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

We Want Your Opinion!!

Really we do..... and let me tell you why. Lower Saucon Township has a variety of public spaces available for enjoyment by the citizens of the Saucon Valley. The Council of Lower Saucon is requesting feedback to help gain insight into the public's perception of these recreational spaces. This is your opportunity to provide us with your ideas, suggestions and concerns right from the convenience of your home through Survey Monkey. The responses you provide will be presented to the Township Council and the Parks and Recreation Board, which will help guide future decision-making regarding parks, recreation and open space throughout the Township. The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LSTPARKS>. Your opinion counts.

Ron

Lower Saucon Township Council President



Steel City Park Update

The Steel City Park Project is moving forward. Bids have been prepared for fencing and landscaping which were advertised. The contractor responsible for re-installing the tot lot has been scheduled. The new pavilion has arrived and will be installed. The Public Works crew is currently working on the installation of the basketball court, parking lot and walking trails. Once the bids are awarded, the fencing and dugouts will be installed. The plantings will be installed in the Spring in anticipation of warmer weather. Check for more updates as the work progresses on the Township website at www.lowersaucontownship.org



Child Passenger Safety



Pennsylvania Child Passenger Safety Law

All drivers are responsible for securing children in the appropriate child restraint system. All children from birth up to age 4 must be secured in an approved child passenger restraint system anywhere in the vehicle.

A child younger than two years of age shall be secured in a rear-facing child passenger restraint system, to be used until the child outgrows the maximum weight and height limits designated by the car seat manufacturer. (Effective August 12, 2016). Violators are subject to a fine/fees, plus Court Costs.

For more information and guidelines, please go to our website: www.lowersaucontonship.org/police/news.html

Fall and Winter Crime Prevention Tips

As we transition into cooler weather, Lower Saucon Township Police Department would like to remind citizens of some simple crime prevention tips. These simple tips will help keep you and your family safe...

1. Never leave your vehicle running when you are away from it. We have seen this quite frequently at our local convenience stores and residential drive-ways. Thieves like vehicles warmed up and ready to go! Most drivers will lock the doors, but it takes seconds to forcibly enter the vehicle and steal it.
2. Do not leave your vehicle running or unsecured while you are pumping gas. This prevents thieves from entering the vehicle while you are concentrating on the gas pump and unaware of what is transpiring on the other side of the vehicle.
3. Always secure and lock vehicles when parked outside. Thieves always appreciate unlocked vehicles. Please do not make it easy for them!
4. Never leave valuable contents in plain view for thieves to see, even if your vehicle is properly secured. Thieves will break windows and defeat door locks when they see handguns, expensive stereos, GPS navigation systems, radios and other expensive devices left in plain view. The best advice is to remove the items when you secure the vehicle. If not, please lock the items in the trunk but you should understand your valuables are still at risk of being stolen.
5. Do not leave garage door opener in a vehicle parked outside. Thieves will use the openers to enter the garage and residence. Do not fool yourself into thinking you will hear the garage door open!

Exchange/Meet Location

The Lower Saucon Township Police Department has established an area within our public parking lot that can be used as a safe location for making internet purchase exchanges, child custody exchanges, etc.

Like other police departments in the nation, the Police Department saw a need to offer citizens a safe place to make these type of exchanges. The area is located on the west side of the Police Department in the designated parking spaces. The area is well lit and available for use 24 hours a day. The area is covered by surveillance cameras that are recorded; however, the area is not monitored or staffed by officers and we encourage everyone to still be cautious when meeting any person that they do not know.



If a person is unwilling to meet you at the Police Department to conduct a transaction, that should make you highly suspicious of their intentions.

Got Drugs?



On October 22, 2016 between 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. the public can surrender any expired, unused or unwanted medications at the Lower Saucon Police Department Headquarters.

Providing a safe disposal method for unwanted and expired prescription medications is crucial in stopping addiction. Young people often start down the path to addiction and overdose by taking "one little pill" from the medicine cabinet.

Disposal is free and anonymous, but the public is urged to remove labels and to place medication in a plastic bag.

In addition to helping fight addiction, safe and proper disposal of prescription medications helps fight pollution, officials said. Flushing medicine down the toilet is not safe, where they would eventually end up in our waterways.

