



THE TOWN CRIER

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SPRING BRUSH PICKUP TO BEGIN

The Borough will begin brush pickup this year in **April**.

Pickup will begin on **Monday, April 3, 2017** and continue **EACH WEEK** through **Tuesday, May 23, 2017**.

Throughout that time, Borough workers will pick up and haul away compostable waste such as:

- Dead Leaves
- Dead Plant Material
- Tree & Brush Trimmings
- Branches - up to 3" in diameter & 6' in length.

Brush and branches must be bundled with string or twine. Please do not use wire to bundle.

Items that will **NOT** be picked up are:

- Stone
- Gravel
- Junk
- Garbage
- Dirt
- Appliances



Borough crews will pick up all brush and bags on the **East** side of **Penn Street** every **Monday** and items will be picked up on the **West** side of **Penn Street** every **Tuesday**.

If your items were not set out in time or they were missed, they will be picked up the **FOLLOWING WEEK**. Items must be placed curbside by 7AM, and the only alley pickups will be **Sweet Cherry Court** in Holliday Hills.

You can also drop your items at the **IRC Duncansville Recycling & Compost Facility**. It is open **Tuesdays only – 12PM – 5PM**.

Please see directions at the bottom of the page.

For the rest of the **summer** the pickups will take place on the **Mondays and Tuesdays of the 2nd & 4th week** of each month.

	WEEK #2		WEEK#4	
	MON	TUES	MON	TUES
JUNE	12th	13th	26th	27th
JULY	10th	11th	24th	25th
AUG	14th	15th	28th	29th
SEPT	11th	12th	25th	26th

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STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE FOR 2017

	WEEK #1	WEEK #2	WEEK #3	WEEK #4
APRIL	3rd – 7th	10th – 14th	17th – 21st	24th – 28th
JUNE	7th – 9th	14th – 16th	21st – 23rd	28th – 30th
AUGUST	9th – 11th	16th – 18th	23rd – 25th	29th – 31st

REMEMBER!

Swimming pools deeper than two feet need permits!!

Please contact Planning and Zoning Administrator Patrick Rabits at 695-3880 for information.



LIBRARY NEWS

The Library is proud to introduce free eBooks available on your digital device. Download the free app from www.eSebco.com, go to library.eSebco.com, and login with your Hollidaysburg Area Public Library card number, login "haplguest" and password "patron". Questions? Call 814-695-5961 or email melanie@halibrary.org. These new eBooks are in addition to those available through Overdrive on the Library's webpage www.hollidaysburglibrary.org. Over fifty free Zinio EMagazines are now available with your library card! Click on the Zinio logo on our webpage. You may access your Evergreen library account online by going to hollidaysburglibrary.org and clicking the blue "Log-In" button on the right. Enter your library barcode and the last four digits of your phone number to create your account. You may then change your user name and password in the account preferences tab."

Ancestry: Library Edition is now available for the public to use, free, on our public computers.

April's schedule will include:

Book Clubs:

- **Evening Classics Book Club** April 6th
- **Mystery and Mayhem Book Club** April 11th
- **Inspirational Book Club** April 13th
- **The Best of Times Book Club** April 27th

Tech Classes:

- **Tech Help** April 1st, 8th, 22nd, & 29th
- **Smartphone Basics** April 3rd & 24th
- **Free Computer Class** April 24th

Crafting Classes:

- **Handwork & Arts Group** Tuesdays

- **Knit Wits & Crocheting Club** First Thursday of Each Month
- **Ceramics Classes** April 4th

Music:

- **Music with Marabeth** April 12th
- **Allegheny Ukulele Soiree** April 21st-23rd at Laurel Lodge, Duncansville
- **Adult Ukulele Learning Blast** by appointment

Other Programs:

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness Youth & Family Support** April 5th
- **Friends of the Hollidaysburg Area Library** April 6th
- **Construction Club** April 7th & 28th
- **Blair County Reading Council Meeting** April 10th
- **Used Book Sale** April 20th, 21st, & 22nd
- **Allegheny Essential Oils Club** Wednesday
- **Free Movie Showing "Newsies"** April 28th
- **Story Times** – Thursdays & Fridays
- **ABC Photo Society** April 3rd
- **La Leche League of Altoona** April 25th
- **DASH for the STASH** April 26th
- **Keep Blair County Beautiful** April 26th
- **Cosmic Treats: Total Solar Eclipse** April 27th
- **Girl Scouts of Western PA** Tuesdays
- **Preschool Block Party** each Wednesday in April
- **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** is designed to encourage parents to read a thousand books to their child before they start kindergarten. Visit the library's homepage for more details. For date, time and details on this month's special guests, visit the library website at www.hollidaysburglibrary.org and click on "Calendar of Events". Programs are also posted on Facebook under "Hollidaysburg Area Public Library".

