

# THE TOWN CRIER

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*Spring Ahead!*

## WATER AND SEWER RATES INCREASE THIS YEAR

As some customers became aware late last year, the Borough of Hollidaysburg Sewer and Borough (Water) Authorities are under state-mandated directives to make improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Muleshoe Dam.

The construction costs for these two projects are in excess of 15 million dollars. The Authorities will undertake a series of bond issues to underwrite the majority of the construction costs. Customers were alerted last year that there would be a significant increase in the

water and sewer rates in order to pay for the bond Issue.

As of this date, the Authorities have successfully applied for grants to help offset some of the rate increase.

The Hollidaysburg Borough Authority raised the water rates for 2012 from **\$5.50/1000 gallons to \$7.00/1000 gallons.**

The Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority raised the sewer rates from **\$7.95/1000 gallons to \$9.95/1000 gallons.**

For example, a customer who uses 3000 gallons of water each month will now pay **\$80.85** for water and sewer usage, including the monthly service charges of \$15.00 per water/sewer account. This is an increase of **\$10.50** from last year's rate.

If you have any questions or further concerns regarding this rate increase, please do not hesitate to contact the Water and Sewer Billing Department at 696-0623.



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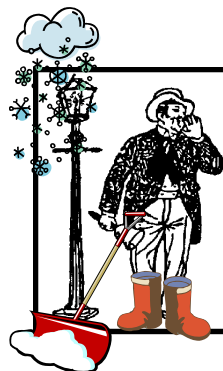
## SIDEWALK SHOVELING

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.





*The Discovery Garden is located at Legion Park and is handicapped accessible.*

*Visit the garden and enjoy its beauty and inspiration!*



## DISCOVERY GARDEN FREE CLASSES ANNOUNCED



Sign up to become a Discovery Garden Volunteer and take free gardening classes.

The FREE program provides garden instruction classes to interested persons. Tom Ford, Area Commercial Horticulture Educator with the Penn State Extension, will present the series. Topics include: perennial care and culture; landscape management; soil preparation and conditioning; insect and disease management; and more.

A certificate of completion will be awarded at the end of the course. Participants will be required to donate just 18 hours of time from May through October as Discovery Garden Volunteers.

Classes are 9:00 AM until Noon in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. All the classes are in Council Chambers, except the last class, which will be at the Discovery Garden.

Dates of the classes are as follows :

**Thursday, April 5**

**Thursday, April 12**

**Thursday, April 19**

**Thursday, April 26**

To register, you may call Patti Duron at the Offices of the Borough of Hollidaysburg at 695-7543, extension 308.

Find more information at [www.hollidaysburgpa.org](http://www.hollidaysburgpa.org)



Pat Gildea, Arts Council Member, displays a floor cloth.

## ARTS COUNCIL 2012 NEWS

As the Arts Council looks forward to a 2012 filled with activities; members are planning events and programs for the residents of Hollidaysburg. Student art camps ages (6-14) will be held the second and third week of June. Advance registration is required. Dates, details, and registration information will be available on the Borough's website, [hollidaysburgpa.org](http://hollidaysburgpa.org).

Mark your calendar for the Arts Council concerts in May and August at Canal Basin Park. Look for concerts by Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School Strings, the United States Navy Concert Band, and the Altoona Symphony Orchestra! These concerts promise a time of good music and fun. Thanks to the volunteers and community who have continued to

make the Arts Council successful. Recently, the Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council was inducted into the Blair County Arts Hall of Fame. The Arts Council was recognized for its art programs since 1998. In the near future; a display of the award will be placed in the lobby of the Municipal Building.

## BLAIR COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PUBLIC MEETING

The Blair County Hazard Mitigation Committee has scheduled **public meetings** for citizens' input. The schedule is as follows:

- \* Wednesday, April 18th 10 AM at Blair County EOC/911 Center, 615 4th St., Altoona
- \* Wednesday, July 18th 10 AM at Blair County

EOC/911 Center, 615 4th St., Altoona

- \* Wednesday, October 17th 10 AM at Blair County EOC/911 Center, 615 4th St., Altoona

For more information, you may contact Stephen A. Michelone, Jr. or Dan Boyles at the Blair County Emergency Management Center, by phone at 940-5901.



