



# Highspire Herald

A BI-MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HIGHSPIRE BOROUGH

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June/July 2022

## STREET SWEEPING... June 6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

The Public Works Department anticipates having the street sweeper from June 7th - June 11th. Please sweep your sidewalks prior to that time to remove the cinders from the winter months. Streets will be marked with **NO PARKING** signs prior to the sweeping, and individuals found parking in the **NO PARKING** areas will be ticketed by the Police Department. We request that you do not move your vehicle back onto the street until the signs have been removed. Please contact the Borough Office for more information. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our community clean!

### 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.

### CODES/ZONING

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.

As Summer approaches here are some Borough facts that all residents should be aware of . . . The Borough's Code states that grass and weeds are not to exceed eight (8) inches in height. Don't forget to **mow the grass areas between the sidewalks, curbs and along fencing**. Also, sweep sidewalks and cut weeds. Do not blow grass onto streets. 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.

### 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 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.

### KEEP ALERT FOR CHILDREN AT PLAY

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.

### HIGHSPIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

**Open House:** Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Speaker: Dustin "Dutch Boy" D'Agostino @ 3:00 p.m. topic: Camp Meade w/display items. Q & A. Light refreshments.

**Benefit Sale:** Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> rain date: July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**, 8:00 a.m. - Noon....Stands **ONLY** \$5.00, (provide own table/blanket), Monies to benefit the Wilson House maintenance. Various items for sale - toys, household, seasonal, tools as well as food - Schmidt's sausage, hot dogs, (kraut), desserts and drinks.

Call Judy @717-939-0895 or Debbie @ 717-566-6828

### FIREWORKS IN THE BOROUGH REQUIRE A PERMIT

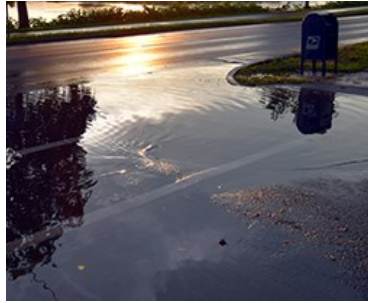
Before setting off fireworks please refer to the Borough of Highspire Ordinance No. 627 of 2020, SECTION 3. Discharge of Consumer Fireworks. ( a ) Discharge of fireworks shall be by permit.

# HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

# Why is Stormwater a Problem?

In 2016, DEP labeled approximately 19,000 miles of rivers and streams in Pennsylvania impaired for water supply, aquatic life, recreation, or fish consumption. Stormwater runoff pollution is one of the biggest reasons for this impairment.

Over the past 100 years, streets, parking lots, sidewalks, and roofs have been a steadily increasing part of our communities as we've developed more and more of the landscape. As a result, rain that would otherwise soak into the ground instead rushes over these nonporous surfaces and into storm drains, which send it directly into rivers and streams.



Stormwater carries an enormous amount of pollution, including sediment, car oil, lawn fertilizers, pesticides, pet poop (and viruses and bacteria), and cigarette butts. As you might expect, this has many negative impacts on streams and rivers.

Source: [dep.pa.gov](http://dep.pa.gov)

## Property Maintenance Ordinance 574

Section 302.3 **Sidewalks and Driveways.** *"All sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas shall be kept in a proper state of repair, and maintained free from hazardous conditions".*

Weeds and grass growing along and on walking surfaces constitutes tripping hazards and must be removed.

Property owners are responsible to maintain these areas as it is part of the property, and failure to do so may result in the Highspire Borough taking action to cause compliance.



**SWEEPING, PLACING, AND OR SCATTERING OF GRASS CLIPPINGS ON THE RIGHT-OF-WAY IS PROHIBITED.**

# ARBOR DAY *April 29, 2022*



Mortimore Family

This years Arbor Day Ceremony was held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Memorial Park and the ceremonial planting was held in memory of William Mortimore Sr. He was a dedicated Firefighter with the Highspire Fire Department, he served with the Fire Police, participated in National Night Out, he was a member of the Zoning Hearing Board, participated in the Neighborhood Watch and he started the Highspire Veterans Memorial.



Andrew Brought

Andrew Brought with the Bureau of Forestry presented Highspire with the 30th Tree City USA Award.



## Upcoming Dates & Events

- June 1, 2022  
Sewer Bills Mailed
- June 14, 2022  
Council Workshop Mtg., 7:00 pm
- June 15, 2022  
School Board Legislative Mtg., 6:00 pm
- June 16, 2022  
Highspire Borough Authority Mtg., 7:00 pm
- June 20, 2022  
Juneteenth Observance—OFFICE CLOSED
- June 21, 2022  
Council Mtg., 7:00 pm
- June 30, 2022  
Sewer Bill payments due.
- July 4, 2022  
Independence Day—OFFICE CLOSED
- July 12, 2022  
Council Workshop Mtg., 7:00 pm
- July 13, 2022  
School Board Legislative Mtg., 6:00 pm
- July 19, 2022  
Council Mtg., 7:00 pm
- July 21, 2022  
Highspire Borough Authority Mtg., 7:00 pm

## Important Telephone Numbers

### Borough Telephone Numbers

- Borough Office.....717-939-3303
- Borough Fax.....717-939-3371
- Sewer Billing & Collections.....717-939-3303
- Code Enforcement.....717-939-3303
- Waste Water Treatment Plant.....717-939-6204
- Highway Department.....717-986-1034
- Police Depart. Non-Emergency.....717-558-6900
- Police Emergency.....911
- Highspire Constable -Ian Castaneira 717-773-9570
- Highspire Tax Collector ...ext.1103 717-939-3303

### Other Important Telephone Numbers

- Citizens Fire Company.....717-939-5111
- Citizens Fire Co. Rental Hall.....717-939-6582
- Comcast Cable.....1-800-266-2278
- District Justice Kenneth Lenker.....717-939-6996
- Highspire Post Office.....717-939-4902
- Republic Services - Trash.....1-800-210-9675
- PPL Electric.....1-800-342-5775
- Steelton-Highspire School District .717-704-3800
- SUEZ (VEOLIA) Water.....717-564-3662
- Verizon.....1-800-837-4966