



Lower Saucon Township

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**Important
Lower Saucon
Township
Reminders:**

The 2013 Township Real Estate Tax is now due in the penalty amount.

Daylight savings time is on November 3rd. Fall back 1 hour at 2:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 5th, is Election Day.

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Ella's Garden Adopted by Local Girls Scout Troop

Lower Saucon Township is very pleased that a local Girl Scout troop has decided to adopt "Ella's Garden" for ongoing care and maintenance. Girl Scout Junior Troop #8505, which is composed of a group of 4th and 5th grade girls under the leadership of Troop Leaders Patti Kramer, Tamara Humphries and Kristin Baxter, attended a workshop orientation session given by Valerie Liggett, the landscape architect from Boucher & James, Inc., Consulting Engineers, the firm that designed the rain garden for the Township. Following that training, the scouts will periodically monitor the garden for non-native and invasive weed growth and remove them with hand weeding.



The garden, which is planted with a variety of herbaceous native plants and shrubs, is located in the Township's Kingston Park adjacent to the historic Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse on Limpar and Countryside Lanes and is dedicated to Ella Ringhoffer Kingston who attended the one-room schoolhouse as a young girl. The Kingston Park property was donated to the Township in 2005 by Ella Kingston's son, Dr. Richard Kingston, to be used as a recreational area or park in memory of his late mother. The park, due to be opened officially in the Fall of 2013, includes a parking area, paved walkways, restrooms, and a picnic pavilion that will be used by schoolchildren visiting the schoolhouse.

Reading Drive Trailhead Dedication and Ribbon Cutting



On June 8, 2013, the Township Council and Saucon Rail Trail representatives officially opened the newly constructed Reading Drive Trailhead with a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony at the site, which is located off of Reading Drive at the intersection with Bingen Road.

The new trailhead, which was purchased with State and Open Space funding, and constructed by the Township Public Works Department, is midway between the Hellertown Borough and Upper Saucon Township trailheads on the current 7.2 mile Saucon Rail Trail. The trailhead has 20 parking spaces, toilet facilities and a picnic area for trail users.



Revised Peddling and Soliciting Ordinance

The Township Council is in the process of revising the ordinance that governs peddling and soliciting in Lower Saucon Township. Ordinance No. 2013-05, which has been advertised, will make the following changes to the current regulations:

- Persons desiring to engage in peddling (which is defined as “engaging in peddling, canvassing, soliciting or taking of orders, either by sample or otherwise, for any goods, wares, services or merchandise upon any of the streets or sidewalks or from house to house within Lower Saucon Township”) shall be required to obtain a license from the Township Police Department and submit a copy of a criminal history report from the PA State Police. The application must disclose the person’s name and address; the types of goods, wares, and merchandise they wish to peddle; the length of time they wish to be licensed; the make of the vehicle they will be using, and the number of persons assisting in the peddling activity. Peddling permits issued by the Police Department will be valid for a maximum of six months.
- The permitted hours for peddling are limited to 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and no peddling is permitted on Saturdays or Sundays.
- The Township Police will be maintaining a registry of individual property owners who have registered their property as a “No Peddling” property. The Police Department will provide all persons who are issued a permit with a copy of this registry, and

any contact with a property owner listed on this registry will be considered a violation of the ordinance and grounds for revocation of the permit.

The following are exempt from the ordinance:

- The sale of any goods, wares, services and merchandise for charitable or philanthropic purposes.
- Merchants or their employees or agents in delivering previously purchased goods or services in the regular course of business.
- Persons soliciting funds or canvassing for purposes permitted under the Election Code.
- Authorized persons, carrying satisfactory identification, engaged in making surveys or collecting information for the federal, state, county or township government, or any agency thereof.

The permitted hours for peddling are limited to 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and no peddling is permitted on Saturdays or Sundays.

Meadows Road Streambank Stabilization Project

At the end of September the Township Public Works Department began a project on Meadows Road to install streamflow deflectors and rip-rap stone along the upstream bend of the Saucon Creek. This emergency work was needed due to the erosion of the streambank that was caused by several recent storms which was threatening the loss of the roadway.



Drinking Fountain Installed on Saucon Rail Trail

In July the Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission announced that they had reached their fundraising goal for the drinking fountain, which has since been installed at the Reading Drive Trailhead in Lower Saucon Township.

