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

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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.

SELINSGROVE POLICE OFFICERS RECEIVE CLASS A COMMENDATION

Officers of the Selinsgrove Police Department were engaged in a major drug arrest on June 16, 2015 resulting in the seizure of 233 packages of cocaine ready for sale, 180 packages of heroin ready for sale, associated other controlled substances, over $9,700.00 in cash, and a vehicle. Two (2) suspects were charged in this incident, and both cases were successfully completed in court in May 2016. As a result of the combined efforts of multiple officers in this matter, Officers Christopher Fortin (now a Reading Police Officer), Scott Grove and Francis Petrovich have been awarded a Class A Commendation for their efforts. They were awarded a Unit Citation under Departmental Policy 1.7.2.

The citation reads as follows:

A Unit Citation is awarded for actions on and about 16 June 2015 within the Borough of Selinsgrove, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In that in a combined effort, officers engaged and assisted in a major drug investigation and arrest resulting in the seizure and elimination of a substantial quantity of heroin, cocaine and assets from drug sales activity within the confines of this Borough and its environs. Said action resulted in the successful arrest and prosecution of two (2) suspects, and eliminated significant and ongoing risk to the public. This action was undertaken at risk to the attached personnel and completed without harm to the public, officers or those charged. This action serves in the highest tradition of the law enforcement profession and the Selinsgrove Police Department.

The cited officers will be issued a written commendation as well as a commendation bar to be worn with their class A uniforms. Officer Fortin's commendation will be mailed to him and a written notification of this award will be sent to the Chief of Police of the City of Reading, PA.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016

Welcome back S.U. students! We hope that your time spent in Selinsgrove will be a pleasant experience to remember!

FALL & WINTER Events

Saturday, September 24
Market Street Festival
8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Downtown Selinsgrove
(www.selinsgrove.net)

Tuesday, October 18
Raindate - Wednesday, October 19
Halloween Parade
7:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 22
Downtown Business Trick-or-Treating
12:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Downtown Selinsgrove

Monday, October 31
Borough-wide Trick-or-Treating
6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Monday, November 21
White Christmas Decorating Day
8:30 A.M.
Downtown Selinsgrove

Tuesday, November 22
Community Tree Lighting Service
6:30 P.M.
The Commons at Pine and Market Streets

Saturday, December 3
Celebrate the Season Saturday
Downtown Selinsgrove
Santa Sprint 5K at 9:00 A.M.
Kid's Stocking Stuffer Event 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Santa Pet's Parade 2:00 P.M.

December 6 - December 23
Tree Fest of Children's Books
Rudy Gelnett Library
1 North High Street
(www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org)

Tuesday, December 6
Late Shopper's Night
6:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.
Downtown Selinsgrove

Winterize Your Home

There are steps you can take to stay safe in wintry conditions, like having your tires checked, or buying a bag of rock salt to help defrost those icy sidewalks. There are also steps you can take to save energy during a time of year when electricity usage can skyrocket. (The all-time record for most power used by PPL's customers was set during the cold of February 2015.)

Here are a few tips:

- Heating is a home's biggest single energy expense, and a good place to start saving. Replace your furnace filter so it works efficiently. Weather-seal windows, set your thermostat cooler at 68 degrees when no one's home, and seal any leaks in your air ducts.
- Use power strips to turn off power to appliances that aren't in constant use, like home entertainment systems. Many of them draw power even when they are turned off.
- Cook with microwaves or slow cookers when you can, rather than using your oven. Winter is a great time for slow-cooked comfort food.
- In the dark of winter, you'll probably have the lights on a lot. Switch where you can to LED bulbs, which use up to 75 percent less energy. Also, keep light bulbs clean, since dirt can absorb light.

If biting cold drives up your bill, and you're concerned about the cost, there are programs to help. You can search PPL Electric Utilities' website, pplelectric.com, to find information on WRAP, Operation HELP, LIHEAP, budget billing, and other programs to help reduce or even cut your bill.

