



# Highspire Herald

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HIGHSPIRE BOROUGH

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## The Highspire Building Expansion Has Been Approved!

The \$561,500 bid for construction of the borough building expansion was awarded to East Coast Contracting Inc, of New Cumberland, at the June 21, 2011 Council meeting.

The expansion will include a secured records retention area, office, meeting room, and a bathroom with a shower for police officers and borough workers.

Discussions of the expansion started in November 2010 when the borough discussed options for space to store documents. The documents are currently stored in the basement which floods when it rains. Mold is also an issue with current basement conditions. Notice of the expansion was advertised to the public and meetings were held prior to voting on the expansion. Construction is scheduled to begin this Fall.



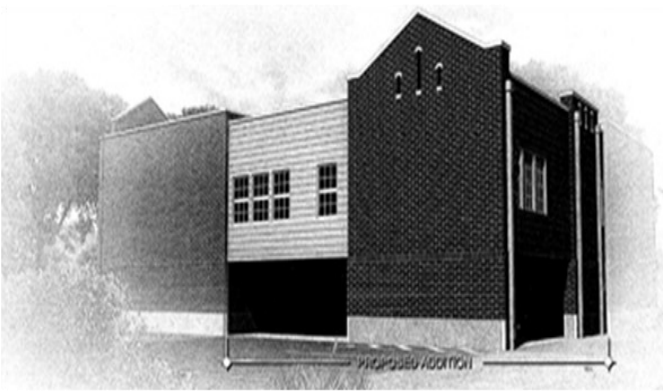
Photo courtesy of the Press and Journal

## Traffic Light Planned for Second and Lumber Street in Highspire

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation awarded a \$218,000 grant to the borough. The grant will be used to install a traffic light at the intersection of Second and Lumber Street. According to a study done by PennDot, from November 2005 to November 2010, there were eight vehicle crashes within 500 feet of the intersection of which three involved a pedestrian. The cost of the project is estimated at \$235,000. The borough will pay the difference of \$17,000 which the funds are in a traffic signal fund. No installation date has been set.

## Compost Facility

The compost facility, located on Aviation Way, is open to non-commercial residents of Highspire. Residents can drop off tree branches and leaves and pick up mulch for flower beds and gardens. The facility is open Monday-Friday 7:00am - 3:00pm and Saturday-Sunday 7:00am - 12:00pm.



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### **PETSMART Awarded Highspire the "PetSmart Charities® Grant"**

Highspire was awarded the Free-roaming Cat Spay/Neuter grant from PetSmart Charities® in the amount of \$5,420. The funds will be used for the trap, neuter, and release (TNR) program for Highspire's feral cats. The grant was broken down as follows: \$3,600 for the cost of surgeries (average \$30 per surgery), \$1,320 for the purchase of 20 traps and \$500 for extra veterinary care.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Highspire is in need of more volunteers for the TNR program. If you love cats, we could use your help! All volunteer work is done locally in Highspire. Transporters, feeders and trappers are needed for this program.

Donations of food and litter are also needed. Food items can be canned or dry and all items can be dropped off at the Borough Building during normal business hours. To volunteer, donate or to report a colony of cats please call 717-829-5754.

### **Save Lives and Money for your Community by making a donation or Sponsoring a Community Cat through the CASH Program**

***(Cat Advocates & Sponsors of Highspire)***

Complete the information on the form below or call 717-829-5754. A volunteer will return your call or email with details. A picture of your sponsored cat will be mailed to you. Sponsorships may also be tax-deductible. We also need donations of dry and canned cat food, clay litter and KMR (kitten milk replacement).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ cat(s) at \$20 each.

I would like to make a donation for emergency vet care or other needs in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a donation of food or other supplies.

## **Highspire Community Fair**

Saturday, September 10, 2011

11:00 am

Memorial Park on

Lumber Street

There will be food, fun, games, prizes, vendors and MUCH MORE!

*Come out and enjoy a day at the fair!*



### **Got Drugs?**



On Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 10:00am - 2:00pm residents will have the opportunity to turn in unused or expired medication for safe disposal at the Highspire Borough Building. All controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter medications will be collected.

