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Official Newsletter

LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Spring 2024 is an interesting time for Sellersville. This year ushers in a year of celebrations honoring the 150th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Borough of Sellersville as a recognized municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. So, we ponder and reflect on our past this spring – the season of new life, new beginnings, and regrowth – while simultaneously focusing on our future.

We residents of Sellersville have inherited a rich and remarkable history, of which each of us should be proud. The unique variety of architecture visible in our community speaks to our cultural heritage. If you haven't done so, take a leisurely walk around town and marvel at the beautiful architecture – Victorian and Craftsman, among others. If you listen carefully, these lovely historic buildings speak of their early years and their original residents or business owners, who provided the foundation for our present-day community abounding with contemporary businesses, residences, and 21st Century culture.

So, if history is our inheritance, how should we “spend” this inheritance? That’s where looking ahead is crucial. If every resident committed to honor this history by doing whatever they can to ensure that we keep pace with contemporary life (spruce up your property, volunteer, get involved in community activities), future generations of families will be able to enjoy our vibrant, active Borough with all it has to offer.

Let this spring be a true season of renewal – renewed public pride in our community, renewed involvement in our community, and renewed interest in helping our community stay up to date with our rapidly changing modern world.

Lois Dodson

Sellersville Borough Council President

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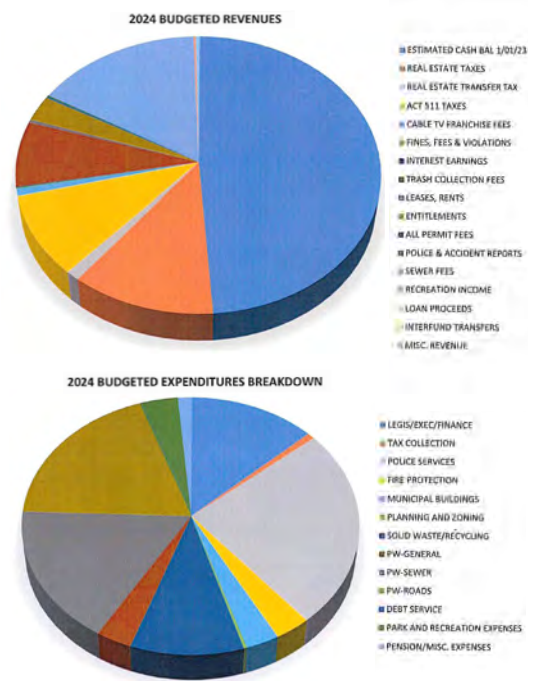
2024 Budget Approved

The Final 2024 Sellersville Borough Budget was passed on Monday, December 11, 2023. The 2024 Budget reflects no increase in real estate, earned income, per capita, local services, or occupational assessment taxes for 2024. The Budget is balanced, fiscally responsible, and intended to fulfill the short-term and long-term goals of the Borough.

Real estate tax millage remains at 27 mills; 24 mills for General Purposes, and 3 mills in support of fire services in Sellersville Borough. There has not been a real estate millage increase since the 3 mills for Fire Service was instituted in 2020. Other taxes have stayed the same for decades.

There is a small increase in quarterly sewer rates, which haven't been increased since 2019. The minimum quarterly charge for 2024 is now \$60.00 for the first 300 cubic feet of usage (up from \$50.00); users will now pay \$4.60 per 100 cu.ft. up to 50,000 cu.ft over the initial 300 cu.ft. (up from \$4.25), and \$3.55 per cu.ft for usage over 50,000 cu.ft. (up from \$3.25). A portion of this increase will go toward capital improvements to the sanitary collection system.

As in prior years, a number of paving projects and stormwater management improvements have been budgeted, along with engineering work ahead of those projects.



Public Works Department

You may have noticed some changes to the Sellersville Borough Public Works Department. Long time employees John Barry (JB) Snyder retired after 58 years at the Borough and Jimmy Derstine retired after 43 years at the Borough. We thank them for their many years of dedication to the Borough.



Mike Zischang has been promoted to Public Works Superintendent and now oversees the Public Works Department. The Public Works Department maintains Borough streets, inlets, storm drains, Lake Lenape Park and the bicycle/walking path, Druckenmiller Playground, Borough equipment, vehicles, facilities, and buildings.

Assisting Mike are Conner Pfaff and Dave McCallister; both coming to the Borough with previous experience in water and sewer maintenance, as well as general public works. Conner lives locally with his wife and son. Dave lives in Quakertown with his son and dog. Both men are active members of the local Fire Departments.

If you see any of our Public Works crew on the street, say hello and introduce yourself. We like to hear from our residents.

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Boy Scouts

written by Chip Kramer, Scoutmaster Troop 1 Sellersville

Did you ever see the Scout Cabin in Lenape Park and wonder what goes on there?

We are Troop 1 Sellersville! We meet at the Sellersville Scout Cabin. We belong to the Tohickon District of Washington Crossing Council of the National Boy Scouts of America. Our Troop is open to boys ages eleven through eighteen.

