

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Susquehanna students have returned to Selinsgrove. We wish you good fortune and happy times while you reside in our community. For new students or students residing off campus, we recommend that you check with the Borough Office or Police Department with any questions or concerns. As when you are at home, we believe if you behave in a kind and thoughtful manner with your new neighbors, on or off campus, you will find their response to be similarly considerate.

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Homecoming is on Saturday, October 7th. Also S.U. family weekend will be on Saturday

SNOW AND YOU

With winter just around the corner, residents are reminded of guidelines for the shoveling or plowing of snow onto roadways. Snow should not be shoveled onto any roadway. Not only does it increase the potential for accidents, but should an accident occur as a result of this action, the property owner could be held liable. State law has several provisions covering citizens' responsibility to avoid obstructing the highway. Penalties can be as high as several hundred dollars.

Also, motorists should maintain a distance of at least 200 feet behind a truck plowing snow or spreading salt or anti-skid materials. During snow removal, the maintenance vehicles may need to stop or back up. There must be enough distance between the equipment and the motorist to allow both of them to maneuver safely.

The Borough sets the following guidelines when plowing snow. The first thing we do is to open every street so emergency vehicles can get through. After this is completed, we return to "dress up" the street by widening the cart-way to allow parking if possible. This is where you, the

FALL & WINTER UPCOMING EVENTS

Market Street Festival
Saturday - September 23rd

Halloween Parade
Tuesday - October 17th

Downtown Christmas Decorating - All Day
Tuesday - November 21st

Christmas Tree Lighting
Tuesday - November 21st

Late Shoppers' Night
Tuesday - December 5th



resident, can help. Remove your vehicle from the street where possible. Do not throw snow back into the street. To save yourself time and energy, wait until we have "dressed up" the street before opening driveways. We would certainly appreciate your cooperation in the removal of snow around fire hydrants and crosswalks. Your cooperation is

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.

At the same time, the Borough Council wishes to note that many sidewalks still need to be improved and that the October 31, 2000 deadline is fast approaching. At that time, members of Council and Borough personnel will begin the inspection of sidewalks by sections of the Borough in order to determine to whom written notification needs to be sent. The criteria used will be the absence of sidewalks, crumbled and cracked sidewalks, and excessively raised sidewalks. The ordinance calls for four foot (4') sidewalks. We would also recommend a twelve inch (12") area between the sidewalks and the curb.

Please see page three of this newsletter for criteria. More detailed written criteria are also available at the Borough Office.

Grant funds are now available to those property owners who meet the eligibility rules. Please contact Janet Powers for

Budget Review Begins

In October, the budget process will begin for fiscal year 2001.

During this time, all councilmembers will review and appropriate funds available. Requests for funding are due in the Borough Office by October 13, 2000.

It is the responsibility of Borough Councilmembers to budget for the coming year and to establish budget priorities in line with available funds.

All Borough meetings are open to the public. Residents are invited to attend any meeting.

REMEMBER:

The placement of leaves, grass or snow in the streets is considered littering. Those who violate this rule repeatedly will be cited with the necessary consequences.

RECYCLING

The Borough of Selinsgrove offers a monthly recycling pick-up throughout the Borough. You must place your containers along the curblin on the day specified in the recycling brochure. Containers must be placed curbside prior to 8:00 a.m. on the day of your pick-up. Items placed at the curb later in the day will not be picked up. When the Borough initially began the curbside recycling pick-up each property received three (3) buckets to be used for this purpose. If you do not have enough recycling containers you can purchase them by calling the Borough Office at 374-2311. The cost is \$1.50 per bucket.

You may call the Borough Office regarding any questions or concerns about the recycling program. Anyone who has lost the brochure on Recycling and Street Sweeping may call the Borough

Answers to Trivia Puzzle March 2000 - Issue 5

Across

1. Biffburger
6. Custard Cup
7. Nuway
9. Gary Klingler
11. Eberts

Down

2. Garry Beaver
3. Tom Garlock
4. Butch Inch
5. Montgomery
8. Agnes
10. Lampost

Permits are required for portable sheds and carports.

ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

The Borough of Selinsgrove has a Zoning Ordinance, a Land Development Ordinance, and Flood Plain regulations established. The Zoning Officer has a thirty (30) day review period to approve or deny a simple building permit, sign permit, occupancy permit, or change of use permit. If a variance, special exception or conditional use is needed, the time frame will be extended by at least one month in addition to the initial thirty (30) day review period. The State Municipalities Planning code now has a broad definition of Land Development which includes many projects which previously would have only required a simple building permit. The Land Development procedure is exacting, requires extensive plans, and takes a minimum of a two (2) month review period before final approval.

Please check with the Borough Office to be sure that your plans are properly classified before seeking a permit.

Contact the Borough Office at 374-2311 with any questions.

Gone....but not forgotten



J. Michael Rising

On Tuesday, August 29, 2000, Councilmember J. Michael Rising passed away. A memorial service was held at V. L. Seebold Funeral Home on Saturday, September 2, 2000. Mike was an active member of the community for many years. Throughout the years he served on various boards. His current goals were the purchase of the property for the fire company, the expansion for the Selinsgrove Library and the restoration of the fountain. Mike served his community well and will be sadly missed by all.

