



LETTER FROM THE
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

As I am writing this, we are in the midst of a record-breaking heat wave, and most of us are huddling indoors like we do when the temperature dips below zero in the winter! However, by the time this newsletter reaches you, the days will have begun to shorten, the thermometer will show less red, and the lush green foliage of summer will succumb to the fiery colors of autumn. I thought it might be a good time to take a virtual walk down Main Street in downtown Sellersville, and highlight some of our local businesses.

Beginning on Main Street at Noble Street, you can find the **Gulf Station Food Mart**, a convenience store open 24 hours a day for gas and snacks. Stroll down over our renovated bridge and there you will find **Bux-Mont Awards**, a family-owned business that has served Southeast Pennsylvania for almost 30 years. They offer a wide variety of trophies, awards, personalized gifts, signage, and more.

And a relatively new addition to our downtown business area is the **Fizzy Fern**, located inside **Just One More Plant**. This is a unique blend of nature and flavor café, featuring dirty soda, fresh New York bagels, and locally sourced food. Right next door is **Bebe and Pop's Thriving Hive Tearoom**, offering brunch, lunch, country tea room, freshly made soup, smoothies, coffee, tea, cold brew, ice cream, iced tea, and specialty items (candy and chocolates, etc.), with many of their items being locally made and hand crafted. If you need a new read, visit the **Next Chapter Book Store**. This mom and daughter business offers new and gently used books. They also host special events. Check out their website for details.

Sweet Pearl Photography specializes in capturing life's most precious moments, from portraits, head shots, weddings, and engagements to maternity shoots and beyond. The owner Gemma also offers fun, creative options like mini photo sessions for various holidays, horse photo shoots at **Outcast Ranch**, and themed sets perfect for kids and families. Pamper yourself at **Seychelle's Salon and Day Spa**, with services for hair, nails, massage, hair removal, tanning, and makeup. **Kaleidoscope Angels – A Center of Well-Being** offers the opportunity to be supported emotionally and physically, with a variety of holistic approaches, including Foot Reflexology, Reiki, and classes utilizing intuitive healing. Their gift shop unlocks a treasure trove of unique merchandise. The **Washington House Hotel and Restaurant** offers an exciting dining and lodging experience, combining contemporary American cuisine, curated wine and beer offerings, and boutique hotel rooms, including the penthouse with an unparalleled view of our town.

Sellersville Theater next door brings live music, comedy, and more to audiences near and far. If you'd like to cool off with a refreshing treat, **Kool Licks** is an old-fashioned dessert shop selling ice cream, frozen yogurt, and a large variety of water ices. Indulge in some self-care at **Elegant Nails by Laura** with

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a manicure, pedicure, gel nails, nail art, acrylic nails, dip powder, and more. Still hungry? **Johnny Roc's Pizza Plus** is a relaxed restaurant offering an array of Italian cuisine, including pizza, cheesesteaks, hoagies, and wings. Stop in at **Bucks County Rare Coins and Precious Metals**. They purchase coins, jewelry, scrap gold, platinum, rhodium, and palladium. Let them help you sort the good from the bad! As we approach the 5-points intersection, the **Café at the Mill** is a casual café serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, including vegetarian options, with pleasant indoor and outdoor seating. Be sure to look out for their specialty coffees and lattes, omelets, soups, salads, and sandwiches. Keep your car in tip-top shape at **Bauers Automotive**, who purchased the iconic McElhare's Service Center in June, 2023. They are dedicated to keeping your vehicle on the road through precision and expert service. If you need to discuss your insurance needs, **Gary Nase State Farm** offers a range of insurance services, including home, auto, health and life, even pet insurance! A new non-profit organization, **Liz's Birthday Closet**, is also on the corner. They are dedicated to bringing joy and hope to children in need by celebrating their birthdays in meaningful and unforgettable ways.

I hope this virtual walk down Main Street has sparked, or re-sparked, a curiosity in visiting our downtown businesses. Shop Local! Keep Sellersville thriving by taking advantage of all the goods and services we offer.

Lois Dodson

Sellersville Borough Council President

Junior Council Person Program



Do you have a Junior or Senior high school student interested in participating in local government? Sellersville Borough Council is seeking a Junior Council Person to serve as a link between the Borough and their peers at school. The Junior Council Person Program provides youth with an opportunity to engage in Borough government and develop leadership skills. It also allows the Borough Council Members to serve as mentors to students who will be the future leaders in their communities.

Guidelines:

- Applicant must be a resident of Sellersville Borough.
- Applicant must be a Junior or Senior high school student.

- Applicant must be willing to serve a one (1) year term to coincide with the duration of the school year.
- Applicant should be able to attend all Council meetings and participate in Community events.
- Applicant must submit a written statement of interest in being appointed as a Junior Council Person to the Borough Manager.
- Junior Council Persons cannot vote or participate in Executive Sessions.
- Junior Council Persons must observe Borough Council meeting rules.
- Junior Council Persons are encouraged to ask questions, provide comments, and make reports.



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Borough News

The Borough of Sellersville will be replacing the sanitary sewer main in Lawn Avenue between Almont Road in West Rockhill Township and Maple Avenue in Sellersville Borough later this year. The Borough placed the Lawn Avenue Sewer Main Replacement Project out for public bid in February and awarded a contract at the April 14th Borough Council Meeting to Pact One, LLC of Ringoes, NJ at a cost of \$2,268,712.00. The project is anticipated to take approximately eighteen to twenty months. Construction is slated to begin September of 2025. Updates on the project as well as road detours will be posted to the Borough's Facebook page as the project moves and changes down Lawn Avenue. We greatly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we work towards updating and preserving the Borough's sewer system and roads. For more details on this project, visit www.sellersvilleboro.org, call us at 215-257-5075, or email us at sellersville@sellersvilleboro.org. We want to keep you informed!



