



Highspire Herald

A BI-MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HIGHSPIRE BOROUGH

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Regular Office Hours:
Tuesdays 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

March 18 – 31, 2023
(Discount Period February 1 - March 31, 2023)
Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Monday 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

PROPERTY TAXES

The Dauphin County and Highspire Borough Property Tax Notices are prepared and mailed by February 1st of each year. Property owners must pay these taxes to the Borough Tax Collector by December 31st.

The bill for the Steelton-Highspire School District is prepared and mailed by July 1st of each year. Property owners may pay this tax to the Borough Tax Collector. Payment can be made in full or in three (3) installments.



Keystone Collections Group now collects
Per Capita Tax and Occupation Tax
for residents of Highspire Borough
and the Steelton-Highspire School District



www.KeystoneCollects.com

Don't have your tax bill? Call 1-866-539-1100

REMINDER OF SEWER BILL RATE INCREASE

Residential Sewer Rates = \$75.00 per month
(bill bi-monthly at \$150.00)

Non-Residential Sewer Rates = \$100.85 per month
(bill bi-monthly at \$201.70) up to 1 EDU; and Five Dollars and Eighty-nine Cents (\$5.89) for each One Thousand (1,000) Gallons over 1 EDU per billing.

WOODY WASTE SCHEDULE 2023

Starting March 1 - November 29, 2023 the Woody Waste Yard will be open on Wednesday's from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. to **PERMIT HOLDERS** only. Please call (717) 939-3303 for more information on how you can obtain a permit.

DOG LICENSES

Licensing dogs over the age of three months in Pennsylvania is mandated by state law. Those who do not comply can receive fines up to \$300 for each violation of the law.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact the Dauphin County Treasurer's Office at 717-780-6550 or on line at <http://www.dauphincounty.gov>

Time to Renew Your
Dog License

Renew online or by Mail at
the Dauphin County
Treasurer's Office.



STORAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

A vehicle is considered abandoned even if it is parked on your property when the vehicle registration and/or inspection has expired and/or if the vehicle is inoperable or damaged; however, an owner may obtain a permit to store the vehicle for six (6) months from the Code & Zoning Office for a fee of \$45.00.



For more information regarding the storage of motor vehicles, please contact the Highspire Police Department at 717-939-9866 or the Borough Office at 717-939-3303. A copy of the Ordinance is available at the Borough Office for your review.

LARGE ITEM TRASH PICK-UP

Just a reminder, Republic Services will accept only one (1) large item curbside per week with your normal trash pick-up. This is for residents and businesses who are billed a trash fee on their real estate tax bill. If you have a large item please contact Republic Services at 1-800-210-9675 to schedule a pick-up.



SPRING FORWARD
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
MARCH 12, 2023

ILLEGAL DUMPING





The Borough of Highspire has a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit that requires the Borough to implement control measures to protect water quality and reduce pollution. An MS4 is made up of a series of inlets, storm drains, pipes, basins, and outfalls that collect and convey stormwater.

If that stormwater is polluted with trash, landscape waste like grass clippings and leaves, hazardous substances like oil, or other illegal materials, it can increase the cost of treating drinking water, cause harmful algal blooms that can harm aquatic wildlife, create unpleasant conditions with bad smells, and come with expensive fines from state and federal governments.

This factsheet describes good house-keeping practices to use to minimize the discharge of chemicals, landscape waste, trash, and other illegal pollutants into our local waterways. These techniques will protect water quality and enhance quality of life in the Borough.



Keep in Mind

-  Keep streambanks, detention basins, inlets, and parking lots free of trash and other debris like grass clippings and leaves to keep streams and storm-water conveyance systems flowing freely and cleanly.
-  Dumping or storing landscape debris (grass clippings, leaves, soil/dirt) or hazardous items (oils, grease, etc.) in and near streams, inlets, and basins is not allowed and will cause impacts to water quality.
-  Pet waste in or near a stream, inlet, or basin should be cleaned up promptly.
-  If you see something strange (soapy suds or unusually colored water), or see someone storing or dumping material like leaves, grass clippings, trash, or liquids near or into a local waterway, inlet, or basin, please call the Borough Office at 717-939-3303.

Source: Factsheet by LandStudies, Inc.—www.landstudies.com / West Earl Township, Lancaster County, PA Fall 2022 Newsletter

SIDEWALKS:

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A PROPERTY OWNER

The Borough of Highspire Code requires the owner of a property which abuts a public sidewalk to maintain the sidewalk in good repair. Failing to maintain a sidewalk in good repair can create hazardous conditions for pedestrians. Conditions that can create a hazard to pedestrians include:

- Vegetation blocking the pedestrian route.
- Sidewalk panels that are deteriorating and are not smooth.
- Gaps in the sidewalks.
- Uplifted panels, gaps between panels, bumps, and edge drop-offs.
- Sunken sidewalk panels which can create tripping and drainage issues.

In the cold weather months, the owner or tenant of a property must clear the sidewalk from snow, ice, or freezing rain within 24 hours after the cessation of weather event or if the snow and/or ice on the sidewalk has become so hard that it cannot be removed without likelihood of damage to the sidewalk, the property owner or tenant must place an abrasive on the snow and/or ice to make travel reasonably safe and shall, as soon thereafter as weather permits, clear the sidewalk.

Please feel free to contact the Code Enforcement Department if you have a question regarding your sidewalk or to report a sidewalk in disrepair.

Upcoming Dates & Events

- February 1, 2023
Sewer Bills Mailed
- February 8, 2023
School Board Mtg., 6:00 pm
- February 14, 2023
Council Workshop Mtg., 7:00 pm
- February 14th 
- February 16, 2023
Highspire Borough Authority Mtg., 7:00 pm
- February 21, 2023
Highspire Borough Mtg. 7:00 pm
- March 2, 2023**
Sewer Bills Due
- March 8, 2023
School Board Mtg., 6:00 pm
- March 12, 2023**
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
- March 14, 2023
Council Workshop Mtg., , 7:00 pm
- March 16, 2023
Highspire Borough Authority Mtg. 7:00 pm
- March 20, 2023**
FIRST DAY OF SPRING!
- March 21, 2023
Highspire Borough Council 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 -lan 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
VEOLIA Water.....	717-564-3662
Verizon.....	1-800-837-4966