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| |  | | --- | | January/  February 2021 | | Helping Hand  If you or someone you know need a helping hand, please contact the Borough Office at 412-828-4141. Any information provided will be kept strictly confidential. The Borough office has some non-perishable food items available in an emergency.  Borough Council Meetings  Borough Council monthly meetings are being held via Zoom until further notice. Information to attend is available on our website: Blawnox.com. | | Facebook Page  Be sure to check out our new Facebook page [www.facebook.com/blawnoxborough](http://www.facebook.com/blawnoxborough) | | **Blawnox Borough News**   **Happy New Year!****Borough Offices Closed to the Public**The Borough of Blawnox Offices are closed to the Public until further notice. Payments can still be dropped off in the drop box located to the right of the front door. Please call 412-828-4141 or email [blxoffice@blawnox.net](mailto:blxoffice@blawnox.net) with any questions or concerns.**A Very Special Thank You!**Blawnox Borough Council and Administration would like to extend a very special thank you to Chief George McBriar and Assistant Chief John Simmons for their years of service to the Blawnox Volunteer Fire Company. We appreciate all they have done for the Borough and congratulate them on their exemplary careers. Both will remain active members of the fire department. Please feel free to send any congratulations for George and John to [mmcdowell@blawnox.net](mailto:mmcdowell@blawnox.net) and we will be certain to pass them along.  **Community Dinners** Free Grab and Go Community Meals will be offered by Fox Families Care and Backpacks for Hunger at the Blawnox Fire Department on Tuesdays January 12th, 19th, 26th and February 2nd. The Dinners will be from local restaurants and available for pick up from 5 pm to 6 pm. All are welcome. |

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| **Parking in Front of Small Businesses**  As a friendly reminder, on street parking is limited. Please encourage your employees to utilize side streets or another form of parking so that customers can use the spaces in front of the businesses.  **Borough Business are Reopening**  The businesses in Blawnox have begun to reopen. Restaurants are open for takeout and some may have limited seating available. Please support your local businesses!  **2021 Council Meetings**  Council Meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Committee meetings will be held the 3rd Thursday of the month with Community Events, Public Works, and Public Safety in the odd months and Finance, Property & Planning, and Strategic Planning in the even months. | Fire Department The Blawnox Volunteer Fire Department has named Jeff Stephens as Chief and Jim Vento as Assistant Chief. Congratulations to them both!  **Important Information**The Borough of Blawnox Offices will be closed January 18th Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and February 15th, President’s Day. |

## **Council President’s Corner**

### As we close out 2020, it will be remembered as the first time in a century, that globally, WE all experienced the same disruption at the same time. We watched as businesses opened and then closed, only to again open and then close. Many of our friends and neighbors faced unemployment hardships. We were unable to visit and see family members, we faced home schooling, stay-at-home orders, no social gatherings, and the loss of family and friends due to COVID-19. There is good news to this bleak picture and that is vaccines are in production and being dispensed.

### With a new year before us and the challenges we faced last year, we ask ourselves, what have I learned?

### 1. We learned to come together as a community to show support to our businesses and their employees.

### 2. We welcomed new businesses that opened in town during this pandemic!

### 3. We learned to check in on and help our friends and neighbors, not just during the holiday season, but all year long. Why? Because WE care about others and this is who we are.

### On behalf of the Mayor, Blawnox Council, and myself, we wish you and your family good health and warm wishes for the new year!

### Council President Deborah Laskey

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