**Meetings are open to the PUBLIC and your input is requested!**



## SPRING PICKUP TO BEGIN IN APRIL IN BOROUGH

The Borough will begin brush pickup this year in **April**. Pickup will begin on **Monday, April 9, 2012** and continue **EACH WEEK** through **Tuesday, May 15, 2012**.

Throughout that time, Borough workers will pick up and haul away compostable waste such as: dead leaves, dead plant material, tree and brush trimmings and branches up to 3" in diameter and 6' in length. Brush and branches must be bundled with string

or twine. Please do not use wire to bundle.

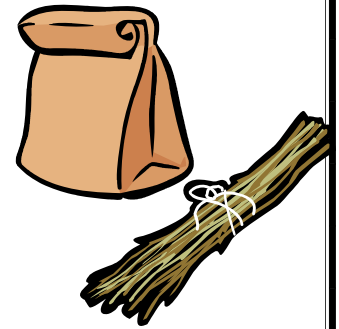
Items that will not be picked up are: stone, garbage, gravel, dirt, junk, and appliances.

Borough crews will pick up all brush and bags on the **East** side of **Penn Street** every **Monday** and items will be picked up on the **West** side of **Penn Street** every **Tuesday**.

If your items were not set out

in time or they were missed, they will be picked up the **FOLLOWING WEEK**. Items must be placed curbside by 7:00AM, and the only alley pickups will be at **Sweet Cherry Court** in Holliday Hills.

For the rest of the summer the pickups will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays of the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> week of each month. **BELOW IS A LIST OF THE DATES FOR SUMMER PICKUP:**



## SUMMER BRUSH PICKUP SCHEDULE

MONTH	WEEK #2		WEEK #4	
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<b>JUNE</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
<b>JULY</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>AUGUST</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>

## NEW LOOK FOR WATER/SEWER BILLS

The Hollidaysburg Borough (water) and Sewer Authorities announce that customers will receive a new style of water and sewer bills in the next billing cycle.

The new bill is not a post card type bill. It is a perforated mailer that will unfold to reveal the billing portion on the inside.

REGULAR monthly bills will be a white background printed in **BLUE**. The outside

of the mailer will read: **UTILITY BILL ENCLOSED** in blue.

**PAST DUE NOTICES** will be a white background printed in **RED** and will read: **PAST DUE NOTICE** at the top of the bill. The outside of the mailer will read: **IMPORTANT NOTICE ENCLOSED** in red.

With this change in the look of your water/sewer bill there will be a change in

billing procedures.

The **RED PAST DUE NOTICE** bill is the **ONLY MAILED NOTICE** that a customer with a delinquent account will receive prior to actual **SHUT OFF**.

Go to [www.hollidaysburgpa.org](http://www.hollidaysburgpa.org) to view the new bills.

[Monthly Bill](#)

[Past Due Notice](#)

If you have any questions about this new bill and/or the new billing procedures, please call 696-0623 for the Water and Sewer Billing Department.





**Mayor says:**

*He who has great powers should use it lightly.*



# NEWS FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

The Hollidaysburg Police Department has been awarded, for the sixth consecutive year, the AAA Community Traffic Safety Gold Award.

The 2011 AAA Community Traffic Safety Gold Award is presented for the department's success and dedication to traffic safety initiatives and its positive impact on our citizens.

Congratulations to our Police

Department for another year of a job well done!

The "Toys for Kids" program was another great success for 2011. Thank you to all who contributed to this program.

As always, please support our library, the YMCA, the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department, and all the borough businesses. Please continue to pray for our military.



## BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

**Borough Council 7 PM**

Feb. 9 March 8 April 12

**Water Authority 5:15 PM**

Feb. 21 March 20 April 17

**Sewer Authority 5:30 PM**

Feb. 6 March 5 April 2

**Planning Commission 4:30 PM**

Feb. 7

**HARB/HPC 4:30 PM**

**Shade Tree Commission 3 PM**

March 12 April 9 April 27

**Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council 2PM**

Feb. 22 March 28 April 25

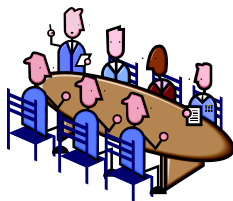
*All meetings are open to the public.*

Borough Meetings are held in Council Chambers.



