

THE TOWN CRIER



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Spring is coming!

BLAIR STREET PROJECT TO GET UNDERWAY

The Blair County Metropolitan Planning Organization recently awarded the Borough \$251,000 for a streetscape project along Blair Street.

The project will focus on the 500-700 blocks of Blair Street. This section of Blair Street is the busiest section of roadway in the Borough, with an average daily traffic volume of over 10,000 vehicles.

Borough staff is currently in the process of selecting a design consultant for the project. The Borough received an unprecedented number of bids (sixteen) for the design of the project.

Next, Borough staff is interviewing seven of the firms, with the intention of awarding a contract for the design of the project in February.

Once the design consultant is selected, property owners in the affected area will be contacted for a series of meetings about the project.

Construction of the project is targeted for fall of 2010 or spring of 2011. This project is administered by the Department of Community Development.

If you have questions about the project, please contact Ethan Imhoff at 695-3880.



PROPOSED STREET-SCAPE FOR BLAIR STREET, LOOKING EAST.

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SIDEWALK SHOVELING

With the onset of winter weather, please be considerate of your neighbors and remember to shovel sidewalks **within 24 hours** of the end of a snowfall event.

The buildup of snow and ice on sidewalks can be dangerous for pedestrians of any age, and Borough ordinance requires residents to

maintain a 30 inch pathway free of snow.

The Borough appreciates your cooperation with keeping our sidewalks safe.





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.

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

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

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:

Thursday, April 1

Thursday, April 8

Thursday, April 15

Thursday, April 22

To register, you may call Patti at the Offices of the Borough of Hollidaysburg at 695-7543, extension 308.



**Ham & Swiss
Cheese
Sandwich Sale**
February 12
Call:
695-0521 to
place your
order today!

PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ANNOUNCES EVENTS

The Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company announces a Ham & Swiss Cheese Sandwich Sale on February 12th. You may call the station at 695-0521 to place your order.

The annual Cash Drawing will take place on April 10 at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$30 each and include dinner and refreshments, music provided by a DJ, and chances to win nu-

merous cash prizes. Call Dave Zeek at 696-4154, or the station at 695-0521, for tickets.

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

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



FLOOD PLAIN MAPS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing changes to the existing flood hazard maps that lenders and banks use to determine if a property owner is required to purchase flood insurance, and that the Borough uses to regulate development in flood prone areas of the Borough.

The proposed changes will

impact certain properties in the Borough, as some properties will no longer be included in the 100 year floodplain, and others will be added.

The Borough encourages you to examine the maps if you live in or near a flood prone area. The proposed flood maps from FEMA are available on the Borough's website

or at the Municipal Building during regular business hours.



www.hollidaysburgpa.org

New Tax Collector

Donna Carson is the newly elected tax collector.

Her office is located at 223 Bedford Street.

The business phone number is 696-4684.



SPRING PICKUP TO BEGIN IN APRIL IN BOROUGH

The Borough will pick up bags and brush beginning in April this year. Items will be picked up ***THE 2ND & 4TH WEEK EVERY MONTH.** Residents may take this opportunity to clear their yards of waste which may have accumulated over the winter months. Throughout the Spring & Summer months, 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. Noncompostable items will **NOT** be picked up. These include stone, garbage, gravel, dirt, junk, and appliances. Borough crews will pick up all brush and bags on the East side of Penn Street on Monday and items will be picked up on the West side of Penn Street on Tuesday. If your items were not set out in time or they were missed, they will be picked up the

next scheduled week. Items **must** be set out to the curb. No items will be picked up in alleys. Bagged items: Leaves, grass, and twigs can be bagged. Bags are to be paper for recycling (no plastic bags). Bags should be filled no more than 2/3 full. Bags should not weigh more than 50lbs. Do not tape or staple bags. Bundled items: Brush and twigs may be bundled. Bundles **must** be tied with twine (no wire). Bundles should weigh

**Please note the changes this year.*

no more than 50lbs. Brush can be no more than 3" in diameter or 6' in length. Items not bagged or bundled according to these standards will not be picked up.

Brown paper recycling bags are available for sale at various retail locations. Items must be placed curbside by 7 AM. Pickup will be Monday and Tuesday only. Please be reminded that Pennsylvania State Law prohibits the burning of yard waste.

ROTARY'S HELPING HAND MAKES CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER

The Hollidaysburg Rotary held their 1st Annual Rotary's Helping Hand for the Holidays on the Hollidaysburg Diamond on December 4, 2009.

