



Highspire Herald

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ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

ARBOR DAY & COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY 2024

Come and join your neighbors for the Annual Arbor Day Celebration and Community Clean Up Day on **Saturday, April 27th, 2024**. **Clean up will start at Memorial Park at 8:00 a.m. and the Arbor Day Celebration will begin at 11:30 a.m. at Memorial Park.** A tree will be planted in memory of Charles & Geraldine Keys. Please call the Borough Office at 717-939-3303 for more information.

Arbor Day is a holiday in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees and also to promote the caring of trees. The Borough of Highspire has been certified as a Tree City USA applicant for the past 27 years. We encourage all residents to take an interest in Arbor Day and come out and help us celebrate.

Trash containers and bags will be provided for the clean up. Even if you can only spend an hour, please come help clean up our community. Every piece of trash counts!! Bring your family!

FREE LUNCH FOR THOSE THAT ATTEND THE CLEAN UP!

BOROUGH OF HIGHSPIRE NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING ON THE BOROUGH'S MS4 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that the Borough of Highspire MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Annual Report will be presented on **Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM** at Highspire Municipal Building located at 640 Eshelman Street, Highspire, PA 17034. The purpose of this meeting is to encourage public discussion and participation regarding its Stormwater quality and the administration of the Borough's MS4 Stormwater Management Program.

MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Residents are reminded that the Municipal Primary Election will be on **Tuesday, April 23, 2024**. The polls will be located in the Citizens Fire House, at 272 Second Street. For those who actively participate, you can vote between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Should you have any questions, you can call the Borough office at (717)939-3303, or you can visit www.votespa.com, for additional information and to register to vote.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

This year's Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on Monday, May 27, 2024. In memory of our Veterans who died to preserve our freedoms, the Borough of Highspire will be conducting a drive-by food drive. The food drive will take place at Memorial Park beside the Veterans' Memorial on Lumber Street in Highspire from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. All donations will go to Veterans and Veteran families. The ceremony will be starting at 12:00 p.m. and all residents and non-residents are invited to remember our past soldiers who have fought for our country, and to honor those currently serving here and abroad.

STREET SWEEPING

The Public Works Department anticipates having the street sweeper starting June 3 - June 15, 2024. In preparation, 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!

How Does Rainwater Get Polluted?

As rain or melting snow drains off of the land, it picks up pollutants such as trash, leaky engine fluids, pet waste, and lawn fertilizers. Even with just a little rain, these pollutants are carried into storm drains or directly into the waterways that provide our drinking water. This polluted water is called **stormwater runoff**.

Across our Borough, hard surfaces such as roads, buildings, and parking areas prevent rain from soaking into the ground. Many roofs have downspouts that funnel water directly into our sewer system, which can overwhelm the pipes. In a more natural setting, the rainwater would be able to soak into the ground, filtering out pollutants and replenishing ground water supplies. Runoff from your property may seem insignificant, but when you consider all the households in the Borough, you can see why stormwater runoff is a major problem.



Pollutants Found in Stormwater Runoff:

- Dog Waste
- Engine Fluids
- Fertilizers
- Herbicides
- Loose Dirt
- Motor Oil
- Pesticides
- Road Grit
- Litter

There are some small changes we can make so these items don't end up in our waterways.



Trash accumulates and clogs a storm drain. Some of this trash will end up in our local waterways.

Upcoming Dates & Events

- April 1, 2024
Sewer Bills Mailed
- April 9, 2024
Council Workshop Mtg., 7:00 pm
- April 10, 2024
School Board Legislative Mtg., 6:00 pm
- April 16, 2024
Council Mtg., 7:00 pm
- April 18, 2024
Highspire Borough Authority Mtg., 7:00 pm
- April 30, 2024
Sewer Payments are due
- May 8, 2024
School Board Legislative Mtg., 6:00 pm
- May 14, 2024
Council Workshop Mtg., 7:00 pm
- May 16, 2024
Highspire Borough Authority Mtg., 7:00 pm
- May 21, 2024
Council Mtg., 7:00 pm
- May 27, 2024**
MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED



CODES/ZONING

Building and Zoning Permits are required for numerous things including 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 Spring time 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 inches in height. Don't forget to mow the grass areas between the sidewalks and curbs. 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.

PAVILION RENTALS

The pavilions at Highspire's Memorial and Reservoir Parks are available for residents and non-residents to reserve throughout the year. A \$50.00 charge for residents and non-residents will be collected. Please call the Borough office at 717-939-3303 to make a reservation.

WOODY WASTE COMPOST FACILITY

The compost facility, located on Aviation Way beside the Wastewater Treatment Plant, is open to all Residents of Highspire only, every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., except for holidays. Non-residents and commercial entities will not have access to this facility. A permit is required and can be purchased at the Borough Office during regular business hours. The fees are as follows: \$20.00 per year and \$25.00 per load for curbside pickup for permit holders only. All fees are required to be paid in advance. Residents must show their permit, photo ID and proof of address during drop off.

TRASH PICK UP COMPLAINTS

Please contact the Borough Office at 717-939-3303, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. with any complaints regarding your trash or recycling pick up. This includes large bulk items. If bulk items are not picked up on the scheduled trash pick up day, please contact the Borough as soon as possible. For any trash related questions, please contact Republic Services at 1-800-210-9675.

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
Veolia Water.....	717-564-3662
Verizon.....	1-800-837-4966