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Selinsgrove, PA 17870

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday
8:30AM—4:30PM

Staying Connected:

The Borough Office staff is available
8:30AM—4:30PM Monday—Friday.

To schedule a meeting with a Borough representative please email:
borough@selinsgrove.org
or call 570-374-2311

The Borough Office & Public Works will be closed on the following holidays:
March 29 — Good Friday
May 27 — Memorial Day
June 19 — Juneteenth (Freedom Day)
July 4 — Independence Day
September 2— Labor Day

URGENT: All Properties Lead & Copper Plumbing Survey

We offer thanks to those who have already responded but we need 100% compliance. The PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is requiring municipal governments and residents to estimate risk of lead exposure through the water service system no later than October 16, 2024. Since the Borough and residents are required to comply, non-compliance could lead to fees and termination of water service. All lines not surveyed will be deemed "lead service lines" by DEP which would be inaccurate.

To help in the effort, Borough staff mailed out a Lead and Copper Plumbing Survey in March 2023. We had a summer helper in 2023 go door to door to assist residents in completing this 5 minute task. We continue to offer assistance in this matter. If your residence has not completed the survey by May 1st (to include the mandatory picture of the meter with the lines in and out), then the Borough may need to discontinue water service and assess the \$100.00 disconnection/reconnection fee to get the task completed in order to get it done in a more timely manner. If you would like to complete the survey online, please visit the Borough website at <https://selinsgrove.org/municipal-services/public-water/> and click the link to the Lead & Copper Water Line Survey 2023. If you want help, please call the Borough at 570-374-2311. If you are a tenant and your landlord wishes for you to aid in the completion of this task, please give us a call.

WATER LEAKS:

Water conservation is so important. Leaky pipes happen and can be costly to homeowners and the Borough. Public Works regularly works to detect and repair underground leaks. While our routine monitoring and maintenance often helps us find problem areas, we're always looking for more to make our systems as tight and efficient as possible. Please help us by calling the office if you see anything unusual when you are out and about. Is there a puddle that doesn't go away and was never there before? Do you hear running water somewhere? Is your drain emptying slower than usual? Please help us see the unseen by calling 570-374-2311 or emailing borough@selinsgrove.org if you notice anything unusual.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BILLING CHARGES:

- Water Rate (as of 7-1-23): \$5.10 per thousand gallons (minimum \$15.30)
- Sewer Rate (as of 7-1-23): \$12.10 per thousand gallons (minimum \$36.30) Sewer is billed at the same usage as water.
- Recycling (as of 1-1-24): \$24.00 per quarter (mandatory order to provide recycling per state of PA)
- If you are a renter, you will see a \$2.50 charge per quarter for the rental registration. Per ordinance, all residential properties which are being rented must be registered with the Borough and inspected by CK-Cog every 3 years. If your rental has not been inspected, please reach out to the Borough to learn the process. As a renter, you have the right to live in a safe environment. If you rent, please be sure to call us if you do not see this \$2.50 on your bill.
- There will be a 25% late fee added to unpaid balances.
- **WE MAIL BILLS THROUGH THE USPS APPROXIMATELY 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DUE DATE & NON -RECEIPT OF A BILL DOES NOT ELIMINATE PENALTY—Homeowners may request email billing to avoid potential mailing delays.**
- **Water, Sewer, & Recycling Quarterly Utility Billings are Due Upon Receipt but can be paid through the due date before penalty is added. (the same every year) February 20; May 20; August 20; and November 20**

Payments can be made by check (DO NOT POSTDATE), cash, money order.

WINDOW inside the Borough office (access through lobby on Union Alley)

BY MAIL—1 N High Street, P.O. Box 34, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

DROP BOX marked "Water Bills" located to the left of the doors at Union Alley

Online payments accepted with e-check/ACH, debit, or credit card.

Please Note: There are fees associated with paying your bill online. If you pay by ACH or e-check, the fee is \$1.95. The fee for debit and credit card payments will be approximately 2.95% of your total bill.

Please remember to return the bottom portion of your bill with the payment.

The top portion is yours to keep. It is **helpful** if you bring the top part with you if you stop in to pay so we can stamp it as your receipt.

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 speed up repairs.

You will find the pole number on a metal strip attached to the pole. It will always be five digits, followed by a S, and then five more digits, for example, 12345/S67890. Once you have the pole number, call PPL at 1-800-342-5775.

A LOOK AT OUR BOROUGH



January 2, 2024 was the Borough Council Swearing-In Ceremony with Mayor Jeff Reed issuing the Oath of Office.

L-R: Christian Schlieder (newly elected), Todd Cox (newly elected), Sara Maul (re-elected), Richard Mease (re-elected), Shane Hendricks (newly elected but has served in past years).

Introducing: Christian Schlieder

Hello, my name is Christian Schlieder. I live in Selinsgrove Borough and have a nine year old daughter. I attended Selinsgrove Area Schools and went to Pennsylvania College of Technology. My parents moved to the Rolling Green Development when I was four years old. It is where I spent my youth. As an adult, I have lived in Selinsgrove Borough for five years. I am proud to say the Grove is my home and look forward to serving the community.