Lower Saucon Police will accept: prescription and over-the-counter solid medications, i.e. tablets & capsules, liquid medications, inhalers, creams, ointments, nasal sprays and pet medications.

Lower Saucon Police will NOT accept: intravenous solutions, needles or any illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine.

Participants are asked to remove any personal information from bottles and packages that contain pills/capsules/liquids and place the bottles or packages into the disposal box.

Be in the know — Sign-up for Nixle Alerts



Nixle is an emergency and public information notification system which is used by our Police, emergency services and public works to disseminate public safety messages via text, email, mobile apps and web messages in the form of alerts, advisories and community information.

Messages are sent to those that sign up regarding crime alerts, stolen vehicles, road closures or detours, power outages, severe weather conditions, lost dogs, etc.

To sign up for alerts go on our website at www.lowersauontownship.org/alerts.html or text your zip code to 888777.

Rules of the Road – Bicycling on the Road

Bicycles are considered vehicles, and cyclists have the same rights and the same responsibilities to follow the rules of the road as motorists. When riding, always:



- **Go With the Traffic Flow.** Ride on the right in the same direction as other vehicles. Go with the flow – not against it.
- **Obey All Traffic Laws.** A bicycle is a vehicle and you're a driver. When you ride in the street, obey all traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.
- **Yield to Traffic When Appropriate.** Almost always, drivers on a smaller road must yield (wait) for traffic on a major or larger road. If there is no stop sign or traffic signal and you are coming from a smaller roadway (out of a driveway, from a sidewalk, a bike path, etc.), you must slow down and look to see if the way is clear before proceeding. This also means yielding to pedestrians who have already entered a crosswalk.
- **Be Predictable.** Ride in a straight line, not in and out of cars. Signal your moves to others.
- **Stay Alert at All Times.** Use your eyes AND ears. Watch out for potholes, cracks, wet leaves, storm grates, railroad tracks, or anything that could make you lose control of your bike. You need your ears to hear traffic and avoid dangerous situations; don't wear a headset when you ride.
- **Look Before Turning.** When turning left or right, always look behind you for a break in traffic, then signal before making the turn. Watch for left- or right-turning traffic.
- **Watch for Parked Cars.** Ride far enough out from the curb to avoid the unexpected from parked cars (like doors opening, or cars pulling out).

Meeting Schedule

Council

1st and 3rd Wednesdays – 7:00 p.m.
No meeting 1st Wed. in July /August

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 8, 2016 - Election Day
November 24 & 25, 2016 - Thanksgiving
December 26 & 27, 2016 - Christmas
January 2, 2017 - New Year's Day

Stormwater Management Information for the Homeowner

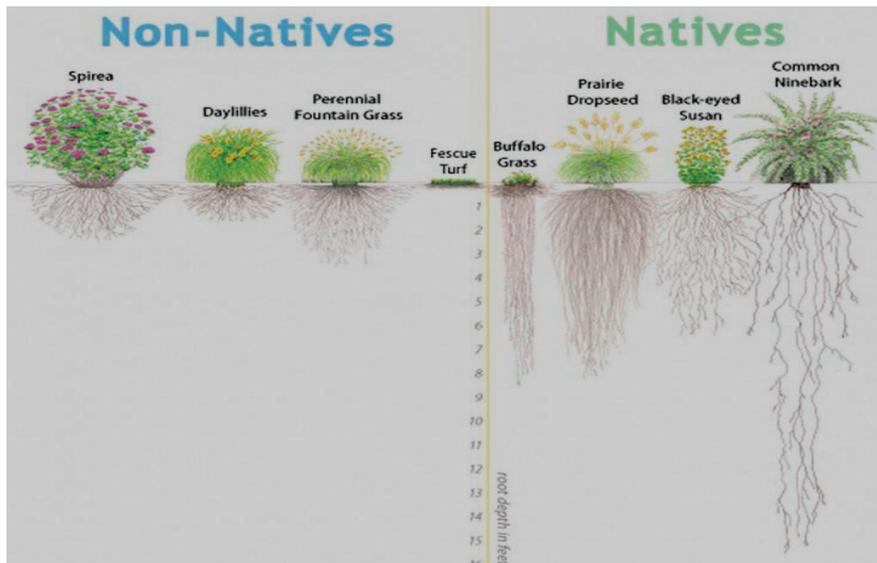
Residential Rain Gardens are an easy and effective tool that we can use to help reduce stormwater runoff from residential properties in Bushkill Township. These gardens are strategically placed to intercept stormwater runoff until it can be fully absorbed into the ground. Their design allows the rain garden to serve almost as a bowl that collects water from downspouts or overland flow across a property. The water is then able to slowly infiltrate into the underlying soil. Rain Gardens can come in all different shapes and sizes but work best when planted with native species indigenous to the area.

