



THE TOWN CRIER

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Spring is coming!

BROAD STREET PROJECT TO GET UNDERWAY

The Borough Department of Community Development is pleased to announce the Broad Street project will commence this spring, with construction getting underway as soon as the weather is warm enough to permit construction.

The project will consist of new sidewalks, curb, street lights, street trees and delineated parking spaces along the 100 block of Broad Street. The design is similar in appearance to the North Juniata Street project completed in 2004.

The project area begins at the Antler Annex apartment building and continues west

to the Park Street intersection at the border with Blair Township. The project is expected to be completed later this summer.

The Borough opened bids for the project in January. Seven firms submitted bids for the construction phase of the project. The successful bidder was Straw Construction from Boswell, PA.

The Borough has been working with its design consultant, Keller Engineers, on the project since 2006. The project is funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, PennDOT Home Town Streets,

and Growing Greener II.

Residents along the 100 block of Broad Street will be contacted by the Borough prior to construction to discuss plans to maintain access to their homes during this phase of the project. Pedestrian access will also be maintained throughout the project.



VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR TREE PLANTING

The Borough Shade Tree Commission is seeking volunteers for a tree planting project this spring.

There is no minimum time requirement, and previous experience is not required to participate.

Several volunteer options include planting, watering, mulching and pruning.

If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Director of Community Development Ethan Imhoff at 695-3880.



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Sign up for **FREE**
Gardening Classes
 and
 become a
Discovery Garden
Volunteer!

DISCOVERY GARDEN FREE CLASSES ANNOUNCED



Sign up to become a Discovery Garden Volunteer and take free gardening classes.

Agent for Blair, Bedford, Cambria, and Somerset Counties.

Thursday, April 2

Thursday, April 9

Thursday, April 16

Thursday, April 23

The FREE program provides garden instruction classes to interested persons. Blair County Extension Director Tom Ford will present the series. Topics include: perennial care and culture; landscape management; soil preparation and conditioning; insect and disease management; and more. Tom is the Commercial Horticulture

A certificate of completion will be awarded at the end of the course. Participants will be required to donate just 18 hours of time from May through October as Discovery Garden Volunteers.

Classes go from 9:00 AM until Noon in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Classes will run:

To register, you may call the Offices of the Borough of Hollidaysburg at 695-7543, extension 301.



Hoagie Sale
February 20
 Call:
695-0521 to
 place your
 order today!

PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ANNOUNCES EVENTS

The following are tentative spring fundraisers for the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company. Call the station at 695-0521 for more information.

Barbecue dinners may be picked up at the station at 206 Wayne Street. Advance orders are not mandatory, but are suggested. All members will be taking hoagie and barbecue dinner orders, but you may call the station to place an order as well.

Hall rentals for your events are available at 206 Wayne Street. Call the station for details.

February 20: Hoagie Sale

March 22: Barbecue Chicken & Ribs Dinner

April 17: Hoagie Sale

May 9: Spring Fling Cash Drawing

Don't miss any of these opportunities to help to support your local fire company!



SLEDDING REMINDERS



To accommodate the popular wintertime activity of sledding, during times of significant snowfall, Spruce Street will be closed between Bella and Bell Streets (the "double dips") to allow for sledding between the hours of 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM.

There should be no sledding after 10:00 PM.

Remember that the street will *only* be closed when there is a significant snowfall, not **every day** in the winter. Parents, please remind children of this precaution.



SPRING PICKUP TO BEGIN IN APRIL IN BOROUGH

The Borough will begin brush pickup this year in **April**. Pickup will begin on **Monday, April 13** and continue **EACH WEEK** through **Tuesday, May 19**.

Throughout that time, Borough workers will pick up and haul away all compostable waste such as: **dead leaves, dead plant material, tree and brush trimmings and branches up to 3" in diameter and 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, garbage, gravel, dirt, junk, and 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 7:00 AM, and the only alley pickups will be on **Sweet Cherry Court** in Holliday Hills.

For the rest of the **summer**, pickups will take place on the **Mondays and Tuesdays of the last week of the month**.



Collections will take place on the following days:

JUNE 29 and 30

JULY 27 and 28

AUGUST 24 and 25

SEPTEMBER 28 and 29

So that you do not become confused about the pickup schedule, please keep this article for your reference throughout the spring and summer months.

REMINDER FOR BUILDING PERMIT HOLDERS

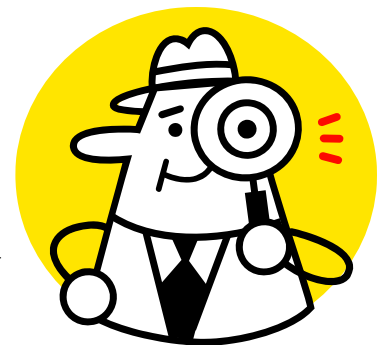
As many residents are aware, the Borough adopted the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (UCC) in 2004. The UCC requires permits and inspections for residential and commercial construction.

