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Council Approves Four New Township Officers

At the February 15, 2023 Council Meeting, Council approved hiring 4 new full-time Police Officers. Council saw the need to add personnel to the Police Department after a discussion with the Chief of Police about staffing levels in the department. At the March 22, 2023 Council Meeting, Council was honored to have 3 new full-time Officers sworn in by District Judge Alan Mege.

Please join us in welcoming:

Officer Tyler Seeley is a graduate of Northampton High School, Northampton Community College and the Allentown Police Academy. Tyler worked as a part-time officer for our department since May 2022 and also worked part-time for the Nazareth Police Department.



Officer Zachariah Pritchard is a graduate of Salem Christian School, Kutztown University and the Allentown Police Academy. Zach worked as a part-time officer with our department from September 2015 - June 2016 before leaving to work full-time with the Allentown Police Department until accepting this position.

Officer Kyle Bartholomew is graduate of Saucon Valley High School, Northampton Community College the Montgomery County Police Academy. Kyle worked as a part-time officer with our department since September 2012 and previously worked part-time in Hellertown.



We wish Officers Seeley, Pritchard and Bartholomew the best of luck on a long, safe career serving the residents of Lower Saucon Township.



NO-SHAVE NOVEMBER & DOUBLE DOWN DECEMBER

For the 4th year in a row, officers of the Lower Saucon Police Department put away their razors for the month to participate in “No-Shave November”. The concept of No-Shave November is to evoke conversation and raise cancer awareness by embracing our hair in which many cancer patients lose.

This year all of the No-Shave November donations, \$5,520 to be exact, were donated to 12-year-old Emily Farannte and her fight against cancer.



The Lower Saucon Township Police Department decided to keep on giving by continuing No-Shave November into Double Down December.

The department raised \$5,020.00, and all of the proceeds were donated to the St. Luke’s Cancer Compassion Fund. The donation will help patients who are struggling to afford everyday living expenses and allow them to focus on what is most important... healing.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!

FBI-LEEDA



Detective/Corporal Eric Marth, Sergeant Chris Leidy and Chief of Police Thomas Barndt recently received their #FBILEEDA Leadership Trilogy Award. The Trilogy Award is presented to students who successfully completed the FBI-LEEDA Supervisor Leadership, Command Leadership and Executive Leadership Institutes.

Congratulations!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit, and to celebrate the partnership between Police, Emergency Services, and our citizens, who all have the mutual interest in keeping our community safe.



SAVE THE DATE
Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Event will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at
Town Hall Park
3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015

Family-friendly **FREE** event with food, attractions, demonstrations, games for children, and more!

More details to come.



We strongly urge residents to visit our CRIMEWATCH portal and subscribe to receive notifications or download the CRIMEWATCH mobile application for Apple or Android devices. This service is free to the public.

CRIMEWATCH:

<https://northampton.crimewatchpa.com/lowersauconpd>

Website:

www.lowersauconpolice.org

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/lowersauconpd/>



IMMEDIATELY report any/all suspicious activity to police by calling "911" or Non-Emergency at (610) 759-2200.

Police also ask the following:

- Residents to be vigilant at all times
- Leave exterior lights on
- Secure all exterior doors/windows
- Remember to activate security alarms
- Make sure security cameras are operational
- Notify your neighbors if going away
- Notify police if going away, whether it be for 2 days or a week, at (610) 317-6110 or visit our Crimewatch page www.lowersauconpolice.org to complete a Vacation Home Check Form

Car Washing: The Facts and what YOU can do to help!

During the spring and summer months, most people are partaking in car washing whether it be at their home or at a car wash. Many individuals are often not aware that when washing all of the dirt off of their vehicles, they are actually causing harm to the local waterways. When water enters the storm drains, it does not undergo any type of treatment before it runs into waterways. The dirty water will usually end up in rivers, streams, creeks, and lakes. The pollution associated with car washing lowers the water quality and impacts different habitats in the world. When washing your car, issues are being caused if you do not know where or how to do it the correct way.

Did you know that using a commercial car wash is actually the safest for the environment? It minimizes the effects on the environment because most locations reuse the wash water multiple times before sending it out to a treatment plant.

Individuals may still choose to wash their cars at home or on the street, but should know that they can still do a few things to improve the water quality such as:

- Using biodegradable, phosphate-free, water-based cleaners only.
- Minimizing water usage by using a spray gun with flow restriction to control water volume and runoff.
- Wash on an area that absorbs water, such as gravel, or grass. This can filter water before it enters groundwater, storm drains, or creeks. Avoid washing cars on concrete or asphalt pavement unless it drains into a vegetated area.
- Only let wash water soak into the ground as long as you are using biodegradable, phosphate-free cleaners.
- When planning a car wash fundraiser, try developing a partnership with a commercial car wash facility, or use a safe location.
- Always empty wash buckets into sinks or toilets.





