



## Lower Saucon Township

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## Congratulations Saucon Valley Wrestling Team!



On February 16<sup>th</sup>, Lower Saucon Township Council honored the Saucon Valley High School Wrestling Team for winning the 2022 State Championship by presenting them with a Resolution for their stellar performances on the mat throughout the season along with recognizing the support of Saucon Valley School District, Saucon Valley Athletic Department, Saucon Valley Booster Club, Saucon Valley Wrestling Club, St. Luke's Athletic Training and dedicated scorekeeper and supporter, Cathy Leibensperger, for their ongoing support to the Saucon Valley Wrestling Team.

The Saucon Valley Wrestling team had a 24-2 record in the 2021-2022 season, and won their 20<sup>th</sup> League Championship in conjunction with winning the 2022 PIAA AA Dual Meet State Championship defeating Notre Dame of Green Pond 29-22 on February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Giant Center in Hershey.

Thank you to Coach Chad Shirk and assistant coaches Don Rohn, Tommy Rohn, and Jason Grim along with Freshman wrestlers Jackson Albert, Aiden Grogg, Cole Hubert, Hector Mateo, Ava Riehl, Jared Rohn; Sophomore wrestlers Landon Beckowski, Leonidas Zaharakis; Junior wrestlers Mason Beckowski, Zoie Coronado, Jacob Jones, Tyler Pfizenmayer, Travis Riefenstahl, Liam Scrivanich; and Senior wrestlers Ryan Crookham, Ty Csencsits, Ryan Gilbert, Dante Mahaffey, Cael Markle, Jack Marouchoc, and Connor Nicholas. Your hard work and dedication produced a not to be forgotten season for area supporters.



## MOCK TEEN BEDROOM

Can you find the stash?

It seems like a typical teenager's bedroom, but look more closely and what you find will shock you. What looks like an ordinary item, such as a water bottle or hairbrush, may actually be a "diversion safe," used to stash drugs and drug-related paraphernalia. This interactive experience challenges parents and caregivers to try to find **more than 100 hidden items**, including:

- Mock drugs and drug paraphernalia, including vaping related items
- Seemingly real containers that are actually "Stash Safes"
- Common household items that can indicate drug misuse

### Narcan Training

Narcan (naloxone) can reverse an opioid overdose and save a life. Learn how to recognize a drug overdose, administer Narcan and receive a **FREE Narcan kit!**

**30-minute Narcan training at 7:00 PM**

**FREE medication lockboxes available!**

***There is no cost to attend!***

**Kids get a tour of the police station while adults search the bedroom and participate in the Narcan training!**

Brought to you by Northampton County Drug & Alcohol

## Lower Saucon Township Police Department

April 21, 2022

6:00-8:30 PM

3700 Old Philadelphia Pike  
Bethlehem

For more information:  
610-317-6110

Presented by



555 Union Blvd., Suite 7  
Allentown, Pa 18109  
610-443-1595  
[www.thechc.org](http://www.thechc.org)



TOM WOLF, GOVERNOR  
JENNIFER SMITH, SECRETARY

Project is funded, in part, under a PA Dept. of Drug & Alcohol Programs contract with Lehigh & Northampton Counties.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT - TALKS and TOURS



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

Please contact Police Chief Thomas Barndt via email [tbarndt@lowersaucontownship.org](mailto:tbarndt@lowersaucontownship.org) or by phone 610-317-6110.



## *Hellertown Sportsman's Association Donation*

On January 18, 2022, Council President Jason Banonis and Chief Tom Barndt presented a \$3,000.00 check to the Hellertown Sportsman's Association in recognition of the Association's support of Lower Saucon Township Police Department and public safety. The Association remains an important community partner, supporting the outdoor pursuits and responsible firearms ownership and use throughout the community.

Lower Saucon Police Officers continue to receive complimentary memberships.



## State Representative Milou Mackenzie 131<sup>st</sup> Legislative District

Come and visit my main district office in Emmaus and my satellite office in Red Hill should you need assistance! My staff and I continue to be available to you and your families for any of your state-related needs.

Our office contact information is as follows:



### Main Office (Emmaus):

**Address:** 1245 D Chestnut St.,  
Emmaus, PA 18049  
**Hours:** Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
**Phone:** 610-965-5830  
**Fax:** 610-966-7309

### Satellite Office (Red Hill):

**Address:** Red Hill Borough Building, 56  
West Fourth St., Red Hill, PA 18076  
**Hours:** Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. or by  
appointment  
**Phone:** 215-679-3152  
**Fax:** 215-679-3155

We also offer veterans service hours with American Legion Veteran Service Officer David Sharp at my Emmaus District Office located at 1245 D Chestnut St., Emmaus.

