



Lower Saucon Township

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Please contact the Township's Finance Department for any questions pertaining to your real estate tax bills. 2015 tax bills are now due in the penalty amount and can be paid until February 15, 2016

Daylight savings time change will take effect on November 1st, at 2:00 a.m. Change your clocks and fall back one hour.

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A Message from Council President Ron Horiszny.....

Our last newsletter contained a lead article regarding Volunteerism. This one needs to emphasize "Duty". And that Duty is for all Township citizens to vote in the up-coming election. Three of the five Council seats will be decided in November, and the new Council will be hiring a new Manager to replace Jack Cahalan when he retires at the end of the year.

Another duty is for all of us to thank Jack for 11 excellent years of his attention to duty. He put together a team that has made our township an efficient, economical, well run organization. And his extra personal efforts with Hellertown on Community Day, the Yard Waste Composting Center and the Rail-Trail have been exemplary. Also his work with the Parks & Recreation Board has lead to the addition of Polk Valley Park (and it's dog park component), Kingston Park, and Woodland Hills Preserve during his tenure. A much improved Lower Saucon Township is his legacy, and we owe him a deep debt of gratitude.

Ron

Lower Saucon Township Council President

Polk Valley Park Playground Opened



The Township opened the new playground and pavilion at Polk Valley Park this past June. The playground consists of a play structure and swing set which are ADA accessible and surfaced with rubberized mulch to provide a safe and clean environment. The site also includes a large pavilion that has been outfitted with picnic tables for use by the public. Rental of the facility for private events will be available beginning in 2016. The playground and pavilion were constructed by our Township Public Works Department utilizing funding that the Township received from the Northampton County Park and Open Space Fund.



Lower Saucon Township Police Department News



Saucon Rail Trail Safety

This summer there were a few crashes involving pedestrians and vehicles in the area of crosswalks along the Saucon Rail Trail. Fault for these crashes can be placed on both automobile drivers and pedestrians as there were instances in which drivers did not yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, pedestrians failing to ensure vehicles are stopped before crossing, and in one crash neither the vehicle nor the pedestrian stopped as required.

Residents should be reminded of the law as it pertains to the right-of-way in crosswalks. For **drivers** the law states that the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection. For **pedestrians** the law requires that NO pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute a hazard.

Pedestrians should never assume that vehicles are going to stop just because they are within a crosswalk. Pedestrians should ensure traffic has stopped before crossing. Bicycle riders are also advised to abide by the posted signs which advise to dismount their cycles and walk across the roadway. Everyone's close attention to these laws will help to insure that crashes between vehicles and pedestrians will be kept to a minimum.

Alert –Your Lower Saucon Township Police Department **does not** and has no plans to **solicit funds/donations** via phone or other means. (Exception - approved charitable cause such as animal in distress which will appear on the police department's Facebook Page.)

2015 Community Day



Community Day celebrated its 14th successful year on Saturday, August 22nd at Dimmick Park under beautiful sunny skies. Over 70 organizations and businesses participated in the event and there was an array of food items for sale to keep everyone satisfied. Entertainment was provided by the En Avant dancers, Saucon Valley Music, the Deadliners, and the Saucon Valley High School Band, and demonstrations were given by the Township K-9 Unit and by SV Karate Academy. The popular classic car show continued to expand with over 80 entrants displaying their cars, including three automobiles over 100 years old! The Outstanding Business awards were presented this year to the Macarro Auction Company and The Valley Voice for their long service to the two communities, and the Community Recognition award was presented to the Hellertown Area Library.



Election Day Information



Not sure where to go to cast your vote? Listed below are the voting districts and their addresses. Election Day is Tuesday, **November 3, 2015**. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Northampton County Voter Registration Office is looking for persons interested in serving as inspectors for the polling places. For more information contact Northampton County at **610-559-3055** or visit their website at www.northamptoncounty.org/vote. Please note, the **Township offices will be closed on Election Day.**

District No. 1

Lower Saucon-Hellertown

Saucon Valley High School
Door #19
2097 Polk Valley Road
Hellertown, PA

District No. 2

Lower Saucon-Leithsville

Leithsville Fire House
1995 Leithsville Road
Hellertown, PA

District No. 3

Lower Saucon-Lower Saucon

Christ Lutheran Church
of Lower Saucon Old School-
house at the Corner of Easton and
Mockingbird Hill Roads
Hellertown, PA

