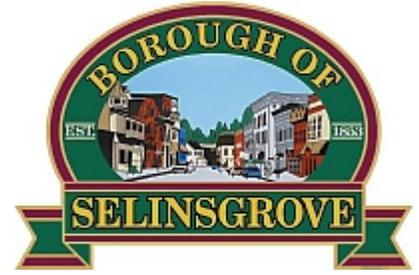


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## A Change in Water Rates

As of October 1, 2010 (4th quarter 2010 utility billing) Selinsgrove Borough residents will be seeing a change in their water rates. Quarterly water rates will be a minimum charge of \$9.90 for the first 3,000 gallons used and an additional \$3.30 per thousand gallons used after the first 3,000 gallons. Minimum meter charges and flat water rates have also been changed accordingly.

Based on flow records for the first quarter 2010 water billing:

- 328 customers used 0 to 3,000 gallons in the quarter and these customers will see a 57.69% decrease with the new rates,
- 504 customers used 4,000 to 6,000 gallons and will see a 43.59% to 15.38% decrease,
- 1,022 customers used 7,000 to 16,000 gallons and will see a change ranging from an 11.49% decrease to a 4.76% increase,
- 227 customers used 17,000 to 32,000 gallons and will see a 5.65% to 12.82% increase,
- 37 customers used 33,000 to 58,000 gallons and will see a 13.08% to 16.85% increase, and
- 59 customers used 59,000 to 1,695,000 gallons and will see a 16.85% to 22.03% increase.

As shown above, customers using less than 12,000 gallons of water in a quarter will see a decrease in their water rate and customers using over 12,000 gallons will see an increase in their water rate ranging up to a 22.03% for the highest water users.

With this change, water and sewer rates both have a minimum charge based on using up to 3,000 gallons per quarter and both have a flat rate for any consumption over the 3,000 gallons. The Borough's multi-year plan to eliminate the prior "declining rate" schedule has now been completed. The flat rate for sewerage is \$8.00 per thousand gallons.

Remember, sewer bills are based upon water meter readings. If you use 10,000 gallons of water you will also be billed for 10,000 gallons of sewerage. Adjustments to the sewer charges may be approved for water that can be proven to not enter the sewer system, as in filling swimming pools, outside hose leaks, irrigation, etc. Residents should contact the Borough Office to discuss their water and sewer bills.



**WELCOME BACK,  
STUDENTS!**

We hope that you will make your time in Selinsgrove an enjoyable and memorable experience.

## FALL & WINTER EVENTS

**Saturday, September 25**

Market Street Festival

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 Downtown Selinsgrove  
 ([www.selinsgrove.net](http://www.selinsgrove.net))

**Saturday, September 25**

Unused or Expired Drug Collection

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
 State Police Barracks - 204 Universal Lane  
 ([www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/takeback](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/takeback))

**Saturday, October 9**

Kidsgrove Fall Festival

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Kidsgrove Playground  
 ([www.kidsgroveplayground.com](http://www.kidsgroveplayground.com))

**Tuesday, October 19**

Halloween Parade

7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, October 30**

"Trick or Treat" Night

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 2**

Election Day

**Monday, November 22**

White Christmas Decorating Day

Downtown Selinsgrove

**Tuesday, November 23**

Community Tree Lighting Service

7:00 p.m. - Borough Building

**December 3-December 17**

Tree Fest of Children's Books

All Saints Episcopal Church  
 129 N. Market Street  
 ([www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org](http://www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org))

**Tuesday, December 7**

Late Shoppers' Night

6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.  
 Downtown Selinsgrove

Visit our website at [www.selinsgrove.org](http://www.selinsgrove.org)  
 for additional information.

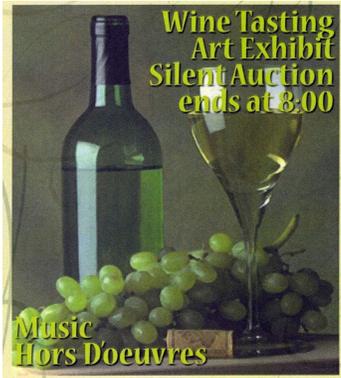
Opportunities are available for residents interested in serving their community. Call the Borough office 374-2311.