Congratulations to Council President, Lois Dodson, for completing the Certified Borough Officials program! The Certified Borough Officials (CBO) Program, is a voluntary educational achievement program for borough officials. It is designed to promote continuing education for borough officials and excellence in local government service. The CBO designation signifies a commitment to education, leadership, and staying informed on important issues that affect borough communities. Great job, Lois!

The Borough is excited to announce that the restoration work for the Sellersville Museum roof will begin soon! The contract was awarded to Alden Bailey Restoration at the July 14th Council Meeting for \$454,778.00 to be covered by the LSA grant awarded to the Museum in October of 2024. We are all looking forward to giving our museum the love and care it deserves.

The Parks and Recreation Board recently welcomed a new member, Jet Boston! Jet is a very active part of our community, already volunteering to be a part of the Gallery of the Arts committee and event. She is particularly skilled in social media and graphic design, helping to bring the socials for Gallery to life! We are confident she will be a positive and creative addition to Parks and Rec, and we look forward to seeing her impact on our town. If any other creative or nature loving folks are interested, there are currently 2 vacant spots on the Parks and Rec Board!

If interested, please reach out with an email of interest at sellersville@sellersvilleboro.org.

The Borough is excited to announce some changes to the staff at Borough Hall! Eileen Bradley, who has been a municipal Manager for 30+ years, with 4 of those years at Sellersville, retired in May after an illustrious career in municipal government. The current Borough Manager, Brenda Detweiler, stepped into her new role shortly after, and hit the ground running! Brenda is not new to our town as she grew up and worked in Sellersville for 30 years and has worked in the Borough office for 4 years as the Assistant to the Manager. We will all miss Eileen as she has been a huge asset to our community, but we are interested to see and hear all the new ideas and knowledge that Brenda brings to the table. Have fun, Eileen, and good luck, Brenda!



Sellersville Borough Staff celebrates their amazing volunteers and says farewell to Eileen Bradley at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet.

The Borough's 5-year solid waste and recyclable contract with Republic Services is slated to expire at the end of 2025. In preparation, the Borough put a new 5-year contract out for bid earlier this year and awarded the contract to the lowest bidder, Republic Services, in June for \$3,132,376.19. Though our trash service provider will be staying the same, the terms of service will be changing. The new contract is for automated collection once a week, bulk collection once a week, and recyclable collection once a week with contractor owned, wheeled carts. Everyone will be assigned one day a week to put out all your trash, recycling, and bulk items at once. Each household/unit will be provided with one 96-gallon trash container and one 96-gallon recyclable container at no cost to you. Smaller gallon containers can be requested if 96 is too much or unmanageable for your needs. Republic has dropped off sample trash totes in each size (96, 64, and 35 gallons) to the Borough office for your convenience. Through the fall, they will be at Borough Hall for you to stop by and decide which size works best for you and your needs. On the flip side, if 96 gallons is not enough for your family, a second trash tote may be ordered and bought through Republic Services. When Republic is ready to start taking requests for different sizes or additional trash totes, they will notify the Borough and provide a link for you to visit online. There will also be flyers available at Borough Hall that contain all the information needed to request different size cans. If you do not request a smaller cart size, Republic will automatically provide you with the 96-gallon size. We understand that once-a-week pickup is different than our community has been used to, but we are very thankful to Republic Services for sticking with us and for offering a more affordable price. With this in mind, we are happy to announce that the quarterly rate for trash will not have to be increased for 2026. More details from both the Borough and Republic Services will be mailed out closer to the end of the year and posted to our website and Facebook. Any additional questions or concerns can be emailed to sellersville@sellersvilleboro.org, or call 215-257-5075. We also want to remind you that Sellersville Borough Ordinance Chapter 127-7 Residential Collection, Section H states:

"Refuse shall not be placed at collection points earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day before the regularly scheduled collection day, and empty refuse containers shall be removed from the collection points prior to 6:00 p.m. on the day of collection."

Please do not leave your trash containers by your curb outside of those hours. Thank you!



A Message from Chief Schurr, Perkasio Police Department



One of the most frequent complaints received by the police department from our local residents are calls for speeding vehicles. The police department primarily uses non-descript equipment to analyze vehicle speeds based on the type of vehicle and direction. Once it is determined that a speeding issue exists, the police department may deploy visible speed trailers that flash vehicle speeds to slow traffic. The police department will also utilize non-radar speed timing devices to measure vehicle speeds and conduct traffic stops.

Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers are the only officers in the nation who are not permitted to use RADAR or Laser Speed Detection. Municipal Police in Pennsylvania must rely on electronic non-radar devices to enforce our local speed limits. In certain cases, this requires a minimum recommended distance to time vehicle speeds. In a Borough setting, this limits certain areas where municipal police can safely and effectively enforce our local speed limits.

In Pennsylvania, the law requires that the police must allow up to ten miles per hour over the speed limit to issue a citation if the posted speed limit is less than 55 miles per hour, with certain exceptions.

For over thirty years, our Commonwealth elected officials have entertained legislation to change the law to allow municipal police to utilize RADAR, and each time, the changes fail to be enacted. Some argue that Municipal Police will use RADAR as a revenue generator for municipalities; however, introduced legislation has placed caps on the fine money received by municipal governments for speeding fines using RADAR.

