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## Police News

### New Hires

East Lampeter Township Police Department has hired three new officers in 2022.



Brooke Struble

**Brooke Struble** — A graduate of Lampeter/Strasburg High School & Pennsylvania College of Technology with a degree in Homeland Security & Emergency Management. Brooke was previously employed as an EMT.

**Genna Koser** — A graduate of Palmyra Area High School & Alvernia College with a degree in Criminal Justice. Genna was previously employed as a police officer with Reading City Police Department.



Genna Koser



Nicholas Zollner

**Nicholas Zollner** — A graduate of Conestoga Valley High School & Millersville University with a degree in Criminal Justice. Nick was previously employed in security.

### Officer of The Year

East Lampeter Township Police Sergeant Brian Cloonan, a 24 year veteran, was voted by his peers as the 2021 East Lampeter Township Police Officer of the Year. This is the 3rd time Sergeant Cloonan has earned this award and the only ELTPD officer to do so. Congratulations Sergeant Cloonan!

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Sergeant Brian Cloonan (right)

## Public Meeting Arrangements

Please go to the Township web site, [www.eastlampetertownship.org](http://www.eastlampetertownship.org) for information and instructions regarding Public Meetings.

## Police News *(continued)*

### Retirement:

East Lampeter Township Police Officer Lisa A Gehr has retired after 25 years of service. Officer Gehr began her career in January of 1997 and has held positions in the patrol, detective & administrative divisions over the years. Officer Gehr was also recognized for her involvement with the Lancaster County SERT team as a crisis negotiator as well as the Lancaster County Crisis Intervention Team, where she regularly helped train other officers in Crisis Intervention. Thank you Lisa for a career of service to others!. We wish you all the best in retirement.

**Officer Gehr (right), receives a Commendation Award from Lancaster County Crisis Intervention Director Katlyn Wildberger.**



### Promotion

Bill Rhine has been promoted to Superintendent of Roads. Bill was originally hired in February of 2005 in the Public Works Department.

Bill has been working in the roads department, mastering many skills including paving, storm sewer repairs, snow plowing, and maintenance of our equipment. Bill was one of the leads in our inlet cleanings and outfall inspections to satisfy one of the MS4 requirements. He also cross trained within Public Works Sewer department and Parks department to master more skills to further benefit East Lampeter Township and the residents.

Bill has been an asset to the Township in many ways, and will continue to be in his new role.

## End of 10% Credit on Quarterly Sewer Bills

In February of 2021, the Board approved a resolution to help offset the ongoing economic impact of COVID-19 on Township residents and businesses. The Board approved a 10% credit on quarterly billings for sanitary sewer services provided during 2021. Specifically, the 10% credit was to be applied to the quarterly bills issued in April, July and October 2021 and January 2022.

This 10% credit will not apply for sanitary sewer services provided after 2021. The quarterly bills you received around April 1st will be the first bills issued after the credit has ended. Most residents will see their quarterly sewer bill increase by almost \$10 per quarter compared to 2021 bills.

<p>Ralph Hutchison    Township Manager                  Stephen Zerbe    Chief of Police                  Tara Hitchens    Assistant Township Manager                  Kevin Hostetter    Finance Director                  Colin Siesholtz    Dir. of Planning/Zoning Officer                  David Sinopoli    Assistant Zoning Officer                  Alecia Hair    Zoning Admin. Assistant                  Charlie Thomas    Public Works Director                  Larry Frankford    Sewer Superintendent                  Bill Rhine    Road Superintendent                  Troy Bresch    Parks Superintendent                  Charles Hayes    Stormwater Coordinator                  Alex Wasilewski    Stormwater Technician                  Jeffrey Shirk    System Administrator                  Kurt Vivaldi    IT Support Specialist                  Kathy Treier    Bookkeeper                  Stephanie Leakway    Admin. Assistant                  Lashawnda Martin    Admin. Assistant</p>	<p><b>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</b>                  Meets 1st and 3rd Monday of each month                  except for February, May, July,                  September and November when                  they only meet on the 2nd Monday                  All regular meetings begin at 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>                  Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>SEWER AUTHORITY</b>                  Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month except for                  November when they meet on the 1st Wednesday                  All regular meetings begin at 4 pm</p> <p><b>TOWNSHIP OFFICE PHONE:</b>  <b>717-393-1567</b></p>	<p><b>PARK BOARD</b>                  Meets 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 pm                  (NO MEETINGS in November and December)</p> <p><b>ZONING HEARING BOARD</b>                  Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month                  at 7 pm                  (NO MEETING on 4th Thursday in                  November and December)</p> <p>This newsletter is funded by the sale of advertising.                  Your ad will reach every address in the Township,                  and your support will be greatly appreciated by the                  township and our residents.                  Please contact:                  Carla Snyder at 717-669-0914                  or e-mail: carlas@mtroyalprinting.com</p>
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# How Runoff Pollution threatens our Township waters

## What is Runoff Pollution?

Polluted runoff is one of the most harmful sources of contamination to our local waters. It starts right in the East Lampeter Township neighborhoods where we live, work, and play.

