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Official Newsletter

LETTER FROM THE BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

To the residents of Sellersville Borough:

It has truly been an honor to have served you as Sellersville Borough Council President over the past years. Serving you has been both a privilege and a pleasure. I appreciate the trust you have given me. It has been an exceptional learning experience for me and I am grateful for the opportunity to have given back to this community that I call my home. I look forward to continue to be involved in the Borough by serving as President Pro Tem of Borough Council, as I pass the gavel of leadership to the highly qualified Donald Crouthamel. Once again, thank you for the chance to share this community journey with you.

Lois Dodson

Sellersville Borough Council President Pro Tem

LETTER FROM THE BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

To the residents of Sellersville Borough:

When I was first elected to Borough Council, I assumed that governing a small borough like Sellersville must be much easier, much less complicated than running a large city like Philadelphia. But, while in many respects that has been true, I have come to realize that small towns and boroughs are faced with, virtually, all the same kinds of issues and challenges as large cities. As in cities like Philadelphia, borough government must maintain their streets and roads. They must provide services like fire protection, police coverage, sewer and water and trash collection. They issue building and other permits and enforce zoning laws to maintain family-friendly residential living areas while encouraging businesses, large and small, that contribute to the local economy. The list of services and responsibilities that your local government must shoulder could fill many more pages, including items such as snow removal, storm water management, maintaining parks and playgrounds and on and on.

But while the list of challenges confronting small boroughs, such as Sellersville, is little different than those facing larger towns and cities, there is frequently a significant difference regarding the resources available to address those challenges. Although the financial resources available is

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Letter from the Council President *from cover*

certainly one of them perhaps the largest “resource gap” is that of personnel. Whereas cities and larger towns often have whole departments and commissions of professionals dedicated to these functions, small boroughs typically have individuals or, at best, small committees to address these tasks. So, how do boroughs like Sellersville accomplish all that needs to be done? The answer has been, and continues to be, by relying on a small, dedicated borough staff, supported by volunteers who serve on various committees, authorities, commissions, and the like. But as has been the case with other volunteer organizations (Fire Departments, fraternal organizations, Scouting and so many others) the numbers of residents who are willing to donate their time and talents in the service of local government has been in decline. In Sellersville, vacancies currently exist on the following: Parks & Recreation – 3, the Property Maintenance & Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board – 1, Historical & Achievement Authority – 1, Joint Recreation Authority – 2. And these are just the number of positions that are vacant on the various governing boards. Except for the Property Maintenance Appeals Board, all the above are in dire need of additional volunteers to help with the actual work the organization provides. Parks and Rec needs people to help plan and implement our annual events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party, Winter Fest, among others. The Historical & Achievement Authority needs volunteers to help support Sellersville Museum’s activities. The Joint Recreation Authority needs volunteers to help keep Holiday House Pool open each summer.

Over the last eight years on Borough Council, I have observed two things about our residents. First, is the tremendous talent, initiative, and imagination possessed by so many of our residents. The second is the fact that, often, people are shy and unassuming and need to be asked or invited to step forward.

And so, as I begin my next four-year term on Borough Council, and my first tenure as Council President, I am inviting each, and every one of our borough residents to ask themselves if they don’t have some time that they can donate on one of the above organizations. If you do not wish to serve in a leadership role as a board member, there is plenty of opportunity to serve your community in other ways. I encourage anyone who is interested in serving our community in any capacity to contact the borough office at 215-257-5075 or to contact me at 215-262-1190.

A little over sixty years ago, newly elected President Kennedy famously said, “Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country.” Today I would ask each of you to think again of his challenge and to simply replace the word “country” with the word “community.” The need is, if anything, even greater today than it was then. But, with a new year just beginning, I am excited about the opportunities we will have ahead of us to build a stronger, vibrant, community. With your help, I am sure we can be successful.

Donald Crouthamel
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 Final 2026 Sellersville Borough Budget was passed on Monday, December 8, 2025. If you would like to review a copy of the 2026 Sellersville Borough Budget, stop into Borough Hall at 140 E. Church Street between 8 AM and 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday.



