



# Highspire Herald

A BI-MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HIGHSPIRE BOROUGH

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June/July 2023

## STREET SWEEPING... June 5<sup>th</sup> — 15<sup>th</sup>

The Public Works Department anticipates having the street sweeper from June 5th - June 15th. 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!



PROUDLY CELEBRATING  
POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS  
HIGHSPIRE BOROUGH

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2023

AUGUST 1, 2023 6 PM - 8 PM

MEMORIAL PARK  
50 LUMBER STREET  
HIGHSPIRE, PA

TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING COMMUNITIES  
SAFER, MORE CARING PLACES TO LIVE AND WORK

### 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.

### 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.**

### 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.



### 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.

## What is Storm Water?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

## Good Rain Gone Wrong

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated!



*Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water.*

*Vehicles drip fluids (oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluids, etc.) onto paved areas where storm water runoff carries them through our storm drains and into our water.*



*Chemicals used to grow and maintain beautiful lawns and gardens, if not used properly, can run off into the storm drains when it rains or when we water our lawns and gardens.*

*Waste from chemicals and materials used in construction can wash into the storm sewer system when it rains. Soil that erodes from construction sites causes environmental degradation, including harming fish and shellfish populations that are important for recreation and our economy.*



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

## ORDINANCE #646 OF 2023

An Ordinance of the Borough Council of the Borough of Highspire, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 10 of the Highspire Borough Code of Ordinances to add a new chapter entitled “**Quality of Life Improvement Ordinance**”, Part 5, which provides (1) a ticketing program to potentially resolve certain property maintenance and other property violation matters in a more expeditious manner than traditional ordinance enforcement, (2) procedures for issuing tickets under the ticketing program, and (3) preserves traditional ordinance enforcement and further provides for severability, failure to enforce not a waiver, applicability, and effective date.

## ARBOR DAY

This year's Arbor Day Ceremony was held on Saturday, April 29th at Memorial Park and the ceremonial planting was held in memory of Debbie Whittle. Debbie grew up in the Wilson House which is now the Highspire Historical Society. She was an active member of the Society since its beginning in 1977 and was also the president for a number of years. Debbie was also active with the Highspire Events Committee and participated with the Bicentennial Celebration in 2014. Andrew Brought with the Bureau of Forestry presented Highspire with the 31st Tree City USA Award.



## 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.

## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR... CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

All dogs must be under control. This means that when your dog is not on your property, it must be under the direct control of you or the Handler.

The best way to control your dog is with a leash. Pet owners are also responsible for cleaning up after their pets. This could be on public property when out walking or in your own backyard. Please be responsible for your pet.



**There is NO poop fairy!**  
Please pick up after your dog.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Highspire Borough is seeking volunteers to fill the following positions:

Borough Council, one (1) vacant seat  
Vacancy Chairperson, vacant  
Borough Authority, one (1) vacant seat  
Planning Commission, two (2) vacant  
Zoning Hearing Board, one (1) vacant  
seat and one (1) alternate seat  
Civil Service, one (1) vacant seat

These positions require that the applicant be a resident of Highspire. Interested persons should submit a letter of interest to:

Borough of Highspire  
Attn: Mark Stonbraker  
640 Eshelman Street  
Highspire, PA 17034

For more information you may contact the Borough Office by calling 717-939-3303.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER**

## Upcoming Dates & Events

June 1, 2023  
Sewer Bills Mailed

June 13, 2023  
Council Workshop Mtg., 7:00 pm

June 14, 2023  
School Board Legislative Mtg., 6:00 pm

June 15, 2023  
Highspire Borough Authority Mtg., 7:00 pm

**June 19, 2023**  
**Juneteenth Observance—OFFICE CLOSED**

June 20, 2023  
Council Mtg., 7:00 pm

June 30, 2023  
Sewer bill payments due.

**July 4, 2023**  
**Independence Day—OFFICE CLOSED**

July 11, 2023  
Council Workshop Mtg., 7:00 pm

July 12, 2023  
School Board Legislative Mtg., 6:00 pm

July 18, 2023  
Council Mtg., 7:00 pm

July 20, 2023  
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  
VEOLIA Water..... 717-564-3662  
Verizon.....1-800-837-4966