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LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Greetings to our Friends and Neighbors!

As I sit down to write this letter, we are still deep in the throes of winter. The trees are bare and there is little color in the natural world. However, miraculously, this morning I saw a single intrepid crocus poke its brave purple head out of the soil to remind me that spring is indeed on the way! As I pondered the approaching season of regrowth, rebirth, and rejuvenation, it occurred to me that Sellersville is in the spring season of its life as well. We are re-inventing our town. We are growing and changing. We are excited about the evolution of our community and looking forward to the future!

It has been said that there are, broadly speaking, five different types of communities. They are classified by the purpose that brings them together:

1. **Interest.** Communities of people who share the same interest or passion.
2. **Action.** Communities of people trying to bring about change.
3. **Place.** Communities of people brought together by geographic boundaries.
4. **Practice.** Communities of people who undertake similar activities.
5. **Circumstance.** Communities of people brought together by external events/situations.

As a resident of this community for more than 50 years, my observation is that the Sellersville community is **ALL** these things. We are a unique community where small-town values are shared and celebrated in all we do. So, join us in being a passionate member of this community by supporting local businesses, participating in community events, and encouraging friends and family to discover all we have to offer. **SELLEBRATE SELLERSVILLE!!**

Lois Dodson
Sellersville Borough Council President

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Letter from the Sellersville Borough Mayor

As we come out of the winter doldrums, our attention turns to spring, which is the time for spring cleanup. The Parks & Recreation Board will be out to pick up trash around the town, clean up tree limbs in the mini park and spruce up Druckenmiller Playground as part of their Sellebrate Sellersville Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 22nd. Anyone in the community is invited to participate, whether you want to join the group with the Parks & Rec Board or find an area you'd like to focus on. Just a short trip around a block can make a big difference.

Don't forget that we have wonderful areas to enjoy within our Borough during the sunny, warm days of spring. Lake

Lenape is a great area to take a walk or run on our newly paved path, fish, play or watch a round of frisbee golf, watch a Little League baseball game, or simply admire the trees and wildflowers. The Memorial located in the park is a great place to stop and honor those who have served and are still actively serving our Country.

We're always welcoming volunteers in the Borough. If you're looking for an event to volunteer at or to join a committee, please reach out to the Borough office.

Enjoy Sellersville,

Mayor Thomas Hufnagle

Holiday House Pool Plans for May Opening

Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer will soon be upon us and it's time to begin planning how you and the family will enjoy those long, hot summer months. For many, such thoughts take us back to those idyllic days of our own childhood when we whiled away the hours splashing in the cool, refreshing waters of the neighborhood pool, lying in the sun working on our tan with a good book, or enjoying a popsicle or ice-cold soda from the refreshment stand from the local pool.

Residents of Sellersville, West Rockhill, and the surrounding area will once again have the opportunity to relive those memories when the Holiday House Pool opens its gates for the 2023 summer swim season on Sunday May 28.

The West Rockhill-Sellersville Joint Recreation Authority has been working hard to make sure that the pool is in tip-top shape, and all is in readiness for this year's summer season. Recruitment for lifeguards is underway. The starting salary for lifeguards this year will be \$18.00 per hour and all certification or re-certification costs will be fully reimbursed for lifeguards who work the full season. Applications are also being accepted for those interested in working as an assistant pool manager, as well as qualified and experienced operators and staff for the pool's concession stand.

In the meantime, it isn't too early for residents and non-residents alike to send in their applications for pool membership and take full advantage of the 10% Discount if purchased by March 31. Membership rates and applications for pool membership, as well as applications for lifeguard positions are all available on the pool website at: sellersvilleboro.org/house-pool.html.

Remember, those "dog days" of summer will soon be upon us. So, begin looking for that perfect swimsuit. Start getting the kids primed for their swimming lessons (offered again this year) and get that membership application filled out and sent in. See you at the pool!



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REVITALIZATION IN ACTION

By Stephen Barth, Director of Economic Development Consultant

Economic Development - Millions in New Investment Coming to Town

Borough Council's revitalization initiative is working! Council and Staff have been working to cultivate new investment in our community.

The results of these efforts should be seen this spring, ranging from additional development on East Clymer Avenue at the Sellersville Industrial Park, new businesses in the Cultural District and new housing throughout the Borough.

Sellersville Business Park – 200,000+ sq/ft of New Industrial Space

New businesses and jobs are coming to Sellersville.

