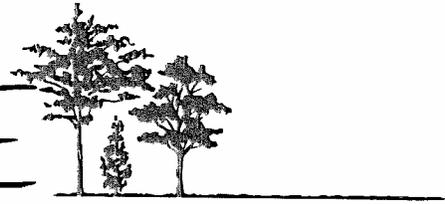


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# SELINGSGROVE



ONE NORTH HIGH STREET · SELINGSGROVE, PENNSYLVANIA 17870

September 2004

A LOOK AT OUR BOROUGH

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## DEP Recycling Award Notification Awarded

Selinsgrove Borough has been awarded a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection to upgrade and improve their recycling program. The Borough is in the process of planning and bidding this project. They will be purchasing numerous roll-off containers, a fence enclosure, a new compartmentalized trailer and signs. Council will attempt to implement a new recycling program in the spring of 2005 with more recycling opportunities available to residents.

Opportunities are available for residents

## 2004 Construction Projects

The Borough is proceeding with curbing and sidewalk replacement and paving on Pine Street, from Market Street to Front Street; curbing replacement and paving on Eighth Street, from Mill Street to Snyder Street; paving on Bough Street, from Market Street to High Street; paving on Sherman Street, from Orange Street to Ninth Street, and various handicap replacements ramps throughout the Borough.

This project is to begin soon but the paving will be continued into the spring of 2005.

The Borough asks all residents to be aware that this may be a temporary inconvenience. We thank you for your

Let it snow, let it snow,  
let it snow.....

This is the time of year everyone looks forward to the beauty of the first snowfall.

For the Borough, the winter stockpile assignments are activated. The routes are designated. The priorities are set. 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.

*Above all.....  
have a safe winter season.*

## FALL & WINTER EVENTS

*Saturday, September 25  
Market Street Festival*

*Tuesday, October 19  
Halloween Parade*

*Friday, November 5 and Saturday, November 6  
Holiday Open House  
Green Pickle Festival*

*Tuesday, November 24  
Community Tree Lighting*

*December 4 through 17  
Tree Fest of Children's Books  
All Saints Episcopal Church  
126 North Market Street*

*Tuesday, December 7  
Late Shoppers Nite*

## BOROUGH RECYCLING EFFORTS

Selinsgrove Borough Council continues to offer numerous recycling opportunities for Borough residents:

1. Residential Curbside Recycling Program.
2. Newspaper & Magazine drop off.
3. Recycling drop off for businesses and residents.
4. Borough compost yard for brush and leaves.
5. Leaf pickup during the fall of each year.
6. Christmas tree collection the first week of January.

Stop in the Borough Office and pick up a brochure that explains all of the recycling opportunities for Borough residents. Selinsgrove Borough is a mandated recycling community in Pennsylvania. The current program is partially funded by a DEP, Act 101, Section 904 recycling performance grant. Residents also help fund the program through a quarterly fee.

## “Welcome Back” SU Students

Selinsgrove Borough Council welcomes the SU students to our community. We are happy to have you as a “citizen” of our Borough for the duration of your time as a student.

As a citizen, there are many ways to become involved in your community. You may choose to attend one of our many churches; shop and eat in our unique businesses and restaurants; be a volunteer with the library, fire company, ambulance league or with a youth or service organization of your choice. The opportunities are endless and we hope you will take advantage of them.

We are sure that you will find the residents of Selinsgrove to be cooperative, friendly and helpful to you. We trust that your time spent here will be a pleasant experience to remember.

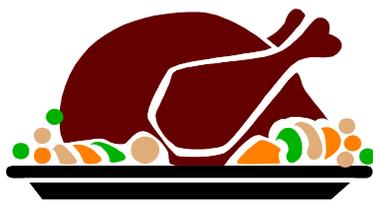
Please feel free to call or visit our Borough Office with any questions, comments or problems you may have.

## Keep path to water meter clear!

In order to access your water meter, the Borough requires a safe, clear path. The Borough asks customers to keep the area around the water meter clear by trimming shrubs near outside remotes, storing items away from inside meters and keeping pets restrained when our water meter reader visits. Most importantly, access to water meters allows the Borough to provide accurate billing and helps avoid the need to estimate your bill. Our water meter readers thank you for your cooperation.

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.

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING



## Call before you dig.... it’s the law!

Pennsylvania law requires residents and contractors to contact the PA One Call System at least three working days before conducting excavation work, including installing a deck, swimming pools, removing tree stumps, etc. A call to the PA One Call System is all it takes for all utilities to mark the location of their underground facilities. PA One Call may be contacted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, toll-free, at 1-800-

### POINTS ABOUT FLOODING IN SELINGSGROVE

**FLOOD HAZARDS IN SELINGSGROVE.** Areas of the Borough near the Susquehanna River, Penns Creek and small streams are subject to flooding. By using FEMA maps, Borough staff will help you determine if a property is in the floodplain.

**FLOOD SAFETY.** Floods are dangerous. For your safety, plan escape routes to higher ground and evacuate when advised by Borough officials. Do not cross flooded roads.

**FLOOD WARNINGS.** Warnings are issued on radio and TV. In some areas police go door to door. Plan what to do when a warning is issued and evacuate when asked to do so. Prompt evacuation protects your life and emergency personnel who may have to rescue people who do not heed warnings to evacuate.