These services hours are provided on the fourth Wednesday of the month, with the next one scheduled for Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you would like to meet with David, please call for an appointment at 610-965-5830.

Services to veterans and their dependents include assistance with compensation, pension and death benefits, education and health care, plus other benefits. Veterans do not need a membership with the American Legion to receive these services.

## State Representative Robert Freeman 136<sup>th</sup> District



### Easton Office

215 Northampton St.  
Easton, PA 18042  
(610) 253-5543  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F

### Capitol Office

207 K. Leroy Irvis Office Bldg.  
PO Box 202136  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2136  
(717) 783-3815

Monthly office hours at Hellertown Borough Hall  
(first Thursday of every month from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM)

**Email:** [RepFreeman@pahouse.net](mailto:RepFreeman@pahouse.net)  
**Website:** [www.RepFreeman.com](http://www.RepFreeman.com)

Rep. Freeman's office can assist with state agencies, Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications for those eligible, birth certificate applications, PennDOT matters, and state-related issues of interest or concern.

## Library Services Information

Library services are available to Lower Saucon residents at the following nearby libraries. Addresses and hours are 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.bapl.org)



## 2022 Saucon Valley Community Center Summer Program

The Summer Recreation Program for Lower Saucon Township (*awaiting Council approval on April 20<sup>th</sup>*) will be open to children who completed K-6 and live in **Lower Saucon Township**. Spots are limited therefore; families can only sign-up for one session.

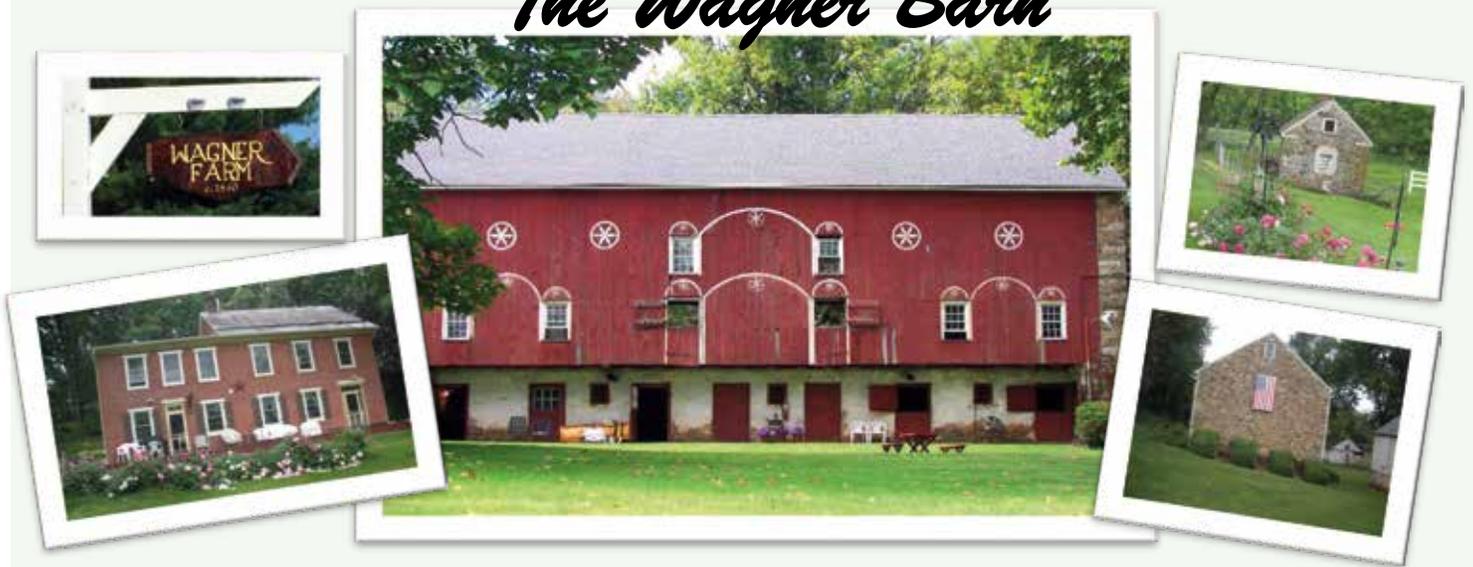
Fees associated with the program are \$10 for the first child and \$5 for additional children in the same household. The programs will be held at Town Hall and Southeastern Parks (maximum of 60 children to be enrolled at each park). Enrollment is first-come, first-serve.

