

THE TOWN CRIER

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SEWER CUSTOMERS

The Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority at its September 13, 2010 meeting, adopted a change in the Sewer Call Response Policy. The following policy will go into effect on **January 1, 2011**:

- The Borough will continue to respond to all sewer backups calls.
- If there is a sewer clean out at the property line and it can be determined who is responsible for the blockage, either the borough crews or a homeowner hired plumber will unclog the blockage.
- If there is no clean out at the property line, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to un-

clog all blockages on the service lateral. This will remain the case until the homeowner installs a clean out at the property line.

- The Borough will in **no instance** enter into any sewer customer's home to access the plumbing to unclog a sewer backup.
- At the present time, the Borough is **not** requiring homeowners to install a sewer service clean out at the property line, but it is recommended that property owners consider installing one.
- It is also recommended that homeowners lo-

cate their existing clean out (if they have one).

This policy change is necessary in order to reduce insurance liability for Borough personnel entering into sewer customers' homes.

If you have any questions regarding this important policy change, please contact Frank R. Cassisi (Director of Wastewater Operations) at (814)695-8368.



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VOLUNTEER DAY

WE WANT YOU!

COME OUT TO DECORATE THE WINTERFEST TREE IN DOWNTOWN HOLLIDAYSBURG ON **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH AT 9 AM!**

CALL **696-0544** FOR MORE DETAILS.





WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY WINTER!

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.**

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!



BOROUGH EMPLOYEES TO SPONSOR PET FOOD DRIVE

Hollidaysburg Borough Employees will once again sponsor a pet food drive for local food banks. Beginning on November 1st and continuing through December 17th, 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.

Food items, toys and treats will be accepted! Your generosity at this time is most appreciated.

Donations will be taken to the Central PA Humane Society.

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 3 and January 10, 2011.**

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!



THE PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY THANKS EVERYONE FOR THEIR CONTINUING SUPPORT!

THEY WERE ABLE TO BUY A NEW FIRE ENGINE RECENTLY!

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

Santa will be escorted through the town by the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company on Dec. 14 & 15.

He will tour east of Penn Street on Dec. 14 & west of Penn Street, Holliday Hills, and Gaysport on Dec. 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

YOU BETTER WATCH OUT!

NEWS FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

Once again, Mayor Dodson thanks the individuals and all the businesses who have helped to make Patriot Park a place for everyone to enjoy. Without this help, the project would not have been possible.

Recently, landscaping was done to help make the park even more enjoyable.

May all of our residents continue to support our Borough businesses, our volunteer Fire

company and the Police Department.

Please remember to continue to pray for the safety and fast return of our men and women in the Armed Forces.

Remember that ALL traffic laws should be obeyed, and, please, everyone be mindful of our children's safety.

Please support the Annual Toys for Kids Program, sponsored by the Hollidaysburg Police Dept. New clothing,

toys and monetary donations are presently being accepted for children and teens; infant to age 18. Donations are taken at the Police Department or you may call for a pick up at 695-3711. Thanks for your continuing support!

Mayor Joe would like to wish all residents a happy Thanksgiving, a very, very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year!



Mayor says:

May I never get too busy in my own affairs that I fail to respond to the needs of others with kindness and compassion.



Read for the Record 2010 featured Mayor Dodson as Master of Ceremonies for story time. The event promotes children's literacy. This year State Farm worked with Mothers & More of Central PA & the Hollidaysburg Library to host the event.

L. to R.: State Farm Agent Tammy Kehr, Mayor Dodson, Good Neighbor Bear, and State Farm Agent Lisa Mancinelli.

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.

Leaf pickup continues in the Borough on Mondays and Tuesdays through December 7, 2010. 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.



COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT HELPS NEIGHBORHOOD

St. Leonard's Home, a personal care facility housed in a beautiful Victorian mansion across from St. Michael's Church, is now able to serve as a warming and cooling center for the neighborhood.

