



# Lower Saucon Township

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## 2012 Council Re-organization



At the Lower Saucon Township Council re-organization meeting on January 3, 2012, Council welcomed a new member, and approved re-appointments to the Township Boards and Committees.

David Willard was elected to a four-year term on the Council in November replacing Sandra Yerger who did not run for re-election. Mr. Willard, who lives at 1809 Meadow Court in the Township with his wife Monica, retired as Director - Employee Communications & Community Services from the Olympus Corporation in 2010 where he worked for over 31 years. He is a graduate of Michigan State and holds a Master's Degree from Northwestern University. Mr. Willard was appointed as the Council liaison to the Fire Services group, the Cook's Creek Watershed, and the PA Highlands Trail Network, and as an alternate representative to the Saucon Valley Partnership and the LVPC Greenways Outreach.

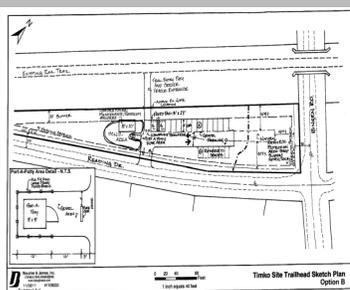
In other business, the Council re-elected Glenn Kern as the Council President and Tom Maxfield as the Council Vice-President. The Council noted that there are several vacancies for Township residents who are interested in serving on the Landfill, Library, and Yard Waste Recycling Committees; on the Environmental Advisory Committee and as a representative to the Hugh Moore Parkway Commission. Interested parties should send a Letter of Intent to Jack Cahalan, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

## Planned Trailhead for Rail Trail



The Township is moving forward with the acquisition of a 2.2 acre parcel along Reading Road that will become a future trailhead access to the Saucon Rail Trail, an eventual 8-mile recreational trail that runs between Hellertown and Coopersburg Boroughs. In

2011 the first section of the trail, running between Hellertown's Water Street Park and Upper Saucon's Community Park was opened for public use.



The trailhead site, which the Township will be purchasing with help from grant funds received from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, will include parking for up to twenty (20) vehicles, restrooms, picnic facilities and an information kiosk.

## Saucon Rail Trail Markers

In order to provide physical identification points along the trail in the event of an emergency, several marking systems will be installed along the Lower Saucon Township section and the Hellertown Borough portion of the Saucon Rail Trail:



**Half Mile Posts** – six (6) foot high rectangular wooden posts will be installed every ½ mile along the western side of the trail. The posts will be routed with designations for the municipality (LST or HB), the trail name (SRT) and the half mile designation (51 ½ for example). The designations have been borrowed from the historic mile post designations (0-60) that were utilized by the North Penn Railroad and then by SEPTA for trains running the 60 miles of track from Bethlehem to Philadelphia. There will be six (6) half

mile post markers erected in Hellertown and Lower Saucon Township:

- #53 – located near Bachman Street in Hellertown
- #52 ½ – located in Hellertown Borough
- #52 – located in Hellertown Borough
- #51 ½ – located in Lower Saucon Township
- #51 – located at the Old Mill Road crossing in Lower Saucon Township
- #50 ½ – located approximately 250 feet south of Bingen Road bridge in Lower Saucon Township

**Quarter Mile Posts** – 4 x 4 inch wooden posts will be installed every ¼ mile along the western side of the trail in Hellertown and Lower Saucon Township and will be color coded (Green for Hellertown and Orange for Lower Saucon Township). These posts will augment the physical location identification system in the event of an emergency. (For example, a trail user who cannot determine which mile marker they are near can notify 911 that they are in the “green” section of the trail and 911 will know they are on the Hellertown portion of the trail).

