

Stormwater Fees – What Residents Need to Know

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ref: [Bethlehem stormwater run off improvements on the way](#)

Gadfly's going to try to get to this. He admits that he didn't at first pay attention to the issue of stormwater and stormwater fees.

We know in the tough budget year the City made personnel cuts and raised taxes 5%.

But there is also a new \$65 stormwater fee for everybody as well.

There's been some consternation about the fee — you can even see the mayoral candidates talking about it in the [Gadfly Forum](#).

There has been some good discussion among city administrators like Public Works director Mike Alkhal and members of Council like Grace Crampsie Smith about the application of that fee to help homeowners.

No decisions have been made. There's further discussion planned. Might behoove us to come up to speed.



STORMWATER FEES: WHAT RESIDENTS NEED TO KNOW

Online Informational Webinars: April 1st and 6th.

Starting this spring, City of Bethlehem residents will see a small monthly stormwater fee charge on their utility bills. Join this webinar to learn more. The presentation will cover the basics of urban stormwater management and why more municipalities are approving fees to help rebuild crumbling stormwater infrastructure as well as innovative new practices to reduce flooding. Learn how cities and towns are tackling long-standing flooding hazards and beautifying their streets and public areas while finding the best ways to respond to expanding state and federal regulations. A recording of the presentation will be posted online.

April 1st, Noon-1 and April 6th, 7-8 pm.

REGISTER AT: <https://watershedcoalitionlv.org/bethlehem/>

Webinar hosted by: Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley

Presentation by: Nathan Pritchard, Northampton County Conservation District Watershed Specialist Plus introductions to the Saucon Creek Watershed Association, Monocacy Creek Watershed Association, Penn State Extension, and the City of Bethlehem Stormwater Department.

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