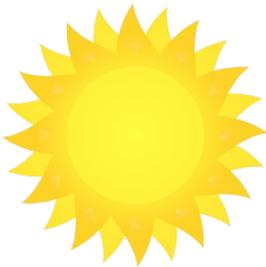




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JUNE



June marked the start of summer—a season filled with sunshine, longer days, and time spent outdoors. It was a month for backyard barbecues, blooming gardens, and the simple joy of slowing down. June also brought meaningful moments like Father’s Day, Pride Month, and Juneteenth, each offering a chance to reflect, celebrate, and connect. Whether you enjoyed a vacation or just soaking up the sun at home, June invited us to embrace warmth, growth, and new beginnings.

East Franklin Street Bridge Reopens — Ahead of Schedule!

On June 6th, 2025, Kingston Township proudly celebrated the official ribbon cutting for the newly reconstructed East Franklin Street Bridge.

Completed one month ahead of schedule, this vital infrastructure project was made possible entirely through grant funding—at no direct cost to Township taxpayers. The Township extends its sincere thanks to Senator Lisa Baker and State Representative Brenda Pugh's Office for their instrumental support and advocacy in securing the funding necessary to move the project forward.

The successful and early completion of this bridge reflects the collaborative efforts of Township officials, engineers, contractors, and our dedicated political representatives. The bridge is now open to all traffic and offers a safer, more reliable connection for the community.



May Meeting Minutes Now Available

The meeting minutes from the May 12th, 2025, Public Work Session and the May 14th, 2025, Regular Supervisors Meeting were officially approved at the June 11th, 2025, Regular Supervisors Meeting. The approved minutes are now available for public viewing on our eCodes platform.

We encourage residents to stay informed and engaged by reviewing meeting records regularly.

ecode360.com/K12368/documents/Minutes

Civil Service Ordinance Updated

Kingston Township has enacted Ordinance 2025-4, amending portions of the Civil Service Commission section of the Township Code to support a more flexible and effective police hiring process.

Key changes include:

- **Updated Residency Requirement:** Police officers must now establish residency within 10 air miles of the nearest Township border within 36 months of hire, rather than being required to live within Kingston Township.
- **Streamlined Hiring Flexibility:** The Civil Service Commission may now determine the order in which candidate examinations, interviews, and background investigations are conducted, rather than following a fixed sequence.

These updates are designed to enhance the Township's ability to attract and evaluate qualified police officer candidates and intended to support a more competitive and adaptable hiring process for the Kingston Township Police Department.

New Equipment - No Cost

The Kingston Township Police Department is proud to announce an upcoming upgrade to its armorer equipment, purchased through the Witmer Public Safety Group under Pennsylvania's COSTARS Cooperative Purchasing Program. This important investment is made possible through a Local Share Account (LSA) grant, which covers 100% of the project costs—at no expense to our residents.

Our department remains committed to staying at the forefront of law enforcement technology, safety, and efficiency. By continually modernizing our equipment and resources, we aim to better protect and serve the Kingston Township community.

We thank our elected officials and grant partners for supporting this initiative and ensuring our officers are equipped with the tools they need to do their jobs safely and effectively.



New Tech - Safer Streets

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance public safety through technology, the Kingston Township Police Department is implementing fixed License Plate Readers (LPRs) from Flock Safety. These high-tech systems capture vehicle data, including license plates and identifying features, and compare them against law enforcement databases in real time. The result: faster, more accurate investigations and improved community protection.

LPRs play a crucial role in locating stolen vehicles, identifying suspects, and aiding in missing person cases. At a time when police agencies across the country are experiencing a significant staffing crisis—with more officers leaving the force than new ones being hired—this type of technology helps departments maintain a high level of service and safety. (Source: Police Executive Research Forum, April 2023: policeforum.org/staffing2023)

Kingston Township remains committed to adopting tools that improve community safety while supporting our dedicated police personnel.



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Cool Cops - Cooler Compressors

Following the recent upgrade to the Administration Office HVAC system, the Kingston Township Police Department also required immediate replacement of the stage one A/C compressor. After years of continuous use, the existing units had become unreliable and were no longer capable of providing consistent climate control—crucial for both staff comfort and the proper operation of sensitive equipment.

To address the issue quickly and effectively, the Township approved the purchase of new compressors from NRG Controls North, Inc. through the PA COSTARS cooperative purchasing program. This ensured competitive pricing and fast, professional service from a trusted vendor.

We appreciate the continued support of our maintenance team and NRG Controls North for helping us maintain a safe, comfortable, and efficient environment for our officers and community.



DAMA Seeks \$3M for Sewer Upgrades

Kingston Township submitted a Letter of Support alongside other participating municipalities for a \$3 million Interior & Environment Grant to help fund Phase 1 of Dallas Area Municipal Authority's (DAMA) sewer infrastructure upgrades.

The grant would subsidize pipe and lining materials needed to repair and modernize the wastewater collection system in accordance with PA DEP mandates and Federal environmental standards.

This project is a key step in ensuring long-term system reliability and regulatory compliance across the region.

Exploring Shared Police Services in the Back Mountain

Kingston Township has submitted a Letter of Intent to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) requesting a Police Regionalization Feasibility Study for the Back Mountain area.

This study will evaluate the potential benefits, challenges, and structure of a regional police department, with the goal of improving efficiency, resource sharing, and public safety across participating municipalities.

The feasibility study is an early step in exploring whether regionalization could provide cost-effective and enhanced police services for our communities.

Supporting the Health of Toby Creek

Kingston Township has submitted a Letter of Support for the Luzerne County Conservation District's Growing Greener Grant application to fund a Toby Creek Watershed Assessment Report.

