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Saucon Valley Proud Congratulations to our Hometown Heroes!



Saucon Valley Graduate and Lower Saucon resident Talitha Diggs recently won the 400m race at the 2022 USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships to qualify for the 2022 World Athletics Championships held in Eugene, Oregon.

Prior to this, Talitha won the 2022 NCAA Outdoor Championship and NCAA Indoor Championship representing the University of Florida. She is the second woman in NCAA history to win the USA Championships, NCAA Outdoor and NCAA Indoor Championships in the same season. She is the 5th fastest collegiate 400m runner in history having run 49.99 to win the NCAA Outdoor Championships. *All of Talitha's accomplishments and full bio can be found on the Florida Gators website: <https://floridagators.com/>.*

Talitha also holds the PIAA State outdoor 400 meter record (52.82 seconds) which she set in May, 2019. Coach Ed Kolosky said that this record is also an amazing milestone in Talitha's career.

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments Talitha! We have no doubt that we will be honoring you again in the near future.



The 2022 Saucon Valley Baseball Team recently completed a 20-4 season. This matches the school record for most wins in a season. The Panthers earned a District XI Championship by defeating Blue Mt. 5-2 and played their way to the State Quarterfinals before falling to Holy Ghost Prep 6-1. Coach Laub said the Comeback Kids will return with six starters next year and hopes to build onto this historic season.

Lower Saucon Township Welcomes Two New Part-Time Police Officers

The Lower Saucon Police Department recently swore in two new part-time Police Officers. Officer Tyler Seeley was sworn in on May 12, 2022 and Officer Andrew Weider was sworn in on July 25, 2022.



Tyler Seeley

Tyler is a 2015 graduate of Northampton High School, a 2018 graduate of Northampton Community College with an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice and a 2019 graduate of the Allentown Police Academy. Tyler currently works full time as an officer with the Lafayette College Department of Public Safety. Tyler and his fiancé Lenya reside in the City of Bethlehem.



Andrew Weider

Andrew is a 2018 graduate of Saucon Valley High School, a 2022 graduate of DeSales University with a B.A. in Homeland Security, and a recent graduate of the 109th class of the Allentown Police Academy. Andrew is also currently commissioned as a Second Lieutenant with the Army National Guard out of Fort Indiantown Gap. Andrew currently resides in Lower Saucon.

POLICE DEPARTMENT– TALKS and TOURS

TALKS discussing crime prevention, fraud, and other similar topics can be performed at police headquarters or at a remote location within the township. **TOURS** of police headquarters can also be scheduled.

Please contact Police Chief Thomas Barndt via email tbarndt@lowsaucontownship.org or by phone (610) 317-6110

Officers Visit Saucon Valley Community Center Summer Camp Sessions

Some of our police officers (Chief Barndt, K9 Officer Kunigus, Corporal Connell, Bike Officer Krchnavy, Sergeant Leidy, Bike Officer Gunshore, and Detective Marth) visited our parks throughout the summer to educate the children on all aspects of law enforcement including patrol equipment and their specific duties as officers.



Dewey Fire Company Carnival

Lower Saucon Township Police joined forces with the Allentown Police Department and the Northampton County Sheriff's Department to give a demonstration of their K9s at the Dewey Fire Company Carnival, First Responders Night on July 12, 2022. Saucon Police K9 "TITUS", Allentown Police K9 "LUKA", and Northampton County Sheriff K9 "BOOMER" show off their skills!



PROJECT LIFESAVER PROGRAM



The Lower Saucon Police Department is proud to offer the Project Lifesaver Program. Project Lifesaver is the premier search and rescue program operated internationally by public safety agencies and is strategically designed for “at risk” individuals who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering. The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to a cognitive condition.