He is survived by his wife, Marion, two sons, one daughter and his



Wayne A. Graybill

On Wednesday June 21, 2000, retired police officer Wayne A. Graybill passed away. A memorial service was held at V. L. Seebold Funeral Home on Monday, June 26, 2000. Wayne was 69 years old. He had been a police officer with the Borough of Selinsgrove from 1968 to his retirement in 1994. He is remembered for his sense of humor and service to the community. A number of people may remember Wayne riding his bicycle-built-for-two while on duty (not too many years ago). He was an excellent officer and dedicated to serving others.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Donna, and two daughters.

The Borough newsletter is published semi-annually to inform residents about activities within the Borough. If you would like to see a specific concern or a question addressed, please drop a note or call the Selinsgrove Borough Office at 1 North High Street, Selinsgrove, telephone 374-2311. The newsletter also shows some of the considerations



Selinsgrove Borough Council is always looking for residents interested in serving on various committees and commissions. If you are interested in serving your Borough, please contact a council member or the Borough Office.

2-Hour Parking

There has been some concern regarding the enforcement of 2-hour parking in the downtown area. This time limit is enforced to allow parking for businesses. If you are going to be at one place for more than the 2-hour limit, ask the business owner where their off-street parking is located or use a public parking lot. This eliminates excessive tying up of parking spaces or the receipt of an overtime parking

General Election Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2000



DH&L FIRE COMPANY & AMBULANCE

The Borough is continuing its efforts to acquire a building site for DH&L Ambulance and DH&L Fire Company at the former AMP facility. The AMP facility was recently acquired by Snyder County. Borough officials will continue to negotiate with the County

DRIVE CAREFULLY SCHOOL STARTS



Curbing & Sidewalk Replacement Criteria

Selinsgrove Borough Council uses the following criteria when deciding whether curbing or sidewalks need to be replaced or reset. Replacement is called for if:

CURBS are:

1. 20 percent (length wise) is deteriorated, badly spalled or crumbly.
2. Pushed out of vertical alignment one-half inch or more.
3. Out of horizontal alignment by one-half inch or more.

SIDEWALKS have:

1. More than two transverse cracks.
2. Twenty percent (20%) or more surface chipping or other deterioration.
3. Two cracks intersecting each other.
4. Raised so that a vertical displacement of one-half inch or more exists or have been raised more than two inches by tree



LEAF PICK-UP

The Borough of Selinsgrove anticipates beginning leaf pick-up around October 16, 2000. Leaves should be placed at the curblin. Leaves may be placed in containers or plastic bags, these will be emptied and left at the curbside. **Do not place leaves in the street;** this can cause backup of storm sewer drains. Leaf pick-up ceases at the end of November or when the first snow flies. The Borough will follow the street cleaning schedule to pick up the leaves. On that day please move your vehicles off the street. The Borough cannot get to the leaves if the cars are parked on the street.

WATER STREET UPDATE

At the beginning of the summer, construction began on Water Street.

First, the trees between the sidewalks and the curbing needed to be taken out. Residents are reminded that if you would like to have a tree replaced you will need to contact the Borough Office. Remember, Tree City USA suggests at least four feet (4') between the sidewalk and the curb for tree placement. If you do not have the 4', you may be

interested in placing the tree behind the sidewalk.

Next, the contractor began installing the new water main. After several water shut downs, the main was installed between Pine Street and Spruce Street. We still need to install the water line from Spruce Street to Mill Street. This requires a permit from the railroad to dig the water line under the railroad tracks. This will loop the water system for this area.

Next, we began the

installation of the sewer main. Additionally, residents have been replacing their own laterals for water and sewer, from the mains in the streets back to their homes.

Sidewalks and curbing will also be replaced in the near future. If time allows, this may be done in 2000.

Council wishes to thank all residents for their understanding and cooperation during the construction. In 2001, the



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A LOOK AT OUR BOROUGH

A CONCERN FROM A RESIDENT

The following letter was received from a borough resident:

Your pets and what they mean to you and your neighbors.

Think of your neighbors when confining your pets to an enclosed area such as a fenced yard or pen. Keep the areas free of dog or cat feces. Your neighbors may like to enjoy sitting out in their yard or enclosed porch but cannot do so because of the smell. As a pet owner, how do you feel your pet enjoys living in an area that may be cleaned once or twice a year.

The definition of a pet is "an animal kept for amusement or companionship". What does your pet mean to you!

LIBRARY NEWS

The Selinsgrove Community Library, located in the Selinsgrove Community Center at 1 North High Street, has resumed Sunday hours for the fall through spring. The library is open to serve the community Monday - Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday - Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Preschool Story time programs are offered on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning September 13. All children preschool through kindergarten age are invited to participate in programs of stories, crafts, games and other activities.

The Imagination Hour, a similar program, for children in kindergarten through grade 5 will be offered after school in the fall.

A variety of programs for adults

are on the calendar. "So Far From Home: Pennsylvania Soldiers in the Civil War" is a slide-illustrated program sponsored by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, supported in part by a grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. It will be on Sunday, September 17, at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Coming in November is another program from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council titled "Dressing the Part: Appearance and Behavior in Women's History". This program will be Sunday, November 12, at 2:00 p.m.

Introduction to the Internet, a basic introduction to searching for information online, is offered by appointment. No prior computer experience is necessary. Adult book discussion groups will begin in the fall.

All programs offered by the library are free of charge and open to the public.