Our motto is, "Preparing Youth for Life Since 1917". Yes, we were first chartered in 1917 and have been in continuous operation since then!

Our current Chartered Organization is St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Sellersville. They also Charter our Cub Scout Pack 1, open to boys and girls in grades kindergarten through Fifth grade. The Cub Pack meets at the church. Our Scouts pledge their honor to "Do their best". This includes many hours of community service and helping other people at all times. At Troop 1 and Pack 1, we strive to help and provide service to our community. We do hundreds of service hours each year!

Some examples of our service are Sellersville Winterfest, Road Clean-up on the Ridge Road, weeding at the Garden of Eat'n (St. Michael's and Jerusalem Lutheran Church's joint project to grow food for Pennridge Fish), helping at the Sellersville Museum, maintaining the Scout Cabin, packing RamPacks, helping at Fostering Hope Bucks, cleaning up after floods, park clean up events, Fire Company events, clean up at Holiday House Pool, and many Eagle Scout Projects that benefit the Community. We also participate in the Local Memorial Day parades, Wreaths Across America, MS Walk, and other community programs. We do an open to the community Flag Retirement Ceremony every June.

Do you have a youth that needs to get outside, go camping, help the community and learn life skills? Check out Scouting!! Go to beascout.org, type in your zip code and select the program (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts and/or Exploring) and a list of Units in your community will appear, Including Troop 1 and Pack 1.

Check out our Facebook pages to see our activities: Troop 1: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/117738788248905>

Pack 1: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083337062615>

Do you have a community Service that needs to be done? Contact us! We are willing to help.

ON MY HONOR I WILL DO MY BEST!

Chip Kramer, Scoutmaster Troop 1 Sellersville



Liberty Trail Girl Scouts



Liberty Trail Girl Scouts are dedicated to supporting girls in the Pennridge School District, whether they attend public or private school or are homeschooled. Girl Scouts is a way of life that brings out the best in girls, even in the most challenging of times. While they're learning about the outdoors, entrepreneurship, STEM, and important life skills, Girl Scouts are also discovering new ways to make their family and community stronger, kinder, and better for everyone.

Girl Scouts is a unique program where girls get to choose their own path, starting with a troop that works for them or working individually. Girls get to choose the badges, awards, and projects they want to work on. We offer programs for girls of all ages and backgrounds that cover all things art, science, music, money management, animals and more.

We are always looking to support and give back to our community. Some events we participate in are our Nextrex Plastic Recycling Challenge, Annual Cookie Sale, Arbor Day event, supply drives for local animal shelters, Sellersville Museum Holiday Tree event, caroling for cans, food and clothing drives for FISH and marching in local parades to recognize our service members and local first responders. If you see Girl Scouts out in the community, feel free to stop and ask them what they love about Girl Scouts. If you are looking for a place for your girl to thrive, you've found it. Sign her up today!

Liberty Trail Girl Scouts

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Now is the perfect time to join Girl Scouts. Troops are always accepting new members, and there are troops for girls in kindergarten through high school seniors in the PSD area. As a Girl Scout, girls have the chance to explore the world around them, have a blast, and — most importantly — find the space to be truly, totally themselves. Not to mention all the new friends they will make.

From joining a troop to spending a week at summer camp, Girl Scouts have the chance to meet others from their neighborhood, community, and nearby schools. They may even meet local leaders during a service project! Making the world a better place is all in a day's work for a Girl Scout. Girls can take it to the next level by earning the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, or Gold Awards, our highest awards, to make a sustainable impact. There are many Girl Scouts in the PSD working hard on these projects and you will see their efforts come to life right in your own community. Liberty Trail Girl Scouts are very grateful for the support they receive from the leaders and residents of Sellersville and the surrounding townships which enables them to continue to improve our community.



As a Girl Scout all you need to do is decide on your adventure and work together to make your troop goals a reality while working to make your community even better. Liberty Trail troops have traveled all over to explore the world including New York, Tennessee, and London to name a few places. No adventure is too big for a Girl Scout. From discovering new museums to camping at a state park all weekend, or having a sleepover on the Battleship New Jersey, there are as many ways to discover adventure as there are Girl Scouts. We look forward to meeting you in the community and welcoming new girls to join the Girl Scout Adventure! If you have a girl interested in becoming a Girl Scout and would like more information, please email our registrar, Kim Gottshall at libertytrailgs@gmail.com. She will be happy to answer any questions and find a troop that is just right for your family.

Sellersville's Sesquicentennial Anniversary in the Eyes of a Local Tourist

written by Brittany Brown of Britt Around Town

In 2024, the town of Sellersville is set to unfurl a year-long festivity to commemorate a monumental milestone: its 150th Anniversary of Incorporation. As the borough prepares to celebrate this Sesquicentennial, a fun schedule of events awaits for our region, promising to stitch together the past, present, and future of this beloved community.

The festivities will commence in March with the town's beloved Annual Easter Egg Hunt - a heartwarming event that paints the town with joy and the laughter of children. As spring blossoms, the celebratory excitement continues with a Community Banquet in April. This banquet, hosted at the Sellersville Moose Lodge, promises an evening of delicious cuisine, music, and dancing.

