



Highspire Herald

A BI-MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HIGHSPIRE BOROUGH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth, Job & College Resource Fair
When: **Saturday, April 11**
Time: **11 am - 2 pm**
Location: **John Harris High School Field House**

Shred Event
When: **Saturday, April 25**
Time: **10 am - 1 pm**
Location: **Lower Swatara Township Fire Department**

Memorial Day Luncheon
When: **Friday, May 22**
Time: **11 am - 1 pm**
Location: **American Legion Post 730 Penbrook**

Summer Safety Event
When: **Saturday, June 6**
Time: **11 am - 3 pm**
Location: **River View Pavillion, City Island**

OUR SERVICES

- Assistance with Department of Human Services Programs
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate
- PennDot Services
- Unemployment Compensation Assistance
- Disability Plates & Placards
- Birth/Death Certificate Requests
- Notary Public Services
- Utilities
- PACE Prescription Assistance
- Search for Unclaimed Property from the PA Treasury
- PA State Income Tax
- LIHEAP
- And more

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News from State Senator Patty Kim, 15th District

Thank you for a wonderful first year as state senator! So many people in the 15th District helped me settle into this role and hit the ground running! Getting to know the local officials and residents of Highspire has been a true privilege - from hosting mobile office hours at the borough building, touring local businesses, and spending time in the Steelton-Highspire School District.

I'm celebrating Highspire Borough recently receiving multiple grants including Steelton-Highspire Elementary School being awarded \$400,000+ grant for solar upgrades to their elementary school and \$550,000 towards the Highspire Borough Roadway Rehabilitation Program. I am proud of the ways local and state government collaborate to fund vital projects that will enhance our communities.

For those interested in staying up to date on legislation, grant opportunities, community events, local opportunities and more, I invite you to subscribe to my newsletter by visiting www.pasentorkim.com/subscribe/.

Above all, my staff are eager to serve you! Please refer to the graphic for information on upcoming events, services we provide, and how to contact our offices.

Sincerely,

Patty Kim
State Senator 15th District



Come and join your neighbors for the Annual Arbor Day Celebration **Saturday, April 25th at 12:00 p.m.** The Celebration will be held at the **Highspire Borough Memorial Park on Lumber Street**. A tree will be planted in memory of former Mayor Wayne S. Shank. 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 30 years. We encourage all residents to take an interest in Arbor Day and come out and help us celebrate.



This year's Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on Monday, May 25, 2026 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 June 1st - 15th

The Public Works Department anticipates having the street sweeper starting June 1st - June 15th. 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!

HIGHSPIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 25th - Saturday - Spring Clean up of the Wilson House Grounds. Volunteers welcomed.

***April 27th** - Monday - Regular Meeting held at the Wilson House.

May 9th - Saturday - Flea Market held on the grounds of the Wilson House., (Rain Date, Saturday, May 16th) Refreshments for sale. Donated baked goods are welcome. Flea Market runs from 8:00 a.m. - Noon.

***May 18th** - Monday - Regular meeting held at the Wilson House at 7:00 p.m.

June 6th - Saturday - The Wilson House will be open to the public for self-touring, history overview and refreshments from noon - 3:00 p.m.

***Regular meeting to be held at the Wilson House, 273 Second Street at 7:00 p.m.**

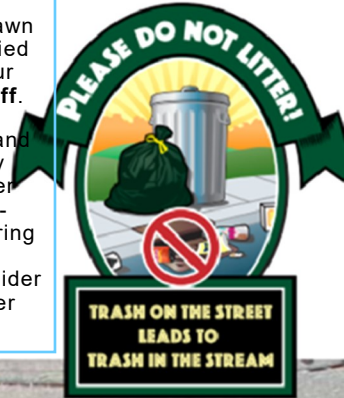
Borough of Highspire Notice of Annual Public Meeting on the Borough's MS4 Stormwater Management Program

Notice is hereby given that the Borough of Highspire MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Annual Report will be presented on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** at the 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.

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, 2026
Sewer Bills Mailed

April 3, 2026
GOOD FRIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

April 14, 2026
Council Workshop Mtg., 7:00 pm

April 15, 2026
School Board Legislative Mtg., 6:00 pm

April 16, 2026
Highspire Borough Authority Mtg., 7:00 pm

April 21, 2026
Borough Council Mtg., 7:00 pm

April 30, 2026
Sewer Payments are due

May 12, 2026
Council Workshop Mtg., 7:00 pm

May 19, 2026
Borough Council Mtg. -7:00 pm

May 20, 2026
School Board Legislative Mtg., 6:00 pm

May 21, 2026
Highspire Borough Authority Mtg., 7:00 pm

May 25, 2026
MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

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.....	717-986-6204
Stormwater.....	717-939-6204
Police Depart. Non-Emergency.....	717-558-6900
Police Emergency.....	911
Highspire Constable -Ian Castaneira	717-773-9570
Highspire Tax Collector	717-939-5715

Other Important Telephone Numbers

Citizens Fire Company.....	717-939-5111
Citizens Fire Co. Rental Hall.....	717-939-5111
Comcast Cable.....	1-800-266-2278
District Justice David Judy	717-944-4463
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

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.



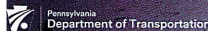
WOODY WASTE COMPOST FACILITY

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.

Make it Home, Text Later.

Pennsylvania is cracking down. If you are caught holding your phone while driving - **EVEN AT A RED LIGHT** - you will be pulled over.

One text, call, or glance down could cost a life. It's not worth it.



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.

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. You will need to contact Republic Services to schedule a bulk pick up items at 1-800-210-9675.