



## THE GATEWAY NEWS!

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### January

January 2026 marked a fresh beginning and a chance to ease into the new year with intention. Following the excitement of the holidays, the month offered a quieter pace—ideal for reflection, goal-setting, and starting new routines. Winter settled in with cold temperatures and seasonal weather, encouraging cozy indoor moments while still offering opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. Whether it was bundling up for a walk or staying warm at home, the season brought a sense of calm and renewal. As daily routines resumed, many focused on wellness, organization, and planning for the year ahead. January served as a grounding month—one that set the tone for growth, balance, and optimism as 2026 gets underway.

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### Oaths of Office

During the Township's Reorganization Meeting held on January 5th, 2026, the Honorable Brian Tupper administered the Oaths of Office to two members of the Board of Supervisors, Kimberly Rose and Thomas Ketchner, each of whom will serve another four-year term.

We extend our congratulations to Supervisor Rose and Supervisor Ketchner and wish them continued success as they serve our community. We also offer our best wishes to the full Board of Supervisors for a productive and successful 2026, and thank them for their ongoing dedication to the residents of the Township.

Thank you to the Honorable Brian Tupper for administering the Oaths of Office, and to the residents and guests who joined us in recognizing this important milestone for the Township.



## December Meeting Minutes Now Available

At the January 14th Regular Supervisors' Meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved the meeting minutes from the December 4th, 2025, Special Public Supervisors' Meeting, December 8th, 2025, Public Work Session and the December 10th, 2025, Regular Supervisors' Meeting. The approved minutes are now available for public viewing. You can access them via the ECodes platform for a detailed record of the discussions and decisions made during these meetings.

[www.ecode360.com/KI2368/documents/Minutes](http://www.ecode360.com/KI2368/documents/Minutes)

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## Reorganization Meeting Highlights

A new year brings renewed focus and organization. During the Reorganization Meeting, the Board took action on its yearly organizational business, including the appointment of Township officials and members to various boards and commissions.

These appointments help ensure the continued, effective operation of Township government and services throughout the year. A list of the 2026 organizational, administrative, and commission appointments is provided below.

### Board Leadership

- Chair: *Thomas Ketchner*
- Vice Chair: *Kimberly Rose*

### Representatives

- Back Mountain Community Partnership:  
*Chief Martin Maransky, & Zeid Alhashemi*  
(alternate)
- Dallas Area Municipal Authority Board Rep.:  
*Kimberly Rose*
- Back Mountain Chamber Business  
Committee Board: *Zeid Alhashemi*

### Commission Appointments

- Planning Commission: *Edward Price, Jr.*
- Zoning Hearing Board: *William Bachman*
- Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees:  
*Chief Martin Maransky, Sgt. Michael*  
*Huntzinger, & Gary Williams*
- Civil Service Commission: *Michael Moravec*
- Parks & Recreation Commission: *Veronica*  
*Albrecht, Meghan Blewitt, Susan Heckman,*  
*Nicole Trevaskis, & Nicole Wilkes*

### Administrative Appointments

- Township Treasurer, Alternate Open Records  
Officer, & NEPA Insurance Cooperative  
Board Rep.: *Fred J. Rosencrans*
  - Assistant Township Secretary, Treasurer, &  
NEPA Insurance Cooperative Board Rep.:  
*Karen Rose*
  - Township Secretary & Open Records Officer:  
*Brynn Sweppenheiser*
  - Solicitor to the Board of Supervisors &  
Planning Commission: *Christopher J.*  
*Crawford, Esq.*
  - Tax Collector: *Tara Oliver*
  - Building Code Official & Planning  
Commission, UCC Appeals Board, and  
Zoning Hearing Board Secretary: *Lee*  
*Hampton*
  - Independent Auditor: *Rainey & Rainey CPAs*
  - Township Engineer: *Verdantas*
  - Emergency Management Coordinator: *Bob*  
*Sarley*
  - Administrator for a third-party Sewage  
Enforcement Officer: *Dallas Area Municipal*  
*Authority*
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## Support for PHARE Grant Application

Kingston Township has adopted a resolution in support of a PHARE (Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement) Fund grant application submitted by Ecumenical Enterprises, Inc. for improvements at Trucksville Gardens. The proposed project would rehabilitate bathrooms to improve safety and accessibility for elderly residents and upgrade kitchens with new, energy-efficient appliances in the USDA-supported housing units, enhancing comfort, livability, and sustainability.

The Township recognizes the PHARE Fund as an important resource for preserving and improving affordable housing across Pennsylvania. These planned upgrades at Trucksville Gardens are expected to benefit vulnerable residents, extend the life of the existing housing, help reduce utility costs, and contribute to a higher quality of life for residents within the Kingston Township community.