The Borough is excited to announce that the restoration work for the Sellersville Museum has finished! Many thanks to Alden Bailey Restoration for their fantastic work on our beloved museum, and for helping us to preserve the history of our community. Sellersville also thanks Representative Shelby Labs and Senator Jarrett Coleman for helping us to earn the LSA grant that funded this restoration project. Your assistance is greatly appreciated! Next time you pass by the museum, give it a good look. The new roof, windows, facia, and more all stand out and emphasize the character of this historic building and help to tell the story of our small town. Read more about the museum on page 12.

Both the Parks and Recreation Board and the West Rockhill-Sellersville Joint Recreation Authority recently said thank you and see you later to a long-time member and volunteer, Toni Buck. After many years of volunteerism and dedication, Toni has stepped down from her committee spots. Her hard work and passion for nature have helped many of our Parks and Recreation events stand out and created lasting memories for residents in our town. If there were cookies to be made, Toni baked them. Any flowers to be potted? She's already

planted them and put them around town! Barbeques, Winterfest, and more, Toni was ready to make each event shine. Toni – The Borough thanks you for your dedication and time you've given to our community, it means more to us than we can express! We are confident that she will enjoy her free time in her garden, tending to her beautiful fig tree, and practicing yoga. Have fun, Toni! If any other creative or nature loving folks are interested, there are currently 3 vacant spots on the Parks and Rec Board! There are also 2 vacant spots on the West Rockhill-Sellersville Joint Recreation Authority. If you are interested in either of these committees, please reach out with an email of interest at sellersville@sellersvilleboro.org.



Founded in 1968 to honor the legacy and impact of local artist Walter E. Baum, The Penridge Gallery of The Arts has been committed to furthering the Arts in the Penridge Community year after year. It takes a small but mighty army to organize this event every year, so to make Gallery of the Arts possible in September of 2026, please consider joining the volunteer committee! We would appreciate any help, recommendations, or inquiries! Please send questions and messages of interest to sellersville@sellersvilleboro.org.

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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A Message from Chief Schurr, Perkasie Police Department



Winter Driving Safety Reminder

As winter driving season approaches, the Police Department encourages all motorists to stay alert—especially near schools and designated crossing zones.

- Be alert during arrival and dismissal times
- Avoid distractions—handheld cellphone use while driving is illegal in Pennsylvania
- Maintain safe following distances
- Leave early and drive safely

The Department thanks the community for helping keep students and crossing guards safe every day.

Police Department Grant Activities

The Police Department continues to secure significant state and federal grant funding to enhance operations, improve safety, and support community services. During 2025, the Department was approved for and received multiple grants benefiting residents of Sellersville and Perkasie Boroughs.

Local Share Account (LSA) Grants

In 2024, the Department applied for two LSA grants—funded through statewide gambling revenue, not taxpayer dollars—to purchase two new police vehicles. On December 19, 2025, State Representative Shelby Labs notified the Borough that both grant requests had been approved.

Traffic Safety Vehicle

A dedicated vehicle will support the Traffic Safety Officer (TSO), who manages accident investigations, traffic complaints, abandoned vehicles, speed studies, and event safety planning. The grant covers:

- Vehicle and graphics
 - In-car camera system
 - Mobile police radio
 - Mobile data computer
- Total award: \$101,171.00

Community Relations Vehicle

A Jeep Gladiator was selected for Community Relations Specialist Chris Doheny to use at community events, victim-support travel, meetings, and training. Its distinctive appearance will help it stand out at public events and transport outreach equipment.

- Vehicle cost
- Mobile radio
- Vehicle graphics

Total award: \$56,309.00 Combined LSA vehicle funding: \$157,480.00

Once contracts are finalized, the Department will move forward with procurement and deployment.

Additional 2025 Grant Awards

- **LSA Technology Grant – \$108,000** Funded the purchase of new AXON body-worn and in-car cameras, replacing decade-old systems. Deployment was completed in August 2025.
- **Federal Bulletproof Vest Program – \$6,281.50** Reimbursed 50% of the cost of officer body-armor replacements.
- **Federal SCIP Grant – Over \$190,000** Continues funding for the Crime Victims Advocate position through the end of 2027. This civilian role provides essential support, resources, and advocacy for crime victims.

These grants ensure officers have the tools, technology, and support necessary to deliver professional, effective, and community-focused service.