Since that time, many residents obtained permits for work ranging from a residential addition to a swimming

pool. However, some permit holders never had their permitted project inspected, or forgot to call for their final inspection. The inspections are required by state law, and provide documentation that your project was constructed in conformance with applicable UCC requirements. In the coming weeks, the Borough will be following up with property owners who have

missing inspections.

If you are a current permit holder who did not receive a final inspection or other inspections for your permitted project, please call the Building Code Department at 695-3880. There will be no cost for the completion of missing inspections.



STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE FOR 2009

	Week #1	Week #2	Week #3	Week #4
April	6 th – 10 th	13 th – 18 th	20 th – 24 th	27 th – 01 st
May	4 th – 8 th	11 th – 15 th	18 th – 22 nd	26 th – 29 th
July	6 th – 8 th	13 th – 15 th	20 th – 22 nd	27 th – 29 th
September	1 st – 3 rd	8 th – 10 th	14 th – 16 th	21 st – 23 rd





NEWS FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

Mayor says:

Simplify your life, shake off the hurt, bitterness and bad feelings.

On December 12, 2008 Roy E. Cook, Jr. was presented the Citizen of the Year Award. Roy received this award for his outstanding service to the borough and surrounding communities. Congratulations to Roy!

Please continue to support our YMCA, Library and Fire Company. We, as citizens of Hollidaysburg, are very fortunate to have such wonderful and dedicated men and women of the Phoenix Fire

Department. These volunteers give 100 percent of themselves and are putting their lives on the line. As the Mayor, I cannot praise these men and women enough. May they continue to be safe in all they do and we all must support them to the fullest extent.

As always, I ask that you all continue to pray for the men and women of our armed forces.



L. to r.: Mayor Dodson, Pat Gildea, Barb Cook, Roy E. Cook, Jr. and Manager John Little.



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

BY SHIRLEY BOWSER

The Hollidaysburg Police Department announces that it was the recipient of the 2008 AAA Community Traffic Gold Award. This Gold

Award is the highest award that a municipality can receive.

The award was presented to the Police Department for the success and dedication to traffic safety initiatives and for the positive impact on our citizens.

Stop in at the Municipal Building to see the plaque where it is displayed in the lobby of the police department along with several other Gold Awards for past years.

Congratulations!

Chief Ketner advises all citizens of our community that if you feel that you are a victim of any of the mail, phone and lottery scams that have been circulating, please do not hesitate to contact the police department.

L. to r.: Capt. Mercer, Chief Ott, Mayor Dodson, Treasa Trudd, Sgt. Dave Gehret, and Scott Douglas.

ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES ITS SUMMER CAMPS



The Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council will meet on the fourth Wednesday of the months of January through May and September through November for 2009. The meeting begins at 4:30 PM at the Municipal Building in Conference Room B, second floor. New members are welcome. Call Cindy at 693-1054 for information.

Three Summer Art Camps are announced for June for ages 6 – 14:

Camp 1 (6 -8 year olds) will take place at Legion Park from 8:30 AM - Noon during the week of June 8 - 12, 2009.

Camp 2 (9-11 year olds) at Legion Park and **Camp 3** (12 -14 year olds) at the Holli-

daysburg Junior High School will take place from 8:30 AM - Noon during the week of June 15 - 19, 2009.

Registrations are needed. Call Cindy at 693-1054 for camp registration & camp information. **Reservation deadline** is Tuesday, May 26, 2009.

HISTORIC DISTRICT GETS NEW STREET SIGNS

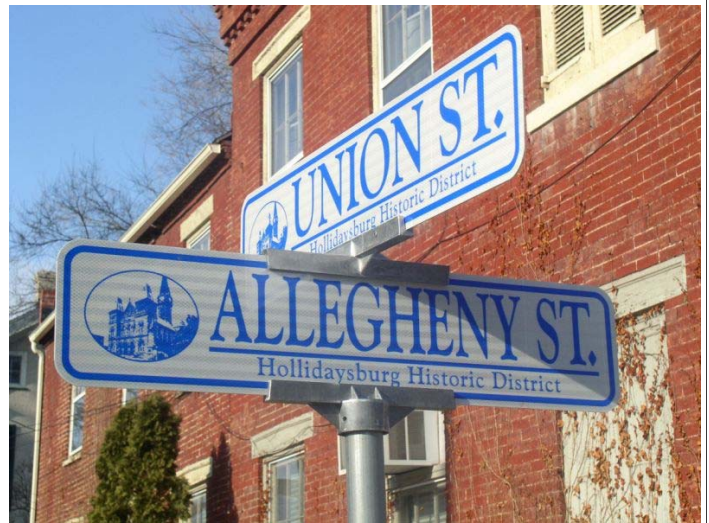
The first of the new Historic District street signs was installed at the corner of Allegheny and Union Streets in January by the Borough's Public Works crews.

The acquisition of the new street signs was a collaborative effort of the Historic Preservation Commission, the Historical and Architectural Review Board, the Hollidaysburg Community Partnership, and Borough Council. Proceeds from last year's

Sloppy Socks Race were donated to the cause, and Borough Council budgeted monies toward the purchase.