Introducing: Todd Cox

Todd has been a lifelong resident of Selinsgrove. He graduated from SAHS, Harrisburg Area Community College, Penn State University, and the PA State Police Academy. He was a police officer for 26 years of which 13 were at the Selinsgrove Borough Police Department. He is very police department oriented when it comes to his way of thinking. He believes the taxpayer should get their monies worth. His door is always open if you would like to reach out to him.

Selinsgrove Borough Boards, Commissions, & Authorities With Meeting Dates:

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

(If there are any changes, you will find them on the Borough website calendar. You can always call the Borough Office in advance of the meeting to make sure there will be a meeting.)

Location—Borough Council Chambers, 1 North High Street, Selinsgrove (enter through the Union Alley entrance)

Parks & Recreation Board: This Board was formed to function in an advisory capacity to Borough Council in determining the amounts and kinds of recreation most needed by its citizens. Boroughs have the power to provide, improve, maintain, and regulate public parks, playgrounds, playing fields, and recreation centers. The 9 Member Board also has the responsibility to equip, operate, and maintain recreational facilities. ***This is a volunteer Board currently in need of 6 new members to serve.***

Parks & Recreation: AT 5:30PM—March 20; May 15; July 17; September 18; November 20

Zoning Hearing Board: The 5-Member Board is required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code to help ensure fair and equitable application and administration of the Zoning Ordinance. ***This is a volunteer Board currently in need of 1 new member and 2 alternate members to serve in the event another member cannot be present.***

Zoning Hearing Board: AT 7:00PM—Mar. 7; Apr. 4; May 2; June 6; July 11; Aug. 1; Sept. 5; Oct. 3; Nov. 7; Dec. 5

Planning Commission: The 7-Member Board has the responsibility to review all proposed Subdivision and Land Development Plans, Conditional Use applications and makes recommendations in that regard to Borough Council. ***This is a volunteer Board currently in need of 3 new members to serve.***

Planning Commission: AT 7:00PM—Mar. 20; Apr. 17; May 15; June 20; July 17; Aug. 21; Sept. 18; Oct. 16; Nov. 20; Dec. 18

Civil Service Commission: According to PA Law, any Borough employing three or more members in a Police Dept. must establish a Civil Service Commission. This Commission is responsible for administering the Civil Service Examination to applicants for positions and promotion within the Police Dept. It is also responsible for establishing minimum qualifications for such positions, testing applicants for Borough appointments, and holding hearings in cases of dismissals or reduction in rank of officers. ***This 3-Member Commission is currently in need of 2 new alternate members to serve in the event another member cannot be present.***

Scheduled as needed. These are advertised to the public and will be posted on the website calendar as well.

Selinsgrove Municipal Authority (Public Water): The Selinsgrove Municipal Authority is a 5-Member Authority appointed to decide on issues related to the overall water system infrastructure and to sell water to various entities located outside the legal limits of the Borough of Selinsgrove. The Authority is the owner of the water system and leases the maintenance and operation of the water system to the Borough. ***The Authority is currently looking to fill 1 vacancy.***

Municipal Authority: Mar. 14; Apr. 11; May 9; June 13; July 11; Aug. 8; Sept. 12; Oct. 10; Nov. 14; Dec. 12

Shade Tree Commission: The Shade Tree Commission consists of a 5-member board appointed to serve 5-year overlapping terms. The Selinsgrove Shade Tree Commission has the authority to plant, remove, maintain and protect shade trees located within Borough streets, easements or Borough property. In addition, the Commission reviews applications for the removal of shade trees located along Borough streets, easements or Borough property to assure that such removals are justified and, if so, to mitigate the impact of the removal on the community. ***This volunteer Commission is currently in need of 1 member.***

Shade Tree Commission: April 17; June 20; August 21; October 16; December 18

Environmental Resilience Task Force: Seeking citizens to brainstorm ways to make the Borough more resilient to climate-related events and emergencies, such as increased and more severe flooding, wildfires, drought and insect-borne diseases such as Lyme's and West Nile. The task force will plan how Selinsgrove Borough can build on current policies to improve preparedness.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING ON ANY OF THE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR AUTHORITIES, PLEASE EMAIL, MAIL, OR DROP OFF A LETTER OF INTEREST TO BOROUGH MANAGER, LAUREN MARTZ. lmartz@selinsgrove.org OR 1 North High Street, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

PHEAA Summer Jobs:

Selinsgrove Borough will be accepting applications from interested college students and college-bound students. Applicants must be a resident of Snyder, Northumberland, Union or Montour Counties. Applicants must be PHEAA eligible and have completed the PHEAA Summer Employment Application. (see Borough Website)

Positions Available:

Office Assistant, Water Distribution Assistant, Wastewater Technician, Recycling Assistant, Marketing Assistant
Stop in the Borough Office for more information on each job opening. **Applications are available at the Borough Office and are due by May 20, 2024.**

FLOOD AWARENESS:

Local Flood Hazard: Issues in Selinsgrove come from over bank flooding, local drainage problems and sewer back-ups. Find out if your property is in the regulated flood plain by contacting the Flood Plain Manager, Lindsey Mull, at 570-374-2311 ext. 114, or email lbrouse@selinsgrove.org. Visit the Borough's website for more information on flood issues at www.selinsgrove.org.

