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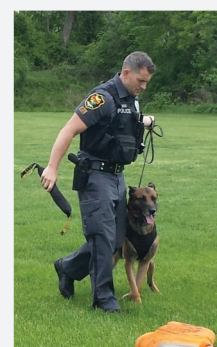
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A Message from Council President Ron Horiszny.....



Lower Saucon Township was proud to participate in an interview with Bo Kolton from WFMZ earlier this month with representatives of a program called Officer K9 Care. This program was started in 2015 by local volunteer K9 Handlers, Medics and Veterinarians after a need was found to improve the ability of transport for K9 Officers injured in the line of duty.

The mission and vision of the program is to establish emergency care guidelines, training and raising funds to offset the cost of treatment for working K9's. Currently, Pennsylvania has no standard guidelines for this protocol. Officer K9 Care is looking to provide the highest quality emergency medical care while expediting transport of working K9 Officers injured in the line of duty. Guidelines would include K9 training for ground/flight medics for trauma and overdose along with training for handlers and medics loading the K9 into a Medevac or ground vehicle.



For more information or if you would like to donate to Officer K9 Care, please visit www.officerk9care.com.

Ron

Lower Saucon Township
Council President

The Hellertown - Lower Saucon Community Day

The Hellertown — Lower Saucon Community Day Committee is planning the 16th Annual Community Day to be held on Saturday, August 19, 2017. The event will run from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will be filled with family-friendly activities and demonstrations planned throughout the day including music, dance, and children's activities.

Be sure to check the Hellertown - Lower Saucon Community Day Facebook Page for updates <https://www.facebook.com/2017HLSCommunityDay/>



Pictured above Officer Steve Kunigus with Atos



Skateboard, Scooter, In-line Skating and Heely's Safety

All skateboarders and scooter-riders should wear protective gear; helmets are particularly important for preventing and minimizing head injuries. Riders should wear helmets that meet ASTM or other approved safety standards, and that are specifically designed to reduce the effects of skating hazards.

- Communities should continue to develop skateboard parks, which are more likely to be monitored for safety than ramps and jumps constructed by children at home.
- While in-line skating or using Heelys, only skate on designated paths or rinks and not in the street.
- Most injuries occur due to falls. Inexperienced riders should only ride as fast as they can comfortably slow down, and they should practice falling on grass or other soft surfaces. Before riding, skateboarders should survey the riding terrain for obstacles such as potholes, rocks, or any debris. Protective wrist, elbow and kneepads should be worn.
- Children should never ride skateboards or scooters in or near moving traffic.
Riders should never skate alone. Children under the age of eight should be closely supervised at all times.

Retrieve from: <https://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/news-features-and-safety-tips/Pages/Summer-Safety-Tips.aspx>

Safe Driving Tips from *Sergeant Tom Barndt*

- Obey all speed limits and traffic control signs.
- Be attentive and drive responsibly.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Always wear your seatbelts.
- Always use your turn signals.
- Pay attention to all signs.
- When stopping at a stop sign, always turn your head to look left, then right, straight ahead, then left again before proceeding.
- When a light turns green, look left, then right, straight ahead, then left again before proceeding through the light. Notice all vehicles and ensure that someone else is not going to run the light.
- When driving on a two-lane road that allows parking on the right, stay toward the center line to allow for room if someone were to open their door to exit their vehicle in front of your car. This forethought will help you from swerving to miss an opening door. If there is no parking allowed on the road position your car toward the right to allow for more room between you and oncoming traffic.
- When traveling behind other vehicles, there should be at least a four second space between your vehicles. When the car in front of you passes a stationary object, slowly count to yourself. If you pass the object before the allotted time, you should back off. When traveling at night or inclement weather, these times should be doubled.
- DO NOT talk, send or read texts / emails on a cell phone while driving. Phones detract from your ability to concentrate on the road and increase your chance of a collision by nearly 400%. If you must use the phone, pull over to a safe, well-lit parking lot and place your call there. After completing your call, continue on your way.
- When being approached by an emergency vehicle, pull to the right shoulder of the road and stop.
- Leave early, plan to arrive 10 minutes before the appointed time. Speeding does not increase your ability to arrive on time, rather it only increases your chances of not arriving at all.
- When traveling on a multiple-lane road or highway, keep in mind that the left-most lanes are for passing only. If not actively passing a vehicle, stay in the right lanes, allowing others to pass.
- Remember if you cannot see the driver in the truck's rear view mirrors, they cannot see you! Also remember that trucks make large right turns.
- During inclement weather, if it is necessary to reduce one's speed, the brake should be applied slowly without making sudden moves. When making sudden moves, it's much easier to lose control of your vehicle.