Speeding and traffic enforcement is not a funding generator for municipalities; in fact, many traffic violations have a pre-determined basic fine of \$25.00. If a driver is found guilty or pleads guilty to the citation, the municipality only receives half of the fine money (\$12.50). The rest of the costs listed on the citation go to the County and the Commonwealth. If an officer attends a hearing due to a not-guilty plea, the municipality incurs a financial loss due to paying the officer to attend the hearing and testify.

Speeding and traffic enforcement are about safety and saving lives, as one of the primary causes of traffic deaths and serious injuries is speeding. The Police Department encourages our local residents to reach out to their Commonwealth elected officials to pass a RADAR bill to provide our Municipal Police with the modern tools they need to keep our local roads safe.

Recently, Chris Doheny, the Police Department Civilian Community Relations Specialist, received certification to inspect and install car safety seats for young children. The department now has two certified employees to conduct these inspections and complete installs. If you would like to have a car seat installed or checked for proper fit, please call the police department administrative office at 215-257-6876 to schedule an appointment.

As we are now in school season, the police department reminds drivers to be alert for student walkers and stopped school buses.

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Founded in 1968 to honor the legacy and impact of local artist Walter E. Baum, The Pennridge Gallery of The Arts has been committed to furthering the Arts in the Pennridge Community year after year. Celebrating the talents of local artists and crafters of all ages and backgrounds, the annual Art Exhibition and Crafts Festival takes place in the heart of Sellersville each September and strives to recognize the beauty and creativity of the arts in Bucks County and the surrounding areas.

With booths lining the streets filled with art and crafts, the day also features live music throughout the festival, children's entertainment and activities, Sellersville restaurants open to the public, plus food trucks, as well as local breweries, wineries and more. Striving to recognize our local talents in all forms is an important part of Walter Baum's legacy.

This year, the event will take place on Sunday, September 21st from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. along a closed North Main Street (from East Church Street to Elm Street).

This beloved tradition has gone on for 57 years now, and it takes a small but mighty army to organize every year. To make Gallery of the Arts possible in 2026, please consider joining the volunteer committee! We are always in need of members, but we are specifically looking for a chairperson for 2026 to take charge and help organize one of our favorite events. We would appreciate any help, recommendations, or inquiries! Please send questions and messages of interest to sellersville@sellersvilleboro.org.



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Dog Leash Laws at the Park

One of the greatest pleasures in life is living in a healthy, safe community, where everyone can enjoy all that the town has to offer. In Sellersville, this includes walking through our park system and enjoying the open spaces throughout the area. It can be disruptive if you encounter someone walking along with their unleashed dog.

Animals are unpredictable and can do unexpected things, often creating hazards for other people and animals. It is stressful to others, as well as potentially dangerous.

It is unlawful for a person owning or possessing a dog to allow that animal to run at large. This means that the presence of your pet in any place without a restraining leash, other than in a fenced-in area, is against the law.

Always remember that your domestic animals must always be leashed and under your control when not fenced in on your own property. Everyone should be able to enjoy our community equally, without the disruption an unleashed pet can cause.



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Another Great Season at Holiday House Pool

Article written by Donald Crouthamel, West Rockhill-Sellersville Joint Recreation Authority Chairperson



As it has for the past fifty-five years, Holiday House Pool, once again, opened its gates on Memorial Day Sunday. The West Rockhill-Sellersville Joint Recreation Authority board and its dedicated group of volunteers had been working hard since January to make sure everything was in readiness. Improvements made this year included- a new pump, partial repainting of the pool, and software to enable residents and non-residents alike to purchase their memberships online. In addition to the usual maintenance and repairs, forty lounge chairs were installed around the pool deck for the convenience and comfort of our members and guests.

This summer, if you passed by the pool almost any day, you might have noticed that Holiday House was exceptionally active. This year one swim team and four-day camps were taking advantage of Holiday House throughout most of the summer. Early each morning, swimmers from River Crossing YMCA, located in Doylestown, were practicing there, taking advantage of the pool's 50-meter length. Kids R First Pre-school, longtime supporters of Holiday House were back once again as were Future Stars Day Camp (out of Doylestown) and Spring Mountain Day Camp of Schwenksville. Coach White's Sports Camp was also back for its third consecutive year, utilizing the pool's expansive grounds as well as the pool itself.



This year the pool's snack stand was run by Brick Food Services, of Quakertown, which provided a wide range of snacks including ice cream, water ice, hot dogs, soft pretzels, drinks, chips, and candy and, on occasion, hamburgers, and pizza. No one went hungry this summer at Holiday House.

Of special note, this year The Joint Recreation Authority began planning for the pool's future by initiating a feasibility study. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the entire facility as it exists today, to identify needed improvements and additions and to create a strategy to implement the study's major recommendations, one of which, almost certainly, will be the installation of a modern sliding board in time for the 2026 swim season.

Since its inception in 1970, Holiday House Pool has been owned and operated by the West Rockhill-Sellersville Joint Recreation Authority, a 100% volunteer organization consisting of three West Rockhill Township residents and three Sellersville Borough residents. The JRA Board currently has two vacancies which it is looking to fill with residents of Sellersville. Anyone interested should contact Sellersville Borough at 215-257-5075. The Authority is always looking for volunteers. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Angela Goodwin (Board Chair). She can be reached via email at ag1123@verizon.net.