How Rain Gardens Work

The existing soil within the rain garden is removed (or amended) and replaced with a more permeable soil typically consisting of a mix of sand, topsoil and compost. These soils will allow for easier water percolation. Sizing of the rain garden is dependent upon the amount of water that is expected to enter into the garden during a rain event. The garden is planted with trees, shrubs and perennials before being covered in a layer of mulch. The completed rain garden will have a slight depression that is used to temporarily collect runoff so it can infiltrate slowly. Rain gardens have the same look and feel as any other landscaped beds but with the added benefit of increased stormwater infiltration.



Plants	Soils	Ground Cover
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native species • Consider sun, partial sun or shade • Aesthetically pleasing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loose soil for infiltration, root growth • 50% Sand-25% Topsoil-25% Compost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gravel or mulch • Traps moisture and moderates soil temperature • Large stones can be added to improve aesthetics



Rain Barrels—Rain barrels are simple structures designed to collect and hold water runoff from roof tops. By collecting rain runoff, the water can be stored easily for later use. Watering lawns and gardens with the stored water is an excellent way to reuse the stored water.

Backyard Streams—For homeowners with backyard streams, a vegetative buffer zone should be allowed to form. The broader the vegetative zone, the more filtration can occur before entering the stream system.

Wildflower Meadows—Wildflower meadows are a beautiful addition to any homeowner’s property and require almost no maintenance beyond choosing the appropriate site location.

When choosing plants for your rain garden consider the direction the rain garden will be facing. Consider how the plants will handle water as the middle of the garden will be wetter than the outer edges. Native plants such as Buffalo Grass, Prairie Dropseed, Black Eyed Susan and Common Ninebark are native species that have hardy root systems. Native species will be your best planting option because they need little maintenance once established, will love the growing conditions, offer benefits to native wildlife and improve your landscaping. Rain Gardens require about the same amount of maintenance as a standard landscaped bed. The first year is the most important as weeding and watering is critical to your plants taking hold.

Fall in love with the Library

Visit www.hellertownlibrary.org for the complete schedule. ALL events require sign ups. To register call the library or email youthservices@hellertownlibrary.org



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

Join the *Friends of the Hellertown Area Library* and support your local library. Pick up brochures in the library, on the library website or follow the Friends on Facebook!

Story times for Children

- Book Bugs Toddler Story time – Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. on October 11th, 18th and 25th. Stories, songs and creative movement activities for children under 3 and their caregivers!
- Story time Stars for 3 and 4 year olds – Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. on October 13th, and 20th. Stories, songs and activities for 3 and 4 year olds.
- After School Stories and Snack – October 20th at 4:30 p.m. For kids in 1st grade and above – come on down to the Library after school for stories and snack then pick out books to borrow!
- Little Lions Lapsits – Story Time for Babies Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. October 11th and 25th or Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. October 13th and 27th. A new story time with short stories, rhymes, songs, movement and fun. For babies up to 18 months (and a grown up).

Events for Teens

- Teen / Tween movie night Friday October 14th at 7:00 p.m. Grades 6 and up.
- Teen Art Club Wednesday, October 19th at 3:15 p.m. Create a Halloween jar lantern!
- Teen Advisory Group meets October 19th at 4:30 p.m. Help us decide what programs to offer for teens, families and kids. Grades 6 and up.

Join the Friends of the Hellertown Area Library before the Saucon Valley Spirit Parade, October 23rd for a fun fall event for everyone from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Library.



Family Movie Nights Friday, October 28th.