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.

## An Evening with Local Artists



Snyder County Libraries invite you to attend the 5th annual "Evening with Local Artists" on November 20th, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Shade Mountain Winery on Route 104 in Middleburg. There will be wine tasting, an art exhibit, a silent auction, music, and hors d'oeuvres. Artists will include oil painter, David Seybold, and potters, Deb and Dave Stabley. To review the complete list of auction items, please visit

[www.snydercountylibraries.org/Auction.html](http://www.snydercountylibraries.org/Auction.html). Tickets are \$15, and are available at the Selinsgrove Library, as well as the Middleburg, Beavertown, and McClure libraries. For more information, call the Selinsgrove Library at 374-7163.

## Volunteers Needed at Mostly Mutts



Mostly Mutts, a no kill animal shelter in Sunbury, is looking for volunteers and for donations of either dog food, or items used to care for the dogs. If you are interested in helping, you may contact the shelter by sending an e-mail to [mostlymuttsonline@yahoo.com](mailto:mostlymuttsonline@yahoo.com) or by calling Cindy at 374-3866. A "doggy wish list" of items needed to care for the dogs can be found online at [www.mostlymuttsonline.com](http://www.mostlymuttsonline.com).

## Borough Continues Efforts to Reduce Sewage Waste

In the last newsletter, we informed you about a problem that the regional sewage treatment system has been experiencing. Materials such as food waste and grease are being placed into the sanitary sewer at levels higher than expected. At the same time, State and Federal regulations are requiring higher and higher levels of treatment prior to discharging these flows into the Susquehanna River/Chesapeake Bay. These two factors will have a significant impact on the cost for sewerage treatment in the future. As a part of a multi-faceted effort, the Borough has required non-residential customers to install and maintain "grease traps" where needed. To date, more than 30 businesses and institutions have fully cooperated in this effort. We are also working to identify, monitor, and reduce as much as possible, all other significant individual sources of high strength waste materials that are being discharged into the sewer system. In cases where the materials cannot be economically reduced, we are preparing to surcharge the specific contributors for their higher waste strengths.

Through this effort, the Borough is seeing significant reductions in waste strengths. It remains important, however, for everyone to remove as much food wastes as possible from the sanitary sewer system and to dispose of these materials as garbage. We are asking everyone to make an effort to decrease the materials going into the sanitary sewer through food preparation and cleanup and through the operation of garbage disposals and dishwashers. Dispose of food waste in your trash for pickup or in a compost pile for gardening. Do not put grease and oil down the drain. Grease should be allowed to cool until it is solid and be placed in your garbage container. Food that is left on plates, bowls, pots and pans should be scraped or wiped off and placed in your garbage container.

If we all make a concerted effort, we will be able to keep our sewer system charges as economical as possible.

## Susquehanna University to Open New Science Facility



Saturday, October 23rd at 2:00 p.m., Susquehanna University will dedicate its brand new science building. The science building, yet to be officially named, has been under construction since August 26, 2008. Though the earth and environmental sciences department started to occupy the building in March, this fall semester is the first time that the building is fully open for the use of students and faculty.

This 81,000 square-foot building is a "green," state-of-the-art biology, chemistry and earth and environmental sciences facility. The building was the main focus of the Changing Lives, Building Futures campaign and is now the largest academic building on campus.

## Geisinger Health Clinic

Susquehanna University has teamed with Geisinger Health Systems to envision a new use for the former St. Pius Church which would include medical services for both the University student population as well as the surrounding community. Susquehanna University will continue to own the property and enter into a lease arrangement with Geisinger Health Services.

The following services are anticipated to be provided at the former St. Pius Church: Pediatric Urgent care; General Pediatric Services; Women's OB/GYN and Maternal/Fetal Medicine; outreach specialty services including Dermatology, Endocrinology, Nephrology, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Physiatry and Rheumatology; laboratory outreach services, Orthopedics; and Radiology, including portable trailers for CT Scan and MRI.

Watch for more information and the dedication ceremony to be announced.



## Story Hours for Children at the Selinsgrove Library



Story hours for children will start at the Selinsgrove Library on September 14th, and will continue, with a break during the week of Thanksgiving, until December 1st.

