



THE TOWN CRIER

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Happy Holidays! There's no place like Hollidaysburg for the Holidays!

Winterfest 2008

Sponsored by Blair County Communities that Care

The leaves are turning, the weather is getting colder and soon it will be time for the Hollidaysburg Winterfest activities.

The Winterfest Parade will be held on Sunday, November 23rd at 2:00PM. Letters to Santa will be collected during the parade by the U.S. Postal Workers, toys and donations will be collected for the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Campaign and the AMBUICS will collect food during the parade for local food banks. Don't miss the opportunity to welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus into town.

Head to the Diamond for Light Up Night on Friday,

November 28th to see Hollidaysburg decked out in its holiday best and enjoy tasting soups and holiday fun from 4:30PM to 7:00PM! Join Master of Ceremony Joe Murgo, from WTAJ, for the tree-lighting ceremony at 6:30PM. The Hollidaysburg Alumni Community Brass Ensemble and Chorus will provide free entertainment throughout the evening.

Light Up Night will also feature area restaurants competing in the 15th Annual Soup Sampling Contest, sponsored by the American Legion Post 516. The \$5.00 Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Hollidaysburg Borough Mu-

nicipal Building, 2nd floor or Copy-Rite & Banner Zone on Allegheny Street. After sampling, you will have the opportunity to cast your ballot for your favorite area soup. Winners will be announced just before the lighting ceremony.

Santa Land is sponsored by McLanahan Corporation. There will be free children's activities, a petting zoo, cookie decorating and ice carvings. What a fun way to kick off the season for the kids!

The HCP thanks all of our volunteers and sponsors. This event would not be possible without their generous support!

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O Christmas Tree!

Each year, Community Volunteer Terry Wilt (Shade Tree Commission Chairman) finds the perfect tree and delivers it to the Borough.

This year's tree arrived in town on November 5. Volunteers decorated the tree with lights on November 8.



Rick Pope, Borough Employee, checks to make sure the tree is straight. Rick volunteers his time to help with the tree each year.

WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES



Have a safe
and happy winter!



It is almost that time when we will be in the midst of winter weather, including snow, sleet, rain, and ice! Be prepared to follow the Borough's winter weather procedures.

In the event of a heavy snowfall, Mayor Dodson 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 **EVE-Ning**), 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**.

Property and business owners must clear all sidewalks of snow within **24 hours** of the end of a snow event!

BOROUGH EMPLOYEES TO SPONSOR FOOD DRIVE

"A COLLECTION BOX WILL BE PLACED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, ADJACENT TO THE WATER BILLING WINDOW."

Once again, Hollidaysburg Borough Employees will sponsor a holiday food drive for local food banks. This will be the third consecutive year for the collection.

Beginning now and running through December 19, non-perishable donations may be dropped off at the Municipal Building at 401 Blair Street. A collection box will be placed

on the first floor of the building, adjacent to the Water Billing window.

Your generosity at this time is most appreciated. In the spirit of holiday giving, we are able to all work together to continue to make this a great and caring community.

Thank you!



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.



CONGRATULATIONS, DISCOVERY GARDEN!

On Sunday, October 12, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) along with the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful alliance (KPB) presented a 2008 Community Greening Award to Discovery Garden.

The award honors all those involved with Discovery Garden, including the Borough of Hollidaysburg, community volunteers, Blair Garden club, and staff and consumers of Skills of Central Pennsylvania, Inc. They were recog-

nized for creating and maintaining Discovery Garden as a public green space that enhances their community.

“We would like to congratulate all of the Community Greening Award participants for the impact they have made in their communities,” said Blaine Bonham, executive vice president of PHS.

“Studies show quality green spaces enhance the health, beauty and economic vitality of an area and often serve as

meeting places. This award represents a mark of excellence.”

Nominated by Linda Renney of the Blair Garden Club and a Discovery Garden volunteer, Discovery Garden is one of only a few winners located in a rural area. The majority of awardees are located in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Each entry is judged on total visual effect, community involvement, year-round beauty, first impressions, use

of space and variety of plants, horticultural practice, maintenance and color.

Congratulations to all of the individuals who work so hard to keep Discovery Garden beautiful. This is a very prestigious award!



PUMPKIN FESTIVAL 2008 WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

Families filled the streets on October 11th for the 3rd Annual Pumpkin Festival.

The event was a huge success with 36 non-profit groups providing pumpkin themed activities and foods for the community while raising funds for their organizations.