Your votes are in!
Lower Saucon Township announces the 2023 Movies in the Park selections below:

***The Goonies* will be featured on *Friday, June 30th at Polk Valley Park**

***Cars* will be featured on *Friday, July 28th at Steel City Park**

***Toy Story* will be featured on *Friday, August 18th at Town Hall Park**

More information to come.

**Please note the dates listed are tentative and subject to change*

DISCOUNTED SUMMER FUN!

Did you know that the Township sells discounted park tickets for local & non-local amusement parks?

Residents and non-residents can purchase tickets at Town Hall:

**3700 Old Philadelphia Pike
 Bethlehem, PA 18015**

We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Acceptable forms of payment are checks (made payable to "Lower Saucon Township") or cash.

For a complete list of parks available as well as the pricing of tickets, please visit:
<https://www.lowersaucontownship.org/pdf/summertickets.pdf>

Click on the "Parks and Recreation" tab and scroll to "Summer/Winter Tickets".

If you have any questions, please stop in or give us a call at (610) 865-3291. We are happy to help!



A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO...

SAUCON VALLEY WRESTLING

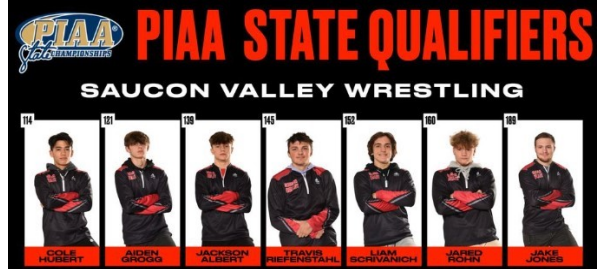
Seven SVHS wrestlers qualified for states with four medal recipients:

Cole Hubert/114 lbs.-5th Pl.	Liam Scrivanich/152 lbs.-5th Pl.
Aiden Grogg/121 lbs.- 6th Pl.	Jared Rohn/160 lbs.
Jackson Albert/139 lbs.	Jake Jones/189 lbs.—5th Pl.
Travis Riefenstahl/145 lbs.	



SV SWIMMING

Julia Cort - District XI Champion in the 100 Back Stroke with a time of 58.75 and state qualifier!



SAUCON VALLEY BOYS BASKETBALL

for advancing to the PIAA Championship Tournament



Not sure where to go to cast your vote? Listed below are the voting districts and their addresses. Election Day is Tuesday, May 16, 2023 (please note that Lower Saucon Township offices are closed on Election Day). 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
 Administration Offices
 Door #18
 2100 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
 2190 Easton Road
 Bethlehem, PA 18015

District No. 4

Lower Saucon - Seidersville
 Lower Saucon 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

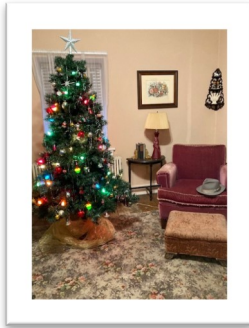
District No. 8

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

SAUCON VALLEY CONSERVANCY

The Saucon Valley Conservancy ended the year with their annual Holiday Open House in December. The Homestead was decorated for the holiday, and their docents, dressed in period outfits, gave guests a tour of the Heller Homestead.

More than thirty guests enjoyed the delicious buffet and refreshment bar, along with great conversation. Ken Rainier displayed his fabulous Christmas Card Creations.



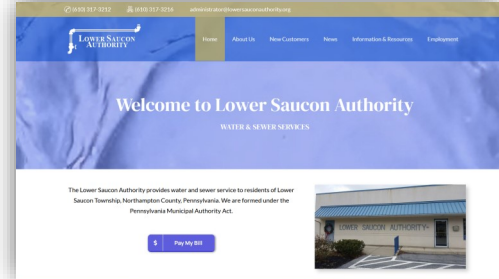
A lecture was also held on April 23rd regarding “Downsizing & Selling Unwanted Items” with Bill D’Anjollel.

SVC will have their Antique Appraisal Day on Saturday, June 10th, along with a bake sale. Last year’s event was a big success! There are plans for more events currently in the works.

Please join the Saucon Valley Conservancy, as a member or a volunteer, to keep the history of the Heller Homestead alive. Visit their website for more information at www.sauconvalleyconservancy.org.

LOWER SAUCON AUTHORITY

The Lower Saucon Authority has redesigned their website to make it easier to read and navigate. There is now a “Pay My Bill” option so you may even pay your bill online! Their site is located at <https://lowersauconauthority.org/> - please visit their website and check it out!