The ADA accessible and pet friendly water fountain, capable of year-round operation, is located at the trailhead located at the corner of Bingen Road and Reading Drive in Lower Saucon Township. The 2.2 acre site with 20

parking spaces, a picnic area, and toilet facilities, which Lower Saucon Township officially opened on June 8, 2013, is located midway between the Hellertown and Upper Saucon access points on the 7.2 mile long Saucon Rail Trail, which was opened to the public in 2011.



A Message from the Emergency Management Coordinator

Lower Saucon Township is now utilizing a new service to provide residents with accurate safety information when you need it. As you'll recall from several of the fall storms in the past few years, having the Nixle system will greatly improve communication during an emergency, but only if you sign-up!

Our Police, Emergency Services and Public Works Department will be utilizing the Nixle service to disseminate public safety messages to the community on crime alerts, stolen vehicles, road closures, power outages, severe weather conditions, lost dogs, etc. in the form of alerts, advisories, and community information posts which can be delivered to residents instantly via text, email, mobile app and/or web messages. These notifications can also be accessed via the Township website at www.lowersaucontownship.org where you can sign up to receive these alerts. When you sign up you can decide what information you want to receive and whether you want it sent to your cell phone, email or over the web. For more information please see http://www.nixle.com/downloads/why_nixle_citizens.pdf



National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month and considering the severe weather our area has experienced over the last several years, if you have not already done so, it's essential that you and your family be prepared! It's important to be informed, build a kit and stay ready. Below are recommendations from the Federal Emergency Management Agency on what to include in your emergency supply kit. More details on this and preparedness are available at www.ready.gov

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended

items: **WATER** – one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation. **FOOD** – at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food. A battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA weather radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both. Also, a flashlight and extra batteries, a first aid kit, a whistle to signal for help, a dust mask to help filter contaminated air, plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place, moist towelettes, garbage bags with plastic ties for personal sanitation, wrench or pliers to turn off utilities, manual can opener for food, local maps, and cell phones with chargers (inverter or solar chargers).



Make a difference for yourself, your community and our nation. Do one of the following:

- Learn your risks and responses
- Make a family communications plan
- Build an emergency supply kit
- Get involved in preparedness in your community

Register at: www.ready.gov/pledge



Annual Volunteer Picnic

On June 10th, the Township held its 5th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic at Town Hall Park to thank the many volunteers who have made contributions to the Township's committees, boards, commissions in the past year. Attending were over 30 representatives from the Historical Committee, Lower Saucon Authority, Parks & Recreation Board, Environmental Advisory Council, Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission, Library Committee, Landfill Committee, and our Junior Council Member.

Lower Saucon Authority News

Credit Card Bill Payment Now Available at Authority Office

Customers wishing to use a credit card (Mastercard, Visa or Discover Card) to pay their water and/or sewer bill can utilize their card at the payment window at the Authority Office, 3706 Old Philadelphia Pike, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The service is only available to customers paying in person.

In late February - early March, the Authority installed some 440 feet of 8-inch cement-lined, ductile iron pipe to connect existing water lines - between Majestic Overlook and Amherst Court. The line was placed in service on March 7. In June, the crew completed installation of some 490 feet of 8-inch cement-lined ductile iron pipe

Contact

Lower
Saucon
Authority
610-317-3212
Monday -
Friday
8:00 a.m. -
4:00 p.m. for
questions



Capital Infrastructure Construction Projects - 2013

The Authority continues to reinforce and further network the water distribution system to improve flows in the northern Terrace, Pheasant Run, Hickory Hill, Woodfield and Hampton Pointe areas of the system as part of a long-range strategic plan to improve the water infrastructure network.



connecting Quail Court to the newly-installed (2012) water line on East Rader's Lane.

The third water infrastructure project for this year is currently being engineered to tie-in existing water mains on Quarter Mile to those on Hilltop, to be constructed this fall.

Lower Saucon Township Historical Society



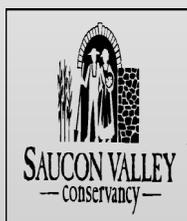
The Lower Saucon Township Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Seidersville Hall at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike. Visitors are always welcome to our meetings and events. On October 9th, Jeff Donat will be our speaker. Jeff has an extensive post card collection that he will share as part of his presentation. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. in Seidersville Hall and refreshments will be served.

The Lower Saucon Township Historical Society maintains the Lutz-Franklin one-room schoolhouse located at 4216 Countryside Lane. The schoolhouse built in 1880 is a National Historic Landmark. School children visit Lutz-Franklin every fall and spring to learn about life as a student in a one-room schoolhouse. The historical society also maintains an Archive Room collecting and cataloging artifacts pertaining to the Saucon Valley area. We are always looking for more school or family pictures, books, report cards or records from one-room schoolhouse days. To donate memorabilia to the historical society either email us at lshistorical@yahoo.com or call and leave a message at 610-625-8771.

