



KINGSTON TOWNSHIP | November 2024

NEWSLETTER



The month of golden leaves, cozy sweaters, and all things gratitude has arrived. It's the time when the air feels crisp, kitchens fill with the comforting aroma of pumpkin and spice, and we start planning for big gatherings with loved ones. As Thanksgiving draws near, we embrace moments to reflect on what we're thankful for and maybe sneak in a little prep for Black Friday deals! So, pour yourself something warm, soak up the beautiful November colors, and enjoy this month that brings us right to the heart of autumn.

Happy Thanksgiving from Kingston Township!

Dear Residents,

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for our wonderful community. Your kindness, support, and shared spirit make Kingston Township a truly special place to call home.

We're also deeply thankful for our dedicated employees: administration, police officers, compost workers, and road workers. Their hard work and commitment to serving our community ensures that Kingston Township remains safe, vibrant, and well-cared for every day.

As we enjoy this season of thankfulness, let's also look ahead to the joy and excitement of the holiday season! From festive decorations to cherished traditions, there's so much to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

The Kingston Township Administrative and Public Works Department offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday from November 28th, through December 1st. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, December 2nd.

We wish you a safe, happy, and heartwarming Thanksgiving. Let's embrace the season with gratitude and prepare for the holidays with cheer and unity!

Warmest wishes,
Kingston Township

Burn Ban in Effect Across Luzerne County

To protect our community during this period of severe dry weather, Luzerne County has implemented a temporary burn ban. The decision, made with the support of local fire chiefs and guidance from the Department of Emergency Services and the DCNR District Forester, aims to reduce the risk of wildfires and protect both residents and natural resources.

The burn ban began on November 10th, and will remain in effect until 11:59 PM on December 9th, 2024, prohibiting all forms of open burning. Despite the possibility of rain during this timeframe, the ban will remain in place for the full 30 days to ensure consistent fire safety.

What is Restricted?

The ban covers the burning of any combustible materials, such as leaves, grass, garbage, twigs, paper, and debris, whether in burn barrels (screened or unscreened), fire rings, or directly on the ground.

Permitted activities include the use of propane or gas stoves, charcoal grills, and tobacco products, as long as they are used with caution. Campfires are allowed in fire rings that confine and contain the campfire in a designated state, federal, or Department of Environmental Protection licensed campground.

Penalties for Non-Compliance

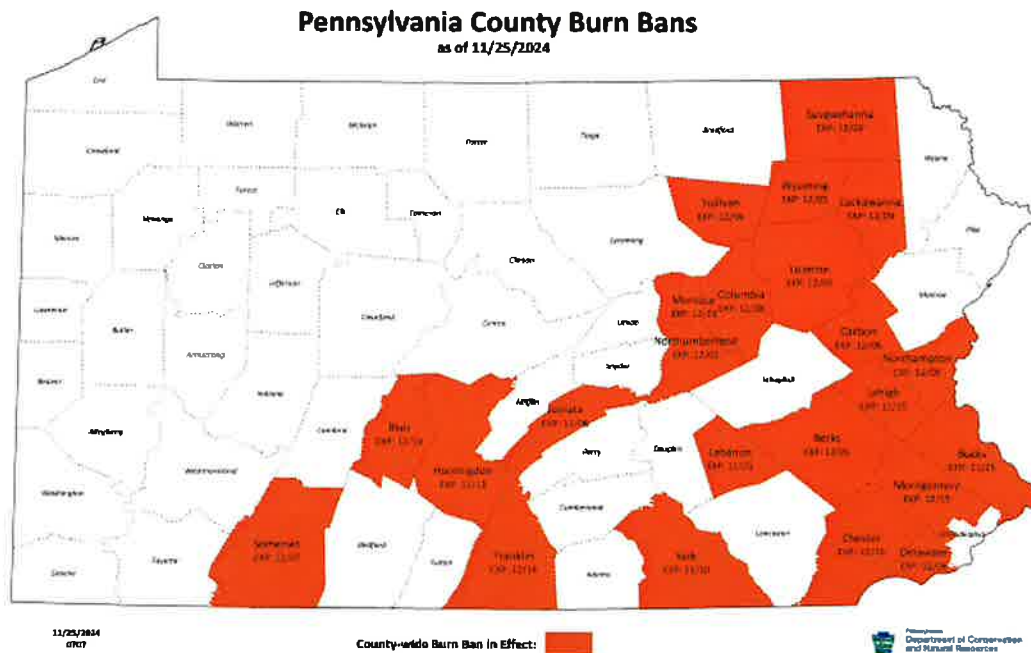
Breaking the ban carries serious consequences, with fines structured as follows:

- Up to \$100 for the first violation
- Up to \$200 for the second violation
- Up to \$300 for a third violation

Local and State Police officers will be enforcing these penalties. Despite any rain that may occur, the ban will remain in effect until conditions improve significantly. The county will reassess the situation after December 9th and may extend the ban if hazardous conditions persist.