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A Special Event at Holiday House Pool!

Holiday House Pool invites you to make a splash at our Penguin Slide Plunge on our brand-new water slide! Join us on Saturday, May 23rd, from 2:00–4:00 PM for some chilly fun and excitement.

Admission: Please bring one unwrapped toy. All donated gifts will be donated to Liz's Birthday Closet in Sellersville.

Memberships are still available for purchase at Sellersville Borough (cash or check accepted). You may also use Rec Desk to purchase memberships and make donations. Be sure to check our calendar for upcoming events and everything our pool has to offer, including Aqua Zumba with Karen and Aqua Flow with Claudine. Swim lesson registration and pool rentals for graduation parties and birthday celebrations are available now.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook for updates and announcements! We can't wait to see you at the pool!

A Message from Holiday House Pool!

Written by Donald Crouthamel, JRA Member

As I write this, the temperatures hover around 10 degrees and the snow lays heavy on the ground. Having just finished shoveling the snow dropped by the last storm, it is hard to begin thinking about the coming summer. And yet, it will be upon us before we know it. And so, once again the West Rockhill-Sellersville Joint Recreation Authority is starting to plan for this year's Holiday House swim season. Here are a few things we hope our members will think about-

- Online membership sales have been open since December. Up until March 31, 2026, memberships are available at 2025 regular season prices. When this newsletter comes out, those wishing to take advantage of these savings will only have about a week left to do so. As of April 1, the new rates for 2026 go into effect.
- Memberships may also be purchased (cash or check) at Sellersville Borough office, located at 140 E. Church Street, Sellersville.
- If you purchased a membership last year, hold onto your 2025 member tags. They will still be good this year. If you have lost them, no worries, replacement tags will be available.
- Holiday House is currently accepting applications for employment as lifeguards. Applications can be found on the Holiday House Pool page on the Sellersville Borough website (sellersvilleboro.org) or you can pick one up at the Borough office to apply for employment. Remember, "The early bird gets the worm."
- This year, we are excited to say, Holiday House Pool will have a new attraction. By opening day, a new water slide will be



installed. The slide has already been purchased, but anyone wishing to contribute to help defray the costs can do so using the QR code shown below. Plan to join us on opening day, Saturday, May 23rd from 2:00 – 4:00 PM for some chilly fun and excitement as we open the pool, and the slide, for the first time. (Please bring one unwrapped toy. All donated gifts will be donated to Liz's Birthday Closet in Sellersville).

- Holiday House will be sponsoring swim lessons again this year. The first session is from June 15 to 25, and the second session from July 6 to 16. Swim Lessons may be purchased online at Rec Desk and at the Sellersville Borough office (cash or check).
- Don't forget that Holiday House is available for parties and pool rentals. To schedule parties, navigate to the Holiday House Rec Desk site (accessible from the Borough Web Site).
- Finally, Holiday House will again sponsor Aqua Zumba (with Karen) and Aqua Flow classes (with Claudine). Registration for these classes will also be available on the Rec Desk site, and at the pool.



Apply and pay for Holiday House Memberships through this link <https://holidayhouse.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

Direct link for donations towards a new & improved slide <https://holidayhouse.recdesk.com/Community/Program?category=10>



National Bell Ringing

Let Freedom Ring: National Bell Ringing July 4th at 10:30 a.m.

For the 29th year, Sellersville Borough will be participating in the "Let Freedom Ring" National Bell Ringing Ceremony on Saturday, July 4, 2026, 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. This year is EXTRA special as it is the Semiquincentennial – America's 250th birthday! It will also feature the beautifully redone Sellersville Museum after its renovation in late 2025. Come join us on the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence for an extra special bell ringing ceremony. Details will be available on the Sellersville Borough website as we get closer to this exciting event.

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



Sellersville Volunteer Fire Department Events

Annual Easter Flower Sale

The Sellersville Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary will be selling Easter Flowers from April 2nd through April 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Don't wait until the last day as these beauties sell out quickly!



20th Annual Spring Basket Bingo

The Sellersville Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary presents their 20th Annual Spring Basket Bingo event at the Sellersville Firehouse, 2 North Main Street on Sunday, April 26th. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., and games begin at 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door (if available). Tickets purchased by April 20th 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.