- This program is absolutely anonymous and all efforts will be made to protect the anonymity of individuals disposing of medications.
- No questions or requests for identification will be made by law enforcement personnel present.
- Participants should remove any personal information from bottles or packages that contain pills/capsules and liquids and place the bottles or packages into the disposal box.
- Sharpies and syringes will not be accepted due to the potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.
- Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not part of this project.



## Highspire Bicentennial Committee

The Highspire Bicentennial Committee is hard at work organizing the celebration for Highspire's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Committee needs you to make the celebration a success! They

welcome input and help from anyone interested in participating. Many hands lighten the load and they are looking for people to serve on any of the following subcommittees:

Events and Entertainment, Souvenir, Parade, Financial and Publicity & Public Relations Committees

The Highspire Bicentennial Committee meets on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm. All meetings are held at the Highspire Fire House on Second Street. If interested in helping or if you have questions, please contact David Rittner at 939-8287.

The Highspire Bicentennial is on Facebook!  
Log onto [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for Highspire Bicentennial 2014.

## Highspire 2014

Celebrating the Past, Looking to the Future!

It's almost here! The moment you've all been waiting for!

The Highspire Bicentennial Committee will officially be unveiling the new logo for the Highspire Bicentennial at the Community Picnic on Saturday, September 10th. Be sure to stop by our table to be among the first to see our new logo. While you're there, be sure to sign up for one of our committees and see how you can be part of the celebration!

The Bicentennial doesn't start until 2014, but you can join the fun right now!

## Door to Door Solicitation Permit Required

Any person or business going door to door for the purpose of soliciting orders, subscriptions, or business of any kind are required to first obtain a permit from the Borough of Highspire.

To ensure your safety, any time someone comes to your door wanting you to purchase something or request a donation, ask for their Identification and their permit (permit is yellow). Never pay or donate cash or valuables to a door to door solicitor, whether they appear legitimate or not. If a solicitor does not have a permit or appears fraudulent, contact the Highspire Police Department at 717-939-9866.

PERMIT NUMBER: 38 2811998      Phone:      **BUSINESS LIC. PERMIT**

**Highspire Borough**

Tax ID:      DATE ISSUED: 7/25/2011

Applicant:      Address:      **Highspire**

Owner:      Address:      **Highspire**

As (Location)      **Highspire**

Between (Cross St)      And (Cross St)

Permit to:      **Highspire**

Const. Type:      Use Group:      Dwelling Units: 0

Contractor:      Contractor Phone:

Estimated Cost:      Total Fees:

Lot and Plan:

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Signature of Applicant:      Date:      Bldg. Dept. By:      Date:

THIS PERMIT CONVEYS NO RIGHT TO OCCUPY ANY STREET, ALLEY OR SIDEWALK OR ANY PART THEREOF, EITHER TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY, AND ENCUMBRANCES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, NOT SPECIFICALLY PERMITTED UNDER THE BUILDING CODE, MUST BE APPROVED BY THE JURISDICTION STREET OR ALLEY BOARD, AS WELL AS DEPTH AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. THE ISSUANCE OF THIS PERMIT DOES NOT RELIEVE THE APPLICANT FROM THE CONDITIONS OF ANY APPLICABLE SUBDIVISION RESTRICTIONS.

MINIMUM OF THREE CAL. INSPECTIONS REQUIRED FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION WORK:  
1. FOUNDATION OR FOOTINGS  
2. PRIOR TO COVERING STRUCTURAL MEMBERS READY TO LAUNCH  
3. FINAL INSPECTION BEFORE OCCUPANCY

APPROVED PLANS MUST BE RETURNED ON JOB AND THIS CARD MUST POSTED UNTIL FINAL INSPECTION HAS BEEN MADE UNDER A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS ISSUED. SUCH BUILDING SHALL NOT BE OCCUPIED UNTIL FINAL INSPECTION HAS BEEN MADE.

