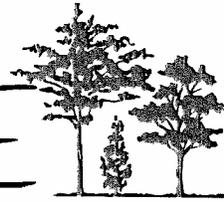


BOROUGH OF

# SELINGSGROVE



ONE NORTH HIGH STREET · SELINGSGROVE, PENNSYLVANIA 17870

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### After hours contact telephone numbers:

If you have a water, sewer or street emergency requiring assistance by the Borough employees in the evenings, weekends or holidays, please contact the Snyder County non-emergency telephone number at **372-0826**. Snyder County Emergency Services will contact the employee on duty.

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

Selinsgrove  
Borough Office  
374-2311

Selinsgrove

## 2006 Budget Preparation

Selinsgrove Borough Council will begin budget preparation for 2006. Each department, committee, commission or organization has been asked to submit budget proposals for review by Borough Council.

Selinsgrove Borough Council will meet on November 21, 2005 to review all proposals. The budget process involves reviewing all revenues and expenditures. Tentative adoption for the 2006 Budget will be on December 5th with final adoption sometime during the last week of December. The budget is available for inspection at the Selinsgrove Borough Office after tentative adoption in December. Borough Councilmembers work hard to limit spending so as not to cause real estate tax increases.

## BOROUGH LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULED

Leaf pickup will begin October 31 and continue through November 23 or until the first snowfall. Borough employees will follow the street cleaning schedule in picking up leaves. You may bag your leaves and place them at the curblineline for disposal. Borough employees will dump the leaves and leave the bags. Leaf pickup is done by a giant vacuum.

Leaves cannot be picked up if they are saturated with water or frozen solid. At this point, the Borough discontinues leaf pickup. Please do not rake leaves into the street as this causes storm sewer backups during rain storms, or

## FALL & WINTER EVENTS

*Tuesday, October 18  
Halloween Parade  
7:00 p.m.*

*(Raindate October 19)*

*Monday, October 31  
Halloween  
Trick or Treat  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.*

*Tuesday, November 8  
Election Day*

*Friday & Saturday, November 11 & 12  
Holiday Open House  
Green Pickle Festival  
Downtown Selinsgrove*

*Monday, November 21  
Downtown Decorating  
Downtown Selinsgrove*

*Tuesday, November 22  
Community Tree Lighting  
7:00 p.m.  
Borough Building*

*Tuesday, December 6  
Late Shoppers' Night  
8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight  
Downtown Selinsgrove*

*December 3 through December 16  
Tree Fest of Children's Books  
All Saints Episcopal Church  
129 North Market Street*

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

## SELINGSGROVE BOROUGH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

SEDA-Council of Governments in conjunction with Selingsgrove Borough's Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee has prepared a Hazard Mitigation Plan as sponsored by the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority. The plan will guide the Borough's flood protection activities and will ensure that the community implements activities that are most effective for its situation.

### LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD

Selingsgrove has experienced numerous serious floods, including the most memorable Hurricane Agnes in June 1972, the January 1996 flood caused by rain, rapid snow melt and ice jams, and the September 2004 flood caused by Hurricane Ivan. Severe small stream flooding was experienced in September 1999 due to heavy rain. Flooding particularly affects structures located in the 100 and 500 year floodplains. The Borough can help determine if your property is in a flood hazard area.

### THE FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

Selingsgrove's flood warning system has several 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 flood watches and/or warnings through local radio stations and the Emergency Broadcast System. Flood warnings are delivered door to door in flood areas by Emergency personnel when evacuation is recommended.

### FLOOD INSURANCE

Standard homeowners' or renters' insurance policies do **not** cover losses due to flooding. Selingsgrove has participated in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) since 1973, so any property owner in Selingsgrove 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. Selingsgrove Borough has been working on an application to the Community Rating System (CRS) which will provide discounts to its flood insurance policy holders.

### 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, water heaters, and electrical panels can be relocated to higher floors. The Borough has information to help property owners decide what to do.

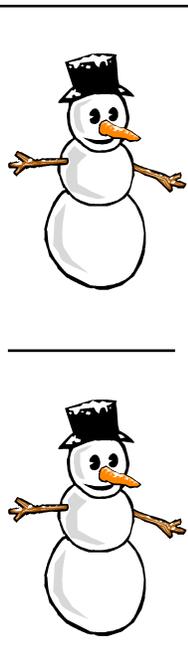
### FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS

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

### *What do I do when I find a lost pet?*

Numerous residents have asked this question many times. Residents have numerous options available to them to assist in locating a pet owner:

1. Contact the local veterinarian. You may be able to describe the animal and the vet may have some record or information on the animal.
2. Contact the Snyder County Dog Warden at 539-8850.
3. Contact Mostly Muts. Call Robin Montgomery at 374-0330 or Cheryl Hill (shelter) at 988-6483. This is a no-kill dog shelter in Sunbury.
4. Contact the Danville SPCA at 570-275-0340. This is a nonprofit service organization who cares about helping animals. Included in their services is the sheltering of thousands of unwanted and stray animals 24-hours a day, every day.
5. Contact your local police department. They will keep the description on file in case the pet owner calls looking for their lost pet.