They also have a Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/LowerSauconAuthority/>
Information may be found regarding office hours, service interruptions, weather updates and water saving tips, among other ideas.

Lower Saucon Authority utilizes both of these sites to share important information with their customers. If you have any questions about the authority and/or their services, you should be able to find the answer through one of these resources. If you are unable to find what you are looking for, feel free to give them a call at (610) 317-3212.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

Council recognized Thomas Anderson & John Noble for dedicating their time and effort to the Township.

Thomas Anderson served the residents of Lower Saucon Township for 35 years as a Lower Saucon Authority Board Member, first being appointed in 1988 serving 12 of those years as a board Chairman and 17 as a Vice Chairman.



(Pictured above is Council President Jason Banonis and Thomas Anderson)

John Noble served the residents of Lower Saucon Township for 19 years as a Lower Saucon Planning Commission Member, first being appointed in 2004, serving as Vice Chair in 2017 and 2020 and as Chair in 2021 and 2022.

Thomas and John will be greatly missed as members of both boards and we honor and commend them for their dedicated service to the residents of Lower Saucon Township.



**SAUCON VALLEY COMMUNITY
CENTER IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE:
WE ARE BACK!
SAVE THE DATES**

SUMMER PARK PROGRAM – LOWER SAUCON PARKS

LOCATIONS: TOWN HALL, SOUTHEASTERN AND STEEL CITY (NEW THIS YEAR)

SESSION 1: JUNE 19 - JULY 14, 2023

SESSION 2: JULY 17 - AUGUST 11, 2023

(MAY ATTEND ONE SESSION ONLY)

AGES: COMPLETED KINDERGARTEN TO AGE 12

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. MONDAY – FRIDAY

COST: \$10.00 FOR 1st CHILD, \$5.00 EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD

BRING A SNACK, WATER, WEAR SUNBLOCK LOTION, STURDY SHOES TO RUN AND CLIMB, COME FOR FUN!!!!

PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST CONTACT ROBERTA BLACKWELL AT THE SAUCON VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER AT 610-838-0722 TO INQUIRE ABOUT REGISTERING FOR THE PARKS PROGRAMS.

LOWER SAUCON RESIDENTS ONLY



As a property owner in Lower Saucon Township, you will receive three (3) real estate tax bills per year.

They are:

Lower Saucon Township Real Estate Taxes —
5.14 Mills (.00514)

(Township 4.39 & .75 Fire Appropriation)

Northampton County Real Estate Taxes —
10.8 Mills (.0108)

Saucon Valley School District Real Estate Taxes —
54.6589 Mills (.0546589) (current)

Lower Saucon Township tax bills were sent out in early February by our Deputy Tax Collector, Keystone Collections Group. Their offices are located at the Seidersville Hall Building, conveniently located right next to Town Hall. You may either pay in person, by mail or by credit card.

Please visit www.KeystoneCollects.com/Pay.

If a mortgage company escrows your taxes, it is the property owner's responsibility to forward the tax bill to your mortgage company.

Billing Date: February 1, 2023

Discount—2% Due: March 31, 2023

Base Due: May 31, 2023

Penalty—10% After: May 31, 2023

Please note due dates if you are opting to pay by installments.

LOWER SAUCON FIRE RESCUE

Lower Saucon Fire Rescue, together with Steel City Volunteer Fire Company, is pleased to announce the consolidation of the Steel City Volunteer Fire Company into the Lower Saucon Fire Rescue has been completed. This consolidation has completed the process of combining the four original Lower Saucon Township fire companies into one entity.

The department is proud of its combined 175 years of service to the community, as our history and foundation have been and will continue to be essential building blocks for success.

In 2012, the Se-Wy-Co and Leithsville Fire Company became the first fire companies in Northampton County to complete a merger. In 2016, Se-Wy-Co and Southeastern merged to create Lower Saucon Fire Rescue. The department will continue to serve from the existing stations located off of Route 378, Leithsville Road, Wassergass Road, and Riverside Drive.

As with any merger of two organizations, there is a lot of behind-the-scenes work which has been in process for months. Several committees have been meeting to ensure the combination of all the financial, training, and service records goes as efficiently as possible. They are also working to develop the operating guidelines of the organization.



LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP YARD WASTE COLLECTION FACILITY

This spring, the Township opened a Yard Waste Collection Facility located at 2150 Polk Valley Road, Hellertown, PA 18055. Residents will be able to utilize this facility as a drop off for their yard waste (see items accepted below).

The Yard Waste Collection Facility opened on Friday, April 21st, and will be open each Friday and Saturday through November 17th. Hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. These hours will be evaluated as the facility is used throughout the year and may change. Please use existing orange cards to access the Yard Waste Collection Facility, or contact the Township office if you need a replacement card or a new card.