**The Arts Council** Meetings are held in the Municipal Building, Conference Room B, second floor.

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



Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday, March 11th at 2 AM.



Remember to turn your clock ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 10!

## SLEDDING REMINDERS

To accommodate the popular wintertime activity of sledding, during times of significant snowfall, Spruce Street will be closed between Bella & Bell Streets ( the "double dips") to allow for sledding between 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!**



## HOLIDAY RECYCLING SUCCESSFUL

The Intermunicipal Relations Committee (IRC) and Concord Plastics of PA, in cooperation with the Logan Valley Mall, collected more than 15 tons of holiday packaging at their drop-off event and with the curbside collections the week after Christmas.

Borough residents were invited to separate holiday packaging and place it at the curbside to be recycled on December 28. Residents were also invited to bring

wrapping paper, all types of bags and boxes, plastic bags and film, foam packing material and peanuts to the Logan Valley Mall that week.

Over 2,000 area residents responded to that invitation with some people coming from as far away as Bedford and Loretto. "We had a fantastic turnout. Never in our wildest dreams would we have thought this year would have been such a huge success. Thanks to everyone who

participated and worked so hard to make the event a success" John Frederick, IRC Executive Director.

Residents are reminded that recycling occurs everyday at the curbside throughout the Borough and residents may pick up bins at the municipal building. The IRC will continue to host the Recycling Rewards contest beginning again this spring.

If you have questions or need additional info, please call 942-7472 or email to:

Kpope  
@ircenvironment.org



## BOROUGH COUNCIL REORGANIZES

Borough Council reorganized at its first meeting of the year on January 3, 2012.

Three new members took oaths of office this year. Representing Ward 3 is Timothy A. Beresnyak who resides at 505 Mulberry Street.

New Member Mark L. Shawley represents Ward 5. Mr. Shawley resides at 1309 Walnut Street.

The third new Council Member is Richard A. Scholton, who represents Ward 7, and resides at 4 Belair Circle.

Election of Officers was held on January 3rd with John P. Stultz, Jr. elected as President of Borough Council. Joseph A. Pompa was reelected Vice President. Harold D. Burket was elected to the position of President Pro Tempore.

Congratulations and welcome to the newest members of Borough Council!



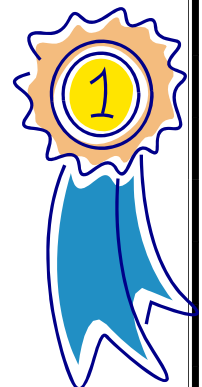
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**The Borough Offices and services will be closed on**

**Monday, February 20th, in observance of President's Day!**



This photograph shows the best prepared holiday recycling that was collected in the Borough!



# WINTERFEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Jamie says... visit [www.hollidaysburg.org](http://www.hollidaysburg.org) in February for a listing of 2012 event dates and to sign-up for the Hollidaysburg Community Partnership Newsletter!



Jamie Baser, Main Street Manager, reports that the Hollidaysburg's 2011 Winterfest Celebration took place in late November. The annual events included the Winterfest Parade, Soup Sampling Contest, Santa Land & Light-Up Night. Thank you to everyone who participated in or attended the events! Congratulations!

Parade Float Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Longer Elementary School Rockin' Recyclers

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – B&C Alterations of Downtown Hollidaysburg

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – St. John's Reformed Church

Soup Sampling Contest Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Tie! The Dream Restaurant & the U.S. Hotel

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – The Knickerbocker Tavern

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Allegheny Creamery & Crepes

Mayor's Choice – Allegheny Creamery & Crepes

The Hollidaysburg Community Partnership thanks the many committee members and volunteers for all of their help and dedication over the 2011 year.

In addition, we would also like to thank the community for your continued support!

For information about the Hollidaysburg Community Partnership, or to become a member or sponsor, please contact Main Street Manager Jamie Baser at 814-696-0544 or email [partnership@hollidaysburg.org](mailto:partnership@hollidaysburg.org).



Photo: Hollidaysburg's Percussion Phenomenon "KANIT" performs for a packed crowd at Light-Up Night on the Diamond in Downtown Hollidaysburg, November 2011.