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## Falzone's Towing Contract Extended

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors approved the first year of a three-year extension for the Township's towing services contract with Falzone's Towing. This extension ensures the continued provision of reliable towing and vehicle recovery services for the Township.

The multi-year extension provides continuity of service while allowing the Township to maintain established response standards and contractual terms. The remaining years of the extension will be considered annually in accordance with the contract and Township policies.

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## Chief Maransky Celebrates 30 Years of Dedicated Service

Kingston Township proudly recognizes Police Chief Maransky on the milestone of 30 years of dedicated service to the Kingston Township Police Department.

Chief Maransky has devoted three decades to protecting and serving the residents of Kingston Township with professionalism, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to public safety. Throughout his career, he has served the community in a variety of roles, steadily advancing through the ranks and earning the trust and respect of fellow officers, Township leadership, and residents alike.

As Chief of Police, Chief Maransky has led the department with a focus on accountability, training, and community engagement. His leadership has helped guide the department through changing times, evolving public safety needs, and new challenges, while maintaining the department's core values of service and responsibility. Under his direction, the Kingston Township Police Department has continued to prioritize proactive policing, strong interagency cooperation, and positive relationships with the community they serve.

At a recent Board of Supervisors meeting, Chief Maransky was formally recognized for his 30 years of service. He was joined by the Township Manager and members of the Board of Supervisors in honoring this significant achievement. The recognition reflects the Township's appreciation for his long-standing dedication and the lasting impact of his leadership on both the department and the community.

Kingston Township extends its sincere gratitude to Chief Maransky for his 30 years of service and leadership. His commitment has helped shape the Police Department into what it is today, and his contributions will continue to benefit the Township for years to come.



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## Honoring Over 30 Years of Service

After more than 30 years of dedicated service, William "Bill" Eck has retired, marking the close of a career defined by hard work, integrity, and commitment to the Township. Bill began his career as a road worker, learning the community from the ground up and earning a reputation for reliability and pride in his work. His experience, professionalism, and deep understanding of Township operations led him to eventually serve as the Township's Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer, a role he held for over two decades.

In that position, Bill played a key role in guiding growth while upholding community standards, always balancing enforcement with fairness and respect. His steady presence, institutional knowledge, and willingness to help residents and colleagues alike made a lasting impact. As Bill enters a well-earned retirement, the Township extends its sincere gratitude for his more than three decades of service and wishes him all the best in the years ahead.

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## 2026 Spring Clean-Up Dates Announced

Kingston Township has announced the dates for its **2026 Spring Clean-Up**, scheduled to take place **May 7th - May 9th, 2026**.

This annual event provides residents with an opportunity to dispose of unwanted household items and help keep the Township clean and well-maintained. Spring Clean-Up is designed to assist residents with items that are not typically collected through regular waste service, making it a convenient way to tackle seasonal cleanout projects.

Additional details, including accepted and prohibited items, fee schedule, and hours of operation, can be found on the Township's website. Residents are encouraged to begin planning ahead and to follow all Township guidelines to ensure a smooth and efficient clean-up process.

Coupons are now available for purchase at the Administration Building, 180 East Center Street, Shavertown PA 18078, Monday through Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. The Township appreciates the cooperation of residents in helping make the 2026 Spring Clean-Up a success and looks forward to another year of community participation.

To find more information about the 2026 Spring Clean-Up, visit: [www.kingstontownship.com/clean-up-and-shred-event](http://www.kingstontownship.com/clean-up-and-shred-event)

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## Shredding Day Event Announced

Kingston Township has announced a **Community Shred Day** scheduled for **Saturday, May 9th, 2026, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM**. The event will be open to Kingston Township residents only.

This free service provides residents with a safe and secure way to dispose of confidential documents.

Additional information and event details can be found on the Township's website, visit: [www.kingstontownship.com/clean-up-and-shred-event](http://www.kingstontownship.com/clean-up-and-shred-event)

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## Winter Parking Ordinance Reminder

A friendly reminder that the Winter Parking Ordinance remains in effect through March 31st, 2026. Parking on Township streets is prohibited between 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM and during snowstorms (plus 8 hours after a storm ends).

Violators may be fined, so please ensure your vehicle is off the streets during these times to help with snow removal and keep roads safe. Thank you for your cooperation!

# February 2026 Events

[www.kingstontownship.com/events](http://www.kingstontownship.com/events)

Planning Commission Meeting	February 3rd	7:00 PM
Board of Supervisors' Public Work Session	February 9th	7:00 PM
Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting	February 11th	7:00 PM
Zoning Hearing Board	February 12th	NO MEETING
D.A.M.A. Board Meeting	February 19th	7:00 PM
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting	February 25th	7:00 PM



180 E Center St. Shavertown | (570) 696-3809 | [info@kingstontownship.com](mailto:info@kingstontownship.com)  
Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

**TAX OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY & THURSDAY 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**



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