Remember as your speed increases so does your braking distance. If you double your speed, you quadruple your braking distance. If you double the weight of your vehicle, you double the stopping distance.

Stuff the Truck Event



Saturday, September 9, 2017

9:00 a.m. to Noon

**Lower Saucon Township Parking Lot,
3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem**

**Together We Build Strength, Stability and Self-
Reliance through Shelter.**

Habitat Lehigh Valley ReStore

1053 Grape St. Whitehall

For Free Pick Up Call 610-776-7449



Donations Accepted

- Appliances 10 years old or newer in working order
- Architectural items
- Kitchen/bathroom cabinets
- Electrical supplies and hardware
- Doors and windows
- Flooring and masonry in usable quantities, undamaged
- Furniture in new or gently used condition
- Lighting fixtures and ceiling fans
- Lumber
- Hardware
- Housewares and home decor
- Plumbing supplies, fixtures, & hardware
- Hand and power tools
- Roofing supplies
- Sheet rock/drywall/wallboard full sheets

Donations NOT Accepted

- Broken or unframed glass or mirrors
- Glass shower doors
- Window blinds
- Dishwashers manufactured before 2014
- Children/infant toys or items
- Electronics and televisions
- Used or previously installed flooring/roofing materials
- Oil-based paint and stain
- Anything broken or missing parts
- Mattresses, sofas with pull-out beds, or futons
- Clothing
- Items in disrepair
- Small countertop kitchen appliances
- Musical instruments
- Window screens or sashes without a frame
- Hazardous liquids or cleaners

Do I need a Permit?

Lower Saucon Township requires permits for many types of construction and building work in residential structures. Please allow up to 15 business days for zoning/building permits to be processed.

Examples of work that requires a Zoning/Building Permit:

- Construction and/or installation of a fence, shed, carport or garage, patio or porch, walkway or deck.
- Widening an existing driveway or resurfacing a driveway with/without enlarging it or changing the shape at all.
- Building an addition onto your house including attached garages and carports.
- Adding a roof to a patio, porch, or deck where the roof is attached to a dwelling.
- Installation of doors and windows if the new doors and windows are of a different size than the existing.
- Upgrading an electrical service or addition or relocation of electrical wiring.
- Adding stud walls such as when finishing a basement.
- Above ground and in ground swimming pools, even "wall-less" and portable pools (yes, portable pools). Any pool that is deeper than 24" needs a permit. If your pool is taken down every year, you need a permit to put it back up every year.



Meeting Schedule

Council

1st and 3rd Wednesdays – 7:00 p.m.
No meeting 1st Wed. in July /August

Parks & Recreation Board

1st Monday – 7:00 p.m.

Environmental Advisory Council

2nd Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

4th Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board

3rd Monday – 7:00 p.m.

Lower Saucon Authority

3rd Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.

July 4th – Independence Day

September 4th – Labor Day

Hellertown Pool Information

The Hellertown Pool (weather permitting) will be opening on June 10th until August 26th. Please contact the Borough with any pool related questions at 610-838-7041.

2017 Season Pass Resident Rates*

Child under 3 years - FREE
Season Youth (ages 4 to 17) - \$45.00
Season Adult (18 to 61) - \$65.00
Season Senior (62 or older) - \$10.00
Season Family (first 5 members) - \$130.00
Season Family Additional Passes
(6 or more) - \$15.00/each

*A person who maintains his/her primary, permanent residence within the city limits of the **Borough of Hellertown** and **Lower Saucon Township** (Proof of residency will be required to purchase a season pass).