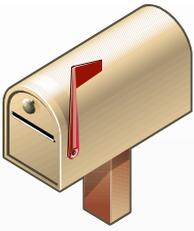


**Roadway Posts** - 4 x 4 inch wooden posts will be installed at each road crossing with the street name routed vertically into the post. Posts will be installed at the following road crossings:



- Bachman Street – Hellertown Borough
- Water Street – Hellertown Borough
- Walnut Street – Hellertown Borough
- Meadows Road – Lower Saucon Township
- Old Mill Road – Lower Saucon Township
- Bingen Road – Lower Saucon Township

## Reminder to Prepare Mailboxes for Winter



Lower Saucon Township reminds homeowners to prepare mailboxes for winter. Snow that is thrown from plows can damage mailboxes if they are not properly prepared and secured. A properly secured and located mailbox should be able to withstand the force of

snow thrown from a plow, even in the worst conditions. Mailboxes should be placed as far from the edge of the road as possible yet still in reach of a mail carrier from a vehicle. Mailboxes are normally placed within the Township's legal right-of-way however; mailbox damage due to snow and not hit directly by the plow or truck is the homeowner's responsibility.

Here are a few tips to help reduce mailbox damage:

- Place reflective tape on the mailbox to help operators see them at night.
- When removing snow from around the mailbox, throw snow behind it and not to the sides.
- Make sure the post is in good condition and the box is fastened securely to the post.
- If damage was experienced in the past, reconsider the positioning and structure before winter.

For a copy of plans to build a snow-proof, cantilevered mailbox support, please visit [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us). For information about correctly positioning a mailbox, contact your local post office.

## Installation of Pre-Emptive Devices on Traffic Signals

Using funds from a \$128,000 grant awarded by the Northampton County Gaming Revenue and Economic Redevelopment Authority, pre-emptive devices have been installed on traffic signals at eleven (11) intersections in the township and in Hellertown Borough. Funding was also used to install vehicle kits in all emergency response vehicles that will be in operation in the Saucon Valley area.

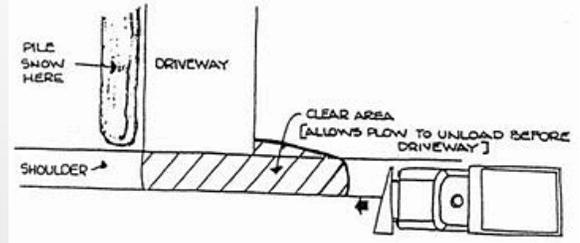
The pre-emptive devices will be used to change a traffic light to green when an emergency response vehicle is in route to an incident. A GPS tracking system is used to change all of the lights at a calculated time when the emergency vehicle is approaching the intersection.



## Snow Tips from Public Works

Here are a few tips from the Township Public Works Department to clear the roads during a snow storm:

- When a snowfall is expected, remove your vehicle from the roadway so the plows can completely remove the snow.
- If you want to minimize the amount of snow that the Public Works truck deposits in your driveway, we recommend clearing an area to the left of your driveway as you face the street. By doing this, the snow plow will unload into this area instead of your driveway.



- **Never throw, blow or plow snow from your driveway onto the roadway.** Remember--do not shovel snow from driveways into the roadway. This practice is illegal under the state motor vehicle code and is also hazardous. The Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code provides for a maximum fine of \$300.00 for this violation.
- In order to prevent snowplow damage to the sod from your lawn, we require installation of snow stakes along your property. If you have proper snow stakes installed, and we rip the sod, we will repair it. Proper snow stakes should be painted a bright color, so they are visible during a snowstorm, and be sufficient in height to be seen. They should be installed twelve inches off the edge of the road where there are no gutters, and at the edge of the gutter where there are paved gutters.
- In order to effectively and safely clean dead-end streets and cul-de-sacs the Township prohibits the parking of vehicles or the placement of obstacles (such as portable basketball backstops) until all snow/ice has been removed.
- Clearing snow from fire hydrants. If there is a fire hydrant near your property, please take a few minutes to clear the snow away from the hydrant. Having the hydrant visible and accessible will save valuable seconds in the event that our volunteer firefighters must respond to an emergency incident in your neighborhood.

