

HIGHSPIRE BOROUGH'S 4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Does decorating your home for the holidays bring back fond memories? Or maybe you would like to start a new tradition. 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.

The contest includes holiday decorations that can be seen from outside; including decorations placed in trees, windows, yards, on doors, and on your home. Representatives from the Borough will review the participating homes on Friday, December 16th and Saturday, December 17th and choose the winners of the contest. The winners will be announced and awarded at the beginning of Borough Council's January 10, 2012 meeting. All prizes for this event are donated by local merchants.

If you are interested in participating in this contest, please complete the information below and return it to the Borough Building by Tuesday, December 13th . Please make sure you circle the category you would like to register your home for. If you have any questions please contact Council Member Dorothy Matesevack at 939-3865 or the Borough Office at 939-3303.

**Entry forms due
December 13th
and are available
at the
Borough Office or
by calling
717-939-3303.**



5 Categories

Most Festive

**Colorful/
Brightest**

Whimsical

**Victorian
(all white)**

Traditional



I Will Participate In The 2011 Highspire Holiday Decorating Contest

All homes must be within the Borough of Highspire
Completed forms must be returned by Tuesday, December 13th to the
Highspire Borough, 640 Eshelman Street, Highspire PA 17034
Unfortunately, late forms will not be accepted.



Name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Please circle one (1) category

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640 Eshelman Street, Highspire, PA 17034
 Phone 717-939-3303 - www.highspire.org

Winter 2011

Annual Tree Lighting

Ceremony & Arrival of Santa

Highspire residents are invited to officially begin the holiday season at our Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 3rd, starting at 6:00 p.m. in front of the Citizen's Bank located on Second Street. Mayor John Hoerner will officiate the ceremony and Wayne Shank, Citizen of the Year, will light the tree. Sing along as the Community Band plays some of your favorite holiday carols. We will then proceed to the Highspire Fire House for refreshments and holiday cheer. Don't forget to bring your camera for pictures with Santa. Gift bags will be distributed to children 12 and younger. Come out and enjoy the festivities with your family, friends and neighbors as we officially welcome the holiday season to Highspire.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Following the holiday season residents are strongly encouraged to bring their Christmas trees to the Borough's compost facility for recycling. Penn Waste will also accept Christmas trees at curbside with your normal pick up. Please be sure to remove all inorganic material from the tree. The restriction for trees to be removed is that they may not be more than 6 feet long and have a trunk size more than 6 inches in diameter. Trees exceeding the maximum length and diameter must be cut to the appropriate size for removal.

Christmas Tree Sales

The Highspire Fire Department will be selling Christmas trees this holiday season. The trees will be available for purchase at the fire department on Second Street starting November 26th. Please consider purchasing your tree from the fire department as all funds received benefit training and equipment for the fire department personnel. Please call the fire house at 939-6582 for more information.

*Happy Holidays from the
 Borough of Highspire*

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Designated Snow Emergency Routes

After 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 Street and Broad Street |
| Penn Street | Roop Street and Paxton Street |
| Roop Street | Second Street and Penn Street |
| 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.

2012 Budget for Highspire

Council voted to advertise the 2012 Budget at the November 15th, 2011 Council meeting. Residents wishing to see the advertised budget may stop by the Borough Office during normal business hours. Taxes will remain the same in 2012 as in 2011.

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.

Sewer Payment Reminder

Sewer bills will be mailed on December 1, 2011. 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.

Sewer Rate Increase

Residents will see a rate increase on their February 1, 2012 bill. The rates will increase as follows:

- Residential rates will change to \$59.00 per month per unit.
- Non-residential rates will change to \$82.48 per month per unit; non-residential customers are also charged an additional \$5.31 per 1000 gallons of water consumed over the first initial EDU allowance.

The rate increase is in accordance with the schedule set when the Borough was mandated by the Federal Government to complete the multi-million dollar waste water treatment plant upgrade in 2009.

Winter Time Code Enforcement Reminders

Fireplace, Wood and Coal Stove Maintenance

When using your fireplace, wood stove, or coal stove be certain that the flue is open before lighting and burn only well seasoned wood to avoid creosote build up. It's a good idea to have your flue inspected and cleaned every year before using your fireplace, wood, or coal stove. Don't use any fireplace without a screen and never leave a fire unattended.

Holiday Decorations

Make sure all your holiday decorations are fireproof and all lights and wiring are UL approved. If you have a cut tree in your home, keep it fully watered at all times to maintain its freshness. Do not place it close to a heating source as it may cause a fire.

Snow Reminder

Please remember during winter conditions it is the homeowner/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 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.

ZEAGER BROS. INC.

Accepting Woody Yard Waste &
Leaves

NO CHARGE!