For ticket information, call (215) 257-4028, ext. 6 or email directly at LadiesAux@sellersvillefd.com.



Sportsman's Bingo

Sellersville Fire Department's Sportsman's Bingo will be hosted at the Sellersville Firehouse on Sunday, May 3, 2026. Call (215)257-4028 or check www.sellersvillefd.com for more details.

Sellersville Carnival

Mark your calendars for a week of fun at the Sellersville Fire Department's Annual Carnival! The carnival runs from Tuesday, July 7 through Saturday, July 11. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights will be wristband nights (ride all you want for one fee). Fireworks (sponsored by A&T Chevrolet and Subaru) will be held on Friday, July 10th (rain date Saturday, July 11th)



Fall Bingo Events

The Sellersville Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary will hold their Kitchen Bingo event on Sunday, August 2, 2026, and their Bingo After Dark: Book Lovers Edition (21+ years old event) on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at the Sellersville Firehouse. More information on the events can be found on their website and Facebook page in the future.

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Parks and Recreation Events

Easter Egg Hunt

Come join the Easter Bunny and the Sellersville Parks & Recreation Board for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 4th at B. Earl Druckenmiller Playground, 131 Maple Avenue, Sellersville. The age categories will be 0-2 years, 3-4 years, 5-7 years, and 8-10 years. Chocolate bunnies will be distributed, and prizes will be awarded for specially marked eggs.

This event will be held rain or shine. In the event of rain, the Easter Bunny will distribute the eggs at the Public Works Building area.



"Sellebrate Sellersville" Community Clean-Up Day

Sellersville Parks and Recreation Board is hosting their 6th Annual "Sellebrate" Community Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Keep an eye out on our website. 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.



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. Visit www.sellersvilleboro.org/forms for a rental application.



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SIMPLE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE AT HOME TO PROTECT LOCAL STREAMS & CREEKS!

SPRING STORMWATER TIPS FOR YOUR PROPERTY

- **Clean Gutters & Downspouts:** Remove leaves and debris so rainwater can flow freely. Direct downspouts to grassy areas or gardens instead of driveways.
- **Plant Natives:** Add native trees, shrubs and perennials to help soak up spring rains. Consider planting a rain garden in low spots of your yard where water naturally collects.
- **Mulch Garden Beds:** Mulch helps to prevent weed growth, reduce erosion, keep soil moist and reduce runoff. Make sure to use un-dyed mulch!
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SUMMER STORMWATER SOLUTIONS



SUMMER 2026

Stormwater runoff is rainwater that flows over lawns, driveways and streets, picking up pollutants along the way and carrying them straight into our waterways. This summer you can help to reduce stormwater runoff by following the tips below!

SUMMER STORMWATER TIPS FOR YOUR PROPERTY

- **Water Wisely:** Water lawns early in the morning or late evening to reduce water loss through evaporation. Avoid overwatering which can lead to runoff.
- **Use Fertilizers & Pesticides Sparingly:** Only apply when necessary and follow label instructions. Never apply before rain is expected!
- **Mow Smart:** Keep grass longer (3") to absorb more water. Leave clippings on the lawn as a natural fertilizer - never blow into streets or storm drains!
- **Wash Cars the Right Way:** Take your car to a commercial car wash where water is treated. If washing at home, do it on grass or gravel so water can soak in.
- **Try a Summer-Friendly Project:** Plant native flowers, shrubs or trees that soak up rain. Install a rain barrel to collect and reuse stormwater!

SIMPLE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE AT HOME TO PROTECT LOCAL STREAMS & CREEKS!



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Sellersville Museum Update

This past fall, if you were driving in the borough on East Church Street you probably noticed the work in progress at the Sellersville Museum. With scaffolding surrounding the building, and then, with the iconic bell tower removed from on top of the building you might have wondered what was going on.

Erected in 1875, the building was the area's first "modern school building" and served as a grammar, primary and secondary school until 1909 when Sellersville High School opened in what is now Borough Hall. The building at 120 E. Church Street continued to serve as an elementary school until a new building, at 122 W. Ridge Rd, was opened and took over that function in 1964. In 1982, the building was turned over to the Sellersville Historical and Achievement Authority and became the Sellersville Museum.

