

Lower Saucon Township



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Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse

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Lower Saucon Police Department Joins CRIMEWATCH

On Friday, August 3, 2018 the Lower Saucon Township Police Department joined the CRIMEWATCH Network to align our communication strategy with surrounding police agencies. This process meant that the Police Department switched to a new website and social media practice.

Our new web address is:
www.lowersauconpolice.org.

Lower Saucon Township Police Department is the first Northampton County based police department to go live on the CRIMEWATCH Network; a communications platform developed specifically for Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies that allows for geographically targeted sharing and intelligence gathering.

We strongly urge you to visit our CRIMEWATCH Portal and subscribe to receive notifications or download the CRIMEWATCH mobile application for Apple or Android devices. The service is FREE to the public.

We thank you for your continued support in keeping our local community safe.

Chief Barndt
Thomas Barndt, Chief of Police
Lower Saucon Township Police Department



Saucon Rail Trail Bike Ride with the Police Departments of the Borough of Hellertown & Lower Saucon Township



On Thursday, July 17th both Hellertown Borough and Lower Saucon Township Police Departments joined forces and held a community Bike Ride beginning at Water Street Park (Hellertown) to encourage community interactions with our Police & the public.



A special thanks to the Heintzelman Family for supplying an ice cream truck. Future rides are planned to promote bike safety and encourage youth interaction with our Officers and the community.

National Night Out 2018

Lower Saucon Township Police Chief Thomas Barndt and Hellertown Borough Police Chief Robert Shupp we would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in our first ever joint National Night Out Celebration on Tuesday August 7th at Dimmick Park. This family-free event was made possible by the many generous donations and support from our community.

The turnout for the event was incredible and although the storms rolled through, everyone continued to stand in line for ice cream, hot dogs, face painting and the many other attractions. The bike rodeo was a favorite. Sonic Entertainment provided music during the event and people even enjoyed dancing in the rain.

One highlight of the night was the first annual NNO Tug of War competitions. The first match was between Hellertown & Lower Saucon Police Departments and after a long, hard fought battle Hellertown Police Department won. The second match was between the Steel City Fire Department & Lower Saucon Fire/Rescue with the Steel City Fire Department pulling this one away. Each winning team was presented a trophy which they will hold the bragging rights to until our 2019 NNO tug of war competition. Another highlight was the water balloon battle between the children and the Police and in the end, although everyone was soaked, we all walked away winners because of the relationships that were built among all.



**A HUGE THANK YOU to our sponsors for supporting our
2018 National Night Out Celebration**

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Hellertown Historical Society
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Saucon Valley Manor
Steel Club
The Meadows Banquet Hall
Waste Connections-Bethlehem Landfill
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Our Own Hometown Hero

Lower Saucon Township is proud to have a Hometown Hero on our staff. Nick Keller was recently honored at a Phantoms Hockey game for his service to our Country. Nick served in the United States Army, 14th Engineering Battalion as a Combat Engineer and was deployed to Iraq in 2008-2009.

Nick is a member of our Public Works Department and has been a member of the Dewey Fire Company for 13 years. A huge THANK YOU to Nick for serving our Country!



EMERGENCY: 911

Non-Emergency:

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

Police Administration:

(610) 317-6110 – Request copies of reports, leave a message for an officer.

Winter Driving Tips

Remember, if winter weather is forecast, eliminate all unnecessary travel.

This will keep you and your family safe and allow clean-up crews to more easily perform its winter duties.

- Carry a winter emergency travel kit.
- Listen to weather and travel advisories, but if you don't have to travel in bad weather, don't.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full.
- Slow down and increase following distance.
- Avoid sudden stops and starts.
- Beware of roads that may look wet, but are actually frozen, often referred to as "black ice."
- Use extra caution on bridges and ramps, where ice can often form without warning.
- Carry a cell phone.
- Do not use cruise control while driving on snow-covered roads.
- **State law requires you to turn on your headlights when your wipers are on.**
- Use your low beams in particularly bad weather, especially in cases of heavy or blowing snow.
- Remove snow and ice from the hood and roof of your vehicle. **State law states that if snow or ice from your vehicle strikes a vehicle or person and causes death or injury, you can be ticketed.**
- Do not park or abandon your vehicle on snow emergency routes.
- Do not pass or get between trucks plowing in a plow line (several trucks plowing side by side).
- Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you expect to arrive, in case you run into an emergency.
- If you do become stranded, it's better to stay with your vehicle until help arrives. Run the engine every hour or so, but make sure the tailpipe is clear and keep the downwind window cracked open.
- Do not drink and drive, and always wear your seat belt.



