



Highspire Herald

A BI-MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HIGHSPIRE BOROUGH

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CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

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 24th 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!*

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Following the holiday season residents can bring their Christmas trees to the Borough's compost facility for recycling on Wednesday, January 10, and Wednesday, January 17, 2024 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



WOODY WASTE WINTER SCHEDULE

The last day for the Woody Waste to be open for the season is Wednesday, December 6th, for **PERMIT HOLDERS ONLY**, if you need access to the Woody Waste Yard please call 717-939-3303.

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.

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 plowing.

MS4 INFORMATION

WINTER STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION TIPS

Start shoveling early! The more snow you remove, the less salt and sand you'll need. Below are some dos and don'ts when shoveling or plowing snow.

DO

- Pile snow in locations with the most opportunity to infiltrate into the ground.
- Pile snow in areas where water does not pond.
- Clear away any snow that may have been thrown onto the storm drains.



DON'T

- Do not pile snow on top of storm drains or near water bodies and wetlands.
- Do not pile snow onto rain gardens or bioretention areas.

Normal snow accumulation does not pose a threat to rain gardens, so there is no need to shovel a rain garden. However, heavy snow loads can weigh down and saturate your garden and hurt plants. Pile snow uphill from the rain garden so when the snow melts the rain garden can do what it is designed to do.

TIPS TO AVOID USING SALT AS A DEICER

More salt does not equal more melting snow. Follow product instructions when spreading deicing material and give it time to work. Sweep up any material remaining after the snow/ice melts.

When temperatures hit 15° F or below, salt is not effective. Consider using traction materials that contain an acetate, potassium chloride, magnesium chloride, or cracked cornmeal instead of sand or kitty litter.

Information from RETTEW: <https://www.rettew.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Q4-Fact-Sheet-FINAL-2.pdf>

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.

Upcoming Dates & Events

February 1, 2024

Sewer Bills Mailed

February 13, 2024
Council Workshop—7:00pm

February 14, 2024
School Board Mtg.—6:00pm

February 15, 2024
Highspire Borough Authority Mtg.—7:00pm

February 20, 2024
Highspire Borough Council Mtg., 7:00 pm

March 1, 2024

Sewer Bills Due

March 12, 2024
Council Workshop—7:00pm

March 13, 2024
School Board Mtg.—6:00pm

March 19, 2024
Highspire Borough Council Mtg.,- 7:00 pm

MARCH 21, 2024
Highspire Borough Authority Mtg.—7:00pm

MARCH 29, 2024
BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED
HAPPY EASTER!

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