Project Lifesaver was the first to apply such locating techniques to aid in the search and rescue of individuals. The program is the most widely used and is proven the most effective in the nation that is specifically designed to protect the “at risk” populations in our communities. The program was structured in a way that strategically combined state of the art locating technologies, innovative search and rescue methods, and community policing courses that educated first responders about cognitive conditions. The search times for certified Project Lifesaver agencies have been reduced from hours, potentially days, down to minutes. Recovery times for Project Lifesaver agencies average 30 minutes, which is 95% less time than standard operations without Project Lifesaver.

The method relies on proven radio technology and specifically trained search and rescue teams. Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small transmitter on the wrist or ankle that emits and individualized frequency signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies their local Project Lifesaver agency, and a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer’s area. The first responders will then use the client’s individualized frequency to locate the position of the individual. The knowledge given from the community policing courses is best applied in this situation because the first responders will know how to best approach the client once found, and allow them to be brought back to safety.

*If you are interested in more information or would like to know how to join this **NO COST** program, please contact:*

**Bethlehem Health Bureau at (610) 865-7083 or our Project Lifesaver Coordinators: Corporal Kyle Haggerty/
Corporal Tom Louder at (610) 317-6110.**

2022 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



On Tuesday August 2nd Lower Saucon Township held National Night Out at Town Hall Park. National Night Out “enhances the relationships between neighbors and law enforcement all while bringing back a true sense of community.”

A Special Note of Thanks to:
Buttons—Balloon Art
Sonic Entertainment
Ladder Lady— Face Painting
Let’s Bounce Around Rentals—Inflatables
Clemens Food Group
CND The Ice Cream Man
Giant Food Store
Ryan Seiple—PA State Police Trooper
Deputy Tuxhorn “K9-Boomer” - Northampton County Sheriffs
Northampton County District Attorney’s Office
Dewey EMS
Lower Saucon Fire/Rescue
All the police officers at Lower Saucon Township



Home First Survival

(First In A Series)

The best way to survive a fire catastrophe at home is PREPARATION. Every second of early warning is paramount. Preparation's first step is planning. But, before we get into that, let's talk at length about "Fire Detection". There are some things you should know about smoke detectors in order to make an informed decision on what type you may want to use and their locations.

There are three basic types of home smoke detectors: Ionization, Photoelectric, and dual sensor units that combine both technologies. These smoke detectors sense the presence of smoke in two different and distinctive ways:

The type of smoke produced by a fire depends on the type of fire. Flaming fires produce a different type of smoke than a smoldering fire. Both smoke detectors will detect smoke from either type of fire.

Types of Smoke Detector Sensors:

- **Ionization** smoke detectors tend to respond faster to the smoke produced by flaming fires. The sensor contains a small amount of radioactive material between two charged plates, creating an electric charge through the plates. When smoke gets inside the sensor, it disrupts the electrical current which activates the alarm.
- **Photoelectric** smoke detectors tend to respond faster to the smoke produced by smoldering fires. The sensor produces an angled beam of light into a sensing chamber within the detector. When smoke enters the chamber, it disrupts the light beam and reflects it onto a nearby sensor activating the alarm.

Because both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms are better at detecting distinctively different yet potentially fatal fires, and because no one can predict what type of fire might start in a home, it is recommended that both types be used or dual sensor alarms containing both types be used.

The location of a smoke detector within a home may be more important than the type of detector. It is important that the home owner follows the manufacturer's recommendations for locations.

As a side note, the standards for UL certification were scheduled to be updated in June, 2022 and will prohibit manufacturers from producing swindler-sensor smoke detectors— which is even more reason to consider a dual-sensor unit.

Installing Smoke Detectors:

The National Fire Protection Association recommends using smoke detectors having the label of a recognized testing laboratory. They should be installed in the following locations:

- Inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- On levels without bedrooms, install detectors in the living room (or den or family room) or near the stairway to the upper level, or in both locations.
- Smoke detectors installed in the basement should be installed on the ceiling at the bottom of the stairs leading to the next level.
- Smoke detectors should be installed at least 10 feet from a cooking appliance to minimize false alarms when cooking.
- Mount smoke detectors high on walls or ceilings (remember, smoke rises). Wall mounted detectors should be installed not more than 12 inches from the ceiling to the top of the detector.
- If you have ceilings that are pitched, install the detector within 3 feet of the peak but not within the apex of the peak (four inches down from the peak).
- **NEVER PAINT SMOKE DETECTORS OR HIDE THEM WITH DECORATIONS.**
- For the best protection, interconnect all smoke detectors so that when one detector goes into alarm, they all will sound. The interconnection can be done using "hard-wiring" or wireless technology.