For enthusiasts of classic and contemporary vehicles, the April Car Show is a dream come true. The Fire House parking lot will transform into a showcase of over 130 spectacular cars, with trophies awarded by the Borough's distinguished figures. This display of automotive excellence is truly a tribute to the town's industrious spirit.

The Memorial Day Parade, which normally alternates with Perkasie, will be winding its way through the heart of Sellersville. The procession will feature an array of bands and fire companies, alongside various community organizations, all marching to the beat of patriotism and community pride.

As summer heats up, so does the town's patriotic fervor with the Annual National Bell Ringing ceremony at the Sellersville Museum. This event will resonate with the founding ideals of the nation, accompanied by the collective chime of the historic bell. Additionally, a 5K run through scenic Lake Lenape Park will infuse the festivities with energetic strides and healthy competition.

Anticipation bubbles for the Community Picnic in August, where the potential chili cooking contest is already stirring up excitement. It's an opportunity for friends and family to convene and indulge in culinary delights, sharing stories and creating memories.

This Sesquicentennial year in Sellersville is not merely a reflection on its storied past; it is an embrace of the vibrant life that thrives within the Borough today and a look forward to its promising future. Each event is an invitation to witness the enduring spirit and camaraderie that are the hallmarks of Sellersville, a town where history is not just remembered but celebrated with communal joy and anticipation for the years ahead.

The “History Mystery” Column

In each issue of the Borough newsletter, we feature an historic photograph pulled from the Sellersville Museum’s archive collection. We then give our readers clues and a chance to figure out what the “mystery” photo is.

The answer to the Fall/Winter 2023 issue’s “mystery” is . . .

#35 Maple Avenue: the future home of Maple Lofts, a mixed-use commercial and upscale apartment complex.

This historic, 3-story brick edifice was constructed from 1892 to 1893 by the Otto Eisenlohr and Brothers Cigar Manufacturers. Based out of Philadelphia, the prominent cigar company (known for their “Cinco” and “Henrietta” brands) operated numerous factories throughout Pennsylvania during the height of the hand-rolled cigar industry of the 1800s and early 1900s.

Sellersville first welcomed Eisenlohr’s in 1888 when they started renting a smaller structure at present-day #328 North Main Street. Within four years, the expanding company decided to erect this Maple Avenue factory. With business booming, they were again forced to construct an even larger brick building further west on Maple Avenue (previously located next to the Druckenmiller Playground) and relocated out of the building seen here in 1911.

That same year, the Item Publishing Company moved in and remained here until 1943, printing the weekly Sellersville Herald newspaper and the nationally-distributed magazine, The Poultry Item. Numerous other businesses occupied this



Photo by Joseph W. Daub, circa 1900



Photo taken June 2023, before recent exterior renovations began

building afterwards, including Lemmon Pharmaceuticals, Penn Pants, and Dudley Sports Company (a baseball manufacturer). Beginning in the 1980’s, Raymond C. Rumpf & Son (a popular fly-fishing equipment distributor) operated out of this old factory until recently moving to Lansdale. Occupancy in the newly-remodeled structure is anticipated later this year.

Now, onto this issue’s “Mystery Photo”:

OK, all of you Sellersville Sleuths out there (you know who you are) . . . this previous cigar mystery was probably a “puff of smoke” for a lot of you experts, especially since the “old factory” has been getting a lot of attention lately. So, “where” can we throw you a curveball? Here’s a clue: don’t get a “head” of yourself when you try to “milk” this one! [HINT: If the



puns aren’t helping, then re-read the above answer to last issue’s puzzle. The name of this new mystery property is all over the “Place.”]

Do you think you know the answer? Are you sure?

Get your detective hats on and go out and explore the town to find the answer! If you think you’ve solved this “mystery,” call the Borough Office (215-257-5075) and tell us!

In the next issue of the newsletter, we will correctly identify the photograph, shed some light on the bad puns, and feature a new “mystery” for you to solve.



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Fire prevention is a year-round concern that does not get a summer vacation. While on summer vacation there are various fire safety tips that should be kept in mind. When on vacation you are often not familiar with your surroundings and are in a different environment. While staying in a hotel, check to make sure that you know where the closest stairwell is from your hotel room in the event of an emergency, as elevators will not be operational. Make sure that everyone in your group knows where to meet outside of the hotel in the event of an emergency. Knowing where the closest location to get medical attention, emergency and non-emergency, ahead of time can also save time and stress in a serious situation.

An AirBnB can be just like your home away from home and the same fire safety mindset should be kept while staying in an AirBnB. Once you arrive, check to make sure there are working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in the proper locations throughout the home. Familiarize yourself with the exits and make a plan of how to exit the house in the event of a fire. Just like at home, you should determine a safe meeting place outside of the house and make sure that everyone staying there knows where the spot is.

