



# Sayre Borough Newsletter

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## NEW MIXED INCOME APARTMENT COMPLEX PROPOSED



Home Leasing, LLC, with Edgemere Development as consulting developer, is proposing the new construction of Sayre Gardens, a 56-unit mixed-income rental community on a 3.6 acre parcel currently owned by St. John's Lutheran Church between W. Hayden Street and Chemung Street. Total development costs are estimated at \$10.6 million, and permanent financing sources are expected to include over \$8.6 million in investor equity as well as local and state resources.

Stephanie Benson of Edgemere Consulting, explained to the Borough Council at their January meeting that the project aligns with state and local goals of providing safe, affordable living and community revitalization and is located in a Marcellus Shale (PHARE) region. Sayre Gardens will advance the Sayre Borough Comprehensive Plan's goal to "maintain and promote affordable housing for families," and "to attract younger residents to balance the increasing elderly population while maintaining the small town community."

This project would deter conversion of single family homes into multifamily by increasing housing choice. With little available land, the Borough will rely on the redevelopment of existing lots for improvements in housing stock.

The proposed three-story, wood-frame building will be linear in shape and have a central elevator. Unit mix will consist of one- and two-bedroom apartments. In an effort to serve a wide range of incomes, this unit mix is overlaid with a tiered rent structure ranging from 20% -60% of Area Median Income and some unrestricted units. The project will have supportive housing for individuals with physical disabilities, and will be very attractive for seniors due to the elevator, accessibility, and location as well as increasing housing choice for residents of varying ages. Amenities provided to residents will include common laundry, air-conditioning, community room, tenant storage, patios/balconies, on-site parking, and management office. The building design incorporates PHFA Green and Energy Efficiency measures and ADA compliance. On-site parking will be restricted to tenants, staff, and visitors.

## WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION



Cold and snowy weather in the Borough and the Greater Valley Community is upon us so it is once again time to remind residents of a variety of regulations that go into effect each winter. The most important regulation is Snow Emergency Routes. The Borough established Snow Emergency Routes to ensure that primary routes to and from the medical center, fire, EMS, and police facilities are clear and passable during a storm.

A SNOW EMERGENCY automatically goes into effect when the National Weather Service issues a WINTER STORM WARNING for our area and remains in effect until the Winter Storm Warning is terminated by the Weather Service.

When the Borough is under a Snow Emergency, parking on streets posted as Snow Emergency Routes is prohibited for the duration of the Snow Emergency. It may also be necessary to limit traffic on Snow Emergency Routes to snow plow and emergency vehicles only. Residents are also required to remove snow from sidewalks within 12 hours after the storm has ended and reminded to not shovel snow into the streets.



### ***Borough Council Hires New Patrol Officer***

The Borough Council hired several new employees in 2014 including Thomas Zebrowski who was hired in November as per diem Patrol Officer. Officer Zebrowski recently graduated from the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officer Training Program and officially joined the Sayre Police Department on December 30<sup>th</sup>. The addition of Officer Zebrowski was the latest of many changes in the Police Department that occurred in 2014. The Borough Council hired Travis Snyder as a full-time Patrol Officer in April, promoted Daniel Reynolds to Police Chief in June, and hired Nikki Hoffman as a full-time Patrol Officer in October. Officer Zebrowski will participate in an extensive training program with the Department's full-time patrol officers during the next few months working a variety of shifts and special assignments as part of the Department's training program.



## 2014 Police Department End of Year Report



Police Chief Daniel Reynolds released his annual report for the year 2014 which included the following information:

❖ Total Number of Incidents	<b>4,583</b>	(14% increase vs. 2013)
• Incidents w/ Weapons	<b>68</b>	(Guns, Knives, Other)
• Domestic Incidents	<b>305</b>	
❖ Traffic Citations/Tickets/Warnings	<b>939</b>	
❖ Court Related Over-Time	<b>717 hours</b>	(District Magistrate & County Court)
❖ Vehicle Miles	<b>54,000</b>	
❖ Foot Patrol Assignments	<b>300</b>	
❖ Public Relation Events	<b>47</b>	



## 2014 Fire Department End of Year Report



Fire Chief Robert Repasky presented the Department's end of the year report to the Borough Council at their January meeting. Chief Repasky explained that the Department responded to 143 calls (20% increase over previous years) of which 118 calls were in the Borough. Chief Repasky also stated that the Department responded to mutual aid calls to Athens Borough, Athens Township, South Waverly Borough, Village of Waverly, and Towanda Borough. An average of 11 firefighters responded per call and the total manpower hours were 1,110 for the year.

