

# Lower Saucon Township - Established in 1743 -



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## In Memory Of John Kalynych



It is with great sadness we announce the Line of Duty Death of Firefighter John Kalynych. At the time of his death, John served Lower Saucon Fire Rescue as Safety Officer and was the past Deputy Chief of Catasauqua Fire Department.

John dedicated his life in service to others, starting his career as a Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician in the late 1980s. He is a life member of Hanover and Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Companies where he served in multiple leadership roles. John's contributions extended beyond the local level and across the region- serving Lehigh County Emergency Management as the Former

Chief of Special Operations (Technical Rescue and Hazardous Materials Response) and Director of Emergency Management where he was instrumental in guiding and developing the regional emergency response system. John also worked part time with the Lehigh County District Attorney's Office assigned to the Municipal Emergency Response Team (MERT).

John previously served the United States as a member of the Federal Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team- PA Task Force 1 and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Emergency Management USAR as a member of PA Company 3.

John was passionate and dedicated to training. He served departments on the local level, and also traveled around the region as a Fire/Rescue Instructor for Bucks County Community College. John's experience and knowledge spanned firefighting, technical rescue and hazardous materials and he willingly shared this knowledge with others. No matter your skill or experience level, John always inspired others to continue their growth.

Along with being a dedicated member of emergency services, John was a proud father. In addition to his sons, he was a friend and mentor to countless Emergency Responders across the state.

We thank our regional partners for the outpouring of support. John's impact and legacy will never be forgotten.

*Lower Saucon Fire Rescue*

# National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 1, 2023, Lower Saucon Township hosted National Night Out at Town Hall Park where many individuals and families throughout the community had the opportunity to connect with law enforcement as well as other first responders in the Township. Our guests enjoyed food/drinks, ice cream, face painting, a basket raffle, a bounce house, demos, fingerprinting, carriage rides, and balloon animals. Many police vehicles, fire trucks, and ambulances were on display. It was a great night had by all and we cannot wait until next year!

*Together, we are making communities safer, more caring places to live and work!*



## FBI-LEEDA

Corporal Timothy Connell, Corporal Thomas Louder and Corporal Kyle Haggerty received their #FBILEEDA Leadership Trilogy Award. The trilogy award is presented to students who have successfully completed the FBI-LEEDA Supervisor Leadership, Command Leadership and Executive Leadership Institutes. *Congratulations to our Corporals!*



## Summer Camp Visits

Our officers continue to connect with the children in our community by visiting the Saucon Valley Community Center Children's Summer Camps! This program was held at Town Hall Park and Southeastern Park this summer. Officers showed off their police equipment, gave tours of the patrol units, answered many questions, played a few games with the kids, and Titus was even able to show off some of his many talents!



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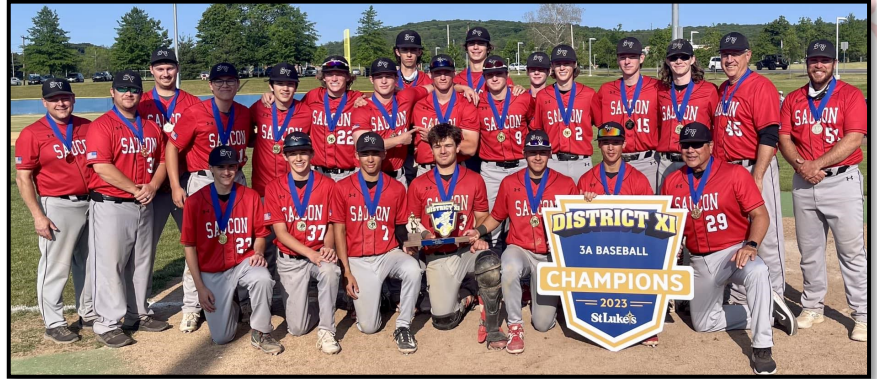
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## Congratulations to...