While enjoying the fun times of vacations and summer get aways, it's important to not forget about fire safety at home. Make sure that you have operational smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in the correct locations throughout the house. Ensure that everyone knows where the safe meeting spot outside the house is and practice a fire drill exiting the home and meet at the safe meeting spot outside the house.

With the excitement of summer also comes outside fire hazards. Fireworks can add a fun and exciting extra to summer celebrations, but they must also be done safely to continue enjoying the summer. Children should never use fireworks and they should not be stored in a location that children might be able to have access to them.

Summer and cooking over a campfire go hand in hand, but that does not mean you do not need to be cautious while sitting around the campfire. Never leave the campfire unattended. Supervise children while around campfire and open flames. In Sellersville Borough, open burning is not permitted on public property, and on private property, all open flame burning must be 15 feet from buildings and always attended by a responsible adult. Open burning is never allowed under Red Flag warnings.

Sellersville Volunteer Fire Department Events

18th Annual Spring Basket Bingo



The Sellersville Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary presents their 18th Annual Spring Basket Bingo event at the Sellersville Firehouse, 2 North Main Street on Sunday,

April 14, 2024. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., and games begin at 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door (if available). Tickets purchased by April 8 will be entered into a special early bird drawing. Tickets include 24 standard play games. Extra gameplay includes grand prize games, 50/50, raffles, Chinese auction, Bingo Ball pull tabs and more. Food will be available for purchase.

To purchase tickets in advance by mail, send a self-addressed stamped envelope and a check (\$25 per ticket) made payable to "Sellersville Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary" to: SFD Basket Bingo, c/o 49 Winard Circle, Sellersville, PA 18960. Include your name, address, email and/or phone number. For further information, call (215) 257-4028, ext. 305 or email us directly at LadiesAux@sellersvillefd.com.

Sportsman's Bingo

Sellersville Fire Department's Sportsman's Bingo will be hosted on Sunday, May 5, 2024. Doors open at 12:00 p.m.; games start at 1:00 p.m. Check www.sellersvillefd.com for more details.

Antique Fire Apparatus Muster Event



The Sellersville Fire Department presents their first ever Antique Fire Apparatus Muster event at the Sellersville Firehouse, 2 N. Main St. on Sunday, May 19, 2024. The event

is free to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All proceeds of this event will go towards the restoration of the SFD 1938 Ford Pumper. There will be apparatus judging, truck displays, food, and a flea market. If interested in signing up for the flea market or apparatus display, please go to www.sellersvillefd.com.

Sellersville Carnival

Mark your calendars for a week of fun at the Sellersville Fire Department's Annual Carnival! The carnival runs from Tuesday, July 9 through Saturday, July 13, 2024. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday nights will be wristband nights (ride all you want for one fee). Friday night will be the traditional fireworks show, with a rain date of Saturday night.



**May 19,
2024**

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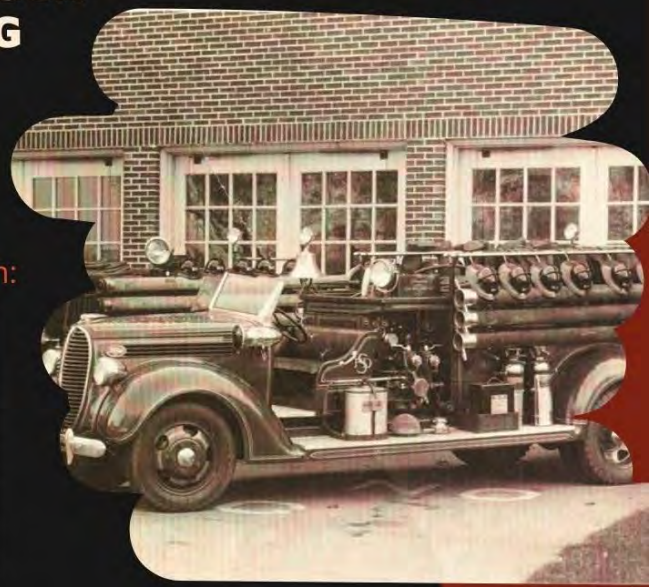
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Sesquicentennial/Memorial Day Parade Celebration

We have expanded the annual Memorial Day Parade and Service honoring the fallen, our veterans, and emergency responders this year in observance of our Sesquicentennial Celebration. The parade takes place on Saturday, May 25, 2024. The Parade forms at 9:00 a.m. at Diamond Street and East Clymer Avenue. The route travels south on Diamond Street, onto Grandview Avenue to South Main Street, South Main Street through town to Temple Avenue, turns right onto Temple Avenue, then enters Lake Lenape Park from the Walnut Street/Boy Scout Cabin entrance. The Memorial Service will begin at approximately 11:15 a.m. at the monument off Main Street.

If you are interested in participating in the parade, information can be found at www.sellersvilleboro.org/anniversary2024.html

Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2024

“Happy Anniversary Sellersville!” That’s right, as you may have already heard, 2024 marks the Borough’s Sesquicentennial – the 150th Anniversary of its Incorporation as a Borough. In March of 1874, fifty-three residents, including four women, petitioned the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Bucks County “...for a Charter of Incorporation of the Village of Sellersville in said county.” On December 7, 1874, that petition was granted. With the stroke of a quill pen, the village, which had once been known as The Village of Sellers Tavern, was incorporated and became the Borough of Sellersville.