The first session runs from June 20<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. There will be no program on July 4, 2022.

The second session will begin on July 18<sup>th</sup> to August 12<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Parents/Guardians must call Roberta Blackwell at the Saucon Valley Community Center at (610) 838-0722 to inquire about registering for the parks program.

# *The Wagner Barn*



**Congratulations** to the first private residence in Lower Saucon Township that has been accepted for a listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Wagner/Holum Farmstead borders Meadows Road, Saucon Creek, and the Saucon Rail Trail. This Farmstead was listed on the registry on July 23, 2020. It is one of 17 farmsteads listed in the entire state.

The property was once owned by an affluent family; the Wagners owned the property until 1971, a total of 219 years and 6 generations. The Wagners were not only successful German agricultural and husbandry farmers but also prosperous entrepreneurs. They owned the local grist mill (the Wagner Grist Mill now the site of the Hellertown Historical Society), a limestone quarry, had at least 3 lime kilns that furnished lime to local farmers as well as operated a mechanical threshing operation in the barn.

Christopher (Stoffel) Wagner Esq., acquired property of 184 acres from Thomas & Richard Penn in 1752. The property passed down from generation to generation and at one point ownership amassed over 428 acres.

The farmstead is an excellent example of a Germanic farm that existed in this area called the “Great Valley Agricultural Region.” The property consists of an early Victorian period midcentury vernacular two-section brick house, the property’s center piece is a large stone barn dated 1849, six smaller outbuildings adorn the picturesque property complete with a stone springhouse. Also, three other remnants of other buildings are visible.

Because of the barn’s large footprint (40X80) and the most talented craftsman, carpenters, timber framers and stone masons that John Wagner could obtain with the skills he demanded, it resulted in a structure that has unmatched quality in workmanship of other barns and still retains its historic integrity. Upon visits by many barn experts the barn was termed -- “The Cadillac of Barns.”

The restoration was a labor of love accomplished by the present owners, Gerald and Joanne Holum (owned since 1986).

## How Can I Be a Good Stormwater Neighbor?

Have you ever discussed stormwater with your neighbor or wondered how to be a better stormwater neighbor? Neighbor disputes over stormwater are very common. Water does not follow property boundaries and there are often instances where water flows from one property onto another and causes damage. It is important to realize that activities on your own property can adversely affect your neighbor's property.

The first thing to do as a responsible neighbor is to familiarize yourself with how stormwater flows on your own property. Ask yourself how does water enter and exit my property? Are there areas of concentrated flow currently causing damage to your property or adjacent neighboring property? If so, flows can be re-directed to vegetated areas for infiltration. You can also install a rain barrel, cistern, rain garden, or dry well as needed to control roof run-off.

When installing best management practices (or BMP's), do not direct stormwater flows onto a neighboring property and do not block stormwater from leaving your neighbor's property. Stabilize disturbed areas and maintain lawns, driveways, and gardens to prevent erosion and sedimentation on your own and on other peoples' properties. Changes from building and land development activities can alter natural flows of surface and stormwater. It is important to recognize that grading and re-grading can change how water moves across the land. It is essential to leave natural drainage paths undisturbed when possible and never intentionally concentrate stormwater flows.

If you live near a stream, pond, or stormwater drain you can plant a riparian buffer or establish a "grow zone" along the waterbody to allow pollutants to be filtered before reaching the water. This will help prevent erosion on your property. Also, do not compost yard waste such as leaves, grass clippings, or mulch into or near a stream or stormwater drain. Clean up trash, litter, and other debris that may clog a drain or small stream that could potentially cause flooding or pollution from water run-off.

If you find yourself in a dispute with a neighboring property owner over stormwater issues remember: open communication and cooperation can prevent stormwater issues and help resolve existing stormwater problems. If you have questions about local stormwater regulations, contact your municipality. It is important to take steps to protect natural water courses, infiltration areas, and drainage paths. Be mindful of how your actions can affect adjacent landowners and take steps to prevent damage not only on your own property but also on your neighbor's property.

If you have additional questions about stormwater, or you are just interested in learning more, you can find a full series of videos and articles in the **Penn State Extension Stormwater Basics** series.