The former Ametek site on Clymer Avenue will soon be the catalyst for hundreds of new jobs in Sellersville. The complex is being redeveloped by 4th Soil Investments, LLC for up to 200,000 square feet of flex-light industrial space in three new buildings similar in design to the existing Solar Manufacturing building.

"It has been a pleasure working with Borough Council, administration, and the professional staff during this past year to secure approvals that will meet the needs and desires of the community. We are eager to begin work to restore this vacant parcel into a thriving business campus adding value to the community of Sellersville Borough once again," - 4th Soils Investments.

Final land development has been approved. Borough Council and staff have worked closely with the developers to repurpose the property. Bucks County, the Bucks County Industrial Development Authority and the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority have also worked collaboratively with Sellersville Borough to repurpose this vacant industrial site and breathe new life back into the community.

The property has been fully environmentally remediated and construction plans are under review, with groundbreaking soon to follow.



Bebe & Pop's Thriving Hive Cafe Opens on Main Street

Bebe and Pop's Thriving Hive Café at 200 N. Main Street is a charming new, family and kid-friendly cafe that offers a wide range of delicious homemade foods. Bebe & Pop's boasts smoked meats and sausages, breakfast specials and gourmet coffee. You won't want to miss their smoothies, specialty sandwiches and salads. For your sweet tooth there is gourmet ice cream, shakes, plus ice cream and birch beer floats.

The Pickers Junction Outdoor Antique Market Opening Second Season

Pickers Junction at 220 N. Main Street has had quite a year! First appearing on national television with the History Channel's "Pawn Stars Do America", they then opened the new Pickers Junction Outdoor Antique Market. Returning for a second year, the Outdoor Antique Market will have expanded hours running every Saturday from April through October with new hours from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pickers Junction is still accepting vendors for this year's season. Vendors do not need insurance, as that is covered under Pickers Junction's policy. Spread the word and enjoy this intimate weekly event. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram.



Downtown Development - Maple Lofts



An exciting new development is occurring in Sellersville's Business Core and Cultural District. The former Raymond C. Rumpf Building at 35 Maple Avenue is being transformed into a new multi-story, mixed-use complex with eight luxury lifestyle apartments on the second and third floors. The owners are actively looking for a commercial tenant to occupy the first floor that will contribute to Sellersville's Downtown Cultural District.

The developers, Village Centre Properties (www.vcprops.com), have worked closely with the Borough in visioning an exciting project to support Sellersville's Downtown Cultural District. Village Centre Properties specializes in restoring and repurposing historically significant downtown buildings and transforming them into dynamic new spaces.

Plans have also been approved to put the building on the national historic register. This designation ensures specific guidelines are followed to preserve the historic architectural character of the building and reinforce quality development in Sellersville.

2. Washington House Hotel & Restaurant



The Washington House is a restored Victorian in the heart of Sellersville. The restaurant on the first floor is known for casual fine dining, season menus, a tasty wine list and authentic period bar. Walk a few steps next door to enjoy live entertainment at the Sellersville Theater!

Washington House Restaurant & Hotel - Named 2nd Best Hotel in Bucks County

BucksCo Today – By John Grey

"Known for its quality inns, hotels, and bed-and-breakfast locations, Bucks County is home to several great spots for winter getaways. Staff writers at Visit Bucks County made a list of the best spots to stay at this winter."

"The top 10 winter getaway spots are all located in parts of Bucks County renowned for their natural beauty and quiet atmosphere, a well-needed break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Namely in New Hope, Sellersville, and Upper Black Eddy, these spots are even great for people who already live in the area."

