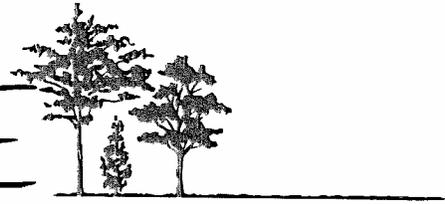


BOROUGH OF

SELINGSGROVE



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A LOOK AT OUR BOROUGH

Issue 17

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

Selinsgrove Borough Council would like to thank all the volunteers who have generously given of their time during the year for numerous projects throughout the Borough. Thank you for helping to make Selinsgrove Borough a better place to live, work and play.



In order to promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Selinsgrove Borough, Council has established a 25 MPH speed limit on all Borough-owned streets. Ordinance No. 746 was adopted in April 2006, adding the 25 MPH speed limit on Broad Street, Eighteenth Street, Front Street, Magnolia Avenue, Sandhill Road and Pine Street. With the adoption of this ordinance, all Borough-owned streets currently have a speed limit of 25 MPH. In addition, with the assistance of Penn DOT, the 25 MPH speed limit on Market Street in downtown Selinsgrove will soon be extended from Snyder Street to Spruce Street. Residents may have noticed the speed zone indicator sign that has been moved throughout the Borough to help drivers adjust to the 25 MPH speed limit. Thank Mayor Pete Carroll for this initiative.

ICE SKATING UPDATE

Selinsgrove Parks & Recreation Committee continue their efforts to revitalize the ice skating rink located on South Water Street. Efforts are underway to make improvements to the facility in time for the upcoming winter skating season. Volunteers are needed to complete these projects. Anyone interested in volunteering their time, please contact Richard Norman at 374-8212. Additionally, ice skates are always needed and appreciated. You can either drop them off at the Selinsgrove Borough Office or contact Richard Norman. Much work needs to be completed at this time to have a safe and enjoyable ice skating season for residents and their children.

FALL & WINTER EVENTS

Saturday, September 23
Selinsgrove Market Street Festival

Saturday, October 14
Kids' Grove Fall Festival

Tuesday, October 17
Halloween Parade
7:00 p.m.
(Rain Date October 18)

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

Tuesday, November 7
Election Day

Monday & Tuesday, November 20 & 21
Downtown Decorating
Downtown Selinsgrove

Tuesday, November 21
Community Tree Lighting
7:00 p.m.
Borough Building

Tuesday, December 5
Late Shoppers' Night
8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight
Downtown Selinsgrove

December 2 through December 15
Tree Fest of Children's Books
All Saints Episcopal Church
129 North Market Street

visit our web site @ www.selinsgrove.org

WATER, SEWER & RECYCLING BILL

Many customers have complained about the cost of their water, sewer and recycling bill. Each home has a water meter which measures the water consumption. Sewer billing is based upon this same reading. For instance, if you use 10,000 gallons of water you will also be billed for 10,000 gallons of sewage. Checking your water meter reading periodically will allow you to notice leaks in advance of receiving your bill. A leak the size of a pin hole can use up to 8,000 gallons of water and sewer per quarter (\$92.80 in charges). A leak this size cannot be seen or heard. To check your water meter, before leaving the house write down the numbers displayed on the meter and recheck the reading immediately upon your return. If there is a change in the reading then water is leaking somewhere, usually a toilet. Many residents check their meter readings weekly and keep a record. If you find that you may have a leak based upon your meter reading, the first check would be to check your toilets. Place dye (food coloring) in the tank at the back of the unit. If the dye comes to the front bowl, without flushing, the seal is leaking.

The average consumption for a water and sewer bill should be approximately 5,000 to 6,000 gallons of water per quarter per person. Some families water consumption will be higher or lower based upon their water usage. Water consumption is higher during the summer months and lower during the winter months. You bathe more, drink more and wash more during the summer.

All bills for service are due on the 20th day of February, May, August and November of each year. Failure to receive your bill does not waive the past due penalty of 25%.

Note from the Chief of Police:

Police officers serve their community by answering calls for service. In some instances, police officers encounter crimes or needs for service while on patrol. However, the majority of calls are received from the public either in person or through calls to the police department.

It is important to remember that the public must notify police of crimes or incidents requiring police presence.