## Lower Saucon Township Historical Society Membership



Become a member of the Lower Saucon Township Historical Society for \$15.00 and we will send you one of our popular Hexenkopf Rock tote bags. You will receive first notices of our various speaker presentations, Apple Festival, schoolhouse museum tours and other events. Your membership helps to fund the maintenance and educational activities of the Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse Museum. We also provide our members access to our archives of

Lower Saucon Township history. Our archivist is available to assist you in finding answers to your Lower Saucon Township history questions. You can join online at <https://lutzfranklin.wordpress.com/membership/> or mail a check to LSTHS at: P.O. Box 176, Hellertown PA 18055

Contact: Lower Saucon Township Historical Society at (610) 625-8771 or email: [shistorical@gmail.com](mailto:shistorical@gmail.com)

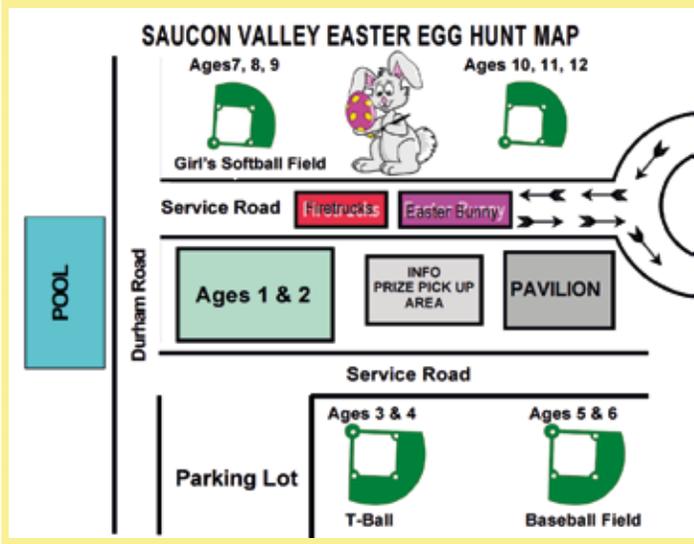


## Saucon Valley Easter Egg Hunt



The Hellertown Historical Society will be hosting the Saucon Valley Egg Hunt on **April 16<sup>th</sup>** at Dimmick Park, 10:00 a.m. (siren start).

Come early to see the Easter Bunny arrive by fire truck and to line up in age groups (children ages 1-12). **\*\*Event is Rain or Shine.**



## Keystone Collections Group is Lower Saucon Township's new Tax Collector with a new location

Effective January 1, 2022 Keystone Collections Group will serve as Lower Saucon Township's Real Estate and Fire Tax collector

**Please note that the 2022 Township Real Estate Tax Notice was mailed out to residents in the beginning of February and will no longer be accepted at Fulton Bank or Town Hall; however, you still have several options to pay your taxes.**

### Mail your check or money order to:

Keystone Collections Group  
Real Estate Payment,  
P.O. Box 505, Irwin, PA 15642  
(cash is not accepted)

### Pay in person at:

Keystone Collections Group's new office  
Seidersville Hall, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Suite A,  
Bethlehem, PA 18015  
(payments will no longer be accepted at  
Fulton Bank or Town Hall)

### Pay online at:

[www.KeystoneCollects.com/pay](http://www.KeystoneCollects.com/pay)  
(Use your original invoice number to access your receipt).  
There is no additional cost to pay through an online



The Saucon Valley Compost Center will be open on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> to Township and Borough residents, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m.

Thereafter, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and each Friday and Saturday through November 19, 2022. Check our website for detailed information at: <https://www.lowersaucontownship.org/svcompostcenter.htm>



# 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](http://www.lowersaucontownship.org)

[www.facebook.com/lowersaucon/](https://www.facebook.com/lowersaucon/)

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## Lower Saucon Township Officials

Jason Banonis	Council President
Jennifer Zavacky	Council Vice President
Priscilla deLeon	Council Member
Thomas Carocci	Council Member
Sandy Yerger	Council Member
Lou Mahlman	Controller
Peter Marshall	Interim 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

### Meeting Schedule

(check website for exact dates)

#### Council

1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays – 6:30 p.m.

#### Parks & Recreation Board

1<sup>st</sup> Monday – 6:30 p.m.

#### Environmental Advisory Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.

#### Planning Commission

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

#### Zoning Hearing Board

4<sup>th</sup> Monday – 7:00 p.m.

#### Lower Saucon Authority

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.

#### Office Closed

April 15<sup>th</sup>

April 18<sup>th</sup>

May 17<sup>th</sup>

May 30<sup>th</sup>

July 4<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, November 12th, 2022

### 9am - 11am 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/next Newsletter.

Please have exact change or check prepared. Envelope preferred.

*Brought to you by the Lower Saucon Township EAC & RRS.*

