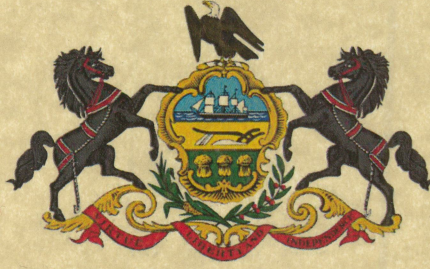


County of Westmoreland



PROCLAMATION

Monessen Celebrates 125th Birthday

WHEREAS, Monessen's original plot of land once consisted of eight farms and a winding country road lined with blackberry bushes and were once part of Rostraver Township. That land would ultimately become part of the City of Monessen, which was surveyed in 1897 by H. Dallas McCabe of Pittsburgh through the East Side Land Company. Much has changed with development in Monessen with neighborhoods and streets, all starting between 1901 and 1910; and

WHEREAS, street names reflect Monessen's early founders with the all too familiar names of William Donner, James Schoonmaker, H. Sellers McKee, James H. Reed, Philander Knox, Alexander McMahan, George B. Motheral, George Nash and William Manown. McCabe, who laid out many of the original streets and George Morgan, whose street has since been demolished during the Urban Renewal, don't have streets named after them; and

WHEREAS, on September 3, 1898, the community became a borough and was officially given the name of Monessen because business leaders claimed that the new community would be a "New world Essen on the Monongahela" combining "Mon" for the Monongahela River and "Essen" for an industrial city of Germany. It continued to grow in population, landmass, influence and cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, Monessen has grown into an industrial, cultural and political powerhouse and home to many veterans. The city consists of dozens of churches and its residents have played host to many presidents, celebrities and Academy award-winning actress Frances McDormand who calls Monessen home; and

WHEREAS, today, the city has about 7,000 residents. While the city has struggled to attract new residents, many remain resilient, with the city poised for growth in the coming years. Leaders continually strive to rebuild so it is better than ever.

THEREFORE, the Commissioners of Westmoreland County, Sean Kertes, Douglas W. Chew and Gina Cerilli Thrasher, Esq., do hereby congratulate the residents in the City of Monessen on their 125th anniversary.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and cause the seal of the County to be affixed this 19th day of August 2023.



Board of County Commissioners

A large, stylized blue ink signature of Sean Kertes.

Sean Kertes, Chairman

A blue ink signature of Douglas W. Chew.

Douglas W. Chew, Vice-Chairman

A blue ink signature of Gina Cerilli Thrasher.

Gina Cerilli Thrasher, Esq., Secretary