Preparation is also key to successfully navigating winter roads. Winter weather can bring unexpected conditions, so make sure that both you and your vehicle are ready for ice and snow.

Paper Recycling Drop Off
Containers are located at
Lower Saucon Township,
3700 Old Philadelphia Pike



Accepted items include:

Newspapers and Inserts; Magazines and Catalogs;
Office and School Paper; Mail, Phone Books, Cereal Boxes,

Items not accepted in the bins:

No Textbooks or Hard Cover Books
No Cardboard



THANK YOU
to all our volunteers,
patrons, and
community members
for your support!
— THE HELLERTOWN AREA LIBRARY

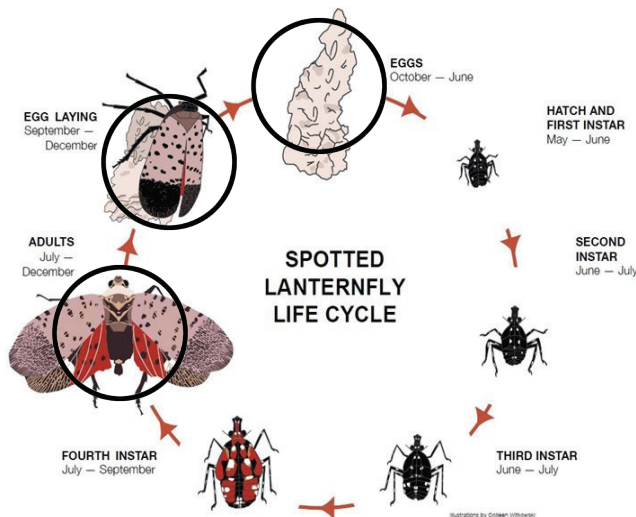
For additional programs and
information please visit:
www.hellertownlibrary.org.

409 Constitution Avenue
Hellertown, PA. 18055
610-838-8381



The Lower Saucon Historical Society will be hosting a bake sale on Election Day, November 6th, at Seidersville Hall. All profits from these fundraisers will go to supplies for our Archive Room and office along with maintenance of the Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse.

Life Stages of a Spotted Lantern Fly



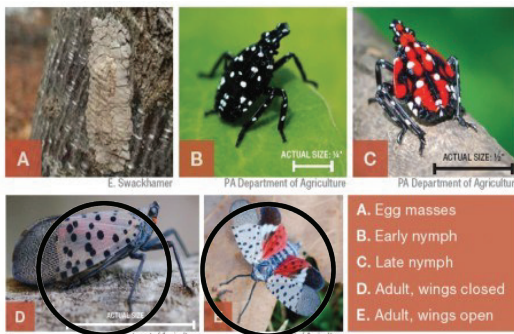
The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), *Lycorma delicatula*, is an invasive planthopper, native to China, that was first detected in 2014 in southeastern Pennsylvania. It feeds voraciously on many plants, including economically important crops like fruit trees, grapevines, hops, hardwoods, and ornamentals. If you think you have SLF, do not panic! First, make sure the insect you are seeing is the spotted lanternfly. Next report your sighting to 1-866-253-7189 or email badbug.pa.gov. Third, learn about its life cycle and habits. Fourth, determine what plants it is infesting and what it is not. Fifth, employ management strategies at the proper time of the year.

Spotted lanternflies are still concentrated in Southeastern Pennsylvania, encompassing a 13 county quarantine area. Agronomic crops are not their preferred host but if you see high numbers in field crops, please let us know.

FYI: Spotted lanternflies are now in the adult life stage (circled on the left) and are much more mobile. If you find any life stage of SLF in any area where it is known to exist, you should try to destroy it.

For more detailed information on the spotted lanternfly visit the Penn State Extension SLF website at <http://extension.psu.edu/spottedlanternfly>.