**Election Day  
Tuesday,  
November 8**

### **Officer Wayne Brosius Retires**

After many years of service to Selingsgrove Borough, Police Officer Wayne Brosius retired on August 3, 2005. Wayne lives in RD Selingsgrove with his wife, Patricia. They have two sons: Correy and Adam. No doubt, Wayne will be spending a lot of time in Canada fishing. Happy Retirement!

*Newsletter Committee:  
Marlin Inch  
William D. Hetherington, Jr.  
Wilhelm Reuning*



## RECYCLING DROP- OFF GUIDE

For Selinsgrove borough residents & businesses only

Days and hours of operation

Every Thursday 8:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

The third Saturday of each month 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.



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Items **ACCEPTED** include



**Newspapers** Remove all glossy inserts and put with magazines & catalogs

**Magazines & Catalogs**

**Tin Cans** Rinse

**Aluminum Cans** Rinse

**Clear, Brown , Green Glass** Rinse and remove caps and lids

**#1 Plastic** (Bottle shaped only Mouth smaller than the body) Rinse and remove caps

**#2 Plastic** (Bottle shaped only Mouth smaller than the body) Rinse and remove caps

**Corrugated Cardboard Only** Break down

**High Grade Office Paper** May be shredded

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Items **NOT ACCEPTED** include



**Aluminum** No foil or Scrap metal

**Clear, Brown, Green Glass** No window glass, Candle glass, or glass dishes

**#1 Plastic** No plastic jars, buckets, food trays, motor oil, antifreeze containers

**#2 Plastic** No plastic jars, buckets, food trays, motor oil, antifreeze containers

**Corrugated Cardboard** No paper board or wax paper (i.e. cereal box, shoe box)

**Office Paper** No plastic window envelopes, oak tag paper, hard cover books

**Magazines & Catalogs** No phone books, hard cover books, or metal binders

**No Drop-off Prior to or after scheduled times**

**Violators will be prosecuted**

Selinsgrove Area School District opened its doors in August with traffic problems due to the closing of Mill Road in Monroe Township. We appreciate everyone's cooperation during this construction time. Mill Road has now reopened. All residents need to be watchful while dropping off and picking up students in and around the school buildings. Please watch for children who may run behind your vehicle. *We all want to have a safe school year.*

### PARKING PROHIBITED CERTAIN TIMES OF YEAR

Parking is prohibited on the south side of East Snyder Street from North Market Street to North Water Street and on the south side of West Snyder Street from Orange Street to Broad Street between November 1st and April 1st of each year. To enforce this Ordinance, "No Parking" signs are installed November 1st and removed April 1st of each year. This Selinsgrove Borough Ordinance was adopted on April 3, 1995.



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

**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.

### 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.



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

**IMPORTANT**

FIRST CLASS MAIL  
 U. S. POSTAGE  
 PAID

***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

**A LOOK AT OUR BOROUGH**

Anyone interested in the planning and operation of the ice skating rink during the winter months should contact Richard Norman, Chairman of Parks & Recreation. Volunteers are needed in order to open and operate

**Snow and Ice**

Many residents look forward to the first snowfall and the beauty it brings to our neighborhood. With this beauty also comes shoveling of snow and removal of snow and ice from sidewalks.

Neighbors should look out for each other and assist the elderly. Many elderly residents have no assistance with shoveling sidewalks.

Sidewalks must be clear within 24 hours of the completion of the snowfall. We receive numerous complaints with regards to this during the winter months.

During plowing, vehicles must be able to back up. Maintain a distance of 200 feet behind a truck plowing snow or spreading salt.

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.

***Welcome back SU students!***  
***We trust that your time spent in Selinsgrove will be a pleasant experience to remember.***

**FLOOD SAFETY**

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

- Know the flood warning system.
- Plan escape route to high, safe locations.
- Stay tuned to radio or TV for possible flood warnings.
- Evacuate flood hazard areas in time of impending flood, or when advised by emergency officials.
- Do not attempt to cross a flooding stream on foot or by vehicle.