In Selinsgrove Borough, dispatching of police officers is made through the County 911 System. For emergencies or reports of crimes, citizens may call 911 on their telephone systems and the call will be placed through to the Snyder County Emergency Services Center. Trained dispatchers will receive information and dispatch a police officer to handle the call.

In non-emergency, or routine business situations, citizens can call the police department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Our business telephone number is 374-8655. If the department offices are not staffed at the time of the call, the call is automatically forwarded to the 911 Center.

The policy of the Selinsgrove Police Department is not to release the names of callers for incidents.

It is impractical to assume that police officers will encounter all the needs of the community while on patrol. We depend upon citizens to call the police department to report incidents. The welfare of the community also depends upon the participation of the public in notifying authorities of crime and public disorder.

We urge the public to call authorities when crimes or disorder is present. With your cooperation, we can better address crimes and disturbances, and more professionally serve the citizens of Selinsgrove Borough.

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

The Selinsgrove Shade Tree Commission is composed of five Selinsgrove residents who are appointed by the Selinsgrove Borough Council for the task of maintaining and preserving the borough's tree population. What is a shade tree? A shade tree is any tree that is planted within the public right of way. Most often this is the area between the sidewalk and the curb. Other trees the Selinsgrove Shade Tree Commission is responsible for are those in our public parks. What is our responsibility to these trees? We are charged with making sure all the shade trees are maintained properly and are in good health. We make the final decision if a tree needs to be removed. We also set guidelines for the planting, pruning, removal and general care of the shade trees in Selinsgrove. What are your responsibilities for these trees? You must notify the Selinsgrove Shade Tree Commission before any work is done to the shade trees in front of your property. You must follow the guidelines adopted for the care of the borough shade trees.

The Shade Tree Commission recognizes the value of trees and believes that urban trees are one of our borough's greatest assets. This is why we are working on a proposal for planting trees downtown along Market Street. We plan to revitalize the Living Heritage Tree Museum at Anthony Selin Park by replacing trees that have been lost over the years and installing plaques at each tree. We also want to be considered an informational resource for the residents of Selinsgrove. We would like to work closely with you about questions you have concerning any tree. If we can't answer the question we will help get the answer for you. Look for future articles in this newsletter, as well as on our website, for information about the Shade Tree Ordinance and general information about trees in the urban setting.

Members of the Selinsgrove Shade Tree Commission include Karl Maul-Chairman, Don Rowe, Mark Vergauwen, Matt Cover and Dale Hassinger.

SIDEWALK REQUIREMENTS

Residents continue to contact the Borough Office regarding the installation and/or replacement of their sidewalks or with complaints concerning sidewalks they feel are hazardous. Council commends those who recognize their responsibility for property maintenance. At the same time, the Borough Council notes that many sidewalks still need to be repaired or replaced.

Based upon a recently adopted policy, sidewalks are considered to be unsafe if any of the following minimum standards are not maintained:

1. All portions of the sidewalk shall be stable and firm.
2. The exposed horizontal surface shall have a uniform, fine surface texture similar to that required of new construction and shall be slip-resistant.
3. The effective usable surface of the sidewalk shall be a minimum of 48 inches wide, with exceptions granted for non-removable obstructions to a minimum effective width of 36 inches.
4. The running slope of the sidewalk, at all locations, shall not be greater than 1 vertical to 12 horizontal (1:12) (1 inch of rise or fall in each running foot).
5. The cross slope of the sidewalk shall not be greater than 1/2 inch of rise or fall per foot of width.
6. Abrupt changes in level shall not exceed 1-1/2 inches. Abrupt changes in level of more than 3/4 inch shall have an edge treatment or bevel with a slope no greater than 1 vertical to 6 horizontal (1:6) (1/2 inch of rise or fall in 1 running foot) or have a horizontal separation or gap that will result in an effective slope of 1:6.
7. Horizontal separations, gaps or cracks shall not be wider than 1/2 inch.
8. Within 1 foot of the edge of the sidewalk, abrupt drop-offs of more than 1 inch along the edge of a public sidewalks shall be graded to a side slope of no more than 1 vertical to 3 horizontal (1:3) (1/4 inch of rise or fall in 1 foot) or shall have a solid, vertical edging of at least 3 inches in height.
9. No obstructions, such as signs, tree limbs, and shrubbery shall be permitted within the full usable width of the sidewalk to a height of six feet eight inches vertically above the surface of the sidewalk.

