



# THE TOWN CRIER

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

## WINTERFEST 2009

Winterfest begins this year with the annual Winterfest Parade through the streets of Historic Hollidaysburg on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 PM, sponsored by McLanahan Corporation. Carolyn Donaldson will be the Mistress of Ceremony. Letters to Santa will be collected by the United States Postal Employees. Hollidaysburg AMBUCS Club will be collecting food for local food banks and the United States Marine Corps will be collecting toys for their Toys for Tots Campaign during the parade. Light Up Night, Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, includes the tree lighting ceremony on the Diamond as well as the AMBUCS star on Chimney Rocks. Light Up Night

festivities run from 5:00-7:30 PM with the light up at 7:00 PM. Master of Ceremony is Joe Murgo. Free entertainment will be provided by the Hollidaysburg Alumni Community Brass Ensemble & Chorus, Pianist Jonathan Cruse, KANIT, and ice carving demonstrations by Tim Klock. Also that evening, Soup Sampling Contest, sponsored by the American Legion Club! Tickets are \$5.00 per person and provide you with a sample of every soup (while supplies last). Get tickets that evening or in advance at Copy Rite & Banner Zone, Allegheny Street, or the Hollidaysburg Municipal Building. After sampling, cast your ballot for your favorite soup! Other Fes-

tivities include Santa Land, sponsored by the Hollidaysburg Rotary Club, with free activities for children of all ages. The Hollidaysburg Community Partnership thanks sponsors: McLanahan Corporation \* American Legion Club \* Hollidaysburg Rotary Club \* Buster's County Seat \* Keller Engineers, Inc. \* Sheetz \* Stiffler, McGraw & Associates, Inc. \* Sylvan Hills Golf Course \* Britz & Associates \* Dr.'s Richard Centar & Ryan Imler \* McQuaide Blasko Law Office \* Copy-Rite & Banner Zone \* Beerbower Jewelers \* Vince Duffy Designs \* Always A Party Rentals \* Smart Media \* Carvings by Tim Klock \* Phoenix Fire Company

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## VOLUNTEER DAY

COME OUT TO DECORATE THE ANNUAL WINTERFEST TREE IN DOWNTOWN HOLLIDAYSBURG ON **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH AT 9 AM!** CALL 696-0544 FOR MORE DETAILS.





Have a safe and happy winter!



# WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES

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](http://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 PET FOOD DRIVE

Hollidaysburg Borough Employees will sponsor a pet food drive for local food banks. Beginning on November 1st and running through December 18th, 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 these difficult economic times, some pet owners are unable to care for their loved pets in the usual manner. Local food pantries are providing donated pet food items for their patrons.

Thank you!



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

## CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP ANNOUNCED

The Borough Public Works Services Crews will be picking up all discarded, live Christmas trees the weeks of **January 4 and January 11, 2010**.

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!



**DID YOU KNOW THAT INDIANA, PENNSYLVANIA IS THE CHRISTMAS TREE CAPITOL OF THE WORLD?\***  
**\*SOURCE: WWW.WIKIPEDIA.ORG**

**Santa Claus is coming to town!**

Santa will be escorted through the town by the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company on Dec. 16 & 17.

He will tour east of Penn Street on Dec. 16 & west of Penn Street, Holliday Hills, and Gaysport on Dec. 17 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

**You better watch out!**

# NEWS FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

Recently, Mayor Dodson had a vision to construct a passive park in the Holliday Hills neighborhood of the Borough.

The Mayor's Office had received comments about an unsightly circle of weeds located between the PennMont Academy and the Graystone Apartments. After visiting the site, Mayor Dodson envisioned a memorial park, to be called the Patriot Park, to honor all the men and women of the military.

The plans for the park include eleven trees to represent the eleven wars, four benches, and a gazebo at the center of the circle. There will also be a lighted flag pole. Smaller shrubs and flowers will be planted.

Patriot Park will be open to the public.

Mayor Dodson anticipates that the park should be completed and open to visitors by Memorial Day 2010.

Anyone wishing to make a tax deductible donation to the park fund may do so through the Mayor's Office. You may contact the Mayor in his office at 695-8834.

Lastly, the Mayor wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Blessed Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.



Mayor says:

*Live simply;  
love generously;  
care deeply;  
speak kindly;  
leave the rest to  
God.*



On October 8<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Dodson was the opening speaker at the Hollidaysburg Area Public Library event "Read for the Record 2009". This event was presented by Mothers and More of Central PA and the Hollidaysburg Library. The program is a national initiative directed toward preschoolers to promote and encourage them to read.

Photo: L to r: Tammy Kehr, representing State farm Insurance, Mayor Dodson and Lisa Mancinelli, also of State Farm Insurance.



Mayor with Steamer of the Curve and Froggy of Froggy 98 Radio.



Carolyn Donaldson participated in the event as well.