You can save by shopping for electricity. Electricity supply makes up the largest part of your bill, and some suppliers offer it at a lower rate than PPL Electric Utilities' price to compare. Visit PAPowerSwitch.com to see the offers of other suppliers. Make sure to check out their terms, such as whether the rate is fixed or variable.

So, let's bundle up, get ready, and see what winter brings!

APPLIANCE & WATER HEATER SAFETY

Water Heater Safety:

- Set your water heater to the proper temperature. Your water heater should be turned down from 150°F to 120°F for safety and energy efficiency purposes.

Appliance Safety:

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions regarding care and operation.
- Equipment should be installed, repaired, and regularly serviced by an experienced professional.
- A gas flame should be primarily blue. If it is yellow or orange, turn off the equipment and call for service (gas fireplaces are an exception).
- Always make sure there is no gas buildup around a pilot or burner before relighting it.
- Keep the flues of your gas appliances clean and properly vented. If you installed a gas conversion burner in the past year, be alert for soot and buildup from the previous fuel.
- Teach children to never turn on or light gas appliances.
- Keep trash and other flammable materials away from natural gas appliances.
- If you own an old gas appliance, you should have the appliance connectors checked by a qualified plumber, HVAC or appliance repair contractor. Do not attempt to move appliances to check the connectors by yourself.

GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT BEFORE GIVING PETS A HOME THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Pets can be wonderful companions, but they are also a lot of responsibility. Not every home is ready for a pet, so before you head to the local shelter, ask yourself these questions:

1. Do I have time for a pet? Animals need daily attention including play and interaction.
2. Is my home suited for a pet? For example, consider how the size of your home and yard stack up against a pet's size and exercise needs.
3. Can I afford a pet? Food, grooming, shots, license fees, and veterinary care can affect your monthly budget. (The average first year cost for a medium dog is $1,115.00.)
4. Do I have the patience for a pet? You'll need to invest some time training your pet and helping it become comfortable in its new home.
5. What if I become unable to care for my pet? Who will take care of my pet if I can't?

What Attracts You to Selinsgrove?

Snyder County Arts Council (SCAC) wants to know what brings you and your family into town. What arts-related activities do **you** think should be happening in our area? What would **you** like to see- or hear-in Selinsgrove?

- Are you interested in kid-centered events like the Halloween Costume Contest and Downtown Business Trick-or-Treating we sponsor every year?
- Should we bring back contests like Painted Chair and Scarecrow Decorating?
- Do you prefer after-school, evening, or weekend programs?
- Would you be more likely to come to themed, participatory events such as Chocolate Fest, Late Shoppers Night, or Santa Fest?
- Do you check out the crafters at Selinsgrove Stroll Sidewalk Sales, Market Street Festival, the Farmers Market, and the Late Shoppers Night Craft Show at All Saints Episcopal Church?
- Have you attended summer concerts at the Gazebo, Church of the Nazarene, or the Selinsgrove Commons? What types of live performances (e.g. music, theater, comedy, open mic) would you come to town to see?
- SCAC placed artwork in more than a dozen Selinsgrove businesses this July. Should we organize the Fine Arts Stroll again next year?
- What's the best way for SCAC to keep you informed about our activities?

Please send your answers to these questions, comments, and ideas to ms.denise.moy@gmail.com or to the Snyder County Arts Council, P.O. Box 204, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.

SELINSGROVE BOROUGH CARES ABOUT ALL OUR WATERWAYS

What is Storm Water Runoff?

One of the most significant, yet unrecognized groups of water contaminants is storm water pollutants. When it rains, storm water runs over yards, streets, roads, highways, parking lots, parks, and playgrounds, carrying with it everything in its path, including debris and pollutants. Eventually, the water will travel to a stream, either over land or via a storm drain. Storm drains are frequently located alongside streets and parking lots. Unlike sanitary sewers that divert water to a treatment plant directly from your home, storm drains lead directly to surrounding lakes and rivers without any type of treatment. All the debris and pollutants that were picked up by storm water runoff end up in your lakes and streams!