**Saucon Valley HS Baseball** for compiling a 24-4 record in the 2022-2023 season and setting a record with most wins (previous record 20 wins in 1999 & 2022) in a season, winning back-to-back District XI titles for the first time in school history. The team qualified for states after winning the District XI Championship beating Central Catholic 10-3, moved into the PIAA State Playoffs defeating Trinity 13-1 in the first round, then moved onto the PIAA 3A Quarterfinals defeating Hughesville 6-0 and making it to the PIAA Semifinals where, unfortunately, they were defeated by Camp Hill 5-4. Congratulations on a memorable season Panthers!!



**Saucon Valley Middle School Future Problem Solving Team- Maggie Gorman, Vaughn Kaye, Saydee Skiba and Rocco Vangelo!** In March, 2023, they won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the local competition and by placing in the local competition, it qualified the team to enter the International Competition in Amhurst, Massachusetts. The team won 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of the 57 teams competing representing 26 states and 7 countries. What an outstanding academic achievement by these students in their first-year entry into the program!



## Renaming of the Woodland Hills Preserve

The Woodland Hills Preserve, located on Countryside Lane, was recently renamed to “The Sandra Yerger Community Recreation Area and Nature Preserve” after Sandra Yerger, Council Member.

The Parks and Recreation Board of Lower Saucon Township made the recommendation to Council, and at the August 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, Council voted to rename the preserve after Sandy to recognize her years of dedication to the Township.

Sandy has been a Lower Saucon Township Council Member for more than 20 years, and spent most of her career at the Heritage Conservancy, a not-for-profit conservation organization that specializes in open space preservation. She was the founder of both the Environmental Action Committee (currently the Environmental Advisory Council) and the Open Space Program, and served as Chair to the Environmental Advisory Council for many years.

Her family placed their property in a conservation easement for preservation within the Township. She was a member of the Council that approved the purchase of the former Woodland Hills Golf Course, which has been preserved as community open space and recreation area. Sandy enjoys spending time in the open space properties with her family, and always has her dog by her side.



## Movies in the Park

It was another successful summer for Movies in the Park!

A special thank you to all of our sponsors for making this possible - Mobile Technology Graphics, Bethlehem Landfill, Hanover Engineering, Treadwell Law, Steel Club, Stuffed Puffs, and Just Born.

Featured movies were The Goonies at Polk Valley Park, Cars at Steel City Park and Toy Story at Town Hall Park.

Our Parks and Recreation Board and Council look forward to bringing movies back to the big screen next year. Stay tuned for more details in January, 2024!



## Compost Bin Workshop

The Pennsylvania Resources Council held a Backyard Composting Workshop at the Township building on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Individuals that attended the workshop learned how to set up their own backyard composting and were provided an 82-gallon compost bin to take home with them. The residents in attendance also received a \$50 refund.

The Backyard Composting Bin Workshop was a success and we thank the Pennsylvania Resources Council for sharing their wealth of composting knowledge with us!



Lower Saucon Township partners with No Nonsense Neutering (NNN) to offer our residents feral cat spay/neutering vouchers. These vouchers include one feral cat spay/neuter surgery, a rabies and distemper vaccine, nail trimming, ear cleaning, pain medication, and fluids. In addition, they are also providing flea, ear mite, and worm treatment. The left ear will also be tipped as it is a requirement for outside roaming cats.

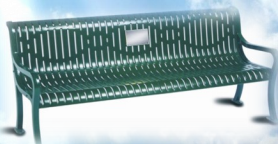
**To obtain a feral cat spay/neuter voucher from Lower Saucon Township, you must:**

1. Schedule the appointment(s) by calling (866) 820-2510 ext. #2 (in Allentown) or schedule online by visiting their website at <https://www.nnnlv.org/>.
  2. Apply for a voucher by either contacting Lower Saucon Township at (610) 865-3291 or in person at the Township Building. *All vouchers must be picked up in person, and a copy of your driver's license and proof of your scheduled appointment is required.*
- All vouchers are non-transferrable and can only be used by the person whose name it is issued in. ID will be required at the NNN check-in desk.
  - Please keep in mind there is a limit of 5 vouchers a year per household, and all unused vouchers must be returned to Lower Saucon Township before the expiration date listed on the voucher.

