



Highspire Herald

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First Sewer Rate Increase in 3 years

Highspire Borough is very lucky to own and operate its own sewer plant. However, like all other sewer plants in the midstate, Highspire will have to make major upgrades to the sewer plant to comply with new federal standards implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency. For the first time in three years Highspire will raise its sewer rates. Residents will see this rate increase on their February 1, 2009 bill. The rates will increase as follows:

- Residential rates will change to \$32.00 per month per unit
- Non-residential rates will change to \$44.00 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

Sewer customers will see two major changes in 2009. First, the Borough has switched the look of the sewer bill. Beginning in February, you will receive your bill on a pressure sealed form. You will tear the sides and end off to unfold the bill. The information contained in the bill will remain the same. The second change is the billing cycle. The Borough has decided to begin charging bimonthly starting in April. It is the intention of the Borough to try to lessen the impact of the increasing sewer costs, to the rate payers, by changing the billing cycle from a quarterly billing to a bimonthly billing. The last quarterly bill will be mailed February 1. This will be for usage in November and December 08' and January 09'. Then in April you will receive a bill for February and March; In June you will receive a bill for April and May, and so on. All bills will be due the last day of the month they are billed. For customers that are enrolled in Automatic Draft, your payments will be withdrawn from your account on the 15th of each month due, February, April, June, August, October, & December. You will still receive a confirmation in the mail before payment is withdrawn.

Many residents ask how our residential rates compare to surrounding communities. Here is a closer look.

- Highspire residents will pay \$32.00 per month. Bills are not based on water usage.
- Royalton residents will pay \$42.00 per month plus an additional \$2.50 for each 1000 gallons of water consumption over 9000 gallons used in a quarter. Based on 10,000 gallons used in a month a customer will pay \$59.50 a month
- Steelton residents will pay \$28.20 per month based on 10,000 gallons used a month
- Lower Swatara will pay \$39.75 per month. Bills are based on water usage.
- Hummelstown Borough residents will pay \$78.00 per quarter plus an additional \$5.40 for each 1000 gallons of water consumption over 10,000 gallons used in a quarter. Based on 10,000 gallons used a customer would pay \$26.00 per month

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Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

The Highspire Fire Department will be hosting "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the Highspire Fire Hall. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:00 am. Ages 11 and up are \$5.00, children 3-10 are \$3.00 and children 2 and under are free. Polaroid pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available. Come join us for a speggtacular breakfast.



Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Memorial Park on Saturday, April 4, 2009. (Rain date April 11) The hunt will begin promptly at 11:00 am. The egg hunt is broken down into three age groups: 0-4, 5-8, 9-12. There will be over 2000 candy filled eggs to find. A few eggs will have numbers in them, which can be traded in for "Special Prizes" at the pavilion after the hunt. We hope to see you there!



Spring Clean Up

Spring Clean Up will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. It will be held at the Compost Facility on Aviation Way. (South end of Lumber Street behind Subway)

The Following fees will be collected at the time of drop off.

- \$10.00 per car load
- \$15.00 per van/suv load
- \$25.00 per pickup truck/trailer load
- \$50.00 per all other trucks

*Tri Axle trucks will not be permitted

Please keep in mind that the following items will not be accepted.

- *car batteries
- *tree stumps
- *tires on the rim
- *items containing freon
- *any hazardous material
- *construction materials



DO NOT DROP ITEMS OFF PRIOR TO THE CLEANUP DATE AND TIME. IF YOU ARE CAUGHT YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING.

Dauphin County Conservation Seedling Sale

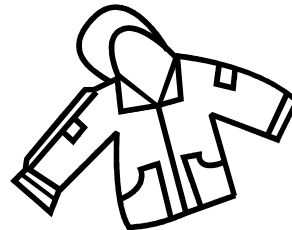
The Dauphin County Conservation Districts Seedling Sale will soon be underway. Orders will be accepted through Friday, March 27; please note all orders must be prepaid. Order pick up dates are April 16 & 17. Order forms are available from their website www.dauphincd.org, or call to have one mailed to your home. For more information, you can call DCCD at 717-921-8100. Sale proceeds fund conservation projects throughout Dauphin County.

Community Watch Program

The Borough's Community Watch Program is in full swing. This is a great opportunity for residents to take an active role in their community. The members will be meeting on the following days in 2009: January 26, March 30, May 18, June 29, July 27, August 31, September 28 and November 30. All meetings are held at the Borough Building at 7:00 pm. We hope that you will be able to join us as we keep a watch on crime in the Borough.

Lost and Found

There was a pink girls winter coat found at the Fire House after the Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 6. If your child lost their winter jacket please contact the Borough Office at 717-939-3303 so we can return it to you.



Steelton-Highspire School Board - Meeting In Highspire

Now is the time for your voice to be heard.

The Steelton-Highspire School Board has scheduled four school board meetings to be held in Highspire. The School Board will meet on the following dates beginning at 6:30 pm at the St. Peters Lutheran Church, 240 Broad St.:

- Monday, March 9, 2009
- Thursday, March 19, 2009
- Tuesday, September 8, 2009
- Thursday, September 17, 2009

Come out and voice any concerns you have regarding the school district.

