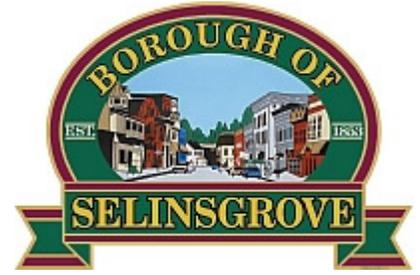


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Opportunities are available for residents interested in serving their community. Call the Borough office 374-2311.

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 374-2311

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 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.

## Get Rid of Garden Residue

Do you have excess garden residue setting around after weeding your home garden? The Borough of Selinsgrove will now be collecting garden residue (including vines and soft stem plants) during the curbside brush pickup, which is scheduled to take place October 27<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Any garden residue must be placed in strong garbage bags or other suitable containers not exceeding 30 pounds in weight. The garden residue should be bagged separately from any brush.

In addition to the curbside pickup, Borough residents may drop off their un-bagged garden debris at the compost site located at the south end of Strawberry Alley. Garden debris should be placed in pile with tree trimmings as posted.

## EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

On the Borough's website you will now find a section on the main page that reads *Current Message or Advisory*. An informative message is placed in this spot in the event of any emergency situation, to inform residents of the current status of boil-water advisories, weather emergencies such as flooding or snow or wind storms, evacuations, etc. The message is updated whenever a change in the emergency situation occurs so that residents can stay informed with current information and advice.

## WIRELESS INTERNET IN LIBRARY

The Selinsgrove Community Library now offers Wireless Internet Access. If you have a laptop, you are more than welcome to come in, sit down, and get connected! If you have any questions, feel free to stop in and ask, or check out the library's website at [www.snydercountylibraries.org](http://www.snydercountylibraries.org).

## FALL & WINTER Events

*Saturday, September 27*

**Market Street Festival—9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
*with SU Sesquicentennial Birthday Celebration*  
 Downtown Selinsgrove

*Saturday, October 4*

**SU Homecoming Events**  
*Parade - 11 a.m., Football Game - 6 p.m., Fireworks - 9 p.m.*  
 (more event information inside)

*Saturday, October 11*

**Kid's Grove Fall Festival**  
 Kid's Grove Playground

*Tuesday, October 21*

**Halloween Parade**  
 Starting at 7:00 p.m.

*Thursday, October 30*

**Halloween Trick or Treating**  
 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

*Tuesday, November 4*

**Election Day**

*Monday/Tuesday, November 24 & 25*

**White Christmas Decorating**  
 Downtown Selinsgrove

*Tuesday, November 25*

**Community Tree Lighting**  
 7:00 p.m. Borough Building

*Tuesday, December 2*

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

*December 5 through December 19*

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

*For updates and confirmed times, visit our web site*  
[www.selinsgrove.org](http://www.selinsgrove.org)

## LIVING IN THE BOROUGH

In the Borough of Selinsgrove, home-owners, tenants, students and business owners all share certain responsibilities that protect our community and our way of life. Most of these responsibilities are outlined in rules and regulations established by the governing body of the Borough, the Borough Council, with others established by the State legislature. For more than 150 years, the ordinances of Selinsgrove have ensured that we can all live in relative harmony, by providing a common set of expectations for behavior and property maintenance.

The most commonly enforced rules and regulations address noise and general disturbances of the peace, illegal parking, grass/weed growth, and other property upkeep issues, including improper storage of garbage/rubbish, and accumulation of snow/ice on public sidewalks.

Beyond these legally mandated obligations, there are also certain expectations that result from the collective attitudes of persons who have lived here for a number of years and the traditions left by those who have gone on before. These are the elements that shape the character of our community and form the basis for our quality of life. These expectations include a wide variety of courtesies that we willingly extend to each other, from friendly greetings to treating our neighbors with courtesy and respect. Conflicts often arise when we fail to appreciate a different life style of a neighbor or their pride in the appearance of their property and neighborhood.

Following the rules, getting along with our neighbors, respecting each other, watching out for each other and each other's property, documenting and/or notifying the proper authorities of unusual or unacceptable actions, and an ample amount of sensitivity in trying to resolve disagreements that arise are all necessary attributes of neighbors in this Borough. In our ever-changing community, diligence and perseverance in our role as members of this community are essential to insuring that we are able to continue the things that we treasure and to maintain our exceptional quality of life.

*By: John C. Bickhart,  
Selinsgrove Borough Manager*

## PARKING PROHIBITED CERTAIN TIMES OF THE 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 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. To enforce this Ordinance, "No Parking" signs are installed November 1<sup>st</sup> and removed on April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. This Selinsgrove Borough Ordinance was adopted on April 3, 1995.