Children must be accompanied by an adult when attending any of the special guest programs.

If you represent a school, summer camp or other organization and would like to schedule a visit, call 695-5961 ext 101 or email melanie.ramsey@gmail.com.

Library hours:

Mon - Thurs - 9:30AM – 8PM

Fri - Sat - 9:30AM – 5PM

Sun – 1PM – 5PM

Closed: April 14th, 15th, & 16th

Artist of the Month

**Oil Painter
Catherine Carrol**

ART COUNCIL NEWS

SUMMER ART CAMPS

It is not too early to think about **Student Summer Art Camps** sponsored by the Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council. A week long camp offers a variety of art activities for students ages 6-11 years old. Students will meet at the Longer Elementary School art room.

Camps for ages 6–8 years old are scheduled for the week of June 12-16. Camps for ages 9–11 years old are scheduled the week of June 26-30. Registration forms are available online at hollidaysburgartscouncil.org or hollidaysburgpa.org.

Enrollment deadline is May 1st.



SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The Sewer Improvements Project continues to progress on schedule. Phase I of the project, taking place west of Penn Street, between Bel Aire Road and Allegheny Street is very near completion. As of March 23, 2017, all of the mainlines, manholes and observation stacks have been installed by the contractor. Beginning in early April, the contractor will be focusing primarily on project site restoration, which will include street paving, sidewalk replacement and landscaping. As the public construction stage of the Phase I project comes to a close, it is time for property owners to connect their privately owned sewer service laterals to the Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority's (HSA) mainline. Over the next few weeks, all property owners within the Phase I project area will receive a "Notice to Proceed" with their private side work. This notice will contain all of the details necessary for homeowners to comply with the HSA's regulations for connection and pressure testing.

Construction for Phase II of the project, taking place east of Penn Street, along Jones Street, and between Garber Street and Walnut Street, began in late February with mainline and lateral installation on Jones Street. Construction for this phase is expected to continue until early 2018.

As in Phase I of the project, the contractor for this phase, R.A. Monzo Construction, Inc., has a "scout" team that is working

ahead of the construction crews, locating sewer laterals. This process will likely require the contractor to enter your premises in order to locate your service lateral. This team has been authorized by the Sewer Authority, and will provide proper picture identification prior to entering your premises. It is the Authority's hope that you will permit them access when needed, as lateral identification is necessary to allow the contractor to place your new lateral tap at the proper location at your property line.

If you have any questions or concerns about the project, please contact Jessica at 695-7543, and she will direct you to the appropriate individual. Also, you may visit the Borough website at www.hollidaysburgpa.org. There you will find additional information pertaining to the sewer project.

Once again, the Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority thanks you for your continued cooperation with this important project.

Filing a complaint protocol:

Residents that wish to file a complaint regarding the sewer line replacement project are asked to contact our administrative assistant Jessica at the Borough office (695-7543) and she will instruct you on the protocol for filing the complaint. This procedure is necessary so the complaint is logged and sent to the appropriate person in order to resolve your issue.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



A Memorial Day Parade is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 29th. This parade is once again sponsored by the American Legion. Services will be held at the bridge at Allegheny Street and North Juniata Street, sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Adam Holliday Chapter at 9:30AM.

Following these services, the parade will assemble and begin to march.

The parade will move east onto Allegheny Street, travel left onto Union Street, turn left onto Walnut Street, proceed west with a left turn onto Montgomery Street and end on Allegheny Street at the Diamond. Lieutenant Commander Timothy Balconi of the US Navy Reserve is guest speaker. Three Distinguished Veteran Awards will be presented.

To participate in this parade, or for additional information, please call the American Legion at 695-9913.



PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NEWS

The Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company, located at 206 Wayne Street, announces their upcoming events!

Cash Drawing - May 6th at 6PM. Food, refreshments and a D.J. will be provided. Please see any member or call 695-0521 or 414-5499 for tickets and details.

Chicken BBQ - May 21st - 11AM until sold out. Each meal will include ½ chicken, two large sides and a roll for \$8.00.

Chicken & Pork BBQ - June 18th - 11AM until sold out. Each meal will include ½ chicken, pulled pork, two sides and a roll for \$10.00.

For more information, or to place an order, please call the Fire Station at 695-0521.





MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...

Greetings! Springtime has arrived and the borough is in bloom! The town is bursting with walkers, runners and cyclists! Residents and borough workers have the process of spring cleaning underway!

As the different projects continue, maintaining safety is a community priority! It is important that both pedestrians and drivers alike remain alert and cautious as we move throughout the borough.

The Hollidaysburg Community Partnership's events will be kicking off soon! I encourage everyone to show their support to not only the events but our local merchants!

~Mayor Stultz

WELCOME NEW MAIN STREET MANAGER

The Borough of Hollidaysburg and the Hollidaysburg Community Partnership (HCP) are welcoming Ms. Shalen Pehinec to the position of Main Street Manager starting April 10, 2017.

Ms. Pehinec's previous position as AmeriCorps Community Outreach Coordinator at United Way of Blair County gave her valuable experience that aligns well with the work she will be doing as the Main Street Manager.

Event planning, project coordination, and fund raising are just a few of the many skills she began developing in college and that have continued to grow with her work experience. Her ideas for the main street program are already flowing and have the promise of contributing a great deal to the community.

Starting April 10, please feel free to reach out to Shalen with any questions, concerns or ideas you may have for the partnership. She can be reached at 814-696-0544 or via email at partnership@hollidaysburg.org.



A NOTE FROM THE CHIEF

Chief Gehret wants to remind everyone to beware of the "IRS Scam."

The IRS Scam involves someone posing as an "IRS Agent" calling or emailing about back taxes. Threats of penalties and jail time will be made which are then followed

up with the option to send cash for the back taxes.

If a call like this is received, take the following steps:

- Assume it's a scam. If you have back taxes, a letter will be received and not a phone call.
- Hang up immediately offering no information.
- Report the incident to the U.S. Treasury inspector general for tax administration at 800-366-4484.

BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

The Borough Offices will be closed on, May 29th for Memorial Day & Good Friday, April 14th.



BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

Those who may be interested in serving on any of these boards and commissions, should submit your resume and a **Volunteer Interest Form** to the Manager's Office. Volunteer Interest Forms can be found on our webpage:

www.hollidaysburgpa.org.

Borough Council 7PM

April 13 May 11 June 8

Water Authority 5:30PM

April 18 May 16 June 20

Sewer Authority 5PM

April 10 May 8 June 12

Planning Commission 5PM

April 4 May 2 June 6

HARB/HPC 5PM

April 6 & 20 May 4 & 18 June 1 & 15

Shade Tree Commission 4:15PM

April 11 May 9 June 13

Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council 2PM

April 26 May 24 June 28



Borough Meetings are held in Council Chambers.

The Arts Council Meetings are held in the Municipal Building, Conference Room B, second floor. All meetings are open to the public.

Find meeting agendas at:

www.hollidaysburgpa.org.



2017 EVENTS

SNAZZY SOCKS RACE

Saturday, May 6th

SPRINGFEST

Saturday, May 13th

ALLEGHENY STREET CRUISE-IN

Friday, May 26th

DOWNTOWN LIVE!

May 25th, June 15th, July 20th, August 17th & September 7th

HOLLIDAYSBURG FARM & CRAFT MARKET

Montgomery Street, near the Diamond

Every Tuesday from 11AM to 5PM – July 11th thru September 26th

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, August 11th

CANAL BASIN PARK FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 12th

PUMPKINFEST

Saturday, October 14th

WINTERFEST ACTIVITIES

Winterfest Parade - Sunday, November 19th

Light-Up Night, Soup Sampling, Santa Land - Friday, November 24th

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Saturday, November 25th

Hollidaysburg Community Partnership

401 Blair Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648 – 814-695-0544

www.hollidaysburg.org

VOLUNTEERS FOR DISCOVERY GARDEN

Anyone interested in volunteering in the Discovery Garden is welcome to join the group in the garden Thursday mornings at 9AM starting April 20th through October. It's a great opportunity to get involved and participate in the community. Everyone is welcome! There are no sign ups - just show up any Thursday you have available! If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please feel free to contact Linda Renney at 814-693-7789 or Lisa Merschiltz at 814-946-3473.