Where Does the Pollution Come From?

Most contaminants are made up of common items used by residents, businesses and visitors, such as fertilizers, car oils and greases, yard clippings, soil, and pet wastes. Below are some tips you can follow to help keep pollution from entering lakes and streams via storm water runoff.

Keep Your Rivers, Lakes and Streams Clean

- Never dump anything down a storm drain.
- Use an oil pan when changing oil to keep fluids off the pavement. Check local body shops and quick lubes to find a place to appropriately dispose of used oil.
- Bag pet waste and dispose of it in a trash can.
- Leave grass clippings on your lawn as an alternate nutrient to fertilizer. If a fertilizer is necessary, choose a slow release product and test your soil to find out how much fertilizer your lawn actually needs.
- Wash your car on your lawn so excess water, chemicals, and dirt is filtered through the lawn.
- Keep household hazardous wastes, such as harsh cleaners, paint, car fluids, and batteries from entering lakes and streams by disposing at a household hazardous waste center. Try using environmentally-safe alternatives or recipes with non-hazardous ingredients.
- Broom, rather than hose, to clean up grass clippings and dirt.
- Keep a trash bag in your car...and use it!

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News from Susquehanna University

Susquehanna University officially welcomed the Class of 2020 on Thursday, August 25, 2016 during Opening Convocation. The event was also used to unveil the university's new River Hawks branding identity.

More than 650 first-year students and their families arrived on campus on Thursday, August 25, 2016.

On Saturday, August 27, 2016, first-year students participated in SU GIVE (Susquehanna University: Get Into Volunteer Experiences).

This year, students were placed with more than 45 community organizations throughout the Central Susquehanna Valley, including Dauntless Hook & Ladder Fire Company, East Snyder Community Garden, Girls on the Run, Grayson View Senior Living, Kidsgrove, Selinsgrove Senior Center and other locations.

On Sunday, August 28, 2016, first-year students participated in a downtown scavenger hunt titled "Discover Selinsgrove." Participating businesses were given lists of the names of new students. Once the students found their name, they received a prize from the business.

Additionally, during move-in day on Thursday, August 25, 2016, several local businesses had tables set up in Mellon Lounge in the Degenstein Campus Center for students and their families to gather information. New students also received promotional fliers in their orientation folders.

For the second consecutive summer, Susquehanna University purchased pool passes for its employees and the program has been a rousing success.

Also over the summer, the university worked with the Selinsgrove Chamber of Commerce and Selinsgrove Projects, Inc. to provide a pleasant area for both Antiques on the Avenue, held Sunday, July 10, 2016, and the Selinsgrove Hops, Vines and Wines Festival held on University Avenue on Saturday, July 16, 2016.

Alumni returned to Susquehanna University and Selinsgrove for Homecoming Weekend on Friday, September 9th - Sunday, September 11, 2016. Various class reunions were held at downtown locations on Friday evening, September 9, 2016.

Community Center Coming Soon!

ALL ARE WELCOME

Eastern Snyder County is getting a Community Center called the Regional Engagement Center or otherwise known as the "REC". The building purchased previously housed Christ United Methodist Church which was located at 429 8th Street in the Borough.

The organizers of the REC were lead by Kelly Feiler who was hired as the first Director. Recently retired Selinsgrove Area High School Principal Lorinda Krause will be the President of the REC Board. The community raised over $500,000.00 to buy, renovate and operate the REC.

The REC is only 2-1/2 blocks from the Selinsgrove Area School District and will be open year round with a major focus on serving youth. Anticipated programs include a preschool, after school mentoring, help with homework, Girls on the Run activities, an indoor basketball court, a computer room, an area for home school activities, a banquet room and much more!

The wider community will enjoy cooking classes and banquet opportunities with the new commercial kitchen. Grandbuddies, health education by local hospitals and other intergenerational programs are planned.

A Grand Opening is being planned and opening day is scheduled for early January 2017. Please follow "The REC of Eastern Snyder County" on FACEBOOK to be a part of the work parties coming up this fall!

