



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – December 15, 2023 - Vol. 43-23

MESSAGE FROM YOUR TOWNSHIP

“Transforming Communications in the New Year”

As 2023 comes to an end, it is a good time to review where we have been, what we have achieved, and where we are going as a Township and team in 2024. Many changes were experienced in 2023.

In April 2023, former Township Manager, Kathleen Sebastian retired. Former Township Supervisor, Jim Reino was appointed Interim Township Manager, and on August 1, 2023, the Township appointed me as the Township Manager. Since arriving on the job, the Township staff and I have worked closely to update and reorganize all aspects of government support and information services for our community.

As part of our reorganization, we have updated the Kingston Township Website, Kingston Township Facebook Page and the Kingston Township Weekly Newsletter.

Changes to our website provides added information, better organization, and simplification of navigation within the overall site. Meeting agendas, historical meeting minutes, meeting resolutions and ordinances, a right-to-know request link and a newly designed Kingston Township logo have all been updated and placed on the site, allowing for an orderly and easy to follow layout. We will continue to add information in 2024 for openness and transparency.

With the updating of the Website, and as the New Year arrives, the weekly Newsletter will be transformed into a **monthly** Newsletter and reformatted. The Facebook Page and Website will be utilized for any pertinent information that needs to be distributed on a daily or “as needed” basis. Furthermore, this will be the last Newsletter in 2023.

It is our sincerest hope that the new streamlining of Township information platforms will provide a clear and improved flow of Community information for all of our citizens.

Wishing everyone a Happy Holidays and New Year!


Fred J. Rosencrans – Kingston Township Manager

KT Code Enforcement and Police Department Track Down Illegal Dumper

Earlier this week, our Kingston Township Code Enforcement Officer, Police Department, and Public Works Department, worked together to investigate and clean-up a large amount of illegally dumped residential demolition material found along Carverton Road between Brown Manor and Eighth Street.

Code enforcement officer, William Eck, along with KT Police Officer William Kishbach, sorted through the trash and discovered evidence for the owner of the illegal dumping, and traced it to a property owner in a nearby valley community. The KT Public Works Department used heavy equipment and dump trucks to remove the material for proper disposal. Officer Kishbach and Code Enforcement Officer Eck, interviewed the property owner identified on the evidence found in the debris. KT officials were able to match the debris with existing materials still within the property's owner's home, and cited them for the cost of the clean-up. Later that day, the suspected homeowners arrived at the KT Administrative offices, and paid the cost of clean-up. The whole process took less than forty-eight hours.


Kingston Township residents should be proud of their employees professional, quick, and successful investigation, clean-up, and resolution to the situation.



KINGSTON TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT

December 15, 2023

MONTHLY POLICE REPORT
November 2023



The residents of Kingston Township can be confident that as an Accredited Law Enforcement Agency, certified by the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, Kingston Township Police policies reflect the most modern and progressive 21st-century policing practices and promotes community trust and accountability in an effort to attain the highest level of professionalism.

Officers undergo the most up-to-date training on explicit and overt bias, the appropriate use-of-force, modern de-escalation techniques, cultural diversity, and fair and impartial policing.

It is our moral and professional duty to reflect the values of our community and we are proud and committed to upholding this obligation.

177 hours of training
294 calls for service through Luzerne County 911
44 Incident Reports

Incident Report Status Breakdown
(Reported and/or Closed in the Month)

46 Incident Reports' Status Addressed	
3	Further Investigation
43	Closed/Cleared
1	Unfounded
2	Prosecution Declined
9	Cleared by Arrest
31	No Further Action

0 Use-of-Force Reports
0 Pursuit Report

81 Traffic Citations, Non-Traffic Citations, & Written Warnings

Crash Reporting			
Reportable	4	5 Vehicles	0 Injured
Non-Reportable	7	12 Vehicles	0 Injured
Total	11	17 Vehicles	0 Injured

2023-24 WINTER PARKING NOTICE



180 East Center Street • Shavertown, PA 18708-1514 • Ph: 570-696-3809 • Fax: 570-696-3411

NEWS RELEASE

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP

The Kingston Township Police Chief Martin Maransky would like to remind residents that the Township Winter Parking Ordinance is effective November 1, 2023, and running through March 31, 2024. Under this ordinance residents are prohibited from parking vehicles on Township streets between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. daily. The Chief also reminds residents that vehicles are not permitted to be parked on Township streets during snowstorms, or for eight (8) hours after the end of a storm. The ordinance is designed to keep the Township streets open and clear so that snow removal measures can be effectively undertaken by the Public Works Department. The Chief urges all Township residents to cooperate in complying with the Township Ordinance to avoid enforcement measures. Residents with questions about the ordinance may contact Chief Maransky at 570-696-1175.

Residents are encouraged to visit our website at www.kingstontownship.com and sign up to be on our e-mailing list to receive up to date information regarding events and services. Residents can also join the Township on our Facebook page on the website link. For more information you may also contact the Kingston Township Administration Office at 570-696-3809.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICES

REPRESENTATIVE KAUFER SETS SATELLITE OFFICE HOURS

January 5th, 2023; 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM



Staff from State Representative Aaron Kaufer's office, will hold hours for constituents on the **second Friday of the month, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**, at the Kingston Township Municipal Building Administrative Offices, second level, 180 East Center Street, Shavertown.