Sellersville Volunteer Fire Department Events

Ladies' Auxiliary Jack and Jill Bingo

The Sellersville Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary will be holding a Jack and Jill Bingo event on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at the Sellersville Firehouse, 2 North Main Street. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with games beginning at 1:00 p.m. Twenty-four games are included in the packet. Several special games and a grand prize game will be available. \$40 for tickets in advance or \$45 at the door, if available. Call (215) 257-4028, extension #6 or email ladiesaux@sellersvillefd.com for tickets.

Ham Dinner

The Sellersville Fire Department will be holding a "Contactless" Drive-Through Ham Dinner on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at the Sellersville Fire House, 2 North Main Street. The dinner includes Leidy's ham, homemade mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, the Sellersville Fire Company's own pickled cabbage, dinner rolls, and in-house made pie. See www.sellersvillefd.com for more details.

Sportsman's Bingo

Sportsman's Bingo will be hosted on Sunday, October 26, 2025. Check www.sellersvillefd.com for further details.

Ladies' Auxiliary Craft Fair

The Sellersville Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary will be hosting a Craft Fair on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at the

Sellersville Fire House, 2 North Main Street. There will be many tables of hand-made craft items with a wide variety of items available for purchase. This is a wonderful place and time to start your holiday gift buying. Please see www.sellersvillefd.com for more details.

Ladies' Auxiliary 7th Annual Winter Basket Bingo

The Sellersville Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary presents their 7th Annual Winter Basket Bingo Event at the Sellersville Fire House, 2 North Main Street on Sunday, December 7, 2025. Admission includes twenty-four games. Extras will include Raffles, Chinese Auction, 50-50 Chance, Bingo Ball Pull Tabs, a Grand Prize Game, and more. Longaberger baskets will be filled to the top. Please see www.sellersvillefd.com for more details.

Sellersville Fire Department's Santa Run

Santa will be trading in his sleigh for a fire truck ride as he goes around town to greet the children in Sellersville Borough for the holiday season, on Saturday, December 20, 2025. Look for the lights and listen for the sirens! Santa Claus is coming to Sellersville!



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Janice Mackenzie's Fairy Doors

The Sellersville Parks & Recreation Board invites you to come to the Boy Scout Cabin, 116 East Walnut Street, Sellersville, on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for their Fairy Door event. Folks of all ages are welcome to paint a door, but you must pre-register with the Borough office to ensure that there are supplies for everyone.

Halloween Party



The Parks and Recreation Board will host a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Sellersville Fire House, 2 North Main Street, Sellersville. There will be food, games, and crafts for everyone to enjoy. Costumes are encouraged. This event will be held in conjunction with the Sellersville Fire Department. The Fire Department will be hosting a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot, along with fire prevention staging areas with fire trucks and fire extinguishers.

Halloween House Decorating Contest

If you decorate your house for Halloween, consider registering your house for the Annual Halloween House Decorating Contest. Your registered house will be put on the tour map and will be eligible for monetary First, Second, and Third prizes.

Keep an eye out on the Borough website and Facebook page for further details on the dates of eligibility, voting, and the map.



Winterfest

Join us on Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 5-8 p.m. in downtown Sellersville for some great holiday festivities – Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their elf at their house in the Mini Park, horse and carriage rides along a closed Main Street, music held in various locations, activities for the families, and the tree lighting to end the yearlong celebration of the beautiful town of Sellersville.



Mark your calendars and keep an eye out on our website and Facebook page for further details as we get closer to the date. In the meantime, feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with us. Together we are planning an event to include the entire community.

Holiday Decorating Contest

The Parks and Recreation Board is hosting the 2025 Holiday House Decorating Contest. You can decorate your Sellersville residence in festive holiday fashion and register it for the competition with the Borough. Monetary prizes will be awarded First, Second, and Third place. The Parks and Recreation Board will be judging in mid-December. Keep an eye out on the Borough website and Facebook page for details.



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Throughout the decades, there has been a loyal fan base of children (both young and old) who look forward to his appearance. Owned and maintained by Sellersville Borough, the wooden caricature has been assembled and dismantled each season by our faithful Public Works Department.

But did you know that there have been several different "versions" of Santa?

It is believed that there were at least two (and possibly three) different Santas over the years.

There are no known photos of the earliest rendition (1950s and 1960s), but a few long-time residents recall him having a jolly round face with spectacles.

A later version (pictured right) stood 12 feet tall, had a large belly, and outstretched arms. Assembled from 6 large particle-board pieces, he may have been on display in Sellersville as early as the 1960s, but it is known for a fact that he was here throughout the 1970s into the mid-1980s, when he was retired.



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Our current version (pictured left) first appeared in the mid-1980s and has been on display annually for 40 years. About 15-20 years ago, he got some much-needed TLC (a new coat of paint) from community volunteer Joy (Weidemoyer) Dlugosz.

However, this Santa is very tired! Time and the elements have taken its toll on the plywood and he may not be able to withstand another year. So . . .

Sellersville Borough is looking for some creative volunteers with ideas on how to either restore him . . . or create a brand-new Santa in time for the 2025 Christmas season.

Please email sellersville@sellersvilleboro.org with any suggestions for Santa!

Thank You!

This publication is made possible through the generous advertising sponsorship of the local businesses listed throughout our newsletter. We wish to encourage your patronage of these establishments; they play a substantial role in the economic vitality of our community.

Sellersville Museum Events

The members of the Sellersville Historical and Achievement Authority are pleased to announce the remaining 2025 Events being held at the Sellersville Museum, 120 East Church Street, Sellersville:

Games – September 13 and September 14

Star Wars – October 11 and October 12

Model Trains and Trolleys – November 8 and November 9

The Annual Christmas Tree Forest – December 13 and December 14

All Museum events are free; however, 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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- Senior Expo – Join us on Friday, October 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pennridge Community Center on Rt. 113 just east of Rt 152 in Silverdale. This free event will feature dozens of vendors, health screenings, and helpful information for older adults and their families.