DH&L TO HOLD OKTOBERFEST

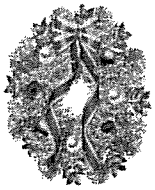
This event is held annually in the German city of Munich, the Oktoberfest is the largest beer festival in the world. On **Saturday, October 15, 2016,** DH&L Fire Company will celebrate the Susquehanna Valley's German heritage with its own version of the 200 year old German tradition.

Located at the Selinsgrove Speedway, the Selinsgrove Oktoberfest will feature beer samplings from some of your favorite microbreweries, wine tasting from several of the east coast's finest wineries, an old fashioned pig roast, live music and more. This will definitely be the event of the fall that you won't want to miss.

Tickets are $35.00 each and can be purchased through the DH&L website at www.dhlfire.com. Proceeds for the event benefit the DH&L Truck Fund. This means you can have a great time and support public safety at the same time!

For more information about the event or how your business can become a sponsor, contact **Sean Christine** by phone at **(570) 374-1089** or by email at **sechristine@verizon.net.**

Friends of the Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library to Hold 13th Annual Tree Fest of Children's Books



The Friends of the Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library will hold their 13th Annual Tree Fest of Children's Books at the Library in Selinsgrove starting on Friday, December 2, 2016 and ending on Thursday, December 22, 2016. This event will be held during Library hours.

Trees and wreaths will be decorated to the theme of children's books selected by the decorators. The goal of Tree Fest is to promote childhood literacy while raising funds for the Snyder County Libraries 2017 Summer Reading Program. Admission is FREE, but visitors may purchase votes for their favorite tree or wreath. The Friends of the Library will once again be selling miniature decorated trees.

An opening reception will be held on Friday, December 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact The Friends of the Library at friendsgelnettlibrary.org.

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PUTTING GRASS CLIPPINGS INTO STREET

With the grass cutting season quickly coming to an end, the Borough would like to remind residents to please refrain from blowing their grass clippings out into the street. It creates quite a nuisance by blocking the drains along the streets which then become clogged and overflow when it rains. Additionally, it also makes quite a mess for the Borough's street cleaner to try to pick up. Thank you for helping to keep our Borough beautiful!

38th Annual Market Street Festival

The 38th Annual Selinsgrove Market Street Festival, sponsored by Selinsgrove Projects, Inc., promises to be a combination of familiar faces as well as many new ones.

Crafters, civic groups, food stands and games will line the Market Street Festival site on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Come enjoy the free entertainment, eat lots of good food, greet lots of old friends and have a great time! There is a shuttle service available from the Selinsgrove Area High School.

Please visit www.selinsgrove.net for more information.

Library Happenings!

Preschool Story Time
Bookworms
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
Starts Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Each week we will focus on one (1) book. The book will be read and then we will engage in several fun group activities.

Mother Goose on the Loose
Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
Starts Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Please join Miss Lubow for a fun-filled interactive session that uses rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments, and more to stimulate the learning process of babies and toddlers ages 0-3.

Monday Funday
Mondays at 10:00 a.m.
Starts Monday, September 12, 2016

A fun time, relaxed program for children ages 2-5. Stations are set up each Monday to encourage learning and play for children and parents/caregivers to explore together. Activities will include art, building, science, math and literacy.

Food for Thought Cookbook Club
Monday, September 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we explore yet another tantalizing cookbook titled Sweet Mornings. It is a book that combines sweet and savory breakfast and brunch recipes. The cookbook is available to view at the circulation desk in the library. Pick a recipe, make it, and bring it to share at our meeting. Hope to see you there!

Mahjong Tuesdays
Every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. starting on Tuesday, September 6, 2016

If you are a player of Mahjong why not join our group at the library and make some new friends while you play!

Hooks and Needles
Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. starting on Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Bring your handwork project and join the group as they create and socialize. All ages welcome!

Morning Book Group
Held the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. starting Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Join the book group as they discuss the book "The Husband's Secret" by Liane Moriarty.