**FLOOD INSURANCE.** Homeowners insurance does not cover flooding. You can buy National Flood Insurance in Selinsgrove. Ask your insurance agent. There is a 30-day waiting period before the policy goes into effect.

**PROPERTY PROTECTION.** Selinsgrove Borough provides information to help property owners decide what to do to protect property from flooding.

**NATURAL FUNCTIONS.** Floodplains and wetlands store floodwater and are home to wildlife and unique plant communities.

**PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.** Development in flood areas must comply with Borough ordinances. Call the Borough Office to see what permits are needed.

**SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS.** Improvements that exceeds 50% of the market value of a structure must meet new construction standards.

**DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE.** Drainage system must remain clear of grass clippings and litter. Borough ordinance prohibits dumping in streams or stream banks.



**Election Day  
Tuesday  
November 2**

### EMPLOYEES RETIRE

Selinsgrove Borough had two employees retire during 2004.

Raymond Leach, of Freeburg, retired after 30 years of service. Raymond assisted with mowing grass, maintaining the signs throughout the Borough and numerous other jobs.

Ann Wochley, of Ninth Street, retired after 16 years of service. Ann was a clerk in the Borough Office and attended council meetings.

Borough Council and employees want to

### UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE CHANGES & UPDATES

On July 15, 2004, the Governor signed into law SB 1139 which makes a number of changes to the Uniform Construction Code and takes effect immediately. Here is a summary of these changes:

\* Amends the definition of agricultural building to include a milk house and carriage house owned and used by members of a recognized religious sect. These and other agricultural buildings are excluded.

\* Allows exclusions for recreational cabins used for noncommercial purposes, and mandates that these structures be equipped with smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

\* Amends the definition of utility and miscellaneous use structures (garages, carports, greenhouses and sheds accessory to a detached single-family home) to allow these buildings to be excluded from UCC coverage, if they are less than 1,000 square feet. The previous exclusion was 500 square feet. However, now a municipality may enact an ordinance requiring permits for this work.

\* The most prominent change: Excludes all residential alterations if there are no structural or egress changes. However, now a municipality may enact an ordinance requiring permits for this work.

\* Battery operated smoke detectors only will be required when alterations, repairs or additions to residential dwellings are made.

For additional information or questions, you may contact the Borough Office (570-374-2311) or Central Keystone Council of Governments (1-877-457-9401) who



*Leaf pickup begins in late October. Leaves will be picked up curbside daily following the street cleaning schedule. Leaf pickup will continue until Thanksgiving or the first snowfall.*

### Borough Council Business

#### Ordinances adopted in 2004:

- #718 - Changing the names of certain streets within the Borough.
- #719 - Eighth Street assessment notices.
- #720 - Special purpose parking zone on North Market Street.
- #721 - Uniform Construction Code.
- #722 - Authorizing the joining of the Central Keystone COG.
- #723 - School crossing guards.
- #724 - Request for public records policy.
- #725 - Property Maintenance Code.
- #726 - Cable TV Franchise Fees.
- #727 - Street ordinance.
- #728 - Sewer rate increase.
- #729 - Zone change on Water Street.

#### Resolutions adopted in 2004:

- 2004-01 - Exoneration of Michael Bolig, Tax Collector, for the 2003 Real Estate and Per Capita Taxes.
- 2004-02 - Authorizing submission of an application to PA DCED for FY 2004.
- 2004-03 - Execute and adopt the Snyder County and Municipal Emergency Operations Plan.
- 2004-04 - Appoint Councilmember Carol Handlan to represent Selinsgrove Borough on Central Keystone COG.
- 2004-05 - Authorize and approve a service agreement with ESCRA.
- 2004-06 - Records request policy revised.
- 2004-07 - Board of appeals by Central Keystone COG.

Stop in the Borough Office during regular business hours to review any of the ordinances or resolutions adopted by Selinsgrove Borough Council.

### 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.

### Sewer Rate Increase

The Borough Finance Committee has been reviewing the operation revenues and operational expenditures for the past two years. Last year, the committee had recommended that Borough Council raise the rates approximately 25% and eliminate the graduated scale. This 25% increase assisted in balancing the revenues and expenditures.

The committee has once again reviewed the budget and have recommended another 56% increase. This increase will cover the additional costs imposed by the Eastern Snyder County Regional Authority's recent expansion and upgrade. These funds accumulate a reserve to be used for construction and maintenance of the sewer

### FLOOD PLAIN INFORMATION

The Borough's Flood Plain Ordinance requires that any modification, alteration, reconstruction or improvement of any kind to an existing building located in the Borough's 100-year flood plain must be approved in advance by the Borough's Zoning Office. This approval is obtained by completing a zoning permit application and by providing the Zoning Office with additional information concerning the elevations of the proposed improvements and the elevation of the 100-year floodplain, along with a certification that the proposed construction has been adequately designed and will be constructed to withstand the flood depths, pressures, velocities, impact and uplift forces and other hydrostatic

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**TO REDUCE FLOOD  
DAMAGES DURING A  
FLOOD EVENT:**

Turn off all electric circuits at the main power switch. Turn off or disconnect all electrical appliances. Shut off the main gas valve and water service.

Move valuables to upper floors.

Bring outdoor possessions inside or tie them down securely.

Do not pump out basement while floodwaters are still rising. Pressure from floodwaters may cause foundations to collapse.

(NOTE: Please print here the floodplain map that was used in Newsletter #7 which was printed in March 2001.)