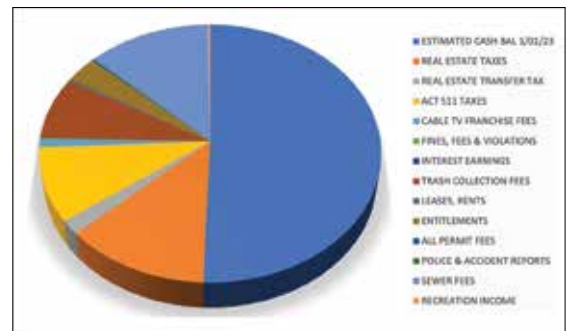
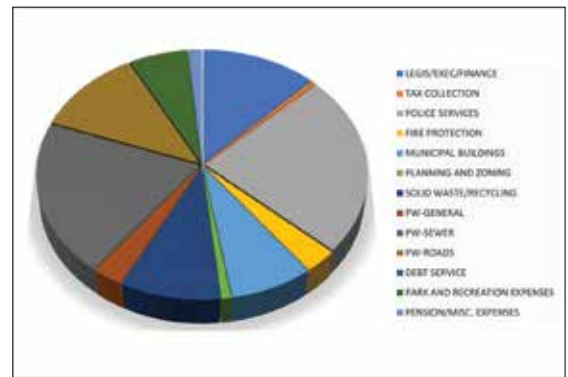
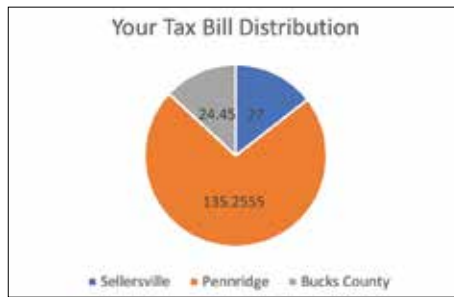


2023 Budget Approved

On December 12, 2022, the Council of Sellersville Borough enacted a 2023 Budget, reflecting no increase in Real Estate Taxes, and an Earned Income Tax of 1.00%. This Budget is balanced, fiscally responsible, and meets both short- and long-term goals of Sellersville Borough. The 2023 Budget provides the resources necessary to meet the goals of our community for the coming year, delivering services in the most cost-effective way, providing the needed investments in the community, and ensuring a successful future for those who live and work in Sellersville Borough.

The Budget provides for replacement of HVAC systems at Borough Hall and the Sellersville Museum, a new network server, wiring and one new workstation. Paving projects planned for 2023 include East and West Grandview Avenues, a portion of the Green Street Alley which was recently damaged by an emergency sanitary sewer main replacement, replacement of the sanitary sewer systems on W. Church Road/Old N. Main Street, and preliminary engineering for replacement of the sanitary sewer system on Lawn Avenue.

We welcome your comments and suggestions as we strive to keep Sellersville a wonderful place to live, work and play.



Emergency House Numbers



Sellersville Borough Council is considering passing a new ordinance that would require all residential and commercial properties to prominently display property identification numbers. House numbers are not only convenient for finding addresses, but necessary for emergency responders to locate those in need in a timely manner. Why wait for an ordinance to be passed? These numbers could be a lifesaver in case of an emergency.



Numbers will be required to be permanently displayed in a prominent place that is visible from the street at a minimum 50 feet. The numerals shall be no less than four inches high with a minimum stroke width of half an inch, attached to the business or residence, a post, mailbox, or other appropriate structure at a point no less than three feet from ground level. Visibility from both directions of travel from the roadway will be required. Numeric numbers must be used, not wording. For example, use "58" instead of "fifty-eight".

Take this important safety step early. It could literally save your life!

Tax Collector Hours for 2023

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

Thursday, April 6, 2023
 Wednesday, April 19, 2023
 Wednesday, April 26, 2023
 Thursday, October 26, 2023

Thursday, April 13, 2023
 Thursday, April 20, 2023
 Thursday, April 27, 2023
 Thursday, December 14, 2023

Tuesday, April 18, 2023
 Tuesday, April 25, 2023
 Thursday, June 22, 2023



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



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I am honored to have been appointed Chairman of the Intergovernmental Operations Committee. I also have the pleasure of serving on Senate committees on Education, Local Government, Urban Affairs & Housing, Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, and Communication & Technology.

Of course, as a member of the Senate, I will represent you on any issue before the Senate.

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Bucks County Office:
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Quakertown, PA 18951

Lehigh County Office:
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Allentown, PA 18106

Additionally, contact me anytime with questions or concerns at senatorcoleman.com/contact/.

Sincerely,
Senator Jarrett Coleman



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How Urbanized Areas Affect Water Quality Increased Runoff

The porous and varied terrain of natural landscapes like forests, wetlands, and grasslands traps rainwater and snowmelt and allows them to filter slowly into the ground. In contrast, impervious (nonporous) surfaces like roads, parking lots, and rooftops prevent rain and snowmelt from infiltrating, or soaking, into the ground. Most of the rainfall

The most recent National Water Quality Inventory reports that runoff from urbanized areas is the leading source of water quality impairments to surveyed estuaries and the third-largest source of impairments to surveyed lakes.

