



IN Saegertown



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Web Site: www.saegertownpa.com

Happy New Year 2026

H & H: Our Hometown Grocery Store

H & H Supermarket has been owned and operated by John Hasenkopf for the past 50 years. We are one of the few communities that is lucky enough to still have a full-service grocery store. John and the store supported almost every community event over the years. John is retiring and we wish Becky and him good luck and enjoy their time off! New owners Doug & Deb Smith and Mike & Heather Davis are planning on keeping the store open and improving the store, under the new name "H & H Trading Company".

Keeping Spending Under Control...Responsible Government once again in 2026!!

Property Taxes: No Increase in 2026

Garbage Rates: No Increase in 2026

Water Rates: No Increase in 2026

Water Line Fees: Slight Increase

Rental License Fees: Slight Increase (Fee is \$70 every 3 years)

Property Tax History:

1988: tax milage was 5 mil

1994: increased taxes to 7 mil

2007: lowered taxes to 4 mil (15-year tax break)

2022: returned to 1994 rate of 7 mil

In the past 38 years property taxes are only up 2 mil.

Borough Plowing Snow...things to Remember

- There is only so much space to push snow – everyone gets a fair share.
- Snow must be pushed back so it does not freeze and turn to ice. (Can damage Plows)
- Plantings, rocks, stakes, landscape boards etc. must be off the ROW - Right of Way (Alleys are 20 feet wide)
- If rocks or plantings on the ROW damage snow plows you can be held responsible for repairs.
- In spring, Boro tries to repair all yards from damage, but will not replace plants, rocks etc.

New Program: Water Bills can be e-mailed to you:

The Borough has offered to e-mail water bills to customers this year.

To sign up...

E-mail the Borough and state you want your water/refuse bills e-mailed to you.

The Borough will confirm we received your e-mail and reply back with the details.

saegertown@saegertownpa.com (Make sure: saegertownpa is one word)

Water Payments:

The Borough cannot automatically deduct payments from your bank account. You can pay with your online banking, as before, but you must **include your Borough account number**.

Customers that wish to continue to have their bills mailed to them will receive a \$1 monthly charge per unit.

Christmas Lights

Once again town looked great over the Holidays. Thank you to everyone who helped.





Fire Hydrants and Snow: HELP

Thank you to everyone that cleared snow from fire hydrants during our recent snowstorms. If there is a hydrant close to your residence, please consider clearing the snow from it. Cleared fire hydrants make a big difference if there is a fire.

Landlord – rental Deadline:

Do NOT forget, the deadline to provide self-inspections or pay for full inspections is January 30th each year.

Water Project Update:

The new treatment plant and water lines will be in service late next spring or early next summer. Construction is going well as planned, and the contractors are keeping disruptions to a minimum.

Mechanical Devices

The Borough recently passed an ordinance regulating Mechanical Amusement Devices and establishing fees to have them in the Borough. Check out the ordinance (Chapter 10 – Part D) if you have any of these devices. Gambling & Skill devices, pool tables, Non-paying amusement devices, and jukeboxes are all regulated.

Website: Special Events Tab:

New on the website is a tab for information on special events in town. It has its own tab on the home page. Events such as the Tractor parade, the CASH BASH, etc. will be featured. Check it out.

Saegertown Area Library:

The Library will be closed on Dec. 31 and January 19th.

Saegertown Heritage Society:

The Saegertown Heritage Society museum will be closed until February 16th, on Presidents' Day. At that time, they will be sponsoring their annual Cherry Pie Hike, which commemorates Washington's trip through our area in 1753.

Saegertown Volunteer Fire Dept...

The fire dept. runs regular online raffles with a different great prize for each drawing. Check out the current prize, and information on the Department's Facebook page. (Or visit the FD website <http://saegertownvfd.com> for a link.)



New Councilman and Mayor in 2026:

- **Ted Szalewicz** was elected Mayor in the recent election.
- **Scott Schlosser** was elected to Borough Council, and will join Bob Gilbert, Dr. Doug Smith, Lenny Stites, Kevin Byers, Amada Pipper and Dave Parker on Borough Council.

Safety Tip: Get a jump on the New Year

- Install smoke detectors with good batteries.
- Have CO (carbon monoxide) detectors installed.
- Make sure your home has childproof locks, and electrical outlet covers.
- Keep all exits clear from debris.
- Install GFCI outlets in the kitchen, bathroom and outdoor receptacles.
- Make sure to have adequate lighting in halls and stairways.
- Be prepared for power outages. Have battery operated lights charged and ready to go.
- Store Hazardous material properly.
- Do NOT store bleach and ammonia in the same area, or other materials that react with each other.
- Do NOT store gasoline or other flammable liquids in your home.



Tax Collector:

Amanda Burlingame is the Tax Collector for Saegertown Borough.

Her phone number: 814-398-3988 ... Her e-mail address is: saegertownboroughtax@hotmail.com

∅ Payments can be made by mail to: Saegertown Tax Collector, PO Box 348, Saegertown, Pa. 16433

∅ Payments can be dropped in the "Water" drop box, but NOT in the "Sewer" drop box.

Regular Community Meetings:

Borough Council: meetings second Mon. of month, 6:00 pm at Saegertown Borough Building on Erie St.

Sewer Authority: meetings second Wed. of month, 6:00 pm at Saegertown Borough Building on Erie St.