As rainwater runs off our streets, parking lots, lawns, and other surfaces, it picks up pet waste, pesticides, fertilizer, oil, and other contaminants. This polluted runoff typically is not filtered in the way that wastewater is treated at a sewage plant. If the draining water doesn't evaporate or soak into the ground, it flushes straight into local creeks, ponds, or rivers such as Stauffer Run, Conestoga, Pequea, or Mill Creek, where it adversely affects water quality and aquatic life.

## What Are Examples of Runoff Pollution?

Stormwater runoff erodes streambanks, reduces fish populations, inhibits swimming/recreation areas, can increase flooding, among other issues. Stormwater runoff can collect a mix of pollutants including:

- **Trash**
- **Soil**
- **Bacteria**
- **Nitrogen**
- **Phosphorus**
- **Oil and other petroleum products**
- **Pesticides and herbicides**
- **Road salt**
- **Toxic metals including copper, lead, and zinc**

## Effects of Runoff Pollution

The effects of runoff pollution are vast and can be long-lasting. Runoff pollution can have an impact on drinking water, the health of aquatic life, and can change the landscape of our local watersheds by:

- **Reshaping the Watershed:** Strong currents of runoff scour stream banks, destabilizing the natural contours of the streams and even altering their depths.
- **Affecting the Quality of Water:** Runoff muddies drinking water sources and can carry bacteria/nutrients, making the treatment and use of such water more expensive.
- **Endangering Aquatic Life:** Eroded dirt from the runoff blocks sunlight from reaching underwater grasses and the sediment destroys fish habitat in our local waters.

Polluted runoff from our neighborhoods can impact Township residents by:

- **Contaminating Recreation Areas:** Authorities caution people not to swim in waterways for 48 hours after a heavy rain, as polluted runoff carrying bacteria has resulted in serious illnesses.
- **Increasing Water Damage:** In urban and suburban areas where ground surfaces have been hardened and the polluted water has no place to go, local streets and basements often flood, causing repeated and costly damage to homes and businesses.

# Walnut Street Extension & Lancaster Heritage Pathway Project

The construction of the Walnut Street extension and Ben Franklin Boulevard (from Rt. 30 interchange to Greenfield Road) and a section of the Lancaster Heritage Pathway is expected to begin this summer. The necessary permits for the construction have been issued and the bidding process is underway. Bids for the construction will be opened in May. It is expected that construction will be complete before the end of 2023.

Due to the fact that the construction will take place primarily on the existing PADOT Right of Way (commonly referred to as the "Goat Path"), disruption to existing traffic patterns is not expected to occur.

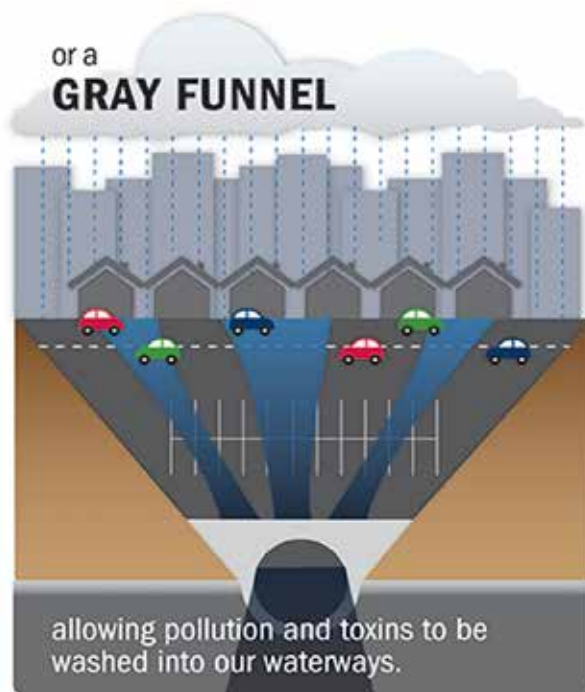
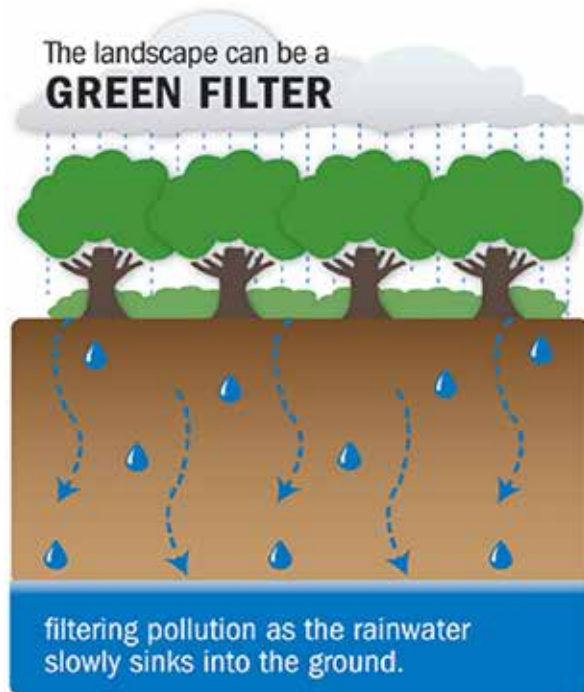
The extension of Walnut Street beginning in the area of the Rt. 30 / Walnut Street interchange, will be constructed as a two lane road (one lane in each direction) with a landscaped median. There will be a bridge over Millcross Road (for both Walnut Street and the Lancaster Heritage Pathway) and the extension will end in a roundabout intersection with Ben