Did you know that because of impervious surfaces like pavement and rooftops, a typical city block generates more than 5 times more runoff than a woodland area of the same size?

and snowmelt remains above the surface, where it runs off rapidly in unnaturally large amounts.

Storm sewer systems concentrate runoff into smooth, straight conduits. This runoff gathers speed and erosional power as it travels underground. When this runoff leaves the storm drains and empties into a stream, its excessive volume and power blast out streambanks, damaging streamside vegetation and wiping out aquatic habitat. These increased storm flows carry sediment loads from construction sites and other denuded surfaces and eroded streambanks. They often carry higher water temperatures from streets, roof tops, and parking lots, which are harmful to the health and reproduction of aquatic life.

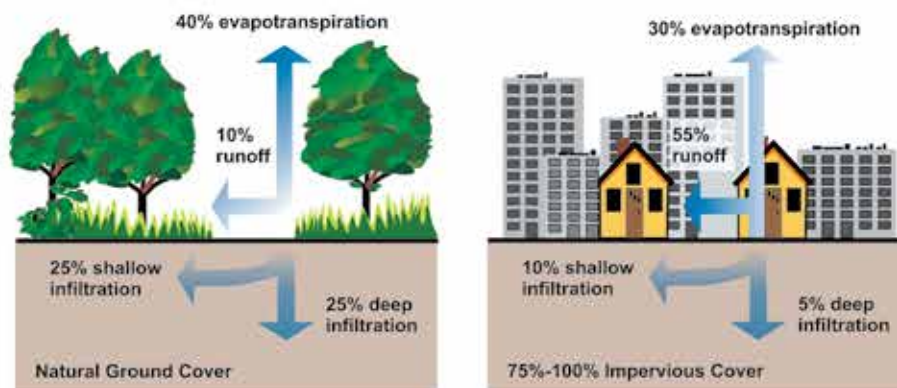
The loss of infiltration from urbanization may also cause profound groundwater changes. Although urbanization leads to great increases in flooding during and immediately after wet weather, in many instances it results in lower stream flows during dry weather. Many native fish and other aquatic life cannot survive when these conditions prevail.

Increased Pollutant Loads

Urbanization increases the variety and amount of pollutants carried into streams, rivers, and lakes. The pollutants include:

- Sediment
- Oil, grease, and toxic chemicals from motor vehicles
- Pesticides and nutrients from lawns and gardens
- Viruses, bacteria, and nutrients from pet waste and failing septic systems
- Road salts
- Heavy metals from roof shingles, motor vehicles, and other sources
- Thermal pollution from dark impervious surfaces such as streets and rooftops

These pollutants can harm fish and wildlife populations, kill native vegetation, foul drinking water supplies, and make recreational areas unsafe and unpleasant.



Relationship between impervious cover and surface runoff. Impervious cover in a watershed results in increased surface runoff. As little as 10 percent impervious cover in a watershed can result in stream degradation.

Managing Urban Runoff What Homeowners Can Do

To decrease polluted runoff from paved surfaces, households can develop alternatives to areas traditionally covered by impervious surfaces. Porous pavement materials are available for driveways and sidewalks, and native vegetation and mulch can replace high maintenance grass lawns. Homeowners can use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways, sidewalks, and roads instead of using a hose. Instead of disposing of yard waste, they can use the materials to start a compost pile. And homeowners can learn to use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to reduce dependence on harmful pesticides.

In addition, households can prevent polluted runoff by picking up after pets and using, storing, and disposing of chemicals properly. Drivers should check their cars for leaks and recycle their motor oil and antifreeze when these fluids are changed. Drivers can also avoid impacts from car wash runoff (e.g., detergents, grime, etc.) by using car wash facilities that do not generate runoff. Households served by septic systems should have them professionally inspected

and pumped every 3 to 5 years. They should also practice water conservation measures to extend the life of their septic systems.

Controlling Impacts from New Development

Developers and city planners should attempt to control the volume of runoff from new development by using low impact development, structural controls, and pollution prevention strategies. Low impact development includes measures that conserve natural areas (particularly sensitive hydrologic areas like riparian buffers and infiltrable soils); reduce development impacts; and reduce site runoff rates by maximizing surface roughness, infiltration opportunities, and flow paths.