Your cooperation and assistance is greatly appreciated in helping us to clear the roads as quickly as possible. Please go to the Township website [www.lowersaucontownship.org/pdf/snowremoval.pdf](http://www.lowersaucontownship.org/pdf/snowremoval.pdf) to see the Snow Removal Policy.

## News from Se-Wy-Co Fire Company



Our joint venture with the Leithsville Fire Department is progressing very well. It is going on a year that we have been together and it keeps getting better each and every day.

We are continuing to consolidate equipment that is no longer needed. Since last year we have sold a tender truck, engine, brush truck and are currently working on selling a rescue truck. This will reduce our fleet to 2 engines, 1 ladder, 1 rescue, 1 water tender, 1 brush truck and a forestry truck. We have also combined insurance policies, all of which has resulted in substantial savings to the department. Our Officers for 2012 have been consolidated and our goal is to have the merger complete by the end of the first quarter in 2012.

In 2011, Se-Wy-Co Fire Department responded to a record high number of 562 incidents all with VOLUNTEERS. The incidents spanned 3 counties wide; Northampton, Lehigh and Bucks. Some of the municipalities we responded to included Hellertown, Upper Saucon, Eastern Salisbury, Fountain Hill, Coopersburg, Palmer and Plainfield Townships, Springtown, Haycock, and Richlandtown. In addition to the incidents that were handled, the Volunteers continued to train, maintain fire apparatus, work fundraisers, attend community events, numerous meetings and somehow found time to spend with their families.

We could really use your help at the firehouse whether it is to respond to calls, maintenance at the station, or assisting with other miscellaneous items. If you are interested please feel free to email Fire Chief Thomas Barndt at [chief18@ptd.net](mailto:chief18@ptd.net).

Please visit our website at [www.sewyco-fc.org](http://www.sewyco-fc.org) for updated news and information on the fire department.

The Se-Wy-Co Fire Department Officers for 2012 are:

**Fire Chief:** Thomas Barndt

**Deputy Chiefs:** Gary Wisniewski & Lynn Keck

**Captain:** Tony Medei

**Rescue Captain:** Edward Deegan Jr.

**Lieutenants:** Jarrod Wisniewski, Bryan Evans & Jeremy Frey

**Fire Police Captain:** Robert Gearhart

**Fire Police Lieutenant:** Ron Horiszny

## Reminder 2011 Township Real Estate Taxes

Unpaid 2011 Real Estate tax reminder notices were mailed to property owners on September 30, 2011. The 2011 Township Real Estate taxes must be paid no later than February 15, 2012. After that date, all remaining unpaid taxes will be sent to Northampton County Tax Bureau as delinquent.

## 2012 Township Real Estate Taxes

The 2012 Real Estate tax bills were sent out in the mail on February 1st. Discounted taxes will be accepted on or before April 1, 2012. Base taxes will be accepted on or before June 1, 2012, thereafter taxes will be penalized.

## Online Tax Payments

Lower Saucon Township Finance Department is pleased to announce that residents can now pay their taxes online via a credit or debit card. In order to access this service, residents should go to the Township website: [www.lowersaucontownship.org/rep.html](http://www.lowersaucontownship.org/rep.html). By clicking the link you will be directed to Official Payments website. This section is dedicated to Lower Saucon Real Estate Tax payments.

Credit Card

E-Check



Please note that there is a fee for using this service. E-Checks are \$3.00 and there is a fee of approximately 3% for using your credit card. To ensure proper posting please be accurate in providing your account number and contact information.

REMINDER: If you are unsure of your account status, please contact the Finance Department at 610-865-3291.

## **brary Notes**

### **Bookmobile Schedule for Lower Saucon Township** **WEDNESDAYS**

**A-week** (alternate weeks beginning February 8)

4:00-4:30 - Lower Saucon Municipal Building

4:40-5:10 - Society Hill at the Clubhouse

5:15-5:45 - Cross Lane near Pleasant Dr.