Pre-School story hours are open to children ages three to five, and are held on Tuesday mornings, starting at 10 a.m.

Younger children are invited to attend "Mother Goose on the Loose" story hours on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. This event is open to children ages three and under.

Come join the Selinsgrove Library staff for learning, reading, and fun activities!

**Ordinances  
Regarding Animals**

Although many Borough residents enjoy pet companionship; dogs, cats and other animals are the leading cause of complaints in the Borough. Our ordinances require that each pet owner affix an Identification Tag or License on every pet, prohibit the pet from trespassing on private property and be kept on a leash when on public property. Pets are also prohibited from disturbing the peace and quiet by barking or making other loud or unusual noise or from defiling or defecating on public or private property. Any person found in violation of these ordinances may be subject to a fine of up to \$300. Please be considerate.

**Vote**



**November 2**

Borough Council minutes are available for inspection at [www.selinsgrove.org](http://www.selinsgrove.org) Residents are welcome at all Borough Council meetings.

**Simon Snyder of Pennsylvania:  
Citizen and Governor 1759-1819**

Simon Snyder's life and times provide the theme for an exhibition in the Lore Degenstein Gallery in the Degenstein Campus Center at Susquehanna University, sponsored by the Gallery, the Snyder County Historical Society, and Selinsgrove Projects Inc. The exhibition is scheduled for June of 2011. An opening reception and lecture are planned for Saturday, June 4, 2011, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The exhibition features artifacts and illustrations of Snyder's remarkable life.

If you wish to help the Society, you may do so in one or more of the following ways:

- If you have objects that date back to Snyder's lifetime (1759-1819), that you might be willing to lend to the exhibition, contact Jim Campbell (570-743-0238 [cmpbellj@bucknell.edu](mailto:cmpbellj@bucknell.edu)) or Lee Knepp (570-765-2358) to talk about this. If there is a connection between the item and Simon Snyder, that is all the better!
- If you are willing to help next June as a gallery assistant for a few hours during the exhibition, we will be asking for your help next spring.
- Tell your friends and relatives from far and near about the exhibition and encourage them to come to visit it next June.

Put June of 2011 on your calendar and plan to see this celebration of the life and times of Simon Snyder. The exhibition will be open to the public on Saturday evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons in June. Groups will be able to visit by appointment. All Lore Degenstein Gallery events are free and open to the public. The gallery is wheelchair accessible. The exhibition is one of many reasons for making the Susquehanna River Valley your destination in June, at the beginning of the summer. Don't forget to save the date!

**Is Your Streetlight Out?**

All high-level streetlights located along Borough Streets are the responsibility of PPL Utilities. Giving PPL the pole number when you call to report the outage allows them to pinpoint the location and to speed repairs. You'll find the pole number on a metal strip attached to the pole. It always will be five digits, followed by an S, and then five more digits, for example, 12345 / S67890. Once you have the pole number, call PPL at 1-800-342-5775 and their customer care representatives will be able to schedule a repair. This also applies to power outages that can be traced to a particular pole or power line attached to a pole or poles.

All low-level, decorative streetlights in the downtown are the responsibility of the Borough of Selinsgrove.

**WINTER WEATHER FACTS AND TIPS**

**PREPARING FOR THE WINTER MONTHS:**

- Keep an adequate supply of heating fuel on hand. Consider refueling when your tank becomes half empty.
- Have an alternate source of heat and fuel available such as a fireplace or a kerosene heater. Make sure you check local fire codes and your insurance policy, and keep alternate heat sources properly cleaned and maintained.
- Always maintain at least a three day supply of drinking water and non-perishable food on hand for each family member.
- Have a first aid kit, flashlights, a battery operated radio, and extra batteries readily available.

**WINTER TRAVELING:**

- If at all possible, avoid traveling during poor or deteriorating winter conditions. If you must travel by vehicle, make sure that the vehicle has been kept in good operating condition and is equipped with snow tires or chains.
- Keep an emergency supply kit in your vehicle. Your emergency supply kit should consist of a flashlight, flares, ice scraper, rock salt, booster cables, tire iron, spare tire, and a blanket.
- Never let your fuel tank go below half full, and refill it whenever a winter storm watch is issued.
- If your vehicle breaks down during a storm, put your four-way flashers on. Raise the hood to draw attention to your situation. When running the motor, make sure the tailpipe is kept clear and that a window is kept open at least an inch or two.