Our annual Apple Festival will be held October 5th at the schoolhouse from 10:00 am – 3:00 p.m., rain or shine. The dedication of Kingston Park will take place at 9:30 a.m. The Apple Festival will feature an apple dessert baking contest, apple tasting, and musical entertainment. We will have apple pies and cakes, muffins, apple popcorn, apple trail mix, cider, and caramel apples for purchase. Children will enjoy a visit from Johnny Appleseed, apple crafts, and a story hour provided by the Hellertown Library staff.



Saucon Valley Conservancy



The Heller Homestead is nestled along the Saucon Creek just off the Saucon Rail Trail at 1890 - 92 Friedensville Road (Water Street) in Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, PA. The Art Gallery and Antiques & Collectibles gift shop are open to the public on 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.

There are many ways in which you can help. We would love to have you help with events as we look to the future. Everyone has his or her own special talents, and all can be used. So if you are interested in serving on one of the committees, staffing the gift shop and art gallery, helping with mailings or artist receptions, or giving tours of the homestead, please let us know. You will find helping to preserve the history of the Saucon Valley a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

Let's leave a legacy for future generations by respecting the memories of an era gone by. Mark your calendar and make plans to join us this year.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, October 5 – December 15: Betty Knesevitch Art Exhibit
- Monday, December 2, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Snow date December 3): 21st Annual Holiday Gathering Open House& Betty Knesevitch Artist Reception

For information: 610-216-0566,
SVConservancy@aol.com,
www.sauconvalleyconservancy.org.

Please join us at the historic
Heller Homestead.

*Kingston Park
Opening
Ceremony &
Ribbon Cutting*

*Saturday,
October 5, 2013
at
9:30 a.m.*

*4216 Countryside
Lane, Hellertown,
PA 18055*

Prevent Home Fires

Most home fires occur in the kitchen while cooking and are the leading cause of injuries from fire. Common causes of fires at night are carelessly discarded cigarettes, sparks from fireplaces without spark screens or glass doors, and heating appliances left too close to furniture or other combustibles. These fires can be particularly dangerous because they may smolder for a long period before being discovered by sleeping residents.

Home fires are preventable! The following are simple steps that each of us can take to prevent a tragedy.

Cooking: Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

Position barbecue grills at least 10 feet away from siding and deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

Smoking: If you smoke, smoke outside. Most home fires caused by smoking materials start inside the home. Put your cigarettes out in a can filled with sand.

Be alert - don't smoke in bed!

Electrical and Appliance Safety: Frayed wires can cause fires. Replace all worn, old or damaged appliance cords immediately and do not run cords under rugs or furniture.

Buy electrical products evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

Use electrical extension cords wisely; never overload extension cords or wall sockets.

Portable Space Heaters: Keep combustible objects at least three feet away from portable heating devices.

Buy only heaters evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

Check to make the portable heater has a thermostat control mechanism, and will switch off automatically if the heater falls over.

Fireplaces and Woodstoves: Inspect and clean woodstove pipes and chimneys annually and check monthly for damage or obstructions.

Never burn trash, paper, or green wood.

Use a fireplace screen heavy enough to stop rolling logs and big enough to cover the entire opening of the fireplace to catch flying sparks.



Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the house or going to bed.

Store cooled ashes in a tightly sealed metal container outside the home.

Children: Take the mystery out of fire play by teaching children that fire is a tool, not a toy.

Store matches and lighters out of children's reach and sight, preferably in a locked cabinet.

Never leave children unattended near operating stoves or burning candles, even for a short time.

Se-Wy-Co Fire Company Breaks Ground



Members of the Se-Wy-Co Fire Company broke ground on July 31, 2013 for a new fire station at the site of the former Leithsville Fire Station. The new station will be in the same location

as the former station but smaller in size.

The Se-Wy-Co and Leithsville fire companies merged in May of 2012. The former station, which was built in 1984, was destroyed by a fire from a dump truck accident in May 2012. As a result of the fire, Leithsville lost everything.

“We are excited to be moving ahead with this phase of the rebuilding process and look forward to the station completion”, stated Sal Ghazi, Se-Wy-Co President.

The new station was designed by KCBA Architects of Hatfield, PA.

