

Selinsgrove Market Street Festival

Selinsgrove's annual festival will be held on Saturday, September 22. Anyone interested in having a booth should contact Sean Christine at 374-4834. There are many stands with antiques, crafts and food. Many residents return to Selinsgrove just to see friends and family. We look forward to seeing you there.

Anthony Selin Park Renovations

The Borough is in the process of having the facility enlarged at Anthony Selin Park. Also to be constructed is a play area designed for children age 2-5. Watch for

WHAT IS GIS?

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is a computer-based system that allows for the creation, display, editing and maintenance of maps and information. Truly unique from other "mapping" systems, GIS handles graphics and database information as an integrated system. This system is made up of many layers of information, including for example, maps, information on streets, tax parcels, water and sewer lines, storm sewer lines, hydrants, water valves, wells and zoning.

What makes GIS such a powerful tool is that every feature (such as a water line) can have specific data (such as its age, material, size, flow, pressure and condition) attached to it, available for easy access and viewing. This data is easily accessed by "clicking on" or selecting the feature on the computer screen.

GIS also offers powerful analysis capabilities. For example, with a water distribution GIS, you could tell in seconds how many feet of water line you have, broken down by material, pipe size and age.

The Borough has been developing its GIS mapping and data collection with the assistance of SEDA-COG.

FALL & WINTER EVENTS

Market Street Festival
Saturday, September 22

Halloween Parade
Tuesday, October 16

*Holiday Open House &
Green Pickle Festival*
November 9 & 10

*Downtown Decorating
Day & Tree Lighting*
Tuesday, November 20

Late Shoppers' Night
Tuesday, December 4

www.selinsgrove.org

Selinsgrove Borough has a web page for your convenience. Listed are: council members and committee members, meeting dates and times, schedules for street cleaning and recycling. Also included are applications for building permits, sign permits, zoning variances, occupancy permits, etc. We have information on the upcoming Selin's Grove Sesquicentennial. Links are also available for various organizations and businesses in

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.

Inspection of sidewalks has been made and written notices have been sent to property owners who have no sidewalks. At this point, any sidewalks not installed by the end of 2001 will be done by the Borough unless Council has granted an exception. Otherwise, the Borough will have the sidewalks installed. If the Borough is required to have the work done, a municipal lien will be placed against the property until the cost to the Borough is repaid. The ordinance calls for four foot (4') sidewalks. We would also recommend a minimum of a twelve inch (12") area between the sidewalks and the curb. It will protect the curbing and save money in the long run.

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



VOTE
General Election
Tuesday, November 6

2002 Budget Process

The Selinsgrove Borough Council will begin budget preparation in the next few weeks. This process begins with requests from various departments and non-profit organizations. At that point, the Council will decide how to best spend the funds available. Council will decide what equipment to purchase or repair, which streets and alleys need to be paved, what improvements are to be made to Borough owned facilities, and many other requests that need to be funded. Each year council establishes a taxbase needed to maintain and improve the services and safety for the citizens of the Borough.

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

All of our employees know their battle stations. Winter stockpile assignments are activated. The routes are designated. The priorities are set. We are ready once again to battle the elements. Maintaining safe and passable streets is our top priority. Snow should not be shoveled onto the street. Not only does it increase the potential for accidents, but should an accident occur as a result of this, the property owner could be held liable. During plowing, vehicles must be able to back up. Maintain a distance of 200 feet behind a truck plowing snow or spreading salt. Have a safe winter season.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE
William Hetherington, Jr.
Wilhelm Reuning

School Crossing Guards

Take a moment and thank the crossing guards for the service they perform for Borough residents. These people stand out in all kinds of weather; rain, snow, sleet or hail making sure our children go to and from school safely. Their main concern is ensuring the safety of children crossing Broad Street in order to get to school. Thank them for the time and concern they have shown for the children who walk to school each day. It is important for the public to cooperate.

***Market Street
 Manor Open House
 Saturday, September 29
 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 For rental information
 call: 837-4288***

***So sad to see
 you go.....***

Two key Borough employees have moved on.

First, Charles Keyser has retired after 34 years of service to the Borough. Charlie worked mainly with the sewer system. He also was in charge of providing maintenance in the summertime for the Parks & Recreation.

Secondly, David Bordner has relocated to South Carolina. His wife's family has lived there for many years. Dave was a licensed water operator for the Borough.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Selinsgrove Community Library was a busy place this summer with 191 children from preschool age through teens participating in summer reading activities. A number of local businesses sponsored the Power Reader Contest and the Teen Reader Contest with 72 prizes awarded to lucky readers.

The library has resumed the fall schedule providing Sunday hours of service from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Other hours remain the same: Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. and Friday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Activities for children and adults will soon be underway. A weekly Preschool Story Time begins Wednesday, September 19 at 10:00 a.m. for children preschool age through kindergarten. Imagination Hour, an after-school story program for school-age children, will also begin this fall, though the date has not yet been set.

Adults wishing to participate in a book discussion group will have the opportunity to enroll in either a morning or evening group. These groups will meet the second Tuesday of the month beginning in October. The theme this year is "The Writers' Art" and features selections from a variety of genres, cultures and time periods. Group size is limited and registration is required. Another ongoing program available to adults is the Introduction to the Internet, a one-on-one training on Internet basics for the beginner. This training is available by appointment. For more information or to register for any of these activities, please call the library at 374-7163.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Selinsgrove Borough Council would like to have your thoughts and input. You may know of something that needs attention or you may have a concern that you would like addressed. Such items for discussion would include police protection, contributions to the Fire Company, street maintenance and repairs, sidewalk maintenance and repair, alley maintenance and repair, street lighting, snow and ice removal, street signs and traffic lights, storm sewers and drains, contributions to the pool, airport, library, Parks & Recreation, and Chamber of Commerce. All of these items are important in one way or another. How much money to spend on each item will be the decision made by Council during budget preparation. Borough Council would appreciate your thoughts during the budget process. Please forward your comments to 1 North High Street, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.

