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| |  | | --- | | January/  February 2022 | | Borough Offices Open by Appointment Only  The Borough of Blawnox Offices are open by appointment only and masks are required to enter the building.  2022 Council Meetings  Council meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday or the month. Committee meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of the month to see the schedule of Committee meetings check the website. | | Facebook Page  Be sure to check out our new Facebook page [www.facebook.com/blawnoxborough](http://www.facebook.com/blawnoxborough) | | **Blawnox Borough News**   **Council Corner** Happy New Year! As we ease into a new year, we reflect on 2021 as a turbulent year with COVID-19 and its economic disruption and shortages. Employees have been working remotely or have returned to their office 2 or 3 days a week. Within our borough, we have kept hours and resumed in-house council meetings. We also instituted an option for citizens to attend our meetings virtually. We will continue to follow the COVID protocol and if there are changes, we will keep you informed.  Council’s goal is to keep our town fiscally sound, maintain its integrity and continue to grow as a community. This year, Best of Blawnox started Knox Walks along with Snow Angels, the Blawnox Garden and the Cookie Tour to showcase our businesses. All were successful and on behalf of the Mayor and Blawnox Council we look forward to 2022 for more exciting events, making new friends and hope for the future.           **Hometown Hero Banner Program**Blawnox Borough will once again be accepting applications for the Hometown Hero program to create new Banners to hang along Freeport Road. This time the Borough will not have a grant so the full cost of the banner will be the responsibility of the applicant. For more information and to apply for a Banner please see the application: <https://www.blawnox.com/borough-administration/files/blawnox-borough-hometown-hero-application>. |

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| **Fire Extinguisher Disposal**  In order to dispose of a household fire extinguisher, you must first safely discharge the device. Once it is fully discharged you must remove the top of the extinguisher and then it can be placed out with your household trash. Waste Management will not take a fire extinguisher that does not meet the above criteria.  **Hazardous Waste Recycling**  The Borough of Blawnox offers a hazardous waste recycling program to collect items like paint, electronics, motor oil and other similar items. To schedule a pickup call Waste Management’s Hazardous Waste at 1-800-449-7587. | **Cash Bash 2022** The Aspinwall and Blawnox Fire Companies will be hosting a Cash Bash on Saturday, January 29, 2022 from 7:00-11:00pm. Due to Covid the event will be held virtually. For more information see the Blawnox VFD Facebook. Tickets are $20 and are available from Fire Department Members and at the Blawnox Borough Office. **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.   **Winter Sidewalk Maintenance** Winter is here, which means a possibility of snow and ice. Don’t forget the Borough has an ordinance that sidewalks must be kept in a proper state or repair and maintained free from hazards. All snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours of snowfall ending. **LIHWAP** The Borough will be participating in the LIHWAP Assistance Program which is a temporary emergency grant program to help low-income families with overdue water bills. For more information visit: [www.blawnox.com/sites/g/files/vyhlif2826/f/uploads/lihwap\_flyer\_hswa\_2022.pdf](http://www.blawnox.com/sites/g/files/vyhlif2826/f/uploads/lihwap_flyer_hswa_2022.pdf) |

## **Important Information**

### The Borough of Blawnox Offices will be closed Monday January 17th for Martin Luther King Jr Day. They will also be closed Monday February 21st for President’s Day. Trash and recycling will not be affected by either holiday.

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