



A Newsletter for Hollidaysburg's Residents & Friends

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## Volunteers Needed For Broad Street Advisory Committee

Design of the Broad Street Streetscape project is currently underway! An important part of the design process is to obtain input from area property owners and residents for the project.

The Borough is currently seeking ten volunteers to serve on the Broad Street Citizens Advisory Committee who either own property on Broad Street or who have resided on Broad Street for more than a year.

Persons who volunteer for the committee will be required to attend approximately five meetings throughout the design stage of the project, which is expected to last through the spring of 2008.

Meetings will most likely take place during evening hours. If you are interested in volunteering for the Citizens Advisory Committee, or would like more information on the design process, please contact Ethan Imhoff at 695-3880.



**If you are interested in becoming a member of the Broad Street Advisory**

**Committee,**

**call Ethan Imhoff at**

**695-3880**

**TODAY!**



## Borough Hires New Manager

On July 23, 2007, John Little took over as Manager for the Borough of Hollidaysburg.

**Welcome, John!**

Ann Andrews, the Borough Secretary, had served as Interim Borough Manager since April.

Mr. Little is a longtime resident of the Borough and looks forward to working in his new capacity as Manager.



Borough Manager John Little.



# Halloween Parade & Trick or Treat Night

*Trick or Treat Night takes place on Thursday, October 25 from 6 to 8 P.M.*

The Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company has announced that their 68th annual Halloween Parade will be held on **Saturday, October 27, 2007.**

Parade formation will begin at 4:00 P.M., with the parade marching at 6:00 P.M. Line up starts at the Holidaysburg Junior High School. The parade will move onto N. Montgomery Street, to Garber Street, to N. Juniata Street, to Allegheny Street, to Union Street, finishing on Mulberry Street. The parade will disband at the Fire Station on Wayne Street.

Light refreshments will be served at

the station after the parade. Prizes will be awarded for costumes in the funniest, ugliest, best appearing, next-best appearing, and scariest categories. One award will be made in the amount of \$25 in each category.

Floats will be judged as First Place, fire prevention, Second Place, any category, Third Place, club or merchants. Prizes are \$60, \$50, and \$40, respectively.

Mayor Dodson has announced that Trick or Treat Night will be **Thursday, October 25 beginning at 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.** Please light your entrance area so that the “trick

or treaters” will know that they are welcome.

Costumes should be light colored, comfortable clothing. Carry a flashlight and accompany little goblins as they go door to door. Be sure that masks allow adequate vision and check all treats before allowing children to partake.

As always, the Borough Police, Auxiliary Police, and the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department will be out watching the streets.

**Happy haunting!**

## Borough Meetings Schedule



*All meetings are held in Council Chambers.*

### Borough Council 7:00 P.M.

Sept. 13 Sept. 27 (if needed) Oct. 11  
Nov. 8

### HARB/HPC 4:30 P.M.

Sept. 20 Oct. 4 Oct. 18

### Planning Commission 4:30 PM

Oct. 2 Nov. 6 Dec. 4

### Borough Authority 5:15 P.M.

Sept. 18 Oct. 16 Nov. 20

### Sewer Authority 5:30 P.M.

Sept. 17 Nov. 5

### Shade Tree Commission 3:00 P.M.

Sept. 11 Nov. 13

### Arts Council 4:30 P.M.

Sept. 26

**Find meeting agendas at  
[www.holidaysburgpa.org](http://www.holidaysburgpa.org)**

**All meetings are open to the Public.**

## Gateway Garden Fall News

*Volunteers will meet on Saturday, October 13.*

Fall is fast approaching and it is time once again for volunteers to help out with the Gateway Garden, located on old Route 22 near The Dream Restaurant.

At 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 13, 2007, volunteers will meet at the garden to prepare the ground

for winter. All volunteers are welcomed.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rick Pope at 934-4032, or be at the garden on October 13 at 9:00 A.M.

Thanks!



# Join the Hollidaysburg Haul



## A 5K Race

The Annual Hollidaysburg Haul 5K Race through the streets of the Borough will be held on **Saturday, September 22** at 9:00 A.M.