Grant funds are available to those property owners who meet eligibility requirements. Please contact Janet Powers for any questions regarding grant funding.

Ordinances Regarding Animals

The following are required of each pet owner:

1. Identification Tag (license) and leash.
2. Trespassing prohibited.
3. Barking prohibited.
4. Do not allow animals to defecate on public or private property.

Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this ordinance could be fined up to \$300.00 plus costs. Please stop in the Borough Office to review this ordinance.

Please take your neighbors into consideration. The Borough has received numerous complaints concerning residents who walk their pets at night and do not clean up after them.

BOROUGH LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULED

Leaf pickup will begin October 30 and continue through November 22 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 curb line 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 when frozen, it may cause an icy condition.

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 are allowed. Composted leaves and wood chips are available to Borough residents.

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.

SELINGSGROVE BOROUGH NEW FLOOD PLAIN MAPS

Selinsgrove Borough has recently been given new Flood Plain Maps. These new maps differ significantly from the previous Flood Plain Maps used by the Borough since 1982 and the differences may have significant impacts for your property. The currently anticipated schedule is to have these new maps adopted before the end of the year, but we have also been advised that a mandatory 90-day review period will immediately follow a notice by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as to the start of the 90-day period. To date, this notice has not been received.

Along with the new maps, the federal (FEMA) and state (Pa. DCED) agencies responsible for enforcement of the Flood Plain Regulations by municipalities in Pennsylvania are also requiring a more strict enforcement of the regulations than in past years. With the threat of the loss of the federal subsidy of flood insurance premiums for failure to strictly enforce the regulations and with the promise of a possible reduction in flood insurance premiums for strictly enforcing the regulations, the Borough is obligated to continue to work toward strict enforcement, regardless of past practice. The proposed adoption of revised flood plain regulations, concurrent with the adoption of the new Flood Plain maps, will result in stricter enforcement by the Borough.

The initial adoption of the Borough's Flood Plain Regulations was by Ordinance # 432 on 10/04/76. Since that time, a number of revisions have been made to the Ordinance. A few of the more important definitions for which everyone owning property within the 100-year flood plain should be familiar are listed below. These definitions are listed in the order that they were adopted.

“Substantial improvement, Ordinance # 602 on 04/02/90 - any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before the “start of construction” of the improvement. This term includes structures which have incurred “substantial damage” or “repetitive loss” regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however include either 1.) any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been identified by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions, or; 2.) any alteration of a “historic structure” provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure’s continued designation as a “historic structure”.

NOTE - Unlike Substantial Damage, as defined below, Substantial Improvements do not include the costs associated with what would otherwise be considered Minor Repairs, also defined below. Substantial Improvement costs, however, are cumulative from one improvement project to the next and the cumulative improvement costs are used to evaluate the 50% limitation. The calculation of these cumulative costs have been effective since November 15, 1982. When the 50% limitation is reached, no subsequent zoning/building permits may be issued unless the lowest floor (including basement or cellar) is elevated up to, or above, the regulatory flood elevation, which is 1.5 feet above the 100-year flood plain.

“Substantial damage, Ordinance # 694 on 05/07/01 - damage from any cause sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before-damaged condition would equal or exceed fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.”

NOTE - The important elements of this definition are in the fact that it pertains to **“damage from any cause”** and that **all costs** associated in restoring the structure are to be used in evaluating the 50% limitation. It is possible that a structure in the 100-year flood plain could have a fire that would cause only partial damage to the structure, but result in costs to restore that exceed the 50% limitation. Fire insurance may only pay for the portion of the structure that was damaged, but the flood plain regulations will require that the structure be elevated or removed. It has been suggested that this is one reason why **typical homeowners insurance coverage should be coordinated with flood plain insurance and insurance covering losses imposed as a result of “governmental requirements” should be considered.**

“New construction, Ordinance # 710 on 06/02/03 - structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after November 15, 1982, and includes any subsequent improvements thereto.”

“Minor Repair, Ordinance # 710 on 06/02/03 - the replacement of existing work with equivalent materials for the purpose of its routine maintenance and upkeep, but not including the cutting away of any wall, partition or portion thereof, the removal or cutting of any structural beam or load-bearing support, or the removal or change of any required means of egress, or rearrangement of parts of a structure affecting the egress requirements; nor shall minor repairs include addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any standpipe, water supply, sewer, drainage, drain leader, gas, soil, waste, vent, or similar piping, electric wiring or mechanical or other work affecting public health or general safety.”