6:45-8:15 - Saucon Terrace at Sandbrook Dr.

**B-week** (alternate weeks beginning February 1)

1:45-2:30 - Lower Saucon Municipal Building

4:15-4:45 - Caryn Dr. (Four Seasons)

4:50-5:50 - Viola Lane

6:45-8:15 - Saucon Terrace at Sandbrook Dr.

## Water Rate Increase



After receiving a 6.4% increase in water rates from our supplier, the City of Bethlehem, at the end of December, the Lower Saucon Authority Board has approved an increase in water rates 7% effective January 1, 2012.

A typical residential customer with a 5/8-inch meter and using 15,000 gallons of water over 3 months will see an increase in their quarterly bill of \$7.75, or approximately 8.5 cents a day.

The first billing reflecting the new rate structure will occur in the bills received in the first week in May, for the usage period from January - March. A letter was sent out to all existing water customers and is available on the Authority's website at: [www.lowersauconauthority.org](http://www.lowersauconauthority.org).

## Raders Lane Water Main

The first phase of a multi-year Strategic Plan to upgrade and reinforce the water distribution system will begin this spring. Lower Saucon Authority crews will install 1630 feet of 10-inch Cement Lined Ductile Iron Pipe to connect the existing main on Alice Drive and Glenview, and along East Raders Lane to the existing main on Hickory Hill Road.

The line will provide a direct connection between water mains on Black River and Hickory Hill Roads and will also reinforce fire protection on East Rader's Lane with the addition of a new fire hydrant.

This link will serve to improve water flows between the southern portion of the core system (specifically along Black River Road) and the higher elevation areas of the core system (Hickory Hill Road and those developments like Pheasant Run, Woodfield and Hampton Pointe).

Authority crews typically replace about 1,000-1,500 feet of older main each year as part of a continuing focus on infrastructure improvement, replacement or renewal. In this case we are adding piping to improve system performance.

## Continuing Cleanup from Halloween Weekend Storm

During the Halloween weekend snowstorm on October 30, 2011, trees that had not yet lost their leaves suffered tremendous damage from the wet, heavy snow, with snapped branches and falling trees downing numerous electric lines, leaving most of the Township without power for several days. Twenty-two (22) roads in the Township were closed due to downed electric wires which had to be cleared and have power restored by PPL crews. Over seventy (70) roads in the Township were impacted by fallen trees and branches and, as of this printing, the Township Public Works Department is still out clearing the remaining roads of debris. Due to the massive clean-up, the Saucon Valley Compost Center was opened on weekday and weekends for the two weeks following the storm and residents assisted by collecting and dropping off huge amounts of storm debris for which the Township is grateful. The Compost Center was opened on Saturdays in January 2012 and will be re-opening again on April 13, 2012. Due to the priority of the storm clean-up, several projects that Public Works had scheduled such as paving the Polk Valley Road Connector Trail and the parking lot and trails at Kingston Park had to be delayed until 2012.



## Grant Awarded for Composting Restrooms



The Township was notified in December that it had been awarded \$90,000 in funding by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to assist with the installation of composting restrooms in three (3) of the Township's parks.

The system (below) uses an aerobic digester powered by electricity or solar power and requires no water. The restrooms will include individual male and female units, will be ADA accessible, with hand sanitizing stations, trash receptacles and a diaper changing area.

The Township plans on installing the units in Polk Valley, Kingston and Steel City Parks within the next two years to replace the portable toilets that are in use at those facilities.

## Lower Saucon Township Historical Society



Lower Saucon Township Historical Society meets the second Wednesday of each month with no meeting in August. Our meetings are held in Seidersville Hall at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike. The meetings start at 7:00 p.m. and guests are welcome to attend. We have three very interesting meetings scheduled this spring.

