Lower Saucon Township

- Established in 1743 -



A Note from the President

Dear Resident,

Hope you are doing well. If you are new to Lower Saucon Township, I would like to welcome you to our great community.

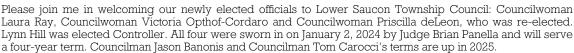
Take the time to look around and enjoy the beauty of the Saucon Valley. We are known for our rolling fields, forested land, and natural habitats in the southwestern part of Northampton County. Together with Hellertown, we are a wonderful community. Rich in historic, scenic, and natural resources, it is a great place to raise a family. Preserving our sense of place is very important in keeping us unique. Maintaining the rural characteristics is a must.

If you love history and would like to know more about Saucon Valley, a joint Hellertown-Lower Saucon Heritage Day will be held Saturday, May 18, 10am—3pm with the Hellertown Historical Society (HHS), Lower Saucon Township Historical Society (LTHS) and the Saucon Valley Conservancy. The sites at the Heller-Wagner Grist Mill and the Heller Homestead will be open with HHS welcoming LSTHS to their site for this event. Use the popular Saucon Rail Trail to travel to each site. Lots of events are planned and volunteers are needed. Give something back to the community and see what happens. Set an example to our children so this great legacy will continue. Future generations will appreciate your efforts.



Please mark your calendars for a fun-filled summer with your family for all that Lower Saucon Township will be offering. Lower Saucon Township Movies in the Park will be held at Polk Valley Park in June (date TBA); Steel City Park in July (date TBA); Town Hall Park in August (date TBA). An annual community event, National Night Out will be held on August 6.

As you know, three Norfolk Southern trains crashed and derailed in Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, PA on Saturday morning March 2, 2024. I would like to thank all who responded to what could have been a real disaster. Kudos to all the First Responders, Police, EMS and all the other organizations and everyone who responded to the call of duty. I saw a community come together to help in what could have been catastrophic. No one was hurt and no evacuations were needed. All responders did a tremendous job. For that we are thankful. We are so proud of all of you.



I would like to wish Mark Hudson the best in his new endeavors. He served as Township Manager for the past 22 months. A man with the utmost integrity and a team player, he did an excellent job and will be a loss to the township. We also have a great staff who work to serve the needs of the community.

Sincerely, Priscilla deLeon, Council President



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Norfolk Southern Train Derailment in Lower Saucon

At approximately 7:15 a.m. on March 2, 2024, Norfolk Southern had a train accident/derailment on their railroad tracks that run along Riverside Drive. 911 quickly dispatched Emergency Services to the scene of the accident to begin assessing and planning the situation. Lower Saucon Fire Rescue was the first to the scene and began coordinating the response with many other organizations. Lower Saucon Township would like to thank all of the responding organizations for their hard work and dedication keeping our residents and neighbors safe through this event:

Lower Saucon Fire/Rescue Lower Saucon Police Dewey Fire Dewey EMS Bethlehem Township Fire Bethlehem Township EMS Freemansburg Fire Nancy Run Fire Northampton County Emergency Management Lehigh County Special Operations Pennsylvania Water Rescue Williams Township Fire Police Bethlehem City Fire (requested for river booms) PA Fish & Boat Commission #7102 PA DEP **EPA**

Lower Saucon Township Police

Department Exchange Area

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

The area is located on the west side of the Police Department in the designated parking spaces marked by

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designated parking spaces marked by signs. 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 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.

Two New Full-Time Police Officers

On January 17, 2024, at the Lower Saucon Township Council meeting, two new full-time officers were sworn in by District Judge Alan Mege.