District No. 4

Lower Saucon-Seidersville

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

District No. 5

Lower Saucon-Shimersville

Steel City Fire House
2121 Riverside Drive
Bethlehem, PA

District No. 6

Lower Saucon-Wassergass

Southeastern Volunteer
Fire Co.
2687 Wassergass Road
Hellertown, PA

District No. 7

Lower Saucon-Colesville

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

District No. 8

Lower Saucon

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

Northampton County Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF EVENT

Saturday, October 10, 2015 – 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Northampton Community College Main Campus, Bethlehem Township, PA
Entrance from Green Pond Rd ONLY. Follow signs to parking area
across from Kopecek Hall & Lipkin Theatre

Tire Collection Fee:
\$2 / car tire
(with rim)
\$7 / tractor-trailer
tire \$25 /tractor tire

- Northampton County residents ONLY
- No TVs, monitors or electronics
- Please bring Photo ID or recent utility bill to verify residency
- Please package items and handle carefully to prevent spills

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ACCEPTED

Adhesives	Fire Extinguishers
Aerosol Cans	Herbicides/Pesticides
Antifreeze	Household Cleaners
Automotive Fluids & Cleaners	Mercury-containing Products
Batteries (all types)	Motor Oil/Filters
Compressed Gas	Oil-based Paint & Stain
Fluorescent Lights	Pool Chemicals
Flammable/Combustible Fluids	Thermostats
Propane	

- Items NOT considered hazardous will not be accepted

****NO Latex Paint ****

Recycling of residential scrap metal including lawn furniture, and equipment (all oil, gas & batteries removed), major appliances (white goods), including washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers (refrigerant will be recycled), etc.

Northampton County Department of Community & Economic Development...improving quality of life through investment in our communities



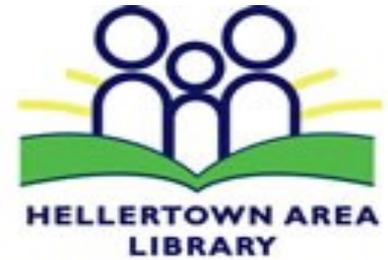
Questions?

Facebook—Northampton County Dept. of Community and Economic Development or
Contact Ken Zinis, *Environment and Sustainability* at:
kzinis@northamptoncounty.org
or 610-559-3200, ext 6

Hellertown Area Library Information



409 Constitution Ave.
Hellertown, PA. 18055
610-838-8381
www.hellertownlibrary.org



What's new at the Library?

Renovation Update

Our big story is the renovation that will be taking place top to bottom to make the library more efficient and pleasant for our patrons! Renovation tentatively scheduled for September 29th will only impact the lower level of the library. For about one month CMG of Easton will be working on that level. After November 6th, construction will start on the first floor and mezzanine. For everyone's safety, we will be closed for about three weeks during that phase. Don't worry, your books won't be due until we reopen and the book drop will be open! The library was awarded a Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund grant in 2015 which will be combined with the Township capital contribution to provide funding for these improvements. We can't wait to see it!!

Fall Story times

During renovation Miss Andrea, Miss Jo and Miss Karen are moving all their story times to Seidersville Hall at the Lower Saucon Township building 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem. Sign up at the Library and if needed we have directions.

Book Bugs – Toddler story time – under 3 with a caregiver will meet Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. from September 22nd – October 27th.

Story time Stars – for threes and fours – will be held on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. from September 24th through October 22nd.

Friday Family Story Times for all ages and an adult meets every Friday beginning September 25th at 10:00 a.m.

There's more...

Mother and daughter book club will be held at the library on September 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

Teen art club meets September 16th at 3:00 p.m. at the library for scrapbooking fun! There is a \$5.00 fee for supplies.

Halloween Story time for ages 3 and 4 will be held on Thursday, October 29th at 10:00 a.m. at Seidersville Hall.

More ways to support the Library

Join us on a bus trip to the Culinary Institute at Hyde Park for lunch and then a tour of the FDR Museum and Library on October 23, 2015. For more information call the library 610-838-8381.

Save the Date! Hellertown Area Library Barnes & Noble Book Fair, Saturday November 21, 2015. Get your Holiday shopping done early and benefit the Library.

Celebrate the holidays with a trip to see the world famous Rockettes in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular. The December 3rd trip includes the bus, tickets to a 2:00 p.m. matinee and buffet dinner at Snuffy's. Call the Library for more information.

The "Friends" are Back!