STREET TREE PERMITS

Please remember permits are needed for pruning or removal of the street trees! There is no charge for street tree permits, however, not obtaining a permit may result in a fine up to \$600. To obtain a street tree permit, please contact a member of the Hollidaysburg Shade Tree Commission.

Terry Wilt at 695-3226
Dave Zeek at 414-5499
Patrick Plummer at 695-4370
Andy St. John at 412-260-1584



Thanks for your cooperation in this important matter.

HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH SEWER CALL RESPONSE POLICY REMINDER

The Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority at its September 13, 2010 meeting adopted a change in the sewer call response policy. The following policy is in effect:

1) The Borough will respond to all sewer backup calls in a timely manner. If you have a sewer problem/backup at your residence, please call the Borough office at 814-695-7543 to report your problem. If it is afterhours please call 695-7543 and you will be prompted to leave a message for the oncall supervisor who will return your call promptly! A borough staff member will respond to all calls no matter what time of day or night.

2) If there is a sewer clean out at the property line and it can be determined who is responsible for the blockage, either

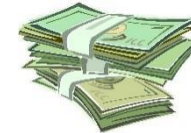
the borough crew or a homeowner hired plumber will unclog the blockage.

3) If there is no clean out at the property line and the Hollidaysburg sewer main is clear, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to unclog all blockages on the service lateral. This will remain the case until the homeowner installs a clean out at the property line.

4) The Borough will in **no instance** enter into any residents home to access the plumbing to unclog a sewer backup.

If you have any questions regarding this sewer response policy, please contact Frank B. Hicks, Jr., Director of Wastewater Operations at 814-695-8368.

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SEWER LATERAL REPLACEMENT



The Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority wants our customers to be aware that there is a source of funding available to our customers that might not be able to pay up front for their sewer lateral replacement.

Water/Sewer unsecured loan (\$2,000-10,000), up to 60 months, 4.99%, are available to our residents for the purpose of assisting homeowners mandated by municipal authorities to upgrade/replace water or sewer lines.

Disbursement will be made directly to the service provider (bid or invoice required), and majority of funds must be made payable to service provider. Minimal amounts may

be disbursed directly to borrower to assist with other project needs (landscaping, sidewalk repair, etc.).

Residents can contact

AmeriServ Financial, 216 Franklin St., Johnstown, PA 15901, 814-533-5177 for more information.

This funding program is available to the public and is not affiliated or sponsored by the Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority, Hollidaysburg Borough Water Authority or the Borough of Hollidaysburg.

GATEWAY GARDEN PLANTING DATE

The Borough of Hollidaysburg needs volunteers to help to plant flowers at the Gateway Garden located beside The Dream Restaurant and also the Garden located at North Juniata Street and Allegheny Street.

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy sponsors both Gardens. Tools and gloves will be provided. Anyone wishing to volunteer his or her time to help to make the entrance into the Borough a little more beautiful is welcome. **Bring a Friend!!!**

Volunteers will meet at the garden near The Dream to plant flowers **at 9AM on Saturday, May 13, 2017.**

Work should be completed by noon.

If you have any questions please contact **Rick Pope** at 934-4032 or you may e-mail him at rpope@hollidaysburgpa.org



PA WALKWORKS

Hollidaysburg Borough is a part of the Pennsylvania WalkWorks Program, an effort to increase physical activity in the area. PA WalkWorks is a grant funded program that encourages sustainable physical activity through the built environment, social supports, and healthy lifestyle behaviors.

Two walking routes have been created in the borough. Walking route A, also known as the Historic Hollidaysburg Route, is a counterclockwise loop and is 1.63 miles in length. It begins and ends on Allegheny Street. Walking route B, the Gaysport Route, is two counterclockwise loops and is 1.11 miles in length. This route begins and ends in the Canal Basin parking lot. Maps for the routes are available on the Facebook page for WalkWorks Routes in Hollidaysburg.

