



# Highspire Herald

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HIGHSPIRE BOROUGH

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Summer 2018



## Ice Cream Social

### Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

September 22nd  
Car Show

Highspire Memorial Park  
*Organized by the Highspire  
Events Committee*

October 13th  
Indoor Yard Sale

Highspire Firehouse  
*Organized by the Highspire  
Events Committee*

November 4th  
Cash Bingo  
Highspire Firehouse

December 1st  
Tree Lighting  
*Organized by the Highspire  
Events Committee*

For additional information on  
borough events contact Esther  
Byrd at 939-5808, or the  
borough office at 717-939-3303.

### HERE'S THE SCOOP . . .

What better way to kick off your summer then with an  
**ICE CREAM SOCIAL !!!**

Stop by the Highspire Memorial Park  
on June 3rd, 2018  
from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

There will be games and entertainment for your  
enjoyment, and food & ice cream sundaes will also be  
available for purchase.

*This event is organized by the Highspire Events Committee*

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School will soon be over, so while driving, please remember to watch out for children running into the streets. As a reminder to parents, the street is not a safe place for children to play. The Borough provides several recreation facilities for this purpose.

Find Out How State Representative  
Patty Kim Can Help You!  
Contact Her Office At: -  
8 South Front Street  
Steelton, PA 17113  
717-986-1673 (Phone)  
717-986-1677 (Fax)  
[www.pahouse.com/Kim](http://www.pahouse.com/Kim) (Website)  
[RepKim@pahouse.net](mailto:RepKim@pahouse.net) (Email)

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DEADLINE FOR  
ARTICLES  
IS AUGUST 1ST

Submit articles to the  
Borough office at 640  
Eshelman Street, High-  
spire or email them to  
[lgivler@highspire.org](mailto:lgivler@highspire.org),  
and they may be  
published in the next  
newsletter.

# HIGHSPIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

## 2018 Flea Market Dates

For all flea markets, the Historical Society is in need of slightly used housewares, linens, toys, tablecloths, books, Christmas items & jewelry. Donations of baked goods are also needed. Individual stands are \$5.00 per space (bring your own table or blanket), and are held at 273 Second St., Rear at Lusk Ave. from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Please call 717-939-0385 if you have any questions. All money raised is used for the maintenance of the Wilson House (outside & inside painting, yard upkeep, etc.).

**Saturday, July 7, 2018  
(Rain Date July 14)**

**This will be our "Christmas in July" flea market and feature Assorted Chips**



## Memberships

Historical Society annual dues are now \$10.00 per person, per year. **No lifetime memberships.** All checks can be made payable and mailed to:

**Highspire Historical Society  
c/o Ted Sites  
273 Second Street  
Highspire, PA 17034**

## Highspire Historical Society Meetings

The next Highspire Historical Society meetings will be on Monday, June 25, 2017, July 23 and August 27, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wilson House, 273 Second Street. Should you have any questions, please call 717-566-6828.

Saturday, June 2nd, 2018 - OPEN HOUSE at the Wilson House from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. John Ziats & Jeannie Dunaway will speak on Ghosts, Lore, and Legends of Middletown at 3 pm. Display cases will be on view for guests, and light refreshments will be served. Please park at the rear entrance at Lusk Avenue. Questions (717) 939-0385

## PUBLIC WORKS - MS4

### Pet Waste



Droppings from dogs, cats, and other commonly kept animals can be troublesome in two ways. First, pet wastes contain nutrients that can promote the growth of algae if wastes enter streams, lakes, and estuaries. Second, animal droppings contain bacteria that can cause disease.

The risk of storm water contamination increases if pet wastes are allowed to accumulate in animal pen areas or left on sidewalks, streets, driveways, or drainage ways from which they can be carried with storm water runoff to water bodies. Instead of allowing pet wastes to accumulate or sending them to a landfill, consider flushing the wastes down the toilet.



### Grass Clippings

Did you know that grass clippings are considered a source of pollution when washed directly into storm drains or drainage ditches? Not only do they clog the storm drains, clippings can fill catch basins to capacity and created flooding during rain events. Dumping leaves and grass clippings into the stormwater system affects streams. The increase in nutrients associated with grass clippings can cause algae growth, which can kill fish and other aquatic life. Clippings also add organic material to the drainage system that can provide a breeding ground for bacteria and insects.

## BOROUGH NEWS

### BOROUGH CROSSWALKS

ALL MOTORISTS should be aware of pedestrian and crosswalk regulations.

- Any driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.
- No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute a hazard.
- Whenever any vehicle is stopped at any crosswalk at an intersection or at any marked crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

### BOROUGH SPEED LIMITS

The Highspire Police Department reminds all motorists that the speed limit on Second Street is 35 mph. ALL OTHER STREETS are 25 mph with the exception of Eisenhower Blvd. which is 45 mph. The Police will be actively enforcing these speed limits.

As a borough resident you can help by making a conscious effort to obey all posted speed limits and road conditions while operating a motor vehicle. Together we can succeed in improving safety and the quality of life for all in our community.