Representative Aaron Kaufer; 120th Legislative District; PA House of Representatives; Main Office located at 161 Main Street Luzerne, Suite 201; Luzerne, PA 18709; Office Phone Number - (570) 283-1001.

Kingston Township Upcoming Public Meetings

Tuesday January 2nd, 2024, 6:30 P.M. – 2024 Supervisors Reorganization Meeting.

Tuesday January 4th, 2024, 7:30 P.M. – Monthly Planning Commission Meeting.

Monday January 8, 2024, 7:00 P.M. – Monthly Board of Supervisors Work Session.

Wednesday January 10, 2024, 7:00 P.M. – Regular Supervisors meeting.

Thursday January 11, 2024, 7:30 P.M. – Monthly Zoning Hearing Board Meeting.



Trucksville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association



SAT, DEC 16 AT 12 PM

Children's Christmas Party

WAYNE'S WORLD
DALLAS, PA

*'tis the season
to be giving*

ACCEPTING FOOD & CLOTHING DONATIONS
FOR
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
FOOD BANK & CLOTHING CLOSET
DALLAS, PA

THROUGH DECEMBER 23RD
THE NIGHT OF OUR ANNUAL
WAYNE'S WORLD CHRISTMAS PARTY
FT
SPUD

Non Parishable Food Items
Canned Goods
Dried Goods
Etc.

Clothing For All Ages
Coats
Shirts
Pants
Shoes
Unused Socks
Accessories

Drop off at Wayne's World, Dallas



Back Mountain Trail 5K

Nestled amidst the rolling hills, lush valleys, and majestic mountains of Luzerne, Pennsylvania, the Back Mountain Trail beckons you to embark on an unforgettable journey. On December 31st, 2023, we invite you to lace up your running shoes and join us for an exhilarating 5K race through this picturesque landscape. Our trail is a hidden gem, a natural wonder that boasts year-round beauty and caters to all skill levels. Whether you're a seasoned runner or new to the 5K scene, the Back Mountain Trail promises an extraordinary experience that will leave you with memories to cherish. So, mark your calendars and prepare to make history on December 31st, 2023. The Back Mountain Trail 5K awaits you – a race through nature's splendor and a journey through time. Get ready to run, explore, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Little Theatre
of Wilkes-Barre

A NEW AND ORIGINAL ADAPTATION BY JUSTIN HAIGH
ORIGINAL MUSIC BY PRATIK GANDHI

Charles Dickens's

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

DECEMBER 8TH-17TH
FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS AT 8PM • SUNDAYS AT 3PM

TICKETS: LTWB.ORG OR CALL 570.823.1875

PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS
A STATE AGENCY

DALLAS LIONS CLUB



JOIN US!



Join us at our first Open House of 2024 at T.C. Riley's on
Thursday, January 18th at 6:00 PM!

This event is open to the public and we encourage you to come for pizza and beverages and learn more about our organization and all of the local charities we support all while having a lot of fun!

CALL (570) 760-6147 TO RSVP!

RSVP by January 11th, 2024

www.dallaspalions.org

A LOOK DOWN KT'S MEMORY LANE

New KT High School – 1932

THE DALLAS POST, DALLAS, PA., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1932.

Kingston Township's New \$98,000.00 High School



STAND BY AMERICA
By Clara Cooke Kueber

Stand by, oh brave Americans,
This is an hour of need;
Our nation at a crisis,
Her dangers set us head.

Our team and able President
Is working for us all,
Stand by him in this struggle
Or great will be our fall.

You say that things could not be
worse?
Ah, but they could, they could,
We all have been provided
With shelter and with food.

Our homes have been protected;
Our supplies kept secure;
Our policies have been maintained,
Our friends around us here.

We know that there is sorrow
And poverty and grief,
But he who cared for England's poor
Is mindful of our need.

Compare our lot with Europe's
And America and the rest,
In spite of all our troubles,
We still are greatly blest.

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And America and the rest,
In spite of all our troubles,
We still are greatly blest.

You Legion men, who bravely fought
Democracy to save,
Don't be a quaker at the time
Your nation's needs are great.

We know you need your boys,
But would it be quite brave
To put your country on the rocks,
The whom you fought to save.

Don't let the crows for wine and beer,
More urgent needs obscure,
We want our mills to spin
Our homes and farms secure.

Stand by our faithful President,
Whom one and only thought
Has been the good of all mankind,
For them let's bravely fight.

His patience and his courage,
His wisdom, oh so great,
His faith and love for homelands,
Have saved the ship of state.

We know that through his leadership
Good times are on the way,
Take also his time to carry on
And we will sing the Star

Clara Cooke Kueber.

**School Dedication Marks End
Of Plans Begun Four Years Ago**

Directors Deserve Praise For
Carrying Projects Through

Kingston township's new high school building, which was dedicated on Wednesday night, represents the realization of plans which have been under consideration for many years and which first reached a definite stage about four years ago.