Events for Adults

- AARP foundation Safe Driver's Course for those over 55. Two day first time course October 25th and 26th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. One day refresher course (must show proof of taking the two day course) October 18th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Learn more about your Social Security and Retirement Benefits with Paul Stocker on October 25 at 6:30 p.m.
- Gentle Yoga every Monday at 6:30 p.m. \$10 per class.
- "Nine Kids, No Dishwasher: The Great Adventure of Mothering Many". Presentation by local writer and speaker – Celeste Behe. Date TBA.
- Join us for a "gold medal" movie night for adults on November 18th at 7:00 p.m. Snacks provided.
- Saucon Valley Woman's Club meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. New members are always welcome.
- Monday book club "Bookies Eating Cookies" meets the second Monday of every month at 1:00 p.m.. This is a lively book discussion group! October book is **Left to Tell** by Imaculee Ilibagiza or **Everyday Grace** by Marianne Williamson, November's selection is **The Summer before the War** by Helen Simonson.
- The Wednesday evening book club meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. October's selection is **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** by Betty Smith and it is **The Nest** by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeny for November.

The Friends of the Hellertown Area Library will host a Christmas get together with Mrs. Claus on December 12th at the Library.

Drought Watch in Effect

Conserve



On August 3rd, Governor Tom Wolf declared some 34 Counties, including Northampton and Lehigh, under a Drought Watch until further notice. A Drought Watch Encourages Residents to Conserve Water by Voluntarily Reducing Water Usage by 5 Percent.

Further information on this and Water Conservation in general can be found on the Authority Website: www.lowersauconauthority.org

Water System Reinforcement

The Lower Saucon Authority is making a series of improvements to the water system this fall as part of infrastructure changes designed to reinforce the core system (Saucon Terrace, etc.).

- A 500-ft long section of old 6-inch cast iron water main, along the west side of Route 378 north of the intersection with Black River Road, was replaced in September with new 8-inch Ductile Iron Pipe.
- A section of 10-inch Ductile Iron Pipe main will be run beneath I78 this fall, between the existing water lines behind the Saucon Valley Square Shopping Center and Glen View Drive, to improve flows into the Terrace and central area.
- Water will be brought into the system through two new Meter Pits, at Black River Road (between Route 378 and Old Philadelphia Pike) and another on Clauser Drive.

Lost & Found Items



Articles that are left behind at our pavilions and parks (when found) will be at the Township Administration office.

Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Or you can call with any questions at 610-865-3291.

Don't forget to change your clocks back an hour on November 6th



It's All About the Volunteer's

Much of what happens in your Township is because of volunteers who are dedicated to giving freely and generously of their time.

Volunteers are always welcomed and opportunities to serve on various committees and groups are available. Experience is not required, just a willingness to learn and get involved. Some areas to become involved include various Township committees such as the Planning Commission, Environmental Advisory Council, the Lower Saucon Authority, the Historical groups that maintain our historic structures, the annual Community Day Committee, the Saucon Valley Compost Center and our biggest volunteer need is within our volunteer Fire Departments.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in any area and would like more information, contact Township Manager Leslie Huhn at manager@lowersaucontownship.org or 610-865-3291. You can also download the application on our website (for Township committees) and submit it with a brief resume to the Township offices. We will put you in touch with the Chief of the fire companies, if your desire is to help them.

Dewey Ambulance Subscriptions

Subscriptions for 2016-2017 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, 2016 through Sept. 30, 2017.



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.

IESI Community Hotline

IESI Bethlehem Landfill has announced it now has a Community Hotline for residents. If you have any complaints or odor issues, you can call them after hours and weekends at (610) 317-3200, Option #4. You will then receive a call back from Landfill Management.

Election Day Information

During this year's Election you will notice a question on the ballot....

“The ballot question asks the voters of Lower Saucon Township whether the Township should continue to impose an additional Earned Income Tax at the rate of 0.25% (one quarter of one percent) on an annual basis for the next five (5) years to retire the indebtedness, in the approximate amount of \$867,861.00, incurred in the purchase of Polk Valley Park, to finance the future acquisition of open space lands, to finance the future acquisition of agricultural, conservation, and forest protection easements, to finance the future acquisition of recreation or historic lands, to utilize up to 10% of the annual revenue collected to maintain and/or improve open space lands, and to pay the attendant costs associated with such actions?”