**Follow these few safety tips and have a happy and safe winter season.**

### Officer Enoch Powell and Officer Brian Eichenlaub Receive the “Wayne Graybill Award”

On Monday, May 3rd, two of Selinsgrove’s police officers, Officer Enoch Powell and Officer Brian D. Eichenlaub, were awarded the “Wayne Graybill Award: by Thomas L. Garlock, Chief of Police.

A ceremony was held during the May meeting of the Selinsgrove Borough Council for these two worthy individuals, and their families were invited to attend. Both men received a medal and a commendation bar to be worn on their Class A uniforms. The officers’ names were also placed on a plaque that will be permanently displayed at the Police Department.

Chief Garlock stated that these officers received awards and recognition for an event that occurred in December. “Officer Brian Eichenlaub and Officer Enoch Powell responded to a call of a stabbing on East Bough Street in the Borough of Selinsgrove, from which the armed suspect fled the scene, threatening to escalate the incident with a firearm. Through their coordinated work, the suspect was later located and contained until he was successfully arrested by a SWAT team without further danger to innocents or police. Through the actions of both officers, assisting in the SWAT operation as well as the subsequent investigation and prosecution, a difficult case was successfully completed. This work, under adverse conditions and high stress, exemplifies the highest traditions of teamwork in Law Enforcement.”

Officer Powell and Officer Eichenlaub are the first officers to be recognized for Officer Safety and Public Safety for Selinsgrove’s Police Department.

Congratulations and thanks for their years of dedicated service and their bravery in a potentially stressful and dangerous situation, are extended to the officers.

### Selinsgrove Library Celebrates its 40th Anniversary

On Saturday, September 25th the Selinsgrove Library will host an open house from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to celebrate it’s 40th Anniversary at it’s current location. Join us for cake at the library, meet our staff and board, and see the special display that shows how the library has grown and changed in 40 years. A fun celebration for the whole family!

### Borough Flag Flown in Remembrance

If you have noticed the Borough Office flag flying at half mast on any certain day, you may have wondered what the occasion was. In compliance with the National Flag Code, there are several dates on which patriotic individuals are allowed to fly their flags at half mast in remembrance.

Several of these dates are:

- September 11th-Patriot Day
- October 3rd-National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service Day
- December 7th-Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Borough residents are reminded that, while the borough may deem an occasion as worthy of flying the flag at half mast, they must comply with the National Flag Code, which only permits the flag to be flown at half mast on these specified occasions. The only exception to this code are orders issued by the president, and occasionally the governor.



### Feeding the Less Fortunate

Loaves and Fishes Pantry, located at 50 Gospel Way in Selinsgrove, is looking for donations of food. The pantry would like if you could donate your excess, locally grown, fresh, produce to help feed those who are less fortunate. If you have a donation, you may contact the food pantry at 374-1458.

### BUY LOCAL TO FEED YOUR FAMILY



The annual Selinsgrove Hometown Harvest started in Mid-May, and will continue through November.

Hometown Harvest is held every Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the “Selinsgrove Commons”, corner of Market and Pine Streets, downtown.

All produce sold at the market has been grown and produced within 50 miles of the market. Come to purchase seasonal vegetables, sustainably raised meats and cheeses, baked goods, prepared foods, honey, jams, jellies, hand crafted items, nursery plants, and much more. A special event this fall is that all children who come to the market in costume during the Downtown Business Trick or Treat on October 23 from 1-4 p.m. will receive a free pumpkin.

Find the Hometown Harvest on Facebook for more information, or visit [www.selinsgrove.net](http://www.selinsgrove.net).