## Memorial Bench Program

Donating a memorial bench is a great way to honor or remember a loved one. Benches may be placed at one of eight locations in Lower Saucon Township (Heller Homestead, Kingston Park-Lutz Franklin, Polk Valley Park, Rail Trail, Southeastern Park, Steel City Park, Town Hall Park, and the Sandra Yerger Community Recreation Area and Nature Preserve).

For more information call (610) 865-3291 or email [rmarkovic@lowsaucontownship.org](mailto:rmarkovic@lowsaucontownship.org)



# YARD WASTE FACILITY CENTER

2150 Polk Valley Road, Hellertown, PA 18055

The Yard Waste Collection Facility for Lower Saucon Residents will be open each Friday & Saturday through November 17th.

Hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please display your current Lower Saucon Township ID Card (orange) when entering the facility. If you require a replacement ID Card, or would like to apply for one, please visit our website for information on obtaining one.

Please refer to our website for information on acceptable/unacceptable yard waste materials, tarping requirements, as well as other useful information.

<https://www.lowersaucontownship.org/yardwastefacility.html>

## Save the Date: October 14, 2023! Lower Saucon Township/Upper Saucon Township Fall Electronics Recycling Collection Event



Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Saucon Township Building

Cash/checks are acceptable (no credit cards). \*Checks are payable to Clean Earth.

Prices subject to change

### TELEVISIONS - CRT, Flat Screen, Other (must be intact)

20 inches or smaller	\$25.00
21 inches or larger	\$45.00
Projection Televisions	\$55.00

### COMPUTER EQUIPMENT/PERIPHERALS

CRT Monitors	\$20.00
Plasma/LCD Monitors	\$10.00
Laptops/Tablets	NO CHARGE
Towers/Servers	NO CHARGE
Keyboards/Mice	\$1.00
Computer Speakers	\$2.00
Cords/Cables	NO CHARGE

### OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Printers/Scanners	\$5.00
Photocopier	\$20.00
Multifunctional Printers	\$20.00
Plotters	\$20.00
Telephones	NO CHARGE
Answering Machines	\$1.00
PDAs/Cradles	\$1.00
Fax Machines	\$1.00

### UNIVERSAL WASTE

Batteries	\$0.75/lb
Non-PCB Ballasts	\$2.00
PCB Ballasts	\$4.00
Fluorescent Lamps	\$50.25/ea
HID/UV/Projector Lamps	\$2.00/ea
Thermostats	\$2.00

### MEDIA (All hard drives and sim cards in any devices will be destroyed)

CDs/DVDs/Floppy Disks	\$0.50/lb
Audio/VHS tapes	\$0.50/lb
External Disk Memory	NO CHARGE
Hard Drives	NO CHARGE

### MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRONICS

Cell Phones	NO CHARGE
Cameras	\$1.00
CD players/Recorders	\$1.00
Radios	\$1.00
Stereo Speakers	\$5.00
Tape Recorders	\$1.00
VCRs	\$1.00
Video Game Consoles	\$1.00
Microwaves	\$5.00
Alarm Clocks	\$1.00
Headphones	\$1.00
Modems/Routers	\$1.00
Microphones	\$1.00
Calculators	\$1.00
UPS	\$1.00
Power Tools	\$1.00
Electrical Heaters	\$3.00
Vacuum Cleaners	\$3.00
Thermometers	\$5.00

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## MedReturn Drug Collection Unit

Residents who have expired or unused over-the-counter and prescription medications are able to discard those medications in a MedReturn drug collection unit, which is located in the front lobby of the Lower Saucon Police Department at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

Residents can place medications in the box anonymously, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There will be no charge to residents for this service and no requirement to provide personal information or identification when using the box. Signs are posted on each box informing residents of the types of items that can be placed in the boxes and those that are not accepted.

**Items accepted:** prescription and over-the-counter medications, samples, vitamins, prescription ointments, prescription patches, and pet medications.

**Items NOT accepted:** syringes, needles, sharps, or other sharp objects, medications from businesses and clinics, lotions or liquids, aerosol cans, inhalers, hydrogen peroxide and thermometers.