WHERE APPLICABLE SPECIALTY PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL INSULATIONS

**POST THIS PERMIT SO THAT IT IS VISIBLE FROM STREET**

BUILDING INSPECTION APPROVALS		PLUMBING INSPECTION APPROVALS		OTHER INSPECTION APPROVALS	
1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	1. MECHANICAL INSPECTION APPROVALS	3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.

WORK SHALL NOT PROCEED UNTIL THE INSPECTOR HAS APPROVED THE VARIOUS PHASES OF CONSTRUCTION.

PERMIT WILL BECOME NULL AND VOID IF AUTHORIZED WORK IS NOT COMPLETED WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE PERMIT OR IF THE WORK IS SUSPENDED OR ABANDONED FOR A PERIOD OF ONE MONTH AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF THE PERMIT.

INSPECTIONS INDICATED ON THIS CARD CAN BE APPROVED FOR BY TELEPHONE OR WRITTEN NOTIFICATION.

## TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat Night will be held on **Thursday, October 27 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.** Please turn your porch light on to let Trick or Treaters know they are welcome! Here are some Halloween safety tips to follow:

- ◆ Stay in well lit areas and never go trick or treating alone.
- ◆ Use sidewalks, cross at corners, and watch for traffic. Never run out between parked cars.
- ◆ Always carry a flashlight and be sure there are reflective strips on your costume.
- ◆ Make sure your costume fits properly. You need to be able to see and hear correctly.
- ◆ Parents should check Halloween treats before children eat them.
- ◆ Only visit people you know, or homes where there is an outside light on.



**HAVE A SAFE  
and HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN!!**

**Neighborhood Watch  
2011 Meeting Dates**  
All Meetings are held at 7:00 pm  
(If it rains the summer meetings will  
be held at the Borough Building)



**August 29, 2011**  
(Reservoir Park)  
**September 26, 2011**  
(Charles Street Park)  
**November 28, 2011**  
(Borough Building)

*Come out and help us  
keep an eye on crime  
in Highspire.*

## Back to School Safety!

Hard to believe but it's true, the beginning of school is upon us. Just a reminder to all drivers to stop when the lights on the school bus are flashing. All vehicles must come to a complete stop on both sides of the street if there is no physical divider or barrier.

### Here are some simple reminders for drivers:

- Slow down and be especially alert in the residential neighborhoods and school zones.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Watch for children on and near the road in the morning and after school hours.
- Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings. Put down your phone and don't talk or text while driving.



### Reminder for your kids:

- They should cross the street with an adult until they are at least 10 years old.
- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Never run out into the streets or cross in between parked cars.
- Make sure they always walk in front of the bus where the driver can see them.

Source: [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org)



**Steelton-Highspire  
School District  
2011 Meeting Dates**  
Meetings start at 6:30 pm  
and are held in Steelton,  
Unless otherwise noted

### Regular Board Meetings

**September 22, 2011**  
(St. Peter's Lutheran  
Church, Highspire)  
October 20, 2011  
November 17, 2011  
December 5, 2011

### Building & Planning Sessions

**September 12, 2011**  
(St. Peter's Lutheran  
Church, Highspire)  
October 11, 2011  
November 7, 2011

### Sewer Payment Reminder

As a reminder all sewer payments must be received or post marked by the due date in order to be considered paid on time. Any payments received or post marked after the due date will be considered late and subject to late fees.

## Highspire Historical Society News

The Highspire Historical Society currently meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held at the Wilson House, 273 Second Street, with the exception that during cold weather months the meetings are held at St. Peters Lutheran Church on Broad St. December - no meeting, Questions please call 717-566-6828.