The race begins and ends on the Diamond. There will be FREE Childcare by the Nest Egg during the 5K for the children of pre-registered racers. Again this year there will be a FREE Fun Run for children on Allegheny Street. The Fun Run starts at 9:45 A.M. and all participants will get a Special Award Ribbon.

Registration forms are available in the Hollidaysburg Community Part-

nership Office on Bird Cage Walk and in the Community Development Office at the Municipal Building and at local businesses that have a sign in the window. They are also available at [www.hollidaysburgpa.org](http://www.hollidaysburgpa.org). You may register for the **free** Kids Fun Run and the free childcare on this form as well.

Thanks to the generosity of many merchants in Hollidaysburg, "goody bags", trophies, various prizes and a \$100 cash prize to record breakers will be awarded. Records: men's: 16:47, women's: 19:22.

Don't hesitate to sign up today. Race Day Registration is \$17 per individual

and is \$15 per each person in a family (2 to 4 entrants). Each registered racer will receive a long sleeved commemorative t-shirt.

*Kids line up for the Kids Fun Run in 2006.*



## Thanks to the Discovery Garden Volunteers!

The Discovery Garden looks beautiful once again this year.

Thank you to all the very dedicated volunteers who donate their time and efforts to the garden! Your time spent watering, weeding and tending so caringly to all the plants is very much appreciated by the entire community.

Anyone who may be interested in

becoming a Discovery Garden Volunteer is asked to please contact the Borough Offices at 695-7543.

Watch for notice of the free Spring Gardening Classes to be offered next year in the February issue of *The Town Crier*.

Stop by the garden and enjoy it today!



## FREE Information Available for Porch Restoration

Many Borough homes, especially those in the Historic District, have wood porches. Owners of such homes may be interested to know that a new document is available at the Borough Historic Preservation Office that provides information on the preservation and repair of wood porches. The document is entitled,

"45 Preservation Briefs, Preserving Historic Wood Porches", and is authored by the National Park Service Office of Heritage Preservation Services.

The document, which is available free of charge, provides detailed preservation and repair methods for

porches that have been damaged by water infiltration, wood rot or neglect. If you are interested in viewing this document please visit the Historic Preservation Office in the Municipal Building or call the Historic Preservation Office at 695-3880.



# A Message From Mayor Dodson



I would like to remind all residents of the borough that with school back in session, we need to be extremely cautious of the safety of our students. With this in mind, I would like to wish all students a safe and studious 2007-2008 school year.

A reminder to all pet owners. When walking your pet, please be neat and clean up after your pet. Let's keep our neighborhood neat and tidy and abide by the Borough Ordinance.

To the residents of Murphy Street, we are working on the speeding problem and we hope to have it resolved within the month.

The Hollidaysburg Police Communications Department, to be effective September 10th, will change the time of operations. Communications will be in service from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm instead of 6:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Please support our local library, YMCA and the Phoenix Fire Department. Please continue to pray for our men and women of the armed forces. Last but not least, please support our local borough businesses.

**Mayor Joe says: No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.**



Left to right: Mayor Joseph Dodson, Ann Andrews, Borough Secretary, and Borough Manager John Little at the Tour de Toona Race in July. The race started and ended on Allegheny Street.

## Fall Leaf Pickup Schedule 2007



Leaf pickup will take place each week on Mondays and Tuesdays beginning Oct. 1 and 2 and run through Dec. 3 and 4.

Reminders are as follows:

Leaves **must be** bagged in biodegradable leaf bags and placed curbside by 7 A.M. of the day of pickup. **No alley pickups** except in Holliday Hills.

Twigs, 3 inches and less in diameter, **must be bundled and tied. (No wire.)**

Pickup to the **EAST** of Penn Street, including the east side of Penn Street, in the Borough will be **on Mondays**.

Pickup to the **WEST** of Penn Street, Gaysport, and Holliday Hills, in the Borough will be **on Tuesdays**.

No need to call to schedule pickup. Bags that contain recyclables or bags that are taped or stapled **will not be picked up** (simply fold the top of the bag over).

If items are missed, pickup will occur the next week.

**Autumn Begins September 23.**



## Daylight Saving Time Ends In November

Daylight Saving Time will end and Standard Time will begin on Sunday, November 4.