Controlling Impacts from Existing Development

Controlling runoff from existing urban areas is often more costly than controlling runoff from new developments. Economic efficiencies are often realized through approaches that target "hot spots" of runoff pollution or have multiple benefits, such as high-efficiency street sweeping (which addresses aesthetics, road safety,

and water quality). Urban planners and others responsible for managing urban and suburban areas can first identify and implement pollution prevention strategies and examine source control opportunities. They should seek out priority pollutant reduction opportunities, then protect natural areas that help control runoff, and finally begin ecological restoration and retrofit activities to clean up degraded water bodies. Local governments are encouraged to take lead roles in public education efforts through public signage, storm drain marking, pollution prevention outreach campaigns, and partnerships with citizen groups and businesses. Citizens can help prioritize the clean-up strategies, volunteer to become involved in restoration efforts, and mark storm drains with approved "don't dump" messages.



Related Publications

Turn Your Home into a Stormwater Pollution Solution!

www.epa.gov/nps

This web site links to an EPA homeowner's guide to healthy habits for clean water that provides tips for better vehicle and garage care, lawn and garden techniques, home improvement, pet care, and more.

National Management Measures to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution from Urban Areas

www.epa.gov/owow/nps/urbanmm

This technical guidance and reference document is useful to local, state, and tribal managers in implementing management programs for polluted runoff. Contains information on the best available, economically achievable means of reducing pollution of surface waters and groundwater from urban areas.

Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Resources

www.epa.gov/owm/onsite

This web site contains the latest brochures and other resources from EPA for managing onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) such as conventional septic systems and alternative decentralized systems. These resources provide basic information to help individual homeowners, as well as detailed, up-to-date technical guidance of interest to local and state health departments.

Low Impact Development Center

www.lowimpactdevelopment.org

This center provides information on protecting the environment and water resources through integrated site design techniques that are intended to replicate preexisting hydrologic site conditions.

Stormwater Manager's Resource Center (SMRC)

www.stormwatercenter.net

Created and maintained by the Center for Watershed Protection, this resource center is designed specifically for stormwater practitioners, local government officials, and others that need technical assistance on stormwater management issues.

Strategies: Community Responses to Runoff Pollution

www.nrdc.org/water/pollution/storm/stoinx.asp

The Natural Resources Defense Council developed this interactive web document to explore some of the most effective strategies that communities are using around the nation to control urban runoff pollution. The document is also available in print form and as an interactive CD-ROM.

For More Information

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Sellersville Borough Code Ordinances

Licensing and Inspection of Residential Rental Units in Sellersville Borough

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



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.

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



For the 26th year, Sellersville Borough will be participating in the “Let Freedom Ring” National Bell Ringing Ceremony on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony will be held in front of the Sellersville Museum, 120 East Church Street, Sellersville, PA.

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

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

Memorial Day Celebration

The Memorial Day Parade and Service honoring the fallen, our veterans, and emergency responders will be held in Sellersville this year. The parade takes place on Saturday, May 27, 2023. 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 of Main Street.



Sellersville Museum Events

The members of the Sellersville Historical and Achievement Authority are pleased to announce the Spring/Summer 2023 Events being held at the Sellersville Museum, 120 East Church Street, Sellersville from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.:

*April 15 and April 16 – Comic Books

May 13 and May 14 – Local Photography

June 10 and June 11 – Art on Wood

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

July 8 and July 9 – Exotic Musical Instruments

August 12 and August 13 – Scouting

**3rd weekend due to Easter holiday*

All Museum events are free, but 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.

The “History Mystery” Column

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



The answer to the Fall 2022 issue’s “Mystery” is . . .

The Sellersville Public School Building (present-day 120 East Church Street), as seen from Green Street, circa 1895 (photographed by Joseph W. Daub).

Construction of the school building began in 1875. The looming bell tower, cupola, and front entrance faced what is known today as Penn Street. Back then, Penn Street was a mere wagon path, and East Church Street went only as far as St. Michael’s Church and the much-smaller Sellersville Cemetery.

In 1898, this building was enlarged and remodeled extensively. The original bell tower was removed, and the entrance was relocated to face East Church Street and the Sellersville Cemetery, as seen in this photo by Joseph W. Daub (circa 1900):

Since 1982, the former Sellersville Public School Building has been the home of the Sellersville Museum. The original 1875-constructed portion is still intact. By standing in the alley behind the Museum, one can see the original structure along with the surrounding architectural additions.