## HARC ANNOUNCES FALL EVENTS

The Hollidaysburg Area Recreation is continuing their YOGA classes. Classes are held Thursday evenings from 6:30 PM to 8 PM at the Frankstown Municipal Building. Fee for 6 weeks: \$40 for participating municipalities; \$45 for all others. For more info, please call 502-9505.

Beaded Jewelry classes are held the second Tuesday of each month. The next class will be on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Frankstown Township

Building. Check the Bling website at [www.blinggemstones@yahoo.com](http://www.blinggemstones@yahoo.com) for a detailed picture of the item featured for this month. Pre-registration is requested. Fee for participating municipalities is \$30 and \$35 for all others. To register and for more details call 502-9505.

After School Art Classes started October 14<sup>th</sup> and will run through December 18<sup>th</sup>. Instructor Scott

Broughton will lead creative projects for ages 6 & up at the C.W. Longer Elementary School Art Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Sign up for two classes; get the third class for ½ price. Pre-registration required. For class info and fees, call Scott at 693-9375. Tai Chi Classes for beginners will begin on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the Frankstown Municipal Building. The fee for 10 weeks is \$70 for participating municipalities, \$75 for others. Call 502-9505 for info.

PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES INCLUDE:

FRANKSTOWN TOWNSHIP,  
HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH  
AND DUNCANVILLE BOROUGH.

## TOYS FOR KIDS PROGRAM SPONSORED BY POLICE

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



Once again, the Hollidaysburg Police Department will be kicking off the "TOYS FOR KIDS" program. This is their 20<sup>th</sup> year!

Please help to make a bright Christmas for local children. Donations of new toys and clothing, as well as monetary donations, may be sent to or dropped off at, the Hollidaysburg Police Station, 401

Blair Street on the first floor of the Municipal Building.

The gifts are distributed to the Hollidaysburg Area Junior and Senior High Schools and Longer Elementary.

When there are many items collected, the program is extended to other needy families in the Borough. Thank you, in advance, for your continued support.

**START A NEW FAMILY HOLIDAY TRADITION:**

**TAKE YOUR KIDS SHOPPING FOR AN ITEM TO BE DONATED TO THE TOYS FOR KIDS PROGRAM.**

## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS AT THE BOROUGH OFFICES

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

Wednesday, November 11

Thursday, November 26

Friday, November 27

Thursday, December 24

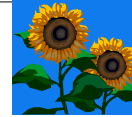
Friday, December 25

Friday, January 1, 2010

Monday, January 18, 2010



# DISCOVERY GARDEN NEWS



If you are taking a fall walk through Legion Memorial Park, stop by and visit the newly extended evergreen garden in Discovery Garden. Several large evergreens have been relocated to provide more growing space and some new evergreen specimen plants have been added.

As the gardening season ends, it is also time to send a heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who maintain Discovery Garden throughout

the year. The volunteers begin spring clean up in April and the last volunteer day this year was October 22. Approximately 15 to 18 volunteers work for 3 to 4 hours every Thursday in order to keep the garden beautifully manicured and weed free.

Volunteers also work with school groups in the spring to plant annuals in the raised beds and to conduct educational tours.

When you see people working at Discovery Garden, take a minute to thank them for the hours of hard work that they put in to keep the garden blooming.

Discovery Garden was recently presented with the Committee Choice Award at the Blair County Chamber Hall of Fame and General Business Awards Dinner on October 19. It is nice to see a Hollidaysburg landmark honored on a regional level.

In addition, the garden was recognized on a statewide level in 2009 with a Community Greening Award from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.



## HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA ARTS COUNCIL NOTES

The Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council announces that they will hold their last meeting of the year on Wednesday, November 18th, at 4:30 PM, in the Municipal Building, second floor, Conference Room B.

The next meeting of the Arts Council will take place on Wednesday, January 27. The group meets on the fourth

Wednesday of each month.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of this volunteer organization is welcome to attend these meetings! Ideas and expertise are always needed!

Activities that the Arts Council plan include summer art camps for children, adult art classes, and the summer concerts at the Canal Basin Park.

The Arts Council thanks everyone who participated in the Pumpkin Festival on October 10th, 2009. Your support is always appreciated!

Meetings are included on the calendar on the official webpage of the Borough:

[www.hollidaysburgpa.org](http://www.hollidaysburgpa.org)



MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.



## BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

**Borough Council 7 PM**

Nov. 12 Dec. 10 Jan. 4

**Water Authority 5:15 PM**

Nov. 17 Dec. 15

**Sewer Authority 5:30 PM**

Nov. 2 Dec. 7

**Planning Commission 4:30 PM**

Nov. 3 Dec. 1

**HARB/HPC 4:30 PM**

Nov. 5 Dec. 3

**Shade Tree Commission 3 PM**

Nov. 9

**Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council 4:30 PM**

Nov. 18 Jan. 27



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](http://www.hollidaysburgpa.org)



## 2009 HOLLIDAYSBURG HAUL HELD IN SEPTEMBER

The 6th annual Hollidaysburg Haul 5k Race was held September 19th in downtown Hollidaysburg. There were 131 competitors registered for the race. The three top male runners were AJ Kelly of Altoona, first; Matthew Manfred of State College, second; and Chris Sheftic of Altoona, third. AJ Kelly broke the male course record with a time of 15:31.20. The three top female runners were Molly Ritter of Altoona,

first; Hannah Brooks of Dy-sart, second; and Caroline Ellis of Duncansville, third. Molly Ritter broke the female course record with a time of 18:19.36.

The race benefited the activities of the Hollidaysburg Community Partnership. Special thanks to the following community sponsors: Nason Hospital, Sylvan Hills Golf Course, Borough of Hollidaysburg, Pro Care, The

Locker Room, Smart Media, Keller Engineers, Inc., Stultz Real Estate, Always A Party Rentals, Baechle Architects, Baronners Farm Market, Beerbower Jewelers, Britz & Associates, Copy-Rite & Banner Zone, Gallagher Insurance, Giant Eagle, Hollidaysburg Ambucs, Hollidaysburg Auto Parts, Inc., Martins Food Market, Roaring Spring Bottling Company, Plank, Stitt & Stevens, S&T Bank, and Treese's Music Store.

## ALUMNI COMMUNITY CHORUS ANNOUNCES CONCERT

The Hollidaysburg Alumni Community Chorus will present *They All Sang Glory* on these dates and times:

Saturday, December 12 at 7:00 P.M. & Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 P.M.

Both performances will take place at the Hollidaysburg Area Junior High School Auditorium. Guest soloist is Julie Gicking Hanlon, origi-

nally from Hollidaysburg. The Community Chorus is under the direction of Sandy Harteis.

Tickets will be available at:

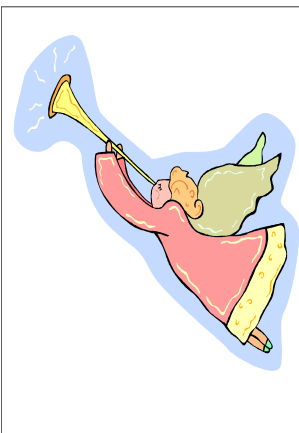
Treese's Music Store on Allegheny Street

The Blue & White Snack Bar and also from all of the chorus members.

Tickets will be **\$7.00** for

adults; and children, 12 and under, are just **\$3.00!**

For more information, you may call Nancy Kerns at 695-9031.



## ROTARY'S HELPING HAND FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Help the Hollidaysburg Rotary lend a helping hand!

The Hollidaysburg Rotary will be collecting canned goods, toys and monetary gifts for the American Rescue Workers and Toys for Tots on **Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 AM-4:30 PM**, on the Diamond in Hollidaysburg Borough.

Drive through the downtown and drop off your donations to a Rotarian on the Diamond, right out of your car window!



THE HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA WOMEN'S CLUB ANNOUNCES THEIR FIRST GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST.

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE YMCA, THE HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY & JACK'S CAPITOL GRILLE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT KATHY MUELLER AT 934.1245 OR YOU EMAIL TO [KAT1437@MSN.COM](mailto:KAT1437@MSN.COM).



## WINTERFEST 2009

### WINTERFEST PARADE—sponsored by McLanahan Corporation

through the streets of Historic Hollidaysburg

**Sunday, November 22nd, 2:00 pm**

Welcome Santa & Mrs. Claus to town

Letters collected for Santa by U.S. Postal Workers

Toys collected for U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Campaign

Food collection for local food banks by AMBUCS

### LIGHT UP NIGHT

On the Diamond & Allegheny Street

**Friday, November 27th, 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

TREE LIGHTING ~ 7:00 pm

Free Entertainment by the Hollidaysburg Alumni/Community Brass Ensemble & Chorus, Pianist Jonathan Cruse, KANIT and Ice Carving Demonstrations by Tim Klock

### SOUP SAMPLING—sponsored by the American Legion Club

~ With entries from area restaurants

Advance Tickets (\$5.00 ): Copy-Rite & Banner Zone and Hollidaysburg Municipal Building, 2nd floor

### SANTA LAND—sponsored by Hollidaysburg Rotary Club

Visit with Santa & friends, Petting Zoo, Children 's Activities, Cookie Decorating, Balloon Art by Dennie Huber

#### Additional Sponsors:

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# Hollidaysburg Borough

A NEWSLETTER FOR  
HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH  
RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

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Fax: 696-0636  
Borough Manager John P. Little  
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**Pre-Treatment Coordinator &  
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John Brenner John P. Little

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Deanna Brown

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tative)

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