The Flood Warning System: The Selinsgrove Borough Flood Warning System has many components which include the Snyder County 911 Center, Emergency Broadcast System, the National Weather Service and NOAA. Residents are also welcome to call the Borough Office for information before, during, and after a flooding event at 570-374-2311.

Property Protection Measures: Talk with a Borough representative about protecting your home or business by minimizing flood damage with some of these measures: filling in your basement, re-grading your yard and flood-proofing utilities. Elevating your home may benefit you as well. Not all flood-proofing measures are appropriate for all structures.

Flood Plain Development Requirements: All development in the flood plain requires a permit from the Zoning Officer prior to starting work. Development in the flood plain must comply with the Borough's Flood Plain Ordinances and may require permitting from other organizations as well.

Safety First: When a flood does occur, do not walk or drive through flood waters. Currents are deceptive and as little as six (6) inches of moving water can knock you off of your feet. Do not drive around or move barriers, as the roads or bridges may be washed out. Remember: TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!

For more information on flood plain assistance, please call or visit Lindsey Mull at the Borough Office. The Borough is here to help residents understand the risk, but also to direct residents to the proper protection measures.

Call 570-374-2311 ext. 114 or email lbrouse@selinsgrove.org with any questions or concerns.

Why should I get flood insurance if I've never had water?

If you've never had water before, that doesn't mean that your property will never experience flooding. Flood zones are determined by past conditions, but cannot predict future conditions or climates. There is no way to predict where the water will stop.

FLOOD ASSESSMENT VOLUNTEERS:

Selinsgrove Borough is looking for "Boots on the Ground" volunteers. Volunteers would be trained by staff to conduct post-disaster, door to door, flood assessments after a flooding event occurs. If you are interested, please email borough@selinsgrove.org using the subject **Boots on the Ground Volunteer** or call 570-374-2311 and ask for the Borough Manager or Floodplain Manager. No experience is required. The more volunteers we have to complete these assessments will aid in getting displaced residents back home more quickly. Time is of the essence in a flood disaster.

Flood Insurance:

Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. A separate flood insurance policy is required to cover damages incurred by flooding. Coverage is available for the building itself as well as for the contents of the building. For homes located in flood prone areas and purchased with federally backed mortgages, flood insurance is required for the life of the loan. Contact your property insurance agency to see what they can do for you. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and private insurance is available.

NFIP rates do not differ from company to company or agent to agent. They depend on many factors, such as flood risk, lowest floor elevation of the building, and the date and type of construction. **Note that there is a 30-day waiting period before coverage goes into effect.**

To help with insurance costs, the Borough participates in the Community Rating System (CRS), which provides a discount on flood insurance. Selinsgrove currently has a Class 7 rating, which provides residents who live in the Special Flood Hazard Area with a 15% discount on their flood insurance.

What Will Your Flood Risk Cost? (Get the Lowest Rate You Can Qualify For)

If your property is at high risk for flooding, you may expect your discounted rate to increase by approximately 25 percent each year. Getting an Elevation Certificate now or in the next few years may prevent most policyholders from overpaying for their flood insurance.

Know your options:

Option 1—Do Nothing

Your discounted rate will increase by 25 percent each year.

Option 2—Get an Elevation Certificate

Don't overpay for flood insurance. Get an Elevation Certificate soon. Learn more at : www.FEMA.gov/cost-of-flood.

If you get an Elevation Certificate, you can continue to pay the discounted rate if it's lower.

How does an elevation certificate affect flood insurance rates?

There is a correlation between how high your property is above the base flood elevation and the actual cost of a flood insurance policy. In a high risk zone, the higher the elevation of your property, the lower your policy cost will most likely be. Conversely, the lower your elevation, the more your flood insurance policy will cost. You need to supply an Elevation Certificate for an insurance agent to compare it against your property's elevation.

Elevation Certificates:

The Borough and SEDA-Council of Governments (SEDA-COG) are working together to provide FEMA Elevation Certificates. The Borough is also offering a limited number of "no cost" Elevation Certificates for owner-occupied residences. Applications for Elevation Certificates are available for pick up at the Borough Office. Please call Sharon Badman @ 570-374-2311 or email sbadman@selinsgrove.org with any questions.

Waterways:

Just a reminder the Borough is not responsible for waterway maintenance. If your property is adjacent to a waterway, please be sure to keep it clear and maintained. Do not do anything that alters the flow of the waterway. For areas of concern, reach out to the Department of Environmental Protection for guidance. Property owners should work with DEP on keeping the waterways clear and flowing properly. Contact the DEP North Central Regional Office Waterway & Wetlands Program at 570-327-3574.