Sellersville Borough Council has been working on a slate of events beginning in March with the annual Easter Egg Hunt. It is not too early to buy your tickets for the Community Banquet (April 13th) or to register your business or organization to march in the Memorial Day/Sesquicentennial Parade (May 25th). We expect it to be bigger than ever.

Other summer events include our Annual Bell Ringing on July 4th, an expanded Pennridge Community Day (July 7th) and a Community Picnic (Aug 17th). More activities and events will continue throughout the year, ending with a fireworks display to cap off this year’s WinterFest celebration. So, start marking your calendar so you don’t miss any of the fun. A handy card, which provides all the dates and times of the various events, is available now at Borough Hall and will soon be available at most businesses in town. You can find more information and registration forms on the borough’s website.



Sellersville 2024 A Year of "SELEBRATION" From Crossroads To Community

In 1738 Sellersville was a sleepy little village of a few souls known as Sellers Tavern. The tavern served as a major stage-coach stop on the Bethlehem Pike, originally a trail used by local Indians. But the town was part of a growing country and things were changing fast. Soon the railroad would arrive and with it came industry - from cigar manufacturers to US Gauge. And so, in 1874 the Village of Sellers Tavern was incorporated into the Borough of Sellersville. Now, 150 years later it seems like a good time to look back at what we were then, and to celebrate what we are today.



Come Join In the "SELEBRATION"

In 2024, Sellersville will Commemorate our past as we look to the future - through a combination of time-honored traditions and special events. Mark your calendars, and make plans to join us as we -

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Sellersville's 2024 Sesquicentennial Schedule of Events

For more information and the latest updates, scan the QR code below, or visit the websites.

Sesquicentennial Events



Annual Easter Egg Hunt - March 30 1:00 PM
Druckenmiller Playground

Community Banquet - April 13 6:00 PM
Sellersville Moose Lodge, Tickets Req'd

Car Show - April 20 10:00 AM (Reg. 9:00 AM)
Sellersville Fire Dept., Trophies awarded

Fire Muster - May 19 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Registration 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Sellersville Fire Department

**Sesquicentennial/
Memorial Day Parade** - May 25 10:00 AM
Main St. Sellersville



Annual Fourth of July Bell Ringing -
July 4 10:30 AM
Sellersville Museum, Reading of the
Declaration of Independence, Patriotic songs,
visits by Colonial personalities.

Non-Denominational Church Service -
July 7 TBD Scout Cabin Lake Lenape Park



SK Run - July 7 8:00 AM Registration
Lake Lenape Park Sellersville

Sellersville- Pennridge Community Day
July 7 12:00 PM Food, Crafts, games and more
Throughout Lake Lenape Park

Fireworks - July 7 9:00 PM
Lake Lenape Park Perkasio

Community Picnic - Aug. 17 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Poppa Joe's Grove, behind Sellersville Fire Dept.



**Gallery of the Arts/
Old-Tyme Baseball** - Sept. 15 12:00 PM
Downtown Sellersville and Lake Lenape Park
See baseball the way it was originally played

Halloween Party - Oct. 26 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sellersville Fire Dept.

Winterfest & Fireworks -
Dec. 14 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Downtown Sellersville, Sellersville Museum
and other locations to be announced



Sellersville Museum is open the
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(except February)
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Stormwater Management

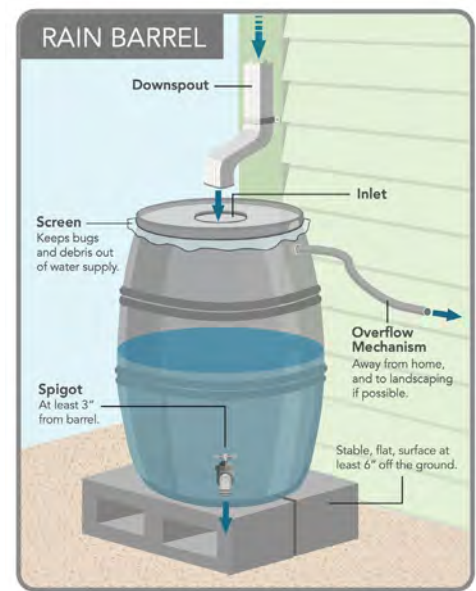
written by Heather McKean, Former Extension Educator, Water Quality Penn State University

How Can I Be a Good Stormwater Neighbor?

Have you ever discussed stormwater with your neighbor or wondered how to be a better stormwater neighbor? Neighbor disputes over stormwater are very common. Water does not follow property boundaries and there are often instances where water flows from one property onto another and causes damage. It is important to realize that activities on your own property can adversely affect your neighbor's property. The first thing to do as a responsible neighbor is to familiarize yourself with how stormwater flows on your own property. Ask yourself how does water enter and exit my property? Are there areas of concentrated flow currently causing damage to your property or adjacent neighboring property? If so, flows can be re-directed to vegetated areas for infiltration. You can also install a rain barrel, cistern, rain garden, or dry well as needed to control roof run-off.