### “Zoning” and/or “Building Permits”

Zoning Permits must be obtained from the Borough Zoning Office prior to erecting, altering or converting any structure, building, or part thereof, and prior to altering the use of any land. When applicable, a Zoning Permit should be obtained prior to applying for a Building Permit from Central Keystone COG, the Borough’s third-party building inspection agency, and will be required prior to the issuance of a Building Permit by CKCOG. Replacement of non-structural elements, such as siding, shingles, windows, interior finishes and furnishings, etc. does not require a Zoning or a Building Permit. Except for properties located in a designated flood plain, “minor repairs” do not require a Zoning or a Building Permit. Placement or replacement of structural elements requires a Building Permit and may require a Zoning Permit, even if the structure is not expanding in any way. Interior upgrades to an existing electrical or plumbing system do not require a Zoning Permit but must be inspected by Central Keystone COG or another licensed inspector.

**FLOOD SAFETY**

To reduce the potential for injury due to flooding, consider the following:

Know the flood warning system.

Plan escape routes to high, safe locations

Stay tuned to radio or TV for possible flood warnings

Evacuate flood hazard areas in times of impending flood, or when advised by emergency officials.

Do not attempt to cross a flooding stream on foot or by vehicle where water is above your knee

**FLOOD WATCH**

Flooding is possible within the watch area.

**FLOOD WARNING**

Flooding is imminent or has already occurred in the warning area.

**SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT**

Any improvement which equals or exceeds 50% of the market value. Structure must be reconstructed to meet current floodplain code requirements

**Voter Registration Deadline is October 4**

It's not too late to register to vote in the November 2 general election. New voters or those who want to change their voter registration address should make sure the Snyder County Voter Registration office receives a completed and signed voter registration form by the October 4 deadline. According to Pennsylvania law, students enrolled in a university in the state may register to vote where they live during the school year. The voter registration form may be found on-line at [www.votespa.com/portal/server.pt/community/applications\\_and\\_forms/13509](http://www.votespa.com/portal/server.pt/community/applications_and_forms/13509). Absentee ballot request forms may also be found at this website.

On Election Day, citizens of Selinsgrove will vote for the statewide offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and United States Senator. Local voters will also choose a new representative to the Pennsylvania General Assembly for District 85, which includes the Borough of Selinsgrove.

For more information, Selinsgrove residents may call the Snyder County Voter Registration office at 570-837-4209.

**Do You Need a Zoning Permit?**

Lately, some confusion has arisen about when it is necessary to obtain a Zoning Permit in the Borough. Below are some specific examples for when a Zoning Permit is needed.

- Portable sheds
- Carports
- Swimming Pools
- Patios
- Canopies
- Fences higher than 6'

If you have questions about whether or not your project requires a permit, contact the Borough Office at 374-2311.

**FLOOD AWARENESS**

**Local Flood Hazard**

Properties within Selinsgrove's Floodplains are subject to three types of flooding: overbank flooding, local drainage problems, and sewer back-ups. **Overbank Flooding:**

The major flood problem facing Selinsgrove is flooding of the Susquehanna River. Flooding is usually caused by storms covering a large portion of the Susquehanna River Valley upstream of Selinsgrove. Rapid snow melt and ice jams can add to flooding problems. Advance flood warnings are generally available for large stream flooding. Penns Creek is also subject to flooding from heavy local storms, ice jams, and rapid snow melt. Advance warnings are significantly shorter for Creek flooding. Overbank flooding also occurs along Weiser Run and the South Tributary, from heavy local storms or obstructions in the channels. **Local Drainage**

**Problems:** There are several areas in which stormwater collects and can not drain quickly. Areas of Broad Street, Liberty Alley, and North High Street at Snyder can become inundated during downpours. **Sewer Backups:** When the lower portions of the Borough drainage system become inundated, sewers back up and flow to the lowest openings. Sanitary sewers backup into basements and storm sewers back up into streets.

**The Flood Warning System**

Selinsgrove's flood warning system has many components. The Snyder County Emergency Management Agency and Communications Center conducts 24-hour monitoring of weather reports and river forecasts from the National Weather Service and Mid-Atlantic River Forecast Center. The Communications Center and National Weather Service issue flood watches and warnings for the Susquehanna River and smaller streams. Residents are advised of possible flooding events through local radio stations and the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS). In some areas, Firemen, Borough Employees and/or police go door-to-door to alert residents. Unnecessary risks to rescue personnel can be avoided if residents promptly evacuate when notified by officials.