Stephen Voros Jr.—Badge #1611

A 2014 graduate of Shawnee High School in Medford, New Jersey. Served from 2014—2018 in the United States Marine Corp. A 2021 graduate of Coastal Carolina University with a Bachelor of Arts in History and is a 2022 graduate from the Delaware County Community College Police Academy. Stephen previously worked part time with the Darby Township Police Department in Delaware County since January 2023. Stephen currently resides in

Richard Chekay—Badge #1612

A 2017 graduate of Conwell-Egan Catholic High School in Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania. A 2022 graduate of Temple University with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and a minor in Public Policy and a 2022 graduate of the Temple University Police Academy. Richard previously worked part time with the Yardley Borough Police Department in Bucks County since April 2023. Richard currently resides in Chalfont.

Philadelphia.



Both officers began their field training on January 22, 2024 and upon completion they were assigned to a patrol team.

We wish both new officers a safe and successful career with the Lower Saucon Township Police Department!

No Peddling Registration

Per Ordinance No. 2013-05, the Lower Saucon Township Police Department will maintain a registry of individual property owners who wish to register their property as a "No Peddling" property. The Police Department will provide all persons who are issued a peddling permit with a copy of this registry, and any contact with a property owner listed on



this registry will be considered a violation of the ordinance and grounds for revocation of the person.

This ordinance is being considered to be amended by Council to update the hours to coincide with state regulations.

The registration can be completed at: https://northampton.crimewatchpa.com/lowersauconpd/69169/w ebforms/no-peddling-registration

For complete information, please refer to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 125, Peddling and Soliciting at https://ecode360.com/6773324

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FBI-LEEDA' Trilogy Award

The FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (FBI-LEEDA) announced the Lower Saucon Police Department is the first recipient in Pennsylvania this year to be awarded the FBI-LEEDA Agency Trilogy Award. FBI-LEEDA Chief Operating Officer, Michael D. Robinson Sr., presented this award to the department. This award is presented to those whose entire command staff



completes an innovative training program aimed at developing strong leadership skills within law enforcement agencies.

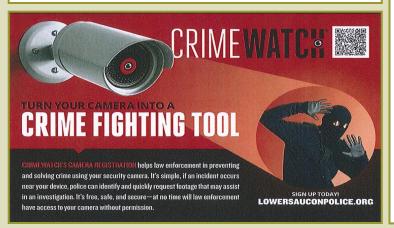
Congratulations on a job well done by the department's command staff—Patrol Corporals Connell, Louder, Werkheiser, Haggerty, Detective Marth, Sergeant Leidy and Chief Barndt.

Pet Registry

Lower Saucon residents can now register their pets with the Lower Saucon Police Department through Crimewatch. This is an excellent opportunity for the community to register their pets in the event that they go missing and to provide an additional resource for the police department to help reunite them with their families.

Please complete the "Pet Registry" form at https://northampton.crimewatchpa.com/lowersauconpd/69169/webforms/pet-registry. Once completed, just click submit and your pet will be registered!



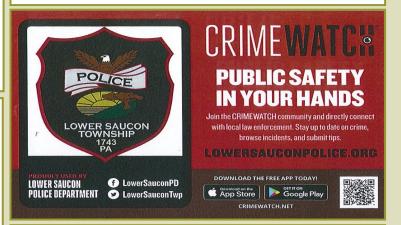


Vacation Home Check.

Did you know the Lower Saucon Township Police Department will check on your residence while you are on vacation? The Police Department offers vacation security checks to our residents, and will check on the exterior of your home while you are away.

What happens if something is wrong? The person(s) you list as an emergency contact will be notified, most likely you will also be notified immediately afterwards.

The online *Vacation Home Check Form* may be found by accessing the Township website —> Departments —> Police —> Forms —> Vacation Home Check



2024 National Night Out

National Night Out enhances the relationship between residents and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.



We look forward to seeing everyone at this year's National Night Out! There will be lots of fun for all with music, K9 demonstrations, face painting, and that is just to name a few. The Police Department will provide further details for the event on their Facebook page.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Township Municipal Complex: Town Hall Park 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015

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

For more information on this year's event, email Police Chief Thomas Barndt at tbarndt@lowersaucontownship.org

International Recognition Days

As the month of May approaches, Lower Saucon Township will prepare to recognize and honor several significant days that are recognized nationally and paying tribute to the dedication and sacrifice of various essential services. These observances serve as a reminder of the invaluable contributions made by individuals in these fields.

Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters (April 29th—May 4th): This heartfelt event, known as Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters honors the memory of those courageous firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to others. In solidarity, the Township building will once again shine red to commemorate their bravery and selflessness.

International Firefighters' Day (May 4th): International Firefighters Day, a global tribute to the bravery and dedication of firefighters worldwide.

To show our support, the Township building will proudly display the color red, symbolizing our gratitude for their unwavering service.



National Police Week (May 9th—May 18th): During National Police Week, we honor the bravery and commitment of law enforcement officers who risk their lives to keep our communities safe. To show our respect, the Township building will again, be adorned in blue, symbolizing solidarity with our police force.

Public Works Week (May 19th—May 25th): Public Works Week acknowledges the vital role of public works professionals in maintaining the infrastructure and providing services that support our community. In appreciation, the Township building will be illuminated orange to recognize the contributions of these essential workers.



As we anticipate the arrival of these significant weeks, let's take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices made by the dedicated individuals in our law enforcement, public works, and firefighting communities. Their tireless efforts play a crucial role in keeping our communities safe and thriving, and it's important to express our gratitude for their service.

We invite you to join us in honoring these special occasions by sharing photos of your homes or businesses adorned in blue for National Police Week, orange for Public Works Week, red for Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters, and International Firefighters' Day. Please tag us on Lower Saucon Township's Facebook page (identified by the logo on the front page) as a heartfelt tribute to those who selflessly serve our community.

Your participation not only pays tribute to these heroes but also fosters a sense of unity and appreciation within our community. Together, let's show our support and appreciation for these remarkable individuals who dedicate their lives to keeping us safe.

Lower Saucon Fire Rescue Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser

Gently used books, CDs, DVDs and puzzles are all being collected for a sale to benefit Lower Saucon Fire Rescue.

There will be a bin at each of the fire stations for drop off and all book types are acceptable!

412 Station 1995 Leithsville Road Hellertown, PA 18055

Se-Wy-Co 3621 Old Philadelphia Pike Bethlehem, PA 18015

> Steel City 2121 Riverside Drive Bethlehem, PA 18015

Southeastern 2687 Wassergass Road Hellertown, PA 18055

Book Sale—Sunday, August 25, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

All proceeds will go directly to LSFR!



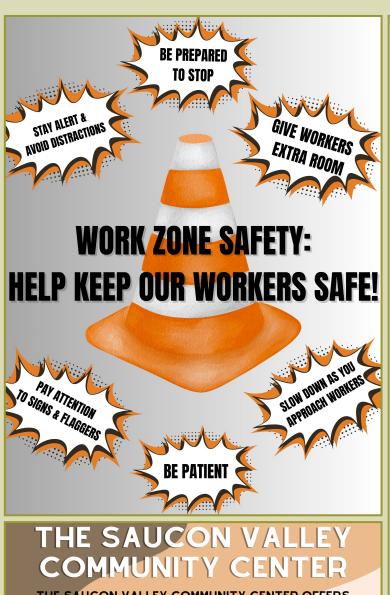
Stormwater Management Practices

Spring is the perfect time to implement stormwater management practices in your yard. Here are some tips to consider:

- Only Rain Belongs in the Drain: Keep storm drains clear of debris such as leaves and yard waste to ensure
 only rainwater and snow/ice melt flow into them.
- Proper Fertilizer Application: Follow the manufacturer's recommendations when applying fertilizer to your
 yard. Apply fertilizer sparingly to avoid runoff into waterways. Over-fertilizing can introduce excess
 chemicals into local waterways, harming aquatic life. Be sure to sweep any excess fertilizer off sidewalks
 and driveways back into the grass to prevent it from being washed into storm drains.
- Install Rain Barrels: Add rain barrels to your downspouts to collect rainwater for later use in watering plants
 and yards. Rain barrels not only help to manage stormwater by storing runoff, but they also provide cost
 savings by allowing you to use recycled water instead of tap water.
- Wash Your Car Over Grass or Gravel: Wash your car on permeable surfaces like grass or gravel to filter
 out soapy water and grime before it reaches waterways. Consider using non-toxic or biodegradable soap.
- Pick Up Pet Waste: Properly dispose of pet waste to prevent harmful bacteria from entering local waterways.
- Plant Low-Maintenance Grasses and Plants: Choose native, low-maintenance grasses and plants for your yard. They require less water and are better adapted to local environmental conditions, reducing the need for chemical inputs.

By following these tips, you can contribute to protecting local waterways and promoting eco-friendly stormwater management practices during your spring activities.





ACTIVITIES THAT ALLOW OLDER ADULTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SOME FRIENDS, PARTICIPATE IN SOMETHING THEY ENJOY, AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS OVER COMMON INTERESTS.

> **LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER IS** LOCATED AT:

> > **SEIDERSVILLE HALL** 3700 OLD PHILADELPHIA PIKE, BETHLEHEM, PA 18015

BILLIARDS
TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS
& THURSDAYS 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.



PINOCHLE TUESDAYS 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.





ADULT COLORING WEDNESDAYS 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.



ART WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

EXERCISE



Current Projects

Black River Road Culvert

The Township is excited to announce that Black River Road Culvert (bridge) is nearing completion. The road was closed since late fall while the Township Public Works department replaced the damaged bridge. Black River Road is open with a stop sign on each side of the bridge. Please use caution while traveling this



area. The weight limit that was in place on the old bridge has been removed. There will be temporary road closures during the daytime hours in the new few weeks to finish this project. Please continue to watch for detour signs.

Reading Drive Culvert

The work on the Reading Drive Culvert began in early April. Please continue to adhere to detour signs for your safety as ell as for the Public Works staff. The work is being completed by our Public Works Department and was partially funded by Northampton County Conservation District through the Dirt and Gravel Program.

Easton Road Ballfield

Work on the baseball field is underway! The new baseball field will replace the two smaller existing fields and will provide the Township with its first 90° field. The new field will have a grass infield, which will be sodded along with the outfield to assist in making the field playable in the shortest time possible. It is estimated to be completed by the end of the summer just in time for Fall baseball.



Town Hall Park

We are excited to announce that both play areas in Town Hall Park will be updated this year. The fenced-in area will be designed for 3-5 year-old children and the play area near the ballfield will be for 6-12 year-old children. Please know that there will be an inconvenience during

the installation phase of the development but we are excited to be able to provide new features for the children utilizing Town Hall Park. Check our Facebook page and website for updates.



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). The cost of the bench is \$1,850.00 and this includes the assembly, engraving, installation, and the freight fee



For more information you may contact us at (610) 865-3291 or email rmarkovic@lowersaucontownship.org

2024 Pavilion Rentals

Looking for somewhere to host a party or gathering? Look no further! Pavilion reservations are available from now through October at the parks listed below. In order to hold the date, a completed request form, a deposit and a fee are required.

Once reviewed and approved by the Township, you can consider yourself locked in!

The rental fees are as follows:

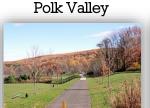
Township Residents—\$100 fee/\$50 deposit and Non-Residents—\$150 fee/\$50 deposit. Rental fee and deposit (must be two separate checks or cash) are required at the time of reservation as well as your driver's license for proof of residency.

For more information, please visit our website at https://www.lowersaucontownship.org/parks.html or stop in the Administration building at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

Southeastern











Movies in the Park

It's almost summer, and do you know what that means? MORE MOVIES IN THE PARK! During the month of March, individuals had the chance to cast their votes for which movie they would like to see as well as show time at three different parks. The votes are in, and Lower Saucon Township is pleased to announce the 2024 Movies in the Park selections below:

Aladdin will be featured at Polk Valley Park.