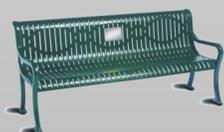
On March 14, Joe Sofka will be showing us his beautiful watercolors of scenes around Lower Saucon. Joe will discuss his painting technique and his inspiration for choosing the scenes he paints.

On April 11, we will meet at Sigal Museum, 342 Northampton St., Easton, for a behind the scenes tour of the museum led by museum curator, Andria Zaia. Guests are welcome to join us. For more details contact: [lshistorical@yahoo.com](mailto:lshistorical@yahoo.com) or call 610-625-8771.

On May 9, Bud Prosser will be our guest speaker reminiscing and telling stories about growing up in Hellertown. Come hear Bud's story and share some special memories of your own.

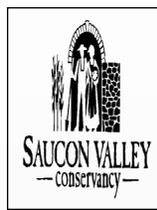
The Fifth Annual Saucon Valley History Day will be held April 28. The event will take place rain or shine from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Heller Homestead, Wagner Grist Mill, and the Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse. History Day provides a wonderful time for the community to tour our magnificent historical sites. Each location will have special activities for adults and children to enjoy. The event is sponsored by the Hellertown Historical Society, Lower Saucon Township Historical Society, and the Saucon Valley Conservancy.

## Saucon Rail Trail Memorial Benches



The Township has instituted a Memorial Bench Program for the trail that will allow individuals or organizations to purchase benches in memory of a loved one or a former member. The benches, which will come in the color green only, cost \$995 and can be purchased through Eternal Products, a Coopersburg, PA company, who will assemble the bench, prepare and attach the memorial plaque, and install the bench at one of the locations chosen on the Lower Saucon Township portion of the trail. For more information, contact Jack Cahalan, Township Manager, at [manager@lowsaucontownship.org](mailto:manager@lowsaucontownship.org) or at (610) 865-3291.

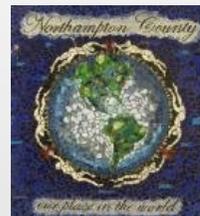
## Saucon Valley Conservancy



Meetings are open to the public and usually held on the third Thursday of most months at 7:00 p.m., weather permitting. No meetings are held in July and December.

The Art Gallery and Antiques & Collectibles Gift (Consignment) Shop in the Heller House are closed in January and February and will reopen on March 3 to the public on weekends, Saturdays and Sundays, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Sundays, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., May – November) and special events. Tours of the Museum are available by appointment. Volunteer opportunities are available.

### Heller Homestead ~ Saucon Valley Conservancy



Passport to History, Northampton County, our place in the world. The year-round 2012 Passport to History offers 260 years of Northampton County history in 26+ stops. The limited edition Passports are now available, free of charge, by the nineteen participating historical organizations and sites in Northampton County, PA. Take your passport with you, as you visit each site. In the Saucon Valley, please visit the Grist Mill, Heller Homestead or Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse for your copy. For more information, <http://sigalmuseum.org/events/passport-to-history/>.

### Save The Date

March 3 – April 22 Jim Heller Exhibit  
March 5 - 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Jim Heller Reception (snow date: March 6)  
April 28, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., SV History Day at the Heller Homestead  
April 28 – May 20th, 5th Annual Young Artist Exhibit (SV high school students)  
June 2 – August 26th, Kay Stauffer Exhibit  
June 4, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Kay Stauffer Reception  
*More events to be announced!*

**Upcoming meetings:** 2/16, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17, 6/21. Other committee meetings are scheduled as needed. Located just off the Saucon Rail Trail at 1890 - 92 Friedensville Road (Water Street) in Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, PA. For more information, 610-216-0566 [svconservancy@aol.com](mailto:svconservancy@aol.com), [www.sauconvalleyconservancy.org](http://www.sauconvalleyconservancy.org).

## **House Numbering**

Did you ever stop to think how easy it is to locate your house? If you placed a call through the 911 system and a first responder was sent to your home, would they be able to find it? Well, the key to a quick response in an emergency is proper identification. Many residents likely are not aware that the Township Code has specific requirements for identifying your home, specifically “Numbering of Buildings”. Below are sections from Chapter 69 of the Township Code (available online).



