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Season's Greetings!

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Enjoy Winterfest 2007 Fun!



Lots of fun for Winterfest this year!

Volunteers will string the lights on Allegheny Street on the morning of Saturday, November 10.

The Parade brings Santa and Mrs. Claus into town on Sunday, November 18 at 2:00 P.M. Don't miss this chance to be part of the fun. Carolyn Donaldson will again be the Master of Ceremonies. Letters to Santa will be collected during the parade by the U.S. Postal Workers, toys will be collected for the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Campaign and the AMBUCS will collect canned goods during the parade for the needy.

Winterfest 2007 is sponsored by First Commonwealth Bank.

Join friends and family on Friday, November 23 from 4:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on the Diamond on Allegheny Street! This is what's scheduled:

The Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place at 6 P.M. Master of Ceremonies this year is Joe Murgo. The Hollidaysburg Alumni Community Chorus will provide

free entertainment throughout the evening.

Don't miss the opportunity to take part in the Annual Soup Sampling. The \$5.00 Tickets may be purchased in advance at Copy Rite on Allegheny Street or at the Hollidaysburg Community Partnership office.

This year's Santa Land is sponsored by Best Way Pizza. Let the little ones visit with Santa and friends. There will be free children's activities and ice carvings. What a fun way to kick off the season for the kids!

You may donate canned goods that evening for local food banks.

Please contact Sarah Piper, Main Street Manager, for additional Winterfest information. Sarah can be reached by calling the Hollidaysburg Community Partnership at 696-0544 or at partnership@hollidaysburg.org.

Holiday Closings

Municipal Offices will be closed on these dates:

Monday, November 12

Thursday, November 22

Friday, November 23

Monday, December 24

Tuesday, December 25

Tuesday, January 1

Monday, January 21



The Borough will pick up discarded live Christmas trees during the week of January 7, 2008, Monday through Friday. Please have tree curbside by 7:00 A.M.

The trees will be taken to a compost facility.

No Christmas tree disposal bags, please!

Thanks!





Winter Weather Procedures

Have a safe & happy winter!

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, snow emergency declarations will begin at either 8:00 A.M. or at 8:00 P.M.

Again this winter the Borough is instituting the **odd-even** parking designation during snow emergencies.

If the snow emergency begins at **8:00 P.M.** (in the **EVENing**), vehicles must be parked on the **EVEN-**

numbered side of the street. At **8:00 A.M.** (*morning*), cars must be moved to the **odd-numbered** side of the street. You will no longer have to remember what date it is, just odd —morning, even— evening!

The Borough's goal is to achieve bare pavement on all Borough streets within 36 hours after a snowfall has ended.

Declarations of snow emergencies will be announced on local media outlets and on the Borough website.

Please also remember that **ANY** vehicle that violates the parking regulations imposed by a snow

emergency **WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.**

SLEDDING: 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 A.M. and 10:00 P.M.

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.

Be sure to clear all sidewalks of snow within **24 hours** of the end of a snowfall!

Toys for Kids Program to be Sponsored by Police

The Hollidaysburg Police Department will be sponsoring their 17th Annual Toys for Kids program this year. The department is accepting new or gently used toys and clothing or monetary donations for the "Toys for Kids" program for children and teens ranging from infant to 18 years of age. Anyone interested in donating may drop their donation off at the Hollidaysburg Police De-

partment or call for a pick up at 814-695-3711. Thanks for all the support that you have shown in the past and will show again this season!



Donations will be taken at:
Hollidaysburg Municipal Building
401 Blair Street
First Floor
Or call 695-3711 to schedule a pickup at your convenience.

Christmas Concert Announced



The Hollidaysburg Alumni Community Chorus will present Christmas Joy & Peace on these dates and times:

December 1st at 7:00 P.M.

December 2nd at 2:00 P.M.

Performances will take place at

the Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School Auditorium.

Tickets will be available at:

Treese's Music on Allegheny Street

Blue & White Snack Bar

and also from all Chorus Members.

Tickets will be **\$7.00** for adults and children, 12 and under, are just **\$3.00!**



4th Annual Hollidaysburg Haul

Another gorgeous day greeted the 150 participants registered for the 2007 Hollidaysburg Haul. This year's race benefited the Hollidaysburg Community Partnership, which strives to keep downtown Hollidaysburg a vibrant place for local businesses and community members.

At 9:00, the runners and walkers headed out on the five kilometer (3.1 miles) course. The race takes participants on a scenic loop through the heart of the Hollidaysburg Historic District. With little elevation change and only a few turns, the course is one of the fast-

est 5K courses in central Pennsylvania.

Penn State Altoona head cross country coach Matt Manfred took advantage of the fast course, and set a new course record time of 16:21. Manfred, who won the inaugural Hollidaysburg Haul 5K in 2004, collected a \$100 cash prize for breaking the course record, which had been 16:47. The second place male finisher, Paul McCaffrey, also shattered the former course record with a time of 16:28. Former Slippery Rock cross country standout Rob Crossman was the third place male finisher in 17:13.