INCREASED COST OF COMPLIANCE (ICC)

ICC coverage provides payment to help cover the cost of mitigation activities that will reduce the risk of future flood damage to a building. When a building covered by a Standard Flood Insurance Policy suffers a flood loss and is declared to be substantially or repetitively damaged, ICC will pay up to **\$30,000** to bring the building into compliance with state or community flood plain management laws or ordinances. Usually this means elevating or relocating the building so that it is above the base flood elevation (BFE). Non-residential structures may also be flood-proofed. ICC coverage applies solely to buildings and only covers the cost of the compliance measures undertaken. It is filed separately from the normal flood insurance claim. In addition to being insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), a building must meet one (1) of two (2) conditions to be eligible to receive ICC coverage; it must have been either 1) determined to be substantially damaged, or 2) meet the criteria of a repetitive loss structure. Substantial damage is the determination by the community that damage due to flooding has equaled or exceeded 50 percent of the value of the building. When repaired, the building must meet local floodplain management ordinances. If the total damage from flooding is less than 50 percent of the market value of the building, ICC coverage is not available. Repetitive loss means that a building covered by flood insurance incurred flood related damage two (2) times over a period of 10 years, and that the cost of the repairs was, on the average, at least 25 percent of the market value of the building before the damage occurred each time. This applies only if the community has adopted a repetitive loss provision in the local floodplain management ordinance, and a flood insurance claim must have been paid in both cases. The combined damage total must be 50 percent of the value of the building before the damage occurred, but it need not be evenly distributed. So, if the damage was 35 percent of the value of the building in the first event and 15 percent of the value of the building in the second event, the policyholder would qualify for ICC coverage.

What is Inflow & Infiltration (I&I)? Both Owners and Renters should be aware of this topic

Inflow happens when groundwater and storm water is misdirected and enters into the sanitary sewer system through incorrect connections within the collection system. Homes and businesses contribute in a number of ways—roof drains, downspouts, sump pumps, driveway drains, foundation and floor drains, and stairwells plumbed into sanitary sewage systems instead of storm sewers or “daylight”. These connections are illegal. Fortunately, they are easily and cheaply fixable.

Infiltration is when groundwater enters the sanitary sewer system through faulty sewer laterals (home to street), pipes or manholes. These pipes might have cracks or leaks that let water in. This can happen because of age, installation and maintenance issues or even tree roots.

Much of the excessive flow can be attributed to down spouts, basement floor drains and sump pumps plumbed into the sanitary sewer. These types of connections are prohibited by Code. Homeowners can inexpensively and quickly remedy these connections. Down spout elbows cost about \$4.00. Floor drain expansion plugs are about the same. Sump pump connections can be easily rerouted to “daylight” outside the home. These inexpensive alterations could prevent increased sewer costs in the future.

How to identify inflow & infiltration:

There are a number of strategies the Borough will undertake to find problem connections and leaks in order to reduce or stop I&I.

1. Informing the public.
2. The next step in identifying I&I is to locate where problems are occurring and isolate the areas that have the worst I&I.
3. Inspection of manholes can identify leaks from joints and provide the opportunity to view the drainage near a structure.
4. Smoke testing may be needed in residential areas.
5. Closed Circuit television inspection (CCTV)/pipe inspection. We will view inside our system pipes through the use of CCTV.
6. Home inspections.

SEWER BACKFLOW PREVENTION:

When there is a clog in a sewage line, the Borough must clean it out promptly to prevent further backup in the system's lines. It would be great if there was time to give notice but that is not the case.

HOW CAN YOU PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM BACKFLOW OF SEWAGE WHEN A LINE HAS TO BE BLOWN OUT/UNCLOGGED?

Homeowners and business owners can have a backflow preventer installed on their line. This is a choice only you can make as the property owner. The Borough does not install these for property owners.

WHAT CAN PROPERTY OWNERS DO TO PREVENT CLOGS?

Only flush toilet paper: no wet wipes (yes, even the ones that say “flushable”), no paper towels.

Throw grease in the garbage. Do not wash it down the drain. Grease coats lines and clogs. All businesses serving food in the Borough of Selinsgrove are REQUIRED, by Ordinance (*Ord. 185B, 3/3/1947*; as added by *Ord. 781, 12/7/2009, §4(a)*), to have a grease trap installed, take note of regular cleaning and provide a written log report to the Borough Office by the end of each year.

Know What's Below. Call Before You Dig.

Keep your home and neighborhood protected and connected by knowing what's below and always calling PA One Call at 8-1-1 (or 1-800-242-1776) **BEFORE** you dig. Visit www.paonecall.org for more information about 811 and safe digging practices.

If you plan to disturb the earth by digging or excavating, you are required by Pennsylvania law to notify the underground utility companies of your intent. PA One Call is a **FREE SERVICE** that notifies the nearby utility companies for you. Utility workers responding to a PA One Call will mark the location of their lines using different colors of paint, to represent their particular utility. Why is this important? Knowing the approximate location of your buried lines before each digging project helps protect you from injury and the consequences that can result from accidentally damaging a buried utility line. The depths of utility lines vary and there can be multiple utility lines in the same area.