Testing Smoke Detectors:

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.
- Follow the manufacturer's instruction for maintenance and cleaning.

Today's new smoke detectors are designed to last ten years without battery replacement. If it begins to "chirp", replace the entire unit. Older smoke detectors with any other type of battery, need a new battery once a year. If that detector begins to "chirp", replace the battery right away.

- When replacing a battery, follow the manufacturer's list of batteries on the back of the detector or listed in the instructions. Manufacturer's instructions are specific to the batteries (brand and model) that must be used. The smoke detector may not work properly if a different type of battery is used.

Smart Features:

A lot of smoke detectors today come with smart features. This new type of smoke detector can connect to your smartphone, automatically update you of the detector's status and battery level, and be operated directly from your smart devices. New smoke detectors can be connected in a network so they all go off at the same time, and some even allow you to directly connect them to the 911 center.

Multiple Functionality:

Many smoke detectors do double duty and function as carbon monoxide (CO) detectors as well. Since fires also create elevated levels of CO, this can also be an early warning device. This is especially true when they are installed in areas where gas furnaces and water heaters are operating. If there is a malfunction in the combustion process, they generally will emit elevated levels of carbon monoxide. And since CO is both odorless and invisible, it can be fatal without early detection.

Finally, to those who are considering the purchase of a home, make sure your home inspection includes adequate and functional smoke detectors. If you are considering the purchase of a home security system, why not include a smoke detection system as well?

Some Food for Thought:

If you have a family with young children, do they stay overnight for a sleepover at their friend's house? Do you know if that home has adequate fire detection? Also do they have an evacuation plan that your child is familiar with? Think about it.

References:

**National Fire Protection Association
U.S. Fire Administration**



LIHWAP may be able to assist you with overdue water and wastewater bills.

The Lower Saucon Authority has signed up with the PA Department of Human Services to take part in the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program. LIHWAP is a new, temporary assistance program created by the American Rescue Plan Act in 2021.

LIHWAP can help households that are in emergency situations maintain essential water access.

What is LIHWAP?

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a temporary emergency program to help low income families pay overdue water bills. LIHWAP is a grant. You do not have to repay it.

To receive help...

- Apply starting January 4, 2022.
- You don't have to be on public assistance.
- You need to have an unpaid water bill.
- You can either rent or own your home.

How does LIHWAP work?

LIHWAP Crisis grants may be available if you have an emergency situation and are in jeopardy of losing your water service. You can receive one Crisis grant for your drinking water service and one Crisis grant for your wastewater service, up to \$2,500 each.

Crisis situations include:

- Past-due water bills
- Termination of utility service
- Danger of having utility service terminated (received a notice that service will be shut off within the next 60 days.)

How do I apply?

- Apply online at www.compass.state.pa.us.
- Request an application by calling the Statewide Customer Service Center at 877-395-8930 or call PA Relay at 711 for the hearing impaired
- Applications are also available at your local county assistance office.

To apply, you will need:

- Names of people in your household
- Dates of birth for all household members
- Social Security numbers for all household members
- Proof of income for all household members; and
- A recent water bill.

Who is eligible?

You may qualify for a LIHWAP grant if:

- You must have an overdue water bill that you are responsible for paying.
- Your household income must meet the following income guidelines —>

After your application is processed, you will receive a written notice that will tell you if you qualify. If eligible, it will tell you the amount of your grant.

