

LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA



A LETTER FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Residents,

As winter's chill envelops our township, I hope this letter finds you well and warm. The cold season offers a perfect opportunity to cozy up with a good book. I'm delighted to share that we have restored our partnership with the Hellertown Area Library, allowing you to check out a few books to enjoy during these frosty days.

Though the weather outside is frightful, we can look forward to spring. Soon, we will be able to relish the outdoors, plant our gardens, and enjoy the warmth of the sun. I am pleased to announce that we have a new agreement in place with the Saucon Valley Compost Center. The compost center will open in the spring, with the exact date to be determined. This will provide a great resource for your gardening needs as you clean up your yard and mulch your flower beds.

While it might not be prime park season now, we still value your input on our outdoor spaces. Please take a moment to participate in our Parks and Recreation survey. (See details for accessing the survey on page 5). We are eager to hear your ideas on what you enjoy in our parks and what new features or improvements you would like to see.

Thank you for being an active part of our community. Together, we can make our township an even better place to live, no matter the season.

Warm regards,
Laura Ray
Council President



WE ARE GOING DIGITAL!

Our Township Newsletter is going digital! We're excited to bring you all the latest news, events, and updates in a convenient online format. To sign up for our newsletter, simply scan the QR code and "Join Our Email Notifications" to stay informed.



If you don't have access to email or a computer, don't worry! We're committed to keeping everyone informed on Township news. Just reach out to the Township, and we'll be more than happy to mail a physical copy of future newsletters directly to your home. Stay connected with us and be a part of our vibrant community!

Township Elected Officials

LAURA RAY
PRESIDENT

VICTORIA OPTHOF-CORDARO
VICE PRESIDENT

JASON BANONIS
COUNCIL MEMBER

TOM CAROCCI
COUNCIL MEMBER

PRISCILLA DELEON
COUNCIL MEMBER

LYNN HILL
CONTROLLER

2025 Council Meetings

JANUARY 6 & 15	JULY 16
FEBRUARY 19	AUGUST 20
MARCH 5 & 19	SEPTEMBER 3 & 17
APRIL 2 & 16	OCTOBER 1 & 15
MAY 7 & 21	NOVEMBER 5 & 19
JUNE 4	DECEMBER 3 & 17

1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.

(PLEASE NOTE SUMMER SCHEDULE - ONE MEETING PER MONTH)

ADOPT-A-ROAD

Adopt-A-Road Program Celebrates 15 Years!

The Township Adopt-A-Road Program, initiated in Spring 2010, has been a cornerstone of community involvement in Lower Saucon Township. Beginning with twenty-five organizations and families, the program has experienced changes in participants over the years, yet the core mission remains steadfast: to maintain and enhance the beauty of the Township.

Volunteers commit to cleaning and caring for designated stretches of road, fostering a sense of community pride and environmental responsibility. This collective effort not only beautifies the area but also strengthens community bonds, making Lower Saucon Township a welcoming and appealing place to live.

The Township deeply appreciates the dedication and commitment of its residents who actively participate in this initiative, highlighting the importance of community action in preserving local environments.



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New in 2024 to Adopt-A-Road
Old Philadelphia Pike Crew!

Current Organizations/Families

THE BASARA FAMILY
THE CHARLTON-BJORHEIM FAMILY & FRIENDS
THE KING FAMILY
THE LICHAK FAMILY
THE MCALLISTER FAMILY
THE MITCHELL FAMILY
THE MUSCHLITZ-COLE FAMILY
THE RIEGEL FAMILY
THE ZIMPFER FAMILY
BETHLEHEM LANDFILL
CHEYENNE REIMAN, REALTY OUTFITTERS
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
HELLERTOWN LOWER SAUCON LITTLE LEAGUE

HELLERTOWN POST OFFICE
HILL LAW OFFICES, P.C.
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY CROSS COUNTRY
LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LOWER SAUCON UCC
QUEST TERMITE AND PEST, CHRIS AND KENDRA SNYDER
SAUCON COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
SAUCON VALLEY YOUTH SPORTS FOOTBALL/CHEERLEADING
SAUCON CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
SAUCON VALLEY WRESTLING CLUB
VIRGINIA STANGLEIN & FRIENDS
WILLIAMS CHURCH ROAD WALKERS
KATHY PICHEL-MCGOVERN (PENNDOT/ADOPT-A-ROADWAY PROGRAM)

Thank you!