This assessment will focus on the primary concern of flooding in the Toby Creek watershed, which has impacted surrounding communities during periods of heavy rainfall. The report will help identify problem areas, evaluate infrastructure needs, and propose long-term solutions to manage stormwater and reduce flood risks.

By supporting this effort, Kingston Township reaffirms its commitment to regional collaboration, stormwater management, and the protection of residents and property from future flood events.

Congratulations to Trucksville Fire and Rescue!

A big congratulations is in order for the Trucksville Fire and Rescue Association on another successful annual bazaar and a fantastic Fireman's Parade held on June 7th!

A special shoutout goes to Officer Prokopchak, who proudly represented the Kingston Township Police Department in the parade with a marked police cruiser—and was honored with The Judge's Award!

We're proud of Officer Prokopchak, the entire Kingston Township Police Department, and Trucksville Fire and Rescue Association for putting on such a memorable community event.



Photo credit: Jeff's Photography via Facebook

SR 415 Paving Project Begins This Summer

SR 415 is getting a fresh new look! Beginning this summer, PennDOT will begin paving State Route 415 from the Turkey Hill at the SR 415/SR 118 intersection to the roundabout in Dallas.

Construction is expected to continue through the season, with anticipated completion by November, weather permitting. Please plan for possible delays and travel carefully through active construction zones.

Smooth Roads Ahead

AMS will begin their road improvement project in the Midway Manor neighborhood on July 2nd or 3rd. Residents in the affected area will receive no parking signs and doorhangers 48 hours in advance to help prepare for the work. AMS will be applying a double tar and chip treatment, followed by a slurry seal to finish the surface. Once complete, the treated roads will resemble a freshly paved surface. To better understand the process and what to expect, we encourage residents to check out AMS's educational video:

qr.amsroads.com/capeseal-notification



Our Newest Fire Police Officer



On June 11th, Alexander Kepp was officially sworn in as a Kingston Township Fire Police Officer.

Alex proudly serves as a member of the Trucksville Fire and Rescue Association and brings a strong commitment to public safety and community service. We're proud to welcome him into this important role and thank him for stepping up to support the safety of our residents during emergencies, events, and beyond. Please join us in congratulating Alex and wishing him all the best in his service!

His dedication and volunteer spirit are a true asset to our community.

Keep Grass Off the Road

With the arrival of warmer weather, it's the perfect time to freshen up your yard—but please remember, it is illegal to deposit grass clippings or yard debris onto the roadway in Kingston Township. Per the Vegetation Nuisance Ordinance, grass or weeds on occupied properties must be trimmed, and remain no more than six (6) inches in height. Overgrown vegetation may be declared a nuisance and subject to a fine.

Grass clippings on roadways pose serious safety and environmental risks:

- They can create slippery, hazardous conditions for bicyclists, motorcyclists, and drivers.
- Clippings can clog storm drains and contribute to water pollution.
- Decomposing grass releases nitrogen into waterways, harming local ecosystems.

If you accidentally get clippings on the street, you are required to promptly remove them. As a helpful option, residents can bag yard waste and drop it off at the Kingston Township Compost Site—a convenient, eco-friendly solution that supports our community's sustainability goals.

Compost Site Hours (weather permitting, now through November 30th, 2025):

- Monday–Wednesday: 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Thursday & Friday: 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

A small change in your lawn care routine can help keep our roads safe—and our environment clean!

Join The Force

The Kingston Township Police Department is currently accepting applications for a full-time police officer position. Candidates may submit valid Pennsylvania Police Academy transcripts in place of the running and written tests. This is a great opportunity to serve and protect our community with a dedicated team. The application packet is available at the Kingston Township Administrative Offices or website at kingstontownship.com/career-opportunities. Please submit completed applications by July 11th, 2025, at 3:00 PM.

Join us in keeping our township safe and secure!



MODERN PERKS:

- OUTER VEST PERMITTED
- BEARDS AND TATTOOS PERMITTED
- OPEN DOOR LEADERSHIP
- LATERAL TRANSFERS WELCOMED
- GYM ON-PREMISES
- EVERY THIRD WEEKEND OFF

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Fireworks Safety and Use

With 4th of July just around the corner, please remember that Pennsylvania's updated Fireworks Law—Act 74 of 2022—allows residents age 18 and older to purchase and use consumer-grade fireworks like Roman candles, firecrackers, and bottle rockets, etc. These cannot be used within 150 feet of an occupied structure, toward people or vehicles, or while under the influence. Fireworks also require permission to be used on private property.

Use is generally restricted between 10 AM and 10 PM, except on July 2nd–4th and December 31st, when use is extended until 1AM.

The Kingston Township Police Department follows State guidelines, but noise complaints may still result in citations under the Township Noise Ordinance Part 6: ecode360.com/14422355.

Please be mindful of neighbors, especially veterans and pet owners.

Calendar: kingstontownship.com/events

June 30th, 2025

1:30 PM

*D.A.M.A. MS4 Public Meeting
at Dallas Township Municipal Building*

July 1st, 2025

7:30 PM

Planning Commission Meeting

July 4th, 2025

*Administration and Public Works Department
CLOSED*

July 7th, 2025

7:00 PM

Board of Supervisors' Public Work Session

July 9th, 2025

7:00 PM

Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting

July 10th, 2025

7:00 PM

*D.A.M.A. Board Meeting
at D.A.M.A. Administration Building*

Traffic Reminder – June 28th

On Saturday, June 28th, the Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Club will host their 2025 Tour of the Back Mountain Gardens. Increased traffic is expected in the area of Shavertown United Methodist Church, which serves as a central location for the event. Please be mindful of posted no parking signs along Pioneer Avenue, and use extra caution when traveling through the area. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this popular community event! We encourage residents to plan accordingly if heading out during the day.



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