We strongly urge all Kingston Township residents to adhere to this no-burning policy. Your cooperation is crucial to keeping our Township safe and protecting our homes, natural areas, and each other from the devastating effects of wildfires. Together, we can ensure a safe and resilient community. Thank you for your vigilance and for helping us protect our community! For further information, please reach out to local officials or visit the [county website](#).

Thank you for helping us protect our community!



Winter Reminders

The Kingston Township Winter Parking Ordinance is now in effect, running from November 1st through March 31st, 2025. Under this ordinance, parking is prohibited on all Township streets between 10 PM and 6 AM daily to allow for proper snow removal. Additionally, parking is not allowed during snowstorms and for 8 hours after a storm ends. These measures help ensure that streets remain clear for plows and emergency vehicles. Please be sure to follow the ordinance to avoid fines and help keep our community safe and accessible during the winter months.

A friendly reminder that Kingston Township's Yard Waste/Bagged Leaf Pickup will end on November 29th. If you still have yard waste or bagged leaves to be collected, please ensure they are placed curbside by 3 PM on the final day of pickup. Additionally, the Kingston Township Compost Site will close for the season at the end of the day on November 30th at 5 PM. Be sure to make any final visits before the site closes for the winter months.

Thank you for helping keep our community clean and well-maintained!

Approval of October Meeting Minutes

The minutes from October 7th Public Work Session, October 9th Regular Supervisors Meeting, and October 22nd Budget Meeting were officially approved during the November 13th Supervisors Meeting. These records provide a detailed account of decisions, project updates, and discussions held last month and are now available for public viewing. Residents are encouraged to review the minutes to stay informed about Township developments and the ongoing efforts to improve our community.

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Exciting Budget News for 2025

The 2025 Fiscal Year Budget has officially been adopted! This newly approved budget reflects our commitment to maintaining and improving services for Kingston Township residents while ensuring fiscal responsibility. With a balanced approach, the 2025 budget aims to address current needs and set the foundation for sustainable growth in the coming year.

The adopted budget for Kingston Township in 2025 brings great news: **there will be no tax increase!** The local tax rate will remain the same at 1.55%, reflecting our commitment to financial stability while prioritizing resident well-being.

While the complexities of the nation's economy present challenges, careful planning has ensured a bright future for the Township. Despite uncertainties and rising costs, a balanced budget has been achieved for the upcoming year. This has been made possible by utilizing surplus funds, securing grant revenues, and anticipating an increase in earned income tax revenues.

This budget reflects a commitment to supporting the community while maintaining financial stability. Thank you for your continued support as Kingston Township strives to be a wonderful place to live! We look forward to making positive strides together in 2025!

Supporting Neighboring Communities

In a continued spirit of cooperation among neighboring municipalities, Kingston Township has sold a mounted spreader to Dallas Borough to support their public works needs. The spreader, originally mounted on the 2009 International 10-ton dump truck that Kingston Township sold to Northmoreland in September, will now serve a new purpose within Dallas Borough.

This sale highlights the strength of collaboration between our communities, where sharing resources helps each Township meet their goals while promoting mutual efficiency. Superintendent Todd Chamberlain played an instrumental role in coordinating this sale, exemplifying Kingston Township's commitment to working together with neighboring communities. This partnership reflects our region's dedication to helping each other succeed, reinforcing a shared commitment to serving our residents through teamwork and resourcefulness.

Together, Kingston Township, Dallas Borough, and other local municipalities continue to build a resilient network that supports one another—a true testament to the strength of community collaboration.

Kingston Township 2025 Towing Contract

We are pleased to announce that Falzone Towing Services Inc. has been awarded the 2025 towing services contract for Kingston Township.



As the Township's designated professional towing provider, Falzone Towing will handle all general towing needs, operating under the guidelines and standards outlined in the Township's specifications and bidding documents. Falzone Towing Services Inc. brings expertise and reliability to the job, ensuring the Township's towing requirements are met with professionalism and efficiency. We look forward to this partnership in supporting our community's needs throughout 2025.