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

Do you think you know where this photo was taken? [HINT: The building in the background is still standing today.]

So get your detective hats on and go out and explore the town to find the answer!

If you think you’ve solved this “mystery,” call the Borough Office (215-257-5075) and tell us!

In the next issue of the newsletter, we will correctly identify the photograph and feature a new one for you to solve.

Sellersville Museum Receives Grant to Preserve Sellersville's First Newspaper Editions

Have you ever wondered what it was like to live in Sellersville in the late 1800s, or during the Great Depression, or through the two World Wars? Have you ever asked yourself, "What did kids do back then? What were the fashions like? What did people do for fun? Or how did people get around without automobiles?" Soon, you will be able to answer these questions and many more about what life was like in Sellersville when your great, great grandparents were alive.

The Sellersville Historical and Achievement Authority (which manages and operates the Sellersville Museum) recently announced that, thanks to a state grant, they hope to be able to make available to the public old editions of Sellersville's first newspaper, the *Sellersville Herald*. The first edition of the *Sellersville Herald* hit the streets on January 16, 1897. The newspaper continued to publish weekly editions until 1943 when it merged with Perkasio's *Central News*, becoming the *Central News-Herald*, later changing its name to simply, *News Herald* which continues to this day.

In 1999, the original bound volumes of the *Sellersville Herald* were placed on "permanent loan" at the Sellersville Museum by Mr. Charles W. Baum, former publisher-president and owner of the *Sellersville Herald*. Although the papers could be made available for inspection upon request, their age and rapidly deteriorating condition made it impossible for them to be put on display and they were mostly forgotten by the general public.

But in 2022 the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) announced a grant of up to \$15,000 available to historical societies, libraries, and museums for the purpose of preserving historically valuable original records. Tim Hufnagle, a member of Sellersville's Historical and Achievement Authority, immediately saw the grant as an opportunity to save these old, irreplaceable records of Sellersville's past and, at the same time, make them generally available to the public for inspection. The Authority quickly decided to partner with Sellersville Borough and the Perkasio Historical Society to apply for the grant. According to Mr. James Chrastina, Chairperson of the Historical Authority, the application was completed and submitted with the help and support of a great many individuals and local organizations including, Nase-Kraft American Legion Post 255, the Sellersville Fire Department, Perkasio Historical Society, and Mr. Charles W. Baum. In addition, letters of support were received from the offices of State Senator Steve Santarsiero, State Representative Craig Staats, State Representative Shelby Labs and Bucks County Recorder of Deeds Daniel McPhillips.

In December, the Historical and Achievement Authority was notified that its application had been approved. The funds are expected to be made available in May of 2023. Museum workers, led by Mr. Hufnagle, will examine and inventory each volume of the newspapers, page by page. The bound volumes will be transported to the offices of Backstage Library in Bethlehem, which will first convert the newspapers to microfilm. The microfilm will then be digitized so that it can be made generally available over the Internet through such channels as newspapers.com and PA Power Library. Of course, Sellersville residents will also be able to view the records at the museum, using either a microfilm viewer, recently donated by Pennridge High School, or on a computer dedicated to that use. According to Authority members James Chrastina and Heather Davis, the Authority hopes to have the project completed and the newspapers available for viewing sometime next year, in time to be featured in the Museum's celebration of Sellersville's Sesquicentennial (150th) Anniversary of Incorporation.

Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2024

In 2024, the Borough of Sellersville, Bucks County, PA will be celebrating their 150 Anniversary of Incorporation as a Borough, known as a Sesquicentennial Anniversary. The Sesquicentennial Committee has been formed and events are being planned to be held throughout the 2024 Anniversary year. Sellersville was originally settled in 1738, but was not incorporated as a Borough in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania until December 7, 1874.

To create a year's worth of celebration, plans are underway to host a Spring Banquet, a Memorial Day Parade Celebration, involvement in Pennridge Community Day, Gallery of the Arts Festival, and a larger Winterfest Event. We are looking for volunteers to help make the events throughout the anniversary year run smoothly. If you are interested in being involved with this event, or any of the planned activities during the Anniversary Year, please send an email to sellersville@sellersvilleboro.org.

The Sesquicentennial Committee is also looking for donations from businesses and individuals in the surrounding area to help defray the costs of some of the events that will take place throughout the year. If you are interested in being involved with sponsorship, please reach out to Sellersville Borough.