To Our Recently Retired Volunteers

Palik & Birkel Families (15 years)

Jesse Repash Family (14 years)

The Pagoda Family (15 years)



CRIMEWATCH PENNSYLVANIA

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/69169>

Web address - www.lowersauconpolice.org

Also follow our Police Department Facebook page for news and current events related to the Police Department.

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

Requests for Police Assistance

Residents and citizens are encouraged to promptly notify the Police of **ANY Suspicious Activity or Law Enforcement concerns**.

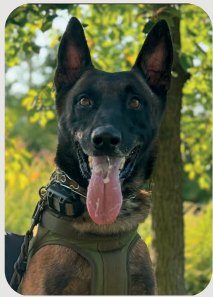
EMERGENCY 911

Nonemergency: (610) 759-2200 - To request police assistance or notify police of a non-emergency incident.

Police Administration: (610) 317-6110 – Requests copies of reports, leave a message for an officer.

Do Not Call the Township administration number to file a police report or report trees down. Please call the non-emergency# 610-759-2200.

Do Not Message our Facebook page to request police assistance as it is not monitored 24hrs a day.



K-9 Spotlight

Lower Saucon Township's K-9, Titus, is the fourth canine of the department. Titus is trained by Officer Kunigus, who is also his handler. Titus is a 6-year-old Belgian Malinois, and is trained in narcotics detection, human tracking and apprehension. He is certified with the National Police K-9 Association. His commands are in the Dutch language. When Titus is not on duty, he spends his time off at home with his handler.

Titus Fun Facts!

Favorite Activity: Playing fetch

His Happy Place: Being at work

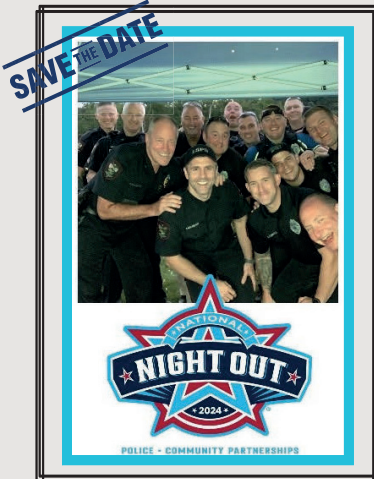
Favorite Toy: Human in a bite suit

Favorite Snack: Freshpet

Best Buddy: His brother, Nash

Favorite Place to Run: Any park in the Township

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2025



National Night Out 2025 will take place on **Tuesday, August 5, 2025**, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

We had a great time at our 2024 National Night Out Event and look forward to even a better time in 2025.

REMEMBER

The IRS WILL NOT Just Call You!

Remember, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will not call you. IRS employees will not email you.

If someone calls and claims to be from the IRS, HANG UP! It will most likely be a scammer.

Additionally, don't click on links within emails that claim to be from the IRS as it is probably a phishing scam. Likewise, don't click on links from your tax preparer without verifying that the email is actually from your tax person. Tax preparers are favorite targets for identity thieves as well. If you receive a call and are uncertain if the caller is an IRS employee, ask for a name and callback number for verification.

DO NOT EVER SEND MONEY OR PROVIDE YOUR SS# or IDENTITY INFORMATION

If it sounds suspicious, it is suspicious - Call the Police.

TOWNSHIP UPDATES

2025 BUDGET ADOPTED

The Township Council approved the 2025 Budget on December 18, 2024. For further details, you can find the Budget Report and additional financial information in the Finance Department section of the website.

The ratified budget includes funding for a Detective position in the Police Department and an additional Crewmember for Public Works.

It also encompasses infrastructure enhancements for the Public Works Facilities, Park Rehabilitation efforts, and road improvement initiatives.

NEW BUSINESS

Coming soon! You will soon notice construction activities on Route 378 within the Saucon Square Shopping Center. Sheetz Store is set to begin their land development project, beginning with the demolition of Fulton Bank, followed by the construction of a convenience store and gas station.