Franklin Boulevard near the PA College of Health Sciences. Ben Franklin Boulevard will then connect with Greenfield Road at a signalized intersection. There will also be new traffic signals installed on both the east and west bound Rt. 30 ramps that intersect with Walnut Street.

The section of the Lancaster Heritage Pathway also being constructed as a part of this project will begin at Oak Grove Drive and continue, generally parallel to the Walnut Street extension, over Millcross Road, crossing Ben Franklin Boulevard at grade with a flashing warning signal and ending at a trail head parking lot just east of the Walnut Street / Ben Franklin Boulevard roundabout. Trail head parking will be provided at this location.

The East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors has entered into an agreement with PADOT to operate and maintain this section of the Lancaster Heritage Pathway. The Walnut Street extension will be a PADOT state highway. Ben Franklin Boulevard will be a Township road.





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### Solutions for Runoff Pollution

One promising solution to mitigate runoff pollution is to create “green infrastructure.” The idea is simple: Slow down and soak up the runoff. This includes:

- Planting rain gardens in key drainage areas
- Replacing old pavement with pervious pavement wherever possible
- Landscaping improvements to allow rain water to run into gravel/mulch beds with plants utilizing water and permitting infiltration. (Elevated/mounded mulch beds generate more runoff)
- Planting trees, wild flower mixes, and or shrubs that will serve as filters and or buffers.

These and other green solutions not only are cost-effective, they provide secondary social benefits: shade, wildlife habitat, a more pleasant neighborhood, to name a few. Additional information about stormwater management can be found at the following websites:

<https://eastlampetertownship.org/departments/stormwater/>

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State Representative  
Keith J. Greiner, CPA

## Budget Hearings Conclude, Negotiations Begin

State Rep. Keith J. Greiner, CPA

The House Appropriations Committee recently completed three weeks of hearings with top officials of state departments and agencies, to examine Gov. Tom Wolf's record \$43.7 billion budget proposal for 2022-23.

The governor's plan would increase state spending by a historic 16.6% or \$17 million more a day. For every working Pennsylvanian, that would mean an additional \$1,055 per year.

As a member of the committee and a certified public accountant, it is clear the governor's spending proposal is excessive, particularly in this economic environment, but my colleagues and I pressed hard to get state officials to justify the governor's numbers.

During the hearings, I repeatedly pointed out wide disparities in the budget numbers presented by the governor and those provided by the state's nonpartisan Independent Fiscal Office (IFO), which was created specifically to ensure we have factual, unbiased numbers to work from when creating our budgets.

I asked Matthew Knittel, director of the IFO, about the disparity between the IFO's revenue forecast and the projections offered in the governor's budget proposal. He said his office and the governor have a difference of opinion

and he characterized the governor's estimate as "optimistic." He further added that the absence of federal stimulus funds will lead to a decline in revenue from sales taxes as people have less money to spend. In fact, the IFO projects an \$800 million deficit next year.

Fortunately, the Commonwealth has money in reserve, thanks to contributions to the state's Rainy Day Fund over the past two budgets, which were made possible by the General Assembly's determination to hold the line on state spending. The governor's current massive spending proposal includes eliminating the state reserves and leaves the next governor with a budget deficit that would require tax increases or a reduction in state services.

Now it is up to leadership in the General Assembly to pore over what the Appropriations Committee uncovered in these hearings and put together a responsible budget that addresses the basic responsibilities of government and meets the needs of Pennsylvania citizens. This will include ample spending for Pennsylvania schools, and health and human services funding to address the needs of our most vulnerable citizens.

To follow the budget process, visit my website: RepGreiner.com. There you will find the latest updates, analyses and coverage of the state budget hearings. The budget deadline is June 30.

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