# Volunteer Interest Form

## The Borough of Hollidaysburg

www.hollidaysburgpa.org

401 Blair Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648 814/695-7543  
 Fax 696-0636  
 TTY 696-0300

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (Home):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (Work):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Education:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Board, Commission or Volunteer Committee on which you are interested in serving**  
*(check all for which you may have an interest):*

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hollidaysburg Borough Authority ( <i>water</i> )    | <input type="checkbox"/> Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hollidaysburg Planning Commission                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Hearing Board                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shade Tree Commission                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service Commission                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Architectural Review Board ( <i>HARB</i> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation Commission ( <i>HPC</i> ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winterfest Committee                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>Please list</i> ) _____              |

Please describe any qualifications, experience and interests that you may possess that may be beneficial in your service as a board or commission member or volunteer: *(You may attaché a resume.)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date



# Hollidaysburg Borough

A NEWSLETTER FOR  
HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH  
RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

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### Borough Council

**Ward 1** Joseph A. Pompa 207  
Hickory Street, 693-1819  
1/1/2016

**Ward 2** Harold D. Burket 401  
Spruce Street, 696-3467, 1/1/2014

**Ward 3** Timothy A. Beresnyak 505  
Mulberry Street, 317-6062  
1/1/2016

**Ward 4** John P. Stultz, Jr. 1015  
Walnut Street 695-2285 1/1/2014

**Ward 5** Mark L. Shawley 1309  
Walnut Street, 695-4170, 1/1/2016

**Ward 6** Timothy M. Baranik 309  
Quince Ct., 693-6780 1/1/2014

**Ward 7** Richard A. Scholton 4  
Belair Circle, 695-2178, 1/1/2016

### Mayor

Joseph R. Dodson 522 Wayne Street  
695-4657 1/1/2014

### Tax Collector

Donna Carson, 223 Bedford St.,  
696-4684 1/1/2014

Newsletter Editor Patti Duron

Borough Staff 695-7543

Manager Mark G. Schroyer

Secretary Ann M. Andrews

Solicitor Nathan Karn

Police Chief Jeffrey J. Ketner

Assistant Chief David Gehret

Fire Marshal Robert E. Kerns

Finance Director 696-0623

Jim Gehret

Director of Community Facilities

David A. Zeek

Director of Water Department

Rick Pope

Director of Wastewater Operations

Frank R. Cassisi

Pre-Treatment Coordinator & Asst. Dir. Wastewater Operations

Frank B. Hicks, Jr.

Borough Authority

John A. Frank Richard A. Mingle  
Zenas Brehm Stuart W. Sibold  
James A. Faber Sarah Zeek  
(Recording Secretary)

### Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council Education

Marie Little Pat Gildea Jean Ofiesh

### Sewer Authority

Yoga Rajakone Regis Nale Vacancy  
Ralph T. Miller Harry B. Thompson  
Sarah Zeek (Recording Secretary)

### Zoning Hearing Board

Roy E. Cook, Jr. John C. Burger  
Joyce A. Lowe (Alternate)  
Larry Daugherty Robert P. Rea  
(Attorney) Jennifer Carr (Recording Secretary)

### Shade Tree Commission

Terry Wilt 695-3226  
David A. Zeek 934-4031  
Joel Koss 695-0174  
Patrick Plummer 695-4370  
David DeRubeis 215-360-9090

### Civil Service Commission

James R. Huff, II  
A. Paul Plummer  
Edward Plowman  
Patti Duron (Recording Secretary)

### Planning Commission

A. Paul Plummer Amy Webster Sill  
Jane Sheffield Sean Burke  
Steve Martz Patti Duron (Recording Secretary)

Ann Andrews Joseph Dodson  
James Shoemaker

### HARB

Dave Macharola Andrew Haines  
LeeAnn DeReus Jeff Decker  
Mark G. Schroyer Lindsay Sill  
Heather Heitmueller Patti Duron  
(Recording Secretary)

### HPC

Jeff Decker Lindsay Sill Robert Johnson  
Joel Koss Andrew Haines LeeAnn DeReus  
Mark G. Schroyer Jamie Baser  
Dave Macharola Sondra Kranich  
Heather Heitmueller

### IRC (Borough Reps)

Timothy M. Baranik Mark G. Schroyer

### Main Street Manager 696-0544

Jamie Baser

### IRC Executive Director 942-7472

John Frederick

### Webpage Administrator

Patti Duron