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and Stay Informed for Future Township Updates



LIBRARY SERVICES

The Township Council finalized an agreement with the Hellertown Area Library during their meeting in December, 2024.

Starting January 1, 2025, library services will be accessible to residents of Lower Saucon Township. For further details on available services, please reach out to the library directly.

Hellertown Area Library
409 Constitution Ave.
Hellertown, PA 18055

Phone: 610-838-8381
Website: hellertownlibrary.org



COMPOST CENTER

The Township has contracted with Hellertown Borough to provide yard waste collection for Lower Saucon residents over the next five years. Beginning this spring, you can dispose of your yard waste at the site located at 2011 Springtown Hill Road. The site on Polk Valley Road will no longer be accessible.

The previously issued orange cards will still be accepted. For information on how to obtain a new card, please visit our website under the "General Information" section.

You can find details about operating hours and the types of acceptable yard waste on Hellertown Borough's website. If you have any operational concerns or issues, please contact Hellertown Borough at 610-838-7041.

The Township will keep residents informed about any site closures.

TOWNSHIP PARKS

2025 PAVILION RENTAL REQUESTS

Are you in search of a venue to host your party or event in Lower Saucon Township? Your search ends here! You can reserve a pavilion at one of five beautiful parks. For more information on availability, please reach out to us or visit Town Hall in person. Pavilion rentals are available from April to October.

Rental Fees:

Township Residents: \$100.00, plus a \$50.00 deposit

Non-Residents: \$150.00, plus a \$50.00 deposit.

Both fees must be paid at the time of reservation.

Residents are required to provide a current driver's license.

POLK VALLEY PARK

SOUTHEASTERN PARK

STEEL CITY PARK

KINGSTON PARK

TOWN HALL PARK

RENTAL FORMS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

PARK PROJECTS

SPRING 2025

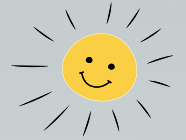


The long-awaited **pickleball courts** are almost ready! The final tasks to complete this project include painting the courts and paving the parking lot. Get your paddles ready for some fun!



COMPLETED

The **replacement of the Easton Road ballfield** is officially complete! This project received partial funding through a grant of \$508,860 from the PA DCED Local Share Funds. Keep an eye out for an exciting opening day ceremony, which will be happening soon!



As part of our continued efforts to improve Township Parks, we have made several **upgrades to the lower-level tot lot at Town Hall Park**, specifically designed for children aged 2 to 5. This project was partially funded by a \$20,000 Grow Norco grant from Northampton County.

UPCOMING

The Township has successfully obtained a grant from DCED local share account statewide totaling \$125,000 to install a **prefabricated concrete bathroom at the Reading Trailhead**. The anticipated completion date for this project is set for 2025/2026.

The Township also secured funding from PA DCNR (\$76,200) and Northampton County (\$96,200) to renovate the **walking trail at Polk Valley Park** and to incorporate additional stormwater features. We will announce the start of construction in advance on our website, Facebook page, or through our email list.

Summer *Movies in the Parks*



Get ready for some summer excitement!
A survey will be arriving soon to gather your movie preferences!

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD SURVEY

The Parks and Recreation Board is eager to hear your thoughts! Your feedback will play a crucial role in guiding upcoming enhancements and initiatives at Township parks. The survey will be available from March 5th to March 26th!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

TAX DEADLINES

TOWNSHIP, COUNTY, AND SCHOOL TAXES

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

Lower Saucon Township Tax bills were sent out in early February by our Deputy Tax Collector, Keystone Collections Group. Their offices are conveniently located at the municipal complex in the Seidersville Hall Building where you can pay by check. You may also pay by credit card on the Keystone Collections Group website, or submit your payment by mail.