The street address number shall be displayed in the following manner:

1. General requirement. The required displays of the street address number shall be in four Arabic numbers. Additional apartment and suite numbers shall also be established for multiple-tenant properties.
  - a. The display shall be neat and easily legible from the public street for street displays and easily legible by approaching emergency personnel in the case of building or door displays.
  - b. The display shall be horizontal, reading left to right, or vertical, reading top to bottom.
2. Mailbox: If there is a freestanding mailbox located on the property in a location that would readily identify the designated street address number, the street address number shall be placed on both sides of the mailbox or supporting structure or on both sides of an attached sign. Neat numbers not less than two inches high shall be used. If any requirements of this chapter conflict with requirements of the United States Postal Service, the Postal Service requirements shall govern.
3. Front yard or building face: In the event that there is no freestanding mailbox located on the property in a location that would readily identify the proper street address number or if the mailbox is located in a group of mailboxes or on a street other than that of the designated street address number, the street address number shall be displayed on the mailbox and, in addition, as follows:
  - a. On a sign located in the front yard of the principal building, no more than 25 feet from the edge of street pavement, at a location that is easily seen from the street; or
  - b. If the front face of the building can be easily seen from the street, the street address number may be placed on the front face of the building. The numbers (in that case) shall be between two inches and four inches in height, four feet to six feet above first-floor level near the principal entrance. Additional duplicate larger identification numbers can also be utilized if they do not violate sign ordinance regulations.
4. Multiple-occupant buildings: In the case where a building is occupied by more than one entity for residential or nonresidential purposes, the street address number shall be displayed in the manner indicated above. In addition to the normal display, the main entrance door to each occupied space shall display the apartment or suite number in characters at least one inch in height. This display to be located between four feet and six feet above the level of the floor outside the entrance door.

## **Maintenance**

The display of the street address number and apartment or suite number shall be maintained in good condition so as to provide reasonable identification. The failure to display or properly maintain the display of the street address number and apartment or suite number shall be a violation of this chapter.

As always, before you make any changes to your mailbox, please consult your local post office to verify that the proposed changes will comply with all USPS policies and procedures (or [visit www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)).

## National Take Back Initiative

**Got Drugs?**



The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) & Lower Saucon Township Police Department have scheduled their **4th - National Take Back Initiative Event** for Lower Saucon Township on **Saturday, April 28, 2012**. The collection of unwanted

and/or expired medications for disposal will take place from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Lower Saucon Township Police Department at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

This is a great opportunity for those who missed the previous events, or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications.

## 2012 Lower Saucon Senior Center Programs

The Lower Saucon Senior Center located at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike offers a variety of programs to Lower Saucon Township residents. Activities run Tuesday thru Thursday between the hours of 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Seniors can participate in entertaining games like billiards, bingo, and pinochle. They can showcase their talents through a knitting group or art workshop. And if they want a challenge of the body or mind, computer and exercise classes are offered as well. Effective January 18, 2012 the Township established a non-resident fee of \$5.00 per individual class or an annual fee of \$25.00 to participate in all classes. To learn more about the Senior Center and its many programs, please contact Betty at (610) 625-8744.

## Pavilion Rental

Interested in renting the Town Hall, Southeastern or Steel City pavilion for your special event? Reservations are now open for the 2012 season and must be made in person (not over the phone) Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Payment is due at time of reservation.

Rental rates are as follows: \$100 rental fee and \$50 deposit for Township residents (Driver's license required); \$150 rental fee and \$50 deposit for non-residents.

For more information on reserving pavilions or any other park facilities please call 610-865-3291.



The Presidential Primary Election is **Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. Not sure where to go to cast your vote? Listed below are the voting districts and their addresses. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information contact the Northampton County Election Office at 610-559-3055, or visit their website at [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org). Please note the Township Offices are closed on Election Day.