Zootopia will be featured at Steel City Park.

The Little Mermaid will be featured at Town Hall Park.

All dates are TBD — Please stay tuned for more information.

We hope to see you there!



Summer Fun for Everyone

Do you like theme parks, water parks, and other fun things to do with the entire family? You are in luck! The Township partners with PRPS to sell discounted tickets for local and nonlocal attractions to provide summer fun for everyone!

Tickets will be available for purchase beginning in May for residents and non-residents at the Town Hall Administration building at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015. 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

If you have any questions, please stop in or contact us at (610) 865-3291.

We are always more than happy to help!



Polk Valley Dog Park

The Polk Valley Dog Park is open year round from dawn to dusk for our fury friends. Each person may bring up to two (2) dogs into the park at a time, and all dogs must be spayed or neutered. Dog owners are liable for any injury or damage caused by their animals. The Township may close the site at any time for maintenance, inclement weather, or turf conditions. Closures and maintenance will be posted on the Polk Valley Dog Park Facebook page.

Dog owners are responsible for: maintaining reasonable control over their dogs, staying inside of the gates and having a view of their dog(s) at all times, having a leash with them at all times and ensuring their dogs are leashed when entering/exiting the park, picking up and properly disposing of dog feces, legally licensing and vaccinating their dogs prior to visiting the park, having their dogs wear a visible dog license and identification, keeping the gates closed at all times, and providing their own water and bowls.



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Pool Reimbursements

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:

 $\underline{\text{https://www.lowersaucontownship.org/communitypool.ht}} \underline{\text{ml}}$

For reimbursement please bring your receipt as proof of your 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 2-3 weeks.

We are excited to offer this opportunity again to our residents to provide them with more choices for their summer swimming.

Please check our website for updates.

No Nonsense Neutering

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/.
- 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 vouchers now have an expiration date.





Lower Saucon Township

Bethlehem. PA 18015 610-865-3291

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

(Summer hours: M-TH 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 p.m.) www.lowersaucontownship.org

www.facebook.com/lowersaucon/



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Lower Saucon Township Elected Officials

Priscilla deLeon - Council President Laura Ray - Council Vice President Jason Banonis - Council Member Thomas Carocci - Council Member Victoria Opthof-Cordaro - Council Member Lynn Hill - Controller

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

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Meeting Schedule

Council

1st & 3rd Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Board 1st Monday - 6:30 p.m.

Environmental Advisory Council 2^{nd} Tuesday -6:30 p.m.

> Planning Commission 4^{th} Thursday -7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board 4th Monday – 7:00 p.m.

Lower Saucon Authority 3^{rd} Tuesday -6:30 p.m.

(check website for exact dates)

Office Closed:

May 27th—Memorial Day July 4th - Independence Day September 2nd – Labor Day November 5th—Election Day November 28th & 29th—Thanksgiving December 25th & 26th—Christmas

Spring Clean Up

The Bethlehem Landfill will be open for residents on Saturday, June 1st, to drop off permitted household waste. This is for residents ONLY.

If you have household waste (excluding items not permitted in landfills) you may obtain a coupon at the Township Office. One coupon per household and drop off is during their normal operating hours of 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Please stop by our office for your coupon and if you have any questions you may contact us at (610) 865-3291.



Yard Waste Collection Facility



The Yard Waste Collection Facility for Lower Saucon Township residents opened on April 19, 2024, and will be open each Friday and Saturday through November 23, 2024. The facility is located at 2150 Polk Valley Road, Hellertown, PA 18055, and the hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. until 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 more information on obtaining one.

Please refer to https://www.lowersaucontownship.org/yardwastefacility.html for more information on acceptable/unacceptable yard waste materials, tarping requirements, and other useful information.