Safe Digging Is No Accident: Always Call 811 Before You Dig

White—proposed excavation
Pink—temporary survey mark
Red—electric power
Yellow—gas, oil, steam, petro
Orange—communication
Blue—potable water
Purple—reclaimed water
Green—sewer and drain lines

A LOOK AT OUR BOROUGH

BUSINESSES OF THE BOROUGH

Please update your contact information with the Borough Office as soon as possible. At minimum, we need a phone number and mailing address for your business. An email address is also appreciated, if applicable. Contact information can be sent to lbrouse@selinsgrove.org. Thank you.

Snyder County Emergency Management Information and Contact:

Phone: 570-452-7013 **Website:** snydercounty.org/departments/emergency-management
Facebook: Snyder County Emergency Management Agency (**sign up for Snyder County Emergency Alerts**)

DUMPSTERS

If you need a dumpster and it is impossible to place it on your property, please contact the Borough Office and let the staff know:

1. **Contact Information:** Name, Address, Phone#, and Email
2. **Dates:** Placement and Removal
3. **Please note:** You or the dumpster company should be sure there are reflectors or cones with reflectors on the road-side corners of the dumpster at the time of placement. (This will help motorists see the dumpster in the dark.)

RESPONSIBILITY COMES WITH OWNING OR HARBORING CATS, DOGS, AND OTHER ANIMALS

Those who own or harbor cats, dogs, or other animals are reminded that Selinsgrove ordinances prohibit such animals running at large and require that they bear an identification tag, be under leash and properly curbed with their feces being removed. Please be kind to both your pet and your neighbors by confining your animal to your property and providing for the proper disposal of animal waste. Animal waste deposited on private property without the owner's consent or on public property poses an unnecessary and significant health hazard. Please act responsibly.

ANIMALS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO RUN FREE FROM YOUR PROPERTY—IF YOU HAVE A CAT, IT NEEDS TO STAY IN YOUR YARD. PLEASE SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PETS TO HELP CONTROL THE PET POPULATION.

STRAY CATS OVERTAKING YOUR PROPERTY?

THE BOROUGH BUDGETS TO AID IN THE FIGHT TO END THE OVERPOPULATION OF STRAY CATS

Selinsgrove Borough and Cherished Cat Rescue Alliance (www.cherishedcats.org/tnr) have joined forces to control the feral (stray) cat population in the borough humanely. If you live in Selinsgrove Borough and have a cat colony in your life/neighborhood and would like help to get them humanely trapped and neutered please follow the steps below. The Borough budgets each year to aid in the effort of controlling the feral (stray) cat population. All you need to do is apply (see below) and Cherished Cats Rescue Alliance will walk you through the process.

You must submit two applications:

1. Cherished Cats Application – <https://www.cherishedcats.org/needhelp> (Apply for Coverage) – MUST BE DONE ONLINE
2. Selinsgrove Borough TNR Application – **TNR Application updated 2024** – This can be completed and returned (mail/drop off) to Selinsgrove Borough, 1 N. High Street, Selinsgrove, PA 17870 or email the office at borough@selinsgrove.org.

You will be contacted by a Cherished Cat Rescue Representative who will answer any questions you may have. In exchange for our help, you must agree to provide food and some kind of shelter and return these cats to the location where they were trapped. The fee includes the spay/neuter, Rabies /Feline Leukemia Vaccines, ear tip, ear cleaning, ear mite treatment, and flea meds. ALL CATS must come in a Humane (live) Traps. Cherished Cat Rescue Alliance has some to lend out and you will be trained in their use. Cherished Cat Rescue Alliance is looking for people who are interested in getting involved with the TNR effort in our area. Visit their website to learn how you can be part of this very important and rewarding initiative.

Spring Cleanup is a large event for the Borough. Please read the insert for the new direction starting this year. If you have large items to dispose of throughout the year, please consider donating or dispose of through your contracted trash company. Do not leave furniture along the curb for days, week, months on end.

Level 2 Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers Public Accessibility:

Susquehanna University notified the Borough to spread the word about the publicly accessible level 2 electric vehicle (EV) chargers that were installed on campus just off of University Avenue in the parking lot across from the main campus entrance. The fee for use is \$1/hour for the first 4 hours, \$2/hour for the 5th and 6th hours of charging. There is a penalty of \$5/hour for loitering 45 minutes after the vehicle is charged or after 6 hours and 45 minutes of charging.

ZONING PERMITS REQUIRED

Zoning Permits are required for excavation within the Borough. A General Permit from DEP is also required if the excavation is within 50 feet of a stream. An earth disturbance of less than 5,000 square feet requires both a Best Management Practices and a Small Projects Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan to be filed with the Borough with an application for a Zoning Permit. For an earth disturbance of 5,000 square feet or more, an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan approved by the Snyder County Conservation District must be provided as part of a Land Development Plan.

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

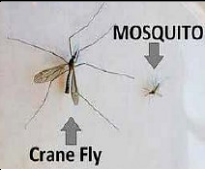
Contact the Deputy Zoning Officer, at the Borough Office, with questions regarding a Zoning Permit. All structures, including portable structures and pools, require a Zoning Permit. The Selinsgrove Borough Ordinance allows 30 days for review and approval of Zoning Permits.