The HCP thanks Keller Engineers, Inc., Beerbower Jewelers, Blair County Commu-

nities that Care, Blair Mill Outlet, Borough of Hollidaysburg, Copy-Rite & Banner Zone, Donna D. Gority, Investment Savings Bank, First United Methodist Church, Hollidaysburg AMBUCS, M & M Real Estate, Old Canal Inn, Osgood Properties, Presbyterian Homes, Stiffler, McGraw & Assoc., Sylvan Hills Golf Club, JB Tree Farm, Baronner’s Farm Mar-

ket, Hines Feed Store, Geeseytown Community Fire Hall and Cub Scout Pack 30.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP ANNOUNCED

The Borough Public Works Services Crews will be picking up all discarded, live Christmas trees the week of **January 5, 2009.**

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!



WANTED

The Borough is seeking old photographs of Blair Street for use in a Route 22 Corridor Design Project.

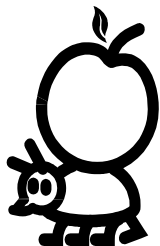
If you have, or know of anyone who has, any such photos, please bring them to Ethan Imhoff in the Office of Community Development to be copied.

Photos will be returned.



Mayor says:

“It isn’t the load that weighs you down, it’s the way you carry it.”



NEWS FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

Mayor Joe would like to wish all residents a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

He would like you all to come and enjoy the Winterfest fun of the Christmas Parade, the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Annual Soup Sampling.

As always, please continue to support the businesses in our borough along with our fire department, library and

YMCA. Please keep the men and women of the armed forces in your prayers, especially remembering two borough employees, Josh Woods and Kelly Leydig, who are both serving in Iraq.



October 25, 2008 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk Pink Ribbon Pit Crew: l. to r.; Earl Hite, whose wife is a 4 yr. survivor and daughter is a 2 yr. survivor, Mayor Joe Dodson, Judy Ricker (2yr. survivor), Chief Jeff Ketner, Sherry Harker, Marlene Ricker, and Debby Foltyn.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

BY SHIRLEY BOWSER

TOYS FOR KIDS DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE HOLLIDAYSBURG POLICE STATION AT 401 BLAIR STREET.



The Hollidaysburg Police Department will sponsor their 18th Annual Toys for Kids program this year. The department is accepting new or gently used toys and clothing or monetary donations for the “toys for Kids” program for children and teens ranging from infant to 18 years of age. Any one interested in donating may drop their donation off at the Hollidays-

burg Police Department or call for a pick up at 814-695-3711. Thanks for all the support that you have shown in the past and will show again this season.

Due to a rash of thefts from unlocked vehicles, the police department is sending a reminder to all residents of the borough to please remember to lock their vehicles.

Also, please be aware that Chapter 15 of the Borough Code of Ordinances, Section 220 and 221, concerning skates, coasters, sleds or other toy vehicles which are illegal and cannot be ridden on the streets or sidewalks, only on private property.

Please obey this Borough ordinance and all others.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS AT THE BOROUGH OFFICES

The Municipal Offices will be **closed** on these dates:

Thursday, November 27

Friday, November 28

Wednesday, December 24,

Thursday, December 25

Thursday, January 1

Monday, January 19



HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA RECREATION COMMISSION NEWS

Sue Teske, Director for the Hollidaysburg Area Recreation Commission (HARC) has announced a November workshop.

The HARC will sponsor a Beaded Jewelry workshop on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 7:00 PM. This workshop will be held in the Frankstown Township Municipal Building.

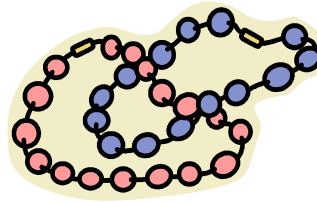
Instruction and materials for the workshop are to be pro-

vided by Bling Gemstone Jewelry. The instruction fee includes the materials to make a beaded necklace in one evening.

Participating municipalities; including Blair Township, Duncansville, Frankstown Township and Hollidaysburg Borough, will pay a \$20 fee for the workshop. Non-participating municipalities will pay \$25.

Please call Sue at 814-502-

9505 for more information or to register for the class.



FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE HARC, OR HARC SPONSORED EVENTS, PLEASE CONTACT SUE TESKE AT 814-502-9505.

ALUMNI COMMUNITY CHORUS ANNOUNCES CONCERT

The Hollidaysburg Alumni Community Chorus will present Joyfully Rejoicing on these dates and times:

Saturday, December 6 at 7:00 P.M. & Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 P.M.

Both performances will take place at the Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School Auditorium. The Children's Community Chorus will per-

form as well. Guest soloist is James Worthing. The Community Chorus is under the direction of Sandy Harteis and the Children's Community Chorus is directed by Bonnie Ebersole.