The installation of the signs for all the streets within the Historic District will make it easier to identify those properties located within the district.

The signs were designed by Color Scan and meet all PennDot standards for street signage.



BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVED ORDINANCE UPDATES

Borough Council recently approved an ordinance regulating the installation and maintenance of outdoor furnaces.

Anyone wishing to install and operate an outdoor furnace is now required to obtain a permit from the Zoning Office.

This ordinance does not apply to chimineas, outdoor barbe-

ques and grills or existing indoor furnaces.

Questions about the new ordinance may be directed to Director of Community Development Ethan Imhoff at 695-3880.

Borough Council approved the addition of Libraries as a conditional use in the Conservation / Recreation (CR)

zoning district. The Hollidaysburg Area Public Library petitioned Borough Council for the change.

Find the Borough's Code of Ordinances at www.hollidaysburgpa.org.



HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA RECREATION COMMISSION NEWS

Intro to Basic Stain Glass Techniques will start on Thursday, March 12 from 4-6 PM at the C.W. Longer Elementary School, Hollidaysburg, for 4 consecutive Thursdays.

An. additional class will be held on the same day from 6-8 PM.

All project supplies will be provided.

Participating Municipalities (Duncansville, Frankstown Township & Hollidaysburg) Fee: \$75. All others: \$85.

Call Hollidaysburg Area Recreation Commission at 814-502-9505 for more information.





The Winterfest Committee would like to thank the participating restaurants, sponsors, entertainment, volunteers and community supporters who helped with Winterfest 2008 activities.

THE WINTERFEST RESULTS ARE IN!

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the recent Winterfest Parade Float Contest and the Soup Sampling Contest held on Light Up Night.

Parade participants are encouraged to have a holiday theme built in with their band, scout unit, baton unit or float. The floats that choose to participate are judged on creativity, originality and holiday spirit.

1st Place – HASD Junior High Theatre
2nd Place – Girl Scout Troop 636
3rd Place – Altoona Beauty School, Inc.

The Soup Sampling Contest featured 10 area restaurants with specialty soups served by the restaurants and volunteers from the community. Four awards were given to participating restaurants.

1st Place – Knickerbocker Tavern with Bacon Pepper-Jack Potato Soup
2nd Place – Black Dog Coffee & Catering with Cheeseburger Soup
3rd Place – The Dream with Chicken Pot Pie
Mayor's Choice – The Dream with Chicken Pot Pie
 Other participants: Main Moon Chinese, Mel's Smokin Ribs, T.G.I. Friday's, The US Hotel, McIntyre's Candies, Jethro's, and The Casino.

COMMUNITY EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2009

February - December 3rd Thursday in Hollidaysburg

July 10th – September 25th FARMER'S MARKET (FRIDAYS ONLY)

Saturday, July 18th SLOPPY SOCKS 5K RUN

Saturday, September 19th HOLLIDAYSBURG HAUL 5K RACE

Saturday, October 10th PUMPKIN FESTIVAL & OLDE TYME FAIRE

Sunday, November 22nd WINTERFEST PARADE

Friday, November 27th LIGHT UP NIGHT FES-

TIVITES including Soup Sampling and Santa Land

For additional information about 2009 events, please contact Main Street Manager, Sarah Piper at the Hollidaysburg Community Partnership Office at 696-0544.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR ANY OF THESE EVENTS, CONTACT SARAH AT THE PARTNERSHIP OFFICE.

THINK LOCAL FIRST *Make your spending count!*

- Significantly more money stays in our community when your purchases are made at locally owned, rather than nationally owned businesses.** Locally owned businesses purchase from other local businesses and service providers. Supporting local businesses creates more job opportunities through economic independence.
- Keep our community unique.** Where we shop, where we eat, where we utilize services and have fun, all makes our community home.
- Reduced environmental impact.** Patronizing locally owned businesses is more energy efficient, requiring shorter travel distances.
- Customer service is more personal.** Local businesses typically hire people with more specific product expertise who enjoy getting to know their customer base.
- Invest in community.** Local businesses are owned by people who love locally and are more invested in the community's future.



IT WAS THE NIGHT OF WINTERFEST *BY PATTI DURON*

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It was the night of Winterfest and all through the town, soup makers were stirring and clowns were around,

The families all hurried there, out into the night, to sip soup, and gather by the tree and its lights!



The children were dancing out in the street, while carolers and trumpeters performed to the beat!



When into the streets there arose such a clatter, it was Tim, with his chainsaw, the noise did not matter!

And there on the streets, he created such beauty, sculptures of ice, he carved them so coolly!



And listening to wishes, was Santa, himself, without Rudolph the reindeer or nary an elf!



It was a memorable night out, enjoyed by them all, you can tell by the pictures, it was really a ball!





Hollidaysburg Borough

A NEWSLETTER FOR
HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH
RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

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Hollidaysburg PA 16648

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Borough Manager John P. Little
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1/1/2012

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1/1/2010

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1/1/2012

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(Attorney)
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