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2022 No Nonsense — Trap Neuter Return Program

The Trap Neuter Return Program no longer has appointments available for 2021 and will be booking into 2022. If you are a Lower Saucon Township resident and you are interested in obtaining a feral cat spay/neuter voucher for 2022, please see details below.

- Residents must submit a copy of their driver's license to Lower Saucon Township in order to obtain a Voucher. Vouchers are limited to 5 per resident/household at one time. Each voucher is for one cat spay/neuter surgery, rabies & distemper vaccine, nail trim, ear cleaning, fluids, pain medicine, flea, ear mite and worming treatment. Left ear will be tipped as it is a requirement for outside roaming cats.
- 2. Residents must set-up appointments by calling 866-820-2510 ext. # 2 (in Allentown) or schedule online at www.nnnlv.orhg/spay-neuter/schedule-an-appointment/
- Residents must contact Lower Saucon Township (610-865-3291) with appointment date once scheduled. Vouchers will be issued only after this process is completed.
- 4. Vouchers are not transferrable and can only be used by the person whose name it is issued to. ID will be required at check-in.
- 5. Unused vouchers must be returned to Lower Saucon Township before the expiration date listed on the voucher.

Saucon Valley Compost News



The Saucon Valley Compost Center will be closing on Saturday, November 20, 2021 (last day) for the remainder of 2021, but will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 8, 15, and 22, 2022 to accept both Christmas trees and yard waste.

Please check our website for updated schedules and other information on the Compost Center: https://www.lowersaucontownship.org/svcompostcenter.html and for Hellertown: www.hellertownborough.org

Note that all dates listed above are subject to change based on weather. The Borough of Hellertown and Lower Saucon Township extend our thanks to everyone that made this year of operation an outstanding success. Please look for further announcements in the Spring of 2022 as we reopen the Compost Center for our sixteenth year of service.

Lower Saucon Township

2022 PA Dog Licenses



Pennsylvania State Law requires all dogs over 3 months old to be licensed. Owners of unlicensed dogs are subject to fines up to \$300.00. Licenses are valid for the county in which the owner resides

2021 dog licenses may be purchased beginning December 1, 2021. To purchase online visit www.padoglicense.com. No application is necessary (a \$2.00 convenience fee is collected by the credit card processor). You can obtain an Annual or Lifetime dog license. If you would like to purchase by mail or in person, you will need a check or money order payable to County of Northampton, along with completed application. Please visit the Revenue Office - 1st Floor, 2801 Emrick Blvd., Bethlehem PA 18020.

For additional licensing information, please contact the Northampton County Revenue Office at 610-829-6186, option 6.

Building/Zoning Permits



A Message From the Zoning Office

- Please make sure that you or your contractor obtain a permit prior to doing any work on your property that requires a permit. Contact our office at 610-865-3291 with any questions. Questions relating to which types of projects require permits (electrical, plumbing, decks/patios, interior/exterior alterations, pools, hot tubs etc.).
- If you live in a community with a Homeowners Association, please make sure you contact the HOA prior to commencing any construction/improvements to your property to make sure the proposed project complies with your HOA's By-laws.
- Please note all Building/Zoning permits are valid for six (6) months and will expire if the work associated with the permit has not been started within six (6) months from the date the permit was secured.
- All required inspections in association with the approved permit must also be completed and approved. Failure to obtain the required inspections will invalidate the permit.

Fire Prevention Month 2021

October is Fire Prevention Month! The goal of Fire Prevention Month is to raise fire safety awareness, and help ensure your home and family is protected. In 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) set the second week of October as Fire Prevention Week in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. Today, we celebrate Fire Prevention Month by raising fire safety awareness and educating families, students and communities across the United States.

Did You Know?

Fire Prevention week is the perfect time to talk with your whole family about fire safety – include testing alarms, changing the batteries or upgrading to 10-year sealed battery alarms, how to use a fire extinguisher and escape route planning.

- 3 out of every 5 home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no working smoke alarms
- Less than 50% of homeowners have an escape plan
- Carbon monoxide (CO) is the #1 cause of accidental poisoning in the US
- 60% of consumers do not test their smoke and CO alarms monthly
- Only 47% of people have CO alarms in their home

We urge you to practice whole home safety so you and your family are prepared, not only during Fire Prevention Month, but throughout the entire year. Having functioning alarms installed throughout your home is the first line of defense for fire prevention. Smoke and CO alarms should be placed on every level of the home, including the basement, as well as inside and outside each bedroom to keep your home and family safe. Fire extinguishers should also be placed on every level of the home, especially in the kitchen and garage.