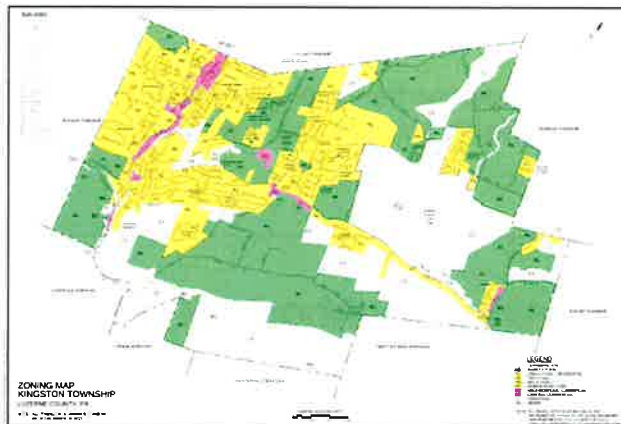
Explore Kingston Township's Updated Maps on Our Website

We're excited to announce that updated maps are now available on the Kingston Township website, providing valuable resources for residents and visitors. Two interactive maps can be accessed:

1. **Luzerne County GIS Map Portal:** This comprehensive interactive map provides a detailed, Luzerne county-wide perspective, covering property boundaries, parcel details, and geographical features across Luzerne County. It's a useful tool for those interested in property research, land use, and more.
2. **Kingston Township Zoning Map:** Specifically tailored for our Township, this map outlines zoning districts within Kingston Township, guiding residents, developers, and businesses on zoning classifications and land use regulations. It's an excellent resource for understanding local zoning and planning.

Visit our website to explore these maps and stay connected with the latest resources in our community!

Township Maps



Need a Crash or Incident Report?

Accidents happen, and when they do, having the right information at your fingertips is essential. That's why the Kingston Township Police Department is excited to share how easy it is to request crash and incident reports!

Imagine you've had a little fender-bender—no injuries, but now you need that accident report. No worries! Getting your report is simple.

Here's how it works:

- Reports are completed within 15 days of the incident date.
- Fees are clear-cut: \$15 for reportable accidents, \$50 for non-reportable accidents, and \$25 for incident reports.

To request a report, just contact Sergeant Fuches at (570) 696-1175, Ext. 107 or email jfuches@kingstontownship.com.

For added convenience, crash reports are also available online at CRASHDOCS.ORG, allowing you to access what you need from home.

For full details, visit our website. We're here to help you navigate those unexpected moments with ease!

[Kingston Township Police Website](#)

M&J Excavation Awarded Center Street Park Installation Project

Kingston Township has awarded M&J Excavation the Center Street Park Public Water Service Installation Project. The work included essential infrastructure upgrades, such as water meter and backflow prevention vault, HDPE water service pipe, and conduit for future utilities. These enhancements aim to improve the park's facilities, provide reliable water service, and support future expansions, reflecting the Township's commitment to minting high-quality public spaces.

M&J Excavation brings extensive expertise in commercial excavation and site development, making them an ideal partner for Kingston Township's improvement projects. Their proficiency in infrastructure work, including water and utility installations, supports the Township's mission to continuously enhance community facilities. Kingston Township remains committed to upgrading public amenities, ensuring quality service delivery, and maintaining a welcoming environment for residents.

The Dilly Dispatch

Welcome to The Dilly Dispatch—a brand-new segment dedicated to our beloved K-9, Dilly, also known as the Dutch Dynamo! Get ready to dive into the thrilling world of Kingston Township's most dynamic four-legged officer. Each segment will showcase Dilly's action-packed adventures, whether she's sniffing out leads, keeping her paw on community safety, or winning everyone over with her K-9 charm.

But don't let her playful antics fool you—when duty calls, the Dutch Dynamo shifts into high gear, proving why she's a force to be reckoned with. From jaw-dropping patrol feats to behind-the-scenes training moments, this series will highlight the unbreakable bond between Dilly and her human partners.

So, gear up and follow along as Dilly blazes trails, wagging her tail through the ups and downs of K-9 life. It's time to see what makes the Dutch Dynamo truly pawsome!



Grant Secured for Police Equipment Upgrades

The Kingston Township Police Department (KTPD) continues to demonstrate its dedication to public safety by maintaining strict adherence to the high standards set by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC). Re-accreditation from PLEAC ensures that KTPD operates under the best practices in law enforcement, emphasizing professionalism, ethical conduct, and a strong commitment to community welfare. On October 22nd, Kingston Township proudly announced that KTPD had been awarded a Statewide Local Share Account (LSA) grant. This significant funding will support necessary upgrades and purchases for the department's armory equipment, further enhancing the safety and security of the community.

The LSA grant provides vital resources that will enable KTPD to acquire state-of-the-art equipment and technology. Planned updates include replacement rifles, ammunition, a secure storage cabinet, and new tasers—all essential for maintaining officer safety and operational effectiveness. These equipment enhancements will ensure that KTPD is well-prepared to respond swiftly and effectively to any situation, upholding the highest standards of service for residents.