# Lower Saucon Township Projects

## EASTON ROAD NEW 90' BASEBALL FIELD

Lower Saucon Council approved the construction of a new 90' baseball field to be built at Easton Road Park. The new baseball field will replace the two smaller existing fields, providing the Township with its first 90' field. The new field will have a grass infield, which along with the outfield, will be sodded to assist with making the field playable in the shortest time possible. This project was placed out to bid and the contractor approved to complete this project was the lowest bidder, CH-N Construction. Play Ball!



## PICKLEBALL AT POLK VALLEY PARK

Lower Saucon Township Council voted at their meeting on July 26, 2023, to add 4 pickleball courts to Polk Valley Park. Pickleball is a racquet sport that is played on a court similar to a tennis court, but smaller. Council also approved paving the stone parking lot as part of this project. The courts are being constructed by the Public Works Department, and the construction began in September. We hope to see you all on the courts soon!



## TOWN HALL PLAYGROUND

Lower Saucon Township was awarded \$264,030.00 through two state funding resources, Keystone Communities and State Share Local Gaming, to replace the playground at Town Hall Park by the baseball field. The park will feature something for all ages such as climbers, slides, rope tunnels, towers, catwalks, and more!

Playground color scheme subject to change



## 2023 STEEL CITY ROAD PAVING

Lower Saucon Township is excited to announce the Steel City paving project began in September. Council voted unanimously at their meeting on June 26, 2023, to approve the contract with Bracalente Construction, Inc. The bid received to complete this project was in the amount of \$826,627.50.



### Roads to be paved:

Adams Ave, Mixsell Ave, Johnston Ave, Snyder Ave, Nemeth Dr., Jefferson Ave, Schwab Ave, Fritz Ave, Mathews Ave, Roberts Ave, Gawell Ave, Ivywood Ave, and Saucon Ave.

For more information please see:

<https://www.lowersaucontownship.org/pdf/stcitypave.pdf>

## 2023 Election Information

Not sure where to go to cast your vote? Listed below are the voting districts and their addresses. Election Day is Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information contact Northampton County at (610) 559-3055 or visit their website at:

<https://www.northamptoncounty.org/CTYADMN/ELECTNS/Pages/default.aspx>

### District No. 1

#### Lower Saucon - Hellertown

Saucon Valley High School -  
Door #18  
2097 Polk Valley Road  
Hellertown, PA 18055

### District No. 2

#### Lower Saucon - Leithsville

Leithsville Fire Station  
1995 Leithsville Road  
Hellertown, PA 18055

### District No. 3

#### Lower Saucon - Lower Saucon

Saucon Community Bible Fellowship Church  
Old Schoolhouse at the Corner of Easton and  
Mockingbird Hill Roads  
2190 Easton Road  
Bethlehem, PA 18015

### District No. 4

#### Lower Saucon - Seidersville

Seidersville Hall (Old Town Hall)  
3700 Old Philadelphia Pike  
Bethlehem, PA 18015

### District No. 5

#### Lower Saucon - Shimersville

Steel City Fire Station  
2121 Riverside Drive  
Bethlehem, PA 18015

### District No. 6

#### Lower Saucon - Wassergass

Southeastern Fire Station  
2687 Wassergass Road  
Hellertown, PA 18055

### District No. 7

#### Lower Saucon - Colesville

SE-WY-CO Fire Station  
3621 Old Philadelphia Pike  
Bethlehem, PA 18015

### District No. 8

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

SE-WY-CO Fire Station  
3621 Old Philadelphia Pike  
Bethlehem, PA 18015

## 2023 Election Voter Referendum

Lower Saucon Township Council voted to ask our residents if you would like to see term limits for your Council Members. Currently, Council Members can serve as many terms as they are elected. When you visit the polls on the November 7, 2023, a question will be on the ballot asking for your opinion.