Smoke Alarm
One on every level and in

every bedroom

Carbon Monoxide Alarm

One on every level and in every bedroom

Fire Extinguisher
One on every level, plus
kitchen and garage

Volunteer Fire Departments need your help. Consider volunteering to help save lives. Lower Saucon Fire Rescue holds training on Monday nights at their Se-Wy-Co station on Route 378. Stop by and see what they do.

YOU can make a difference!

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Keystone Collections Group is Lower Saucon Township's new Tax Collector with a new location

Effective January 1, 2022 Keystone Collections Group will serve as Lower Saucon Township's Real Estate and Fire Tax collector

Please note that payments will no longer be accepted at Fulton Bank or Town Hall; however, you still have several options to pay your taxes.

Mail your check or money order to:

Keystone Collections Group Real Estate Payment, P.O. Box 505, Irwin, PA 15642 (cash is not accepted)

Pay in person at:

Keystone Collections Group's new office
Seidersville Hall, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Suite A, Bethlehem, PA 18015
(payments will no longer be accepted at Fulton Bank or Town Hall)

Pay online at: www.KeystoneCollects.com/pay

(Use your original invoice number to access your receipt).

There is no additional cost to pay through an online transfer from your bank account.

Fees are applied to Credit Card payments.

You may also pay by using Apple Pay, Google Pay or by any credit card.

Note, there is 2.5% bank processing fee that
will be applied to all credit payment options.

Lower Saucon Township Real Estate tax bills will continue to be mailed directly to taxpayers.

If a mortgage company or bank pays your Real Estate tax bill from an escrow account, it is your responsibility to forward your tax bill to your mortgage company or bank so it can be paid on time.

Ouestions?

Visit us online at www.KeystoneCollects.com for answers to your most frequently asked questions or call us at 1-888-519-3897.

New Office Location Seidersville Hall, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Suite A, Bethlehem, PA 18015

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State Representative Milou Mackenzie 131st Legislative District

Come and visit my main district office in Emmaus and my satellite office in Red Hill should you need assistance! My staff and I continue to be available to you and your families for any of your state-related needs.

Our office contact information is as follows:



Main Office (Emmaus):
Address: 1245 D Chestnut St.,

Emmaus, PA 18049

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Phone: (610) 965-5830 **Fax:** (610) 866-7309

Satellite Office (Red Hill):

Address: Red Hill Borough Building, 56 West Fourth St., Red Hill, PA 18076

Hours: Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or by

appointment

Phone: (215) 679-3152 Fax: (215) 679-3155

We also offer veterans service hours with American Legion Veteran Service Officer David Sharp at my Emmaus District Office located at 1245 D Chestnut St., Emmaus.

These services hours are provided on the fourth Wednesday of the month, with the next one scheduled for Wednesday, October 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you would like to meet with David, please call for an appointment at 610-965-5830.

Services to veterans and their dependents include assistance with compensation, pension and death benefits, education and health care, plus other benefits. Veterans do not need a membership with the American Legion to receive these services.

State Representative Robert Freeman 136th Legislative District



Easton Office 215 Northampton St. Easton, PA 18042 (610) 253-5543 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F

Capitol Office 207 K. Leroy Irvis Office Bldg. PO Box 202136 Harrisburg, PA 17120-2136 (717) 783-3815

Monthly office hours at Hellertown Borough Hall (first Thursday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

Email: RepFreeman@pahouse.net Website: www.RepFreeman.com

Rep. Freeman's office can assist with state agencies, Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications for those eligible, birth certificate applications, PennDOT matters, and state-related issues of interest or concern.