**Flood Insurance**

Standard homeowners' or renters' insurance policies do **not** cover losses due to flooding. Selinsgrove participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), so any property owner in Selinsgrove Borough can obtain federally-backed flood insurance. Flood insurance is available through insurance carriers to property owners for buildings and contents, and to tenants for personal property. For homes located in flood prone areas and purchased with federally backed mortgages, flood insurance may be required. Information about flood insurance and rates can be obtained from insurance agents. There is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance policies take effect. Selinsgrove is working to continue discounts to flood insurance policies through the Community Rating System (CRS) Program.

**Property Protection Measures**

Every year flooding causes more property damage than any other type of natural disaster. Businesses and residents can take measures to reduce flood losses. Inventory can be organized for speedy removal to higher locations within a facility or off-site. Closures can be installed to prevent water backups through drains. Buildings can be elevated above flood levels, or furnaces and electrical panels can be relocated to higher floors. The Borough has information to help property owners decide what to do. FEMA publications are available at the Selinsgrove Public Library and at the Borough Office.

**Floodplain Development Requirements**

Development in the floodplain must comply with the Borough Floodplain Ordinances. Contact the Borough Code Officer if any work is to be performed in any flood hazard area. (contact the Borough Officer or see [www.selinsgrove.org](http://www.selinsgrove.org) for more information)



### Leaf Pick Up

Leaf pick up will be offered from November 1st until November 24th, or the first snowfall. Pick up will follow the street cleaning schedule.

Leaves are to be placed alongside the curb, but not into the street, before 7:00 a.m. on the day that pick up is scheduled for your street. Leaves may be bagged, but may not include brush, twigs, branches, grass, vines, soft-stem plants, any other similar material that would clog the borough's leaf vacuum, or any non-vegetative matter.

### Live Christmas Tree Pick Up



Christmas trees, which should be placed alongside the curb, will be picked up on a daily basis during the first five working days of January. No plastic bags, decorations, or other attachments, such as tree stands, will be picked up.

### Brush Pick Up

Brush pick up for the fall will be on Monday, October 25th. Items for pick up should be placed on the curb-side before 7:00 a.m. the day of pick up. Items should be placed in containers that do not exceed 30 pounds, and may be easily picked up and dumped into a truck.

**Visit [www.selingsgrove.org](http://www.selingsgrove.org) for more information.**

### Selingsgrove Goes Green



The Borough of Selingsgrove's Recycling program, which has been operating successfully behind the Borough Maintenance Building since March of 2005, continues to grow with the help of its residents, businesses, industries, and institutions. The Recycling Center consists of 8, 30-yard roll-off containers and 2, 40-yard roll-off containers for the use of the Borough residents and businesses. The site is also equipped with a large concrete pad for the placement of the roll-off and a macadam access drive for the use of approaching vehicles. Equipment and site improvements were partially funded by a DEP Act 101 Recycling Grant. Recycling in Selingsgrove has provided many positive opportunities thus far, and will continue to do so in the future.

The Recycling Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. every Thursday, except for Thanksgiving, and the first and third Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

We kindly ask for your cooperation while using the recycling facilities. Recyclers are required to separate their recyclables, clean them, remove their caps, lids, ties, bags, etc., and place them in the appropriate bins. Signs are provided to instruct residents in how to properly handle and place their items.

In addition to the Recycling Center, the Borough offers curb side recycling, with pick up on the last Wednesday of each month. Buckets for this purpose are to be placed at the curb before 8:00 a.m. The items that can be collected through this service are aluminum beverage cans, clear glass bottles and jars; brown glass bottles and jars; and green glass bottles and jars. It is requested that you rinse out, and remove the caps from all glass bottles and jars before placing them outside for pick up. Items should be separated and placed in the appropriate buckets. Failure to comply with this request will result in an abstention from picking up your recyclables.

The Borough would like to thank its residents and businesses for participating in the Recycling Program, and also the several business who contract private recyclers and provide the Borough with yearly documentation.

It is only with the cooperation and assistance of everyone that we can make the Recycling Program a success.