### **2011 Flea Market Dates**

(Individual stands are \$10.00 per space and are held at 273 Second St., Rear)

Saturday, August 20 8:00 am - Noon  
(rain date August 27)

Saturday, October 1 8:00 am - Noon  
(rain date October 8)

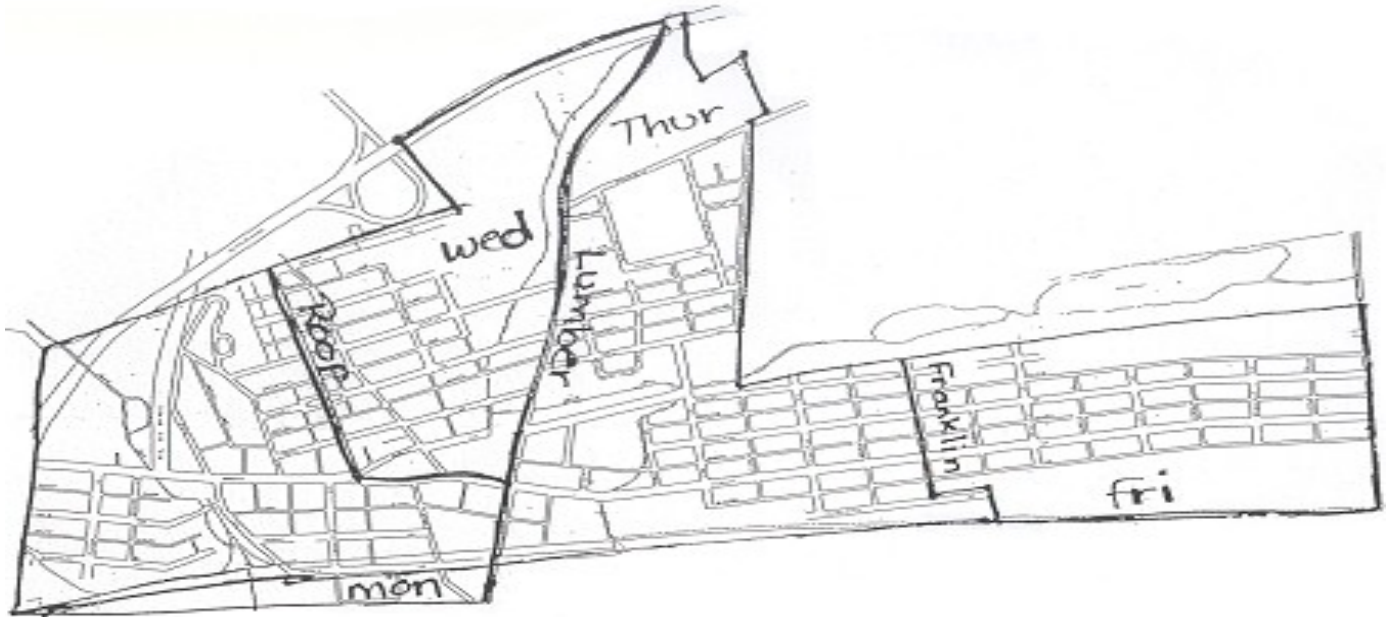
For all flea markets, the Historical Society accepts slightly used donations. They also accept donations of baked goods. For more information or if you wish to make a donation to any of the flea markets please call 717-566-6828.

### **Memberships**

2011 Historical Society Memberships are now being accepted. Memberships cost \$5.00 per individual, \$8.00 per family, and \$50.00 per individual for a lifetime membership. All checks should be made payable and mailed to:

Highspire Historical Society  
c/o Mrs. I. Shank  
81 Chestnut Street, Highspire, PA 17034

## 2011 Fall Leaf Collection



Curbside leaf collection will begin around the week of October 24th, when the grass in the parks is done growing and no longer needs mowing and will continue until the first forecasted snowfall when the trucks must be mounted with salt spreaders and plows. Leaf collection will be conducted according to the schedule shown above.

Please have your un-bagged leaves (NO STICKS, BRUSH, GARBAGE, OR GRASS CLIPPINGS - THEY CLOG THE LEAF VACUUM!) curbside the morning of your scheduled day. Tuesdays have been left open as a make-up day for holidays, rain, equipment breakdowns, employee illness, etc.

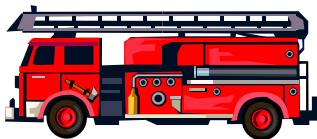
**If your leaf piles were not picked up on the scheduled day, do not call the office. The Highway Department will do their best to adhere to the provided schedule.**

Please keep in mind that the main purpose of curbside leaf collection is to keep leaves out of the streets, gutters, and storm sewers where they cause flooding and other problems. Collecting every leaf from every tree is not the intent of the program, plus...your mower does a great job of chopping up the leaves and returning valuable nutrients back into the soil. The Borough also provides a compost facility where residents can drop off their unwanted leaves.