The building has served the community well. But after 150 years, the building was in dire need of attention. The original slate roof was letting in rain in enough places that the infiltration was causing damage to plaster walls and ceilings throughout the building. When it was noticed that the iconic bell tower appeared to be leaning, the borough's engineers determined that the underlying beams and supports were also being compromised and it was determined that major renovations were required to save the building.

In 2023, the Borough applied for and was awarded a Local Share Account grant, in the amount of \$790,000 for the purpose of installing a new roof, securing the bell tower, and making other cosmetic improvements. Bids were solicited last year, and the contract was awarded to Alden Bailey, a company out of Ridgefield, Connecticut, specializing in the restoration of historic buildings.

Work got under way in October, with the removal of the old roof and its replacement with a new natural slate roof. At first, it was hoped that the deteriorating bell tower could be repaired in

place. But when it was determined that the beams supporting the tower were no longer structurally sound, the decision was made to bring in a crane to remove the bell tower and the bell to provide easier access to the underlying structural supports which required attention. Several weeks before the Christmas holidays the restored bell and tower were back in place. Also, receiving attention during this project were the following:

- New dormer windows in the attic (matching the design of the original windows)
- New rain gutters and downspouts
- Repaired and painted soffit and fascia
- New finials, specially crafted out of copper to closely match the originals.
- New snow guards, as well as valleys and drip edge, all specially crafted from copper
- Restored and painted windowsills

Since the weather turned cold before the workers could turn their attention to re-pointing some of the bricks, that work will have to wait until the spring brings warmer weather. At that time, a large window at the rear of the building on the third floor, (torn out by a tornado that hit the borough decades ago and replaced with plywood) will also be replaced.

On March 15th, during the March Legos exhibit at the museum, a "re-dedication" ceremony was held. In attendance at the event were borough and museum staff, elected borough officials, and others. The purpose of the ceremony was to express appreciation to those state legislators whose assistance and support throughout the grant process undoubtedly helped to secure the state grant, without which this project could not have been accomplished. Representatives Shelby Labs, Craig Staats, and State Senator Jarrett Coleman were all in attendance to accept commemorative plaques and the thanks of the community that they serve.





Tim's heart stopped. We didn't.

Tim Teel never expected his day to end with a cardiac emergency – or for his heart to stop. Twice. But sudden heart events can strike without warning, and every second matters.

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Sellersville Museum Events

The members of the Sellersville Historical and Achievement Authority are pleased to announce the following 2026 Events being held at the Sellersville Museum, 120 East Church Street, Sellersville:

- Comic Books – April 11th and 12th
- Quilts – May 9th and 10th
- PHS Photography – June 13th and 14th
- National Bell Ringing – July 4th
- Revolutionary Re-enactors – July 11th and 12th
- Signs – August 8th and 9th
- Maps and Deeds – September 12th and 13th
- Star Wars – October 10th and 11th
- Trains and Trolleys – November 14th and 15th
- Winterfest – December 12th
- Annual Winter Forest – December 12th and 13th



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.

Trash Service During the Holidays

Republic Services will be modifying their trash and recycling pickup schedule for the 2026 holidays.

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HOLIDAY TRASH PICK UP



Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2026:

If your normal trash and recycling pickup day is Monday, your trash will be picked up on Tuesday, May 26th.

If your normal trash and recycling pickup day is Tuesday, your trash will be picked up on Wednesday, May 27th.

Labor Day, September 7, 2026:

If your normal trash and recycling pickup day is Monday, your trash will be picked up on Tuesday, September 8th.

If your normal trash and recycling pickup day is Tuesday, your trash will be picked up on Wednesday, September 9th.

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

Please Don't Blow Grass in the Street!

When mowing your lawn please refrain from blowing grass into the street. Please blow it back into your yard. If blown into the street, grass clippings will find their way to storm drains and may clog them during heavy rain events that would contribute to localized flooding. The grass clippings in the street are also a hazard to motorcycles and bicycle riders.



Tax Collector Hours for 2026

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.:

April: 2, 9, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30 • June: 18 • October: 29 • December: 31

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 \$135.00 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.

