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Message from Thomas H. Barndt, Chief of Police



I would like to take the time to thank all the resident's, business owners, and employees of Lower Saucon Township, neighboring Police Chiefs, and everyone else for all the cards, handshakes, phone calls, etc. congratulating me on my appointment as the Chief of Police. I am excited, enthusiastic and prepared to lead the Lower Saucon Township Police Department.

Lower Saucon Township Police Department continues its commitment to providing professional police services to our citizens and our community. It is our goal to have a transparent police operation for all community members. This will continue to strengthen our partnership with the community we serve. The

Lower Saucon Township Police Department's officers and clerical staff are committed to providing the highest level of service to our citizens and our community. As the dynamics of our community continues to evolve, the Department will respond by identifying and implementing innovative policing methods and techniques to adapt to the changing conditions.

Chief Barndt

Spotted Lantern Fly Update

Be aware of the spotted lanternfly. Northampton County is currently under quarantine for the spotted lanternfly. You can take steps personally to limit the chance you may spread the spotted lanternfly. Do not park or leave items under tree lines and always check your vehicle for hitchhiking lanternflies. By doing this, it will reduce the risk of it becoming an unwelcome hitchhiker.

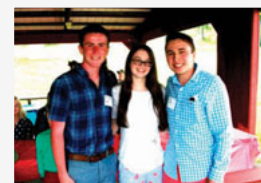


Call the Bad Bug hotline at 1-866-253-7189 with details of any sighting and your contact information. For more information or to report possible populations of spotted lanternfly, contact the hotline or visit the PA Dept. of

Agriculture to find out more information and guidelines for the control of this lanternfly at <http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/.../spotted.../Pages/default.aspx>.

Thank you to our Volunteer's

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 given a small appreciation token 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 Firemen, and Jr. Council members.



Talks & Tours with LSTPD

Talks discussing crime prevention, safety techniques, and other similar topics can be held at police headquarters or a specific location within the township. **Tours** of police headquarters and issued police equipment can also be scheduled. Please contact Police Chief Thomas Barndt via email tbarndt@lowersaucontownship.org or by phone 610-317-6110, for more information.



Neighborhood Watch



The motto of a Neighborhood Watch is, "We Look Out for Each Other." The goal is to reduce and deter crime by taking an active part in the safety of your neighborhood. In this program, citizens establish and maintain a safe neighborhood through vigilance and cooperation with the police department.

The first step in starting your own Neighborhood Watch is to speak with your neighbors.

Once you have established interest in your neighborhood, contact **Officer Kyle Haggerty** at the Lower Saucon Township Police Department at dare@lowersaucontownship.org or phone 610-317-6110 to set a date for an Officer to attend a meeting.

At the meeting, the Officer will discuss the dynamics of Neighborhood Watch groups, address your neighborhood's concerns, and provide insight to recent crime trends and ways to protect yourself, your vehicle, and your home.

What Number Should I call?

Unsure of whom to call when you experience an incident that isn't quite an emergency?

The **Non-Emergency number**, **610-759-2200**, will dispatch the next available officer to assist you with your situation!



EMERGENCY = 911

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

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

Vehicle Break-In/Theft Prevention

How can you protect *your* car from getting stolen or broken into? According to SaferCar.gov, nearly half of all vehicles are stolen when drivers fail to take some pretty simple precautions. Here are easy ways you can help protect your vehicle and increase your safety.

