

January /
February 2024

Be Salt Smart!

Help protect our rivers this winter by being salt smart! One lb. (or one mug full) of salt 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 and excess salt may be washed into our storm drains and rivers.

Winter Office Closures

The Borough of Blawnox Offices will be closed January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and February 19th for President's Day. Trash will not be affected.

Blawnox Borough News



Join the Blawnox Auxiliary Police

The Blawnox Auxiliary Police are looking for new members. If you are 18 years of age or older, have a clean criminal record, and have an interest in serving your community, then we are looking for you. The Blawnox Auxiliary Police are a volunteer organization which is a vital resource for the Borough. Members are called to help with community events as well as emergency situations.

Applicants must live within the following boundaries, extending to the river: Freeport Rd. to Powers Run Rd, Powers Run Rd. to Fox Chapel Rd., Fox Chapel Rd. to Freeport Rd. Interested applicants should contact the Blawnox Police Department at 412-828-4149.

Important Trash and Recycling Reminder

A reminder that per the Borough's new contract with Waste Management, recycling services are no longer offered. Curbside hazardous waste disposal (by independently scheduled appointment) and bulk item pick up will continue. Residents are permitted to put out one bulk item a maximum of twice per month. Bulk item pick up will be every other week beginning January 8th.

Night of the Lights & Cookie Tour Thanks

Many thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Cookie Tour and Night of Lights! The events of the day (and night!) were a great success, thanks in large part to our participating businesses, hardworking volunteers, and our incredible community.

Council Meetings

Blawnox Borough Council Meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of the month and virtual attendance is available.

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.

Business Spotlight

If you're interested in having your business spotlighted in our newsletter, please email BLXOffice@Blawnox.net

for more information.

Hero Banner

Applications are being accepted for new Hometown Hero banners to hang along Freeport Road. For more information, please visit our website.

Code Enforcement Reminders

The Borough's Code Enforcement Officer would like to remind residents of some of the most common violations – issues with trash (including cans out too soon or too late and kitchen trash left outside of garbage cans), storing materials and indoor furniture on the porch, houses lacking visible numbers, pet food being left outside, not picking up pet waste, and overgrown weeds and grass. To avoid citations, please follow all Borough Ordinances, available for review at www.blawnox.com. If you have any code enforcement concerns or questions, please contact Lou Ann Wright at LWright@Blawnox.net.

Blawnox Food Pantry 2024 Distribution

The Blawnox Borough Community Food Pantry, located within the Borough building, will be open from 11:00am-1:00pm the last Friday of each month. Our next distribution date is Friday, January 26th.

The food pantry will also be available for emergencies during normal Borough operating hours by appointment; please call 412-828-4141 if you need to schedule an appointment. Donations to the food pantry - including cash and gift cards - are welcome and can be dropped off at the Borough during business hours.

Cash Bash 2024

The Blawnox Volunteer Fire Company, together with the Allegheny Valley VFC, are hosting a Cash Bash on Saturday, February 24th from 6:00-10:00pm at 851 Parkway Drive in Harwick. Tickets are \$30, available from all VFC members or by email at Info@BlawnoxVFC.com, or at the Borough during business hours. Cash payments only.

Contact Us

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Email

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Website

www.blawnox.com

Facebook

www.facebook.com/blawnoxborough

Be sure to check out our Facebook page for neighborhood news and community updates!

Blawnox Borough Council

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Casey Cunningham,	Admin Assistant
Lou Ann Wright,	Code Enforcement

A Message From the Tax Collector

The Borough has updated its tax collection billing software. Billing deadlines will remain the same and the new bills will look similar to those issued by the School District in 2023. If you have a permanent name or billing address change, please contact the Allegheny County Treasurer's office as soon as possible to ensure bills are received in a timely manner.

ACH Payment Now Available for Water

The Borough is pleased to begin offering an ACH bill payment option for water, trash, and refuse. This option allows payees to link their bank account directly to their water bill account for payment. If interested in enrolling, please contact the Borough office directly. **Please do not email banking information.** We expect this method to be operational in February.

Centennial Committee Accepting Donations

The Blawnox Centennial Committee is hard at work planning a unique and meaningful celebration of the Borough's 100 years! To contribute to their efforts, visit their website at BlawnoxCentennial2025.com and click Donations at the top, or get involved by emailing BlawnoxCentennialCommittee@gmail.com.

Be A Snow Angel for a Neighbor in Need

The Best of Blawnox's Snow Angels program pairs older residents and residents with disabilities with nearby neighbors who volunteer to assist with snow and ice removal on their sidewalks and walkways. To volunteer or apply for assistance, call 412-295-1638 or email TheBestOfBlawnox@gmail.com. Help make our sidewalks safer for everyone this winter.



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