The question of a new high school was raised on November 4, 1928, when a bond issue for that purpose was defeated at an election. On September 20, 1932, the board passed a resolution authorizing an increase in the bonded indebtedness to the sum of \$100,000. At the election held on November 2, 1932, the increase was ratified overwhelmingly by a vote of 101 to 51.

Estimates for the grading of the property selected ran as high as \$20,000, but, after having been made, the board was convinced that no unusual conditions existed, and this estimate was then set by the contract price of \$24,411 due the grading of the entire site.

There was a considerable saving of money in saving gravel beds instead of using a washing fund method to remove the beds. The first beds are to be refilled next year upon payment of \$2,500. In each subsequent year as the interest amount is reduced, a larger reduction is made until the last payment will be made in 1947.

**NEW SCHOOL COSTS
TOWNSHIP \$97,553**

Statement of the costs of the new Kingston township school building follows:

Lot	\$7,514.00
General Contract	42,045.00
Heating Contract	\$9,918.00
Plumbing Contract	3,083.00
Sewage Contract	3,812.00
Electrical Contract	2,772.00
Grading Contract	4,511.00
Light Fixtures	385.00
Iron Contract	3,520.00
Architect's Fee	4,915.00
Furniture and Equip't	34,990.00
Total Cost	\$97,553.00
Bond Issue	\$95,000.00
King. Twp. Fund	\$2,553.00
Total Receipts	\$97,553.00

**NOTES ON NEW
HIGH SCHOOL**

It is estimated two million additional tax will take care of the bond issue of the new school. At the average property is assessed at \$1,200, this amounts to \$24 per year or twenty cents a month that the average taxpayer will contribute to the new school, the worth of which will be realized, it is expected, by the public use of the school collection.

Local labor was used wherever possible on the new school and of the sum of \$20,000 spent for labor, \$14,000 was paid to local taxpayers in return for their services. This gave considerable relief to a number of families in the Kingston township section.

Members of the board of education which deserves the commendation for carrying through the high school project are J. R. Schooley, president; Herbert H. Hill, vice-president; Edna F. Day, treasurer; G. Wilson Nichols, secretary; J. Earl Stewart.

Music provided at the dedicatory exercises on Wednesday night was exceptional. The high school orchestra and choir that is to be commended.

One man who is happy about the new school is Thomas Clark, Jr., supervising principal. Another one is Warren Taylor, high school principal. Members of the high school staff are Winona A. Criss, Walter Hicks, Emma Sherer, Hilda Flack, Madge Anderson, Edna Cress and June K. Warren.

**LOCATION OF NEW
SCHOOL ATTRACTIVE**

The new Kingston township high school building, situated prominently above the buildings and highways of the Trucksville valley, has a natural setting which presents an appearance as attractive as any in this section.

It is recalled that considerable difficulty arose in determining the location of the school, and the present site was originally offered at a price of \$10,000, to which amount the board objected. After extended negotiations regarding purchase, apparently by expert realtors and even legal entanglements, consideration proceedings were instituted and the present plot was finally purchased for \$17,500.

The harmonious architecture of the building is accentuated and improved by the natural beauty of the environment.

Increase Reported
(Continued From Page 1.)

Some coal is still below the average during figures of last year, satisfactory production has returned to about the 1931 level, and both have shown a greater advance from the low points for the year than occurred in 1931.

SEEK OWNER

Last Monday The Post attempted to find the owner of a house belonging which remained about Trucksville and when the owners would the due it could not be found. The Post has been asked again to inform the owners if they will communicate with it whenever they will be given information concerning the day's whereabouts.

518 Miners Back

We appreciate and again the School Board for the privilege insurance on our New Building.

Congratulations, Kingston
on the completion of your New



Italian Lemon Drop Cookies



Ingredients:

- **1/2 Cup** of Sugar
- **1 Stick** of butter, softened
- **3 Eggs**, Large
- **1 1/2 Tsp.** of Lemon Extract
- **2 Cups** of All-purpose Flour
- **3 Tsp.** of Baking Powder
- **1/4 Tsp.** of salt
- **3 Cups** of Confectionary Sugar
- **1/4 Cup** of Water
- **1 Tsp.** of Lemon Extract

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Mix flour, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. Set aside.
3. Cream together sugar and butter. Add eggs and lemon extract and beat well. Add flour mixture, mix well until smooth texture. (dough will be a bit sticky) If dough seems light colored, add a drop or 2 of yellow food coloring. Chill dough until firm.
4. With a small cookie scoop, drop dough onto a slightly greased cookie sheet, spacing them about 2-inches apart.
5. Bake for about 12-15 minutes, or until firm and lightly brown.
6. Remove cookies from cookie sheet and allow to cool completely.
7. Combine the Icing ingredients in a bowl until just smooth. You want it more thick than thin, but still runny.
8. Dip the tops of the cooled cookies into the glaze, then return to the wire rack, allowing the glaze to drip down the sides of the cookie.
9. Top with sprinkles or a little lemon zest, while glaze is still wet.
10. Store in an airtight container.
11. * If you want to freeze the cookies, freeze unfrosted and frost once thawed.