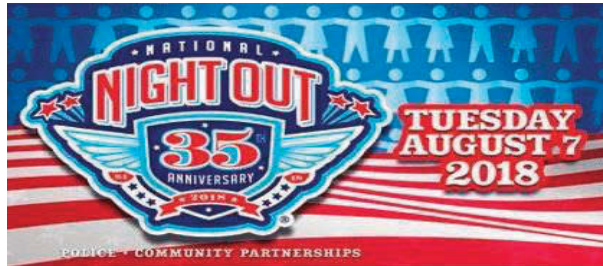


- **Lock the doors and close the windows.** Don't make it easy for a thief to break in or reach in and snatch anything of value! Would you leave your fridge open while at work and expect the dog to stay out of it? Probably not. Make it a habit to double check that your doors are locked and your windows are closed when parking your vehicle.
- **Don't leave your car running.** It can be tempting to leave your car running when you're just popping in and out of the store, but this also makes it pretty easy for a thief to hop in and drive away. Also, it's illegal to leave your car running and unattended in 30 states plus the District of Columbia. Laws vary based on the circumstance and state, but they all have the same goal in mind: to help prevent your car from getting stolen!
- **Park in well-lit areas.** If you're parking your car somewhere after the sun has gone down, try to find a spot underneath a streetlight that's well lit and well trafficked. Thieves may be less likely to rummage through a car with a spotlight on them and a potential audience just around the corner.
- **Hide any valuables.** Better yet, avoid keeping valuables in your car at all. If a thief must choose between a seemingly empty car or one with a laptop, cell phone, or wallet on the passenger seat, guess which one they'll choose? If you must leave something important in your car, put it in your trunk before you reach your destination. Experienced thieves have been known to stake out parking lots, look for drivers transferring things to their car trunk, and then break into the trunk.
- **Invest in an anti-theft system.** Whether it's a steering wheel lock, a window alarm, or an ignition cut-off system, anything that makes a thief work harder could also make your car safer. If it will slow them down or potentially get them caught, they'll probably pass.

National Night Out

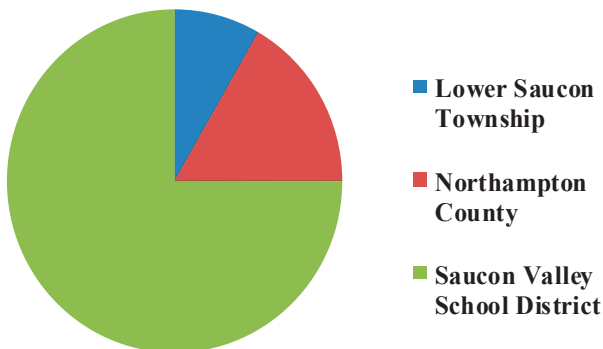
On Tuesday August 7th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., the Lower Saucon Township & Hellertown Borough Police Departments, along with Dewey, Lower Saucon Fire & Rescue, & Steel City Fire Department, will join together for National Night Out 2018.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit, and to celebrate the partnership between Police, Fire Services, and our citizens, who all have the mutual interest in keeping our community safe. This family-friendly FREE event will be held at Dimmick Park in Hellertown with food, attractions, demonstrations, and games for children. The entire event is funded on donations from our local businesses and residents. We hope to see you there!



How to Calculate Your Property Taxes

Your Taxes At Work



The three annual property tax bills you receive are for Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County and Saucon Valley School District. The pie chart shown illustrates the breakdown of each property tax. The boxes below show the breakdown of what is paid from those taxes.

Property tax rates in Pennsylvania are referred to as millage rates, which are calculated in mills. One mill is equal to 1/1,000 of a dollar. The millage rates in Pennsylvania are set individually by municipalities, counties and school districts. This is why property tax bills on real estate can vary from one place to another across the state. The amount of property tax you owe is based on your assessed property value as determined by the Northampton County Assessment Office (along with the millage rates of the Township, County and Saucon Valley School District). See example below based on a property assessment of \$150,000.00.

Lower Saucon Township	5.89 Mills	\$883.50
Northampton County	11.8 Mills	\$1,770.00
Saucon Valley School District	53.03 Mills	\$7,954.50
	<u>70.72 Mills</u>	<u>\$10,608.00</u>

LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP

Roadwork/Snow Removal
Police
Zoning
Administration & Finance
Fire
Parks
Library
Open Space
Historical Preservation

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Court System
District Attorney
Public Defender
Parole/Probation/Corrections
Area Agency on Aging
Children & Youth
EMS 911 Center
Coroner
Public Works
Sheriff's Office

SAUCON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Elementary School
Middle School
High School
Instruction
Operations
Administration
Student Services

Stormwater Management for Lower Saucon Township

Stormwater Regulations

Stormwater is managed and regulated through ordinances by municipalities in accordance with Federal regulations administered by State Permits issued at 5-year intervals. The purpose of this pamphlet is to educate and inform residents about the Lower Saucon Township stormwater management plan. Stormwater drains that collect runoff from roadways and urbanized areas and convey and discharge that water directly into the "waters of the United States" without active water quality treatment are of particular importance. These stormwater drainage systems are called "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems" and are referred to as "MS4" (rather than MSSSS).