When installing best management practices (or BMP's), do not direct stormwater flows onto a neighboring property and do not block stormwater from leaving your neighbor's property. Stabilize disturbed areas and maintain lawns, driveways, and gardens to prevent erosion and sedimentation on your own and on other peoples' properties. Changes from building and land development activities can alter natural flows of surface and stormwater. It is important to recognize that grading and re-grading can change how water moves across the land. It is essential to leave natural drainage paths undisturbed when possible and never intentionally concentrate stormwater flows. If you live near a stream, pond, or stormwater drain you can plant a riparian buffer or establish a "grow zone" along the waterbody to allow pollutants to be filtered before reaching the water. This will help prevent erosion on your property. Also, do not compost yard waste such as leaves, grass clippings, or mulch into or near a stream or stormwater drain. Clean up trash, litter, and other debris that may clog a drain or small stream that could potentially cause flooding or pollution from water run-off.

If you find yourself in a dispute with a neighboring property owner over stormwater issues remember: open communication and cooperation can prevent stormwater issues and help resolve existing stormwater problems. If you have questions about local stormwater regulations, contact your municipality. It is important to take steps to protect natural water courses, infiltration areas, and drainage paths. Be mindful of how your actions can affect adjacent landowners and take steps to prevent damage not only on your own property but also on your neighbor's property.




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Parks and Recreation News

“Sellebrate Sellersville” Community Clean-Up Day



Sellersville Parks and Recreation Board is hosting their Fourth Annual “Sellebrate” Community Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Volunteers will meet at the American Legion Post #255, 75 North Main Street, Sellersville, and spread out to areas in need of clean up. Volunteers will be provided with trash bags, gloves, and safety vests. Please contact the Sellersville Borough at (215) 257-5075 to pre-register to be a part of this event to help beautify our town.

Janice MacKenzie Fairy Doors Event

The Sellersville Parks and Recreation Board invites you to come to paint a Fairy Door at the Boy Scout Cabin, 116 East Walnut Street, Sellersville (May date and time to be determined – please check the Borough website). All children ages 4 through 12 years old are welcome to paint a door, but you must pre-register at the Borough office. Once the fairy doors have been painted, you will be given the opportunity to find the hidden Fairy Doors in the park. Find all the Fairy Doors and win a prize!



Pavilion Rental



Do you have a party or picnic that you'd like to host but don't have the room? You can rent the Pavilion at B. Earl Druckenmiller Playground on Maple Avenue, giving you exclusive use of the pavilion, tables, restrooms facilities, and recreation facilities. The rental cost is only \$10. Your request to reserve the facility must be made fifteen days in advance and be accompanied with an escrow check of \$100 and a certificate of insurance in Comprehensive General Liability for \$1,000,000 or better, naming Sellersville Borough as Certificate Holder and Additional Insured. The escrow check will be returned if the grounds are properly cleaned and undamaged following an inspection by Borough employees.

National Bell Ringing

LET FREEDOM RING: NATIONAL BELL RINGING July 4th at 10:30 a.m.

For the 27th year, Sellersville Borough will be participating in the “Let Freedom Ring” National Bell Ringing Ceremony on Tuesday, July 4, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony will be held in front of the Sellersville Museum, 120 East Church Street, Sellersville, PA.



The countdown for the bell ringing commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, with the ringing of bells, once for each of the original 13 founding colonies.

We are seeking 13 persons to ring the bell during the service. Please contact the Sellersville Borough Office at 215-257-5075 or email sellersville@sellersvilleboro.org.



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Sellersville Borough Code Ordinance Chapter 55 Brush, Grass, Weeds



As spring approaches, we see sunshine again, buds growing on trees, flowers blooming, and yards turning green. While this is a sight for sore eyes after enduring a dreary winter, it becomes an eyesore when grass, bushes, and trees aren't maintained in the proper way.

The Sellersville Borough Code Ordinance Chapter 55 Brush, Grass, Weeds states:

"No person, firm or corporation owning any property within the Borough of Sellersville shall permit any grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to

exceed a height of 12 inches or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor or to conceal any filthy deposit or to create or produce pollen or to go to or produce seed. Any grass, weeds or other vegetation growing upon any premises in the Borough in violation of any of the provisions of this section is hereby declared to be a nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety, and cleanliness of the inhabitants of the Borough."

If you fail to comply with this ordinance, the Borough may remove, trim or cut the grass, weeds or vegetation, and the cost to do so, along with any additional penalty and legal fees authorized by the law, may be collected by the Borough. This often happens through a lien on your property.