“Minor Repair, currently proposed addition to definition - For a residential building, minor repairs shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, those items of construction for which a “Building Permit” is not required by the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (see 34 Pa. Code § 403.62, as amended). For a commercial building, structure or facility, minor repairs shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, those items of construction for which a “Building Permit” is not required by the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (see 34 Pa. Code § 403.42, as amended).”

NOTE – The Flood Plain Regulation revisions currently being proposed also provide that **a Zoning/Building permit is not required for Minor Repairs to existing buildings.** The expanded definition of Minor Repairs will significantly ease the burden of at least maintaining properties within the Flood Plain.

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“Uniform Construction Code (UCC) , currently proposed definition - The statewide building code adopted by Pennsylvania General Assembly in 1999 applicable to new construction in all municipalities whether administered by the municipality, a third party or the Department of Labor and Industry. Applicable to Residential and Commercial buildings, the Code adopted the International Residential Code (IRC) and International Building Code (IBC) of 2003 by reference as the construction standard applicable with the Commonwealth floodplain construction. For coordination purposes, references to the above are made specifically to various sections of the IRC and the IBC.”

“Repetitive Loss, currently proposed addition to Ordinance – flood related damages sustained by a structure on two separate occasions during a 10-year period whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before-damaged condition at the time of each such flood event, on average, equals or exceeds 25 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurs.”

NOTE – This new provision imposes an additional burden to restoring structures following damage, but is accompanied by access to the “Increased Cost of Compliance” funds available as an extension of the Flood Insurance Program.

NOTE – **Owners of property within existing and proposed flood plains should consider or reconsider flood plain insurance before the new mapping is adopted by the Borough. Significant “Grandfathering” provisions are available prior to the adoption date. The “Grandfathering” provisions pertain not only to new flood plain areas, but also to the potential increases in flood insurance premiums resulting from the increases in the calculated elevations of the 100-yr. flood plain. Such potential increases may effect existing buildings within the current 100-yr. flood plain area.** Additional information pertaining to the new Flood Plain Maps, the Flood Plain Regulations and the “Grandfathering” provisions are available at the Selinsgrove Borough Office, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. If you need to discuss this information in more detail and/or to arrange for a specific time for such discussion, please contact John C. Bickhart, Borough Manager at 374-2311 Watch the newspaper for more information in the coming months.

The Borough office will provide as much assistance as they can to help interested property owners to fully understand the implications of the Borough’s Flood Plain map and regulations and to provide the general information that responds to their needs. Some of the services available through the Borough Office include:

1. Identifying flood hazards and ordinance requirements pertaining to a specific property.
2. Providing information on previous flood damage and/or flood heights for a specific property.
3. Providing copies of reference materials on flood ordinance provisions, regulations, flood-proofing and flood damage minimization techniques and/or flood insurance provisions.
4. Making site visits to review flooding, drainage and sewer problems and providing site specific advice on flood damage protection or minimization measure, and
5. Identifying funding sources available to assist in flood hazard mitigation.

Selinsgrove Projects, Inc. ("SPI") reports the following update on the CVS site:

Demolition of the CVS and adjoining building was completed earlier this summer. The weekend of August 26 saw a volunteer crew of Susquehanna University students spreading a final layer of stones to make the site usable for the Market Street Festival (September 23). SPI will have a booth located on the CVS site at the Market Street Festival. Please stop by the booth to see conceptual drawings of plans for the site. The conceptual drawings (which have also been shown at the Kind Cafe) and a companion book (available for viewing in the Borough Office) also show other ideas for the revitalization of Downtown Selinsgrove.

This information was compiled as part of a Design Studio course completed by 8 Penn State Landscape Architecture seniors in the Spring of 2006. SPI is using the conceptual drawings to continue development of the CVS site. SPI is a 501 (c) 3 corporation. Contributions (tax deductible) can be made towards revitalization efforts by sending a check to PO Box 377, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.



Let It Snow

Winter Weather Terms to Know

Freezing Rain: Rain that freezes on contact with roads, trees, sidewalks, etc.

