

# THE TOWN CRIER

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*Happy Valentine's Day!*

## BOROUGH CELEBRATES 175 YEARS!

This year will mark the 175th anniversary of the incorporation of the Borough of Hollidaysburg.

The celebration is planned for Wednesday, August 10th through Sunday, August 14th.

A tentative schedule of events is as follows:

**Wednesday, August 10, 2011:** Opening Ceremonies; Ecumenical Services; Hollidaysburg Alumni Community Chorus

**Thursday, August 11, 2011:** Downtown Live! (Music, food, activities.)

**Friday, August 12, 2011:** Downtown Car Display (Oldies Music, food, vendors, and entertainment.)

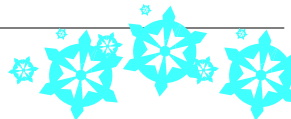
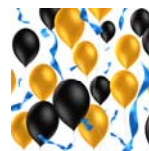
**Saturday, August 13, 2011:** Hollidaysburg Historic Walking Tour; Downtown Businesses' Sidewalk Sale; Children's Activities; Parade

**Sunday, August 14, 2011:** Opening of the Time Capsule; Closing Ceremonies; Music to follow at the Canal Basin Park

For further details about any of the tentative events

or for sponsorship information, please contact Borough Manager Mark G. Schroyer at 695-7543.

If you would like to volunteer for the planning committee for this celebration, please call the Borough Offices at 695-7543.



## WINTER REMINDERS

As winter weather continues, please be considerate of your neighbors and be sure 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 your sidewalks safe.

For sled riding purposes, 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.

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## DISCOVERY GARDEN FREE CLASSES ANNOUNCED

The FREE program provides garden instruction classes to interested persons. Blair County Extension Director Tom Ford will present the series. Topics include: perennial care and culture; landscape management; soil preparation and conditioning; insect and disease management; and more. Tom is the Commercial Horticulture Agent for Blair, Bedford, Cambria, and Somerset Counties.

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 go from 9:00 AM until Noon in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building.

Classes will run:

**Thursday, April 7**

**Thursday, April 14**

**Thursday, April 21**

**Thursday, April 28**

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

For details about the classes, go to [www.hollidaysburgpa.org](http://www.hollidaysburgpa.org) and use the link in announcements.



*Tom Ford instructing at the garden.*

### Ham & Swiss Cheese Sandwich Sale

February 25

Call:

695-0521 to place your order today!

## PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ANNOUNCES EVENTS

The Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company announces a Ham & Swiss Cheese Sandwich Sale on February 25th. You may call the station at 695-0521 to place your order.

Something new this year! Every Friday during Lent, a fish fry from 4:30 until 7 PM at the station. Call fire station or ask a member to order.

Friday, April 29th, Ham &

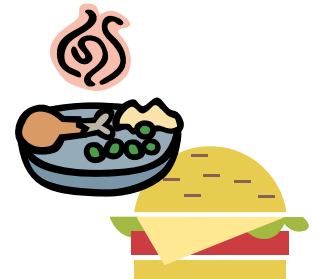
Swiss Cheese Sandwich Sale, \$2.00.

Sunday, May 1, Ribs & Chicken, 11 AM until 2 PM. \$10 a dinner.

Saturday, May 14, Cash Drawing. Details to be announced.

Sunday, June 19, Father's Day Ribs & Chicken, 11 AM until 2 PM. \$10 a dinner.

Don't miss these opportunities to help to support your local fire company!



## GATEWAY GARDEN PLANTING DATE

The Borough of Hollidaysburg needs volunteers to help to plant flowers at the Gateway garden located beside The Dream Restaurant and also the garden located at North Juniata Street and Allegheny Street.

Tools and gloves will be provided. Anyone wishing to volunteer his or her time to help to make the entrance

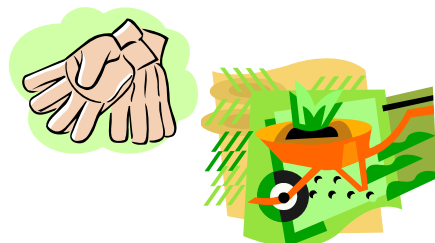
into the Borough a little more beautiful is welcome! **Bring a friend!**

Volunteers will meet to plant flowers at the garden near The Dream on **Saturday, May 14, 2011 at 9 AM.** Work should be completed by noontime.

If you have any questions, please contact Rick Pope at 934-4032 or you may email

him at [rpope@hollidaysburgpa.org](mailto:rpope@hollidaysburgpa.org).

