



Highspire Herald

A BI-MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HIGHSPIRE BOROUGH

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Borough of Highspire
ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS
TREE LIGHTING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH AT 6:00 P.M.

LOCATED AT THE SQUARE, 218 SECOND STREET, HIGHSPIRE

COME OUT AND ENJOY THE FESTIVITIES WITH YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AS WE OFFICIALLY WELCOME THE HOLIDAY SEASON TO HIGHSPIRE! AFTERWARDS, EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THE FIRE HOUSE FOR REFRESHMENTS, COOKIE DECORATING, FREE GIFTS FOR THE FIRST 60 KIDS AND TO MEET WITH SANTA.



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:

Street	Between
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.

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 28th 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 Saturday, January 10 and Saturday, January 17, 2026 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please be sure to remove all non-organic 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.**



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

Road salt keeps us safe,
but more salt does not equal more safe.

Let's be Salt Smart. Together we can protect our rivers and streams
by shoveling snow first and using the right amount of salt.



Residents

- Always shovel first.
- Be Salt Smart when salting driveways and sidewalks. Only put salt where needed.
- Scatter salt so it is not clumped together.
- A 12-ounce coffee mug of salt is enough for 10 sidewalk squares.



Municipalities and private contractors

- Adopt best management practices that reduce the amount of salt used, while still maintaining levels of safety.



Commuters

- Give yourself extra time to drive safely.
- Don't Crowd the Plow.
- Stay home during snow storms if possible.



Learn more at saltsmart.org

Congratulations!

2026 Elected Officials

Mayor, Von Hess; Council Members—Michelle Phillips, Tyler Thatcher, Robert Sutch and Tax Collector Colleen Shank!

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

December 1, 2025

December 3, 2025
School Board Re-Organizational Mtg.—6:00pm

December 9, 2025
Council Workshop—7:00pm

December 16, 2025
Highspire Borough Council Mtg.,- 7:00 pm

December 18, 2025
Highspire Borough Authority Mtg.—7:00pm

**December 24 & 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Christmas Holiday— Offices Closed**

**December 30, 2025
Sewer Bills Due**



**January 1, 2026 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
New Year's Day— Offices Closed**

January 13, 2026
Council Workshop - 7:00 pm

January 15, 2026
Highspire Borough Authority Mtg.—7:00pm

January 20, 2026
Highspire Borough Council Mtg.—7:00pm

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.....	717-939-6204
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