As for legislative work, I'm proud to have introduced two pieces of legislation that will help support the health and well-being of Pennsylvania families.

The first would extend the moratorium on counting Social Security Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) toward eligibility for the PACE and PACENET programs. This protects older Pennsylvanians from being pushed out of prescription coverage due to modest increases in Social Security income. This bill passed the House unanimously and now awaits a vote in the Senate.

The second would require pediatricians to offer lead testing to all children twice before the age of two. Nearly 11,500 Pennsylvania children are poisoned by lead each year which has the potential to cause irreversible damage. Currently, children are only tested if they are deemed "at risk." By making testing a standard part of early pediatric care, this bill will help families catch exposure early before it affects brain development, behavior, or learning.

If you need any assistance, please visit my offices at 1032 N. Easton Road in Plumstead Township, with satellite hours at Silverdale Borough Hall on Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon, and at the New Britain Township Building on the second Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office at (215) 489-2126 with any questions. I look forward to continuing to serve you.



From the Office of State Representative Shelby Labs

It is an honor to serve the residents of Sellersville and the entire 143rd District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. My team and I are here to help with state-related matters and keep you informed about legislation and community resources.

We have two upcoming events I hope you will consider attending:

- Community Shredding Event – Bring your unwanted personal documents to be safely destroyed on Saturday, September 20, from 10 a.m. to noon at Grasse Elementary School, 600 Rickert Road, Sellersville (Hilltown Township.) This event is free and open to residents.



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Snow Removal Tips from Public Works

Before you know it, snowfall will be arriving. We present these helpful tips to make managing the job of snow and ice more efficient and less stressful.

Residents are reminded that the Borough of Sellersville requires the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks within twenty-four (24) hours after snow or ice has ceased to fall. The minimum width of a cleared pathway is thirty inches (30") wide, for the entire length of the sidewalk. Do not throw snow or ice onto the road. It is illegal to push snow from a sidewalk, driveway, or parking lot onto a Borough roadway, as it presents a safety hazard.

Begin clearing your sidewalk or driveway after an inch or two of accumulation. Starting sooner can make shoveling less strenuous, as it is less likely the snow will have frozen to the ground. Pace yourself and be sure to take frequent breaks. Consider taking a break after twenty to thirty minutes of shoveling, especially when the snow is wet and heavy.

Pushing the snow with the shovel instead of lifting it can help reduce the strain on your body. When lifting snow, bend your knees and lift with the strength of your legs.

Public Works staff attempt to plow all roads from curb to curb. This may not always be possible if vehicles are parked on the road. When a storm is forecast, move vehicles to off-street parking areas when possible, and keep them off the road until plowing has been completed.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Tips



Melting Snow Is Stormwater Too!

Stormwater runoff can come in many forms, including snow melt! When the ground is frozen, melting snow can't infiltrate into the soil the way a light or moderate rain would be able to. This means that even a small amount of snow can cause flooding issues on your property.

When snow melts, it picks up all kinds of debris and pollutants that will make their way to nearby streams and creeks.


Check out some steps that you can take to prevent stormwater pollution this winter.

- **Start shoveling early!** The more snow you remove, the less salt and sand you'll need.
- **Pile snow in locations with the most opportunity for it to infiltrate into the ground.**
- **Use deicing salt sparingly.** Follow product instructions and give it time to work. Sweep up any remaining material.
- **Clear away any snow that may have been thrown onto the storm drains.**
- **Salt is not effective once temperatures hit 15 degrees Fahrenheit or below.** Consider using traction materials that contain acetate, potassium chloride, magnesium chloride, or cracked cornmeal.





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How Can I Control Stormwater on My Property?

Written by Kristen Koch, Program Manager, Penn State Agriculture & Environment Center

Have you ever wondered what you can do to control stormwater on your property? Maybe you experience property damage from excessive water runoff, live in a community that floods frequently, or care about the health of local streams.

Regardless of your motivation, there are many different things you can do to manage stormwater on your property, including:

- **Downspout Disconnect/Redirect** – If your downspouts are directed onto a paved or concrete surface or are directly connected to the storm drain system, look for opportunities to redirect them to lawn and garden areas. Some communities have even passed new ordinances that require this practice. Just be sure that all downspouts are directed away from foundations to avoid basement flooding.
- **Rain Barrels** – Rain barrels capture and hold water until it can be used or slowly released into planted areas. For rain barrels to be effective at controlling stormwater, it is important to have a plan for using the water before installing one.
- **Planting Trees** – Planting trees is a great way to reduce stormwater runoff. If you have a stream on your property, planting trees along the stream can be the best thing you do for water quality and the trees will help prevent the stream from eroding away your property. The more trees the better but aim for a forest that is at least 35 ft. wide. At the very least do not mow your lawn directly up to the edge of the streambank. Let the grass grow some roots!
- **Meadows** – If trees are not an option on your property, adding other types of plants is a good substitute. Any areas where lawn can be replaced with ornamental grasses, flowers, and shrubs will have a positive impact on controlling stormwater on your property. Meadows, whether large or small, increase the ability of the land to absorb water. Meadows can be a great way to reduce the amount of time you spend mowing the grass and can be placed in the areas that are the most difficult to mow.
- **Rain Gardens** – One of the best options for managing stormwater on your property is to install a rain garden. A rain garden is a bowl-shaped garden that can capture and hold water until it is able to be absorbed into the soil. Rain gardens can be a do-it-yourself project, but it may be wise to seek the services of a landscape professional.
- **Pervious Pavers** – Pervious pavers can look very similar to a traditional brick or stone patio, sidewalk, or driveway. The difference is that they are installed with a thick stone base that provides space for water to be stored until it soaks into the ground. They are great for converting hard surfaces that usually make a lot of stormwater, into a surface that absorbs, manages, and reduces stormwater runoff. If you are interested in this, you should probably contact a professional landscaper.