**Thanks!**



## SPRING PICKUP TO BEGIN IN APRIL IN BOROUGH

The Borough will begin brush pickup in April this year. Items will be picked up **EACH WEEK EVERY MONTH. Pickup begins on Monday, April 11, 2011 and continues through Tuesday, May 17, 2011.** Throughout that time, Borough workers will pick up and haul away all compostable waste such as: dead leaves, dead plant material, tree and brush trimmings and branches up to 3" in di-

ameter and 6' in length. **Bagged items:** Leaves, grass, and twigs can be bagged. Bags are to be paper for recycling (no plastic bags). Bags should be filled no more than 2/3 full. **Bags** should not weigh more than 50 lbs. Do not tape or staple bags. **Bundled items:** Brush and twigs may be bundled. Bundles **must** be tied with twine (no wire). **Bundles** should weigh no more than 50 lbs. Items not bagged or bundled

according to these standards will not be picked up. Please do not use wire to bundle.

Workers will not pick up: stone, garbage, gravel, dirt, junk, and appliances. Borough crews will pick up all brush and bags on the **East side of Penn Street on Monday** and items will be picked up on the **West side of Penn Street on Tuesday.**

If your items were not set out in time or they were

missed, they will be picked up the **next scheduled week.** Items **must** be set out to the curb by 7 AM.

The only ALLEY pickups will be **Sweet Cherry Court** in Holliday Hills.

Please be reminded that Pennsylvania State Law prohibits the burning of yard waste.

## STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

	Week #1	Week #2	Week #3	Week #4
April	4th-8th	11th-15th	18th-21st	25th-29th
May	2nd-4th	9th-11th	16th-18th	23rd-25th
July	5th-7th	11th-13th	18th -20th	25th-27th
September	6th-8th	12th-14th	19th-21st	26th-28th

Area maps are available at the Municipal Building and on [www.hollidaysburgpa.org](http://www.hollidaysburgpa.org).

## SUMMER BRUSH PICKUP SCHEDULE

MONTH	Week 2	Week 2
June	13	14
July	11	12
August	8	9
September	12	13
MONTH	Week 4	Week 4
June	27	28
July	25	26
August	22	23
September	26	27



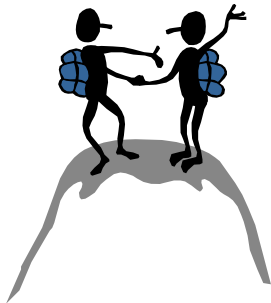
Summer pickup will take place on the Mondays and Tuesdays of the second and fourth week of each month. Please keep this schedule for reference.





Mayor says:

“A man can fail many times, but he isn’t a failure until he gives up.”



## NEWS FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

On November 17, 2010 Katherine (Kasey) Prokop was presented the Citizen of the Year Award. This is an annual award that is presented for his/her outstanding service to the Borough. This is the Borough’s fourth year of presenting this award.

Congratulations to Katherine (Kasey).

The Mayor says a big “thank you” to the Phoenix Volunteer Company, Hollidaysburg

Police Department and the Hollidaysburg Ambulance for a tremendous job they render to the citizens of the borough and surrounding areas.

Mayor Dodson reminds everyone to please support the fire department, library, the YMCA and to patronize the Borough businesses. As always, pray for the dedicated and courageous men and women of the armed forces. May the 2011 New Year be healthy and prosperous for each and everyone!



Mayor Dodson and Kasey.

## BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

**Borough Council 7 PM**

Feb. 10 March 10 April 14

**Water Authority 5:15 PM**

Feb. 15 March 15

**Sewer Authority 5:30 PM**

March 7 April 4

**Planning Commission 4:30 PM**

Feb. 2 March 2 April 6

**HARB/HPC 4:30 PM**

Feb. 3 March 3 April 7 April 21

**Shade Tree Commission 3 PM**

March 14 April 11

**Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council 2PM**

Feb. 23 March 23 April 27

*All meetings are open to the public.*

Borough Meetings are held in Council Chambers.

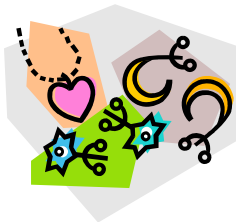
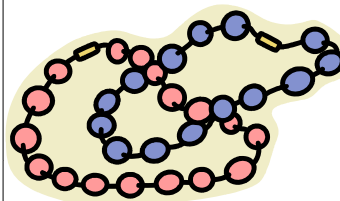
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**The Arts Council**

Meetings are held in the Municipal Building, Conference Room B, second floor.

