



## THE GATEWAY NEWS!

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### October

In October, the air turned cooler and the landscape glowed with autumn colors. Leaves fell from the trees, and mornings were often misty and crisp. Halloween will fill the end of the month with excitement, as children dress up and neighborhoods come alive with decorations. It is also a time for enjoying warm drinks, seasonal foods, and the beauty of fall. The month carried a sense of transition, as people prepared for the approaching winter.

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### Celebrating a Remarkable Career and Welcoming a New Beginning

After 32 years of dedicated service to Kingston Township, Nancy Slivinski has officially retired. Nancy's hard work, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to the residents of the Township have made a lasting impact on our community. Over the years, she has been a friendly face and a trusted source of knowledge within the administration, always willing to lend a helping hand and share a kind word.

Nancy's attention to detail, reliability, and genuine care for the Township will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of working alongside her. The Board of Supervisors, staff, and community members extend their heartfelt thanks and best wishes to Nancy as she begins this exciting new chapter of life. May her retirement be filled with happiness, relaxation, and time spent with loved ones.

Pictured below is Nancy alongside the Kingston Township Board of Supervisors, Township Manager, Assistant Township Manager, Township Clerk, and a representative from State Representative Brenda Pugh's office.



As we wish Nancy well in her retirement, we are also pleased to welcome the newest member of the Kingston Township team — Lee Hampton, who has joined us as the Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer. Lee brings valuable experience and enthusiasm to the position, and we are confident he will continue the tradition of dedication and service that Kingston Township is known for.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Lee and wishing him much success in his new role. We look forward to working together to continue serving the residents of Kingston Township with professionalism, integrity, and care.

## September Meeting Minutes Now Available

The meeting minutes from the September 8th, 2025, Public Work Session and the September 10th, 2025, Regular Supervisors' Meeting were officially approved at the October 8th, 2025, Regular Supervisors' Meeting. The approved minutes are now available for public viewing on our ECodes platform link on the next page.

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

## Exciting Updates Coming to Center Street Park

Exciting updates are coming to Center Street Park with the final design for Phases 3 and 4, developed in coordination with Benesch Engineering and Recreation Resource USA. The improvements will include specialty playground equipment and an ADA-accessible trail loop around the dog parks, making the park more welcoming and accessible for all visitors.

The proposed playground equipment, from Burke, a company specializing in inclusive and accessible play, is designed to benefit children in physical, sensory, cognitive, social/emotional, and communication development.

Once finalized, the plans will move forward to the bidding phase, bringing the vision of a more inclusive and engaging park. Center Street Park is already a cherished community space, and these updates will make it even better for families, pets, and everyone who enjoys this local gem.

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## 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Adopted

Kingston Township has officially adopted the Luzerne County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update. The plan identifies natural and human-caused hazards that could threaten lives, property, and public safety, and recommends strategies to reduce those risks.

The 2025 HMP Update has been approved by FEMA, ensuring that Kingston Township meets the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and remains eligible for FEMA disaster assistance and federal grant funding for mitigation projects. Township officials and agencies are now directed to implement the activities outlined in the plan to better protect the community.

The final plan is available for public review and can be accessed here:

[www.pennsylvaniahmp.com/luzerne-county-hmp](http://www.pennsylvaniahmp.com/luzerne-county-hmp).

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## Grant Project for Fire & EMS Equipment

Kingston Township is participating in a grant project through the Back Mountain Community Partnership (BMCP) to purchase equipment for local volunteer fire departments and ambulance services. The BMCP includes Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Franklin Township, Harveys Lake Borough, Jackson Township, Kingston Township, and Lehman Township.

This intermunicipal project supports service providers including Back Mountain Regional Fire & EMS Inc., Harveys Lake Fire & Ambulance Co., Idetown Volunteer Fire Department, Kunkle Fire Co., Lake Silkworth Volunteer Fire Department, Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Co., Shavertown Fire Department, and Trucksville Fire & Rescue Association.

The project has obtained equipment quotations totaling \$911,565.53, and a grant application is being submitted through the Local Share Assessment Fund (Gaming Funds), Luzerne County, administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Dallas Borough will serve as the municipal sponsor for the application.

By joining this cooperative effort, Kingston Township and its partners aim to enhance public safety by equipping local volunteer fire and EMS providers with the tools they need to serve the community effectively.

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## Public Auction of Township Vehicles

Kingston Township will be selling three surplus vehicles at a public auction through Municibid starting next month. The vehicles available include:

### Department of Public Works:

- 2007 Ford F-550 3-ton Dump Truck with plow and spreader
  - VIN: 1FDAF57P97EA01675
  - Mileage: 79,992

### Police Department:

- 2017 Ford Police Interceptor B/W
  - VIN: 1FM5K8AR7HGC66626
  - Mileage: 129,646
- 2017 Ford Police Interceptor B/W
  - VIN: 1FM5K8AR9HGC66627
  - Mileage: 127,060

This is a great opportunity to purchase well-maintained Township vehicles. Residents and interested buyers can participate in the auction via Municibid website: [www.municibid.com](http://www.municibid.com)

## New Police Vehicle Added to Fleet

The Kingston Township Police Department has added a new 2025 Ford Police Interceptor to its fleet. The vehicle was purchased through PA Costars from Koch33 Ford and will replace an older vehicle currently being sold on Municibid Auction next month.