Membership in the *Friends* is open to everyone! By joining the *Friends of the Hellertown Area Library* you are demonstrating your support for the programs and services provided by the Hellertown Area Library for our community. The *Friends* support the library through fund raising events, providing volunteer assistance and promoting awareness of the library's needs and services to the residents. Visit the Friends on Facebook or request more information from friendsofthehellertownlibrary@gmail.com.

Woodland Hills Preserve

The Township has opened the Woodland Hills Preserve property to the public. The 148-acre former golf course property was acquired by the Township in 2014 with the assistance of state, county and Township open space funding. Access to the site is off of Countryside Lane where a parking lot with a portable toilet, trash receptacle and trail signage are available. Two grass trails have been mowed through the preserve allowing visitors to hike, bird watch, and fish in the several ponds on the property.



Saucon Valley Compost Center



The Saucon Valley Compost Center will remain open until November 28th. Hours of operation are Friday & Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., April to November. The facility is closed December 1st to March 31st and on all legal holidays. The Compost Center will be open Saturdays in January from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for Christmas tree disposal.

ID Cards are issued at the Township building Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. with current driver's license. Limit one per household.

The Compost Center is located at 2011 Springtown Hill Road, Hellertown, PA 18055

Saucon Valley Spirit Parade Information



The Saucon Valley Spirit Parade will be on Sunday, October 18th at 2:00 p.m. (Line up begins at 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.). There will be no rain date. The 2015 Parade Theme is: 60's Woodstock. You

may obtain a copy of the application form at the Township. Applications are due no later than October 4th.

Steel City Park Improvements

Construction of the Phase 1 Steel City Park improvements will begin this fall with the park remaining closed during this time. The park will be opened for limited use in 2016 while we continue with the Phase 2 improvements to the facility.



2015-2016 Dewey Fire Company Ambulance Subscriptions

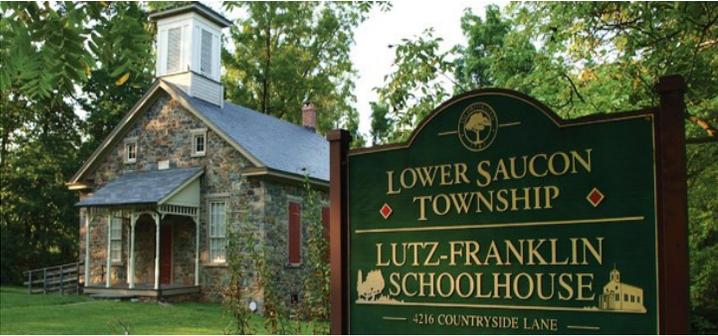
Subscriptions for 2015-2016 ambulance services provided by Dewey Fire Company Ambulance Squad/EMS of Hellertown were mailed to Township and Borough residents in August. The subscriptions are for the period from Oct. 1, 2015 through Sept. 30, 2016.

Signing up for an annual ambulance subscription can help to offset costs not covered by insurance if and when emergency medical transportation is needed.

If you did not receive a packet via USPS, you can pick one up at the Lower Saucon Township building or submit your request for a packet via email at subscriptions@deweyfireco.org and one will be mailed out to you.



Lower Saucon Township Historical Society



Lower Saucon Township Historical Society will meet the second Wednesday of October and November in Seidersville Hall, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike at 7:00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome to join us at a meeting. Check our website, www.lutzfranklin.com, for updated information for all meeting dates and time. Contact information is: lshistorical@yahoo.com or 610-625-8771.

The Historical Society maintains the Lutz-Franklin one room schoolhouse, a National Historic Site. The school-

house is located at 4216 Countryside Lane. Docents provide heritage education programs to third and fourth grade classes in April, May, and October.

Upcoming events:

Saturday, October 3rd – Our annual Apple Festival will be held at Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse from 10:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m., rain or shine. Many family activities will be provided. Hellertown Library will present a story hour with crafts at 12:00 p.m. followed by story time with Bonnie-Banks Beers at 1:00 p.m. Families can participate in apple tasting, building a bluebird house, and having a picture taken with Johnny Appleseed. Apple pies, dumplings, apple butter, and cider from Bechdolt’s Orchard will be available for purchase. John Samuels Trio will perform from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Hot dogs and drinks will be available for sale. To enter our yearly apple dessert contest contact us at 610-625-8771 or email: lshistorical@yahoo.com

Wednesday, October 14th – Katherine Ramsland, a well known author and authority on murder and ghosts, will give a presentation in Seidersville Hall at 7:00 p.m. Katherine teaches forensic psychology at DeSales University. She has published over 56 books including, “Bethlehem Ghosts, Historical Hauntings in and Around Pennsylvania’s Christmas City.”