Find borough meeting agendas at

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



## RECREATION COMMISSION EVENTS

*Serving Frankstown Township and Hollidaysburg Borough.*

Hollidaysburg Area Recreation will continue its **Yoga Program** until the end of March. Walk -in sessions are available for \$7 for participating municipalities; all others;\$8 per session. Sessions are held at Frankstown Municipal Building.

Beaded Jewelry classes are held the second Tuesday of the month beginning at 6:30 PM at the Frankstown Municipal Building. Pre registration is requested. Fee is \$30 for participating municipalities and \$35 for all others.

Colored Pencil Techniques Art Class will be held at CW Longer Elementary School for

4 weeks starting late February. Children in grades 3 through 8 are invited to attend. Dates to be announced.

For more information call 502-9505.

## HOME REMODELING PROJECTS

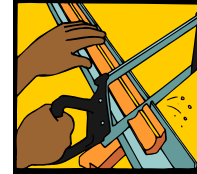
While many residents aren't thinking about home remodeling projects during frigid winter weather, now is the best time to plan for projects that will take place in the warmer months ahead.

Some residents are surprised to learn their project requires a permit under both State or Borough construction and zoning codes. The permitting process can add a few weeks to the project timeline, which is why the Building Code De-

partment encourages residents who are planning projects for later on in the year to do a little background work now.

A little planning ahead goes a long way towards ensuring the timely progress of construction and remodeling projects once warmer weather arrives. It takes much less time than if a project is discovered to be proceeding without a permit.

The Building Code Department is available to answer any questions about construction codes and permits Monday through Friday, 8 AM until 4 PM, in person at the Municipal Building, or by phone at 695-3880.



## WINTERFEST SOUP SAMPLING WINNERS

The 2010 Soup Sampling Contest was held on November 27th as part of the annual Winterfest.

Nine participants entered their soups to compete in four categories for places of honor in the Winterfest Soup Sampling Hall of Fame!

Soup sippers got to vote for their favorites as well as Mayor Joseph Dodson, who

had the privilege of choosing his personal favorite for the honor of the Mayor's Choice.

Three places were chosen as follows:

First Place: Knickerbocker Tavern: Baked Potato Chive with Bacon

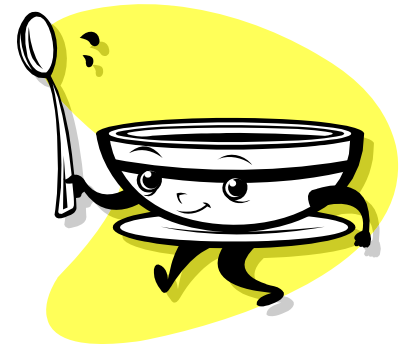
Second Place: Raphael's Restaurant: Butter Nut Squash

Third Place: Black Dog Coffee & Catering: Chicken Noodle with Mashed Potatoes

Mayor's Choice: Black Dog

Mmmm, mmmm good!

A big congratulations to the winners!



## ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION ANNOUNCED

Arbor Day will be celebrated by the Borough Shade Tree Commission on **Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.**

This year's ceremony and award presentation will take place on the 500 block of Allegheny Street, where the Shade Tree Commission and community volunteers will plant four new trees. Mayor Joe Dodson will begin the

ceremony by proclaiming April 29<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day in the Borough.

Following the proclamation, Mark Masur, from the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry, will present the Shade Tree Commission with the Tree City USA Award.

This will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year the Borough is honored with this award. Resi-

dents are encouraged to attend the Arbor Day ceremony and assist the Shade Tree Commission with the Arbor Day tree plantings.

For more information call 695-3880.





**IF YOU WOULD  
LIKE TO  
VOLUNTEER FOR**

**THE  
TREEVITALIZE  
EVENT,**

**CALL  
695-3880.**

## TREEVITALIZE EVENT SCHEDULED

TreeVitalize, a community tree planting event sponsored by the Borough Shade Tree Commission and the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, is seeking volunteers on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

This year's project will take place along the 900 and 1000 blocks of Holliday Hills Drive, where fifteen trees will be planted. Planting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and take approximately two hours.

There is no minimum time commitment, and work is suitable for all ages and abilities. No previous experience is required to participate. Gloves, along with all other materials and equipment will be provided.

The TreeVitalize program planted 20 trees in 2010. Nine trees were planted at the Hometown Market, and eleven trees were planted along North Juniata Street near Legion Park.

The Shade Tree Commission wishes to thank all 2010 TreeVitalize volunteers, and hopes to see you May 7<sup>th</sup>!

If you are interested in participating, please call Director of Community Development Ethan Imhoff at 695-3880.