INCOME GUIDELINES

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
1	\$ 19,320
2	\$ 26,130
3	\$ 32,940
4	\$ 39,750
5	\$ 46,560
6	\$ 53,370
7	\$ 60,180
8	\$ 66,990
9	\$ 73,800
10	\$ 80,610

Each Additional Person
Add \$ 6,810

Lower Saucon Township Historical Society



The Lower Saucon Township Historical Society is a non-profit organization that maintains the Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse Museum. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Lehigh Valley schoolchildren visit the schoolhouse to learn how to investigate the cultural, historical, and geographic background of the school and its community.

Upcoming events listed below:

- ◇ Interview with Lehigh Valley with Love Podcast, Tuesday, August 16, 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Lower Saucon Township Historical Society will join other local historical organizations to discuss our educational programs. You can find the program on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LVPassporttoHistory/> Lehigh Valley with Love Media is an award winning, digital media company.
- ◇ Saucon Valley Farmers Market, Sunday, September 18, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Next to the Hellertown Library, 409 Constitution Ave, Hellertown. Come find us at the Saucon Valley Farmers' Market, an open-air market offering locally grown fresh and nutrition seasonal foods. You will also find homemade soaps, coffee, honey, home-baked goods and other unique specialty items. We will be their discuss local history!
- ◇ Apple Festival - Saturday, October 15, 2022, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Our annual Apple Festival will be held at Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse rain or shine. It is a fun, educational day for all ages.
- ◇ Election Day Baked Goods Sale, Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at Seidersville Hall, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem.

Contact Lower Saucon Township Historical Society at:
(610) 625-8771 or lshistorical@gmail.com

The Saucon Valley Conservancy

The Saucon Valley Conservancy is seeking individuals interested in volunteering to help keep the Heller Homestead a visible and viable site. Anyone who has an interest - both young and old - in keeping the Hellertown and Saucon Valley area history alive is encouraged to volunteer at the Heller Homestead at whatever level they are able.

There are events being discussed in the area of Colonial Life, Civil War years, the 1930's era, gardening, historical fashions, architecture, antiques, woodworking, children's activities, art, birding and Homestead cooking.

The Heller Homestead has room for all these interests. We invite and encourage you to get involved and participate with others who have similar interests.

For more information, contact our website:
sauconvalleyconservancy.org



Lower Saucon Township Land Conservation Workshop

Lower Saucon Township's Environmental Advisory Council and Heritage Conservancy are holding a Landowner Workshop to provide information about land conservation. This workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lower Saucon Township Municipal Building. The workshop will highlight land conservation options and its process as well as potential financial benefits associated with conserving your land. All options are completely voluntary and the objective is to help balance your financial and conservation goals.

SAVE THE DATE
**LANDOWNER
WORKSHOP**
October 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.



Lower Saucon Township 2022 Movies In The Park Was A SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone that came out and participated!!

A special thank you to all of our donors for making this possible...

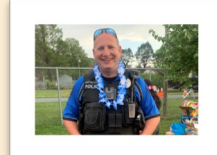
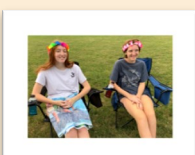
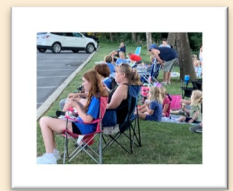
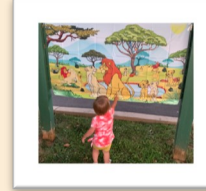
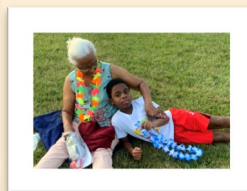
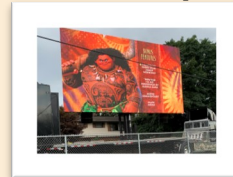
Mobile Technology Graphics, Hanover Engineering Associates, Treadwell Law, Bethlehem Landfill and Stuffed Puffs.



We featured Encanto on June 25th at Town Hall Park,
Moana on July 22nd at Steel City Park and
The Lion King on August 12th at Polk Valley Park.

Our Parks and Recreation Board and Council look forward to doing this again next year.

Stay tuned to our website for more details in January 2023!