Kingston Township recognizes the hard work and dedication of the KTPD and the entire community's commitment to safety. The Township's continued investment in public safety resources and the diligent efforts of KTPD officers exemplify a shared vision of keeping our neighborhoods safe and secure. The partnership between KTPD and the Township stands as a testament to the tireless work and unwavering commitment to serving and protecting all residents.

Upgrading the Fleet

Kingston Township recently auctioned its 2007 Ford F550 on Municibid as part of its ongoing efforts to improve and update Township resources. This sale followed the purchase of a new 2024 Ford F600 Plow Truck, a significant upgrade to the Road Department's fleet, ensuring the team had the tools necessary to handle roadway maintenance efficiently and safely.

Under the leadership of the hardworking Road Superintendent, Todd Chamberlain, the department consistently demonstrates exceptional diligence and dedication in maintaining the Township's roads. From managing winter snow removal to repairing potholes, their unwavering commitment ensured safe and smooth travel for residents.

The addition of the F600 Plow Truck enhances their capabilities in supporting their mission to provide the best services for the community. This successful transition exemplified the Township's wise investment of resources to sustain a reliable infrastructure.

Kingston Township extends its gratitude to the Road Department for their tireless efforts in keeping the community safe and moving forward!

Stay Prepared, Stay Safe, Stay Informed!

As the snowflakes start to fall and winter weather sneaks in, staying ahead of the storm is key! But don't worry—AlertPA and 511PA are here to be your winter weather sidekicks, helping you stay safe and informed no matter where you are. Whether it's a surprise snowstorm or icy road conditions, these two tools are like your personal weather and travel superheroes, keeping you in the loop so you can enjoy the season without any surprises!

Let's dive into how these dynamic duos can keep you cozy, safe, and on track this winter!

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Get Instant Alerts with AlertPA Notifications by CodeRED

Imagine this: You're snuggled up, watching your favorite show, and ding ding!—your phone pings with an instant weather alert. It's the National Weather Service giving you a heads-up about severe weather or an emergency in your area. With AlertPA, you'll get real-time updates about:

- Weather warnings
- Emergency situations
- Health alerts

This winter, be the person who always knows what's happening around you. With AlertPA keeping you in the loop, you'll never be surprised by snowstorms or icy roads again.

Website: www.pa.gov/en/agencies/ready/stay-informed/alerts.html

Travel Smarter with 511PA Personalized Travel Alerts

Winter travel doesn't have to be stressful. With 511PA, you can customize your travel alerts so you're always in the know, whether you're heading to work or planning a weekend road trip. Here's how:

- Set alerts for your specific routes: Whether it's your daily commute or just on certain days, you can choose when and where to get alerts.
- Stay ahead of traffic and road conditions: Get notified about traffic delays, weather impacts, and even live traffic camera views.
- Winter road reports: Keep track of over 2,900 miles of winter conditions and know exactly what's ahead.

Access 511PA Anytime, Anywhere:

- Online: Visit 511PA.com
- Mobile: Download the free 511PA app
- Phone: Dial 5-1-1 or check updates on X

Back Mountain Trail 5K

Nestled amidst the rolling hills, lush valleys, and majestic mountains of Luzerne, Pennsylvania, the Back Mountain Trail beckons you to tackle an unforgettable journey. On December 31st, we invite you to lace up your running shoes and embark an exhilarating Back Mountain Trail—New Year's Eve 5K race through this picturesque landscape that runs through Kingston Township.

The Back Mountain Trail, originally constructed over a century ago by lumber and ice king Albert Lewis, was acquired by the Lehigh Valley Railroad in 1887. It served as a vital corridor for transporting lumber, ice, leather, and coal until it fell into disuse in 1963. Revived in 1996 by the Anthracite Scenic Trails Association, the trail is now a public recreational corridor. Eventually planned to extend 14 miles from Riverfront Park in Wilkes-Barre to Harvey's Lake, the trail currently offers 7 scenic miles of woodland views, a meandering creek, a waterfall, and fields of flowers—all of which can be experienced right here in Kingston Township.

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. The Back Mountain Trail—New Year's Eve 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!

[Register](#)

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP DECEMBER EVENTS

DECEMBER 3RD
7:30 PM
Planning Commission Meeting

DECEMBER 9TH
7:00 PM
Supervisors Public Work Session Meeting

DECEMBER 11TH
7:00 PM
Regular Supervisors Meeting

DECEMBER 12TH
7:00 PM
D.A.M.A Board Meeting

DECEMBER 17TH
10:00 AM
Police Pension Fund Meeting

DECEMBER 19TH
3:00 PM
Back Mountain Community Partnership Meeting



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Monday - Friday from 8:30AM - 4:30 PM

TAX OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



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