The Hollidaysburg Rotary would like to thank everyone who supported this event!

With the generosity of the local community they were

able to provide the American Rescue Mission with toys, 450 pounds of food and \$1,500 in donations.

Pictured from left to right are Rotarians Sean Burke, President Michael Webb, and Jack Collins with American Rescue Mission Director of Operations Mark Subisak.



MONTH	East Side	West Side
April	12	13
April	26	27
May	10	11
May	26	25
June	14	15
June	28	29
July	12	13
July	26	27
August	9	10
August	23	24
September	13	14
September	27	28

Brush Pickup Schedule for the Year 2010

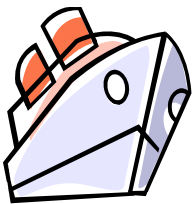
Please keep this schedule for your reference.





Mayor says:

“One who does nothing, but wait for his ship to come in, has already missed the boat.”



NEWS FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

Mayor Dodson continues to work on completion of Patriot Park in the Holiday Hills neighborhood. To date, eleven trees have been planted, a sidewalk and a curb cut have been completed and the gazebo pad is in place.

The project fund is in need of another \$5,000 to finish the park. Anyone wishing to donate may do so by a check made payable to Hollidaysburg Borough in care of Mayor Joseph Dodson. Ten

trees are still available and can be purchased for memorials. They are \$350 each and this includes a memorial plaque. Completion of the park is anticipated for June 1st of this year.

This year the Borough and the American Legion will sponsor a Veteran of the Year Award, named after Lt. General Harry E. Soyster. Lt. Soyster is the highest ranking officer to have come out of Hollidaysburg.

He was twice decorated for valor and wounded in action.

You may nominate a qualifying veteran for this award by April 15, 2010 by sending the name to: Hollidaysburg Borough, c/o Mayor Joseph Dodson, 401 Blair Street, Hollidaysburg PA 16648.

Qualifications for nominees:

A Blair County resident veteran who is, or has been, involved in volunteer work.

BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

Borough Council 7 PM

Feb. 11 March 11 April 8

Water Authority 5:15 PM

Feb. 23 March 16

Sewer Authority 5:30 PM

March 1 April 5

Planning Commission 4:30 PM

Feb. 2 March 2 April 6

HARB/HPC 4:30 PM

Feb. 4 March 4 April 1 April 15

Shade Tree Commission 3 PM

March 8 April 12

Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council 2PM

Feb. 24 March 24 April 28

All meetings are open to the public.

Borough Meetings are held in Council Chambers.

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The Arts Council

Meetings are held in the Municipal Building, Conference Room B, second floor.

Find meeting agendas at www.hollidaysburgpa.org



ARTS COUNCIL MEETS AT NEW TIME

The Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council meets at the Borough Municipal Building during the months of January through May and September through November on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The group meets at 2:00 PM. This is a new meeting time.

For information about membership or attending meetings, you may call Cindy at 693-1054.

The Arts Council is currently planning for the upcoming Children's Art Camps in June, an adult art workshop, and the Summer Concert Series at the Canal Basin Park.

For information about the Children's Art Camp Registration or the adult art workshops, please call Cindy at 693-1054.

For information about the annual Summer Concert Series, please call Marie at 696-0530.

BOROUGH COUNCIL REORGANIZES

Borough Council had their annual reorganization on Monday, January 4, 2010, at the Municipal Building.

Mayor Joseph D. Dodson swore in re-elected Councilman John P. Stultz, Jr. and newly elected Councilman Harold Burket and Councilman Timothy Baranik that evening.

Mayor Dodson also conducted election of Council Officers. At that time, Presi-

dent John P. Stultz, Jr. was elected president for this year. Other officers elected included Joseph P. Pompa as Vice President and Amy Webster Sill as President Pro Tempore.

A short reception followed.

Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.



Seated, l. to r.: Borough Secretary Ann Andrews, President John P. Stultz, Jr., Borough Manager John P. Little, President Pro Tempore Amy Webster Sill.

Standing, l. to r.: Mayor Joe Dodson, John Brenner, Michael McLanahan, Timothy Baranik, Joseph Pompa, Harold Burket, and Solicitor J. Michael Dorezas.

POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES TRAFFIC AWARD

For the fourth consecutive year, the Hollidaysburg Police Department was awarded the AAA's Community Traffic Safety Award.