2017 Season Non-Resident Pass Rates*

Child under 3 years - FREE
Season Youth (ages 4 to 17) - \$75.00
Season Adult (ages 18 to 61) - \$110.00
Season Senior (62 or older) - \$20.00
Season Family (first 5 members) - \$190.00
Season Family Additional Passes
(6 or more) - \$15.00/each

A person who maintains his/her primary, permanent residence outside the city limits of the **Borough of Hellertown and **Lower Saucon Township**.

Opossums -An Unexpected Plus



Serving as inadvertent innkeepers for opossums may turn out to be good for your health. Scientists at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, New York, have learned that opossums act like little vacuum cleaners when it comes to ticks, including those that can spread debilitating Lyme disease to humans and other animals.

In lab experiments, scientist Richard Ostfeld and his colleagues studied six species of wildlife—three kinds of rodents, two types of ground-nesting birds and opossums—applying precisely 100 ticks to each animal's neck, then studying tick feeding, survival and Lyme transmission. According to Ostfeld, opossums prove to be **“a very poor reservoir” for Lyme and several other diseases**, meaning that ticks feeding on the animals were unlikely to get infected or, by extension, go on to infect other hosts after dropping off the initial host.

Beyond this, the researchers found that, on average, about 50 percent of the 100 ticks on white-footed mice in the experiment fed to repletion then dropped off alive, but only 3.5 percent of ticks on opossums survived to drop off. Why? It turns out that the fastidious opossums were killing their ticks in the process of grooming—scratching, licking and chewing away at ticks in their fur. Examination of opossum feces confirmed that some of the ticks had been eaten.

This is significant because during late summer, when ticks are most abundant, the average opossum may be walking around with roughly 200 ticks on its body, according to the researchers. Based on their study results, they calculate that **a single opossum might kill an astonishing 4,000 ticks in a week**, a number that “really got our attention,” says Ostfeld. By “hoovering up and killing” so many ticks, he says, opossums are “not only protecting themselves, they’re protecting us because we know that human risk is a function of the abundance of infected ticks out in the environment.”

So, for all their homely quirks, opossums vacuum up garden pests and thousands of nasty ticks and also may hold the secrets to antivenom in humans—a good deal all around. Now do you still think they’re ugly?

Article credit to the 1996-2017 National Wildlife Federation

Has your dog been to the Polk Valley Dog Park?



The Polk Valley Dog Park located at 2068 Polk Valley Road has two enclosed areas, one for large breed dogs and one for small dog breeds. Both enclosures are surrounded by a split rail fence with a backdrop of a country meadow.

While there is no running water, frequent patrons bring jugs of water to keep their 4 legged friends hydrated in the steel bowls left at the park. Environmentally friendly waste bags are also provided to encourage all to keep it clean and tidy.

Parking is located at the top of the park or the middle where the gravel lot is located just steps away from the tree lined area that separates the Dog Park from the ball fields.

Please be a responsible pet owner and do your part to keep these facilities open to pet owners. Rules are listed on our website and at the park itself. The Dog Park is open from Dawn to Dusk; however, the park will periodically close due to weather conditions. Please look for closures on the Polk Valley Dog Park Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/polkvalleydogpark>) or on the Township website at <http://www.lowersaucontownship.org/pvdogpark.html>



Hellertown Area Library News

Build A Better World! Summer Reading Program begins in June!

The library is the perfect place for children and families to become empowered to build a better world!



This summer's theme makes use of the universal appeal of creating, repurposing and building! Through books, games and many STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities, participants will discover new ways of looking at the world around them. The Library is partnering with the *Lehigh Valley Habitat for Humanity* and by the end of summer we hope to donate dollars for every book or page read by the summer reading enthusiasts!

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Kick – Off event on **June 21st at 10:00 a.m.** (rain date June 22nd) when the Library landscape turns into a construction site with several big working vehicles from the borough and township on display! Help Miss Andrea create a “Bottle Cap Art” children’s garden too! Watch for more information about **Build A Better World** summer reading in the months ahead!



Summer Fun at a Discount



Did you know that the Township sells discounted Park tickets for local & not-so-local amusement parks?