Sellersville Borough Code Ordinance: Licensing and Inspection of Residential Rental Units in Sellersville Borough

All owners of property leased for residential occupancy must have their property inspected through the Sellersville Borough. The rental property must be inspected before it is rented to a new tenant or a minimum of every three years. Applications must be submitted to Sellersville Borough along with the Rental Property Inspection Fee of \$100.00 per unit. Forms and instructions can be found at <https://sellersvilleboro.org/forms.html> under "Residential Rental Dwelling Registration Form".



Building Permits and Zoning Applications

Did you know that when you make modifications around your property, there is a strong possibility that you need a permit from Sellersville Borough? Plumbing, mechanical, electrical, additions, demolitions, decks/patios, pools, roofing, fencing, or putting a shed on the property are some projects that require a permit, just to name a few. Ordinary non-structural repairs such as painting, new flooring, new kitchen and bathroom cabinets, or replacement of windows or doors where the existing opening in the structure is not altered do not require a permit. If you are altering, adding to, demolishing, or making a change to the occupancy of a structure, you need to apply for a permit. This includes converting a garage into a room, moving walls, installing electrical outlets, adding new openings for windows or doors, or moving plumbing. More information can be found on our website at <https://sellersvilleboro.org/forms.html> under Zoning: Building Permit Application and Instructions or Zoning Permit Application. When in doubt, give us a call at Borough Hall and we will help you determine if you are required to apply for a permit.



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Letters from Perkasio Police

BUS PATROL

The Perkasio Borough Police Department, which serves all of Sellersville and Perkasio Boroughs, is participating in the BusPatrol safety program to reduce the amount of school bus red light violations. The following article, which was posted on the Pennridge School District webpage, explains the program;

THE PENNRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPOWERS THE "BUSPATROL" SYSTEM



Children who ride to school on Pennridge School Buses and their parents can expect a safer, smarter commute thanks to a new safety initiative. Last March, the Pennridge School District agreed to a six-year contract with the BusPatrol organization and local law enforcement to tackle the illegal passing of stopped school buses and utilize better tools for monitoring the safety inside our buses too. As part of the safety initiative, the entire fleet of 106 buses has been outfitted with automated enforcement technology to detect the license plates of vehicles that fail to stop for school buses, putting children at risk. The video evidence is shared with local law enforcement for review before a citation is issued. The Pennridge School District is partnering with the Pennridge Regional, Hilltown Township, Dublin Borough, and Perkasio Borough Police Departments. The programs went live on October 1, 2023, and we invite our community motorists to familiarize themselves with the bus safety laws.

Incoming Pennridge School District Superintendent, Angelo Berrios asserted "I'm pleased to announce that our partnership with 'BusPatrol,' which we approved last March, will officially go into effect with the full support of law enforcement. This initiative underscores our unwavering commitment to the safety and security of our students during their daily commute. With 'Bus Patrol' in action, we are taking proactive measures to ensure the highest level of protection for our children." Last October, Pennsylvania authorities reported more than 250 stop-arm violations in one day during Operation Safe Stop. In 2020, the Allentown School District captured over 200 illegal passings on just two buses over a 47-day stop-arm study. This is equal to 2.18 violations per bus per day. A spokesperson for BusPatrol said that the safety initiative is proven to make roads safer: "Every day, thousands of cars ignore school bus stop-arms and speed past school buses as children are stepping on and off. Sadly, this dangerous motorist behavior is only getting worse. Our safety programs combine education and enforcement to change driver behavior and ensure that all motorists know when to stop for the big yellow bus. In some communities, our programs have reduced the rate of illegal passing by up to 30%." As stated by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, motorists must stop at least 10 feet away from school buses with red lights flashing and stop-arm extended. The penalty for a first-time violation is \$300.

OFFICER ROB EARLY RETIRES

The Police Department congratulates Officer Rob Early on his retirement from our agency which was effective on November 10, 2023. Officer Early served the residents of Perkasio and Sellersville Boroughs for over 23 years starting his career with Perkasio Police on June 5th of 2000. Officer Early spent his career in patrol and was a member of the Major Incident Response Team, Motor Unit and was a Department Firearms Instructor. Officer Early will be retiring from Perkasio Police to join the newly formed Perkiomen Valley School District Police Department. We wish Officer Early well in his new endeavors!



Sellersville Museum Events

The members of the Sellersville Historical and Achievement Authority are pleased to announce the Spring/Summer 2024 Events being held at the Sellersville Museum, 120 East Church Street, Sellersville from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.:

April 13 and April 14 – Comic Books

May 11 and May 12 – Churches, Holiday House, Highland Park, Chautauqua

June 8 and June 9 – How to Research your Property, Maps, Homes

Thursday, July 4 at 10:30 a.m. – National Bell Ringing Ceremony

July 13 and July 14 – Military

August 10 and August 11 – Business and Industry



All Museum events are free, although your generous donations are graciously welcome! Information on the museum can be found at <https://sellersvillemuseum.org/> or their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SellersvilleMuseum> The Sellersville Historical and Achievement Authority's mission statement is "The Sellersville Historical and Achievement Authority, a not-for-profit organization, is a local government-appointed Board, committed to the presentation and interpretation of the history of Sellersville and the surrounding area. The Authority is dedicated to community enrichment through the presentation of exhibits, special events, demonstrations, and participatory programs. Its objective is to support both an understanding of the past and a vision for the future. One way this is achieved is by the management of the Sellersville Museum." The Sellersville Museum is staffed entirely by volunteers, dedicated to preserving and honoring the memory of local residents and businesses. If you would like to become involved with volunteering at the Museum, please email volunteer@sellersvillemuseum.org.