If you are putting up a fence, (anything over 6 ft. high or in a flood plain) requires a permit.

Weeds on sidewalks are the property owner's responsibility (residential & business). Please clean up the weeds on your sidewalks to keep them passable and prevent lifting and breakage of the surface. Take pride in your space as you have worked hard for it and deserve it.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO TRIM VEGETATION:

Selinsgrove Borough Public Works Department employees routinely monitor the growth of trees, bushes and other vegetation located along Borough streets, sidewalks and alleys to identify those that are obstructing travel along public sidewalks, streets or alleys; that interfere with and/or could cause damage to vehicles passing along or parking along the curb or gutter line of the street; that are obstructing the visibility of Borough signs and/or signals; that are obstructing the visibility of oncoming traffic at intersections or that are otherwise interfering with the safe use of the Borough's sidewalks, streets or alleys for their intended purpose. If you receive a NOTICE OF INTENT TO TRIM VEGETATION at your property and do not want the Public Works Department to trim for you, then you MUST respond within 3 days to let them know when you will have the trimming taken care of. **Per Ordinance 204, Part 5, Homeowners are to be responsible for the vegetation prior to these notices, so please understand that 3 days should be plenty notice.**



Mosquito Concerns

Mistaken identity! The Crane Fly is also aquatic but are just a nuisance since they DO NOT BITE. Crane flies are missing the proboscis that mosquitoes have. All mosquitoes require water for their eggs to hatch and for the larvae and pupae to survive. Different mosquito species prefer different habitats. These habitats can be broken down into containers, floodwater, and permanent water. Container habitats tend to have more disease and nuisance mosquito species. Are you aware of areas of standing, stagnant water on your property? Do your best to eliminate it by cleaning up debris that collects the water, level out or drain areas that are low-lying and hold water, remove places water can collect to prevent the creation of a breeding area.

For areas of concern or advice, first check the website for the Northumberland County Conservation District. www.nccdpd.org If you need more advice or questions, reach out to Madison Erdman the Mosquito Borne Disease Control Coordinator for our area. She coordinates the treatment plan for Selinsgrove Borough. Office Phone: 570-495-4665 X303

Habitat	Solutions
Containers —>	Empty/Recycle
Rain Barrel —>	Cover with Screen
Plant Saucer —>	Dump excess water
Bird bath —>	Change water 2x weekly
Gutters, ditches, culverts —>	Clean out leaves & debris
Ornamental pond>	Use an aerator
Swimming pool-->	Keep unused pools covered and water drained from top
Tarps —>	Keep them tight & clear of debris
Drain pipes —>	Cover end of corrugated pipes

Parking & Curb-Street Information:

Residents shall not paint the curb or post signage marking any type of designated parking on a public street. Public Works paints curbs in the late Spring & Summer months but keep in mind the parking signage is to be followed whether the paint is present or not.

- Street sweeping will begin on April 8th (see insert) which will start the parking restriction between 2AM and 6AM for scheduled streets. Your car MUST be off the street by 2AM of your assigned day for street cleaning and should remain off the street until 6AM of that same morning. The police will no longer be issuing warnings. Violators will be responsible to pay a \$15.00 fee. Fees double if not paid within 48 hours.
- If left unpaid, a Non-Traffic Citation is issued to the District Magistrate's Office where fines are applied and a copy is sent to the offender. Contact the Selinsgrove Police Department at 570-374-8655 with any questions. The Department thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

Parks:

Please notify the Borough Office at 570-374-2311 or borough@selinsgrove.org if you see any repair needs in any of the parks maintained by the Borough: Moose Playground, Major Anthony Selin Park, Selinsgrove Dog Park, Little Norway II, Pump House Park and Gazebo, and Pump House Tot Lot

Patrons of all parks to include the Dog Park: Please remember it is unlawful to not clean up after your pet in public spaces. If you choose to use the park, take care of it. Clean up after your pet!

Crosswalks:

Pedestrians have the right-of-way at crosswalks. Please slow down and use caution prior to driving through any crosswalk. The signs and painted white lines act as a reminder to motorists to **slow down** and **yield** to pedestrians waiting to cross the street. **This is a Pennsylvania Law that applies to all crosswalks, both marked and unmarked, at intersections.**

Sidewalks—Does your property have curbing and/or sidewalks?

(Ordinance No. 204, duly adopted 1-7-1952) For more information, find the full ordinance on our website or visit the Borough Office. These are some helpful tips to focus on. When inspections are completed by Borough employees the following guidelines apply for repair/replacement:

CURBS

- 20% (length wise) is deteriorated, badly spalled or crumbly
- Pushed out of vertical alignment one (1) inch or more
- Out of horizontal alignment by one (1) inch or more

SIDEWALKS

- More than two (2) transverse cracks
- Twenty percent (20%) or more of surface chipping or other deterioration
- Two cracks intersecting each other
- Raised so that a vertical displacement of one (1) inch or more exists or have been raised more than two (2) inches by tree roots, etc.

