



Highspire Herald

A BI-MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HIGHSPIRE BOROUGH

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BOROUGH OF HIGHSPIRE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING 2022

Saturday, December 3rd
at 6:00 p.m.

Located at the square at
218 Second Street, Highspire

Refreshments, games and
holiday cheer at the Highspire
Fire House. Don't forget your
camera for pictures
with Santa.

Come out and enjoy the
festivities with your family
friends and neighbors as we
officially welcome the Holiday
Season to Highspire.

Hosted by the Highspire Happenings Committee



STREET SNOW REMOVAL

Winter is just around the corner and the Highway Department is busy preparing for the snow. As in past years, Second and Lumber Streets will be plowed first since they are the two main roads in Highspire. Once these streets are plowed, the other areas of Highspire will be started. Our plow drivers are instructed and mandated to plow as close to the curb or street edge as possible. So, if your sidewalk was shoveled before the snow plow came through, more snow may end up back onto your sidewalk. **PLEASE DO NOT SHOVEL THE SNOW BACK INTO THE STREET.** Our Highway Department will not be able to take plow requests so please do not ask, because your request will be denied.

DESIGNATED SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

Once any snow emergency is declared, it shall be unlawful, at any time during the continuance of the emergency, for any person to park a motor vehicle or to allow that vehicle to remain parked on any snow emergency route designated or to drive any motor vehicle on any snow emergency route, unless that vehicle is equipped with snow tires or chains. The following are designated as snow emergency routes:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Between</u>
Paxton Street	Penn and Broad St.
Penn Street	Roop and Paxton St.
Roop Street	Second and Penn St.
Second Street	All of Second Street

Any person in violation will be subject to fines. For more information please contact the Borough Office at 717-939-3303.

IMPORTANT NEWS REGARDING SEWER BILL RATES

Highspire Borough Council Resolution No. 16-2022

Starting with your February 1, 2023 sewer billing, the rates will increase as follows:

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

If not paid within 30 Days a penalty of \$15.00 will be added.

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.

If not paid within 30 Days a penalty of \$20.17 will be added.

Failure to pay by the end of a billing cycle will result in a 6% annum (interest) in addition to the penalty.

DURING SNOW PLOWING AND TRASH PICK-UP



Please **DO NOT**
place your trash
receptacles in the
alley and keep
them away from
the roadway after
pick-up. **DO NOT**
park your vehicles
in the alleys as it
affects snow



The Highspire Citizens Fire Company #1 will be selling Christmas trees this holiday season. The trees will be available for purchase at the Firehouse, 272 Second Street, from November 25th through Christmas Eve. Please consider purchasing your tree from the Fire Department as the proceeds are used to fund training and to purchase equipment for Fire Department personnel. Please call the Firehouse at 717-939-5111 for more information. **HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

MELTING SNOW, IT'S STORMWATER TOO!

Tips for managing your property for winter stormwater this season:

- When piling your snow after shoveling and plowing, choose locations where the snow will have the most opportunity to infiltrate instead of becoming stormwater runoff. Pile your snow in areas where you don't usually have ponding in the spring rains, on relatively flat areas, and away from sensitive areas like streams, ponds, and your private well if you have one.
- Clear your downspouts to allow melting roof snow to flow and not collect at your foundation.
- Make sure your nearest storm drains are clear. Do not pile snow on storm drains and make sure your neighborhood plow is not piling snow over the drains too. Clear away any snow that may have been kicked onto the drains by passing cars.
- Use de-icing chemicals and salts judiciously. Use what you need to make your walkways and driveways safe, but try to avoid spreading around sensitive areas like waterways and your private well.
- Postpone outdoor construction projects in winter, when you can't establish new vegetation to reduce soil loss and muddy runoff.
- Pay special attention to places that are eroding during snow melt, and make a plan to improve these areas in spring using plants that can slow and stop erosion, like native grasses and meadow plants or native trees and shrubs.



Upcoming Dates & Events

- December 1, 2022
Sewer Bills Mailed
- December 7, 2022
School Board Mtg., 6:00 pm
- December 13, 2022
Council Workshop Mtg., 7:00 pm
- December 15, 2022
Highspire Borough Authority Mtg., 7:00 pm
- December 20, 2022
Highspire Borough Mtg., 7:00 pm
- December 23, 2022**
Borough Offices Closed
- December 25, 2022**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
- December 26, 2022**
Borough Offices Closed
- December 30, 2022**
Sewer Bills Due
- January 1, 2023**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- January 2, 2023**
Borough Offices Closed
- January 10, 2023
Council Workshop Mtg., 7:00 pm
- January 11, 2023
School Board Mtg., 6:00 pm
- January 17, 2023
Highspire Borough Mtg., 7:00 pm

SNOW REMINDER

Please remember during winter conditions it is the home owner/renters responsibility to make sure the sidewalks and walkways are clear of any snow or ice that may accumulate. Walkways must be cleared within 24 hours of the snowstorm ending. Failure to do so will result in a \$25.00 to \$300.00 fine being issued against you. Your mail may not be delivered if the sidewalk and the entrance to your mailbox is obstructed with snow, ice, or any other type of debris. Placing garbage cans or chairs on the street to save parking spaces is prohibited. This activity is subject to cost, fines, and loss of items. **IT'S NOT THE BOROUGH'S INTENT TO ISSUE PARKING TICKETS OR HAVE VEHICLES TOWED.** Through your cooperation and compliance we can provide a quicker and more efficient snow removal service.

FIRE SAFETY

Fire hydrants are not visible when snow is piled high around them. It is extremely important that hydrants remain accessible throughout the year. Keep hydrants on your property clear of snow and ice. In an emergency, you will be thankful you did.

WOODY WASTE WINTER SCHEDULE

The last day for the Woody Waste to be open for the season is Wednesday, December 7th, for PERMIT HOLDERS ONLY, if you need access to the Woody Waste Yard please call 717-939-3303.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Following the holiday season residents can bring their Christmas trees to the Borough's compost facility for recycling on Wednesday, January 11, and Wednesday, January 18, 2023 from 3 - 6 p.m. Please be sure to remove all nonorganic material from the tree. The restriction for trees is that they may not be more than six feet tall and have a trunk size more than six inches in diameter. Trees exceeding the maximum length and diameter must be cut to the appropriate size. **Republic Services will not be picking up Christmas trees at curbside, so please do not put them out with your trash. Also, Christmas trees should not be placed with any other yard waste because the Highway Department will not be picking up Christmas trees.**

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