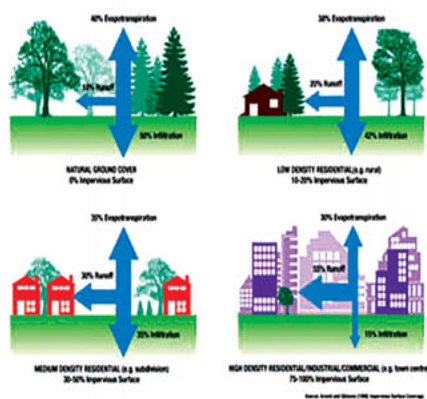
Why is stormwater management important?

In a natural forested landscape, a significant amount of rainfall infiltrates into the ground, recharges groundwater, ultimately drains to streams, sustains stream flow during dry periods, and keeps stream temperatures cool. When natural vegetation is removed and replaced with agriculture, lawns, and especially rooftops and pavement, less water can infiltrate into the subsurface, and more surface water runoff is generated by the landscape. Storm runoff must be collected by a network of storm drains and conveyed efficiently by storm sewers to avoid road flooding.

Why are stormwater regulations needed?

Because MS4 storm water is often discharged directly to streams and rivers without treatment at wastewater facilities, the only way to minimize negative environmental impacts is to control the quality of water flowing from the landscape as runoff and collected by storm drains.

EFFECTS OF IMPERVIOUSNESS ON RUNOFF AND INFILTRATION



We have the knowledge... now what?

By informing township residents that stormwater drains and stormwater catch basins and detention ponds pass water directly to natural streams or directly into the subsurface without active treatment, it is hoped that these facilities will not be used for waste disposal or dumping.

Diligent erosion control and proper waste management will help ensure that our streams, waterways, and groundwater quality are maintained at the highest levels possible to preserve healthy ecosystem function and water supply.

There are a few ways that we can manage stormwater as individuals:

1. Do not use drains to dispose waste or dump chemicals.
2. Rain barrels can be an effective way to capture stormwater and repurpose it for use in your garden or watering your lawn.
3. Follow us at our website for more information on helpful tips and educational events:

<http://www.lowerSauconenvironment.org>



EAC Rain Barrel Workshop

Lower Saucon Environmental Advisory Council held a rain barrel workshop in partnership with the Saucon Creek Watershed Association on May 5th for township residents. Seventeen barrels were constructed. Rain barrels are a benefit to residents by helping to reduce stormwater and pollution runoff.



RADON: It's radioactive and it's real.

- Radon is an odorless underground radioactive gas that can enter your home through cracks in the foundation.
- Radon is a known human carcinogen and leading cause of lung cancer.
- Our state geology puts Pennsylvanians at risk of high radon levels.

Protect yourself and your loved ones: Do a home radon test.

DIY test kits are easy, inexpensive, and sold at hardware stores.



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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

dep.pa.gov/radon
1-800-23RADON

CONTACT THE RADON DIVISION:

Radon Hotline: 800-237-2366

Phone: 717-783-3594

Fax: 717-783-8965

Hellertown Area Library



March over to the Hellertown Area Library for this summer's reading program, "Libraries Rock!" This summer will be filled with lots of exciting activities that feature music, geology, reading, and summer fun!

Kids

- Marching Band Story Time with Saucon Valley Marching Band Guests, June 29, at 10:00 a.m.
- June 29, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Mini-Golf at the Library.
- Read To The Dogs Event, June 30, at 10:30 a.m.
- Summer Story & Craft Series - Outdoor Messy Craft! Thursdays from June 28 – July 26, at 2:00 p.m.
- Taco Tuesday, July 10, at 11:30 a.m.
- Rock Science for preschool and early elementary, July 17, at 1:30 p.m.
- All summer, "Libraries Rock" Summer Reading Program.