Sleet: Rain that freezes before hitting the ground.

Winter Storm Watch: A winter storm is possible in the area.

Blizzard Warning: Winds or gusts 35 mph or greater, along with snow, are expected to last 3 hours or more.

Winter Storm Warning: A winter storm is occurring or will begin soon.

Frost/Freeze Warning: Temperatures are expected to drop below freezing.

2007 Budget Preparation

Selinsgrove Borough Council will begin 2007 budget preparations next month. Municipal financial management is the process of obtaining funds to support the necessary services provided and using those funds in an effective and efficient manner. Elected officials assume the responsibility of setting taxes, setting fee schedules, selecting budget items, adopting the budget, approving expenditures, making investments, approving borrowing, etc. The budgeting process allows the elected officials to express goals for community services for the coming year. It also provides citizens with information on how their tax dollars will be spent. The process allows citizen input in making these decisions. Each year department heads are required to submit a budget request for review.

The Borough Council Finance Committee reviews the budget requests and presents a tentative budget to Council for review. Residents can get involved with these decisions by attending council meetings and expressing their concerns and ideas. Contact council members or the Borough Office for information or with any questions regarding the budget.

Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Posting of Non-Commercial Notices (i.e. yard sale signs)

For Non-Commercial Notices to be posted within the public right-of-way of streets or other public property within the Borough, a waiver shall be obtained by contacting the Borough Office in advance of the posting. A waiver may be granted under the following conditions:

1. the notice may only be attached with tape, string or other similar, non-mechanical fasteners and without any damage to the object to which they are attached.
2. the notice shall not be placed on a tree.
3. the notice shall not be placed on the decorative streetlight or traffic signal poles within the downtown.
4. the notice shall be placed only for the days in which the activity is occurring (less than 24 hours before) and all portions of the notice and the fastener shall be removed immediately (less than 24 hours) following the end of the activity.
5. the notice shall not be placed to, in any way, impair visibility at intersections; obstruct the public right-of-way; create a hazard of any kind or obscure any other sign or notice; and
6. the size of the notice shall be limited to a maximum of 12 inches in width and 18 inches in height as mounted.

The waiver is granted by fully complying with the conditions above and by having each notice contain the name, address and telephone number of the person responsible for the posting of the notice and the date(s) of the event, in a clearly legible form (may be written in ink on the back of the notice).

All notices that are not in compliance with these rules and regulations will be immediately removed by the Borough and retained by the Borough Office for at least one week or until the completion of any legal actions taken. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations may result in the assessment of costs and penalties.

Selinsgrove Borough Code Section 95-21. Violations and Penalties. "Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00), together with costs of prosecution, and in default thereof, shall undergo imprisonment in the Snyder County Jail for a term not exceeding ten (10) days."



Welcome Full-Time Police Officer "Brian Eichenlaub"

Brian Eichenlaub is another new patrolman, who has been working for the Borough since April of 2006. His position as a Police Officer includes public safety, maintaining peace and good order, enforcing State Criminal and Motor Vehicle laws, and enforcing the Borough Ordinances. Brian has enjoyed the 4 months he has worked in Selinsgrove, and looks forward to his future with the Police Department. He is married with two children, and enjoys spending his time with family and friends, along with watching the Steelers play. Brian's advice to the public is to pay attention to their surroundings and report observations which appear odd or out of place.

Welcome Part-Time Police Officer "Enoch Powell"

Enoch Powell has been working as a Patrolman for the Selinsgrove Police Department since May of 2006. His major responsibility is insuring the safety of the public, and an average workday for him involves patrolling, and responding to calls for service and traffic enforcement. Enoch enjoys the community he works in and the people he has met while working for the Borough. When not at work, he likes to spend time with his family. Enoch's advice for Borough residents is to be safety minded and make sure their doors and property are secured.

Get to know the Selinsgrove Borough Public Works Department:

Mike Moyer, the Recycling Department Manager, has been working for the Borough of Selinsgrove for nearly five years. The major responsibilities of his position are to make sure the dumpsters are emptied and sorted, to take care of the community recycling, collect garbage from the parks, and pickup curbside recycling. He also mows grass, plows snow and helps out the Street Department when he can. Mike enjoys the working environment in the Borough, as well as working with the rest of the Borough crew. When not hard at work, he enjoys motorcycles and making his own beer. Mike's advice to the public to better the community is to pay attention to the recycling instructions.