Home Delivery Service

Do you know someone in the Snyder County Area who is unable to visit the library due to transportation or medical issues? We deliver books, audio books and magazines to those who can't visit the library - free of charge. Contact the library at 570-374-7163 for more information.

YOUR LIBRARY

FLOOD AWARENESS

Local Flood Hazard - Properties within Selinsgrove's flood plains are subject to three (3) types of flooding:
Over Bank Flooding: The major flood problem facing Selinsgrove is due to flooding of the Susquehanna River. The 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 the problem. Advanced flood warnings are generally available for large stream flooding. Penns Creek is also subject to flooding from the same causes, but with shorter advance notice.
Local Drainage Problems: Segments of Broad Street, Liberty Alley, and North High Street at Snyder Street are several of the areas in which storm water collects and cannot drain quickly, causing them to be inundated during downpours.
Sewer Back-Ups: When the lower portions of the Borough drainage system become inundated, sewers back-up and flow to the lowest openings, which are basements for sanitary sewers, and streets for storm sewers.
The Flood Warning System - Selinsgrove's Flood Warning System has many components. The Snyder County Emergency Management Agency and Communication 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 Emergency Broadcast Systems (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 homeowner's 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. In order to reduce flood losses, businesses and residents can take the following precautions: **1.** Organize inventory for speedy removal to higher locations within a facility or off-site. **2.** Install closures to prevent water backups through drains. **3.** Elevate buildings above flood levels. **4.** Relocate furnaces and electrical panels to higher floors.
Flood Plain Development Requirements - Development in the flood plain must comply with the Borough Flood Plain Ordinances. If any work is to be performed in any flood hazard area, contact Central Keystone Council of Governments (CKCOG) the Borough's Code Enforcement Office. To find more information on flood precautions or flood plain development requirements, contact the Borough Office or visit the Borough's website at www.selinsgrove.org

Any home located within the Borough can be covered by National Flood Insurance, the home does not have to be located within a designated flood plain. There is a 30 day waiting period for flood insurance coverage to take effect. Don't wait until the next flood to insure your home.
For help making the decision on what you, as a property owner, should do to prepare for flooding, check out the information or Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) publications located in the Borough Office. FEMA publications are also available at the Gelnett Public Library.

Please help the Borough in welcoming our newest Police Officers - Officer Samuel L. Kuhns, III and Officer Monty L. Anders.

Officer Kuhns joins the Police Department as a full-time officer. His official start date was Monday, April 18, 2016. He is a graduate of Middleburg High School and Wyo-Tech having received a degree in Automotive Technology/Chassis Fabrication and High Performance Engines along with receiving his Act 120 Certificate. He has received experience working for the New Berlin Police Department and ASP Services, Inc. of Selinsgrove.

Officer Anders joins the Police Department as a part-time officer. His official start date was Friday, April 8, 2016. He is a graduate of Belleville Mennonite High School and has taken numerous training classes with the PA State Police Academy. He has gained experience working with Snyder County 911 and the PA State Police.

The Borough is extremely pleased to have these men on board! WELCOME!

BOROUGH COMMUNITY ROOMS FOR RENT

The Community Rooms can only be used by government, educational, community and non-profit organizations that serve the Borough of Selinsgrove. Community Room use is not intended for individuals. The Community Rooms are not available for commercial activities such as selling items. All activities must conform to all local, state and federal laws and regulations and must be open to the public.

The fees are as follows:

- Community Rooms, west, center, east ($60)
- Community Rooms, west, center, east with kitchen ($75)
- Community Room, west ($20)
- Community Room, center ($20)
- Community Room, east ($20)
- Community Room, east with kitchen ($35)

Please contact the Borough Office at 570-374-2311 if you are interested in renting one or all of these rooms.

Zoning Permits Required

Property owners are required to obtain a Zoning Permit prior to excavating, erecting, altering or converting any structure.

Contact Paul Williams or Makenzie Stover at the Borough Office for questions regarding a Zoning Permit. All structures, including portable structures, require a Zoning Permit. The Selinsgrove Borough Ordinance allows 30 days for review and approval of Zoning Permits.