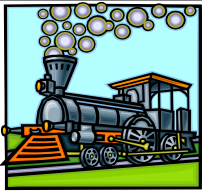
Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, November 3.

In past years Daylight Saving Time began in April and then ended in

October. This year is a longer period of time. Daylight Saving Time is in effect from March 11 to November 4.



The Shade Tree Members remind residents that they need to get a **permit** from the Commission before trimming a street tree!  
**A street tree grows in the area between the sidewalk & the curb.**



# Olde Tyme Faire & Great Train Adventure

The ever-popular Olde Tyme Faire and Great Train Adventure returns to Hollidaysburg on Saturday, October 20 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at Canal Basin Park.

Train rides will depart from the Canal Basin Park, located on Bedford Street in the Gaysport section of Hollidaysburg, at 9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M, 1:30 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. The cost per ticket is \$15 for adults, and \$7 for children. Tickets may be purchased at the Hollidaysburg Area YMCA.

Passengers aboard the Old Everett Railroad will be treated to a rousing adventure of antics and trickery

with the likes of the Laret-Wyles Gang and their comic sidekicks. Participants young and old will delight in the plot to outwit the scoundrels in their attempt to steal the jewels of the famous 19<sup>th</sup> century singer, Jenny Lind.

Visitors can take part in the excitement and celebration of a nineteenth century gathering at the Olde Tyme Faire, held in conjunction with the Great Train Adventure. The grounds of the Canal Basin Park will be filled with the sights and sounds of yesteryear featuring costumed performers, Civil War camp reenactments, historical artifacts and demonstrations, por-

trait painting, patriotic music, entertainment, and a tempting array of good old-fashioned food and desserts. Professor Flapdoodle will return with his ever-popular and expanded Hall of Curiosities.

The Faire is free and open to the public. Free parking will be available at the YMCA, Canal Basin Park, and the Blair County Parking Garage. Ride the free shuttle service to and from Allegheny Street, the YMCA and the Park.



## Pumpkins For Everyone!



Bring your family and friends to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hollidaysburg Pumpkin Festival on Allegheny Street. This year's festival will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am until 4pm. The focus of the Pumpkin Festival is to unite area non-profit civic, social and church groups to provide pumpkin themed activities, crafts, food and

fun for the community while raising funds for their group. Live musical entertainment, demonstrations and contests will be featured free of charge throughout the day.

If you are a member of a non-profit group and would like details on reserving a space for a booth, please contact the Hollidaysburg

Community Partnership at 696-0544.

**BRING THE FAMILY FOR SOME OLD FASHIONED PUMPKIN FUN, FOOD AND FESTIVITIES!**



## Phoenix Fire Company Will Hold Barbecue

The Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company will sell Barbecue Chicken and Clem's Famous Barbecue Ribs once again!

The sale will take place on Sunday, September 30th from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Each meal includes a half of a chicken, one quarter rack of ribs, two side dishes, and a roll. Tickets are just \$9.00 and you may purchase them from any member, or by calling the Station House at 695-0521. Pre-ordering is suggested, but is not mandatory.

Dinners will be available at the Station House at 206 Wayne Street.

Please take this opportunity to dine out and to help your local fire company at the same time.

[www.phoenixvfd.com](http://www.phoenixvfd.com)

# Historic District Highlighted at PHMC Workshop

Hollidaysburg Planning Commissioner Pat Baechle and Director of Community Development Ethan Imhoff were recently invited by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) to participate in a historic preservation workshop hosted to benefit the Borough of Scottsdale in Westmoreland County. The Borough of Scottsdale is in the early stages of creating their own historic district, and PHMC, through a municipal assistance program, sought assistance for the workshop from communities like Hollidaysburg that have an established and successful historic district.

In their presentation, PHMC officials stressed the positive impact a historic district has on property values. Michel Lefevre, PHMC preservation specialist, cited a study performed in the Hollidaysburg Historic District which concluded that homes within the Historic District appreciate faster than those outside the Historic District. In his presentation, Mr. Baechle shared with participants his experiences both operating a business and living in the Hollidaysburg Historic District.