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Residential Waste

Sellersville residents are provided twice a week waste pickup once a week recyclables pickup on the second scheduled pickup of the week. Collection begins at 6:00 a.m. You may place your refuse at curbside no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening before your scheduled collection day.

Household waste containers should be between 20 and 35 gallons and may not exceed 50 pounds in weight when loaded. Multiple containers may be placed out on pickup day. Use only sturdy plastic or metal containers with handles and detachable lids. Do not use cardboard boxes for trash containers, as they can become damp and fall apart at the curb.

Small amounts of construction debris from homes may be placed with household waste. Size and preparation limits still apply. Any wood should be bundled (less than 4 feet in length) with nails removed. For large renovations, building contractors should contact Republic Services for the removal of debris via commercial collections services at (610) 275-6767.

Broken glass hidden in a can is a constant danger to trash collectors. Glass windows or doors must be taped across all areas and on both sides. Please do not put glass or long metal items in plastic bags.

Unacceptable items: Household hazardous wastes such as gasoline, waste oil, non-latex paints, varnish, thinners, pesticides, drain cleaner, pool chemicals, bottled gas, car or truck parts and tires, batteries, or televisions. All paint containers must be completely dry with lids removed.

Curbside Recycling

Recycling is collected on the second scheduled pick-up day of the week only. Recyclables should be placed in a recycle bin or a container clearly marked "Recyclables". Do not use cardboard boxes for recyclables containers. They can become damp and fall apart at the curb. Materials and bundles should be tied securely and no longer than 4 feet. Bundles must be easily handled by one person.



Accepted Items:

Paper – Newspaper, magazines, phone books, catalogs, cracker and cereal boxes, cardboard (flattened)

Glass – Bottles and jars

Metal – food and beverage cans

Plastics – Any household plastic bottles or containers with numbers 1 through 7 stamped on bottom

Please rinse items before placing in the bin. Lids are acceptable for recycling.

Unacceptable Items:

Motor Oil Containers

Plastic Grocery Bags

Styrofoam

Window Glass or Drinking Glasses

Ceramics and Dinner Plates

Aluminum Foil or Foil Pans

Bulk Items

Large items such as furniture, cabinets, washers, dryers, etc. are collected on the second scheduled pickup day of the week. A separate crew may collect these bulk items. There is a limit of one bulk item per week.

Unacceptable items: Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, air conditioners or anything containing CFCs are collected by appointment only and a fee will be charged. Call (215)723-0400 to schedule.

Sharps Disposal

Needles from home medical use must be disposed of properly. Containers must be puncture proof. If a "SHARPS" container is not available, laundry detergent bottles work well. Information is available at medical providers or online at www.SafeNeedleDisposal.org

Holidays

If your normal trash collection day falls on a holiday, it will be picked up on the next scheduled collection day. Recycling will be picked up the next week.

Holidays include: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day.

Trash Service During the Holidays

Republic Services will be modifying their trash and recycling pickup schedule for the 2024 holidays.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2024:

If your normal trash pickup days are Monday and Thursday, your trash will be picked up on Tuesday, May 28 and trash/recycling picked up on Friday, May 31. If your normal trash pickup days are Tuesday and Friday, your trash will be picked up on Wednesday, May 29 and trash/recycling picked up on Saturday, June 1.

July 4, 2024:

If your normal trash pickup day is on Thursdays, your trash/recycling will be picked up on Friday, July 5. If your normal trash pickup day is on Fridays, your trash/recycling will be picked up on Saturday, July 6.

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Sellersville Borough Meetings

Have you ever wondered what is going on in Sellersville? What discussions are being held regarding improvements and revitalization? How can you be involved in your community but not be obligated to attend every meeting? All of Sellersville Borough Council and Committee meetings are open to the public. The meeting schedule can be found on the Borough's website at <https://sellersvilleboro.org/calendar.html>.

Facebook Page

Like and follow us at www.Facebook.com/Sellersville-Borough-100252518965119/ to find out exciting things going on in your community. We often post information on what our local businesses and organizations are up to, upcoming events that families can participate in, and news and photos from community happenings.



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Tax Collector Hours for 2024

In-Person Real Estate Tax collection will take place at the Borough Office,
140 East Church Street, Sellersville on the following dates from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.:

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Thursday, April 25, 2024

Monday, April 29, 2024

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Thursday, June 20, 2024



If you have any questions on your real estate taxes, please contact Tax Collector Sue Snyder at (215) 257-9007, or email SellersvilleTax@gmail.com. Payments can be mailed directly to Sue A. Snyder, Tax Collector, P.O. Box 435, Sellersville, PA 18960.

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