LEAF PICKUP TO BEGIN

As usual, the Selinsgrove Borough crew will begin leaf pickup on October 28. Leaf pickup continues through Thanksgiving or the first snowfall. We remind residents not to throw or rake their leaves out in the street. This will cause blocking of storm sewers when it rains or the leaves become icy. Also, please move your cars away from piles of leaves. It is difficult to try to work around vehicles during this time. The Borough follows the street cleaning schedule when picking up leaves. If you are unsure of the day, please contact the Borough Office at 374-2311.

SELINGROVE HISTORICAL STRUCTURES

For about a year, a committee of volunteers has been studying historic houses of Selinsgrove. It is proposed that we plan a walking tour of Selinsgrove and the Isle of Que for the Sesquicentennial using this information. Anyone who has materials relating to historical structures is encouraged to contact Dr. Wilhelm

Selin's Grove Sesquicentennial *150 Years as the Borough of Selinsgrove*

In anticipation of the celebration of the first 150 years as a Borough, the Selin's Grove Sesquicentennial Committee was formed on May 1, 2001. Planning meetings are proposed to be conducted throughout 2001 with the goal of establishing permanent Committee Officers, defining the overall scope of the celebration, defining required sub-committees, appointing sub-committee chairpersons, establishing a tentative calendar of events, establishing a logo/trademark for the event, identifying promotional materials/publications to be obtained for sale and establishing a mechanism for collecting and disseminating information concerning these planning efforts. In the first meetings, those present participated in discussions concerning several preliminary matters such as the development of a logo/trademark, the identification of promotional materials to be obtained for sale and the presentation of the local historical pageant entitled "Out of this Wilderness". The committee also discussed a tentative schedule of activities and events, possibly starting with the SHS Homecoming and/or the Halloween Parade in September/October of 2002. The Selin's Grove Sesquicentennial Theme is also proposed to be made a part of the traditional annual Selinsgrove events such as Downtown Decorating, the Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Late Shoppers Night, the Spring Dinner Dance (formerly the white Christmas Ball), Old Tymers' Days and Antiques on the Isle. The focal point of the celebration would be a nine day period starting on Saturday, September 20, 2003, including the official anniversary date of September 23, 2003 and the Market Street Fall Festival on Saturday, September 27, and ending on Sunday, September 28, 2003.

The committee discovered that "Out of this Wilderness" portrays in song and story the graphic history of Selinsgrove from 1740 to 1865. The committee discussed the possibility of writing a 3rd act and an accompanying song to portray the next period of our history. In 1955, the "Selinsgrove Centennial Players" apparently performed another local historical pageant entitled "The Penns Creek Massacre". This new production was set in the time period from 1748 to the date of the massacre in 1755. The Selin's Grove Sesquicentennial Committee is seeking a copy of the music and score for the songs "Out of this Wilderness" and "Beards and Bonnets", written for the historical pageant "Out of this Wilderness", the play script for the historical pageant "The Penns Creek Massacre", and the music and score for the songs "Centennial Song", "Ve Get Too Soon Old und Too Late Schmart", and "Stay Forever Free", written for the historical pageant "The Penns Creek Massacre".

The committee is also requesting suggestions for the design of the official "Selin's Grove Sesquicentennial" logo/trademark and for promotional items to be produced for sale. A logo/trademark would typically contain both an illustration and a few words and/or a phrase to serve as a representation of the event. Although the logo may be printed in full-color, the design or a modified version of the design should also be legible in black line work or as a raised or stamped image on a metal surface. The committee will look into the process for copy writing and trademarking. It was also discussed that the logo contain at least the words "Selin's Grove Sesquicentennial" and the date of September 23, 2003. The committee would appreciate suggestions on both the promotional items and the designs to be placed on the items or the content to be placed within any publications. The deadline for submission of ideas for the logo and/or the promotional items is December 31, 2001.

As a related matter, the committee is investigating the possibility of the preparation of a "Digital History of Selin's Grove". Such a project could include an effort to digitize existing and future printed historical materials, to digitally photograph and document person, places and things of historical significance, to digitally record audio of historical significance and to convert to digital format historically significant film and video.

The committee, through the cooperation of the Borough of Selinsgrove and the assistance of William Flather, SEDA-COG, has established a preliminary "Selin's Grove Sesquicentennial Web Page", currently accessible through the Selinsgrove Borough Web Page at www.selinsgrove.org. This web page is intended to provide continuous information on the activities of the Selin's Grove Sesquicentennial Committee.



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IMPORTANT

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A LOOK AT OUR BOROUGH

This is a print from the GIS aerial view. The view shown is a picture of the Selinsgrove Borough Office located at Pine & High Streets. We can attach information regarding the property and the surrounding alleys and streets. We identify the property owners, any permits, lot size, parcel number, etc. We are populating the maps with this information for each parcel. We also are adding information on the water lines, sewer lines, storm sewer, streets, alleys, wells, hydrants, etc. With one click you would know all the pertinent information about your property.

Aerial View of Selinsgrove Borough Office, Pine & High Streets