Wednesday, November 11th – Our guest speaker, Ilhan Citak, is responsible for Special Collections at Lehigh University. His presentation, “Local History Resources at Lehigh University,” will include maps, photos, and other records digitally available at the University. The program will take place in Seidersville Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 5th – Holiday Open House at Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saucon Valley Conservancy

Our past will amaze you.

Saucon Valley Conservancy—Heller Homestead
1890-92 Friedensville Road, Lower Saucon Township,
Northampton County

The Art Gallery and Antiques & Collectibles, a charming gift and consignment shop. Stop by and visit. We are open to the public on Sundays 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and during special events.

We are in immediate need of volunteers! If you are interested in serving on one of the committees, staffing the gift shop and art gallery, helping with artist receptions, barn preservation, fundraising, grant writing, 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. For more information: 610-838-1199, SVConservancy@aol.com, www.sauconvalleyconservancy.org, visit us on Facebook at Heller Homestead—Saucon Valley Conservancy. Tours available by appointment.



Home Safety Tips from the Lower Saucon Authority – Shutting Off The Water

If you ever want to temporarily shut off your home's water in an emergency (sudden leak on internal piping, washing machine hoses, or toilets) or when going away on vacation for an extended period, etc., it is good to know in advance how and where to do it. It's easy.

The shut-off valve is normally near the water meter, on the pipe that comes into the basement from the outside. Typically, there is one valve on each side of the meter. You want the one between the meter and the outside wall.

Most shut-offs will be **ball valves**. To shut off a ball valve **turn the handle 90 degrees** so that it is perpendicular to the pipe. To turn it back on, just turn the handle back so it ends up "in line" with the pipe (shown on the right).



Alternatively, some plumbing setups will use a small gate valve (shown on the left). **To shut these off, turn the wheel clock-wise.** To turn it back on, turn it counter-clockwise.

Illustrations from www.smarthomewaterguide.org

Check out [Water Conservation Tips](http://www.lowerSauconAuthority.org) at www.lowerSauconAuthority.org

Penn State Students Help Beautify Heller Homestead



On August 20, 2015, a group of incoming freshmen from the Penn State Lehigh Valley Campus helped weed and prepare planting beds at the Township's Heller Homestead. The service project is part of the college's New Student Welcome and Orientation program. Working under the direction of the Saucon Creek Watershed Association, approximately ten (10) students weeded, dug, and mulched planting beds in

the area of the sawmill ruins, and around the historic buildings on the property. The Heller Homestead, which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2010, contains four existing and original structures: the Michael Heller House (c.1751), Widow's House (c.1850), an original Root Cellar, and the remains of 2.5-story stone barn (c.1751).



Be in the know — Sign-up for Nixle Alerts



Lower Saucon Township has been utilizing the Nixle service to provide residents with accurate safety information when you need it. As you'll recall from several of 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 are 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

Lower Saucon Township

3700 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bethlehem, PA 18015



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Lower Saucon Township Officials

Ron Horiszny	Council President
Tom Maxfield	Council Vice President
Priscilla deLeon	Council Member
Glenn Kern	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

Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday, **October 31st, 2015** for Lower Saucon Township and Hellertown Borough residents from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (rain or shine)**.

Residents interested in participating are asked to keep their porch lights on during this two hour period to insure the safety of all those participating. Parents are advised to accompany their children as they go around the neighborhood and should check all candy and treats prior to children eating them.

- * Halloween costumes should be highly visible and not obstruct the child's vision or their ability to walk safely.
- * Utilize a glow stick or similar lighted device for each child, especially in areas with little street lighting.
- * Motorists should use caution when driving on Trick or Treat night and residents should report any suspicious and malicious activity to 610-759-2200.

Pavilion Rental Information for 2016



Our 2016 Pavilion rental opening date will be Friday, January 8th. Offices will be closed on January 1st due to the holiday. In addition to Town Hall, Southeastern and Kingston (pictured on the left) pavilions we will be adding Polk Valley Pavilion too!

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 3, 2015 – Election Day
November 26 & 27, 2015 – Thanksgiving
December 24 & 25, 2015 – Christmas
January 1, 2016 – New Year's Day