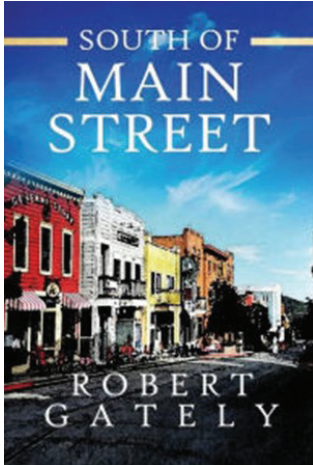
Residents & Non-residents can purchase tickets at Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (cash/check only).

For a complete list of parks & prices please visit our website:

<http://www.lowersaucontownship.org/pdf/summertickets.pdf> Click on the “Parks and Recreation” tab and scroll to “Summer Tickets”.



Lower Saucon Township Historical Society



Join us on June 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Seidersville Hall for an Author Talk - "South of Main Street" by Robert Gately. This is an outstanding book about a man who is viewed as emotionally disturbed by many people. Henry (the main character in this book) is a person that people feel should be avoided, especially by children. Henry is different as readers of this great book will find out. Some people in this book are of the opinion Henry is retarded; others think his behavior is the result of Post Traumatic Stress caused by the Vietnam War, not to mention a few other possible reasons.

In 1998, Robert gave up a lucrative career with a large telecommunications company to write full time. Since then, he wrote 8 screenplays, two stage plays, and a novel. Robert has settled into a home in Lower Saucon Township, Pennsylvania with his wife Lois.

Saucon Valley Community Center Summer Recreation Program

Registration for the 2017 Summer Recreation Program for Lower Saucon Township will began on Thursday, May 11th through Friday, May 19th. There is a \$10 registration fee for the first child, and \$5 for each additional child. The children must reside in Lower Saucon Township.

The Park locations in the summer program are Polk Valley Park, Town Hall Park, and Southeastern Park. There is a waiver available for children on the food program at school. Click on the following link to find out the dates and times of the programs: <http://www.lowersaucontownship.org/pdf/summerprogram.pdf>

Please contact the Saucon Valley Community Center at 610-838-0722 to register your child or for any questions about the program.



Saucon Valley Conservancy Happenings



an event for the whole family! the 3rd **ANNUAL SAUCON CREEK ARTS FESTIVAL**
THE LARGEST ARTS EVENT IN THE LOWER SAUCON and HELLERTOWN AREA
ARTS, CRAFTS, MUSIC
SATURDAY JUNE 3, 2017
10AM - 5PM **FREE to the PUBLIC**
at the **HELLER HOMESTEAD PARK**

Join us on Saturday, June 3rd, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. rain or shine, for the **Third Annual Saucon Creek Arts Festival** at the Heller House, 1890-92 Friedensville Road.

The Arts Festival is the region's largest juried fine arts and crafts festival and features artwork, photography, jewelry, crafts, kids' activities, music by Godfrey Daniels, food, and free parking across Water Street. Tour the Historic Heller House buildings and garden, enjoy walking the bucolic wetlands trail beside Saucon Creek. Admission is FREE. Phone: 610-838-1199

<http://www.sauconvalleyconservancy.org>

Email: info@sauconvalleyconservancy.org



THE TENTH ANNUAL Barn Tour Saturday, September 9th

Tickets \$20 or 2/\$35

Day of tour \$25

Get your tickets at

www.sauconvalleyconservancy.org

On Saturday, September 9th, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. rain or shine, the Saucon Valley Conservancy will host the **10th Annual Barn Tour** following a brief and informative presentation on regional barn architecture and history. The tour offers a self-driving guided tour of seven historic barns. For information and to reserve tickets (\$20 in advance, \$25 day of tour) see the website or email SVC.

<http://www.sauconvalleyconservancy.org>

Email: info@sauconvalleyconservancy.org

Water Saving Ideas: Room by Room

Kitchen and Laundry - Simple practices that save a lot of water:

- Keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool.
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a basin. Use a vegetable brush.
- Do not use water to defrost foods; thaw in the refrigerator overnight.
- Scrape, rather than rinse dishes before loading into the dishwasher; wash only full loads.
- Add food wastes to your compost pile instead of using the garbage disposal.
- Wash only full loads of laundry or use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.

