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| |  | | --- | | January/  February 2023 | | Borough Offices Open by Appointment Only  The Borough of Blawnox Offices are open by appointment only and masks are required to enter the building.  Newsletter Insert Available for Your Events  If you are having an event, please let the Borough know so that we can add it to our newsletter insert for you. We would love to share what you are doing with the community. | | If you’re interested in having your business spotlighted in our newsletter, please email [blxoffice@blawnox.net](mailto:blxoffice@blawnox.net) for more information. | | **Blawnox Borough News**   **Water Valve Replacement** The Borough received a grant to have water valves replaced throughout the Borough. The contractor plans to begin replacing the valves the week of January 23rd. This will involve some of the Borough having no water or low water pressure. The areas that will be affected will be notified through our emergency notification system. **Hometown Hero Banner Program**Blawnox Borough will be accepting applications for the Hometown Hero program to create new Banners to hang along Freeport Road. The Borough does not have a grant so the full cost of the banner will be the responsibility of the applicant. For more information and to apply please see application: <https://www.blawnox.com/borough-administration/files/blawnox-borough-hometown-hero-application>.        **Be Salt Smart!** Now that winter is in full swing, help protect our rivers by being salt smart! Once you apply salt it doesn’t just go away. It washes into the nearest storm drain and pollutes our rivers. Using salt, the right way will save money and help the environment. One lb. of salt fits in a 12 oz. coffee mug and is enough to treat 10 sidewalk squares or 20 feet of driveway. When you spread salt, leave space between grains, it should not be piled or clumped. More salt does not mean more melting. |

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| **Winter Is Coming**  Winter is coming, which means snow and ice are a possibility. Don’t forget the Borough has an ordinance that sidewalks must be kept in a proper state of repair and maintained free from hazardous conditions. All snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours of snowfall ending.  **2023 Council Meetings**  Council Meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Committee Meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of the Month. Community Events, Public Works and Public Safety will meet in odd months. Finance, Property and Planning and Strategic Planning will meet in even months. | **Elected Officials Representing Blawnox**  Blawnox is represented in the PA House by Rep. Mandy Steele who can be contacted at (717)705-7141. Senator Lindsey Williams is our PA Senator, and she can be reached at (412)364-0469 or (717)787-6538. The Borough is represented in the US House by Rep. Chris Deluzio who can be reached at (202)225-2301. **Thank You!** The Borough of Blawnox would like to thank everyone who contributed to make Night of the Lights a success. Thank you so much to the members of the Hoboken Church for allowing us to use their social hall for our event. Thank you to the Blawnox-Glenover Volunteer Fire Company, the Blawnox Police Department and the Blawnox Auxillary Police for their help and for keeping everyone safe. The Borough would also like to thank everyone who baked and donated cookies for the event. In addition, we would like to thank the following businesses for contributing to the event: A-Club, Allegheny Smokeworks, Blawnox Upholstery, Curbside Coffee, Fox Chapel Ski and Board, Hi-Tech Auto Care, Hi-Tech Towing, Molly Singer Design, Nonni’s Pizza, Nox’s Tavern and Grille, Phillips Auto Body, Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, and Tower Auto Sales. Finally, a special thank you goes out to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to join us for the evening.     **Important Information** The Borough of Blawnox Offices will be closed Presidents Day, February 20th, 2023. Trash will not be delayed. |

## **Allegheny County Rehabilitation Program**

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development has allotted $2 million to provide whole home repairs to eligible homeowners in Allegheny County. See <https://actionhousing.org/our-services/allegheny-county-rehabilitation-program/> for more information.

## **2023 Rates**

The 2023 rates for water, sewer, and trash plus the tax millage were set at the December Council Meeting. The tax millage for the Borough will raise to 10.85, which is a one mil increase. Beginning January 1st, the water rate for 2023 will raise to $11.21/ 1000 gallons with a minimum use of 3000 gallons. This raise is in anticipation of a raise from PWSA. Trash will remain at a rate of $65 per quarter for 2023. The sewer rates will increase to $12.94/ 1000 gallons and the per bill fee will increase to $21.88. These rates reflect a direct pass through of the increases the Borough will receive from ALCOSAN for processing our sewage. The line fee will remain at $45 per quarter.

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