

For Immediate Release:

Update Friday, July 17, 2020

Lower Saucon Township is operating under a Declaration of Disaster Emergency and Council and our Administration are working closely to make sure essential government functions continue and resources are available for our residents. The Administrative Offices and Public Works Department are working daily. The Township offices will remain closed to the public. Phone messages and mail are monitored every day. There is a drop box available for tax payments and permit applications. If you have a concern, please contact 610-865-3291 and leave a message. The Police Department will be operating under safe directives. We will keep you informed of any future developments. Thank you for your understanding.

COVID-19 Updates from the Governor's Office:

COVID-19 UPDATE: In Pennsylvania, masks must now be worn whenever anyone leaves home. This is essential to stopping the recent increase in COVID-19 cases in Pennsylvania. More about this requirement: [on.pa.gov/2VFj7Dk](https://www.pa.gov/2VFj7Dk)

STATEWIDE RESTRICTIONS NOW IN EFFECT: New statewide COVID-19 restrictions for bars and restaurants in Pennsylvania.

- Bar service is prohibited — all service must be at a table or booth. Bars and restaurants must offer sit-down, dine-in meals or serve take-out sales of alcohol.
- Alcohol can only be served for on-premises consumption when it's in the same transaction as a meal.
- Take-out sales of alcohol for the purposes of off-site consumption (including cocktails-to-go) are permitted.
- Outdoor dining is permitted as long as it's non-bar seating.
- Social distancing, masking, and other safety measures must be in place to protect workers and patrons.
- Occupancy is limited to 25% for indoor dining, including staff.

COVID-19 Updates from the Northampton County:

Applications for Small Business Assistance Grants are now available - you can apply for up to \$15,000. To qualify, a business must be located in Northampton County and have fewer than 100 employees: Click on the following link to find out more: <https://www.lehighvalleychamber.org/norcogrants-621485.html>

COVID-19 Updates on the Township Website:

Check our website for all COVID-19 updates at <http://www.lowersaucontownship.org/covid-19.html>

Compost Center:

The Compost Center returned to normal hours on June 8, 2020:

- The center will no longer be open Monday – Thursday
- The Compost Center will be opened on Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Mulch loading – the fee for the loader machine loading is reinstated. No fee if you hand load yourself.

- Occupancy Limit:
 - Combination of six vehicles allowed in the center at one time. All other vehicles will be held in line until there is an opening with the following guidelines and you must follow social distancing rules. One vehicle allowed at a time at the drop off bin. Three vehicles allowed at a time at the drop off pile. Two vehicles – one at each of the two mulch piles for loading.

For more information: <http://www.lowersaucontownship.org/svcompostcenter.html>

Upcoming Township Meetings:

The Township Council will meet on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, via Zoom, starting at 7:00 p.m. To see the agenda (will be put on the website today at 4:00 p.m.), and to register for the meeting in advance, click on the following link: <http://www.lowersaucontownship.org/councilminutes.html>

The Planning Commission meeting will take place on Thursday, July 23, 2020, via Zoom, starting at 7:00 p.m. To see the agenda and to register for the meeting, in advance, click on the following link: <http://www.lowersaucontownship.org/planminutes.html>

Jr. Council Program:

Would you like to become a Jr. Council person for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year? Two of the requirements are you have to be a high school student and live in Lower Saucon Township. This program allows students the opportunity to learn critical skills including team building and collaboration, public speaking, public engagement, budgeting and running effective meetings. If you are interested, please email Diane at adminasst@lowersaucontownship.org. You can learn more by clicking on the following link: <http://www.lowersaucontownship.org/jcprogram.html>

Saucon Valley School District:

Saucon Valley School District Kindergarten registration for 2020-2021:
<https://www.svpanthers.org/site/default.aspx...>

Tax Information:

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, The Pennsylvania Legislature is permitting municipalities waive the penalty fees for Real Estate Taxes. On May 6, 2020, Lower Saucon Township Council adopted Resolution #48-2020 to waive all penalty fees up to December 31, 2020. The base amount of your Real Estate Tax bill will be accepted until December 31, 2020. After that date, the 10% penalty will apply. See Resolution #48-2020: www.lowersaucontownship.org/pdf/48-20.pdf . You can find up-to-date tax information on our website at <http://www.lowersaucontownship.org/taxinfo.html>

Public Works Department:

The Public Works Department started summer hours on Monday, June 1, 2020 thru Friday, August 28, 2020 from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Please be advised the Public Works Department will begin its annual spring cleanup of streets from winter snow removal on Thursday, April 16, 2020. The sweeping process usually takes about two months to complete. Click here to see the schedule: www.lowersaucontownship.org/pdf/2020sweeper.pdf

Trails, Parks, Ballfields:

PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE SOCIAL DISTANCING ON THE SAUCON RAIL TRAIL AND IN OUR PARKS.

As parks and trails are increasingly being counted on as places where people can engage in regular physical activity and find respite, please practice social distancing. In some places, trails are becoming primary transportation routes—and walking and biking the most appropriate way to travel.

Our Dog Park is now OPEN, please use social distancing. All public restrooms and water fountains will remain closed.

Hellertown Pool:

The pool will remain closed. Based on the guidelines from the Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society, Hellertown is not able to safely operate a pool of that size nor comply fully with all recommendations. The guidelines also point to a significant financial loss if they were to attempt to open the pool this season.

Community Day:

The Hellertown Borough Council and Administration announced that Community Day 2020 is hereby cancelled due to COVID 19, as this is primarily supported through business and community sponsorship. Because of the prolonged closures and financial hardships they feel it's best to come back in 2021 after this crisis is past us.

Chamber Events:

Looking for weekend plans? Well, look no further! On Friday, July 17th the Chamber will be hosting a Movie Night in Dimmick Park from 7 PM - 9 PM! Movie TBA. Come hungry! Snacks will be available for purchase from the Hellertown-Lower Saucon Chamber Concession Stand, the Rita's of Hellertown, and a food truck TBA. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Hellertown-Lower Saucon Chamber's Scholarship fund which supports our future business community and business leaders in the Saucon Valley School District. Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor, Mobile Technology Graphics, our Movie Sponsor, Hellertown Area Library, and our Snack Sponsors, Farmers Insurance Wimbish Agency & Sam's Club! We'd also like to give a shout out to The Borough of Hellertown for working with us to make this community event possible!

As many of you know, Governor Wolf issued new regulations yesterday afternoon that affect our HLSC Summer Restaurant Week 2020 participants. With this in mind, we wanted to let all of you know that HLSC Summer Restaurant Week 2020 is still on! All of our participants' offers still stand and follow the mandates that are currently in place. From Sunday, July 19th - Saturday, July 25th, you can still support all of our participants! Check out their offers: <https://bit.ly/2Zvsl7x> Please support these businesses.

The Hellertown-Lower Saucon Chamber & Steel Club presents Music in Dimmick Park 2020 Fall Concerts. Sunday, September 13, 2020: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Social Call; 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. –

Sunshine Symphony. Food provided by Bodega Bistro & Rita's Italian Ice. Adult beverages provided by Lost Tavern Brewing & Black River Farms.

September 26, 2020 – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – The Bill Bauer Band; 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – The Large Flowerheads. Food provided by Cool Treats, Cone Appetit, Smoke House Food Truck & Take a Taco. Adult beverages provided by Lost Tavern Brewing & Black River Farms.

Email List:

Join our email list to receive timely notifications of announcements, events, cancellations, and much more. Click on the following link to sign up: www.lowersaucontownship.org/elist.html

Township Facebook Page:

For up-to-date information, go to our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/lowersaucon/> or our website at: <http://lowersaucontownship.org/index.html>