



THE TOWN CRIER

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Winterfest

IN DOWNTOWN HOLLIDAYSBURG



SNOW SHOVELING

With the continuing 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 the sidewalks safe by complying with the Borough's Ordinance!



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This year's **Winterfest Parade** will take place at 2 pm on **Sunday, November 20th** through the streets of Historic Hollidaysburg. Watch as area marching bands, fire companies, twirlers, holiday-themed floats, scout troops and **Santa Claus** promenade through the streets of Hollidaysburg.



The **Annual Soup Sampling Contest** will take place from 5pm - 7pm during Light Up Night and will feature your favorite soups! **Soup Sampling** tickets are just \$6.00 to try yummy soups and a chance to vote. Local restaurants and organizations will be participating in the contest this year.

The event will include **free entertainment and horse drawn carriage rides**.

Just down the block in **Santa Land**, activities will include: **Magician Richard Mangicarne, a petting zoo, holiday crafts** for the kids and **visits with Santa!**



Letters to Santa will be collected by the U. S. Postal Employees. The **Hollidaysburg AMBUCS** will collect food for local food banks, and the U.S. Marine Corps will collect toys for their **Toys for Tots Campaign!**

Light Up Night is Friday, November 25th from 5:00 to 7:30pm. Activities include the lighting of the tree and the Chimney Rocks Star.



About the Hollidaysburg Community Partnership (HCP)...

The HCP is a non-profit Main Street Program supported by business and community members of Hollidaysburg. The focus of the Partnership is to work with the Borough to create a vibrant community that attracts & retains businesses through special events, streetscape improvement projects, etc. To learn more about any of the HCP's events, and for information about sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, visit www.hollidaysburg.org, follow Hollidaysburg Community Partnership on facebook, or contact Michael at 696-0544.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library is proud to introduce free eBooks available on your PC, IOS or Android 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 janet@halibrary.org. These new eBooks are in addition to those available through Overdrive on the Library's webpage www.hollidaysburglibrary.org. Zinio E-Magazines are now available through our website, too! Click on the Zinio logo on our webpage.

You can now renew books online by creating a free Destiny Quest account using your library card barcode. Go to the library's webpage, click on "Catalogs", select "Hollidaysburg Area Public Library" and then "Create Account." **November's schedule** will include:

Book Clubs:

- **Evening Classics Book Club** November 3
- **Mystery and Mayhem Book Club** November 8th
- **Inspirational Book Club** November 16th

Tech Classes:

- **Tech Help** Each Saturday in November
- **Smartphone Basics**
- **Computer Class: Safety/Security** November 7th

Crafting Classes:

- **Ceramics Classes** November 9th & 29th

Other Programs:

- **Friends of the Hollidaysburg Area Public Library Meeting** November 3rd
- **Economics and the Election** November 5th
- **National Park Service Ranger Doug Bosley** November 8th

- **Canal Basin Park: Reiser House Outreach Storytime** November 9th & 23rd
- **Introduction to Ancestry: Library Addition** November 15th
- **Your Library Account 101** November 16th
- **ABC Photo Society** November 21st
- **Free Movie Showing** November 18th
- **Keep Blair County Beautiful** November 30th
- **Allegheny Essential Oils Club** each Wednesday
- **Story Times** Thursdays and Fridays in November
- **Construction Club** each Friday in November
- **Girl Scouts of Western PA** Tuesdays
- **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.

- **Artist of the Month** Joanne McGahagan
- **Display of the Month** by Jody Walters

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 - 9:30 am – 8 pm

Fri - Sat - 9:30 am – 5 pm

Sun – 1 pm – 5 pm

CLOSED –

November 11th - 13th and 25th - 27th

Artist of the Month

Joanne McGahagan

Display for the November

By Jody Walters



DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET!