These are just a few of the many options available for controlling stormwater. Many projects you can tackle on your own but if you have complicated stormwater issues on your property, consider getting help from an engineer or landscape professional.



Trash Service During the Holidays

Republic Services will be modifying their trash and recycling pickup schedule for the 2025 holidays.

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HOLIDAY TRASH PICK UP

Labor Day, Monday, September 1, 2025:

If your normal trash pickup days are Monday and Thursday, your trash will be picked up on Tuesday, September 2 and trash & recycling on Friday, September 5

If your normal trash pickup days are Tuesday and Friday, your trash will be picked up on Wednesday, September 3 and trash & recycling on Saturday, September 6



Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 27, 2025:

If your normal trash pickup day is on Thursdays, your trash & recycling will be picked up on Friday, November 28.

If your normal trash pickup day is on Fridays, your trash & recycling will be picked up on Saturday, November 29.

Christmas, Thursday, December 25, 2025:

If your normal trash pickup is on Thursdays, your trash & recycling will be picked up on Friday, December 26.

If your normal trash pickup day is on Fridays, your trash & recycling will be picked up on Saturday, December 27.

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, 2026:

If your normal trash pickup is on Thursdays, your trash & recycling will be picked up on Friday, January 2.

If your normal trash pickup day is on Fridays, your trash & recycling will be picked up on Saturday, January 3.

Check our website at www.sellersvilleboro.org/recycle.html for details about holiday trash schedules throughout the year.

Tax Collector Hours for 2025

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, October 30, 2025 and Thursday, December 11, 2025

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.



Building Permits and Zoning Applications



Did you know that when you make modifications around your property, chances are 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. If in doubt, give us a call at Borough Hall and we will help you determine if you are required to apply for a permit.

Licensing and Inspection of Residential Rentals

All owners of property leased for residential occupancy must have their property inspected throughout Sellersville Borough. The property must be inspected before it is rented to a new tenant or at least every three years, and at any change of tenant/owner. Applications must be submitted to Sellersville Borough along with the Rental Property Inspection Fee of \$125.00 per unit. Forms and instructions can be found at <https://sellersvilleboro.org/forms.html> under "Residential Rental Dwelling Registration Form."



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>.

Call Before You Dig

811 is the national call-before-you-dig phone number. Anyone who plans to dig should call 811 or go to <https://www.pa1call.org> a few business days before digging to request that the approximate location of buried utilities be marked with paint or flags so that you do not unintentionally dig into an underground utility line.

811 protects you and your community! Hitting a buried line while digging can disrupt utility service, cost money to repair, or cause serious injury or death. Always contact your 811 center, wait the required time for utilities to respond to your request, and ensure that all utilities have responded to your request before putting a shovel in the ground.



“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 some clues and a chance to figure out what the “mystery” photo is.



Photo by Daniel F. Zeigler, circa 1906.

For the Spring 2025 issue’s “History Mystery,” we thought it would be appropriate (and timely) to showcase this building due to the ongoing HARC Grant project, which is successfully preserving the entire run (1897-1943) of our town’s historic newspaper . . . and we believed our Sellersville Sleuths would have been stumped!

Turns out, we were proven wrong. Our loyal, avid readers truly like to use their detective skills to figure out the answers to these “mysteries.” Some counted windows and the number of floors in the photo to figure out which building it was. Others followed the trail of clues in the “paper boy” riddle (“Extra! Extra! Read all about it!”) and discovered a second photo clue hidden on another page within the same newsletter (“Sellersville Historical Newspapers Update!” article).

The Sleuths correctly identified the building as #41 West Temple Avenue. This structure was believed to have been built in 1866 by James Cressman for cigar manufacturing, and would eventually house numerous businesses, organizations, and industries over the years. Most notably (as indicated on the sign in these two old photographs), the building served as an early office for the publishing of the Sellersville Herald newspaper (between 1905 and 1911), as well as for two competing magazines: The Poultry Item and The Poultry Fancier. After that, at least three different clothing manufacturers used the building to produce pants, shirts, and women’s apparel (in the 1910s and 1920s, as well as during the 1960s). In the 1940s, Schulmerich Electronics, Inc., was located here before moving to a larger facility elsewhere in Sellersville. The Lemmon Pharmaceutical Company seems to have been the longest commercial tenant, operating out of this location from 1945 to 1966 (hence, why we provided the “SOLUTION” riddle/clue in the prior newsletter). Eventually, this structure was converted into a residential property (dubbed “Lemmongate Apartments”), as it remains today.

Both historic photos have interesting details, some of which are only visible in the original prints (and difficult to reproduce in this column), so we’ll elaborate on a few here. In the photo with the horse-drawn wagon, the name “N. S. GROFF” is found on the semi-circular flap located on top of the horse’s work collar (just below the harness). “N. S. GROFF. Sellersville Pa.” is also painted on the driver’s seat, and along the side of the wagon appears: “TIN ROOFING & SPOUTING.”