### COMPOST FACILITY

If the gate is locked during these hours, please call the operator on duty at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 717-939-6204.

**Monday - Friday**  
7:00 am to 3:00 pm  
**Saturday and Sunday**  
7:00 am to Noon

Located on Aviation Way  
beside the Wastewater  
Treatment Plant.

### PAVILION RENTALS

The pavilions at Highspire's Memorial and Reservoir Parks are available for residents and non-residents to reserve throughout the year. The use is free for Borough residents. However, a \$35.00 charge for non-residents will be collected. Please call the Borough office at 717-939-3303 to make a reservation.

## CODES/ZONING

### SWIMMING POOLS

All swimming pools over 24" deep are regulated by the State Uniform Construction Code. These regulations pertain to any pool, portable, storable, inflatable, or permanent.

- Placement of any pool that can hold 24" or more of water **must have a zoning permit** before being installed.
- Any above ground pool 48" high with rigid sides does not need a fence; however, all steps or ladders must be capable of being secured, locked, or removed.
- Any above ground pool 24" to 47" high or in ground pool 24" or more any must have a UCC standard fence of at least 48" high around the pool.
- All inflatable pools are regulated the same as all other pools by the UCC.

Please contact the Borough Office prior to the purchase of any pool to make sure you are in compliance with these regulations.

### TREES, GRASS, WEEDS & BUSHES

The Code Enforcement Office would like to remind all property owners that trees located in the borough right of way or along borough streets must comply with the Borough's Minimum Tree Clearance Ordinance. This ordinance requires that all trees in these areas be kept trimmed to a height of 14 feet above street level and 8 feet above all sidewalks. The responsibility for such trimming lies with the property owner.

Property owners are also responsible for maintaining the clear sight triangle, which is an area of unobstructed vision at street intersections. Within the clear sight triangle nothing is to be erected, placed, planted, or allowed to grow in such a manner as to limit or obstruct the sight distance of motorists entering or leaving the intersection.

Grass mowing season is here!! The Borough's grass ordinance requires all weeds and grasses to be kept under 8 inches. This includes all grass and weeds located between the curb and sidewalks. Please be sure to keep on top of these nuisance issues so the Borough does not need to intervene. Do not blow grass clippings into the street or sewer drains. Also, rubbish is not permitted to accumulate on or around properties. Rubbish includes, but is not limited to, paper, rags, cartons, wood, metals, plastics and other items.

### PERMITS

Building and Zoning Permits are required for numerous things including new roofs, electrical service upgrades, decks, additions, fences, storage sheds, garages, swimming pools, and a multitude of other things. New floor coverings, painting, and minor repairs do not require permits. Please call the Borough Office at 717-939-3303 if you need any additional information.

## Upcoming Dates & Events

June 1, 2018  
Sewer Payments Mailed

June 4, 2018  
School Board Planning Mtg  
6:30 pm

June 12, 2018  
Council Workshop Mtg  
7:00 pm

June 14, 2018  
School Board Legislative Mtg  
6:30 pm

June 19, 2018  
Council Mtg  
7:00 pm

June 21, 2018  
Highspire Borough Authority Mtg  
7:00 pm

June 25, 2018  
Highspire Historical Society Mtg  
Wilson House - 7:00 pm

June 30, 2018  
Sewer Payments Due

July 4, 2018  
Borough Office Closed

July 10, 2018  
Council Workshop Mtg  
7:00 pm

July 17, 2018  
Council Mtg  
7:00 pm

July 19, 2018  
Highspire Borough Authority Mtg  
7:00 pm

July 23, 2018  
Highspire Historical Society Mtg  
Wilson House - 7:00 pm

August 6, 2018  
School Board Planning Mtg  
6:30 pm

August 14, 2018  
Council Workshop Mtg  
7:00 pm

August 16, 2018  
School Board Legislative Mtg  
6:30 pm

August 16, 2018  
Highspire Borough Authority Mtg  
7:00 pm

August 21, 2018  
Council Mtg  
7:00 pm

August 27, 2018  
Highspire Historical Society Mtg  
Wilson House - 7:00 pm

### Borough Telephone Numbers

Borough Office .....	939-3303
Borough Fax .....	939-3371
Sewer Billing & Collections .....	939-3303
Code Enforcement .....	939-3303
Waste Water Treatment Plant .....	939-6204
Highway Department .....	986-1034
Police Department Non-Emergency ...	558-6900
Police Emergency .....	911
Highspire Constable - Ian Castaneira ..	773-9570
Highspire Tax Collector .....	939-4369



### Other Important Telephone Numbers

Citizen's Fire Company .....	939-5111
Citizen's Fire Company Rental Hall .....	939-6582
Comcast Cable .....	1-800-266-2278
District Justice Kenneth Lenker .....	939-6996
Highspire Post Office .....	939-4902
Republic Services - Trash .....	1-800-210-9675
PPL Electric .....	1-800-342-5775
Steelton Highspire School District .....	704-3800
Suez Water.....	564-3662
Verizon .....	1-800-837-4966

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