Borough Residents are reminded NOT to push or rake fallen leaves into the public streets. This creates a safety hazard and violators will be fined. Fall Brush Pickup continues in the Borough on Mondays and Tuesdays through December 6, 2016. Addresses to the east side of Penn Street are to be picked up on Mondays and addresses to the west of Penn Street, Gaysport and Holliday Hills will be collected on Tuesdays.



WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event of a heavy snowfall, the Mayor will make a snow emergency declaration to begin at either 8:00 am or at 8:00 pm.

The Borough will institute the **odd/even** parking designation during snow emergencies and **ONLY** during those times.

If the snow emergency begins at **8:00 pm** (in the **EVENING**), vehicles must be parked on the **EVEN numbered** side of the street; if at **8:00 am** (*morning*), cars must be moved to the **ODD numbered** side of the street. The objective is to achieve bare pavement on all Borough streets within 36 hours after a snowfall has ended.

Snow emergencies will be announced on local media and on www.hollidaysburgpa.org.

Please remember that **ANY** vehicle that violates the parking regulations imposed by a snow emergency **WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE**.

Remember, odd-even parking restrictions are only in effect when a Snow Emergency has been declared!

According to Borough Ordinance, **all property and business owners** must clear all sidewalks of snow within **24 hours** of the end of a snow event!

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

The Borough Public Works Services Crews will be picking up all discarded, live Christmas trees in January. Trees will be picked up the same as the Borough's normal brush pickup; east side of the Borough on Monday and the west side on Tuesday.

Pickup Schedule:

East Side of town on Monday, January 9th and Monday, January 23rd.

West Side of town on Tuesday, January 10th and Tuesday, January 24th.

Please do not place the discarded tree into a plastic, tree disposal bag as the trees are to be taken to a compost facility. Have trees curbside by 7:00 am for pickup that day.

Enjoy the holiday season and have a safe new year!

LOW BRANCHES ON STREET TREES

The Shade Tree Commission reminds street tree property owners that they **should remove low hanging, pedestrian unfriendly branches** from their street trees.

Unsightly suckers growing out of the base of trees should be removed as well.

No permit is required for these type of street tree trimmings, however, **permits are still needed for more extensive pruning of the street trees**.

There is no charge for street tree trimming permits. To obtain a street tree trimming 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
Christopher Foster at 696-4131
Andrew St. John 412-260-1584



Thanks for your cooperation in this important matter.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!



Santa will be escorted through the Borough by the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company as he hands out candy canes! Santa will tour the east side of Penn Street on Wednesday, December 14th and the west side of Penn Street including Holliday Hills and Gaysport on Thursday, December 15th. Santa will be on tour both nights from 6 pm to 8 pm! If Santa is not able to finish his tour on Wednesday and Thursday he will continue his tour on Friday, December 16th from 6 pm to 8 pm!

YOU BETTER WATCH OUT!



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Before long, the Borough will be lit up with the celebration of the holiday spirit! As we enjoy the holidays and the town tradition of the Winterfest Parade and Light Up Night, remember the service men and women who won't be with their families as they are working to protect ours.

When searching for that perfect gift, keep our local shops in mind! In the midst of all the hustle and bustle of this time of year though, take time to enjoy your friends and family and appreciating your blessings!

To everyone, I wish for you a happy holiday season and a blessed new year.

~Mayor Stultz

OPERATION SAFE STOP

On October 19, 2016 Officer Richard Oldham participated in Operation Safe Stop on behalf of the Hollidaysburg Police Department. The operation focused on assuring motorists interact with busses appropriately. No violations were observed during the ride along and Officer Oldham spent some quality time interacting with the elementary children.



BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

Friday, November 11th

Thursday, November 24th

Friday, November 25th

Monday, December 26th

Monday, January 2nd



A NOTE FROM THE CHIEF

When heading out of town on vacation or leaving for more than a day, please notify the police department.

Make sure that if your vehicle will be parked on the street for the duration of the trip, a nearby relative or a trusted neighbor has a key to the vehicle in case the police department needs it moved due to snow or a water break.



Take care to lock all vehicles parked on the streets or driveway as a caution to prevent theft from the vehicles.