Curbing and/or sidewalk repair and/or replacement to conform to PennDOT 408 standards.

SIDEWALKS THAT ARE A PART OF A DRIVEWAY MUST BE CONCRETE.

IF REPLACING YOUR DRIVEWAY MAKE SURE THE SIDEWALK PORTION IS CONCRETE.

§22-504 Construction Standards.

3. Sidewalks.

A. Concrete sidewalk—4 inches in thickness, placed on 4 inches cinder or crushed stone base. Borough residents are required to use concrete when replacing sidewalks. If you have questions concerning requirements, please check the Borough Code on the website or call the office for further detail.

A LOOK AT OUR BOROUGH

House Bill No. 451: Providing for an annual revenue sharing program for municipalities relating to tax-exempt real property; establishing the Tax-exempt Property Municipal Assistance Fund; imposing powers and duties on the Department of Community and Economic Development; and making a repeal.

Memo: Tax Exempt Properties

Posted: January 4, 2023 03:29 PM

From: Representative R. Freeman

To: All House members

Subject: Tax Exempt Properties

For more information on this and other House Bills, visit: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/>. Click "Legislation", "Bills and Resolutions", "by Bill Number", type in HB451 and search.

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In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that would provide a dedicated state funding source to municipalities that have 15% or more of its overall assessed property value as tax-exempt properties within their municipal borders. Municipalities across Pennsylvania with a large amount of tax-exempt properties, such as institutions of higher education, nonprofit medical facilities, government property, and state game lands, are faced with the challenge of providing residents essential services without the real estate tax base of other communities. My legislation would provide annual financial assistance to those affected municipalities, giving them the ability to provide the essential services that ensure the health and safety of their residents and can put their community in a more stable financial position to attract economic development.

This legislation would establish the Tax Exempt Property Municipal Assistance Fund using the revenue generated from the 18% Liquor Tax, levied on all wine and spirits sold in Pennsylvania, to provide funding to municipalities with high levels of tax exempt properties. Municipalities with high levels of tax-exempt properties are facing difficult fiscal decisions. A shrinking tax base makes it difficult for some to provide the basic services expected from local government. By providing annual funding to these municipalities, we can stabilize their fiscal situation and enable them to maintain essential basic services to ensure the health and safety of their citizens. The liquor tax helped to rebuild Johnstown after it was devastated by a flood in 1936. It is time to target that money to municipalities that are falling further into financial distress simply because they have significant amounts of tax-exempt properties within their boundaries. This legislation can help hundreds of communities across our commonwealth, including those municipalities that are under the Act 47 Financially Distressed Municipalities program, college towns, county seats, and municipalities that host nonprofit hospitals as they have a high percentage of tax-exempt property. Please join me in co-sponsoring this legislation.

Selinsgrove REC Summer Camp 2024: June 17—August 9; Monday—Friday, 8:30AM—3:30PM

Registration Cost: \$150/week

Join us at the REC for an exciting summer of supervised games, art, and community activities. Register your child for all eight weeks, or just the ones that work for your schedule! Costs include pool and field trip admission fees, meals and snacks, and one camp t-shirt. Open to children going into grades 2-5. Financial assistance available. No camp on Thursday, July 4. Register online at selinsgroverec.com/camp or call (570)884-3316 for more information.

SELINGSGROVE SENIOR CENTER ONGOING FUNDRAISER:

Visit "Grandma's Attic," our small second-hand shop open to residents of Snyder/Union counties, located inside the Selinsgrove Senior Center. Miscellaneous items such as kitchen gadgets, knick knacks, framed pictures, music CDs, baskets, shoes, etc... Only form of clothing available is coats. Also accepting donations such as items listed. We are a non-profit organization and all proceeds are used for activities at the center. Visit during center hours, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-2pm. Please call 570-374-4170 with any questions.

THE FRIENDS OF THE RUDY GELNETT LIBRARY

ATTENTION PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS OF 2024 GRADUATES: BUY YOUR GRADUATE A "MASCOT" MUG

(Selinsgrove Seal or Midd-West Mustang). Available at ALL county libraries for \$20. We also have Rolling Green Park Mugs.

- Friends will start taking orders beginning in May for the annual blueberry sale. Watch for order forms and dates in May on our Facebook page, "Friends of Rudy Gelnett Library" and our yard signs across the county.
- Friends will also have a booth at the Market Street Festival on September 28 where we will have our annual Quilt and Basket Raffle. Mugs will also be available for sale.
- We have an In-House Ongoing Book Sale—held during regular Library hours (gently used books \$0.50—\$1.00 —children's, teens, adult, large print books and DVDs)

DH&L Fire Company

DH&L Fire Company will be holding the **Annual Easter Open House** on **Saturday, March 30th**. This family-friendly event is a great way for the community to learn about the fire company, meet the firefighters, and let the kids have some fun with an Easter Egg Hunt. Each child will receive a gift bag with fun activities to learn about fire safety, there will be chances for prizes, and the firefighters will be serving free hamburgers and hotdogs. The doors open at 10:00 AM to register for the Easter Egg Hunt, explore the fire station, and check out the trucks. The Easter Egg Hunt will then start promptly at 11:00 AM with fire truck rides immediately following. This event is open to the public and free of charge.

