



THE TOWN CRIER



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Happy Fall!

FALL FUN YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS



Hollidaysburg is the place for family fun from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. on Saturday, October 10, 2009! The Hollidaysburg Community Partnership will host the 4th Annual Pumpkin Festival in Downtown Hollidaysburg while the Hollidaysburg YMCA's 4th Annual Olde Tyme Faire and Great Train Adventure will take place at Canal Basin Park.

Pumpkin foods, crafts, activities and more will take over downtown Hollidaysburg for Pumpkin Festival on Allegheny Street. Area non-profit civic, social and church groups will provide the fun for the community, while raising funds for their group. Live music, demon-

strations and other entertainment will be featured free of charge throughout the day. Contact the Hollidaysburg Community Partnership for additional information about Pumpkin Festival at 696-0544.

Visit the Olde Tyme Fair and Great Train Adventure at Canal Basin Park and experience an interactive train ride featuring the famous European baker who is traveling through Hollidaysburg with his secret family cookie recipe. Patrons will take a thirty minute ride on the Everett Railroad with costumed performers. Keep an eye out for the Wyles Laret Gang on horseback. Train rides

are scheduled for 10:30 A.M., 12:30 P.M., 2:30 P.M. Purchase tickets in advance at the YMCA, Adults \$15, children under 12 \$7, and age 2 and under are free if riding on an adult's lap. Olde Tyme Fair will host food and free activities. Be sure to visit the House of Curiosities with Professor Flapdoodle and enjoy local entertainment on the stage. Contact the YMCA at 695-4467 for additional information.

FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE provided to and from Allegheny Street, the YMCA, Canal Basin Park and the Blair County Parking Garage.

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THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE AUXILIARY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE OUT WATCHING THE STREETS.

HALLOWEEN PARADE & TRICK OR TREAT

The Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company has announced that their annual Halloween Parade will be held on Saturday, October 31 at 6:00 P.M.

A big thank you to Henry Enterprises, Inc. and G & G Auto, Inc. for co-sponsoring this year's event.

Parade formation begins at 4:00 P.M. Line up starts at the Hollidaysburg Junior High School. The parade will move

onto N. Montgomery St., to Garber St., to N. Juniata St., to Allegheny St., to Union St., finishing on Mulberry St. The parade will disband at the fire station on Wayne Street.

Light refreshments will be served at the station after the parade.

Floats will be judged as First Place, best appearing; Second Place, any category; Third Place, club or merchants.

Prizes are \$60, \$50, and \$40, respectively.

Trick or treat night is Thursday, October 29, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Costumes should be light colored, comfortable clothing. Carry a flashlight and accompany little goblins as they go door to door. Be sure that all masks allow adequate vision and check all treats before allowing children to partake.



SHADE TREE COMMISSION NEEDS TO HAVE YOUR HELP

Does the shade tree in front of your property look like the one pictured here?

If so, the Shade Tree Commission requests your assistance. Suckers and other shoots that grow from the base of a tree need to be pruned for street trees to remain healthy.

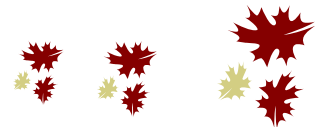
If the base of your shade tree needs to be pruned, please

contact the Shade Tree Commission for more information about how to obtain a permit to trim shoots from your shade tree.

The permit is free of charge, and prior to issuance the Shade Tree Commission will inform you about proper pruning techniques.

The Shade Tree Commission appreciates your assistance in

keeping the Borough's award winning urban forest healthy and attractive.



PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Hollidaysburg Community Partnership (HCP) will host a Progressive Dinner on Tuesday Sept. 22nd from 6 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

The dinner will feature establishments all in walking distance in downtown Hollidaysburg. The dinner will include appetizers, an entrée, and desserts.

For information about purchasing tickets contact the HCP Office at 696-0544.

In an effort to support "The Great American Dine Out", a national effort to end childhood hunger, a portion of the proceeds from the sale of tickets will go towards this effort.

For more information about

fighting childhood hunger and The Great American Dine Out, please see

www.strength.org



SHARE OUR STRENGTH
NO KID HUNGRY

FALL LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Leaf pickup will take place each week on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays** beginning October 5th and 6th and run through December 7th and 8th.

Reminders are as follows:

Leaves **must be** bagged in biodegradable leaf bags and placed curbside by 7:00 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**.

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

There is 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, the pickup will occur the **next week**.



