



# EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

## Newsletter

Summer 2022

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## Welcome Our New Employees

The East Lampeter Township Police Department recently welcomed three new employees to their ranks: Danielle Goshert, Dorine Offenbaker, and Chris Leighty.

Danielle and Dorine are both Records Clerks whose job responsibilities include: greeting visitors at the front desk, scheduling, and data entry. Danielle is from the Willow Street area and a graduate of Penn Manor schools where she played soccer. Dorine is a resident of East Lampeter. Dorine has deep roots in the community: her father, Harry Landis served with the township and her brother, Mike Landis, was also a township supervisor for many years.

Chris Leighty was hired as the township's first Community Service Aide. His job includes assisting police officers in their duties, processing prisoners, working with evidence, and taking non-criminal reports i.e. ordinances, crash reports, etc. You may see Chris out and about driving a marked CSA car and will be wearing a "uniform" including a bright blue shirt and ID. Now a Bainbridge area resident, Chris also has strong ties to the community – he is a Conestoga Valley graduate where he played on the baseball team and his mother, Marlene, is a retired East Lampeter Township Officer (Sergeant), serving for over 29 years.

Be sure to say hello to all of our new employees!



Danielle Goshert



Dorine Offenbaker



Chris Leighty

## Public Meeting Arrangements

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

## A Reminder To Empty Your Rainbarrels!

Rainbarrels, and some cisterns, need to be emptied and disconnected from downspouts before we see freezing temperatures. These stormwater management devices can be damaged by freeze-thaw impacts, and can cause snow melt from your roof to freeze up the downspouts, potentially leading to roof damage. Please check the manufacture directions or owner's manual for your rainbarrel or cistern to see what maintenance needs to happen when to keep your stormwater management device working well.

## ...And To Sweep Your Local Storm Drain!

Storm drains keep stormwater and snow melt flowing down and away from roadways and properties, but they can only do that if water can get through the drain grates! Please help keep these drains functioning by periodically cleaning brush, leaves, and snow off of the storm drain tops near your property. Thank you!

## Got Yard Waste?

It's that time again to start raking up the leaves and cleaning up the yard. Please remember that in East Lampeter Township, leaves and other yard waste are considered to be recyclable and therefore CANNOT BE BURNED. A citation can be given for not obeying this ordinance. If you wish to report any burning violations, please contact the East Lampeter Township Police Department at 291-4676.

So where should you go with all the leaves and other yard waste? First, you can contact your trash hauler. They are required to pick up yard waste. They usually will provide you with a yard waste tag or bag for a small fee. Contact your trash hauler for more information. You could also compost your yard waste. If you are interested in learning about home composting, contact the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority at 717-397-9968 or [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) for more information.

For a fee of \$20 per trip you can purchase an access card to West Earl Township Facility located at 157 W. Metzler Rd., Brownstown, PA 17508. If you have any question please contact West Earl Township at 717-859-3201.

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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
Lashawnda Martin	Bookkeeper
Stephanie Leakway	Admin. Assistant
Winnie Brooks	Admin. Assistant

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm

### SEWER AUTHORITY

Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month except for  
November when they meet on the 1st Wednesday  
All regular meetings begin at 4 pm

### TOWNSHIP OFFICE PHONE:

**717-393-1567**

### PARK BOARD

Meets 4th Wednesday of each month at 4 pm  
(NO MEETINGS in November and December)

### ZONING HEARING BOARD

Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month  
at 7 pm  
(NO MEETING on 4th Thursday in  
November and December)

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## Change Your Batteries

With the time change occurring on Sunday, November 6th, this is always an excellent time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Taking a moment to do this could result in saving a life or preventing serious injuries.

## Trick or Treat Night

**Monday, October 31, 2022**

**6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

for Children ages 12 and under.




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# LIHWAP may be able to assist you with overdue water and wastewater bills.

## What is LIHWAP?

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a temporary emergency program to help low-income families pay overdue water bills. LIHWAP is a grant. You do not have to repay it.

## To receive help...

- Apply starting January 4, 2022.
- You don't have to be on public assistance.
- You need to have an unpaid water bill.
- You can either rent or own your home.

## How does LIHWAP work?

LIHWAP Crisis grants may be available if you have an emergency situation and are in jeopardy of losing your water service. You can receive one Crisis grant for your drinking water service and one Crisis grant for your wastewater service, up to \$2,500 each.

## Crisis situations include:

- Past-due water bills.
- Termination of utility service.
- Danger of having utility service terminated (received a notice that service will be shut off within the next 60 days).

## How do I apply?

- Apply online at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us).
- Request an application by calling the Statewide Customer Service Center at 877-395-8930 or call PA Relay at 711 for the hearing impaired.
- Applications are available at your local county assistance office.

## To apply, you will need:

- Names of people in your household;
- Dates of birth for all household members;
- Social Security numbers for all household members;
- Proof of income for all household members; and
- A recent water bill.