4000 E. Harrisburg Pike
(Between Saturday's Market and
ParLine Golf Course)

Hours
Monday—Friday
8:00am—5:00 pm

Phone: 944-7481

Act 32 and What It Means to the Highspire Businesses

Act 32 is a Pennsylvania law that brings standardization to the local earned income taxing system. It consolidates the process by creating new tax collection districts, standardizing forms and mandating employer withholding starting in 2011 for certain jurisdictions and statewide in 2012. Starting in 2012, every PA employer must require each employee to complete a Certificate of Residency form. This form is an addendum to the Federal Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate (Form W-4). An employer shall require any employee who changes his or her address to complete a new Certificate of Residency form. Like the federal form W-4, the Certificate of Residency serves as an information tool for the Employer. The Certificate of Residency helps the employer provide accurate information to the tax collector, such as the correct political subdivision codes (PSD Codes) and other employee identification information. Employers should maintain the Certificates and, upon request, provide them to the taxing authority or the DCED.



Neighborhood Watch 2012 Meeting Dates

All Meetings are held at 7:00 pm
(If it rains the summer meetings will be held at the Borough Building)



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

- January 30, 2012
(Borough Building)
- March 26, 2012
(Borough Building)
- May 21, 2012
(Borough Building)
- June 25, 2012
(Memorial Park)
- July 30, 2012
(Eshelman Street Playground)
- August 27, 2012
(Reservoir Park)
- September 24, 2012
(Borough Building)

THE SARA HALDEMAN HALY AWARD

Celebrating those who light the way to learning.

Do you know of a person or organization making a positive impact on learning and literacy in our community? Nominate them for a Haly! If selected, your nominee will receive an award presented at the DCLS Service Excellence Awards Dinner during National Library Week in April. To find out more information go to dcls.org and click on the events icon or call 234-4961 ext. 110. Nominations will be accepted beginning November 1, 2011 and the deadline for nominations is January 15, 2012.



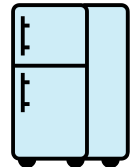
PLEASE RECYCLE!

PENN WASTE Large Item Collection Policy

Highspire residents are allowed one large item per week. For large items to be acceptable, they must be able to be lifted into a truck by two people. Loose piles are not able to be accepted.

Acceptable Items

- Appliance
- Carpet (48" max length, rolled and tied)
- Furniture
- Mattresses & Box Springs
- Car Tires (TIRES ONLY—Must be off rims)
- Tree Branches & Brush (48" max length, bundled and tied)
- Scrap Metal (48" max length)



Non-Acceptable Items

- Paints, Stains, Chemicals and Liquids
- Batteries
- Automobile Parts
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Tires on Rims
- Commercial/Industrial Waste
- Construction Materials or Debris -Including drywall, brick, block, treated lumber, roofing, shingles, ceiling tiles, concrete, windows and doors.



If questions about large item collection in your area, please contact Penn Waste at 1-866-575-8720.

Upcoming Dates & Events

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| November 24 - 25, 2011 HAPPY THANKSGIVING Borough Office Closed | December 13, 2011 Home Decorating Contest Deadline | January 2, 2012 Council Reorganizational Mtg 7:00 pm | February 14, 2012 Council Workshop Meeting 7:00 pm |
| December 1, 2011 Sewer Bills Mailed | December 16 & 17, 2011 Home Decorating Contest Judging | January 8, 2012 Fire Dept. Roast Beef Dinner 11:00 am - till sold out | February 21, 2012 Council Meeting 7:00pm |
| December 3, 2011 Tree Lighting Ceremony 6:00 pm, Citizen's Bank | December 20, 2011 Council Meeting 7:00 pm | January 10, 2012 Council Workshop Meeting 7:00 pm | March 1, 2012 Sewer Bills Due |
| December 5, 2011 Steelton-Highspire School District Board Meeting 6:30 pm | December 23 - 26 2011 Merry Christmas Borough Office Closed | January 17, 2012 Council Meeting 7:00 pm | |
| December 11, 2011 Fire Dept. Roast Beef Dinner 11:00 am - till sold out | December 30, 2011 Sewer Bills Due | February 1, 2012 Sewer Bills Mailed | |
| December 13, 2011 Council Workshop Meeting 7:00 pm | January 2, 2012 Happy New Year's!!! Borough Office Closed | February 12, 2012 Fire Dept. Roast Beef Dinner 11:00 am - till sold out | |

Penn Waste Holiday Schedule

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, all regular Thursday and Friday trash and recycling collections will be delayed one (1) day.

Christmas 2011 and New Year's 2012 fall on a Sunday this year; therefore, all collections will be on schedule for the week before and after the holidays.

Borough Telephone Numbers

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| 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

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|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| 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 |

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Highspire, PA 17034

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Highspire, PA

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Highspire PA 17034

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