



THE GATEWAY NEWS!

May



As the days grow longer and the weather begins to warm, May brings a renewed sense of energy and activity throughout our community. This month is filled with opportunities to recognize important services, celebrate local events, and enjoy the start of the spring and summer seasons. We hope you take a few moments to read through this month's newsletter to stay informed on upcoming happenings, important reminders, and community highlights. Thank you for your continued support and involvement, and we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable month ahead. As we approach Memorial Day, we remember and honor the brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who gave their lives in service to our country, and we extend our gratitude to their families.

Fire Service Certification Recognition

The Shavertown Volunteer Fire Department has reached an important milestone after being officially recognized by the Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioner's Office as a 75%-certified fire department. This designation means that 75% of the department's members are certified by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the level of Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, HAZMAT Awareness/Operations, and/or Fire Officer 1.

The achievement is especially significant as the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Department is one of only two departments in Luzerne County to receive the 75% certification recognition and is the only fully volunteer department among them to achieve this distinction.

This recognition reflects the dedication, professionalism, and commitment of the department's members, who devote countless hours to training and preparation in order to provide the highest level of fire protection and emergency response services possible to the community.

Kingston Township congratulates all members of the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Department on this outstanding accomplishment and thanks them for their continued service, sacrifice, and commitment to protecting the community.

April Meeting Minutes Now Available

The meeting minutes from the April 7th, 2026, Public Work Session and the April 8th, 2026, Regular Supervisors' Meeting were officially approved at the May 13th, 2026, 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.

www.ecode360.com/KI2368/documents/Minutes

Brown Manor Water Treatment Facility Project Approved

The Board of Supervisors approved the Planning Commission's recommendation for the Brown Manor Water Treatment Facility located at 514 Lakeview Drive, Wyoming, PA 18644. This approval allows the project to move forward with the construction of a new facility.

The proposal had previously received approval from the Zoning Hearing Board and was reviewed by the Planning Commission prior to consideration by the Board of Supervisors. With these approvals in place, the project is now authorized to move forward.

The new facility is intended to support and maintain water treatment operations serving the area.

Sale of Township Truck Generates Additional Revenue

The Township recently sold its 2013 Ford F-150 pickup truck through Municibid.

Municibid is an online government surplus auction platform that allows municipalities to sell vehicles, equipment, and other surplus items through a competitive public bidding process. The sale helps ensure transparency while returning value back to the Township.

Proceeds from the sale will be returned to the Township and may be used to help support future equipment purchases, vehicle maintenance, infrastructure improvements, and other municipal needs. Selling surplus equipment through public auction helps maximize value for taxpayers while ensuring Township resources continue to be used efficiently and responsibly.

Honoring National Police Week

National Police Week is observed from Sunday, May 10th through Saturday, May 16th, 2026. This week is a time for communities across the country to honor the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers and recognize the critical role they played in keeping our communities safe.

The 2026 theme, “Honoring Our Fallen, Supporting Our Survivors,” emphasizes the remembrance of officers who had lost their lives in the line of duty, as well as continued support for their families and loved ones who carried on in their memory. It served as a solemn reminder of the risks faced by law enforcement and the lasting impact of their service.

Friday, May 15th is recognized as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, a day specifically dedicated to honoring fallen officers and reflecting on their courage, dedication, and sacrifice.

The Kingston Township Police Department remains committed to serving the community with professionalism, integrity, and compassion. Our officers work every day to protect residents, respond to emergencies, and build positive relationships within the community they served.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all law enforcement officers for their dedication and to the families who supported them.

For more information on National Police Week, visit the official website below.

www.policeweek.org

Honoring National Public Works Week

National Public Works Week is observed from Sunday, May 17th through Saturday, May 23rd, 2026. This annual celebration highlights the vital role public works professionals played in maintaining and improving the quality of life in our communities.

The 2026 theme, “Rooted in Service, Powered by Community,” as established by the American Public Works Association, recognizes the dedication of public works employees who formed the foundation of our infrastructure while working hand-in-hand with the community they served.

Public works departments are responsible for essential services that residents relied on every day, including road maintenance, stormwater management, snow removal, sanitation, and the upkeep of public facilities. Their work often takes place behind the scenes, but its impact is seen and felt throughout the Township.

Kingston Township’s Public Works Department exemplifies this commitment through their hard work, responsiveness, and dedication to keeping the community safe, clean, and functioning efficiently in all seasons.

We thank our public works professionals for their continued service and encouraged residents to take a moment during that week to recognize and appreciate their important contributions.

For more information on National Public Works Week, visit the official website below.

www.apwa.org/events/national-public-works-week-npww

Honoring National EMS Week

National EMS Week is observed from Sunday, May 17th through Saturday, May 23rd, 2026. This annual observance recognizes the vital role Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professionals played in providing lifesaving care and rapid response to medical emergencies in our communities.

The 2026 theme, “Improving Outcomes, Together,” highlights the importance of collaboration among EMS providers, hospitals, dispatch centers, and the public in delivering timely, effective emergency care. Strong partnerships across the entire chain of emergency response helped improve patient outcomes and save lives.

EMS personnel are often the first to arrive on scene, providing critical medical assessment and treatment during high-pressure and time-sensitive situations. Their training, professionalism, and dedication ensured that individuals in need received immediate, compassionate care when every second counted.

This week also serves as an opportunity to recognize the commitment and sacrifice of EMS providers who served our communities day and night, 365 days a year, often during the most difficult and unpredictable circumstances.