The AAA annually recognizes area police departments for their safety efforts. To be eligible for this award, a community must conduct traffic safety promotions and educate the public on safety.

Hollidaysburg received the Gold Award, the second highest award from AAA. They were among hundreds nationwide who participated.



1st row, l. to r.: Sgt. John Flinn, Logan Township, Theresa Trude, AAA, Mayor Joe Dodson, *2nd row, l. to r.:* Lt. Jeff Pratt, Altoona Police, Chief Jeff Ketner, Capt. Tim Mercer, PA State Police, and Chief Jim Ott, Duncansville.

HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA RECREATION COMMISSION NEWS

Get rid of winter weather doldrums by participating in some of the many activities sponsored by the Hollidaysburg Area Recreation Commission. Events, as follows, will be held at the Frankstown Township Municipal Building:

Yoga for Children ages 10-14 on Saturday mornings at 10 AM

Beaded Jewelry Class for ages 8 and up Saturday, Feb. 13th at 11 AM

Beaded Jewelry Class for Adults on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 PM

Yoga for Adults: Saturday at 9 AM starting Feb. 13th

Yoga for Adults: Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM (next 6 week class starts on Feb. 25)

Tai Chi for beginners: next 10 weeks session starts on March 17 at 6 PM.

Check your local newspaper for added events and programs or call 502-9505.



BENCH DEDICATION PROGRAM



The Hollidaysburg Community Partnership is pleased to announce the Street Bench Dedication Program for the downtown.

This program provides an opportunity for citizens to recognize or commemorate a friend, family member, business, organization or to remember a loved one by placing a bench in Downtown Hollidaysburg for others to see and enjoy! Each bench

will include a permanent metal plaque to display the desired recognition.

For more information, go to www.hollidaysburg.org and click on the "Bench Dedication Program" on the right side of the page, under Quick Links!

Looking to make a donation towards the project? Please make checks payable to "Borough of Hollidaysburg"

with "Street Bench Dedication Program" in the memo.

Mail donations to:
Sarah Piper, Main Street Manager
Borough of Hollidaysburg
401 Blair Street
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648



COMMUNITY EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2010

DOWNTOWN LIVE!

June 10th July 15th
August 19th Sept. 16th
On the Diamond 6 - 9 PM

FARMERS MARKET

Fridays, July – September
10 AM - 1PM

SLOPPY SOCKS 5K RUN

Saturday, July 17th 8:30 AM
Legion Park

HOLLIDAYSBURG HAUL 5K RACE

Saturday, September 18th 9 AM

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 16th 10 AM - 4 PM

WINTERFEST PARADE

Sunday, November 21st 2 PM

LIGHT UP NIGHT FESTIVITES including

Soup Sampling and Santa Land
Friday, November 26th 5 – 7:30 PM

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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR ANY OF THESE EVENTS, CONTACT SARAH AT THE PARTNERSHIP OFFICE. 696-0544

WINTERFEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The 2009 Winterfest Committee would like to thank everyone who attended, sponsored, volunteered and participated in the Winterfest Parade and Light Up Night/ Soup Sampling Event.

Congratulations to the following contestants:

Soup Sampling Awards:

1st Place People's Choice -

Knickerbocker Tavern,
Creamy Tomato w/Grilled
Cheese Croutons

2nd Place People's Choice -
US Hotel, Creamy Potato
Bacon

3rd Place People's Choice -
The Dream, Stuffed Pepper

Mayor's Choice - Main Moon

Chinese, Won Ton

Parade Float Contest:

1st Place - All Pro Trophy

2nd Place - Cub Scout Pack
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3rd Place - American Rescue



A youngster enjoys the petting zoo.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION CHANGES

Borough Council recently decided to increase the number of Shade Tree Commissioners from three to five. A five member Shade Tree Commission will allow the Commissioners to take on new initiatives and increase awareness of the Borough's urban forest. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the Shade Tree Commission, please fill out a volunteer application form and check the box labeled Shade Tree Commission.

Volunteer application forms can be downloaded from the Borough website or obtained at the Municipal Building during regular business hours. The completed forms should be returned to the Borough Secretary.

The purpose of the Shade Tree Commission is to promote and maintain the Borough's urban forest, which consists of all of the trees planted in the Borough rights-of-way. The Borough rights-of-way can usually be

identified as the area of grass between the curb and the sidewalk.