Saucon Valley Family Weekend

The Spirit Weekend Committee is working hard to plan a positive, fun and exciting community event for the weekend of October 19-20, 2013.

Saucon Valley will celebrate a family weekend on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013 and conclude with the Saucon Valley Spirit Parade, Sunday, October 20, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. rain or shine. We are having these festivities to bring families together and re-dedicate the Morris J. Dimmick Park and concluding with the SV Spirit Parade.

We are anticipating a very large parade. The Spirit Parade will begin our community spirit as in years past and will be followed by the 4-County Fireman's Parade. This year we welcome the Philadelphia Police & Fire Pipes and Drums to our parade. The fire apparatus will not be using sirens this year, only lights, saving sirens for emergency purposes only!

Saturday, October 19th

10:00 a.m.—Opening ceremonies at the new band shell at Dimmick Park.
Rededication of Dimmick Park and Dewey Fire Co.

Start of Bike Challenge

Start of Motorcycle Poker Run

Start of 5K Run/2 Mile Walk

Car/Truck Show

1:00 p.m. –Coach & Vera Bradley Bingo

6:00 p.m.-Allentown Band Concert

8:00 p.m.-Celebrity Fireworks Display

Blankets and seats may be placed on the designated fields after 10:00 a.m.

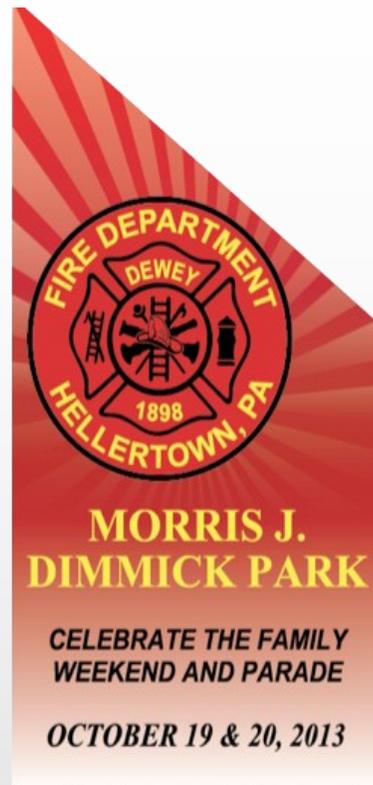
Sunday, October 20th

10:00 a.m. -Hellertown Area Ministerium Church Services & Blessing of the Fire Trucks (Under the Tent)

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. -Line-up for SV Spirit Parade

2:00 p.m. -SV Spirit Parade/4 Co. Fireman's Parade

4:00 p.m. - County Fireman's Parade Award Ceremony
Under the tent immediately following the parade.



Committee Contacts:

Bike Ride Chair: Steve La Brake
svbikes@enter.net

Coach & Vera Bradley Bingo:
Cindy DaSilva 610-838-8330 &
Helen Chunko 610-691-3105

Car Show: Ron Smith
610-390-4658

5k Race/Walk: Sara Heintzelman
sara.heintzelman@gmail.com

Poker Run: Kyle Bartholomew
kyle.bartholomew1@gmail.com

Parade: David Heintzelman

**Trick
or
Treat?**

**Trick or Treat night for
Lower Saucon Township
and Hellertown Borough
will be held on Friday,
October 25th from
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Lower Saucon Township

3700 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bethlehem, PA 18015



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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

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www.lowersaucontownship.org



Saucon Rail Trail

Saucon Rail Trail Looking for Volunteers for Kiosk Construction

The Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission is looking for potential volunteers to undertake the construction of a kiosk at the newly opened Reading Drive Trailhead located at the intersection of Bingen and Reading Drive in Lower Saucon Township. The kiosk would be similar to the kiosks that have been constructed at Water Street and Tumminello Parks in Hellertown Borough, and at the Upper Saucon Community Park. The cost of materials will be covered by Lower Saucon Township and construction plans for the kiosk are available for guidance. This is an excellent idea for a Boy Scout Eagle or Girl Scout Gold Award project.

If anyone is interested in considering this project, please contact the Lower Saucon Township Manager at manager@lowersaucontownship.org or at (610) 865-3291.



Meeting Schedule

Council
1st and 3rd Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Board
1st Monday - 7:00 p.m.

Environmental Advisory Council
2nd Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission
4th Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board
3rd Monday - 7:00 p.m.

Lower Saucon Authority
3rd Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.

Office Closed

November 5th – Election Day
November 28th & 29th – Thanksgiving
December 25th & 26th – Christmas