## Watch For Emergency Vehicles

Take sirens seriously. When an emergency vehicle needs to get through traffic quickly, there are a few simple actions you can take to help out the emergency personnel. You can use the letters S.I.R.E.N. to help you remember how to appropriately yield to an emergency vehicle.

### **S: Stay Alert**

Drive defensively, keep the noise level down inside your car, and look for more than 1 emergency vehicle approaching when you hear sirens.

### **I: Investigate**

Check your rear-view mirror, scan all around your vehicle, and try to estimate the closing speed of the emergency vehicle as it approaches you.

### **R: React**

React quickly but calmly, and scan in all directions before pulling over. Always use a turn signal when exiting the road, and don't slam on the brakes or pull over suddenly.

### **E: Enter**

Before re-entering the road, look in all directions, turn on your turn signal, and gradually merge back into traffic.

### **N: Never**

Never stop at a location that doesn't have enough room to safely pull over. Also, never try to follow or outrun an emergency vehicle.

As a pedestrian, always check in both directions before crossing a street, and do not cross in front of an emergency vehicle that is stopped, as it may need to pull away quickly.

Keep alert while driving or walking, to help keep the roadways safe for everyone on them!

## THE SNYDER COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL - BRINGING THE ARTS TO SELINGSGROVE

Over the past year, our area has witnessed the development of the Snyder County Arts Council. This group formed with the mission to sponsor, encourage, and create opportunities for those who participate in and appreciate the visual and performing arts in our area.

The Arts Council's goals include:

- to establish a regular venue for showing the works of artists and artisans in the area, including the performing arts
- to establish a permanent gallery for artists to exhibit, as well as an artist co-op where local artists can sell their works
- to provide cultural opportunities to the community by bringing artists/artisans to the area to offer workshops, performances, classes, and other presentations

One way the Snyder County Arts Council has been working to achieve these goals is through the creation of the Selingsgrove First Friday Celebrations. These events generally take place the first Friday of each month, and occur in Selingsgrove's downtown. First Fridays were created to increase the community's awareness of local artists, while bringing attention to many businesses located along Market Street. The businesses who choose to participate put themselves on show for visitors and get the chance to introduce themselves to new clients. Some of these businesses are designated as *Artist Hot Spots*, showcasing the work of a local artist or artisan.

The newly-developed Snyder County Arts Council is looking for members to help them grow and continue to reach their goals. For more information, or to join, contact:

**Snyder County Arts Council**  
P.O. Box 204  
Selingsgrove, PA 17870

[SnyderCountyArtsCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:SnyderCountyArtsCouncil@gmail.com)

**Dena Praul-Gentner, President**  
(570) 274-2276

### Upcoming First Friday Events:

October 3 - Celebrate Selingsgrove

November 7 - Harvest Day

December 6 - White Christmas

### Unnecessary Road Noise

Motorcycles are an enjoyable mode of transportation when used properly. In the U.S., motorcycles are built to comply to federally mandated noise control standards. Motorcycles are so noisy when riders modify the muffler tailpipe or install an exhaust system that is not street legal. When modified in these ways motorcycles become very loud, rattle windows, and affect residents. The high noise level also decreases the rider's ability to hear other vehicles on the road. So if you own and ride a motorcycle, please make sure it meets the noise control standards to keep the roads safe, and a bit quieter.

### LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP



Trees, which are placed along the curb but not into the street, will be picked up on a daily basis during the first 5 working days in January, (Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>). No plastic bags, decorations, tree stands, or other attachments will be picked up.

### ***Support the Selingsgrove Pool Renovation Project***

The Selingsgrove Pool was first opened in 1967. No significant infra-structure repairs or upgrades have been made over the years. The renovation project replaces the pool's structural piping, gutters and plastered walls along with updating its water features including a zero depth entry area for the handicapped and younger swimmers.

Selingsgrove Area Recreation, Inc. needs your support. Your contribution will significantly help reduce the cost of the project scheduled to begin in 2008. Tax deductible donations may be mailed to SARI, P. O. Box 172, Selingsgrove, PA 17870. Please contact the Borough Office for any additional information.

***By working together, we can meet the capital improvement goal.***



## Story Times at the Library



With September comes the beginning of our fall story times for children at the Selinsgrove Library. Story Times are held in the Community Room. The schedule is as follows:

### Mother Goose on the Loose

*A fun time full of music, rhymes, stories and more!*

Tuesdays, beginning September 16th  
10 a.m. for babies ages 0-18 months  
11 a.m. for toddlers ages 19-36 months

### Preschool Story Time

*A story time for children ages 3-6 full of stories, music, rhymes and a craft!*

Wednesdays, beginning September 17th at  
10 a.m.