27th Annual "Summertime at the Gazebo" Is a Big Success

The 27th Annual "Summertime at the Gazebo" concert series is now in the history books. The entire 2016 concert series was dedicated to Kay Spigelmyer for her faithfulness throughout the past 25 years. **"Thank you Kay, for setting a firm foundation on which we can build for future years."**

Also, thank you:

* to all of our artists who came faithfully each week to provide music for our enjoyment.
* to every organization who provided refreshments: Selinsgrove Chamber of Commerce, Northumberland National Bank, State Farm Insurance, the Regional Engagement Center of Eastern Snyder County (The REC), Selinsgrove Rotary Club, Snyder County Libraries, Susquehanna University, and Selinsgrove Kiwanis Club.
* to our Borough Manager, Paul Williams, members of the Borough Parks & Recreation Board: Walt Nichols, Bruce Burkhart, Shane Hendricks, and Brad Buch for assisting with the logistical duties and to Corby Bowersox and crew for grooming the park each week.
* to the Selinsgrove Borough Council, the Rudy Gelnett Trust Fund, and those area businesses and individuals who made donations in support of this concert series.

And, a **special thanks to all of you** who attended each week's concert. We were very blessed with nice weather - had no cancellations, and enjoyed a warm and welcoming evening of great music while seeing old friends and meeting new ones. See you again in 2017 for the 28th Annual "Summertime at the Gazebo" concert series.

STREET TREES FOR SELINSGROVE HOMEOWNERS

The Selinsgrove Shade Tree Commission has been planting street trees in the swale or the right-of-way of Selinsgrove properties for several years, as part of their "Adopt-a-Tree" bare root tree planting program.

A fine example of this is Eighth Street. Take a walk or a drive up and down the street and you will see many new trees planted on several blocks. These homeowners requested trees, the Shade Tree Commission purchased and planted them, and the homeowners agreed to water them for the first growing season. Eighth Street is well on its way to regaining its former tree lined glory!

If you own a home in the Borough, and your swale is over 20 inches wide, you are eligible to receive a tree or trees at no cost. The Shade Tree Commission, in conjunction with Borough Council and the Rudy Gelnett Trust, provide the trees. With help from the Borough, they determine whether a tree can be put in front of your house without interfering with your utilities, and they help you choose an appropriate variety for your property. A group of Commission members, community volunteers, and SU volunteers plant trees in the spring and the fall.

What could be better? Trees increase your property value, clean your air, provide summer shade, and help to reduce your air conditioning bills. Contact the Borough Office at 570-374-2311 for more information.

BRUSH PICKUP
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016

Brush, branches, tree limbs, tree trimmings (no bigger than 4" in diameter, and limited to one (1) cubic yard - equal to a combined container capacity of 200 gallons) will be picked up curbside. Garden residue, twigs, vines, soft stem plants and weeds (no grass clippings, roots, dirt or soil debris, or garbage bags) must be placed in moisture-proof, open-top containers capable of permitting materials to be picked up and dumped into a truck (limit of 30 pounds per container). Items are to be placed along the curb, but not into the street, before 7:00 a.m.

Leaf Pickup

Monday, October 24 through Wednesday, November 23, 2016 (or the first snowfall) (pickup will follow the Street Cleaning Schedule)

Leaves are to be placed along the curb, but not into the street, before 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled day for your street. Leaves may be bagged but may not include brush, twigs, branches, grass, vines, soft-stem plants, or any other similar materials that would clog the Borough's leaf vacuum.

SELINSGROVE TRICK-OR-TREATING

Trick-or-treating will take place on Monday, October 31, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Selinsgrove Borough Police Officers will be handing out glow-in-the-dark bracelets and/or necklaces throughout the Borough. Parents are advised to examine their children's candy and dispose of any unsatisfactory items.

Live Christmas Tree Pickup

Christmas trees, which are placed along the curb, will be picked up during the first 10 working days in January. No plastic bags, decorations or other attachments (tree stands) will be picked up.