For the Fall 2025 issue’s “History Mystery,” we tried to throw our Sellersville Sleuths yet another curveball. But, to our surprise, several of our Sleuths hit a home run—we received quite a few correct responses within days of publication!



Senior Portrait originally published in The SPHERE, Sellersville-Perkasie (“Sell-Perk”) High School yearbook, 1946.

This particular Senior Portrait was taken from one of the many high school yearbooks found in our collection. This young lady’s 1946 caption read: “The gal with a grand sense of humor and never without a smile. At home on the baseball field. ‘Ruthie’ is a friend to all, an all-round neat person.”

That’s not ALL that Ruth Richard is remembered for. This “all-round neat person” would later become an All-Star, an All-American, and a Hall of Famer within the world of professional baseball. But we’re getting a little ahead of ourselves.

Born on September 20, 1928, Ruth was the eldest daughter, and middle child, of O. Frank and Carrie (Seachrist) Richard. She lived almost her entire life at #880 Allentown Road, in the tiny village of Ridge Valley, West Rockhill Township—the house and lot adjoining the Seachrist family homestead. [Fun fact: Ridge Valley was originally served by a local post office named “Argus” up until 1954, when the U.S. Postal Service closed Argus, and reassigned Ridge Valley (and most of West Rockhill Township) to Sellersville rural delivery, which is how it remains today.]

As a youth, she attended West Rockhill Township schools and spent her leisure time swimming in the Ridge Valley Creek and playing baseball with the local kids. According to two of Ruth’s lifelong friends and Ridge Valley neighbors, the late brothers Charles H. “Charlie” and Ernest P. “Ernie” Guent, Jr., fondly recalled Ruth’s giftedness of having a very strong arm: being able to catch a fastball behind home plate, and while still crouching there, immediately throw the ball to second base for an out.

Ruth later became a student at the Sellersville-Perkasie (“Sell-Perk”) High School. [For those of you new to this region, “Sell-Perk” is now known as Pennridge South Middle School—a building intentionally constructed to straddle the Sellersville and Perkasie boroughs’ boundary line.] For all four years at Sell-Perk, she played on the “Girls’ Baseball Team” (which, at that time, was actually fast-pitch softball) and became Captain in her senior year.

Soon after being graduated as part of the Class of 1946, she went to Allentown for a regional tryout of what was then known as the All-American Girls Base Ball League (AAGBBL)—after several name changes throughout its existence, the organization would later be officially recognized as the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL). She made the cut . . . “and the rest is history.”

Her career and impressive stats are adequately written about in several online articles and resources. In summary, her 1947 debut as a right fielder, relief pitcher, and eventually, catcher, for the Grand Rapids Chicks led to a more stunning career with the Rockford Peaches (1948-1954) as a catcher. During her AAGPBL tenure, “Richie” (as she had come to be known) helped her teammates win four League championships (1947 as a Chick, 1948-1950 as a Peach), and achieved an All-Star Catcher designation six consecutive times (1949-1954 as a Peach).

When the league was terminated following the 1954 season, Ruth (along with other former league All-Stars) was asked to play professional baseball against men’s teams as part of Bill Allington’s All-American All-Stars (1955-1958).

After her baseball career had ended, she quietly returned to her home in Ridge Valley. Though she never got married, Ruth went on to work as an aircraft equipment solderer at Ametek, Inc.—U. S. Gauge Division in Sellersville for 26 years, retiring in 1993. Over the years, she kept in touch with former teammates and even enjoyed reading AAGPBL alumnae newsletters. But on the whole, it seemed as if the league had faded into historical obscurity.

Much to her surprise, Richie’s life would suddenly change forever.

In 1988, Ruth Richard’s name (along with the names of hundreds of other AAGPBL players) was enshrined in a permanent “Women



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In Baseball” exhibit at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. This event, along with a 1987 PBS documentary about the league, convinced award-winning Hollywood actress, director, and producer, Penny Marshall, to create and direct the 1992 blockbuster film, *A League Of Their Own*, which starred Tom Hanks, Geena Davis, Rosie O’Donnell, and Madonna. The movie was a fictional story about the Rockford Peaches’ inaugural season, but was based on the entire AAGPBL league history and culture (1943-1954). Geena Davis’ character (“Dottie Hinson”) was a composite, and loosely borrowed from some of Ruth Richard’s professional All-Star abilities and skills. Ruth recalled that many details featured in the film were accurate (like the song featured in the locker room scene, the existence of chaperones, and the etiquette classes). However, the scenes of girls sneaking out to a local bar was pure 100% Hollywood—the women had a very strict, tight schedule while on the road, and, according to Ruth, if any of them were caught doing anything like that, they would have been sent home immediately.