Items Accepted:

Leaves- loose and in brown paper bags only. If bagged in plastic, you must take the bags home.

Small brush- up to 4" in diameter (no longer than 6 ft.)

Hedge trimmings, garden plant residue

Christmas trees (without tinsel)

Items NOT Accepted:

Grass

Sod

Tree Stumps

Commercial business materials



LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP 2023 PAVILION RENTALS

Pavilion reservations are now available from April until October and forms are available on our website: www.lowersaucontownship.org or at Town Hall 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

Rental Fees are as follows:

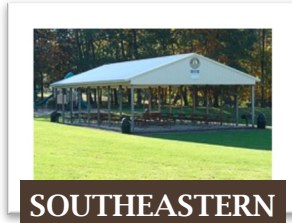
Township Residents- \$100.00 plus a \$50.00 deposit
 Non-Residents- \$150.00 plus a \$50.00 deposit
 Both fees are required at the time of reservation.
 (current driver's license must be provided)



POLK VALLEY

2068 Polk Valley Road
 Hellertown, PA 18055

- Approximately 60 people
- 8 tables and grills
- Two port-a-potties



SOUTHEASTERN

2675 Wassergass Road
 Hellertown, PA 18055

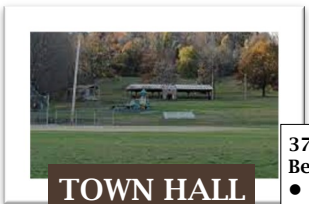
- Approximately 150 people
- 4 small charcoal pits
- Modern restrooms & port-o-potties



STEEL CITY

2122 Riverside Drive
 Bethlehem, PA 18015

- Approximately 64 people
- 8 tables, no grills
- Equipped with electricity



TOWN HALL

3700 Old Philadelphia Pike
 Bethlehem, PA 18015

- Approximately 200 people
- 2 large charcoal pit burners
- Equipped with electricity
- 24 tables & no running water

Call
 (610) 865-3291
 for more
 information!

4216 Countryside Lane
 Hellertown, PA 18055

- Approximately 45 people
- 6 tables, no grills
- Equipped with electricity



KINGSTON

LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP REIMBURSEMENTS



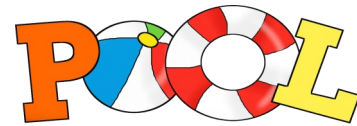
Lower Saucon Township will reimburse LST residents \$40.00 for a family membership or \$20.00 for an individual membership, per household when a resident joins a library.

After purchasing a membership card from a library, please complete a reimbursement form, either in person at the Township building or online at:

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

For reimbursement please bring your receipt as proof of payment, your membership card and your driver's license as proof of Lower Saucon Township residency.

Reimbursement checks will be processed and mailed to the address provided within 1-2 weeks.



After purchasing a membership to a non-profit pool such as Hellertown, Southern Lehigh or Fountain Hill, the Township will reimburse their residents a portion of the fee paid.

The reimbursements will be as follows:

Individual Youth \$35.00, Individual Senior \$55.00, Individual Adult \$45.00 and Family \$75.00.

Please fill out a reimbursement form either in person at the Township building or online at:

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

For reimbursement please bring your receipt as proof of payment, your pool pass, and your driver's license as proof of Lower Saucon Township residency.

Reimbursement checks will be processed and mailed to the address provided within 1-2 weeks.

We are excited to offer this opportunity to allow our residents more choices for their summer swimming.

Lower Saucon Township

3700 Old Philadelphia Pike

Bethlehem, PA 18015

610-865-3291

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

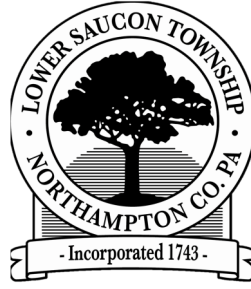
(Summer hours: M-T 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. & F 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.)

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

(Summer hours: M-F 6:00 a.m.—4:00 a.m.)

www.lowersaucontownship.org

www.facebook.com/lowersaucon/



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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

3rd Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Board

1st Monday - 6:30 p.m.

Environmental Advisory Council

2nd Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

4th Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board

4th Monday - 7:00 p.m.

Lower Saucon Authority

3rd Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

Office Closed:

May 16th - Election Day

May 29th - Memorial Day

July 4th - Independence Day

September 4th - Labor Day

SAVE THE DATE

LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP & UPPER SAUCON TOWNSHIP ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT



SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2023
FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL NOON



TOWN HALL
3700 OLD PHILADELPHIA PIKE
BETHLEHEM, PA 18015

**CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO CLEAN EARTH
VISIT CLEANEARTHINC.COM FOR RATES*

Did you know that Lower Saucon Township has different ways for residents to stay up to date on important information?

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

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