Teens

- July 25, 1:00 p.m. Making Zen Rock Garden
- July 20, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. and July 21, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, Escape Room.

Families/Everybody

- Family Name That Tune, July 18, at 6:30 p.m.
- Rock Presentation with Professor Pazzaglia, July 25, at 6:30 p.m.
- Rock 'n Roll Fitness Fun for Families, June 28, at 10:15 a.m.

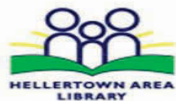
Adults

- Adult Craft Night (craft TBD), July 30, at 6:30 p.m.
- Adult Story Time, June 21, July 5, July 19, August 2, at 11:45 a.m. - Bring a lunch, relax, and hear a story, poem, or other selection.

For additional programs and information please visit:

www.hellertownlibrary.org.

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



Space is limited for most programs. To ensure a spot, please register for all programs and events by calling 610-838-8381 or emailing youthservices@hellertownlibrary.org, or by stopping by the library.

Do I need a Permit?

Lower Saucon Township requires permits for many types of construction and building work in residential structures. When in doubt, contact the Zoning Office at 610-865-3291.

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 different size than the existing.
- Upgrading an electrical service or addition/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.



Northampton County 2018 PA Dog Licensing

All dogs three months or older must be licensed by Jan. 1st of each year. Violators can be cited with a maximum fine of \$300 per violation plus court costs. If your dog gets lost, a current license is the fastest way to get him back. The small license fee helps the millions of dogs in the state by funding the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement. You can purchase a license from Northampton County Treasurer Office at www.padoglicense.com.

The County has reunited more than 7,215 Lost Pets. Over 220 pets are still missing and are listed on their free website www.palostpet.com.



Please be advised that the dog license is only valid for one calendar year.

Hellertown Pool Information

The Hellertown Pool opened on June 9th. And will be open until August 25th.

Operating hours are 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

2018 Season Pass Resident Rates*

Child under 3 years - FREE

Season Youth (ages 4 to 17) - \$55.00

Season Adult (18 to 61) - \$75.00

Season Senior (62 or older) - \$10.00

Season Family (first 5 members) - \$140.00

Season Family Additional Passes
(6 or more) - \$15.00/each



Acceptable Proof of Residency
Current Tax bill with your address
Hellertown Moving Permit
Pennsylvania Photo ID Card
School Issued ID Card

Hellertown Pool -After 4:00 p.m. price

Youth (Under 3) FREE

Youth \$3.00

Adult \$4.00



*A person who maintains his/her primary, permanent residence within the city limits of the Borough of Hellertown and Lower Saucon Township. Please note ALL persons purchasing a pool pass must show an acceptable proof of residency, including children.



Non -Resident season pass information can be obtained along with any other questions please contact the Borough with any pool related questions:

Borough of Hellertown

685 Main St., Hellertown PA 18055

Phone: 610-838-7041 Fax: 610-838-0500

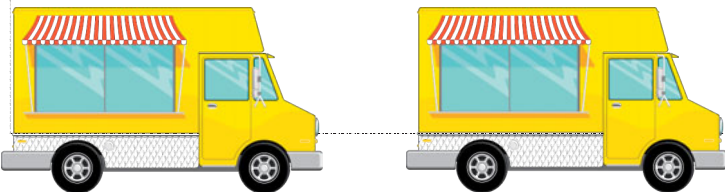
www.hellertownborough.org

If facts are misrepresented ALL tickets are void.

Hellertown/Lower Saucon Community Day

The Hellertown Lower Saucon Community Day committee is excited to announce that this year's event will take place on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at Dimmick Park. In addition to the many family friendly activities and demonstration planned throughout the day, we are once again partnering with "Music in the Park Summer Concert Series" and the evening will conclude with a free concert in the band shell from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Vendor/Exhibitor booths are scheduled to run from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Similar to last year, we have shortened this time based on feedback received and continue to encourage all participating organizations and businesses to keep their booths open and staffed during these hours. Live music will continue from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. as Vendor/Exhibitors clean up and make way for the evening festivities, which will include food trucks, local breweries and a winery.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

PRESENTED BY
MOBILE TECHNOLOGY GRAPHICS &
THE HELLERTOWN LOWER SAUCON CHAMBER

FRIDAY AUGUST 24TH
at Dimmick Park
870 DURHAM STREET, HELLERTOWN

FREE Entry

Featured movie TBD
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Snacks & drinks will be available to purchase.