On **Saturday, May 18th**, DH&L will be hosting a **Gun Raffle and Music Festival**. Doors open at 2:30PM and music from 3:00PM -11:00 PM, open to the public 21 and over. A drawing for a gun will occur every 15 minutes from 4:00—10:00 PM, and there will be performances by 5 live bands throughout the event. Tickets for the event are \$20.00 with beer and soda covered in the cost of admission.

Selinsgrove Area Community Pool

Selinsgrove Area Community Pool opens Saturday, May 25th, with FREE admission on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th. The pool will be closed May 28th—May 30th and re-open daily for the season on Friday, May 31st at noon. Enjoy the use of the interactive Splash Pad featuring fountains, waterfalls and dump buckets, as well as other amenities including enclosed tube slides, diving board, lounge chairs, umbrellas, shaded tables, lap lanes, zero-depth entry, and Bella's Pizza concession stand. Inquire about hosting a party or gathering in the pavilion.

We are currently hiring staff and lifeguards for the 2024 season. We will host a Lifeguard Training Certification course in May. Visit selinsgrovepool.org for employment forms and season pass applications. Take advantage of our early-bird discount pass rates through March 31st. Watch for Red Cross swim lesson sign up, PADI Open Water SCUBA and free water aerobics classes. Selinsgrove Stingrays hold their practices and meets at the pool. Team sign-ups will be held in May.

Mark your calendar to attend the Bingo/Chinese Auction Fundraiser, Sunday, April 21st at the Selinsgrove VFW on Route 522 doors open at noon. 20 games for \$20, with Bingo beginning at 2PM. Also, register for the NEW Croquet Tournament Fundraiser at Rotary Field in June. Details on the Facebook page. Donations to support the pool are tax deductible and always appreciated. Mail your contribution to SARI, PO Box 172, Selinsgrove, PA 17870 and ask how to participate in our paint-the-block campaign.

The 2023 Friends of the Pool Campaign raised a grand total of \$19,335.00. The best year ever! Thanks to all who support the pool!

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Dates to Remember...

FROM THE BOROUGH: Dates are provided as we know them at this time. Any changes will be on the website calendar. Feel free to call the Borough at 570-374-2311 to verify meeting dates/times. (Borough website—selinsgrove.org)

Borough Council Meetings 2024: AT 7:00PM—March 4; April 1; May 6; June 3; July 1; August 5; September 3; October 7; November 4; November 18 @ 6:30; December 2—If you wish to be added to the agenda, please send an email with your name, contact information and the discussion topic to borough@selinsgrove.org by noon the Wednesday prior to the meeting date or call the office to speak with the Borough Manager or Assistant Borough Manager.

Borough Committee Meetings: Administration/Finance Committee meets at 1:00PM the same dates as Borough Council Meetings listed above excluding November 18.

April 8: Street Sweeping Begins—**See the recycling flier inside this newsletter.**

April 15 & 16: Selinsgrove SPRING CLEANUP—**See the flier inside newsletter. There is new information.**

April 20: Hand Up Electronic Recycling—8:00AM-12:00PM at the Borough Public Works building on Sassafras Street—**See the recycling flier inside this newsletter.**

May 1: Lead/Copper Plumbing Surveys due to the Borough to avoid discontinued water service & associated fees (**see page 1**)

May 6: Brush Pickup—**See the Recycling flier inside this newsletter.**

FROM SELINGSGROVE PROJECTS INC (SPI): (More detail on the SPI website—selinsgroveprojects.org)

April 20 at 8:00AM: Tickets go on sale for the 16th Annual Selinsgrove Brewfest

May 11-December 7: Farmers' Market every Saturday—9:00AM-1:00PM (Nov. & Dec. 10:00AM-2:00PM) The Commons

Tuesdays, June-August: Rudy Gelnett Music Series—6:30PM-8:00PM

Thursdays, June-September: Rudy Gelnett Music Series—6:30PM-8:00PM

June 8: Selinsgrove Strikes & Strokes Community Croquet Classic

July 20: 16th Annual Selinsgrove Brewfest—2:00PM-6:00PM

September 28: 45th Annual Market Street Festival—8:30AM-4:00PM

October 15: Halloween Parade—7:00PM-9:00PM (rain date October 16)

FROM SELINGSGROVE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: (More detail at their website—discoverselinsgrove.com)

April 6: Chocolate Stroll—10:00AM-2:00PM

July 21: Antiques on the Avenue—9:00AM-3:00PM

September 21: 4th Annual Plein Air Competition & Savor Selinsgrove

FROM SELINGSGROVE AREA ROTARY CLUB: (More detail at their website—selinsgroverotary.org)

August 8: 4TH ANNUAL WHEELS IN THE GROVE—5:00PM-8:30PM (Questions: call Tom Gates at 570-850-7907)