### Selingsgrove "Trick or Treat" Night



"Trick or Treat" night will take place on Saturday, October 30th this year from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Selingsgrove Borough Police Officers will be giving out luminous bracelets and/or necklaces throughout the Borough with the mayor. McGruff, the crime dog, will also be making his rounds during this time to meet with local children. Parents are advised to examine their children's candy and dispose of any unsatisfactory items.

### Shade Tree Inventory

Did you ever wonder where the tallest street tree in Selingsgrove is? Or the largest diameter? An extensive Shade Tree Inventory was recently completed for the Shade Tree Commission. One of the most startling findings is that there are currently 346 shade trees along Borough streets, a net loss of more than 354 trees from more than 700 in 1970. With the Inventory as a "Call-to-Arms", the Shade Tree Commission is beginning a concerted effort to stop and recover from this loss of trees in the "Grove." The most common trees are Norway maple, pin oak, and Cleveland pear. A full report, that includes maps, is available on the Borough website at [www.selingsgrove.org](http://www.selingsgrove.org) and available at the Borough Office. The Shade Tree Commission must approve any tree removal or trimming before the work is done on trees between the sidewalk and the curb (street trees). Contact the Borough Office for information about the permit process.

(The tallest trees are pin oaks on Susquehanna Ave, and the largest diameter is a 43 inch silver maple, also on Susquehanna Ave.)

## History of the Development of the Borough Building and Library (on the 40th Anniversary of the Opening of the Borough Building)

Forty years ago, construction of the current Selingsgrove Borough Municipal Building and Community Library was completed and occupied for the first time. The Library was the first to move into their portion of the completed building in August of 1970 and the first Borough Council meeting in the new building was held in October of 1970. Looking back over the minutes of Borough Council meetings held more than 4 decades ago, a number of things are noteworthy.

In July of 1967, Roland Fisher, Chairman of The Selingsgrove Community Center Board, informed Borough Council that the Selingsgrove Community Center and Library were asked to secure new quarters. These facilities were then housed within an aging building located at 112-114 South Market Street owned by the Lafayette Lodge 194 of the Free & Accepted Masons, now a part of the parking lot adjacent to Sharon Lutheran Church.

A few years earlier, Selingsgrove Borough Council had purchased the vacated Pine Street Elementary School from the Selingsgrove Borough Board of Education for "civic purposes." The 1965 correspondence between Supervising Principal W. Michael Weader and Borough Council President David Gross indicated that the Board of Education had advertised the building for sale but had not received any bids and was now offering the building to the Borough for \$1. On October 2, 1967, Borough Council adopted Ordinance No. 350, providing for an increase in the Borough's debt in the amount from \$0 to \$225,000, the estimated cost of the renovation project. In the election held on November 7, 1967, a majority of those citizens voting on the question voted in favor of the increase in the debt to \$225,000.

In July of 1968, two bids for the project were received, \$317,000 from A & T Construction and \$375,852 from Harry L. Bailey. As both bids significantly exceeded the Architect's estimate, Council directed the Architect, at the Architect's expense, to revise the specification to remove some duplications identified by the bidders, to separate the work into the different phases of the work and to immediately rebid the project. On December 9, 1968, bids for the revised project were opened with 8 different contractors bidding one or more of the phases, and with a combined low bid of \$248,219. As this amount also exceeded the \$225,000 bond issue, Council voted unanimously to rescind a prior motion to reject all bids and to continue the discussion to an adjourned meeting on December 30, 1968. The minutes of this adjourned meeting simply record that "After many comments and discussion, a motion was made to accept the low bids. A roll call vote was taken and the motion did not carry."

The minutes of the next Council meeting, January 6, 1969, indicated that a delegation of citizens and news reporters were in attendance. President Gross commented on the attendance of citizens present and thanked the citizens for coming as this showed their interest in community affairs and specifically in the possibility of a Community Center and Library in Selingsgrove. The discussion included a belief that a Community Center was very necessary, that the Pine Street School Building should be torn down and replaced with a new building, at a much lower cost than remodeling. Council voted to contact at least three local Architects and Architect Stan Seiple, Jr. was hired to draw plans for the proposed Community Building to be built on the Pine Street School

lot. Borough Manager Jim App was authorized to "deal with the proper persons to plan for demolition of the Old Pine Street School Building."

