



# Sayre Borough Newsletter

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## Redevelopment Planned For Blighted Property



Developers for the proposed Dunkin Donuts at the corner of South Keystone Avenue and West Lockhart Street cleared their final hurdle in May when the project received approval from the Borough's Zoning Hearing Board. Longtime residents remember this location as the former Steele's Market, the Super Store, Dandy Mini Mart, and it was last occupied by Curve's Fitness Center. The site of the area's first free standing Dunkin Donuts has been vacant for several years and seeing the property redeveloped will be an improvement to the area. Construction on the project is set to begin later this year.

## Borough Recognized As 11<sup>th</sup> Best Town In PA

The 2015 Best Places list released recently by [www.niche.com](http://www.niche.com), named Sayre the 11th best town in which to live in Pennsylvania among a list of 61 other municipalities in Pennsylvania. The ranking is based on several factors, including weather, safety, schools, activities, jobs, housing, and transportation. The website offers rankings and statistics on neighborhoods, schools, and colleges throughout the nation.

The survey gave Sayre an A+ rating for jobs and an A- for things to do. Sayre received a B+ for ease of commute and a B for community, housing, crime and safety, and outdoor activities. Sayre also received a B- for education and health and fitness and a C for weather. The ten communities that beat Sayre in the Pennsylvania rankings were State College, DuBois, Huntingdon, Bloomsburg, Spring Township, Penn Township, Meadville, Kutztown, Bethlehem, and Reading Township.

In January, Sayre was recognized as the sixth best Place for Small Business in the Northeast by [talenttribune.com](http://talenttribune.com). That ranking was based on net small business growth, net small business employee growth, and percentage of businesses that are small businesses, and created a weighted overall score.

## Code Agency Purchases 105 Chemung Street



The Sayre Code Enforcement Agency took the first step in redevelopment of a blighted property when it purchased 105 Chemung Street. Chris Kaiden, Code Enforcement Director worked closely with the Bradford County Tax Collector's Office to facilitate the purchase of the property through an open bid process and the Code Agency was the sole bidder for the property. The purchase of the property was made possible because of the cooperation of local taxing authorities who had generously agreed to forgive back taxes on the property and the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Authority who forgave approximately \$7,000 of the mortgage on the property. The next step for the Agency will be to offer the property for sale with the goal of seeing the property renovated, occupied and generating taxes.

## 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HOWARD ELMER HOSE COMPANY CAR SHOW



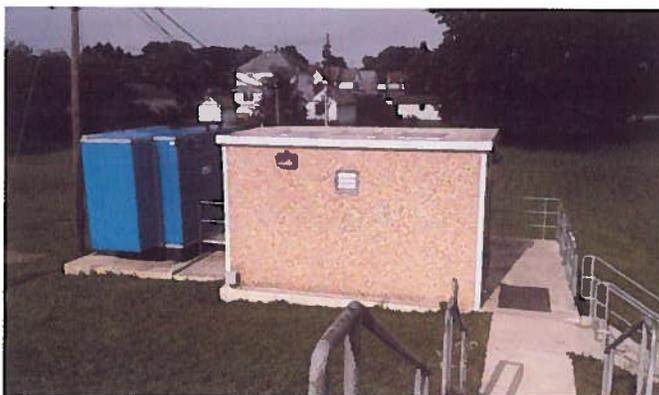
The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Howard Elmer Hose Company Car Show will be held on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> in Sayre's Riverfront Park from 8:00am to 4:00pm. The car show features more than 100 classic cars from throughout the Twin Tiers and is a major fundraiser for the organization.

## ***Kirby Band To Kick-Off 2015 William S. Pierce Sayre Summer Concert Series***



The 2015 edition of the William S. Pierce Sayre Summer Concert Series presented by the Sayre Community Corporation in association with Sayre Borough and Guthrie Health will begin on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm with a performance by the Kirby Band in Howard Elmer Park. The concert series will continue weekly throughout the summer concluding with a special performance in Riverfront Park prior to this year's fireworks display on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Oliver Lane Pump Station Rehabilitation Project



Thanks to more than \$1,042,000 in grant funds, the long awaited Oliver Lane Pump Station Renovation Project will begin this summer after the project was awarded to Vacri Construction of Binghamton, New York. The new pump station, electrical systems, and emergency generator has been designed by Borton-Lawson Engineering and the project scope of work includes raising the pump control building, electrical systems, and emergency generator twelve feet higher than the current building and generator so that the facility will be above the top of the levee. The current pump station facility which was constructed by the Pennsylvania Department Environmental Protection – Bureau of Waterways Engineering in 2002 was severely damaged during the historic 2011 flooding. The goal of this project is to reduce damage to the pump station in the event of future flooding. The grant funds received for this project were received from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development with support from State Senator Gene Yaw and State Representative Tina Pickett. The project is scheduled for completion in mid-November.