The gentleman seated on the wagon is none other than Nathaniel S. Groff. Before moving his tinsmithing business to Sellersville in 1903, he worked out of Silverdale. Unfortunately, the man standing in the photo is unidentified, but, based on another photo in our archives, we are certain that he was part of Mr. Groff’s work team.

Several years ago before his passing, the late Robert Holzman, a lifelong resident of the Sellersville area, helped us to identify Mr. Groff in this historic photo. Mr. Holzman was married to Nathaniel Groff’s granddaughter, Miriam Groff . . . who, coincidentally, had been employed by the Lemmon Pharmaceutical Company during her lifetime.

One final tip of the detective hat . . . the riddles about the stubborn horse, the hitching post, and the livery stable relate to the fact that the Sellersville Herald frequently published anecdotes and humorous stories about the town’s residents (and, yes, even their animals). While Mr. Groff’s horse was likely NOT stubborn (we took some liberties with that one), the Herald most certainly would have reported something of that nature on its pages. This is one of many things to look forward to once the Herald’s issues are completely digitized and searchable. Oh, and let’s not forget: the Sellersville Theater (#24 West Temple Avenue, partially visible in the present-day photo above) was originally a brick livery stable constructed in 1894 for the Washington House. While it is obscured by the trees in the old photo, the livery stable was ready and waiting for Mr. Groff to board his horse if things went awry.



Office of Sellersville Herald’ Photo taken circa 1906.



Photo taken 2025.

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

What do Tom Hanks, Geena Davis, Rosie O’Donnell, and Madonna have to do with Sellersville? ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!

That is, until this mystery person steps up to the plate (or shall we say, crouches down behind the plate) . . . and then — it’s a whole new ballgame. So, go get your detective CAPS on and try to CATCH this one! 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 clues, and feature a new “mystery” for you to figure out.



Portrait taken circa 1946.

Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy

What's Happening at the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy...

Lawn to Native Garden Workshop:

Learn about the many benefits for native plants and the harmful environmental impacts of "lawn culture." Different methods and tips for reducing lawn area and increasing native garden area on your property will be discussed along with garden design and plant selection. Participants will receive 3 native plants after the workshop!

Date: Thursday, September 18th

Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: 800 Adams Ave, Audubon, PA 19403

Guide: Jessie Kemper, PWC's Director of Conservation

Ticket Price: \$30.00

Yoga at the Perk: All levels welcome!

Time: Wednesdays, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy Headquarters, 1 Skippack Pike, Schwenksville, PA 19473

Guide: Lisa Maida

Cost: \$14.00

2025 Wildflower Walks:

September 20: White's Mill Preserve, Whites Mill Road, Salford Township, Green Lane, PA 18054.

Meet @ 40.35567, -75.40559

October 18: Meng Preserve, 226 Mine Hill Rd Schwenksville, PA 19473.

Meet @ 40.26372, -75.48623

Book Club at the Conservancy:

The Conservancy is hosting its first ever book club with guide Donna Usavage! The book club will focus on nature-based fiction and non-fiction works. All meetings are at the Conservancy headquarters (either indoors or outdoors) unless otherwise specified.

Date & Time: Meetings at 6:30 pm on the first Thursday of every month

Location: Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy Headquarters, 1 Skippack Pike, Schwenksville, PA 19473

Guide: Donna Usavage

For more event details visit www.perkiomenwatershed.org/community-programs



Congratulations to Mayor Tom Hufnagle



Article and photo by The Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of Pennsylvania

Congratulations to Mayor Tom Hufnagle for being elected Vice President for the Eastern Districts of the Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of Pennsylvania!

A lifelong resident of Sellersville, Tom has dedicated over six decades to public service and community involvement. Appointed to Borough Council in 2000 following the passing of Mayor Joseph Hufnagle, he became Mayor in 2005.

A proud 62-year member of Station 27, he served as Fire Chief for 12 years and was President of the Bucks County Fire Chiefs for 2 years. Tom has also contributed 25 years to the Park and Recreation Committee and currently leads several local groups, including the St. Agnes Silver and Gold Retirement Group and the Sellersville Moose RAC Retirement Club.

Married to his wonderful late wife for 52 years, Mayor Hufnagle remains a steadfast pillar of the community



2025 BUCKS COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

Registration for the event is not required in Bucks County.

April 5	Lower Bucks	Bucks County Community College 275 Swamp Road, Newtown, Newtown Township
May 31	Upper Bucks	Upper Bucks Area Vocational Technical School 3115 Ridge Road, Perkasie, Bedminster Township
June 28	Central Bucks	Central Bucks South High School 1100 Folly Road, Warrington, Warrington Township
August 9	Lower Bucks	Bucks County Technical School 610 Wistar Road, Fairless Hills, Bristol Township
October 25	Upper Bucks	Strayer Middle School 1200 Ronald Reagan Drive, Quakertown, Richland Township



Collection events run from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Rain or shine



What You Can Bring

Up to 25 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous products. Hazardous products will have cautionary words on the label, for example: *Danger, Warning, or Caution*. Other words or phrases that can signal hazardous products include: *poisonous, hazardous, combustible, flammable, corrosive, volatile, caustic, irritant, explosive, toxic, use with adequate ventilation, or avoid inhaling*.

