

Kingston News Spring 2022

CLUTTER CLEANUP PROGRAM 2022

It's that time again! We are pleased to announce that Kingston's Clutter Cleanup Program will commence on Monday, June 6, 2022. Please save this information and don't forget your date!

A permit fee of fifty (**\$50.00**) dollars per household is charged to offset the costs of heavy equipment, fuel, and landfill tipping fees. The cost of fuel and temporary wages have nearly doubled since our last program in 2020. Residents **MUST** purchase their permits at least one week before their zone's scheduled pick-up date. Permit applications will be sold at the Kingston Municipal Building, Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm. **Permits for Zone #1 go on sale Tuesday, May 31, 2022.**

Permits will be sold at the Tax Collector's Office in the Municipal Building. There are no online sales or alternative locations for purchasing a permit.

Clutter must be curbside and ready for collection by 7:00 a.m. on the Monday of your Zone's designated pick-up. Clutter shall **NOT** be placed on the tree lawn any sooner than 48 hours prior to your Zone's scheduled pick-up. Each household with a permit is restricted to 1,000 pounds of clutter. The maximum size for a clutter pile is 6 feet long, by 4 feet wide, by 4 feet high. Please call (570) 288-4576 extension 112 with any questions. **ELECTRONIC ITEMS, PETROLIUM BASED PRODUCTS, AND PAINT CANS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** *Any unacceptable items that are left on the tree lawns will be treated as litter. Citations will be issued to violators.*

This program is available for Kingston residents only. Commercial businesses are **not** eligible for participation in the program.

Guidelines for the Clutter Cleanup Program are available at the Kingston Municipal Building and online at www.kingstonpa.org.

The community is broken down into eight (8) zones for the Clutter Cleanup Program. The zones and their dates of pick-up are as follows:

- **Zone #1 — June 6th through June 10th**, East Union St, Lathrop St between Rutter Ave and Ford Ave, East Vaughn St, East Walnut St, East Bennett St, Church St between Wyoming Ave and Rutter Ave, Park Place, Anthracite Ave, Rutter Ave from Church St to Forty-Fort line, Stewart St, and Wyoming Ave.
- **Zone #2 — June 13th through June 17th**, Pierce St, Reynolds St, James St, Butler St, East Dorrance St, Lathrop Court, Lathrop St between Tioga Ave and Westmoreland Ave, Hedge Place, Gershom Place, Ford Ave, Charles Ave, Rutter Ave between Pierce St and Church St, Westmoreland Ave, Gibson Ave, Warren Ave between Pierce St and Lathrop St, Meadowland Ave, Tioga Ave between Pierce St and Lathrop St, Hamilton Ave, Church St between Rutter Ave and Third Ave, Keith Drive, Joseph Drive, Stanley Drive, Nandy Drive, Milton Drive,

Sahara Drive, Milford Drive, and Sylbert Drive.

- **Zone #3 — June 20th through June 24th**, East Hoyt St between Wyoming Ave and North Gates Ave, Chester St between Wyoming Ave and North Welles Ave, Ridge Ave, Rutter Ave between Market St and Pierce St, Wright Ave, Osceola Ave, Winola Ave, Warren Ave between Pierce St and Chester St, Tioga Ave between Pierce St and Chester St, Humpleby St, Taylor Lane, North Landon Ave, North Atherton Ave, North Loveland Ave, North Goodwin Ave, North Welles Ave, North Thomas Ave, and North Gates Ave.
- **Zone #4 — June 27th through July 1st**, Market St (excluding W. Market), Bowman Ave, Carle St, Dean Court, South Landon Ave, South Atherton Ave, South Loveland Ave, South Goodwin Ave, South Welles Ave, South Thomas Ave, South Gates Ave, Northampton St between Wyoming Ave and South Gates Ave, Davis St, East Hoyt St between First Ave and Third Ave, North Dawes Ave, South Dawes Ave, First Ave, Second Ave, and Third Ave.
- **Zone #5 — July 11th through July 15th**, West Union St between Wyoming Ave and Railroad Ave, John St, West Vaughn St, West Walnut St, West Bennett St, Eley St, Mercer Ave between Eley St and West Union St, Schuyler Ave between West Vaughn St and West Union St, Duplan Manor, Floralon Drive, Carolon Drive, and Woodland Drive.
- **Zone #6 — July 18th through July 22nd**, Railroad Ave between Union St and Price St, Mercer Ave between Union St and Division St, Elm Ave between Division St and Price St, Schuyler Ave between Union St and Price St, Price St, Division St between Wyoming Ave and Railroad Ave, Poplar St, Sharpe St, Academy Lane, West Dorrance St, Gordon Lane, and Lackawanna Lane.
- **Zone #7 — July 25th through July 29th**, Main St, Luff Court, North Sprague Ave, South Sprague Ave, North Maple Ave, South Maple Ave, Page Ave, Curtis Lane, Mott St, Spruce St, Covert St, Chestnut Ave, West Market St, Elm Ave between Pringle St and Price St, West Hoyt St, Pringle St between Wyoming Ave and Elm Ave, Newitt Place, Ross St, and Schuyler Ave between Market St and Price St.
- **Zone #8 — August 1st through August 5th**, Pringle St between Brook Ave and Grove St, Krych St, Penn St, Pulaski St, Cherry St, Eno St, Brewster Lane, Frederick St, Richard St, Edward St, Brook Ave, Zerbey Ave, Gillis St, Belles St, Masons Court, Korn St, Thomas Lane, Meyers Lane, New Hurbane St, Center Ave, Payne Ave, Cuba St, Curtis St, Meyers Court, Grove St, Main St between Payne Ave and Center Ave, and Division St between Brook Ave and Grove St.