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

November 10 December 8

Water Authority 5:30PM

November 15 December 20

Sewer Authority 5:30PM

November 7 December 5

Planning Commission 5PM

November 1 December 6

HARB/HPC 5PM

November 3 December 1

Shade Tree Commission 4:15PM

November 8

Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council 2PM

November 16



Borough Meetings are held in Council Chambers.

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

Find meeting agendas at:

www.hollidaysburgpa.org.

THE HCP 2016 MEMBERS AND SPONSORS

The Hollidaysburg Community Partnership would like to thank the members and sponsors who make these events and programs possible!

2016 SUSTAINING MEMBERS

321 Gallery
Allegheny Club of Hollidaysburg
Keller Engineers, Inc.
McQuaide Blasko Law Firm
Rotary Club of Hollidaysburg

2016 GENERAL MEMBERS

All Captured In A Flash Photography
Allegheny Creamery & Crepes
Allegheny Rig Mats, LLC
Allegheny Street Cigar Company
Alley Ratz Lit'l Dog Day Care
American Rescue Workers
Baechle & Associates
Beerbower Jewelers
BK Alterations
Blair County Genealogical Society
Blair Mill Outlet
Brenner Insurance Agency
Britz, CPA & Associates
Busters Six Pack Shoppe
Capitol Hotel & Pipe Room
Chat and Chew and Creative Catering
Chip 'N' Dale's Inn
Copy Rite & Banner Zone
Curry Rail Services
Cutting Crew
Delightful Ewe
Diamond Bridal Collections
Doug's Dawgs
Dutch Hill Chocolates
Edward Jones – J.T. Tidd
Everett Railroad
Evey Black Attorneys
Farmers Insurance
FINDS Furniture Consignment
First Commonwealth Bank
First National Bank of PA
Griffith Family Foundation
GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club
Historic Hollidaysburg, Inc.
Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council
Hollidaysburg Area Education Assoc
Hollidaysburg Area Public Library
Hollidaysburg Area YMCA
Hollidaysburg Auto Parts
Hollidaysburg Downtown Development
Hollidaysburg Laundromat

JEMS Funky Consignments
Just Jak's Wag's N Whiskers
Link & Associates, P.C.
Lisa Mancinelli State Farm Insurance Agency
Locker Room Sports
Lytle EAP Partners
Michelle Barnes Optometry, P.C.
Nason Hospital
Norcom Mortgage
Osgood Properties
PennCrest Bank
Penn Highlands Community College – Blair Center
Penn-Mont Academy
Plank, Stitt & Stevens Funeral Home
Playtime Pottery
Prudential and Liberty Mutual Insurance
Rabenstein HVAC
Radiance Day Spa
Rea, Rea & Lashinsky
Sapphire 9
Senator John Eichelberger
Sounds Good Media
State Representative Judy Ward
Stiffler McGraw & Associates
Stultz Real Estate
Stuckey Ford/Subaru
SubZero Ice Cream
Sylvan Veterinary Hospital
Thompson Pharmacy
Thrivent Financial
Trendz by Poppy
U.S. Hotel
Vivid Hair Design
Warner's Florist
Wireless Zone
Young Life

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Mr. & Mrs. John Little
Ms. Astride McLanahan
Mr. Michael McLanahan
Ms. Tara Rabenstein
Lieutenant General Ed Soyster
Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Straesser
Ms. Elaine Mastalski
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Delozier

2016 Sponsors

Snazzy Socks Family Fun Run:
Title Sponsor: McQuaide Blasko Law Firm
Keller Engineers, Inc

Allegheny Street Cruise-In:
Title Sponsor: Stuckey Ford/Subaru
Capitol Hotel
Hollidaysburg Auto Parts
Hollidaysburg Laundromat

Downtown LIVE! Free Summer Concerts:
Title Sponsor: Hollidaysburg Area Education Assoc