The department also participated in a total of 386 hours of training throughout the year. Firefighters took part in public fire education in the local schools as well as at Guthrie Healthcare System, in addition to providing traffic control for five charity runs/walk events.



## 2014 Recycling Report



Sayre Borough recycled 445,700 pounds (223 tons) of materials in 2014 which was an increase of 9,000 pounds above the average amount collected during the previous five years. Since 2006, the Borough has collected over 3.6 million pounds of materials and has implemented several comprehensive changes and improvements to its recycling program. The recycling program has also benefitted by more than \$1.25 million in grant funds that ensured that the plan to improve the programs were implemented. **The Borough Council appreciates those who recycle and they ask that you continue to do so in the future. THANK YOU.**



## Greater Valley EMS End of the Year Report

Greater Valley EMS provides emergency medical services and para-transit services to the residents of Sayre Borough and the Greater Valley Community. Emergency Medical Service personnel respond to more than 5,000 emergency calls each year and the following information is a breakdown of the calls in Sayre Borough:

- ❖ 5,591 Ambulance Calls (1,229 Calls In Sayre Borough)
- ❖ 135 Rescue Calls (38 Call In Sayre Borough)
- ❖ 1,114 Ambulance Transfers
- ❖ 6,071 Wheelchair Van Trips
- ❖ 2014 Safe Ride Home Program - 175 Passengers
- ❖ Took Delivery of a New Ambulance in December



### FIRE CHIEF APPOINTMENTS APPROVED

William Wood became the Borough's new Fire Chief on February 1<sup>st</sup> after receiving approval by the Borough Council at their January meeting. The Borough Council also approved Gilbert Crosset as the First Assistant Fire Chief and Tracy Stroup as the Department's Second Assistant Chief.

The Borough Council took time during their January meeting to acknowledge Robert Repasky who stepped down as Fire Chief on January 31<sup>st</sup> after serving fifteen years as Chief of Howard Elmer Hose Company. Chief Repasky was instrumental in implementing several improvements within the Department including the Borough's street renaming and re-addressing program. Chief Repasky will continue to serve as an officer in the Fire Department and will be part of the team that will be responsible for the implementation of future changes in the Fire Department.

Chief Repasky was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the Council President Henry Farley on behalf of the Borough Council and Borough residents. ***THANK YOU ROBERT FOR YOUR SERVICE.***



## Fire Department To Begin Junior Firefighter Program

The Sayre Borough Council voted at their January meeting to support the efforts of the Sayre Fire Department to establish a Junior Firefighter Program. The intent of the program will be to generate interest in the fire service by showing young adults the benefits of serving their community.

A committee consisting of members from each of the Borough's fire companies researched what other communities have done and created rules and regulations based on their findings. The following is a partial listing of the Department's rules and regulations that have been established for the program, and a full list of rules and regulations is available by contacting the Fire Department directly:

- All Junior Firefighters must be 16 years of age and will remain Junior Firefighters until 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Prior to acceptance into the Department, the Junior Firefighter shall submit a completed formal work permit and shall have an application signed by a parent or legal guardian.
- Junior Firefighter **MUST** maintain an overall "C" average in school. Parents or legal guardian shall be required to notify the Junior Officer if the overall average drops below an overall "C" average or has an "F" regardless of the overall average, shall be suspended from ALL fire department activities. The Junior Firefighter shall remain on suspension until the next grading period. This includes activities at other fire stations in the Department. A list of all suspended Junior Firefighter will be sent to all fire stations. The report card shall be presented to the Junior Officer. A copy shall be kept on file in the respective Junior Firefighter's personnel file.
- A Junior Firefighter may be released from suspension before the next grading period expires if he/she receives a note from the instructor or guidance counselor, in writing and signed on School District letterhead, stating that the grade has risen to a "C" average.
- All Junior Firefighters will be governed in accordance with Section 7.3 of the Child Labor Law, Bureau of Labor Law Compliance and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- Junior Firefighters shall not answer fire alarms until given approval by the Junior Officer. When permitted to respond to fire alarms, the Junior Firefighter shall proceed to the fire station in a safe manner without undue speed. Junior Firefighters who possess a learner's permit or driver's license shall not be permitted to use a blue light.
- Junior Firefighters are prohibited from responding to bomb threats, acts of terrorism, plane crashes, and body recovery.
- Junior Firefighters are not permitted to drive any Department equipment at any time.