The question to be placed before the voters of Lower Saucon Township shall read as follows (this is the question that you will see on the ballot):

*"Do you favor the adoption of an Ordinance that would amend the Township's Optional Plan of Government and Administrative Code to impose a two (2) consecutive term limitation (eight (8) total years) for Lower Saucon Township elected members commencing with the terms that begin on January 5, 2026, and continuing thereafter for all elected Council members; any years of service by an individual who was appointed to Council shall not be included in the 8 total year limitation. YES or NO?"*

The plain English version of the above-listed question is as follows (this is an expanded version of the question):

*The ballot question asks the voters of Lower Saucon Township whether the Township should adopt an Ordinance to amend the Township's Optional Plan of Government and Administrative Code to limit the number of terms that an elected Council Member can serve to two (2) consecutive terms or a total of eight (8) consecutive years. The Ordinance would contain an exception to the two (2) consecutive term limitation so that it only applies to elected terms and not to individuals who are appointed to the Council due to a vacancy, thus allowing an individual to fill a vacancy in the office of a Council Member and subsequently be elected to two (2) consecutive terms.*

*A vote of "YES" to the aforementioned ballot question approves the adoption of an ordinance by the Council of Lower Saucon Township, amending the Optional Plan of Government and Administrative Code, to impose a two (2) term limitation on individuals elected to the position of Council Member commencing with the terms that begin on January 5, 2026.*

*A vote of "NO" to the aforementioned ballot question would result in the continuation of the current Optional Plan of Government and Administrative Code that, together, allow elected Lower Saucon Township Council Members to serve in the position of Council Member for an unlimited number of terms.*

**READ. THINK. VOTE.**

## The Saucon Valley Conservancy

The Saucon Valley Conservancy (Heller Homestead) is proud to announce a new website <https://sauconvalleyconservancy.org/>.

The priority project for the Heller Homestead is to preserve the unique arch of the barn and remaining structure with the intention to eventually create a venue that will be used for public gatherings.



Fall is a beautiful time of year, and the Heller Homestead would like to invite you to their "Welcome Wednesdays" held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Drop in for a fresh cup of coffee and good conversation!

Please also join them for their Antique Appraisal Day, Ladies Tea, and Christmas Open House which are all hosted annually. All of the dates and times may be found on their website.



Their mission is to preserve history and the home of their founding family. If you would like to preserve a part of Hellertown history, please consider joining them!

# Light Up Night 2023

PRESENTED BY THE HELLETTOWN-LOWER SAUCON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## The Historical Society

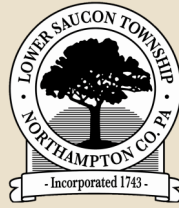
The Historical Society will be holding their Annual Apple Festival on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse. Come on out for a fun-filled day with lots of activities for children, baby goat yoga, drawn portraits, apple baked goods and more!

# Lower Saucon Township

3700 Old Philadelphia Pike  
Bethlehem, PA 18015  
610-865-3291

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

Jason Banonis - Council President  
Mark Inglis - Council Vice President  
Priscilla deLeon - Council Member  
Thomas Carocci - Council Member  
Sandy Yerger - Council Member  
Lou Mahlman - Controller  
Mark L. Hudson - Township Manager  
Thomas H. Barndt - Police Chief

## Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	Dial 9-1-1
Non-Emergency	610-759-2200
Police Department	610-317-6110
Administrative Offices	610-865-3291
Water/Sewer Authority	610-317-3212

**MAILING PANEL**  
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## Meeting Schedule

(check website for exact dates)

### **Council**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

### **Parks & Recreation Board**

1<sup>st</sup> Monday - 6:30 p.m.

### **Environmental Advisory Council**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

### **Planning Commission**

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

### **Zoning Hearing Board**

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

### **Lower Saucon Authority**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

### **Office Closed:**

November 7<sup>th</sup> - Election Day  
November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving  
December 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> - Christmas  
January 1<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Day

## *Halloween Parade & Trick-or-Treat*

The Hellertown Halloween Parade will be on  
Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.  
(Line up begins at 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.).

The 2023 Parade Theme is: Celebrating Hometown Heroes



Trick-or-Treat will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2023  
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 ensure 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.

Our Police Department, Emergency Services and Public Works department are utilizing 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. For more information please visit: [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)

You may also join our email list on our website (<https://www.lowersaucontownship.org/elist.html>) and you will receive timely notifications through **Constant Contact** on meetings, announcements, events, cancellations and news.

# DID YOU KNOW?