The Shade Tree Commission plants new trees, issues permits to remove dead trees, performs maintenance on existing trees and organizes the Borough's annual Arbor Day celebration. With the Shade Tree Commission's assistance, the Borough was named Tree City USA for the twentieth consecutive year in 2009. If you have further questions about the Shade Tree Commission, please call Ethan Imhoff at 695-3880.



**Borough Offices
will be closed on
Monday, February
15th in observance
of
President's Day!**

2009 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

In this photo, recipient of the 2007 Citizen of the Year Award Pat Gildea, (left) along with recipient of the 2008 Citizen of the Year Award, Roy Cook, (right) present Richard Reimer (center) with a plaque.



Mr. Reimer was named the 2009 Citizen of the Year by the Mayor's Office. Mayor Dodson honors a deserving citizen of the Borough with this award each year.

Daylight Saving
Time Ends on
Sunday, March 14th
at 2 AM.

Remember to turn
your clock ahead one
hour before going to
bed on Saturday,
March 13!



THANK YOU FOR FOOD DONATIONS

The Borough Employees thank all who made donations of food, treats and toys in the 2009 Holiday Pet Food Drive. Your donations were greatly appreciated!

Local Cub Scout Troop # 332 and Boy Scout Troop # 32 thank all the Borough Residents who so generously contributed to their food

drive on November 21, 2009. The group collected over 300 bags of non-perishable food items which were donated to the American Rescue Workers Mission.





Hollidaysburg Borough

A NEWSLETTER FOR
HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH
RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

Hollidaysburg Borough
401 Blair Street
Hollidaysburg PA 16648

Phone: 695-7543
Fax: 696-0636
Borough Manager John P. Little
manager@hollidaysburgpa.org

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FEBRUARY
2010

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Ward 1 Joseph A. Pompa 207
Hickory Street, 693-1819
1/1/2012

Ward 2 Harold Burket 401
Spruce Street 1/1/2014

Ward 3 John W. Brenner 311
Wayne Street 696-7614
1/1/2012

Ward 4 John P. Stultz, Jr. 1015
Walnut Street 695-2285
1/1/2014

Ward 5 Michael W. McLanahan
1111 Pine St. 695-9807
1/1/2012

Ward 6 Timothy Baranik 309
Quince Court 1/1/2014

Ward 7 Amy Webster Sill 1111 N.
Juniata Street 696-1123
1/1/2012

Mayor

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695-4657 1/1/2014

Tax Collector

Donna Carson 1/1/2014

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Secretary Ann M. Andrews

Solicitor J. Michael Dorezas

Police Chief Jeffrey J. Ketner

Fire Marshal Robert E. Kerns

Finance Director Robert Kuntz

**Director of Community Develop-
ment** Ethan Imhoff

Director of Community Facilities
David A. Zeek

Director of Water Department
Rick Pope

**Director of Wastewater Opera-
tions** Frank R. Cassisi

**Pre-Treatment Coordinator &
Asst. Dir. Wastewater Op**

Frank B. Hicks, Jr.

Borough Authority

John A. Frank Richard A. Mingle

Zenas Brehm Stuart W. Sibold

James A. Faber Sarah Zeek
(Recording Secretary)

Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council

Marie Little Cindy Rajala Pat Gildea
Jean Ofiesh

Sewer Authority

William C. Brill Yoga Rajakone
Regis Nale

Ralph T. Miller Harry B. Thompson
Sarah Zeek (Recording Secretary)

Zoning Board

Roy E. Cook, Jr. John C. Burger
Joyce A. Lowe (Alternate)
Larry Daugherty

Robert P. Rea (Attorney)
Jennifer Carr (Recording Secre-
tary)

Shade Tree Commission

Terry Wilt 695-3226
Kasey Prokop 695-8937

Civil Service Commission

Edward L. Plowman
A. Paul Plummer James R. Huff, II

Planning Commission

Pat Baechle Mark Shawley Jane
Sheffield Steve Martz Vacancy
Patti Duron (Rec. Secretary)

Education

Ann Andrews Joseph Dodson
James Shoemaker

HARB

Pat Baechle Andrew Haines
Ted Barnholdt Jeff Decker Ethan
Imhoff Sam Findley Bill Dively
Patti Duron (Rec. Secretary)

HPC

Ted Barnholdt Jeff Decker Bill
Dively Joel Koss Ethan Imhoff An-
drew Haines Sam Findley Astride
McLanahan Sarah Piper Pat Baechle-
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IRC (Borough Reps)

John Brenner John P. Little

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Deanna Brown

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John Brenner (Borough Representa-
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