## General Flood Plain Info.

On November 16, 2007 the Borough's new flood maps were adopted. Because of the changes in the mapping by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a larger portion of the Borough is now located in the Flood Plain. The Borough of Selinsgrove has participated in the National Flood Insurance Program since 1974. Because of Selinsgrove's participation, all of its property owners are eligible for flood insurance for their homes, buildings, and contents. Tenants may buy flood insurance for contents. Flood insurance may be required for homes located in flood prone areas that have federally backed mortgages. Standard homeowners' or renters' insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. Don't wait for the next flood to buy flood insurance -- there is a 30 day waiting period before National Flood Insurance takes effect. Your insurance agent can assist you in obtaining flood insurance for your buildings and/or contents in the Borough.

Technical advice and assistance can be obtained from the Selinsgrove Borough Office in regard to Flood Plain Management and FEMA regulations. Please remember that Zoning Permits are required in the Flood Plain prior to any construction, reconstruction, or repair of damages resulting from any cause including fire, wind, hail, snow, fallen trees, vehicles, etc.

## Susquehanna University Celebrates 150 Years of Service

It is with great pride and anticipation that Susquehanna University is preparing for the second half of its sesquicentennial celebration. After opening its anniversary celebration with a gala performance at Carnegie Hall last spring, the focus of Susquehanna's activities will turn to Selinsgrove, where it all began 150 years ago, thanks to the generosity and foresight of Selinsgrove town leaders. In 1858, Selinsgrove Borough competed with other communities to attract the beginnings of Susquehanna University and secured the location of the school by literally giving \$22,000; part for the Institute's first building and part for the Susquehanna Female College.

Special sesquicentennial events include:

- From August 28<sup>th</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup>, the public is invited to attend the opening of *Susquehanna University: A 150-Year Retrospective*. The exhibit will be on display in the Lore Degenstein Gallery.
- On September 15<sup>th</sup>, the Arlin M. Adams Center for Law and Society at Susquehanna will welcome United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. A free public lecture will be held at 7:30 p.m. that evening. Other special guests during the sesquicentennial year include the Glenn Miller Orchestra, actor Hal Holbrook, Broadway producer Hal Prince and political commentator and writer Eleanor Clift.
- During the Market Street Festival on September 27<sup>th</sup>, Susquehanna University is having a birthday party at 10:30 a.m. with cake, songs and gifts. Following a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday and words of thanks by President Jay Lemons, free cake will be served to festival goers thanks to ARAMARK, the university's food service. The Selinsgrove Post Office will issue a commemorative postmark on postcards donated by the university.
- Several thousand alumni will return to Susquehanna October 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> for the university's annual homecoming festivities. On October 4<sup>th</sup>, the public is invited to attend a homecoming parade at 11 a.m., a cornerstone laying ceremony at 3 p.m., a walking history tour at 4 p.m. and a football game at 6 p.m. with fireworks to follow.
- For those who were unable to attend the Susquehanna University Masterworks Chorus and Orchestra performance last March at Carnegie Hall, the performance will be rebroadcast on WQSU-FM and WVIA-FM at 2 p.m. October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Selinsgrove residents are invited to join in the celebration and are always welcome to join the Susquehanna University community for its public events. For more information or a complete listing of campus events, please visit :

<http://www.susqu.edu/pr/calendars.htm>.



## RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE BOROUGH



Located on West Sassafras Street, behind the Borough Maintenance Shed, a recycling drop-off center gives residents the opportunity to dispose of their recyclable materials. The drop-off center is open every Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., as well as the first and third Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The center accepts tin or steel cans, aluminum cans, clear, blue/green, or brown glass, plastics (# 1's and 2's), corrugated cardboard, newspapers and magazines, hi-grade office paper, and batteries. All cans and bottles should be rinsed out with caps removed, and containers should be bottle-shaped (with mouth smaller than body). Magazines and newspapers should not be tied or in bags. Batteries from your automobile or household are also accepted. Residents must separate their recyclables and deposit them in the appropriate containers provided. Recyclable materials should not be dropped off at the site prior to or after the scheduled times.