Cumberland, Maryland resident Paula Bridges paced the women with a winning time of 21:17. In a photo finish for second place, Rebecca Anderson edged out Alyssa Beyer. Anderson ran a time of 21:18.00 and Beyer ran 21:28.35.

The Hollidaysburg Community Partnership wishes to thank all those who participated. Race results and pictures are available at www.hollidaysburgpa.org. We look forward to seeing you at the 5th Anniversary Hollidaysburg Haul in 2008!

Borough Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held in Council Chambers and are open to the Public.

Borough Council 7:00 P.M.

Nov. 8 Dec. 13 Jan. 7

HARB/HPC 4:30 P.M.

Dec. 6 (January meeting TBA.)

Planning Commission 4:30 PM

Dec. 4 (January meeting TBA.)

Borough Authority 5:15 P.M.

Dec. 18 (January meeting TBA.)

Sewer Authority 5:30 P.M.

Dec. 3 (January meeting TBA.)

Shade Tree Commission

3:00 P.M.

Nov. 13

Find Meeting Agendas

at

www.hollidaysburgpa.org

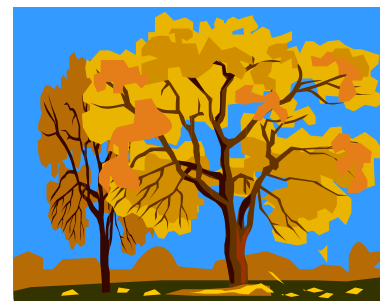


Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council Reports

The Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council was pleased with the large number of eager children artists at the Olde Tyme Faire at Canal Basin Park on October 20th who participated in our art class.

Throughout the day, 125 children, from ages 3 through 15, painted

watercolor landscapes of the autumn beauty of Chimney Rocks under the instruction of Ann Bickel.





Dos and Don'ts For Your Sanitary Sewer

The Hollidaysburg Wastewater Treatment Plant workers remind sewer customers that sanitary sewer systems are designed to handle three types of waste products:

Used water

Human body waste

Toilet paper

Follow these simple DOs and DON'Ts to help to prevent sewer backups and avoid expensive plumbing and cleanup bills.



DO: Collect grease & throw into garbage.

DO: Put food scraps in compost bin or garbage for disposal.

DO: Place a wastebasket in the bathroom to dispose of personal hygiene products & diapers.

DO: Use a backflow prevention device as needed.

DON'T: Pour cooking grease, fats and oils down the drain.

DON'T: Use the sewer to dispose of food scraps.

DON'T: Use the toilet as a waste basket for garbage or chemicals. These items can kill "good" bacteria used for sewage treatment, cost much more to treat, and can enter the river.

DON'T: Plant trees with shallow, spreading root systems near your sewer lateral. Tree roots seek water sources, such as cracked sewer lines. Once the roots have penetrated the line through cracks, the roots can create a dense mat and trap materials.

Procedure For Reporting Concerns



The Borough Manager's Office and the Office of the Mayor often receive voice mail messages from concerned citizens who report a problem.

In order to better serve the community, it would be helpful that callers leave their name and phone number where they may be reached.

Further information may be needed in order to correctly investigate concerns that the caller is reporting.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in this matter.

Thanks for your concern in helping to keep this a safe and happy community!

To contact the Borough Manager, John Little, please call 695-7543.

To contact Mayor Joseph Dodson, please call 695-8834.



Boards and Commissions of the Borough

There are numerous volunteer boards and commissions whose members help to ensure that Hollidaysburg Borough is a great community in which to live and work! These are all listed on the Guide to Borough Government of this newsletter.

Members are appointed by Borough Council and serve terms. Some of these boards are advisory boards whose job is to make recommendations to Borough Council regarding certain matters. Other boards may have their own authority.

Those individuals interested in

serving on a board or a commission should submit a Volunteer Interest Form and a resume to the Borough Manager's Office.

A Volunteer Interest Form may be found on page seven of this issue of *The Town Crier*.



