

**March/  
April 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**



## **NHCO Free Food Distribution**

North Hills Community Outreach will once again be hosting free food distribution events at the Blawnox Borough Building. The events will be held the third Friday of the month from April through October, from 2 until 3 pm. The dates will be April 21<sup>st</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, August 18<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **A Note from the Tax Collector**

Casey Cunningham, the Blawnox Borough Tax Collector will be holding office hours at the Borough Building on Tuesday's from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm during the discount period. If you need to reach Casey outside of office hours her email is [blawnoxtaxcollector@gmail.com](mailto:blawnoxtaxcollector@gmail.com) or her number is (412) 499-2086. The Borough Tax Bills will be mailed in mid-March.

## **Long Time Blawnox Resident Turning 100**

Long time Blawnox resident Mary Louise Becker is turning 100 on April 27<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to send a card and wish her well, please deliver it to the Borough Office no later than 1:00 p.m. on Friday April 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **Blawnox VFC Annual Fish Fry**

Blawnox Volunteer Fire Company will be holding their annual Fish Fry on Good Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm at the Blawnox Fire Hall at 374 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. Take out, Eat in, or Delivery by request. To see a menu: [www.blawnoxvfc.com/fishfry](http://www.blawnoxvfc.com/fishfry). For more information contact (412) 828-6380.

## **Pennsylvania Primary Election**

Pennsylvania will be holding its Primary Election on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Primary voting will occur at the Blawnox High Rise at 701 Center Avenue, Blawnox, PA 15238.

## **2023 Council Meetings**

Council Meetings will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

Committee Meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **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.

## **Memorial Day 2023**

Blawnox Borough is planning to host a parade on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for Memorial Day. The Borough is looking for Veterans to participate in the parade. If interested, please contact the Borough Office at 412-828-4141 or email [kulanowicz@blawnox.net](mailto:kulanowicz@blawnox.net). Also, if you are part of an organization that would like to participate in the parade contact the Borough.

## **Thank You Residents!**

The Borough of Blawnox would like to thank residents for their patience while we replaced water valves in the Borough. This was the first step in our infrastructure repair plan.

## **April is National Safe Digging Month**

Traditionally outdoor projects start in the spring. Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month serves as a reminder for all excavators and homeowners to contact 811 at least three business days before you dig, so that the approximate location of underground utility lines can be identified and marked by facility owners. The contact 811 before you dig process helps to prevent injuries, property damage, and inconvenient utility outages.

## **Emergency Notification System**

If any business owner, property owner, or renter would like to be on the Borough's list to receive water and other emergency notifications, please contact the Borough Office at 412-828-4141 or email [blxoffice@blawnox.net](mailto:blxoffice@blawnox.net).

## Contact Us

### Company Name

Blawnox Borough

### Street Address

376 Freeport Rd.

Pittsburgh, PA 15238

### Phone

412-828-4141

### Email

blxoffice@blawnox.net

### Website

[www.blawnox.com](http://www.blawnox.com)

### Facebook

[www.facebook.com/blawnoxborough](http://www.facebook.com/blawnoxborough)

Be sure to check out our new Facebook Page!

### Blawnox Borough Council

Debbie Laskey,	President
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Jack Cambest,	Solicitor
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Lou Ann Wright,	Code Enforcement

## Important Information

The Borough of Blawnox Offices will be closed April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in observance of Good Friday.

### Prevent Pollution in the River

Please remember to keep our river clean by not dumping any type of fuel, pesticides or any other contaminants into our storm sewer drains. The drains are meant for rainwater only, as they empty directly into the river. If you see an illicit discharge please report it to the Borough at 412-828-4141 or you can fill out a form on the Illicit Discharge Detection page at [www.blawnox.com](http://www.blawnox.com).

### Blawnox Borough Code Enforcement

The Borough of Blawnox hired a new Code Enforcement Officer, Lou Ann Wright, at the end of 2022. She has been working on touring the Borough and dealing with violations. Some of the most common Code Enforcement issues we deal with in the Borough are issues with trash (including cans out too soon or too late and kitchen trash out in bags), storing materials and indoor furniture on the porch, houses lacking visible numbers, and weeds or grass taller than 6 inches. The Borough Ordinances are available for review on the website, [www.blawnox.com](http://www.blawnox.com). If you have any code enforcement concerns or questions you can contact Lou Ann at [lwright@blawnox.net](mailto:lwright@blawnox.net) or 412-828-4141.

### Blawnox Borough Public Water System

Blawnox Borough Public Water System has been working with the DEP to resolve some treatment technique violations that have occurred. Please know that there have been no issues with any of our bacteria samples and there is nothing you need to do at this time. The public notifications for the treatment technique violations can be found on our website <https://www.blawnox.com/water-division/pages/public-notices-blawnox-borough-public-water-system>.



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