Not sure where to go to cast your vote? Listed below are the voting districts and their addresses. Election Day is Tuesday, **November 2, 2021.** 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

www.northamptoncounty.org/vote

District No. 1

Lower Saucon - Hellertown

Saucon Valley High School – Door #20 2097 Polk Valley Road Hellertown, PA

District No. 2

<u>Lower Saucon – Leithsville</u>

Leithsville Fire House 1995 Leithsville Road Hellertown, PA

District No. 3

Lower Saucon - Lower Saucon

Christ Lutheran Church
of Lower Saucon
Old Schoolhouse at the Corner of Easton and
Mockingbird Hill Roads
Hellertown, PA

District No. 4

<u>Lower Saucon – Seidersville</u>

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

District No. 5

Lower Saucon - Shimersville

Steel City Fire House 2121 Riverside Drive Bethlehem, PA

District No. 6

Lower Saucon - Wassergass

Southeastern Volunteer Fire Co. 2687 Wassergass Road Hellertown, PA

District No. 7

Lower Saucon - Colesville

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

<u>District No. 8</u> <u>Lower Saucon – SE-WY-CO</u>

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

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Lower Saucon Township Police Visit SVCC Summer Camp

Township Officers Krchnavy, Shelly, Hantz, K9 Officer Kunigus/K9 Titus, Cpl. Connell, Det. Cpl. Marth, Sergeant Leidy & Chief Barndt visited the Saucon Valley Community Center summer recreation camp held at Southeastern and Town Hall Parks. They explained the various types of police equipment used for their job, the role of a bike officer, and the K9 program. Officer Kunigus held short K-9 demonstration with Titus. They ended the day with a fun game of four square.





Fall at the Hellertown Area Library!



The Hellertown Area Library is open for indoor browsing, story times and events. Story times are also provided outside on the lawn - weather permitting. We offer curbside pickup too! Please call 610-838-8381 for details.

Miss Andrea has plenty of events to keep everyone busy! Preschoolers, school age

children, tween, teen, and families will all find something fun to do at the library. We have weekly story times, STEAM programs, literacy programs, and craft programs for children of all ages, as well as evening story times and events for families. Our teen group is very active with fun meetings each week. Pick up our monthly Children and Youth Event Calendar at the desk or check our website for the schedule at www.hellertownlibrary.org

Adult Craft Night meets at 6:00 p.m. on the last Monday of every month except December. Join us for a free and fun evening of crafting and conversation. In September, we will be making tile coasters with a fall theme. We feature a new craft at each meeting so join in anytime. No experience necessary!

Do you play Pinochle? Would you like to learn? Then join our Pinochle group for a pickup game on the first Monday of every month from Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Drop by HAL Mondays between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to meet Toby! Toby is a therapy dog who is as sweet as he is big. A Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, he loves new friends and hugs, so stop in and say hi!

Halloween at HAL is going to be spooky! October 31st from 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. the teens are inviting you to visit their Haunted Library! Then from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. while you are out gathering goodies, be sure to keep an eye out for Miss Andrea on Wheelie, the Book Bike, and don't forget to trick or treat at the library.

The fun never stops at HAL! From the Haunted Library to holiday crafting, A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving, Terre Cotta Gingerbread House making, the 12 Stories of Christmas, and many more holiday events, HAL is the place to be for the holidays!

Do you Amazon? Did you know that you can support HAL with your purchase at no cost to you? You shop atsmile.amazon.com, choose Hellertown Area Library, and Amazon will donate .5% of your purchase to HAL! AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know-same prices, same products, same Amazon Prime benefits with a donation from the company.

Another way you can support HAL, at no cost to you, is by purchasing Giant gift cards at the library. You buy the cards at face value and Giant donates 5% of the amount to the library!

There is always something fun to do at the library!

For information on any of our programs or any questions please check our website at www.hellertownlibrary.org or call us at (610) 838-8381.

Follow us on social media too!







https://www.facebook.com/HellertownAreaLibrary/ https://www.instagram.com/hellertownarealibrary/ https://twitter.com/HellertownLib

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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.

www.lowersaucontownship.org www.facebook.com/lowersaucon/



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Lower Saucon Township Officials

Sandra Yerger Council President
Jason Banonis Council Vice President
Priscilla deLeon Council Member
Thomas Carocci Council Member
Kristen Stauffer Council Member
Lou Mahlman Controller

Leslie Huhn 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

Council Wednesdays – 6:30 p.m.

October 27th
November 17th
December 1st (Budget Approval)
December 15th

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 November 2nd November 25th & 26th December 24th & 27th December 31th

Spirit Parade & Trick-or-Treat

The Spirit Parade is on Sunday October 24, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. (line up begins at 12:30 p.m.). This year's theme is Happy Days Are Here Again.

Trick-or-Treat will take place in Lower Saucon Township & Hellertown Borough on Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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.

NO RAIN DATE for either event.

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