Credit: Penn State Extension (updated: September 5, 2018)



Junior Council Representatives Appointed



From left to right:

Matthew Wagner, Ferris Abu-Ghosh, George French, Ethan Kennedy, Thomas Spirk, Nick Snead, Sydney Oskin, Maclaine Oskin, Madeline Lohr. Katie French missing from picture.

Nine students from Saucon Valley High School and one from Bethlehem Catholic presented themselves as candidates for the Junior Council Person Program at the September 5, 2018 Lower Saucon Township Council meeting.

The Junior Council Person Program provides an opportunity for high school students to participate in local government and serve as a link between the municipal officials and the student's peers at the high school.

The Council designated the students for the following boards:

- Matthew Wagner, a Senior at Saucon Valley High School and George French, a Junior at Bethlehem Catholic, were appointed as co-representatives to the Township Council.
- Katie French and Sydney Oskin, both Seniors at Saucon Valley High School, Madeline Lohr, a Junior at Saucon Valley High School and Maclaine Oskin, a Sophomore at Saucon Valley High School, were all appointed as co-representatives to the Township Environmental Advisory Council.
- Ferris Abu-Ghosh, a Senior at Saucon Valley High School, Nicholas Snead and Thomas Spirk, both Junior's at Saucon Valley High School, were all appointed as co-representative's to the Parks & Recreation Board.
- Ethan Kennedy, a Junior at Saucon Valley High School, was appointed as the representative to the Township Planning Commission.

The Township appreciates the level of interest that these students have shown in local government and looks forward to their participation and contributions during the coming year!

Election Day Information



Not sure where to go to cast your vote? Listed below are the voting districts and their addresses. Election Day is Tuesday, **November 6, 2018**. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Northampton County Voter Registration Office is looking for persons interested in serving as inspectors for the polling places. For more information contact Northampton County at **610-559-3055** or visit their website at www.northamptoncounty.org/vote. Please note, the **Township offices are closed on Election Day**.

District No. 1

Lower Saucon-Hellertown

Saucon Valley High School, Door #19
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

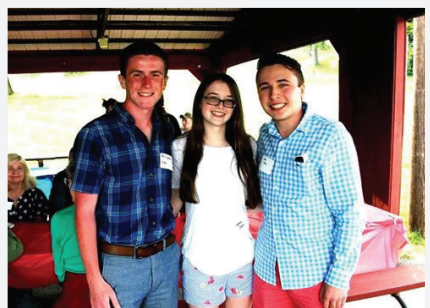
SE-WY-Co Fire Company
3621 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bethlehem, PA



Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

On June 4, 2018, the Township Council held its 10th annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic at Town Hall Park to thank the many volunteers who have made contributions to the Township's committees, boards, and commissions in the past year.

This year each volunteer was presented with a small appreciation gift for their continued support, active involvement and valuable contribution. Attending were representatives from the Historical Committee, Landfill Committee, Parks & Recreation Board, Environmental Advisory Council, Lower Saucon Authority, Saucon Rail Trail, Library Board, Building Code of Appeals, Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission, Steel City Volunteer Fire Department, and Jr. Council members.



Saucon Valley Compost Center

The Saucon Valley Compost Center will remain open until November 24th (closed on November 23rd). Hours of operation are Friday & Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The facility is closed December thru March with the exception of January 5th, 12th & 19th when it will be open from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for Christmas tree disposal.

The Township **does not** provide curbside leaf/brush pick up. Please take all yard waste (loads must be tarped) to the Compost Center during normal operational hours.

ID Cards are issued for residents at the Township building Monday thru Friday, during office hours with a current driver's license. Limit one per household. The Compost Center is located at 2011 Springtown Hill Road, Hellertown, PA 18055. For all Compost Center regulations please visit our website at: <http://www.lowerSaucontownship.org/svcompostcenter.html>

HELLERTOWN &
LOWER SAUCON'S



Light Up Night
6PM-9PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD
570 DURHAM STREET
HELLERTOWN, PA

Hot Chocolate
Non Profit Vendors
Cookies
Children's Activities
Adult Beverages/Cash Bar
Disney Princesses
Cash Trolley Rides
Christmas Movies on the Big Screen
Pictures with Santa & more!



Winter Preparations

Who is responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks?

According to Municipal Code of Lower Saucon Township (§140-17) property owners and/or occupants are responsible for keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

Who clears the snow from fire hydrants? Our volunteer fire companies ask residents with fire hydrants near their properties to assist them by clearing ice and snow from around these hydrants.