This new addition helps ensure the department continues to provide safe and reliable service to the community.

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## Hitting the Ground Running!

Kingston Township has approved an Intergovernmental Cooperation Purchase Agreement for the joint purchase of two four-ton asphalt hot boxes from Stephenson Equipment, Inc.

The purchase will be fully reimbursed through a Back Mountain Community Partnership Local Share Agreement grant received from Jackson Township. These units will enhance road maintenance and repair capabilities across participating municipalities.

Our Road Department wasted no time putting the new asphalt hot box to work! The crew has been hard at work improving Township roads and making the most of this new equipment.



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## 2026 Annual Budget Available for Public Review

The 2026 Kingston Township Annual Budget is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Administrative Office, located in the Kingston Township Municipal Building, 180 East Center Street, Shavertown, PA 18708. Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Residents are encouraged to review the proposed budget to stay informed about the Township's financial planning and priorities for the upcoming year. The budget outlines anticipated revenues and expenditures that support essential services, public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and community programs.

The Board of Supervisors will consider adopting the final 2026 budget at their upcoming public meeting in December.

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## Fall Yard Waste & Bagged Leaf Pickup

Kingston Township's Fall Yard Waste and Bagged Leaf Pickup has been scheduled for **November 1st through November 30th, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday.**

Pickup will be curbside only. Residents are asked to have yard waste and bagged leaves placed at the curb for collection.

Please note the following guidelines:

- Grass clippings will not be accepted.
- Yard waste consists of sticks and twigs bundled to three (3) feet in length, one (1) foot in height, and one (1) foot in width, with a **limit of two (2) bundles per residence.**
- Large limbs will not be accepted.
- Ordinance 2004-4 prohibits the burning of leaves.
- Residents are also reminded that sweeping leaves into gutters and roadways is prohibited, as leaves can block storm drains and cause maintenance issues.

Thank you for helping to keep our community clean and our stormwater systems clear this fall!

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## Compost Site November Hours

The Kingston Township Compost Site will operate under adjusted hours for November 2025. From **November 1st through November 30th, 2025**, the Compost Site will be open as follows:

- **Monday through Friday: 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM**
- **Saturday and Sunday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

The site will be closed on **Thursday, November 27th, 2025**, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Please note that the Compost Site will close for the season effective **December 1st, 2025.**

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the remaining open days in November to dispose of yard waste before seasonal closure.

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## Winter Parking Rules in Effect

The Kingston Township Winter Parking Ordinance will be **effective from November 1st, 2025, through March 31st, 2026.**

Under this ordinance, parking is prohibited on all Township streets between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM daily. In addition, vehicles are not permitted to be parked on Township streets during snowstorms or for eight (8) hours after a storm has ended.

This ordinance is designed to ensure Township roads remain open and clear so that the Public Works Department can perform snow removal operations safely and efficiently.

Residents are also reminded to remove any items placed along roadways, such as basketball hoops or other obstructions, which may interfere with plowing operations.

Your cooperation helps keep our community safe and our roads clear throughout the winter season.

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## Park Restrooms on Winter Break

The bathrooms at Center Street Park are now closed for the season. **Restrooms will remain closed from October 15th, 2025, through April 15th, 2026, and will reopen in the spring.**

During this period, a portable restroom and hand sanitizer station are available at the park for visitor convenience throughout the winter months.

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## November 4th - Election Day

**Municipal Election Day – Tuesday, November 4th, 2025**

**Polls Open: 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM**

If you have questions about voting, polling locations, or procedures, contact the Luzerne County Bureau of Elections:

- Phone: 570-825-1715
- Email: [elections@luzernecounty.org](mailto:elections@luzernecounty.org)
- Website: [www.luzernecounty.org/396/Elections](http://www.luzernecounty.org/396/Elections)
- Address: 20 N Pennsylvania Ave, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Polling Locations for Kingston Township Residents:

- District 01: Shavertown UMC Social Hall – 163 North Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown
- District 02: Kingston Township Administrative Building – 180 East Center Street, Shavertown
- District 03 & 04: Cross Creek Community Church – 370 Carverton Road, Shavertown

Find Your Polling Place: [www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx](http://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx)

## November 2025 Events

Planning Commission Meeting	November 4th	NO MEETING
Municipal Election	November 4th	7AM - 8PM
Board of Supervisors' Public Work Session	November 10th	7:00 PM
Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting	November 12th	7:00 PM
Zoning Hearing Board	November 13th	7:00 PM
D.A.M.A. Board Meeting	November 13th	7:00 PM
Administration & Public Works Department Offices Closed	November 27th- 28th	CLOSED



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

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