Free Appliance Pick up 2022

Kingston's annual free appliance pickup will take place on Thursday, May 26th for all residents living east of Wyoming Avenue and on Friday, May 27th for all residents living west of Wyoming Avenue. Guidelines are available at the Kingston Municipal Building and online at www.kingstonpa.org. **Kingston recycles the materials collected through the free appliance pickup program. Therefore, materials that are collected as part of the free appliance**

pickup program will not be collected during the clutter cleanup program.

Seasonal Ordinances

For the continued beautification of our community, we kindly remind all residents of the following regulations:

- **YOU MUST PICK UP YOUR DOG WASTE!** Citizens are also required to carry an instrument for removing dog waste at all times when walking their dogs. Please call our Code Enforcement Office at 288-4576 ext. 115 to report violators. Citations will be issued to violators.
- Dogs must be leashed. Dogs are not permitted on any playing fields or tennis courts.
- Street sweeping regulations are strictly enforced. Remember, the fine is progressive; \$5 for the first offense, \$10 for the second offense, and \$50 for the third offense. Thank you for keeping our neighborhoods clean!
- Grass or weeds cannot exceed 6 inches. **DO NOT BLOW GRASS OR LEAVES ONTO THE STREET OR INTO STORM DRAINS.** Please call our Code Enforcement Office at (570) 288-4576 ext. 115 to report violators. Quality of Life tickets will be issued to violators.
- The Municipality adopted a Quality of Life Ordinance for the purpose of efficiently fining nuisance violations of the Municipal and Property Maintenance Codes. The Quality of Life fining method is exactly the same as that of a parking ticket.
- During the warm weather months, residents are asked to refrain from placing garbage on the tree lawns any sooner than the eve of your scheduled pickup.
- A license is required for landlords to rent property in Kingston. The license application and guidelines are available at www.kingstonpa.org. Citations will be issued to violators.
- All homes must be inspected prior to the conveyance of the real estate. No occupancy permit will be issued to any new home owner unless there is a pre-conveyance inspection. If you are selling a home, please call (570) 288-4576 ext. 115 for details. If you recently purchased a home and do not have a certificate of occupancy, please call (570) 288-4576 ext. 117 for details.
- No structure, regardless of any zoned area in Kingston, may be modified into additional units. A single-family home cannot be converted into a multi-unit housing. A two-unit double block cannot be modified into units greater than two. A pre-existing multi-unit structure cannot be modified into more units. Please call (570) 288-4576 ext. 115 for details.

A Friendly Reminder

Permit applications, tax payments, parking ticket payments, employment applications, and all correspondence requiring our attention can be dropped off at the Kingston Municipal Building or mailed to 500 Wyoming Avenue. There are drop boxes located at the front and side entrances to the Municipal Building. All permit applications are available at www.kingstonpa.org.

Special Announcements

- **Kingston Pool:** The coolest spot in town opens for the season on June 11th. As a way of thanking our loyal members and residents, we are pleased to announce that the Kingston Community Pool will open, *weather permitting*, on Sunday, May 29 and Monday, May 30 between the hours of 1pm and 7pm! **The special early opening is for Kingston members and residents only!** Pool membership credentials or photo identification for proof of residency is required for entry. The pool features waterslides, modernized diving boards, lounge chairs, sun canopies, and a super-sized children's wading pool with colorful spray attractions. Residential family rates are only \$235 for the entire season! **As a special promotion for 2022, we are offering a 5% discount on all seasonal memberships if purchased by May 27 (no exceptions after May 27).** Beat the long lines and save money by purchasing your seasonal membership early! For additional information or membership enrollment, please call (570) 287-1106 or visit the Kingston Recreation Center. Membership applications are available at www.kingstonpa.org and the Kingston Recreation Center only.
- **2022 Pringle Street Paving Project:** The Municipality received a \$606,000.00 grant through the Luzerne County Office of Community Development for paving and ADA improvements along the entire length of Pringle Street. Construction will begin mid-summer.
- **PA American Water Company Projects:** The PA American Water Company will begin full restoration of Chester Street, Hoyt Street, Ridge Avenue, and Rutter Avenue in mid-May. The Municipality will pave Hoyt Street between Rutter Avenue and Wyoming Avenue concurrently with their project. All restoration work is scheduled for completion by the first week of June.

