AT OUR BOROUGH

**PA ONE CALL
 SYSTEM**

Excavation projects should always begin with notification to the state's one call system.

Know what's below. Dial 8-1-1 or 800-242-1776 before you dig.

3 Business Days Notice Required. It is your responsibility under the law to provide exact and specific work site information. Check out their website at www.paonecall.org/pipelinesafety.

Borough Office Has Moved

Due to the renovation project at the Selinsgrove Borough Building and Library, the Selinsgrove Borough Office is currently located on the third floor of The First National Bank Building, 2 South Market Street. To visit our offices, use the west entrance, off of Union Alley, and take the elevator to the third floor. Please follow directional signs to the office.

Construction is well under way and should be completed this summer. The mailing address and telephone number for the Borough remain the same.

All monthly Borough Council meetings and other committee meetings are being held at the Pump House, 116 East Snyder Street, next to the Gazebo.



KAY SPIGELMYER HONORED

It has been the tradition of the White Christmas festivities to dedicate the annual event to a deserving volunteer.

Kay Spigelmyer has been a volunteer in Selinsgrove for nearly 40 years. Beginning as a clarinetist with the Selinsgrove Area Adult Band, helping the Selinsgrove Area High School Band Boosters chaperone for football games, band trips and fundraisers like the World's Largest Banana Split, the Planning Committee for Selinsgrove's Susquicentennial in 2002 and more.

For 20 years, Kay has been a member of the Selinsgrove Chamber of Commerce and is now a member of its Board of Directors. For the past three years she has been the Chamber President. She also coordinates the Music at the Gazebo each summer and serves on committees for Antiques on the Isle, the Memories calendar, Late Shopper's Night and for ten years has coordinated the White Christmas Community Tree-Lighting Ceremony.

While introducing the honoree for the 2011 festivities, Community Event Coordinator, Elaine Herrold said, "Kay is always there, always reliable and always working hard towards success in everything she does. I cannot think of anyone more deserving to be selected as our dedication honoree for the 2011 White Christmas festivities than Kay Spigelmyer."