Curbside Recycling is another opportunity offered to Borough residents. This service occurs the last Wednesday of each month, and is for the pickup of aluminum cans and glass bottles and jars only. Items must be placed at the curb prior to 8:00 a.m. on this day. Aluminum beverage cans, and bottles and jars in clear, blue/green, or brown glass are accepted, and the glass must be separated by color, or the recycler will not pick it up. Recyclables for Curbside may be placed in any solid, open-top container. Please do not put these items in bags or other containers that might be mistaken for garbage.

### Be Ready For Winter Weather

With the season of cold temperatures approaching, it is important to be prepared for the weather winter may bring. Here are a few tips to help you feel safe in bad weather.

- Keep an adequate supply of heating fuel at your home. Consider refueling when your tank becomes half empty.
- Have an alternate source of heat & fuel available such as a fireplace or a kerosene heater.
- Always maintain at least a 3-day supply of drinking water & non-perishable food items on hand for each member of the family.
- Have a first-aid kit, flashlights, a battery-operated radio, and some extra batteries readily available.
- If at all possible, avoid traveling during poor or deteriorating winter conditions. If you must travel by vehicle, make sure it has been kept in good operating condition and is equipped for the snowy roads.
- Keep an emergency supply kit in your vehicle with a flashlight, an ice-scraper, flares, rock salt, booster cables, a spare tire, and a blanket.
- Never let the fuel tank in your vehicle go below half-full, and refill it whenever a winter storm watch is issued.
- Before leaving home, make sure a family member knows where you're going and the route you're taking. Try to use major highways and principle roads as much as possible.
- If your vehicle breaks down during a storm, put your 4-way flashers on and raise the hood to draw attention to your situation.



**Don't Forget To Vote!**  
Tuesday, Nov. 4

### Localized Flooding Areas

There are several areas with localized drainage problems. In the event of a sudden storm, storm drains may be unable to empty quickly enough, resulting in water backing up onto certain streets. The areas that are frequently inundated with storm water are as follows: Broad Street from Seals Drive to Spruce St., Liberty Alley between Pine Street and University Ave., Liberty Alley South of University Ave., 18th Street, near the Middle School, North High and W. Snyder Streets, 8th Street and W. Spruce Street, and Broad Street along Weiser Run. Flooding can be aggravated by debris like leaves and tree branches that may come down because of the storm, or may have been illegally placed in the street for pickup. You can help protect your property and your community by keeping debris such as leaves out of the street, or even by helping to remove such items from around storm drains during a down pour, provided that you can do so safely.

### Watch What You Put Down the Drain!

Tossing your leftover fats, oils and greases down your drain can cause serious damage. Grease is a common culprit in blocking up sewer pipes, and can cause sewer backups as well as overflows. Grease (including fats and oils) is the byproduct from cooking or frying, and includes vegetable oil, butter, lard, margarine, shortening, meat fats, food scraps, gravy, mayonnaise, salad dressings, and even dairy products. Instead of washing grease down your kitchen sink, pour grease into a heat-resistant container, let it cool, then throw it into the garbage. Keeping greases out of your sewer system will help you, as well as your neighbors to have problem-free sewer pipes.

## Big Changes at Susquehanna University

Living in the Borough of Selinsgrove, you have most likely noticed some changes going on at Susquehanna University lately. The University has embarked on a few construction projects this year, including expanding the residence complex known as West Village, as well as building a brand new science building.

West Village - when the expansion of this residence hall complex is complete, a total of 336 students will be calling it home. Buildings A and B opened in August of 2007, Buildings C and D just opened up this past August, and Buildings E, F, & G will be opening August of 2009. Each of these halls features apartment-style student housing.

Susquehanna is also in the process of constructing a brand new "green" center for biology, chemistry, and earth & environmental science. The new science building will be located on the site of the North Hall parking lot (across University Avenue from Seibert Hall). The cornerstone laying for the center will occur at 3 p.m. on October 4, 2008, during Homecoming Weekend, and the project is expected to be completed in 2010. Once finished, this new center will be the largest academic building on SU's campus.

## Cats Not Permitted to Run at Large

The Borough Office continues to receive numerous complaints about cats "running at large" throughout the Borough. This is a violation of a Borough Ordinance and is subject to the owner having to reimburse the Borough for all costs incurred while the cat is in the Borough's custody. If the cat does not have an ID tag with the name, address and phone number of the owner, the owner is also subject to a fine of \$25 to \$300. Residents are encouraged to notify the Borough as to the owner of an offending cat. If you have captured a cat on your property, please notify the Borough immediately. The Borough is asking all cat owners to consider their neighbors and prohibit cats from running loose.

## A Few Words From A Shade Tree Commission Member

This newsletter usually provides tips and hints concerning how to care for trees, but this quarter, I thought it might be interesting for you to hear from a member of the Shade Tree Commission.