John Arnold is an Equipment Operator who has been working for the Borough for almost twenty-nine years. He can be found on the street sweeper in the earliest hours, and also operates the dump-truck and helps out with the mowing and snow plowing. John enjoys operating the equipment for the Borough, and when he is not at work, he operates equipment for his father-in-law.



**From left to right:
John Arnold, Robert Wendt,
Michael Moyer, Brad Simcox,
Roger Feltman, Gary Klingler
and Richard Kline, Jr.**

Gary Klingler is the Superintendent of Public Works for Selinsgrove. He oversees the day-to-day operation of the Borough, and an average workday for him consists of assigning personnel, checking jobs and their progress, and working with outside contractors who are doing jobs in the Borough. After working for the Borough of Selinsgrove for thirty-eight years, he still enjoys the everyday challenge of his job and the people he works with. Gary is married with three children, and enjoys gardening and maintaining his house and property in his spare time.

Roger Feltman is a Borough Water Operator, and has been a Borough worker for nearly five years. The major responsibilities of his position are maintaining the water system, monitoring the wells, installing and reading meters, and record keeping. He enjoys the variety of activities his job offers, and on an average day, he checks the well readings, addresses customer concerns, installs water meters, and does maintenance on the water system. When not at work, Roger enjoys being with his family, hunting and fishing, and playing the guitar. Roger's advice for the citizens of the Borough is to watch their water usage.

Robert Wendt is in charge of Equipment Maintenance for the Borough of Selinsgrove, and is in his twenty-third year working as part of the Borough crew. His position involves working with the sewer, the water, and the lights in the community. The part of his job he enjoys the most is the group of people with whom he works. His advice for the community members is to take good care of the compost site, and place only designated items there.

Rick Kline is the Borough's Water Supervisor. He spends his days at work running the water system, fixing water leaks, reading water meters, and testing the quality of the water. Rick has been with the Borough for fourteen years, and enjoys helping out the community by providing safe drinking water. Rick is married with two boys, and loves to spend his free time with his kids. His advice to help out the community is to conserve water.

Brad Simcox, who has been working for the Borough for almost eight years, is in charge of Sewer Maintenance. His position involves flushing and cleaning the sewer system, and making sure that the sewers are not backed up. His favorite aspect of his job is being able to work in the outdoors. Brad also spends a lot of time outside when not at work, doing activities such as hunting and fishing.

Selinsgrove Borough is blessed with an excellent compliment of 17 full-time Borough employees across the three major divisions of Administration, Police and Public Works. The Public Works Department employees have been selected to be highlighted in this issue. Together, these 7 men have almost 90 years of combined experience in working for the Borough of Selinsgrove. Although each member of the Public Works Department has specific primary responsibilities and a specific backup responsibility for another employee, they also are frequently called upon to blend their various talents and expertise, working together to complete some of the more involved activities. Such activities include the repair of water main breaks, the repair of broken sanitary sewer and storm sewer lines, the patching of potholes, the removal of debris following wind-storms or floods, the collection of leaves and Spring Cleanup items, and the removal of snow and ice from the Borough streets and parking areas. In these "all hands on deck" undertakings, the cooperation, experience and camaraderie that these employees share is always quite evident. As you see them around town in their yellow Borough trucks, know that they are all reliable, conscientious, and dedicated individuals who are working hard for you.



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Other Borough Officials:

Peter C. Carroll - Mayor

John C. Bickhart - Borough Manager

Thomas L. Garlock - Chief of Police

Robert M. Cravitz - Borough Solicitor

John A. Coukart - Borough Engineer

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SNOW and ICE

Many citizens 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. The Borough will be looking for offenders and may assess fines or have the work completed, charge the property owner and file a lien, if unpaid.

During plowing, vehicles must be able to back up. When following a snow plow, remember to maintain a distance of 200 feet behind a truck plowing snow or spreading salt.

Sanitary Sewer System

Selinsgrove Borough is a member of the Eastern Snyder County Regional Authority which treats sewage for four local municipalities. The Borough is always trying to eliminate inflow and infiltration (I & I). This responsibility falls on every homeowner. The number one cause of I & I is draining downspouts, floor drains and sump pumps into the sewer system. This is illegal and violators will be fined.