Tickets will be available at:

Treese's Music Store on Allegheny Street

The Blue & White Snack Bar

The Lamb's Way in Duncansville

The Music Emporium in Altoona

The Logan Valley Mall Barbershop

and also from all of the chorus members.

Tickets will be **\$7.00** for adults; and children, 12 and under, are just **\$3.00!**



THE ALUMNI COMMUNITY CHORUS AND THE CHILDREN'S CHORUS WILL PRESENT "JOYFULLY REJOICING" FEATURING SOLOIST JAMES WORTHING.



POLICE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES WINNER

The Hollidaysburg Police Association is pleased to announce the winner of their 2008 fund raising event. Ronald Sweeney of Cresson, PA is the proud new owner of a 2008 Yamaha Grizzly 4x4 and trailer.

The drawing was held following the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Com-

pany's annual Halloween parade.

Proceeds from the fund raiser are used toward a Police Association scholarship that is presented annually to a student interested in higher education in a field related to criminal justice. This scholarship is available for Hollidaysburg Area

High School graduating students. Applications are in the Guidance Counselor's Office.

The Police Association thanks all who helped with the effort.



L. to r.: Officer Mark Lingafelt, Ron Sweeney, winner, and Sgt. Dave Gehret.



The Hollidaysburg Community Partnership (HCP) fosters revitalization in Hollidaysburg's business district for the good of the entire community.

HCP ENCOURAGES YOU TO UNCHAIN YOURSELF

The Hollidaysburg Community Partnership is urging the citizens of Hollidaysburg to unchain themselves on November 22—to do any business they plan to do on that day only at locally-owned independent businesses. *Hollidaysburg Unchained!* is part of *America Unchained*, a national campaign of the American Business Alliance. The campaign aims to reach every citizen to come together in support of their community

through demonstrating that their personal spending decisions affect the whole community, both now and for the future.

“If every citizen does their planned business, shopping and dining out on that day with only locally-owned businesses, we can support our local economy. Of course, we hope the community will think about this not only on November 22, but every day—and particularly with

holiday shopping upon us,” said Sarah Piper, Main Street Manager. She also encourages patrons to thank the businesses for all of their contributions to the community.

“Hollidaysburg stands to gain in every way by supporting our independent businesses. They provide us with essential goods and services, well-paying jobs, and continued opportunities for citizens to own their own business here.”

GATEWAY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS THANKED

“THERE HAVE BEEN MANY COMPLIMENTS ON HOW BEAUTIFUL THE GARDEN IS EACH AND EVERY YEAR.”

Rick Pope, volunteer coordinator for the Gateway Garden, would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the individuals and organizations who helped with the Gateway Garden this year and past years.

There have been many compliments on how beautiful the garden is each and every year. These compliments would

not be received without the help of our volunteers and the Borough Crews.

The entire community gets to enjoy the beautiful entrance into Hollidaysburg because of the willingness of dedicated volunteers to lend time and talents.



Volunteers work at the garden, spring 2008.

2008 HOLLIDAYSBURG HAUL 5 K RACE WINNERS

Over 100 participants registered for the 2008 Hollidaysburg Haul 5K Race. This year's race benefited the Hollidaysburg Community Partnership, which strives to keep Hollidaysburg a vibrant place for local businesses and community members.

Congratulations to the top three male and female runners. Men: 1st place – Chris Sheftic (17:52), 2nd place – Mark Reed (19:19),

3rd place – Gary Ishler (20:12). Female: 1st place – Shelly Conner (20:27), 2nd place – Alyssa Beyer (21:07), 3rd place – Paula Bridges (21:09).

A special thanks to Locker Room, Nason Hospital, Stultz Real Estate, Sylvan Hills Golf Club, Hollidaysburg Family Fitness, All Pro Trophy, Hot92 Hot100, Sheetz, The Nest Egg, Keller Engineers, Inc., Beer-

bower Jewelers, Bilo Foods, Blair County Communities that Care, Borough of Hollidaysburg, Copy-Rite & Banner Zone, Ferris, Baker, Watts, Inc., Hollidaysburg AMBUICS, Hollidaysburg Auto Parts, Inc., Martins Food Market, Pepsi Bottling Group, Old Canal Inn, S&T Bank, and Treese's Music Store.

Find race day photos at www.hollidaysburgpa.org!

Santa Claus is coming to town !

Santa will be escorted through the town by the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company on Dec. 10 & 11.

He will tour east of Penn Street on Dec. 10 & west of Penn Street and Gaysport on Dec. 11 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

You better watch out!

WINTERFEST FLYER



Hollidaysburg Borough

A NEWSLETTER FOR
HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH
RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

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tions** Frank R. Cassisi

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