## Who is eligible?

You may qualify for a LIHWAP grant if:

- You must have an overdue water bill that you are responsible for paying.
- Your household income meets the following income guidelines:

### INCOME GUIDELINES

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
1	\$ 19,320
2	\$ 26,130
3	\$ 32,940
4	\$ 39,750
5	\$ 46,560
6	\$ 53,370
7	\$ 60,180
8	\$ 66,990
9	\$ 73,800
10	\$ 80,610
Each Additional Person Add \$ 6,810	

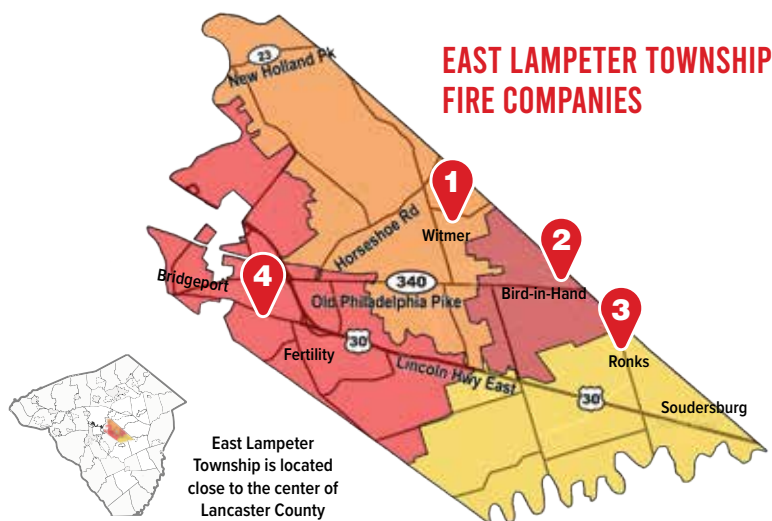
After your application is processed, you will receive a written notice that will tell you if you qualify. If eligible, it will tell you the amount of your grant.



Hello! Welcome to the first installment of “Your Volunteer Voices”.

Here is where your local volunteer fire company members will answer questions, provide event dates, offer ways to get involved, and most importantly, reconnect with our community. But first, let's answer a basic question...

## WHO IS MY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY?



### EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANIES

1



#### Witmer Fire Protective Association

455 Mt. Sidney Road, Lancaster, PA 17602  
witmerfire.com  
717-393-1259

2



#### Hand-in-Hand Fire Co.

313 Enterprise Dr., Bird-in-Hand PA 17505  
bihfire.com  
Station #: 717-392-0112 | Paul Fisher: 717-380-1109

3



#### Ronks Fire Co

134 North Ronks Road, Ronks, PA 17572  
ronksfirerescueinfo@gmail.com  
Steve Gribble: 717-368-5585

4



#### Lafayette Fire Co.

63 Lafayette Way, Lancaster, PA 17602  
lafayettefire.com  
717-392-5097

### WHO DO WE HELP?

These four local, robust fire companies cover about 51.9 sq. miles of people and property. A mix of hydrant & no-hydrant.



Homes, Low & High Density  
Residential Housing



Rural Farmland



Industrial Parks &  
Manufacturing Facilities



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Schools & Theaters

### WHERE DOES THE MONEY FOR EQUIPMENT & OPERATIONS COME FROM?

Primarily, fundraisers and community donations. Financial support from the township is also crucial to our success.



### WHAT EVENTS DO WE RESPOND TO?

Vehicle accidents, building fires, brush fires, automatic fire alarms, and assist on EMS calls.

**17,776** people live in East Lampeter Township, but an estimated **30,000** people are in the area everyday for work, school, shopping and more. **70,000** are on the roads every day!

### ARE YOUR FIREFIGHTERS PAID STAFF?

No, there are no paid firefighters here. These four fire companies successfully operate as 100% volunteer. Volunteers leave their jobs in the middle of the day, and sacrifice family time at night, to help you when you're having the worst day of your life.



### WHERE IS THIS INFO COMING FROM?

The Emergency Services Committee (ESC) is committed to initiating and maintaining a community outreach program that will assist our volunteer fire companies to sustain their critical operations for the safety and benefit of our East Lampeter Township citizens and service area. As a critical part of this effort, the ESC is collaborating with the township management to disseminate information critical to our four fire companies missions through the East Lampeter Township Newsletter." - **James Martin, ESC Chairman**



Financial donations & tangible resources are a crucial way to support your 100% volunteer fire department.



Firefighters are always needed, but did you know that many other skills are needed to keep us running as 100% volunteer? Administrative, bookkeeping, marketing, cleaning, educators, photographers, cooks, and so much more are welcome. Contact your local company anytime if you have even a little interest!

**If you have questions about this information, please contact one of the fire companies listed above!**



2250 Old Philadelphia Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17602



## **Daylight Saving Time Ends November 6, 2022**

It's that time of year again to fall back. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 5, 2022 before you go to bed. Daylight savings time officially begins at 2:00 AM on November 6, 2022.

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