## FIRE MARSHAL BOB KERNS HONORED RECENTLY



**CONGRATULATIONS,  
BOB!**

Bob Kerns, Hollidaysburg Borough Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Director, was awarded the William Philips Memorial Fire Safety Education Award from the Firemen's Association of the State of Pennsylvania.

Bob has been with the fire company since 1959 when he joined as a teenager.

Bob was nominated for this award due to his work in fire prevention. John Bem, past president of the Central District Volunteer Firemen's Association and a South Central director of the state association, nominated Bob for the award. "He is a pioneer in that particular area," John said of Bob.

Bob's work is important to him as he travels to schools and nursing homes in Hollidaysburg to give educational presentations.

At this time, Bob is pleased that all the years of service that the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department has given to the schools and senior citizens has been recognized in this award.

## WINTERFEST PARADE FLOAT WINNERS

The annual Winterfest Parade took place on Sunday, November 21, 2010.

Many came out that day to participate in and to watch the parade! Thanks to the judges who had a tough time choosing the winners with all the great floats that were entered!

The winners of the float con-

test are as follows:

First Place: American Rescue Workers

Second Place: St. John's Reformed Church

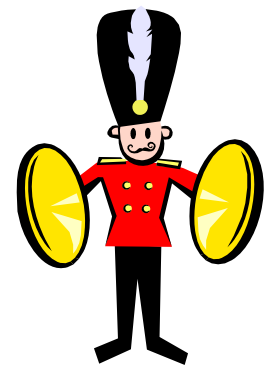
Third Place: Altoona Horseshoe Chorus

And...last but not least:

Honorable Mention:

Hollidaysburg Historic Preservation Commission

**Jamie Baser, Main Street Manager and the Borough of Hollidaysburg, say THANK YOU to all the volunteers who donated their time to help to bring in the Holiday Season with Winterfest 2010!**



**Thank You!**

# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY BOWSER

The Hollidaysburg Police Department announces that it was the recipient of the 2010 AAA Gold Community Traffic Award for the fifth consecutive year. This Gold Award is the highest award that a municipality can receive.

The 2010 Toys for Kids program was a great success. Two hundred seventy gifts were distributed to students of the Hollidaysburg Junior and Senior High School and Longer Elementary School. Chief Ketner thanks his helpers Bobbi

Carnell, Public Safety Clerk and Cathy Ketner. All who donated monetary gifts, toys and clothing get a big THANKS! Your generosity is greatly appreciated and the Police Department and Chief Ketner hope to continue the Toys for Kids program in the years to come!

With the news of local meth labs surfacing in recent months, Chief Ketner has asked that residents be aware of items which may indicate the presence of a meth lab:

5-8 gas cans or propane tanks in one location; large quantities of rubber hoses; red-stained coffee filters; large quantities of batteries or matches with the striker plates missing; foul or strong chemical odors; adults or children with burn marks on arms or legs; battery acid, sudafed, red devil lye, acetone, draino, paint thinner, or anhydrous ammonia. By-products from meth labs are usually dumped into rivers and fields. If any of these items are observed, please notify the police department.

**The Borough  
Offices will be  
closed on  
  
Monday,  
February 21st  
in observance of  
President's Day!**



**Photo:**  
**Showing the AAA Gold Award: left to right: Chief Jeffrey Ketner, Mayor Joseph Dodson, with the award, and Assistant Chief David Gehret.**

This Gold Award, and others, are displayed in the lobby of the Police Department, first floor of the Municipal Building.

**Daylight Saving Time  
begins on  
  
Sunday, March 13th  
at 2 AM.  
  
Remember to turn  
your clock ahead one  
hour before going to  
bed on Saturday,  
March 12!**

## BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS IN HOLLIDAYSBURG

The Borough of Hollidaysburg in cooperation with PennDot has undertaken a series of bridge improvements in the area.

The bridge located on Plank Road Street; commonly known as “the old iron bridge” was reconstructed and dedicated for opening in November of 2010.

Currently, a small bridge on Bedford Street is under construction with an anticipated completion date of May of 2011.

Finally, the bridge on Route 22 (Blair Street) adjacent to the Newry Street intersection will commence with construction in early summer of 2011.

The funding for the iron bridge project was undertaken entirely by PennDot, as is the funding for the Route 22 (Blair Street) project.

The Bedford Street Bridge Project is a funding partnership between the Borough of Hollidaysburg and PennDot.





# Hollidaysburg Borough

A NEWSLETTER FOR  
HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH  
RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

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**Ward 4** John P. Stultz, Jr. 1015  
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1/1/2014

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1/1/2012

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