Bring your chairs & blankets to enjoy a night out with family and friends as we say farewell to summer!

Thank you to our supporting "actors" & "actresses"



Free Family Movie Night !!!

SAVE THE DATE:
Friday, August 24th at
Dimmick Park from
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Grab your chairs, grab your blankets and come out to a free movie in Dimmick Park. Snacks and drinks will be available to purchase starting at 6:00 p.m.

Come and listen to music before the movie starts. This will be a great ending to a great summer in Hellertown and Lower Saucon.

The Chamber has partnered up with Mobile Technology Graphics to present this event.



Here's to summer nights in Hellertown

The second Music in the Park Concert Series is back! Save the date, grab your chairs, your blankets and come out to Dimmick Park and enjoy the live tunes on the following dates from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Local businesses will be on site selling food and beverages during the concert. These events will be BYOB unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, July 8 - Brian Dean Moore Band
 Sunday, July 22 - James Supra & Sara Ayers
 Saturday, August 18 - Cunningham & Associates
 (in conjunction with Community Day)

Thank you to all our sponsors for making this event possible:

CAPO Leadership Consulting, ASR Media Productions
 Adams Outdoor, Saucon Valley Bikes, BB&T,
 Law Offices of Mark P. Albright, Saucon Source,
 Stephanie Weitzman Primerica, Lost River Caverns,
 Embassy Bank For the Lehigh Valley, Bethlehem Press,
 Holiday Inn Express & Suites, The Morning Call,
 Bethlehem, Manors of Lehigh Valley, Lehigh Valley
 Chamber, Heintzelman Funeral Home, Farmers Insurance
 Wimbish Agency, The Borough of Hellertown,
 Lower Saucon Township

Community Day Dunk-A-Cop

Members of the community are invited to come and dunk a Lower Saucon Township Cop at Community Day on August 18th, from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Dimmick Park.

The Lower Saucon Township Police Officers Association will be sponsoring a dunk tank at Community Day to connect kids and adults with police and the community to build stronger bonds between law enforcement and the families they serve. It will also allow people to meet the officers and ask questions pertaining to Law Enforcement.



Proceeds will benefit local Families in need & training funds.

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:

www.lowerSauconTownship.org/pdf/summertickets.pdf

Click on the "Parks and Recreation" tab and scroll to "Summer Tickets".



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

Come join us to promote bike safety and show our youth that our Police are very approachable and Friendly, Thursday, July 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Water Street Park, Hellertown. This is not a race. We wish to engage our youth by showing them that our Police encourage community interactions.

- Registration is at 5:30 p.m. and children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- This event is rain or shine.
- Meet at the Water Street Park and ride to Reading Drive access (Bingen) and return.

Ice Cream will be provided for all participants
 - compliments of the Heintzelman Family.



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: 6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

www.lowersaucontownship.org

www.facebook.com/lowersaucon/



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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

Procedure for Reporting Odors Detected in the Township



If you detect an odor in the Applebutter/Ringhoffer Road or Steel City areas of the Township, the following steps should be taken:

1. If odors are detected, individuals should call the PA DEP Complaint Line at 866-255-5158. Press "2" to be directed to the Northeast Regional Office complaint representative/answering service.
2. If a gas odor (natural gas, landfill gas) is detected in someone's home or along Applebutter/Ringhoffer Road or Steel City, individuals should immediately call 911 and the Township Police and emergency personnel will respond to the scene.

Emergency personnel will contact the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) if their assistance is needed.

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.

July 4th - Office Closed
September 3rd - Office Closed
November 6th - Office Closed
November 22nd & 23rd - Office Closed