DROP-OFF IS BY PRE-REGISTRATION APPOINTMENT ONLY!
Showing up without an appointment or not at your designated time will result in being turned away.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

2022 Residential Collection Event

Saturday, October 1st 8:30 AM - 2 PM *rain or shine*
Northampton Community College
3835 Green Pond Rd. Bethlehem 18020
check-in line forms from Main Entrance

Northampton County households ONLY!
Event will be monitored to ensure compliance with PADEP requirements. Please follow current CDC Guidelines & Recommendations.

ACCEPTED MATERIALS
Max amount allowed is 20 gals. and 60 lbs. solid material. No 25- or 50- gallon drums will be accepted.

RESTRICTED ITEMS
Alkaline Batteries
Ammo/Explosives
Appliances/Electronics
Construction Debris/Materials
Fireworks/Flares
Gas Cylinders/ Helium Tanks
Incandescent & LED Bulbs
Latex Paint
Medical Waste/SHARPS
Non-residential/hazardous Wastes
Radioactive Material
Refrigerants/ Freon Appliances
Smoke Detectors
Tires
Water-based Products

Thank You Partners!

Registration opens 30 days prior to event date. Visit www.northamptoncounty.org for registration link.

VOTE

Not sure where to go to cast your vote? Listed below are the voting districts and their addresses. Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022. 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 #20
2097 Polk Valley Road
Hellertown, PA

District No. 2
Lower Saucon – Leithsville
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
Lower Saucon – Seidersville
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

District No. 8
Lower Saucon – SE-WY-CO
SE-WY-CO Fire Company
3621 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bethlehem, PA

Save the date (and your electronics) for **Lower Saucon Township's Electronic Recycling Day!**

Saturday, November 12th, 2022
9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.
or until trucks are full

Lower Saucon Township Building
3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015
****Lower Saucon Township Residents Only - With ID****

NON CONTACT!! YOU MUST STAY IN YOUR CAR!!
Fees will be listed on our website/Facebook
Please have exact change or check prepared. Envelope preferred.
Brought to you by the Lower Saucon Township EAC & RRS.

Library Services Information

Lower Saucon Residents have FULL ACCESS to all of the library services at the following libraries. Please find the addresses and hours listed below:

Hellertown Area Library
409 Constitution Avenue, Hellertown
Monday & Wednesday - 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday - 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - CLOSED
www.hellertownlibrary.org

Southern Lehigh Public Library
3200 Preston Lane, Center Valley
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Curbside Pickup: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Curbside Pickup: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - CLOSED
www.solehipl.org

Bethlehem Area Public Library
11 West Church Street, Bethlehem
Monday - Wednesday - 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday & Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - CLOSED
www.bapl.org

For information on the Statewide Library Card Program please visit: www.statelibrary.pa.gov

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.

www.lowersaucontownship.org

www.facebook.com/lowersaucon/



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Lower Saucon Township Officials

Jason Banonis	Council President
Sandy Yerger	Council Vice President
Priscilla deLeon	Council Member
Thomas Carocci	Council Member
Mark Inglis	Council Member
Lou Mahlman	Controller
Mark 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:

November 8th – Election Day
November 24th & 25th – Thanksgiving
December 26th & 27th – Christmas
January 2nd – New Year's Day

Congratulations Lower Saucon Fire Rescue!

LSFR completed their most recent Public Protection Classification (PPC) and ISO has completed its analysis of the structural fire suppression delivery system in your community. The resulting classification is listed below.

ISO CLASS #4

This Public Protection Classification rating was effective as of August 1, 2022. Contact your homeowners insurance to see if this new rating qualifies you for a discount.

Trick-or-Treat

Trick-or-Treat will take place in Lower Saucon Township & Hellertown Borough on Monday, October 31, 2022 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. There is **NO RAIN DATE** for this event.

Saucon Valley Compost Center

The Compost Center will be open to Township and Borough residents each Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m. through November 19, 2022. Check our website for detailed information at: <https://www.lowersaucontownship.org/>