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

While winter snow can be beautiful and enjoyable, the arrival of winter also brings with it our annual reminder concerning every property owner's duties and responsibilities for snow and ice removal. Snow and ice must be completely removed from public sidewalks, typically within 24 hours of the end of the snowfall. **According to Selinsgrove Code §120-27. Deposit of snow and ice restricted. No person, partnership, corporation or other entity shall deposit or cause to be deposited any snow and ice into Borough alleys and streets or on or against any fire hydrant or parking meter.** This is a serious safety hazard and can result in a fine. Please remind anyone that you may hire for snow removal of this fact. The property owner will be held responsible for the work. The Borough Office also receives numerous complaints about property owners who do not remove snow and ice from the public sidewalks in front of their property in a timely manner. 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. Residents are reminded that while plowing, snowplow trucks often back up. When following a vehicle that is plowing snow or spreading salt, remember to maintain a safe distance of at least 200 feet behind that vehicle.

Notice to Businesses and Institutions

Recycling in Pennsylvania is the LAW as stated in Act 101, passed in 1988. It is your responsibility to report your recycling activity annually. In January of 2017 Commercial, Municipal and Institutional establishments will be receiving a "Recycling Reporting Form" in the mail for the reporting year 2016. Please complete and return the form to: Makenzie Stover, Recycling Coordinator, 1 N. High Street, Selinsgrove, PA 17870, by February 1, 2017. High grade office paper, corrugated cardboard, aluminum cans and leaf waste are required to be recycled by law. All other recyclable items are also encouraged. Those items are listed on the "Recycling Reporting Form." Documentation of items will be verified by your company representative's signature on the second page of the form. If your business recycles at the Selinsgrove Municipal Recycling Center on Sassafras Street, please indicate on the form and supply a signature on the second page.

FEMA/PEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP-PA-DR-4267)

Selinsgrove Borough Council will consider preparing a Letter of Intent/Pre-Application for the federally funded Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. This program is truly a partnership between federal, state, and local government for the benefit and protection of local residents. The Hazard Mitigation program allows for flood-proofing or elevation of primary residential structures from future flood damage.

The Borough of Selinsgrove invites residents located in the Special Flood Hazard Area to contact the Borough if they wish to have their primary residence elevated or flood-proofed.

If interested please contact:
Borough Manager Paul Williams at the Selinsgrove Borough Office
570-374-2311

This is a completely voluntary program; however, the HMGP is a "government-to-government" grant program. A community's HMGP application is made on behalf of "interested private individuals." The applicant community is responsible for the fiscal management and successful completion of any project.

This program is limited to insured properties located within the 100-year flood plain that have received one or more claim payments for flood damages. The Letter of Intent/Pre-Application needs to be submitted by the Borough to PEMA in October of 2016, and we have not been advised as to a date by which to expect an official notice of approval or disapproval to move forward with a formal application. If funded, the Borough's HMGP-PA-DR-4267 projects will likely be carried out in 2018.

FROM THE SELINSGROVE POOL BOARD

A big thank you for a great season through your attendance, fundraising efforts from Friends of the Pool and grants provided by the Borough. We hope everyone had a chance to stop by, enjoy a swim and check out the improvements to the pool which included new bathroom ceilings and floors, painted benches, fences, a new pool pump and the addition of the adult swim lane and snack bar! The Board is already planning projects for this winter. Look for the complete list in the March 2017 Newsletter.

In celebrating a successful season, the Board is offering discounted 2017 Selinsgrove Pool Passes through Tuesday, February 28, 2017. The Family Pass is $200 (normally $225), Single Pass is $100 (normally $125), Senior Pass is $40 (normally $60). The passes would make excellent Holiday, Birthday or "Just Because" gifts. You can order the passes by printing the application on the pool's web page www.selinsgrovepool.com/application-3 or pickup an application at the Borough Office and mail it and your check made payable to "SARI", P.O. Box 172, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Hope to see everyone at the pool next summer!