How long do I have to clear my sidewalk? Within 36 hours of the end of any snowfall or accumulation of ice. Residents are also reminded not to throw snow from sidewalks and driveway onto roads.

What happens if I don't clear my sidewalk? Individuals and businesses who do not comply with the ordinance can face fines of \$50 or more set by the District Magistrate. Report violations to the Township providing the full address.

What happens if I am physically unable to clear my sidewalk? As a property owner, while you may be physically unable to clear your sidewalk yourself, it is still your responsibility to ensure that sidewalks along your property are cleared. Consider hiring a contractor or asking a neighbor to help.

How much snow do I need to clear to comply with the Ordinance? You should clear at least a 30" path along the sidewalk, where conditions allow. This width allows access by people in wheelchairs, people using strollers, students walking to school, and individuals with assistive devices.

Can we park cars in our cul-de-sac when snow is in the forecast? Township Ordinance No. 2011-11 restricts parking in all of the Township's cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets during the periods when Public Works is removing snow or ice. Please cooperate and move your car so we can clear these areas as quickly as possible.

How can I help to protect my sod from the plow?

In order to assist the snow plow operators in determining the edge of your lawn, please place flexible, reflectorized snow markers which are available at your home improvement store at 50 foot intervals along your property. If no markers are in place and the Township plow tears up the sod in front of your property, it will **not** be repaired by the Township.

For further information, please review the Township Snow Removal Policy at:

www.lowersaucontownship.org/pdf/snowremoval.pdf

Lower Saucon Township 2019 Pavilion Rentals

2019 Pavilion rental reservations will open on Friday, January 11th at 8:30 a.m. at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA, 18015 Pavilions are available at Town Hall, Southeastern, Polk Valley, Kingston and Steel City Parks.

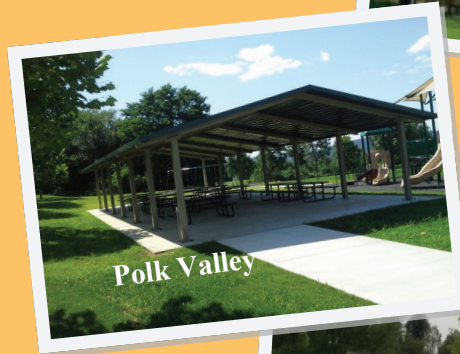
Southeastern



Steel City



Polk Valley



Town Hall



A reservation system is in place to rent the pavilion's from April through October. Reservations will be taken starting on January 11, 2019 for that summer season. Rates for pavilion rentals are: \$100.00 rental fee and \$50.00 deposit for Township residents (current drivers license must be provided). Non-resident rate is \$150.00 rental fee plus a \$50.00 deposit.

Payment is due at the time of reservation.

Kingston



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

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Lower Saucon Township Officials

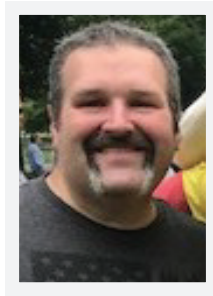
Sandra Yerger	Council President
Priscilla deLeon	Council Vice President
Glenn Kern	Council Member
Donna Louder	Council Member
Ryan Stauffer	Council Member
Lou Mahlman	Controller
Leslie Huhn	Township Manager
Thomas H. Barndt	Police Chief

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

Welcome Jim!

James (Jim) Young joined the Township in June as our new Zoning Officer. Jim is a graduate of Saucon Valley High School and comes to us from Milford Township. He is excited to bring his 12 years of experience & knowledge to the residents of Lower Saucon Township.



Heritage Day



Moravian College celebrated their 3rd Annual Heritage Day by having 23 volunteers spend time (over 36 man hours) working to beautify the Heller Homestead property on September 26th helping weed the flower beds and clean the entire inside of both buildings.

The Moravian faculty, staff and students are assigned a service location throughout the Lehigh Valley and carry on the Comenius tradition of learning about the founders of the college, cultural heritage and community.

Meeting Schedule

Council

1st and 3rd Wednesdays – 7:00 p.m.

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.

November 6th - Office Closed

November 22nd & 23rd - Office Closed

December 25th & 26th - Office Closed

January 1st, 2019 - Office Closed