When I moved to Selinsgrove nearly nine years ago, I remember noticing a small sign at the northern entrance of town revealing that Selinsgrove was a member of the Tree City USA program. This program is one which provides direction, assistance, attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities. Being a part of the Tree City USA program signified to me that I was in an environmentally friendly community that recognized the importance of trees and greenery, and had developed a responsible way of managing its vegetation. Over the years, however, I noticed a thinning of trees and a general decrease in green.

Though I have noticed trees disappearing from our borough, soon we will have a more definitive estimation of the rate of decrease. A Susquehanna University ecology major, John "Andy" Kilmer, is compiling an urban tree inventory of Selinsgrove to help better manage borough resources. His inventory aims to identify the types of trees within the borough, reference their health status, and collect statistics such as height and circumference. In addition, Andy is comparing the density of borough trees from the 1970s to the current density.

So where are all of the trees and why are we so willing to let them go? When trees succumb to old age, infestation and disease, or fall during a storm, they are commonly not replaced. Just like any other luxury, there is an expense associated with replacing a tree. We tend to remove or over prune their branches and roots. In many cases, our actions are uninformed, resulting in unnecessary destruction/deformation. We all know trees can be messy, but despite some of their negative attributes, we also know that trees can be beautiful and beneficial. They provide flowers, shade, fruits and seeds, and some offer insulation. They provide homes for birds and squirrels, platforms for tree houses, and branches suitable for swings. They also make us less aware of the power, cable, and telephone lines that weave through our neighborhoods. Beyond aesthetics, they also provide a positive impact on our mental health. Green spaces transform cold and uninviting streets into more friendly and pleasant passageways.

The Selinsgrove Shade Tree Commission cares for the trees in our borough parks, along our streets and alleys, and the Living Heritage Tree Museum near Kids Grove. You can learn more about this group by logging onto <http://selinsgroveshadetree.googlepages.com/>. The Shade Tree Commission is made up of individuals that have an interest in creating and maintaining optimum tree cover and reducing tree loss and damage by influencing proper tree care and stewardship. I became a member of the Shade Tree Commission because I love how trees transform the environment in which we live. It is my hope to help manage the borough trees, educate the public, and beautify our community by adding more trees.

If you would like to help volunteer on Shade Tree Projects, email [slgvboro@snydercounty.org](mailto:slgvboro@snydercounty.org) or [elick@susqu.edu](mailto:elick@susqu.edu). Though we may have lost our Tree City USA status, together we can work towards a greener, healthier, more beautiful community.

*Jennifer Elick, Shade Tree Commission Member*



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**IMPORTANT**

***Borough Council Members:***

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 Dianne K. Mengel  
 Erik Viker

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Peter C. Carroll - Mayor  
 John C. Bickhart - Borough Manager  
 Sharon M. Badman—Treasurer  
 Thomas L. Garlock - Chief of Police  
 Robert M. Cravitz - Borough Solicitor  
 John A. Coukart - Borough Engineer  
 Corby L. Bowersox - Public Works Director

**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 this facility.

**2008 PA Mayors Conference**

Mayor Pete Carroll recently attended the 37th Annual State Mayors Conference in Gettysburg. The conference was attended by mayors state-wide. Along with Association committee meetings, outside speakers were present and covered topics which included updates from PEMA, latest developments in the General Assembly, two views on handgun responsibility, project management, tasers for the police department and the duties, rights and privileges of a mayor. The mayors also conducted a sharing session with a wide range of topics including the environment. Friday evening's dinner included a special guest—Mr. Abraham Lincoln—who enlightened the group with stories of his years growing up and the events preceding his famous Gettysburg Address. The highlight of the conference is always the announcement of the Mayor of the Year award, and this year the Association selected Mayor Lou Barletta, of Hazleton. Mayor Carroll commented that the information and sources gained from the speakers and networking with other mayors is helpful in his mayoral duties. Mayor Carroll is a member of the Executive Board of the Association, and this year he also served on the Mayor of the Year Committee.

**Susquehanna**  
 UNIVERSITY  
***Welcome Back Students!***

**Commercial Recycling  
 In the Borough**

We would like to thank our businesses and industries for their continued recycling efforts, and for reporting those efforts to the Borough Recycling Coordinator each year. We take this opportunity to encourage commercial establishments to renew their efforts to recycle cardboard, office paper, aluminum cans, and leaf waste. If you have any questions in this regard or would like to obtain copies of the Borough's requirements, please contact the Borough Office.