Word of**Thanks**

The Community Development Committee would like to thank all the volunteers, citizens and non-citizens who help to make the community events a success. The Committee would also like to thank the following Highspire businesses for their donations in 2008: 230 Café, Champions, Capital Area Triumph, Al's Pizza, Ye Old Corner Shop, Painter's Garage, Highspire Diner, Smith's Gas Mart, Larry M. Espenshade D.O., Chubb's Market, Snazee Snips, 717 Tattoo, K.M. Knight Funeral Home, Chubb Plumbing Company, Roma Pizza, Highspire VFW and the Highspire Fire Department. Once again thank you and we appreciate all your help and donations.

Pavilion Rentals

The pavilions at Highspire's Memorial and Reservoir Parks are available for Residents and Non-Residents to reserve throughout the year. There is no charge for Borough Residents. However, a \$25.00 charge for Non-Residents will be collected. Please call the Borough Office at 939-3303 to make a reservation.

Swimming Pools

All swimming pools over 24" deep are now regulated by the State Uniform Construction Code. These regulations pertain to any pool, portable, storable, inflatable or permanent.

- Placement of any pool that can hold 24" or more of water must have a permit before being installed
- Any above ground pool 48" high with rigid sides does not need a fence; however, all steps or ladders must be capable of being secured, locked or removed.
- Any above ground pool 24" to 47" high must have a UCC standard fence of at least 48" high around the pool.
- Any in ground pool 24" or more must have a UCC standard fence of at least 48" high around the pool.
- All inflatable pools are regulated the same as all other pools by the UCC

Please contact the Borough Office prior to the purchase of any pool, to make sure you are in compliance with these new regulations.

**Is Your Number Up?**

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Would an emergency response crew be able to find your house in the dark? Or even in daylight? Emergency agencies such as police, ambulance and fire departments are often delayed because they can't see house numbers. Make your house numbers easy to see. They should be at least four inches high and located near the front entrance. The color of the numbers should contrast with the color of your home, with light numbers on a dark background and vice versa. Make sure the numbers can be seen at night, even when the house outdoor lights are turned off by using luminous or reflective materials.

Garbage Pick-Up Reminders

The yearly garbage rate will remain the same in 2009 at the rate of \$190.00 per unit and will be billed on your 2009 Real Estate Tax Notice. The Borough would like to remind all residents that garbage pick up is on Fridays. If a holiday falls on or before pickup in the same week, pick up will be delayed one day. Residents are allowed to set out 4-32 gallon containers, 65 lb weight limit per each container or 4 bags. For large and bulk items you must call Penn Waste at 1-866-575-8720 to schedule a pick up, a nominal fee may apply. Only recyclables consisting of plastic, glass, cans, paper and cardboard should be placed in the recyclables container. Penn Waste will not take any recyclable container that has garbage, leaves, sticks or any other non recyclable material in it. If you have any questions regarding garbage pick up please call Penn Waste or log onto their website at www.pennwate.com.

Pet Reminders

The Borough would like to remind dog owners that they are responsible for obtaining licenses for their pets. Owners are also responsible for cleaning up after their pet if they walk them on public or private properties. Dog licenses are available at your local veterinary or the Humane Society on Grayson Road.

Compost Facility

The compost facility, located on Aviation Way, is open to residents of Highspire. You can drop off tree branches & leaves & pick up mulch for your flower beds & gardens. The facility is open Mon-Fri 7:00am-3:00pm & Sat-Sun 7:00am- 12:00pm.

Upcoming Dates & Events

February 1, 2009 Sewer Bills Mailed	March 9, 2009 School Board Meeting 630pm St. Peters Lutheran Church	April 10, 2009 Good Friday Borough Office Closed
February 8, 2009 Fire Co Roast Beef Dinner 11:00 am	March 10, 2009 Council Workshop Meeting 7:00 pm	April 12, 2009 Happy Easter
February 10, 2009 Council Workshop Meeting 7:00 pm	March 17, 2009 Happy St. Patrick's Day Council Meeting 7:00 pm	April 14, 2009 Council Workshop Meeting 7:00 pm
February 14, 2009 Happy Valentine's Day	March 19, 2009 School Board Meeting 630pm St. Peters Lutheran Church	April 2009 Date TBD Fire Co Roast Beef Dinner 11:00 am
February 17, 2009 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	April 1, 2009 Sewer Bills Mailed	April 21, 2009 Council Meeting 7:00 pm
February 27, 2009 Sewer Bills Due	April 4, 2009 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 8:00 am - 11:00 am Fire House	April 25, 2009 Spring Clean Up at the Compost Facility located on Aviation Way 8 am - 1 pm
March 8, 2009 Daylight Savings Begins	Easter Egg Hunt Memorial Park 11:00 am	April 26, 2009 Arbor Day Ceremony 4:00 pm
March 8, 2009 Fire Co Roast Beef Dinner 11:00 am		

Fire Company News: During the February and March Roast Beef Dinners, if you bring in a non-perishable food item the fire company will give a one dollar discount on your dinner. This applies for adult dinners and take out dinners only. The Fire Company has also announced that they will be having a carnival this year!!!! Look for more information in coming newsletters. Included with this newsletter is the 2009 Fund Drive information for the Highspire Fire Department. The Fire Department is completely voluntary and operates solely on donations and grants. Please consider helping out your local fire department.

Borough Telephone Numbers

Borough Manager.....	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 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 Steve Semic.....	939-6996
Highspire Post Office.....	939-4902
Penn Waste.....	1-866-575-8720
PPL Electric.....	1-800-342-5775
Steeltown Highspire School District.....	704-3800
United Water.....	564-3662
Verizon.....	1-800-660-2215

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