Keep Sewer Systems Working Properly

Helpful Tips

1. Don't pour liquid grease down the drain. Before washing pots and pans, wipe out congealed grease with a paper towel.
2. Once a week fill your sinks with hot water, and let it drain. This is a power flush to help keep the drain free-flowing.
3. Tubs and showers should be fitted with a strainer that catches hair and soap chips. Clean the strainer regularly.
4. Foul odors occur from a build-up of food debris inside your garbage disposer. To eliminate these odors, place ice cubes and lemon peels in the disposer and run for about 30 seconds, then rinse with cold water.
5. To prevent sewer gases from backing up into your home through your basement floor drain, periodically pour a bucket of water down the drain to keep the trap seal full. Sewer smells usually come from drains in your home that do not have traps or traps that have dried up.
6. To remove unsightly mineral deposits on your shower head, put one cup of vinegar or lime-a-way (which can be bought at your local hardware or grocery store) in a plastic bag and place it over the shower head. Hold it in place with a twist tie and let stand overnight. In the morning, remove the bag and the mineral deposits should come off by wiping with a damp cloth.
7. Repair leaky faucets quickly to avoid further damage to the fixtures and faucets.
8. Put 12 drops of red food coloring into your toilet tank to test for silent leaks. If the dye appears in the bowl, you may need to change the ball or flapper valve. The toilet is leak-free if no dye appears within 30 minutes.
9. Do not use your toilet as a wastebasket. Do not flush items that can be placed in a trash container.
10. Septic tanks should be inspected and pumped every three years to help prevent costly replacement of the filter field.
11. It is extremely important to know the location of the main water shut-off valve in the house. Find it now so you're prepared to shut it off fast if a pipe breaks or the water heater bursts.
12. Don't put up with any slowly dripping faucets. A slow drip can waste gallons of water each day and will add to the water bill.
13. Once a year, drain water from the bottom of your water heater to remove sediment, which extends the life of your water heater.
14. If water backup occurs in a basement floor drain flush the drain to see if the water backs up more. This means your main sewer is blocked from the house to the city main. If this occurs you should stop running water and have your drain cleaned.
15. If you live in a slab home or have a crawl space and the water backs up in the tub when you flush the toilet or run water, it means the sewer is backed up from the house to the city main. If this occurs you should stop running water and have your drain cleaned.



Neighborhood Crime Watch Meeting

Tuesday January 15, 2008
Hollidaysburg Public Library
6:30 P.M.

CROSSWALK REMINDER

DRIVERS, REMEMBER TO STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALKS.

IT'S THE LAW.





The Mayor's News

August 30th, Mayor Dodson celebrated the recognition of the Meadows Original Frozen Custard. The Taste of America, the Travel Channel represented by Mark DeCarlo and his crew from Los Angeles filmed a segment on the Meadows history. The Travel Channel will air this segment in February or March of 2008. Mayor Dodson presented a Proclamation to Jay, Dick and Joe Meadows, owners of the Meadows Original Frozen Custard stand.

August 31st, Mayor Joe along with State Representative Jerry Stern, Mr. States of the office of Senator John Eichelberger, Blair County Commissioners Barry Wright, Donna Gority and Terry Wagner, President of Borough Council Ed Plowman, Council Woman Elda Brown, Borough Manager John Little, Sgt David Gehret, Fire Marshal Bob Kerns and Meter Enforcement Officer Helen Curran attended a presentation of a proclamation by Mayor Joe Dodson to recipient Carman Piccerillo. Carman has been the proprietor of Al's Shoe Shop for fifty plus years, which was located on Allegheny Street. August 31st, was therefore, proclaimed "Carman Piccerillo Day" in the borough. Best wishes to Carman for a happy and healthy retirement. Thanks to all who attended.

October 3rd, Borough Council, Mayor Dodson, Sgt David Gehret and Officer Mark Lingafelt, participated in the Healthy Walk for Children. Longer Elementary students walked to school on this particular day.

October 20th, Breast Cancer Awareness Walk was held in the Borough and the Mayor took part in the walk with cancer patient Judy Ricker. Thanks to all the participants who walked and supported this event.

Also, October 20th, the Hollidaysburg Community Partnership held the Annual Pumpkin Fest in Hollidaysburg. Wow! Mayor Joe extends a special thank you to all who participated in making this event the **best ever**.

October 21st, on behalf of the Borough of Hollidaysburg and the people of the Hollidaysburg Community, Mayor Dodson extended a warm welcome to Rev. Cory Hartman, the new pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Last, but not least, Mayor Dodson extends a hearty congratulations to the Hollidaysburg Area High School Golf Team on winning the 2007 PIAA. Congratulations to Mike Macionsky, Ryan Mextorf, Sean Brannan, Kevin Koronowski, Anthony Degol, and Coach Rob Murphy!

As always, please continue to support the

businesses in our borough along with our fire department, library and YMCA. Please keep the men and woman of our armed forces in your prayers. With Thanksgiving approaching, remember to give thanks for all of your blessings.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Hollidaysburg Police Department, extends a special "Thank You" to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reimer for their generous donation to the Police Department.

Turn your face to the sun and the shadows will fall behind you.

From Mayor Joe Dodson



Those shown below in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer photo include:

Back row Linda Ricker, Christine Shaffer, Sherry Harker, Mayor Joe Dodson and Judy Ricker (on the road to recovery). Bottom row Mikasa Shaffer, Deborah Foltyn (from Pittsburgh) and twin sister Maiya Shaffer.



Best Wishes to Carman as he retires!



Mayor Dodson welcomes Rev. Cory Hartman.



Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, Mayor Joe with Judy Ricker and others.



Hollidaysburg Borough Volunteer Interest Form

Use this form to apply to serve on any of the Borough's Boards and Commissions. Please attach a resume with the form.

NAME

DATE

ADDRESS

OCCUPATION

EDUCATION

PHONE (HOME)

(WORK)

EMAIL

INTERESTS