## COMPOST AVAILABLE

The Borough's DPW has been busy screening compost and making it available free of charge for area residents. The Borough had previously rented a screening machine but now has its own machine that was purchased from the Valley Joint Sewer Authority for \$1.00 and transferred and set-up on Borough's Thomas Avenue property. Area residents can help themselves to the free screened material as well as wood chips while it lasts, but they must load their own vehicles.

## Fire Department Conducts Training Program



Firefighters from Howard Elmer Hose Company and J.E. Wheelock Hose Company participated in a ladder training class on May 31<sup>st</sup> at a vacant home on Chemung Street. Before heading to Chemung Street, firefighters completed a classroom session instructed by Department Safety Officer Tom Yonkin. First Assistant Chief Gil Crossett and Second Assistant Chief Tracy Stroup both emphasized the importance of training especially for new members to train along side more experienced members of the Department. The ladder training class is part of the Department's ongoing training efforts for new members and increase recruitment and retention. Firefighters will participate in training courses in the Fall.

## Fire Department Places New Emergency Vehicle Into Service



The Sayre Fire Department placed their new 2014 Ford F350 4x4 into service earlier this year that will be used as a Squad Vehicle by the Department. The new vehicle replaces a 1984 Squad Vehicle that was purchased used from Greater Valley EMS in 2000. The Borough was able to save a substantial amount on cost of the new vehicle because the Fire Department was able to repurpose the truck body off the vehicle that was being replaced.

<i>Emergency</i>	911	Sayre Tax Office	(570) 888-9750
Borough Hall	(570) 888-7739	Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	(570) 888-9612
Public Works Department	(570) 888-5131	Police Department (Non-Emergency)	(570) 888-2233
Code Enforcement Agency	(570) 888-4410	State Representative Tina Pickett	(570) 888-9011
State Senator Gene Yaw	(570)-322-6457	Bradford County Commissioners	(570) 265-1727

# William S. Pierce Memorial Sayre Summer Concert Series

Presented by:



**WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM – HOWARD ELMER PARK**

**June 17**

**The Kirby Band**

**June 24**

**Steve Southworth & The Rockabilly Rays**

**July 1**

**Rebecca & The Soul Shakers**

**July 8**

**Wild Country**

**July 15**

**The Stoutmen**

**July 22**

**The Spexxxx Band**

**July 24**

**MR 2 (Friday Night Concert)**

**July 29**

**Boots**

**August 5**

**Doubletake**

**August 12**

**Tree of Life**

**August 19**

**Joe Cavallaro's Dixieland Band**

**ADDITIONAL SPONSORS INCLUDE: LANDY & KILMER INSURANCE, GREATER VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, PAT HAGGERTY DANCE STUDIO; LANDY & ROSSETTIE, PLLC; UNIVEST, THE MORNING TIMES, WATS/WAVR– FM 102, FOSTER LAW OFFICE, GANNON ASSOCIATES, STIFFLER-MCGRAW & ASSOCIATES, DANDY MINI MARTS, THE MORNING TIMES, FIRST CITIZENS COMMUNITY BANK, 3 SCOOPS, & TELEDAIR COMMUNICATIONS**

# 2015 Sayre Borough End of Summer Fireworks Display

Presented by:



## Saturday, August 22, 2015

### Gates Open @ 4:00pm

Food Vendors - **Children's Activities** - Live Music

<b>Sayre High School Marching Band</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
<b>Tom Knight Puppet Show</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Doc Possum</b>	<b>5:45pm</b>
<b>MR 2</b>	<b>6:45pm</b>
<b>Quentin Harriger</b>	<b>7:45pm</b>

### Fireworks @ 8:45pm

### \$5.00/Carload - \$2.00/Walk-ins