Please contact the Sayre Fire Department if you are interested in more information about the Junior Firefighter program.



# Thank You Sponsors & Volunteers

## 2014 Parade Sponsors

**First Citizens Community Bank**  
**Howard Elmer Hose Company**  
**Sayre Engine Company #1**  
**J.E. Wheelock Hose Company**  
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**WETM-TV**  
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**Univest**  
**Dandy Mini Mart**  
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**Mrs. Rosemary Sharp**  
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**Mayor Denny Thomas**  
**Sons of Italy**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Harry Howland**  
**Chris Sutton Towing**  
**Huckles Towing**  
**Williams Auto Group**

## 2014 Parade Volunteers

<b>Gil Crossett</b>	<b>Kandy Ferguson</b>
<b>Elizabeth Fice</b>	<b>Andrew Hickey</b>
<b>Bruce Hoffman</b>	<b>Nikki Hoffman</b>
<b>Katelyn Howland</b>	<b>Suzanne Jarrett</b>
<b>Chris Kaiden</b>	<b>Suzanne Kaiden</b>
<b>Eric Keir</b>	<b>Blane Lathrop</b>
<b>Robert Lathrop</b>	<b>Justin Lathrop</b>
<b>Tom McCutcheon</b>	<b>Jason Phillips</b>
<b>Justin Potter</b>	<b>Robert Repasky</b>
<b>Dan Reynolds</b>	<b>JoAnn Sabatura</b>
<b>Nick Shamot</b>	<b>Tracy Stroup</b>
<b>Travis Snyder</b>	<b>Derek Watkins</b>
<b>Gary Wheeler</b>	<b>Bill Whitmarsh</b>

## Special Thanks To Following Elected Officials;

**Bradford County President Judge Maureen Beirne**  
**Pennsylvania State Senator Gene Yaw**  
**Bradford County Commissioner Doug Mclinko**  
**Bradford County Commissioner Daryl Miller**  
**Bradford County Commissioner Mark Smith**  
**Sayre Borough Mayor Denny Thomas**  
**Sayre Borough Council President Henry Farley**  
**Sayre Borough Council Vice President Gene Cerutti**  
**Sayre Borough Councilman Robert Flick**  
**Sayre Borough Councilman Timothy Shaw**

Send us your questions, comments, and information about an upcoming event in the community that you would like us to promote for you. Newsletters are distributed quarterly and the deadline to submit information about an upcoming event is the third Friday of December, March, June, and September. The Borough of Sayre reserves the right to reject any request if the request is considered to be inappropriate.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>Sayre Tax Office</b>	<b>(570) 888-9750</b>
<b>Borough Hall</b>	<b>(570) 888-7739</b>	<b>Fire Department (Non-Emergency)</b>	<b>(570) 888-9612</b>
<b>Public Works Department</b>	<b>(570) 888-5131</b>	<b>Police Department (Non-Emergency)</b>	<b>(570) 888-2233</b>
<b>Code Enforcement Agency</b>	<b>(570) 888-4410</b>	<b>State Representative Tina Pickett</b>	<b>(570) 888-9011</b>
<b>State Senator Gene Yaw</b>	<b>(570)-322-6457</b>	<b>Bradford County Commissioners</b>	<b>(570) 265-1727</b>
<b>Toll Free</b>	<b>1-800-443-5772</b>	<b>Sayre Area School District</b>	<b>(570) 888-6121</b>