On June 19, 1969, bids for the project were opened. Twelve separate contractors submitted bids on one or more of the phases of the work with a combined low bid of \$233,119. At the July 17, 1969 Council meeting, "after much discussion", a motion was made by Councilman Bastress and seconded by Councilman Sheetz to accept the low bids with the condition that the booklift would be eliminated at a savings of \$4,000 and that certain paving would be eliminated at a savings of \$1,388, making the final cost \$227,731.

In August of 1969, Borough Council took action to bid the sale of \$220,000 of general obligation bonds to be known as the "Selingsgrove Community Building Bonds" with interest payable semi-annually over a period of 16 years. In September of 1969, these bonds were sold to Snyder County Trust Company for an interest rate of 5.44%. By March of 1970, Council began discussing the Community Center Board's interest in leasing a portion of the building and their responsibility for staffing these areas. In June of 1990, Council unanimously authorized the Selingsgrove Community Center to occupy rooms in the Community Building for the functions and operation of Center programs; the Library on the first floor, the two recreation rooms and clinic rooms on the ground floor; with the Borough paying all maintenance costs including utilities other than telephone and to paying for janitorial services in these rooms. The understanding related to this approval was that following January 1, 1971, Borough Council and the Community Center Board would "review costs and other operating factors with a view toward working out a viable relationship regarding hereto and the future."

At the Council meeting held on January 4, 1971, representatives of the Community Center Board were present and wanted to know when the recreation and meeting rooms would be placed in operation by the Council. The Community Center Board representatives were told the Board was responsible for the functioning of these areas and that it was originally decided to operate the building for a period of time before any cost distribution arrangements could equitably be determined. Council suggested that the Community Center Board establish operations as soon as possible and then operate for a three month period; after which a joint meeting of Council and the Board would be held to determine a distribution of cost. Although the Board indicated that they could not find a supervisor for the recreational activities, Council indicated that a supervisor should be found and to not rely on volunteers to fulfill the requirements of a full-time supervisor. A casual review of the minutes of Borough Council meetings for the next two years did not reveal any subsequent discussion of this matter.

A notation was found in the minutes of the July 20, 1981 Council meeting that low attendance at the recreation programs in the basement was noted and a reluctant decision was made by Council to move the Police Department into the recreation area and thereby eliminate further recreation programs within the building.

**A more complete account of this history may be found at [www.selingsgrove.org](http://www.selingsgrove.org) .**



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## **IMPORTANT**

### ***Borough Council Members:***

Carol L. Handlan - President  
Erik Viker - Vice-President  
Dorothy M. Anderson  
Peter Carroll  
Brian Farrell  
Shane Hendricks  
Margaret Siro

### ***Other Borough Officials:***

Sean Christine - Mayor  
John C. Bickhart - Borough Manager  
Sharon M. Badman - Treasurer &  
Asst. Borough Manager  
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**

### **SNOW and ICE**

While the first snowfall is often a beautiful and eagerly anticipated occasion, it brings with its arrival several concerns. With the beauty of this event also comes the start of shoveling of snow and removal of ice and snow from sidewalks.

Citizens are reminded that snow removal must be completed within 24 hours of the completion of the snowfall, but that they are not allowed to shovel, snowblow, or remove snow from their property and empty it into the streets. We receive numerous complaints with regards to residents not completing the snow removal process during the winter months. The Borough will be looking for offenders and may assess fines or have the work completed, bill the property owner for the expenses, and file a lien if unpaid.

Neighbors should look out for each other and assist the elderly, who often have no assistance shoveling their sidewalks.

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

### ***Snyder County Cares Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow***

The Snyder County Chapter of the American Red Cross is planning a major event to raise funds to allow them to continue to provide valuable services to the residents of Snyder County.

The 1st Annual Event will be held on October 2, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Susquehanna University, Charles B. Degenstein Campus Center. Festivities will begin with a cocktail hour and silent auction from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Chef Bob Ginader, Director of Food Services for Susquehanna University, will prepare a buffet-style feast to be served in the dining hall from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A live auction will be held from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$40 per person. Anyone making a cash donation of at least \$125, or contributing an auction item or service valued at \$125 or more, will receive two tickets to the event.

*Please contribute today! Our community needs your support!*