Get out and join the movement!

REISER HOUSE WELCOMES VISITORS!

The Reiser House in Canal Basin Park will be welcoming visitors again starting April 17th from 10AM until 2PM every day! Stop in and learn some of its history! Admission is free but donations are welcome!



SIGNS IN PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAYS



Please keep in mind! According to the Hollidaysburg Borough Ordinance – Chapter 27, Part 5, Section 507.3B, **no signs** are to be placed in the public right-of-way with the exception of a select few. Those exceptions include government postings, bus stop signs, information regarding public utilities, and emergency warnings.

Any signs such as yard sale advertisements erected in the public right-of-way are forfeited to the public and subject to confiscation.

IT IS PENNSYLVANIA LAW!

The Borough takes tremendous pride in the fact that its residents are consistently doing projects to take care of and maintain their homes. It is one of the great attributes of Hollidaysburg.

With summer on its way, many Borough residents are planning to remodel or initiate other projects regulated by Borough construction codes.

Be mindful that Pennsylvania State Law requires that you must obtain appropriate permits to

have certain types of projects done including but not limited to swimming pools (in or above ground). Not obtaining the necessary permits could lead to legal action and fines.

The Building Code Department is available to answer any questions you may have about construction Zoning permits from the Borough may also be necessary. Be sure to make the phone call before your project begins to ensure that the project progresses in a timely

manner and that you will not find yourself faced with penalties.

Please contact Planning and Zoning Administrator Patrick Rabits at 695-3880 for information.

A Citizen's Guide to Applying for a Building & Zoning Permit is available at www.hollidaysburg.org.



ALLEGHENY STREET CRUISE-IN & SIDEWALK SALE

On May 26th, 2017 – the Borough will host a **Cruise-In Event** in Downtown Hollidaysburg.

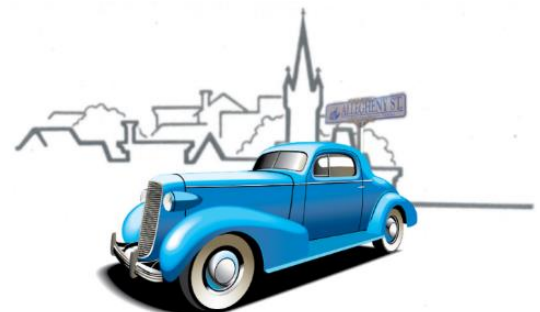
All vehicles 1972 and older are welcome to participate on a first-come basis. The Cruise-In will take place from 6PM-9PM with popular local oldies band “The Fabulous Flashbacks” performing.

Participating vehicles will be allowed into the event area beginning at 5PM.

Other visitors to the event with nonparticipating vehicles may utilize free parking in the Blair County Parking Deck on the corner of Union & Mulberry Streets after 5pm.

Call 696-0544 for more info.

MAY 26th, 6PM-9PM
with the
Fabulous Flashbacks





**A NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH
RESIDENTS & FRIENDS
APRIL 2017**



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Borough Manager James Gehret
manager@hollidaysburgpa.org

We're on the web: hollidaysburgpa.org

GUIDE TO BOROUGH GOVERNMENT & OFFICES 2017

Borough Council

Ward 1 Joseph A. Pompa
207 Hickory St, 814-693-1819
12/31/2019

Ward 2 Joseph R. Dodson
522 Wayne St, 814-695-4657
12/31/2017

Ward 3 Patrick J. Plummer
P.O. Box 621, 814-695-4370
12/31/2019

Ward 4 Sean M. Burke
901 Walnut St, 814-215-8925
12/31/2017

Ward 5 Mark L. Shawley
1309 Walnut St, 814-695-4170
12/31/2019

Ward 6 Stephanie Wertz
318 Bedford St, 814-696-3882
12/31/2017

Ward 7 Jeffrey J. Ketner
1208 N. Juniata St, 814-414-9850
12/31/19

Mavor

John P. Stultz, Jr.
1015 Walnut St, 814-695-2285
12/31/2017

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12/31/2017

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Fire Marshall David A. Zeek

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Richard T. Pope

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Richard T. Pope

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