### 4th Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest



Believe it or not... the winter holidays are right around the corner. The Holiday Home Decorating Contest has grown in the past three years and we want YOU to begin thinking about your holiday decorations. Does decorating your home for the holidays bring back fond memories? Or maybe you would like to start a new tradition. The contest includes holiday decorations that can be seen from outside; including decorations placed in trees, windows, yards, on doors, and on your home. There will be various categories. If you are interested in spreading the holiday cheer to your neighbors then consider participating in the Highspire Borough's 4th Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Prizes will again be awarded to the winners. Please look for more information and a participation form in the November Newsletter.



**National Fire Prevention Week**  
**October 9 - 15, 2011**



Upcoming Dates & Events

August 18, 2011  
School Board Meeting  
6:30 pm

August 20, 2011  
Highspire Historical Society Flea  
Market, 272 Second St., Rear  
8:00 am - Noon

August 29, 2011  
Neighborhood Watch Meeting  
Reservoir Park 7:00 pm

August 30, 2011  
Sewer Payments are due

September 5, 2011  
Labor Day  
Borough Office Closed

September 8, 2011  
Bicentennial Committee Meeting  
6:30 pm

September 10, 2011  
Highspire Community Fair  
11:00 am Memorial Park

September 13, 2011  
Council Workshop 7:00 pm

September 20, 2011  
Council Meeting 7:00 pm

September 22, 2011  
School Board Meeting  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church,  
Highspire 6:30 pm

September 26, 2011  
Neighborhood Watch Meeting  
Charles Street Park 7:00 pm

October 1, 2011  
Highspire Historical Society  
Flea Market 8:00 am - Noon

October 9 - 15, 2011  
National Fire Prevention Week

October 11, 2011  
Council Workshop 7:00 pm

October 13, 2011  
Bicentennial Committee Mtg  
6:30 pm

October 18, 2011  
Council Meeting 7:00 pm

October 20, 2011  
School Board Meeting  
6:30 pm

October 27, 2011  
Trick or Treat  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

October 29, 2011  
Medication Disposal  
Highspire Borough Building

November 8, 2011  
Council Workshop 7:00 pm

November 10, 2011  
Bicentennial Committee Mtg  
6:30 pm

November 11, 2011  
Veterans Day  
Borough Office Closed

November 15, 2011  
Council Meeting 7:00 pm

November 17, 2011  
School Board Meeting  
6:30 pm

November 24 & 25, 2011  
Thanksgiving  
Borough Office Closed

November 28, 2011  
Neighborhood Watch Meeting  
Borough Building 7:00 pm

**Borough Telephone Numbers**

Borough Office..... 939-3303  
Borough Fax..... 939-3371  
Sewer Billing & Collections..... 939-3303  
Code Enforcement..... 939-3303  
Waste Water Treatment Plant..... 939-6204  
Highway Department..... 986-1034  
Police Department Non-Emergency..... 939-9866  
Police Emergency..... 911  
Mayor John Hoerner..... 986-0438  
Highspire Constable - Ian Castaneira... 773-9570  
Highspire Tax Collector..... 939-4369



**Other Important Telephone Numbers**

Citizen's Fire Company..... 939-5111  
Citizen's Fire Company Rental Hall.... 939-6582  
Comcast Cable..... 1-800-266-2278  
District Justice Kenneth Lenker..... 939-6996  
Highspire Post Office..... 939-4902  
Penn Waste..... 1-866-575-8720  
PPL Electric..... 1-800-342-5775  
Steelton Highspire School District..... 704-3800  
United Water..... 564-3662  
Verizon..... 1-800-837-4966

Postal Customer  
Highspire, PA 17034

PRSR STD  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Permit No. 1  
Highspire, PA

Borough of Highspire  
640 Eshelman Street  
Highspire PA 17034

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