Following the presentations at the historic Geyer Theater in Scottsdale, Mr. Imhoff led participants on a downtown walking tour, at which

Right: Pat Baechle speaking in Scottsdale.



time he discussed grant programs and potential funding sources with municipal officials and business owners that have been successful in Hollidaysburg. Mr. Imhoff commented on the success of the event, "This event was beneficial for Scottsdale, but also gave us an opportunity to highlight successes in Hollidaysburg. Historic preservation is one of the most powerful tools for economic development, and it is exciting to see other communities embrace it."



## Winterfest 2007 "A Hollidaysburg Tradition"

The Hollidaysburg Winterfest Committee is looking for volunteers to help with our annual holiday festivities.

Winterfest activities begin in early November with the trimming of the town and the Diamond's 30 foot holiday tree. The Winterfest Parade follows on November 18<sup>th</sup> with festivities culmi-

nating on November 23<sup>rd</sup> with Light Up Night. Light Up Night features live musical entertainment; the lighting of the town, tree and Chimney Rocks star; Santa's Soup Sampling Contest and Santa Land Activities for children.

Many of these events have been part of our community for over 20

years! Please help us continue these wonderful Hollidaysburg traditions by calling the Hollidaysburg Community Partnership 696-0544 or the Borough of Hollidaysburg 695-7543 and finding out how you or your group/business can help.



## Burning Regulations

*Ordinance No. 812 regulates burning.*

Ordinance No. 812 allows for outdoor burning on **one** day a week. Outdoor burning is **only** permitted on **SATURDAYS from 7:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.** The fire should be out by 11:00 A.M.

Additionally, an **Open Burning Permit** must be obtained by per-

sons burning debris from the clearing and/or grubbing of brush on undeveloped land.

The cost of the permit is twenty-five dollars and can be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Office. If you should have any questions concerning this ordinance, please con-

tact Ethan Imhoff in the Planning and Zoning Office at 695-3880.

**Were you aware?**

The operation of power equipment, including lawn mowers, is **prohibited** during the hours of 9:30 P.M. on **Saturdays** until 10:00 A.M. on **Sundays**.

# A Message From the Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council

The Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council would like to thank all the performers and our audiences for their participation.

Everyone enjoyed our first August concert series using the new Anne S. Borland Performing Arts Pavilion at Canal Basin Park.

We would also like to thank the First United Methodist Church of Hollidaysburg for providing our rain location.

Special thanks go to our sponsors, the Borough of Hollidaysburg, the Wolf-Kuhn Foundation, and the McLanahan Corporation without

which our concerts would not have been possible.

Our next upcoming event at Canal Basin Park is the Olde Tyme Faire on Saturday, October 20th. We will be providing arts activities for children during the Faire, from 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. For more information, call Cindy at 693-1054.

The Arts Council meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 4:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 2nd Floor, in Conference Room B. The Public is welcome!



The audience enjoys a *Steel Impressions* concert at the Anne S. Borland Performing Arts Pavilion at the Canal Basin Park.

## Police Department Reminders

The Hollidaysburg Police Department, keeping public safety in mind, reminds all residents and visitors to the Borough to keep vehicles locked at all times. This simple precaution will deter theft.

Another reminder is that all trailers are to be removed from public streets of the Borough effective **November 1, 2007**. This restriction is

to allow the efficient removal of snow by the Borough crews.

**No campers, motor homes, or construction carts should be parked on the roadways as of November 1st.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this order, please direct them to the Police Department.



**KEEP VEHICLES LOCKED  
AND TAKE THE KEYS!**



## Neighborhood Watch Meeting Schedule

The Hollidaysburg Neighborhood Watch group meets on a regular basis at the Hollidaysburg Municipal Building. Participants join with other concerned residents to discuss local crime issues and to speak directly with the Hollidaysburg police.

The group meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Meeting dates are as follows for the remainder of 2007:

- September 18
- October 16

In November a County-Wide Meeting will be held at Blair Senior Services at 6 P.M. with a date to be announced. For more information, please call Maureen Adams, Blair Senior Services, 946-1235.

Check [www.hollidaysburgpa.org](http://www.hollidaysburgpa.org) for meeting updates and cancellations.