Thanks to a Community Development Block Grant obtained through the Borough of

Hollidaysburg, and the generosity of the Retirement Research Foundation from Chicago, St. Leonard's recently installed a new generator with the capacity to keep the buildings heated and/or cooled, lit and fully functioning during an electrical outage.

Neighbors, school children and anyone in need of a safe place when the area is without electricity is welcome to the Home. Thanks to all for their support during the Home's 63 years of existence in this community!

*Contributed by
Sr. Cynthia Meyer, Director*





HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA RECREATION COMMISSION

Affordable Wellness programs continue to be the focal point for Recreation Commission's activities during upcoming months.

Yoga Classes are held every Thursday evening at the Frankstown Township Municipal Building from 6:45 PM to 8:00 PM. For participating municipalities the fee is \$30 for seven weeks of classes. Walk in participant

fee is \$7 per session. For non-participating municipalities, the fee is \$35 for the seven week session and \$8 for walk in session. The next 7 week session begins on Thursday, October 28th.

The next Tai Chi for Beginners Class will start on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at the Frankstown

Township Municipal Building from 6:00 PM to 7:00PM.

Hoopnotica will also begin in Jan. of 2011.

Beaded Jewelry Classes are held every second Tuesday of the month at the Frankstown Township Municipal Building. Go to www.blinggemstones to see the item scheduled for that evening. For more info, call the HARC at (814) 502-9505.

PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES INCLUDE:

FRANKSTOWN TOWNSHIP,
HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH
AND
DUNCANSVILLE BOROUGH.

TOYS FOR KIDS PROGRAM SPONSORED BY POLICE

Once again, the Hollidaysburg Police Department will be kicking off the "TOYS FOR KIDS" program. This is their twenty first year!

The police continue to help to make Christmas a little brighter for area children. Donations of new toys and clothing, as well as monetary donations, may be sent to, or dropped off at, the Hollidays-

burg 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 deserving families in the Borough. Thank you again!

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



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:

- Thursday, November 11
- Thursday, November 25
- Friday, November 26
- Friday, December 24
- Monday, December 27
- Friday, December 31



RETAINING WOOD WINDOWS-A GOOD CHOICE

Historic District residents often apply to HARB to replace their historic, wood windows with vinyl ones. Likely they are enticed by advertisements selling discount windows as a quick fix to all heat loss problems. Hollidaysburg residents would do well to make a wise choice to preserve their wood windows.

Most existing wood windows were installed over 100 years ago. They were typically

sawn from local old growth hardwoods, which helps to explain their durability. They reflect the simple but elegant architectural style of turn-of-century Western Pennsylvania. Simple repairs by local craftsmen (HARB maintains a list) can make original wood windows weather tight and operational, often at lower cost than vinyl replacements.

By comparison, vinyl windows are much less durable and are not historically appropriate.

Vinyl windows do not replicate the unique characteristics of a window such as three dimensional muntins and wavy glass. Additionally, and perhaps more important to the average homeowner, most replacement windows will not save their installation cost in heating bills over the expected life of the window. In general, repair is not only more appropriate in a preservation context; it is less expensive in the long run.

Studies across the nation, including one here in Hollidaysburg, have also shown that properties in our nation's Historic Districts command prices ranging 5-35% higher than non-historic residential areas. It is indeed a good idea to retain our architectural heritage, both for its beauty as well as for sound financial reasons.

This article is written by members of Historic Preservation Commission.

HOLLIDAYSBURG COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT

The Hollidaysburg Community Band will present a **“WINTERFEST” Christmas Concert** on **Sunday, November 21ST at 7:00 PM** at the Hollidaysburg First United Methodist Church, located on the corner of Jones and Allegheny Streets.

This concert will benefit The Zack Hinish Foundation All Ability Playground Project.

Donations will be accepted at the door.