The PA American Water Company announced a new \$1.1 million capital improvement project for 2022. Starting in mid-May, company contractors will begin installing new water lines along Church Street between Wyoming Avenue and Rutter Avenue, East Bennett Street, East Walnut Street, and Stewart Street. The project replaces pipe that dates back to the 1890s. Full restoration of the project area is scheduled for completion in the fall of this year.

The Municipality is currently negotiating with the PA American Water Company to fully restore South Goodwin Avenue due to the failure of the trench. We are hopeful to get the street paved and restored over the summer.

- **Third Avenue Pedestrian Trail:** The Municipality is building a new pedestrian trail along the entire length of Third Avenue later this year. The trail will connect Keiper Park with the new solar powered pedestrian crossings near the Kingston Recreation Center and JCC. The trail will contain decorative lighting and sitting areas. The project is funded through a \$800,000.00 Multimodal Grant.
- **Shade System for Levy Dog Park:** The Levy Dog Park will receive a new shade system early this summer. The shade system will be similar to what was installed at the Kingston Pool. The system is going to look great and your pets will really think it's cool!
- **First Avenue Tot Lot:** The tot lot on First Avenue received a complete makeover this spring. We commend our Department of Public Works for designing and installing all of the new equipment and features. Great job guys!
- **Kingston Municipal Building Renovation Project:** The Municipality received a \$600,000.00 grant for renovating the Kingston Municipal Building. The total scope of work exceeds one million dollars and includes a brand-new police department along with cosmetic and safety enhancements in the administrative office areas. Please be patient with any disruption in services caused by construction.
- **Potential for New Tennis and Pickleball Courts:** The Municipality applied for grant funds through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for new multi-purpose tennis and pickleball courts at Keiper Park. The demand for pickleball has been overwhelming. Grant announcements should be made during the summer. Fingers crossed!
- **West Union Streetscape Project:** The Municipality applied for more than two million dollars through the Transportation Appropriations Bill under the Local Transportation Priorities Account for the West Union Streetscape Project. The scope of work includes new curbing, sidewalks, solar powered pedestrian crosswalks, energy efficient decorative streetlighting, and 56 new shade trees housed in ornate pits. Fingers crossed!
- **Yard Waste Drop-Off:** The hours for residential yard waste drop-off are 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The daily drop-off program will continue through Labor Day. Residents **must** show their driver's license for proof of residency. If the gate is locked, please see the attendant in the garage. Under no circumstances will any landscapers or private contractors be permitted to drop-off yard waste.
- **Holiday Collections:** Please refer to the boxes shaded in blue on the 2022 Recycling Calendar for changes in holiday garbage and recycling collections. For example, the Memorial Day pickup for residents living in Zones #1 and 2A will take place on Friday, May 27.
- **Landscaping Materials:** Mulch and compost are available at our DPW Facility for a minimal fee. Please call (570) 287-1998 for more details.

- **For the Latest Information:** Please make sure that you are enrolled in the Municipality's Code Red mass communication system. The Municipality utilizes the Code Red Program to get real-time emergency and community information out to its residents and businesses. Enrollment information is available at www.kingstonpa.org. If you do not have access to a computer or experience difficulty enrolling online, our Police Department will gladly assist anyone attempting to enroll. Please call our non-emergency number at (570) 288-3674 for enrollment assistance.

If you are not already a member, don't forget to follow the Kingston Municipal Police Department Facebook page. Along with Code Red, the Municipality utilizes this Facebook page for providing real-time and important community announcements.

- **Lifeguards Needed:** The Kingston Pool is seeking applicants for the position of Lifeguard. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and obtain Act 34 and 151 clearances. Lifeguards must possess all essential certifications. Applications are available at www.kingstonpa.org. Please click on Employment and complete the application titled "Recreation/Pool." Please forward all applications to following address: Kingston Recreation Center, 655 Third Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704. The position pays at least \$10.50 per hour!

Have a great summer and thank you for helping us make Kingston a Great Place to Call Home!