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

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

Keystone Collections Group

724-978-0300
www.keystonecollects.com



TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAXES

5.14 MILLS (.00514)
(4.24 & FIRE APPROPRIATION .9)

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAXES

10.8 MILLS (.0108)

SAUCON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT REAL ESTATE TAXES

55.2055 MILLS (.0552055)

IMPORTANT TAX DATES

BILLING DATE FEBRUARY 1, 2025
DISCOUNT – 2% DUE: MARCH 31, 2025
BASE DUE: MAY 31, 2025
PENALTY – 10% AFTER: MAY 31, 2025

POLLING LOCATIONS

DISTRICT NO. 1
LOWER SAUCON/HELLERTOWN
SAUCON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION OFFICES
DOOR #18
2100 POLK VALLEY ROAD

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



MAY 20, 2025

POLLS OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE THAT LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON ELECTION DAY.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

PH: (610) 559-3055

WEBSITE AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.NORTHAMPTONCOUNTY.ORG/INDEX.PHP?SECTION=ELECTION-VOTING](https://www.northamptoncounty.org/index.php?section=election-voting)



Virginia Kraus Earns 3rd PIAA Gold



Township resident, Virginia Kraus, has captured her third consecutive PIAA Gold medal. Alongside her title as a state champion, the junior is a three-time Colonial League Champion and a two-time District 11 Champion! She has also been recognized as the 2024-2025 Gatorade Pennsylvania Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year. Additionally, she secured a top-ten finish at the Foot Locker National Championship held in San Diego, California. Beyond her athletic success, she also maintains an impressive 4.28 GPA in her studies!

CONGRATULATIONS, VIRGINIA!!

SV Community Center Park Program

The Saucon Valley Community Center/Lower Saucon Township Summer Recreation Program offers safe and fun programs for children ages 6 – 12 who reside in Lower Saucon Township. Programs are held at Lower Saucon Park (Town Hall) and Southeastern Park. Activities include art, science projects, games, sports, and presentations. The parks program runs Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more information on registration, pricing, themes, and 2025 dates, please visit their website.

<https://svcommunitycenter.org/parks>



Historian Karen Samuels, Retires

Karen Samuels, long-time historian, has announced her retirement. With over twenty years as a volunteer member of the Historical Society, eighteen years on the Historical Committee, and the past two years as Township Historian, her passion for keeping the Township's history alive is reflected in the numerous historical images and stories she shares on the Lower Saucon Township Historical Society's Facebook page, as well as in several published works. Karen's commitment to preserving the Township's history for future generations has been truly invaluable. The Township expresses its heartfelt appreciation for her dedication in ensuring that people of all ages can enjoy the Township's rich history! Council plans to honor Karen at a future meeting. **THANK YOU KAREN!**



KAREN SAMUELS

Saucon Valley Rail Trail Extension Pedestrian Bridge Opens

On January 18, 2025, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the grand opening of the Preston Lane Pedestrian Bridge. This new bridge connecting the SV Rail Trail will enable the public to safely cross the busy area near DeSales University.



LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP

3700 OLD PHILADELPHIA PIKE
BETHLEHEM, PA 18015
(610) 865-3291

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Lehigh Valley, PA
Permit #618

COUNCIL

1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY - 6:30 P.M.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

2ND TUESDAY - 6:30 P.M.

LOWER SAUCON AUTHORITY

3RD TUESDAY - 6:30 P.M.

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

1ST MONDAY - 6:30 P.M.

PLANNING COMMISSION

4TH THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

4TH MONDAY - 7:00 P.M.

(CHECK WEBSITE FOR EXACT DATES)

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 17, 2025 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
HELLERTOWN-LOWER SAUCON HERITAGE DAY
AT HELLER HOMESTEAD

MAY 17, 2025 8 A.M. TO 11 A.M.
FREE SPRING CLEANUP DAY FOR RESIDENTS
AT BETHLEHEM LANDFILL

APRIL 19, 2025 10 A.M.
SAUCON VALLEY EASTER EGG HUNT
AT DIMMICK PARK

BUSINESS HOURS:

ADMINISTRATION HOURS:
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC WORKS HOURS:
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

OUR NEWSLETTER IS GOING DIGITAL!

JOIN OUR
EMAIL LIST



OFFICE CLOSED:

APRIL 18TH - GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 21ST - EASTER MONDAY
MAY 20TH - ELECTION DAY

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