Bathroom - Where over half of the water use inside a house takes place:

- Do not let the water run while shaving or brushing teeth.
- Take short showers instead of tub baths. Turn off the water while soaping or shampooing.
- If you must use a tub, close the drain before turning on the water and fill the tub only half full. Bathe small children together.
- Never use your toilet as a waste basket.

Equipment - High-Efficiency plumbing fixtures and appliances save about 30% on water use and yield substantial savings on water, sewer, and energy bills.

- Consider purchasing high-efficiency toilets or a commercial dam.
- Install a low-flow faucet aerator and showerhead.
- Consider purchasing a high efficiency washing machine which can save over 50% in laundry water or energy use.
- Repair all leaks. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons per day. To detect leaks in the toilet, add food coloring to the tank water. If colored water appears in the bowl, the toilet is leaking.

Other Outdoor Uses:

- Sweep driveways, sidewalks and steps rather than hosing off.
- Wash the car with water from the bucket or consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- Control the flow with an automatic shut-off nozzle for the hose.
- Avoid purchasing water toys requiring a constant stream of water.
- Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation.
- Do not install or use ornamental water features unless they recycle the water. Use signs to show the public the water is recycled.

Four Stations - One Promise

Lower Saucon Township has three volunteer fire companies. These companies are totally run by dedicated volunteers and are always looking for new members. If interested please call the Chief of the company from your district.



Lower Saucon Fire Rescue #16

Districts & Officials

Kenneth Luybli, Fire Marshal
Ty Johnson, Chief
Bryan Evans, Deputy Chief
610-865-3291

Se-Wy-Co Station

3621 Old Philadelphia Pike - Bethlehem, PA 18015
610-694-0761 www.sewyco-fc.org

Leithsville Station

1995 Leithsville Road - Hellertown, PA 18055
President: Sal Ghazi
610-838-0062

Southeastern Station

2687 Wassergass Road - Hellertown, PA 18055
President: James D. Edge
610-838-7651

Steel City Volunteer Fire Co. Station #63

2121 Riverside Drive - Bethlehem, PA 18015
President: Lee Walters
Chief: Chris Snyder
610-691-6300

Lower Saucon Township

3700 Old Philadelphia Pike

Bethlehem, PA 18015

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

Summer Public Works hours: 6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(June 5th thru September 1st)



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Lower Saucon Township Officials

Ron Horiszny	Council President
Sandra Yerger	Council Vice President
Priscilla deLeon	Council Member
Glenn Kern	Council Member
Donna Louder	Council Member
Lou Mahlman	Controller
Leslie Huhn	Township Manager

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

Visit our NEW website @

www.lowersaucontownship.org

Like us on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/lowersaucon/

and the Lower Saucon Police Department

www.facebook.com/lowersauconpd/

PennDOT Roads In Lower Saucon Township

If you experience pot holes/concerns with any of the following STATE roads, please call PennDOT at 610-250-1840:

- **Route 378, Route 412**
 - **Lower Saucon Road** (between Easton Road and Williams)
 - **Seidersville Road** (from Hickory Hill Road west to the Salisbury Township Line)
 - **Easton Road** (from Cherry Lane to Williams Township Line)
 - **Riverside Drive** (between Shimersville and Redington Roads)
 - **Friedensville Road** (between Bingen Road and Hellertown Line)
 - **Hickory Hill Road** (between Seidersville and Friedensville Roads)
 - **Applebutter Road** (between Lower Saucon Road, City of Bethlehem Line, and Shimersville Road)
 - **Bingen Road** (between Black River and Friedensville Roads)
 - **Black River Road** (between 378 and Bingen Road)
 - **Redington Road** (between Lower Saucon Road and Riverside Drive)
 - **Flint Hill Road** (between 412 and Springfield Township Line)
- Contact Lower Saucon Township at 610-865-3291 for Township Road concerns other than listed above.

Spotted Lanternfly Pest Alert

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will be going from street to street in the Township looking for the Spotted Lanternfly. This insect will feed and attack trees. Early detection is vital for the protection of Pennsylvania businesses and agriculture. If you find a Spotted Lanternfly on your property, you can call the automated invasive Species Report Line at **1-866-253-7189** and leave a message detailing your sighting and contact information or Check out the following link to find out more information: <http://www.lowersaucontownship.org/pdf/spottedlanternfly.pdf>