Sellersville Volunteer Fire Department Events

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Easter Flower Sale

The Sellersville Fire Department will be holding their annual Easter Flower Sale on Thursday, April 6 and Friday, April 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 8 from 9:00 a.m. until sold out.

Sportsman's Bingo

Sellersville Fire Department's Sportsman's Bingo will be hosted on Sunday, May 7, 2023. Doors open at 12:00 p.m.; games start at 1:00 p.m. Check www.sellersvillefd.com for more details.

17th Annual Spring Basket Bingo

The Sellersville Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary presents their 17th Annual Spring Basket Bingo event at the Sellersville Firehouse, 2 North Main Street on Sunday, April 30, 2023. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., and games begin at 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door (if available). Tickets purchased by April 24 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, pull tabs and more. The kitchen will be open and serving, but you may bring your own food.



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

Sellersville Carnival

Mark your calendars for a week of fun at the Sellersville Fire Department's Annual Carnival! The carnival runs from Tuesday, July 11 through Saturday, July 15, 2023. Tuesday and Thursday nights will be wristband nights (ride all you want for one fee). Friday night will be the traditional fireworks show, with a rain date of Saturday night.



Building Permits and Zoning Applications

Did you know that when you make modifications around your property, there is a strong possibility that you need a permit from Sellersville Borough? Plumbing, mechanical, electrical, additions, demolitions, decks/patios, pools, roofing, fencing, or putting a shed on the property are some projects that require a permit, just to name a few.

Ordinary non-structural repairs such as painting, new flooring, new kitchen and bathroom cabinets, or replacement of windows or doors where the existing opening in the structure is not altered do not require a permit. If you are altering, adding to, demolishing, or making a change to the occupancy of a structure, you need to apply for a permit. This includes converting a garage into a room, moving walls, installing electrical outlets, adding new openings for windows or doors, or moving plumbing.

More information can be found on our website at <https://sellersvilleboro.org/forms.html> under Zoning: Building Permit Application and Instructions or Zoning Permit Application. When in doubt, give us a call at Borough Hall and we will help you determine if you are required to apply for a permit.



Letter from Perkasio Police

The Perkasio Borough Police Department Provides full primary police services to Perkasio and Sellersville Boroughs twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The Police Department is staffed by nineteen full-time Police Officers, which includes two Detectives that are supervised by an Administrative Sergeant. The Police Department Administrative Office is staffed by two civilian employees, an administrative assistant, and a police secretary. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding recognized holidays. The Department non-emergency number is 215-257-6876. For emergencies, always dial 9-1-1.

Police News

The Perkasio Police Department is happy to report that new Officer Sean Jeffries graduated from the Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy in December 2022. He was the class Valedictorian and was provided with the opportunity to be the academy cadet who gave the class commencement speech. We also look forward to Officer Alexander Groves graduating from the Temple University Police program in March of 2023, after which he will begin his field training with the Department.

The Police Department in conjunction with the Perkasio Borough Civil Service Commission has started the process of promoting a Patrol Sergeant after Sergeant Jim Rothrock retired in June 2022. The promotional process entails a rigorous written exam and an oral interview. Currently, six officers have applied to take the written examination as the first step in the process.

Winter Storm Potential

Even though warmer weather is just around the corner there is still a chance of snow. We would like to remind all drivers to make sure you continue to make sure that your vehicle is ready for snowy conditions by making sure your vehicle is properly maintained including good, properly inflated tires and effective wiper blades.

Springtime Driving Tips

Transitioning from winter to spring means longer days, which means more sun and the potential of driving into blinding light and glare. If this happens, please slow down and proceed with caution. Wearing polarized sunglasses and using your vehicles sun visors can help to reduce sun glare.

8 Tips to Pedestrian Safety

1. Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times.
2. Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or bad weather.
3. Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
4. Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they can stop too.
5. Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing where you can't see.
6. Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street, in school zones, and in neighborhoods where children are present.
7. Be extra cautious when backing up and look for pedestrians.
8. Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

The Police Department is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Administrative office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. The Police Department's non-emergency contact phone number is 215-257-6876. For emergencies, please dial 9-1-1.