Kingston Township extends its sincere appreciation to all EMS professionals for their service, teamwork, and unwavering commitment to improving outcomes and protecting the health and safety of our residents.

For more information on National EMS Week, visit the official website below.

www.emsweek.org

K-9 Dilly Celebrates 5th Birthday

The Township is excited to recognize a special milestone for Dilly, who will celebrate her 5th birthday on June 1st!

Dilly serves as the Township's beloved K-9 and plays an important role in community outreach and public safety education alongside her handler, K-9 Officer Jeffrey Carter. Through school visits, demonstrations, and community events, Dilly continues to be a positive and engaging presence, helping to strengthen connections between residents and local law enforcement.

The Township extends its appreciation for Dilly's continued service and wishes her a very happy 5th birthday on June 1st as she continues her important work in the community.

Community Comes Together for Spring Clean-Up

Kingston Township's Spring Clean-Up Event, held May 7th through May 9th, once again brought the community together for a successful effort to help keep the Township clean, safe, and beautiful. The annual event provided residents with the opportunity to dispose of unwanted items and complete spring cleaning projects while helping improve neighborhoods throughout the Township.

A special thank you goes to our Road Crew for their hard work, long hours, and dedication throughout the three-day event. Crew members assisted residents, managed traffic flow, loaded materials, and worked continuously to ensure the event operated safely and efficiently. Their commitment to serving the community and maintaining Township operations does not go unnoticed, and their efforts were instrumental in the overall success of the event.

The Township would also like to recognize and thank Paper Eaters for their participation in the Community Shred Event held on May 9th. The shred event gave residents a safe, secure, and environmentally responsible way to dispose of sensitive and confidential documents. Community members took advantage of the opportunity to protect personal information while also supporting recycling efforts.

Events such as the Spring Clean-Up and Community Shred Event continue to demonstrate the importance of community involvement and partnership. Kingston Township appreciates the cooperation and participation of residents who helped make this year's event another success. The Township remains committed to providing programs and services that benefit the community and encourage residents to take pride in keeping Kingston Township clean and welcoming for all.

Paul Miller's Law – Enforcement Begins June 6th, 2026

Starting June 6th, 2026, enforcement of Paul Miller's Law will move from warnings to citations across Pennsylvania.

The law prohibits drivers from holding or supporting an interactive mobile device while operating a vehicle. This includes texting, calling, emailing, browsing the internet, or using social media while driving—even when temporarily stopped in traffic or at a traffic light.

Beginning June 6th, 2026, violations will result in a \$50 fine plus court costs and fees as a summary offense.

Drivers are reminded that:

- Hands-free device use is permitted
- Emergency 911 calls are allowed
- Devices may only be used when a vehicle is safely pulled off the roadway and properly parked

The Township encourages all motorists to put the phone down, stay focused on the road, and help keep our community and roadways safe.

For more information, please visit:

www.pa.gov/agencies/penndot/traveling-in-pa/safety/traffic-safety-driver-topics/distracted-driving

Shavertown Fire Department Breakfast – June 28th, 2026

Join the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Department for breakfast on **Sunday, June 28th, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM** at their fire station located at 170 North Main Street in Shavertown.

Breakfast menu includes:

- Pancakes
- French toast
- Sausage
- Bacon
- Home fries
- Scrambled eggs
- Sausage gravy with biscuits

Cost:

- Adults: \$10
- Children: \$4

Stop by and support your local volunteers while enjoying a great breakfast with the community!

Trucksville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association Annual Bazaar

The Trucksville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association Annual Bazaar will be held:

- **Thursday, June 4th, 2026 — 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM**
- **Friday, June 5th, 2026 — 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM**
- **Saturday, June 6th, 2026 — 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM**

Enjoy three days of:

- Live music each night
- Delicious food
- Raffle baskets
- 50/50 drawings
- Slushies
- Bounce houses
- Ice cream

The annual Fireman's Parade will take place on **Saturday, June 6th, 2026, at 6:00 PM.**

Parking will be available at Cross Creek Community Church.

Come out and support your local volunteers while enjoying a fun-filled community event!

June 2026 Events

- **Planning Commission Meeting**

June 2nd | 7:00 PM

- **Supervisors' Public Work Session**

June 8th | 7:00 PM

- **Regular Supervisors' Meeting**

June 10th | 7:00 PM

- **Zoning Hearing Board**

June 11th | 7:00 PM

- **Police Pension Fund**

June 16th | 10:00 AM

- **Back Mountain Community Partnership Meeting**

June 18th | 3:00 PM

- **D.A.M.A. Board Meeting**

June 18th | 7:00 PM

- **Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting**

June 24th | 7:00 PM

www.kingstontownship.com/events



CONCEALED CARRY SEMINAR
THURSDAY, JUNE 4
6 - 8 P.M.

Hosted by State Rep. Pugh at
LUZERNE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT | 66 Tener St., Luzerne

Presenter:
Luzerne County District Attorney **Sam Sanguedolce**

Registration is required as the seating is limited.
Please register by visiting www.RepPugh.com/events or
by calling the district office at 570-283-1001.

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STATE REP. BRENDA PUGH is hosting a
BOATING CERTIFICATION COURSE

Open to anyone 11 years of age or older. This course is for first-time boaters or seasoned boaters on basic boating regulations and requirements. A certification exam will be taken at the conclusion of the course. Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Francis Slocum State Park Education Center
565 Mt. Olivet Road
Wyoming, PA 18644

To register, call 570-283-1001 or go to RepPugh.com/events
This event is being offered by the PA Fish and Boat Commission.



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

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



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