Keller Engineers, Inc
Norcom Mortgage
D'Ottavio's Italian House
Nason Hospital
One Main Financial
Capitol Hotel
L.S. Fiore

Farmer's Market
PennCrest Bank
Capitol Hotel

Canal Basin Park Festival:
Title Sponsor: Curry Rail Services
Blair Mill Outlet
Capitol Hotel
US Hotel

Pumpkin Festival:
Title Sponsor: Nason Hospital
Keller Engineers, Inc
Stage Sponsor: Hollidaysburg Area Education Assoc
Stage Sponsor: Hollidaysburg Womens Club

Stage Sponsor: Evey Black Attorneys
Baechle & Associates
Capitol Hotel
FINDS Furniture Consignment
Hollidaysburg Arts Council
Norcom Mortgage
Osgood Properties
Plank, Stitt & Stevens Funeral Home
Stiffler McGraw Engineers
Wireless Zone

Winterfest:
First Commonwealth
UPMC
Keller Engineers
Hollidaysburg Area Education Assoc
Baechle & Associates
Capitol Hotel
Stiffler McGraw Engineers
Stultz Real Estate
Hollidaysburg Laundromat
Hollidaysburg Arts Council
Sheetz
321 Gallery



SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

The Borough is full of activity related to the major sewer line replacement project. Snyder Environmental Services, Inc. from Kearneysville, WV, is the contractor for the project. To date, approximately 15,000 linear feet of sewer main has been replaced. In total, once the project is completed approximately 40,000 linear feet of sewer main will be replaced with new.

The Authority is informing our residents in advance through our phone rapid notification system when the contractor will be working on your street. You can also find this information on the Borough website. Please be advised that this work schedule is subject to change as weather and other factors might alter the contractor's schedule.

Snyder Environmental Inc. has an advanced team of workers that will be contacting residents in the affected areas in order to locate their sewer lateral. They might request to enter your premises in order to locate your

lateral. This team will have proper picture identification and is authorized by the Authority. It is the authorities' hope that you allow them to enter your home as this lateral identification is necessary to allow the contractor to place your new lateral tap at the proper location at your property line.

We ask that our residents display a certain amount of restraint and patience during the construction as the authority needs your cooperation and patience in order for the project to proceed in an orderly manner. The main sewer line replacement project is tentatively scheduled to be completed by August 1, 2017 or sooner, if winter weather cooperates. Once the sewer service lateral is extended to your property a "Notice to Proceed" letter will be sent to each property owner. Instructions will be included in the letter. At that time, your home can then start the process of the private sector responsibility of passing a lateral pressure test.

If you have a question or concern about the project, we ask our residents to check out the Borough's website at www.hollidaysburgpa.org as there is information about the project that is updated on a bi weekly basis. If you have a question that's not answered from the website, we ask that you contact Jessica at 695-7543 and she will direct your question to the appropriate person. Once again, the Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority thanks you for your patience and cooperation as the project proceeds.

Filing a complaint protocol:

Residents that feel the need 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.

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 have the funds available 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.

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.

Be mindful that Pennsylvania State Law requires that you must obtain appropriate permits to have certain types of projects done.

Not obtaining the necessary permits could lead to legal action and fines.

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.hollidaysburgpa.org.

recycle



Right,
Everywhere,
All the Time...

Cardboard Recycling Tip!

It doesn't matter if you are recycling at work or at home, cardboard can and should be recycled. Simply remove all trash and flatten your boxes!

- Corrugated cardboard boxes (ex. shipping boxes)
- Paperboard boxes (ex. cereal & shoe boxes)



Make recycling easier at home and on the go & download our smart phone app or give us a call.



This newsletter is published by the IRC Recycling Office on recycled paper. For more program or event information, visit IRCenvironment.org, download our smart phone app, call 814-942-7472 or email kpope@ircenvironment.org.





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

NOVEMBER 2016



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GUIDE TO BOROUGH GOVERNMENT & OFFICES 2016

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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, 814-414-98
12/31/2019

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12/31/2017

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