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April 1	Lower Bucks	Bucks County Community College 275 Swamp Road, Newtown, Newtown Township
May 13	Upper Bucks	Upper Bucks Area Vocational Technical School 3115 Ridge Road, Perkasie, Bedminster Township
June 24	Central Bucks	Central Bucks South High School 1100 Folly Road, Warrington, Warrington Township
August 12	Lower Bucks	Bucks Technical School 610 Wistar Road, Fairless Hills, Bristol Township
October 28	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*.

Pesticides	- Oil-based Paint	Fire Extinguishers	Batteries
- Chlordane	- Paint Thinner	Toxics	- Button Batteries
- DDT	- Spot Remover	- Antifreeze	- Lithium Batteries
- Malathion	Caustics	- CFLs (fluorescent bulbs/tubes)	- Re-Chargeable Batteries
- Sevin	- Ammonia-based Cleaners	- Mercury	Lead-Acid Batteries
- Rodent Poison	- Degreasers	- Photographic Chemicals	- Car
Flammables	- Drain Cleaner	- Pool Chemicals	- Marine
- Aerosols	- Household Lye	- Rust/Paint Remover	- Motorcycle
- Gas/Oil Mixture	- Metal Cleaner	- Weed Killer	- Truck
- Gasoline	- Oven Cleaner	Propane Tanks	- Mini Propane Tanks Only (2 lbs. or less)
- Heating / Motor Oil			
- Kerosene			

What You Can't Bring

- ELECTRONICS-TVs-Computers-Cell Phones-Any Corded Devices
- LATEX PAINT-Non-Hazardous Waste/Water-based*
- 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 16 oz.
- 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:

Bucks County Planning Commission
www.buckscounty.gov/recycling

215-345-3400

or

The PADEP Recycling Hotline at
1-800-346-4242

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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Sellersville Borough Meetings

Have you ever wondered what is going on around 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 official Meeting Schedule can be found on the Borough's website at <https://sellersvilleboro.org/calendar.html>.

Residential Waste & Recycling

Residential Waste

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

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

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

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

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



Curbside Recycling

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

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Paper – Newspaper, magazines, phone books, catalogs, cracker and cereal boxes, cardboard (flattened)
 - Glass – Bottles and jars
 - Metal – food and beverage cans
 - Plastics – Any household plastic bottles or containers with numbers 1 through 7 stamped on bottom
- Please rinse items before placing in the bin.
Lids are acceptable for recycling.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Motor Oil Containers
- Plastic Grocery Bags
- Styrofoam
- Window Glass or Drinking Glasses
- Ceramics and Dinner Plates
- Aluminum Foil or Foil Pans

Bulk Items

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

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

Sharps Disposal

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

Holidays

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

HOLIDAYS INCLUDE: NEW YEAR'S DAY, MEMORIAL DAY, INDEPENDENCE DAY, LABOR DAY, THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS DAY.



Parks and Recreation News



Easter Egg Hunt

Come join the Easter Bunny and the Sellersville Parks and Recreation Board for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 8 at B. Earl

Druckenmiller Playground, 131 Maple Avenue, Sellersville. Age categories will be 0 to 2 years, 3 to 4 years, 5 to 7 years, and 8 to 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 at the rear of the Park.



Fairy Door Events:

Paint the Fairy Doors

The Sellersville Parks and Recreation Board invites you to come to paint a fairy door on Saturday, May 6th at 10:00 a.m. (location to be determined). All children ages 4 through 12 years old are welcome to paint a door, but you must pre-register at the Borough office. Class size is limited to 24, so sign up early!

Find the Fairy Doors

On Saturday, May 13th at 1:00 p.m., come to the Boy Scout Cabin, 116 East Walnut Street, Sellersville to Find the Fairy Doors, hidden in Lenape Lake Park. Find all the Fairy Doors and win a prize! There is no fee for this event.

“Sellebrate Sellersville” Community Clean-Up Day

Sellersville Parks & Recreation Board is hosting their Third Annual “Sellebrate” Community Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Volunteers will meet at the American Legion Post #255, 75 North Main Street, Sellersville, and spread out to areas in need of clean up. Volunteers will be provided with trash bags, gloves, and safety vests. Please contact the Sellersville Borough at (215) 257-5075 to pre-register to be a part of this event to help beautify our town.



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. 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.

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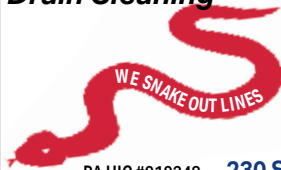
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