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- Gas/Oil Mixture
- Gasoline
- Heating / Motor Oil
- Kerosene

- Oil-based Paint
- Paint Thinner
- Spot Remover

Caustics

- Ammonia-based Cleaners
- Degreasers
- Drain Cleaner
- Household Lye
- Metal Cleaner
- Oven Cleaner

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Toxics

- Antifreeze
- CFLs (fluorescent bulbs/tubes)
- Mercury
- Photographic Chemicals
- Pool Chemicals
- Rust/Paint Remover
- Weed Killer

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What You Can't Bring

- ELECTRONICS**-TVs-Computers-Cell Phones-Any Corded Devices
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- Appliances**-with or without Freon
- Asbestos**
- Explosives / Ammunition**
- Gas Cylinders**
- Household Batteries**-Regular Alkaline
- Medical Waste / Prescription Drugs**
- Non-Hazardous Waste**
- PCBs**
- Pressurized CFCs / Freon**
- Propane Tanks**-Greater than 2 pounds
- Smoke Detectors**
- Radioactive Waste**
- Tires**
- Unidentified Waste**

*Remove lid to allow to air dry or mix with absorbent (e.g., kitty litter) until no longer a liquid and discard in plastic trash bag.

For additional information on disposal options, contact:

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Why bring your household hazardous wastes to a scheduled event?

Household products containing toxic chemicals, like pesticides, oil-based paints, solvents, cleaning products, weed killers and automotive batteries can be a threat to people and the environment if improperly discarded. Never throw these materials into the trash, as the toxic chemicals may harm sanitation workers, or result in fires in collection vehicles. It is also not safe to pour them into a sink or storm drain as they can end up in the environment polluting the air, water, or soil.



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THERE IS NO SAFE PLACE ON A HIGHWAY DURING A SNOW SQUALL

What is a snow squall?

- A brief but intense period of heavy snow, strong winds, and whiteout conditions.
- Can cause roads to become icy.

What is a snow squall warning?

- Issued for areas that will be impacted by snow squalls.
- Will trigger an alert on your cell phone.

penndot.gov/winter
weather.gov/safety/winter-snow-squall

If a snow squall warning is issued, what should I do?

Avoid or delay motor travel until the squall passes through your location.



What if I am already traveling?

Safely exit the road at the next opportunity.



What if I cannot exit the road in time?

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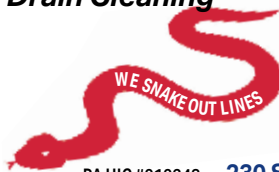
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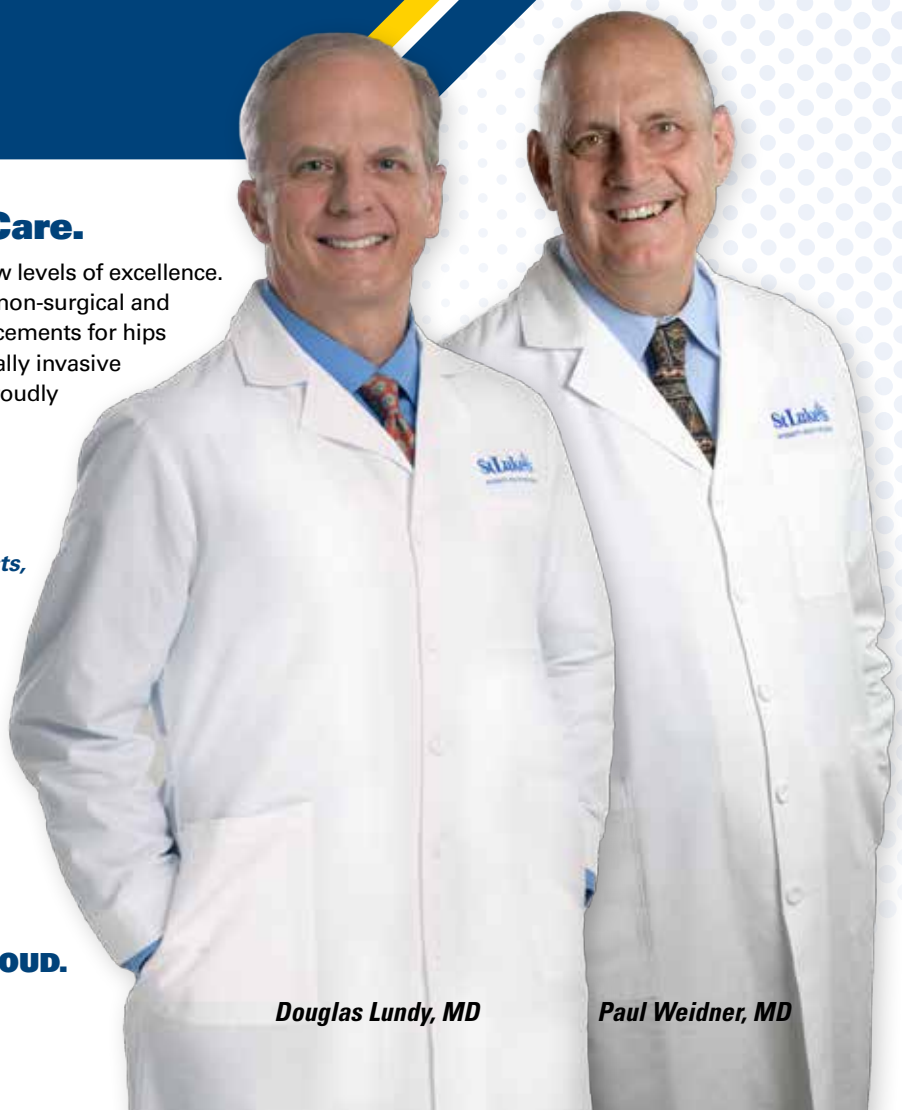
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