Ruth was invited to participate in the movie’s famous closing credits scene, but was unable to attend the film shoot. However, she was able to meet Penny Marshall and several of the film’s stars. Following the movie’s huge success, Ruth and her former teammates became overnight celebrities in their own right. Several different baseball cards were made of Richie, and she was invited to countless meet-and-greet autograph events throughout Pennsylvania, at Cooperstown, NY, and across the country. Her most-beloved Peaches’ uniform number (#14) was often written alongside her signature.

In 2008, she was taken by complete surprise when she was formally invited to participate in the Philadelphia Phillies World Series Victory Parade. Reluctant at first, she eventually agreed to ride in a car in the parade after being told that her presence was requested because she was a significant figure in local baseball history.

Humble to the end, she often stated that she never imagined that there would be so much interest in a relatively-obscure chapter in professional sports history. Nor did she believe that her life and career was worthy enough to be considered that of a baseball legend’s. After suffering from a stroke, Ruth briefly resided at Belle Haven Nursing Home in Quakertown, where she died at the age of 89, on May 6, 2018. She is buried at St. John’s Ridge Valley Cemetery, a few hundred yards from her lifelong homestead. Several of her personal baseball mementos are housed in the National Baseball Hall of Fame’s archival collections. In 2021, Richie was posthumously recognized with the release of a limited-edition, officially-licensed AAGPBL bobblehead figurine of her as part of a series of the League’s top players. Not bad for a small-town girl.

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

Does this picture ring any bells? Something is definitely missing, though. And what does this have to do with Sellersville?

Do you think you know the answer? Get your detective hats on and try to answer it!

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.



Thank You!

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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.

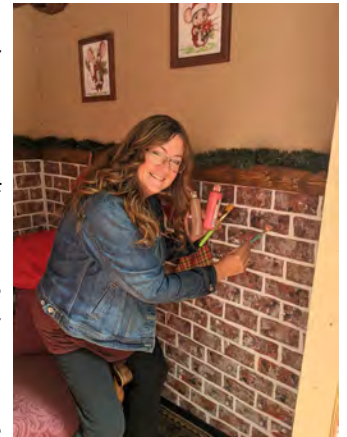
Where Did the "Santa Hut" Come From?



We hope everyone had fun at the 2025 Winterfest celebration! Have you ever wondered where the little red Santa Hut in our minipark came from, where Santa and Mrs. Claus visit us every year? It was built by hand by our very own Public Works Superintendent, Michael Zischang!

He decided it would be a fun project to create one instead of buying an expensive pre-built shed... he would certainly make an outstanding elf for Santa! After building it, it was placed in the mini park, and a backdrop had been placed inside to serve as the home for Santa and Mrs. Claus for kids from 1 to 92 to visit, make holiday wishes, and take pictures.

After that first year, another of our very own Borough staff members, Cheryl Zischang, decided the hut needed a cozier feel inside. She spent several lunch break hours painting a brick wall, carefully choosing cozy wall colors, and added a splash of holiday décor. Michael and Cheryl love our community and enjoyed sharing the project with everyone in our community – especially Santa! Thank you, Cheryl and Mike, we appreciate your handyman skills and creativity that help keep our community feeling bright and magical.