### District # 1

#### Lower Saucon-Hellertown

Saucon Valley High School  
Polk Valley Road  
onto Flag Cir.  
Hellertown, PA

### District # 2

#### Lower Saucon-Leithsville

Leithsville Fire House  
1995 Leithsville Road

### District # 3

#### Lower Saucon-Lower Saucon

Christ Lutheran Church  
of Lower Saucon  
Old Schoolhouse at the Corner  
of Easton & Mockingbird Hill  
Roads  
Hellertown, PA

### District # 4

#### Lower Saucon-Seidersville

Seidersville Hall  
(Old Town Hall)  
3700 Old Philadelphia Pike  
Bethlehem, PA

### District # 5

#### Lower Saucon-Shimersville

Steel City Fire House  
2121 Riverside Drive  
Bethlehem, PA

### District # 6

#### Lower Saucon-Wassergass

Southeastern Volunteer  
Fire Co.  
2687 Wassergass Road  
Hellertown, PA

### District # 7

#### Lower Saucon-Colesville

SE-WY-CO Fire Company  
3621 Old Philadelphia Pike  
Bethlehem, PA

### District # 8

#### Lower Saucon-SE-WY-CO

SE-WY-CO Fire Company  
3621 Old Philadelphia Pike  
Bethlehem, PA



## 2012 Spring Ahead

Please note that the daylight savings time change will take effect on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 a.m.

Change your clocks and spring ahead one hour.

# Lower Saucon Township

3700 Old Philadelphia Pike  
Bethlehem, PA 18015



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U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Lehigh Valley, PA  
Permit #618

## Lower Saucon Township Officials

Glenn Kern	Council President
Tom Maxfield	Council Vice President
Priscilla deLeon	Council Member
Ron Horiszny	Council Member
David Willard	Council Member
Lou Mahlman	Controller
Jack Cahalan	Township Manager
Leslie Huhn	Assistant Manager

## Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency (Police)	610-759-2200
Police Department	610-317-6110
Administrative Offices	610-865-3291
Water/Sewer Authority	610-317-3212

Visit us on the web @  
[www.lowersaucontownship.org](http://www.lowersaucontownship.org)

## Library Consolidation Task Force Progress

The Saucon Valley Library Task Force, which was formed in 2011 to gather information and explore the feasibility of consolidating library services for both Lower Saucon Township and Hellertown Borough residents at the Hellertown Area Library, is anticipating that it will be completing work in 2012. The Task Force, which is comprised of representatives from the Township, Borough and the Hellertown Area Library, was directed to study the feasibility of such a consolidation and report back with their recommendations by July 2012. The Task Force meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at Lower Saucon Township. Minutes of each meeting are posted at: [www.lowersaucontownship.org/svlibtaskforce.html](http://www.lowersaucontownship.org/svlibtaskforce.html). The Task Force is planning to distribute a survey to residents and hold a public meeting in the Spring to discuss its interim findings and to gather input from residents.

## Library Survey

The Saucon Valley Library Task Force has been meeting for the past year to gather information concerning the feasibility of consolidating library services for Lower Saucon Township residents at the Hellertown Area Library. As a part of this information gathering, the Task Force would appreciate it if you would take a few moments to complete a short survey covering your library usage and needs which can be accessed at [www.hellertownborough.org/survey.html](http://www.hellertownborough.org/survey.html).



## Meeting Schedule

### Council

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m.

### Parks & Recreation Board

1<sup>st</sup> Monday - 7:00 p.m.

### Environmental Advisory Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.

### Planning Commission

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

### Zoning Hearing Board

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday - 7:00 p.m.

### Lower Saucon Authority

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.

Lower Saucon Township  
Administration Offices will be closed  
on the following days:

April 6<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday

April 9<sup>th</sup> - Easter

April 24<sup>th</sup> - Primary Election

May 28<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day