National Flood Insurance Participation

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

The Borough continues to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program and the Community Rating Service, which requires the community to re-certify annually. The ongoing enforcement of Flood Plain Regulations and the continuous record keeping by the Borough Zoning Office has resulted in the Borough obtaining the highest CRS rating, a Class 7, in Snyder County. The Class 7 rating entitles Borough residents to a 15% reduction of flood insurance premiums for those in the flood plain and a 5% reduction for residents not located within the flood plain. You can contact your insurance agency to verify that you are receiving the appropriate discount. Any home located within the Borough can be covered by National Flood Insurance, the home does not have to be located within a designated flood plain. **There is a 30 day waiting period for flood insurance coverage to take effect.** Don't wait until the next flood to insure your home.

SELINSGROVE SENIOR CENTER 8 NORTH WATER STREET WHERE GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING!!

The Selinsgrove Senior Center is open Mondays from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with various activities and programs. Please feel free to stop by and pick up our monthly calendar. The Monday evening meal is served with a salad bar at 5:00 p.m. Please call and leave a message to RSVP for the meal by 2:00 p.m. on Monday afternoon.

Come in and visit over a cup of coffee and read the morning paper. We have FREE WiFi available.

- Tuesdays and Thursdays - Chair Aerobics at 10:00 a.m. Tuesdays we have a Coloring Club that meets at 10:30 a.m. and Bingo at 12:00 noon.
- Wednesdays - Pinochle Tournament starts at 9:30 a.m., please call to RSVP by Monday afternoon. Shuffleboard at 12:30 p.m.
- Thursday is Game Day, with Poker, Thirty One, Hosse Tournament, Rummikub or start a new game.
- Free blood pressure checks are on the first Tuesday, third Wednesday and fourth Thursday of each month.

Don't forget to stop in and browse through our Backroom Bargains. We have household items, handbags, backpacks, old dishes and clothing. Everything is priced to sell. All proceeds benefit the Selinsgrove Senior Center.

Our beautiful hand sewn quilt is in progress and we invite all levels of quilters to come in and join the old fashioned art of quilting.

The Selinsgrove Senior Center is sponsored by the Union-Snyder Agency on Aging. All activities and meals are free to seniors sixty and older. Donations for meals are greatly appreciated. For more information contact Eunice at 570-374-4170.

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A LOOK AT OUR BOROUGH

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 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.

SELINSGROVE MARKET STREET PROJECT

At a recent monthly meeting of the Selinsgrove Chamber of Commerce, Chamber President Helen Walter, proprietor of the Cottage on Pine, presented an opportunity for dialogue between local businesses and PennDOT.

State Representative Fred Keller recommended that PennDOT's Press Department respond to a list of written questions that were presented during the meeting. The anticipated nighttime maintenance project to mill and resurface Market Street is scheduled to be let in January 2018.

Funding for the project design and engineering is set for 2017. The project will also include an upgrade of intersection ramps in compliance with the Americans with Disability Act and to remove barriers for special needs. This work would be performed during daylight hours.

As additional information becomes available, PennDOT expressed a willingness to communicate with the Borough and local businesses whom expressed a concern for remaining open, accessible and viable for patrons during the pavement and accessibility project.

WELCOME TO NEW JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON ISABELLA MOLES

Isabella states that arriving in Selinsgrove has been one of the best things to have happened to her!

About a year ago, she and her mother traveled to Selinsgrove where she is a Senior at Selinsgrove Area High School. Within school, she keeps herself occupied with clubs such as: Student Council, Multicultural Club, Senior Class Treasurer, Future Business Leaders of America, Outdoors Club, and the Technology Student Association. Ms. Moles studies Russian on the side, volunteers for the Selinsgrove Chamber of Commerce, and reports for the Snyder County Times.

The caring community of Selinsgrove has given her the feeling of being home. Ms. Moles is truly grateful for the opportunity to succeed Jonah Markle as Junior Council Person and she aims to have Selinsgrove's best interests in the forefront of her heart!