WINTERFEST
CONCERT
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 21
7:00 PM

HOLLIDAYSBURG
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
DONATIONS TOWARD
ZACK HINISH
FOUNDATION AT THE
DOOR

**THE CANAL
BASIN PARK
VISITORS
CENTER IS
CLOSED FOR
THE SEASON
AND WILL
REOPEN IN
APRIL.**

BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

Borough Council 7 PM

Nov. 18 Dec. 9 Jan. 3

HARB/HPC 4:30 PM

Nov. 4 Dec. 2

Water Authority 5:15 PM

Nov. 16 Dec. 21

Shade Tree Commission 3 PM

Nov. 8

Sewer Authority 5:30 PM

Nov. 1 Dec. 6

Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council 2:00 PM

Jan. 26

Planning Commission 4:30 PM

Nov. 2 Dec. 7



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





WINTERFEST 2010 COMES TO TOWN!

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE HOLLIDAYSBURG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, 696-0544.

MAKING IT MERRY!

This year's Winterfest Parade will take place at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 21 through the streets of Historic Hollidaysburg, sponsored by the McLanahan Corporation. Watch as area marching bands, fire companies, twirlers, holiday-themed floats, scout troops and Santa and Mrs. Claus promenade through the streets of Hollidaysburg.

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, Nov. 26 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. Activities include the lighting of the tree and the Chimney Rocks Star. Master of Ceremonies is Joe Murgo, the Weatherman! Soup Sampling tickets are just \$5.00 to try ten soups and a chance to

vote. Get tickets in advance at Copy Rite on Allegheny St., or at the Municipal Building, 2nd floor. Free entertainment from the Hollidaysburg Alumni Community Brass Ensemble & Chorus and the Tiger Paws Dance Team, and ice carvings by Tim Klock.

Other activities include: cookie decorating, Magician Richard Mangiarne, a petting zoo, holiday crafts, and visits with Santa!

www.hollidaysburg.org

ALUMNI COMMUNITY CHORUS ANNOUNCES CONCERT

The Hollidaysburg Alumni Community Chorus will present **Joyous News: Sing Nowell!** on these dates and times:

Saturday, December 4 at 7:00 PM, and Sunday, December 5 at 2:00 PM.

The location of both performances is the Senior High School Auditorium. The chorus directed by 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.

For more information, 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, Inc. on **Friday, December 3, 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 **Intermunicipal Relations Committee (IRC)** is a Council of Governments (COG) consisting of Altoona, Logan Township, Tyrone Borough and Hollidaysburg Borough. The IRC Office is located at the Logan Township Municipal Complex, 100 Chief Logan Circle, Altoona. The IRC oversees recycling and related programs in these municipalities. Their hope is to better educate residents on the importance of recycling and composting. They wish to aid in the proper disposal of recycling materials. The Executive Director of the IRC is John Frederick. Katrina Pope is the Education & Enforcement Coordinator.

www.ircenvironment.org



**HOLLIDAYSBURG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
PRESENTS WINTERFEST 2010**



WINTERFEST PARADE—sponsored by McLanahan Corporation

through the streets of Historic Hollidaysburg!

Sunday, November 21, 2:00 pm

Master of Ceremonies Charlotte Ames

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 26, 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

TREE LIGHTING ~ 7:00 pm

Master of Ceremonies: Joe Murgo, the Weatherman!

Free Entertainment by the Hollidaysburg Alumni/Community Brass Ensemble &

Chorus, Tiger Paws Dance Team, and Ice Carving Demonstrations by

Tim Klock

17th Annual 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

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Hollidaysburg Borough

A NEWSLETTER FOR
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RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

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Hollidaysburg PA 16648

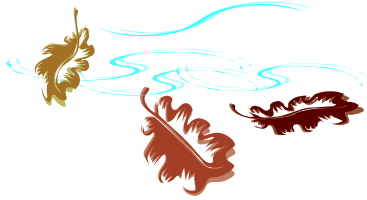
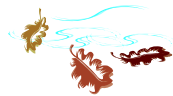
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Pre-Treatment Coordinator &
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