Memorial Day Parade Celebration



Please join us at the annual Memorial Day Parade and Service honoring the fallen, our veterans, and emergency responders. The parade takes place on Saturday, May 23, 2026. 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



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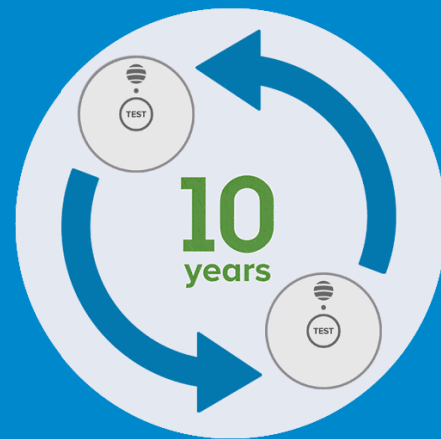
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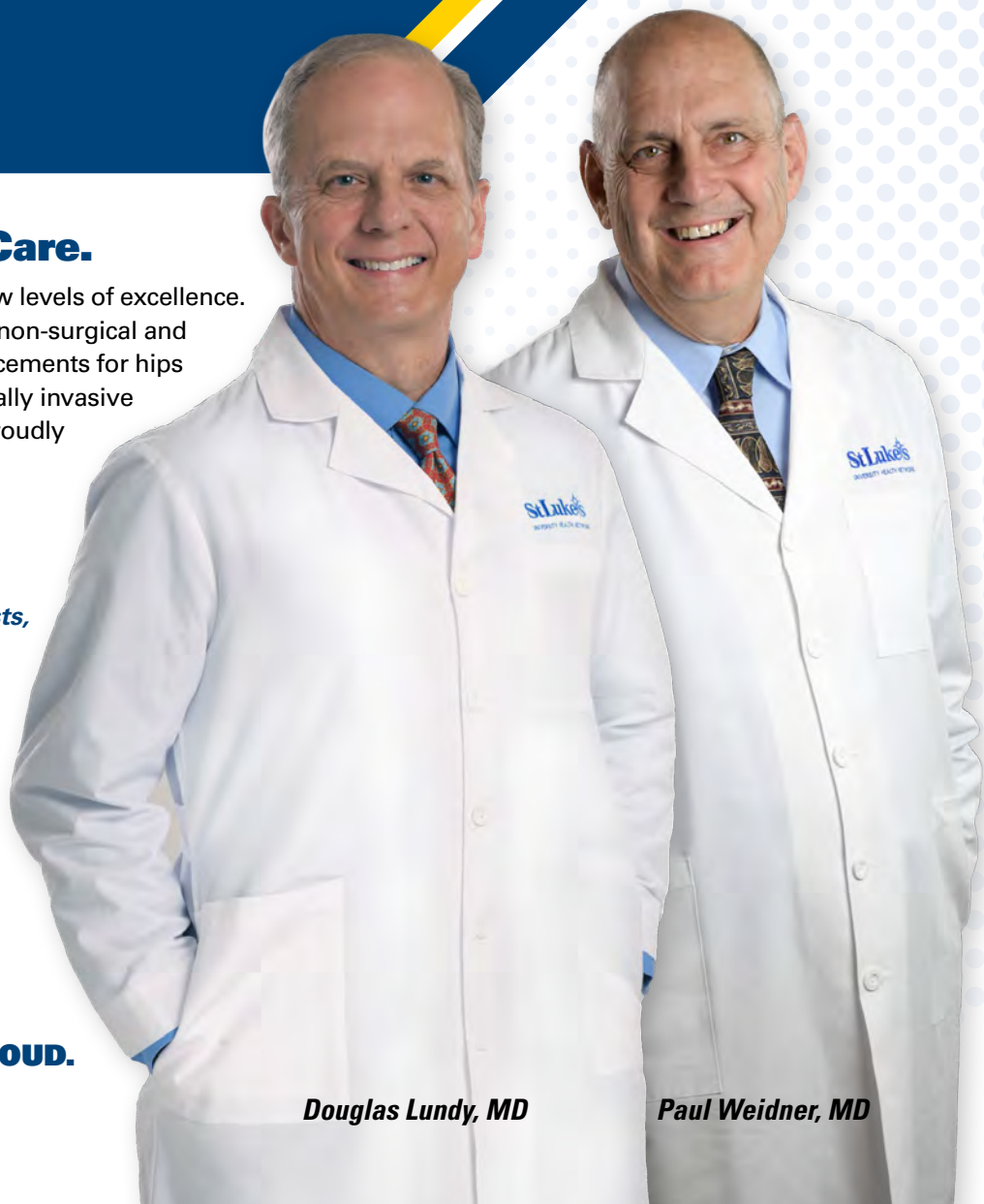
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