Not sure where to go to cast your vote? Listed below are the voting districts and their addresses. Election Day is Tuesday, **November 8, 2016**. 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**.

<p><u>District No. 1</u> <u>Lower Saucon-Hellertown</u> Saucon Valley High School Door #19 2097 Polk Valley Road Hellertown, PA</p>	<p><u>District No. 3</u> <u>Lower Saucon-Lower Saucon</u> Christ Lutheran Church of Lower Saucon Old School- house at the Corner of Easton and Mockingbird Hill Roads Hellertown, PA</p>	<p><u>District No. 5</u> <u>Lower Saucon-Shimersville</u> Steel City Fire House 2121 Riverside Drive Bethlehem, PA</p>	<p><u>District No. 7</u> <u>Lower Saucon-Colesville</u> SE-WY-CO Fire Company 3621 Old Philadelphia Pike Bethlehem, PA</p>
<p><u>District No. 2</u> <u>Lower Saucon-Leithsville</u> Leithsville Fire House 1995 Leithsville Road Hellertown, PA</p>	<p><u>District No. 4</u> <u>Lower Saucon-Seidersville</u> Seidersville Hall (Old Town Hall) 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike Bethlehem, PA</p>	<p><u>District No. 6</u> <u>Lower Saucon-Wassergass</u> Southeastern Volunteer Fire Co. 2687 Wassergass Road Hellertown, PA</p>	<p><u>District No. 8</u> <u>Lower Saucon</u> <u>- SE-WY-CO</u> SE-WY-Co Fire Company 3621 Old Philadelphia Pike Bethlehem, PA</p>

2016-2017 Junior Council Representatives

Five (5) students from Saucon Valley High School presented themselves as candidates for the Junior Council Person Program. The Junior Council Person Program provides an opportunity for high school students to participate in local government and serve as a link between the municipal officials and the student's peers at the high school.

The Council designated the students to the following boards:

- Rachel Panek & Kelsey Gatchel, both senior's at SVHS, were appointed as the representatives to the Township Council.
- Brynn Bambu, a junior at SVHS, was appointed as the representative to the Environmental Advisory Council.
- Ryan Smith, a senior at SVHS, was appointed as the representative to the Township Parks & Recreation Board.
- Jake Nichols, a senior at SVHS, was appointed as the representative to the Township Planning Commission.

The Township appreciates the level of interest that these students have shown in local government and looks forward to their participation and contributions during the coming year!

Lower Saucon Township

3700 Old Philadelphia Pike

Bethlehem, PA 18015

Administration hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Public Works hours: 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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Lower Saucon Township Officials

Ron Horiszny	Council President
Sandra Yerger	Council Vice President
Priscilla deLeon	Council Member
Glenn Kern	Council Member
Donna Louder	Council Member
Lou Mahlman	Controller
Leslie Huhn	Township 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

Our 2017 Pavilion rental opening date will be Friday, January 6th at 8:30 a.m. In addition to Town Hall, Southeastern, Polk Valley and Kingston pavilions we will be adding Steel City Pavilion too!

Visit us on the web @ www.lowersaucontownship.org

Spirit Parade Information

Reduce,
Repurpose,
Recycle

The Saucon Valley Spirit Parade will be on Sunday, October 23rd 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 2016 Parade Theme is: **Reduce, Repurpose, Recycle.** You may obtain a copy of the application form at the Township. Applications are due no later than October 15th.

Trick-or-Treat

Trick-or-Treat will be held on Sunday, **October 30th, 2016** for Lower Saucon Township and Hellertown Borough residents from **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (rain or shine).**

Saucon Valley Compost Center

The Saucon Valley Compost Center will remain open until November 26th. Hours of operation are Friday & Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The facility is closed December thru March and on all legal holidays. The Compost Center will be open January 7, 14 & 21, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for Christmas tree disposal.



ID Cards are issued at the Township building Monday – Friday, during office hours. with current driver's license. Limit one per household. The Compost Center is located at 2011 Springtown Hill Road, Hellertown, PA 18055.

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.

- Motorists should use caution when driving on Trick-or-Treat night and residents should report any suspicious or malicious activity to 610-759-2200.