**PICKUP BEGINS ON
OCTOBER 5TH
AND RUNS THROUGH
DECEMBER 8TH!**

GATEWAY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.

From 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 17, 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 17 at 9:00 A.M.

Volunteering to help out on this day would make a nice community project for any local group. Call today to sign your group up!

Thanks!



2008 volunteers at the Gateway Garden near The Dream.

HARC HAS LOTS OF FALL ACTIVITIES

Tai Chi Beginning Wed., Sept. 9th at Frankstown Township Municipal Bldg. 6 P.M. \$70 for participating municipalities, \$75 for others. Instructor: Dr. Paul Manual. 10 weeks.

Yoga Beginning Thurs., Sept. 10th at Frankstown Township Municipal Bldg. 6:45 P.M. \$45 for participating municipalities, \$50 for others.

6 weeks. Instructor Lisa Morgan.

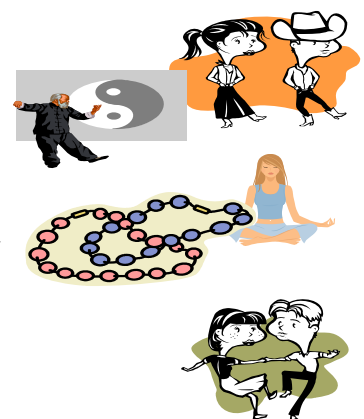
Swing Dancing Beginning Wed., Sept. 9th at the C.W. Longer Elementary School 6 to 7 P.M. \$45 for participating municipalities, \$50 for others. 4 weeks.

Line Dancing Beginning Wed., Sept. 9th at C.W. Longer Elementary School 7:15 P.M. \$25 for

participating municipalities, \$30 for others. 4 weeks.

Beaded Jewelry Beginning Tues., Sept. 8th at Frankstown Township Municipal Building. Each second Tuesday of month. 6:30 P.M. Pre-registration requested. \$25 for participating municipalities, \$30 for others.

Contact Sue @ 502-9505.





Mayor says..

May God grant you the strength and faith to count your blessings, not your crosses. Count your gains, not your losses. Count your joys, not your woes. Count your friends, not your foes. Count your smiles, not your tears. Count your courage, not your fears. Count your kind deeds, not your means. Count your health, not your wealth. Love your neighbor as much as yourself.



NEWS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Dodson wishes to apologize to any of the local churches he may have missed recognizing in the June segment of "Our Town."

"I am sorry for the oversight," the Mayor apologized.

The 2009-2010 school term is now in session. Please be mindful of the children, they are our most valued treasures. The Mayor asks all to obey the traffic and speeding signs.

Once again, keep in mind, that it is necessary to clean up after your pet when walking the streets of our community. Let's continue to do a good job.

Please continue to pray for

our armed forces, especially for those in harm's way.

Continue to support our local businesses along with the Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, Hollidaysburg Public Library and the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department.

Currently, there is a volunteer project underway to build a park in Holliday Hills at the circle between Gray Stone and Penn Mont Academy. The park will be known as the "Patriot Park" and will be dedicated to all men and women who have served this great nation of ours. There will be a tree planted in the park in honor of each war that the United States fought.

This park will be built with all donated funds, with no cost to the Borough.

Mayor Dodson would like to recognize the Police Department for the outstanding job that they are doing. The Mayor's Office has received several calls from residents complimenting on the fine police work, particularly with the elderly and youth.

Hollidaysburg Borough is also very fortunate to have an outstanding fire company, such as the Phoenix Fire Company. Thank you to all those who volunteer to be a firefighter for our community.

Hollidaysburg Public Library Fundraiser Drawing

L. to r. Gail Hite, Lucy Wolf, Mayor Joseph Dodson, Honorary Mayor Ed McClain, Library Director Janet Eldred, and Borough Manager John P. Little.

The winner of the drawing was Pat Cummings.



FIRE COMPANY ANNOUNCES BENEFIT DINNER

The Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company announces a Chicken and Rib Barbecue. All proceeds of the sales of the dinners will benefit Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department Firefighter Steve Dick to help with medical costs.

Steve is seriously ill with cancer and needs to have help with his medical bills.

Dinner will be held on Monday, September 28th beginning at 6:00 P.M. at the fire station on Wayne Street.

Dinners are \$10.00 each and include 1/3 rack of Clem's famous pork ribs, 1/2 chicken, two sides and a roll. Refreshments will be sold.

You may eat in or take out.

To purchase tickets in advance, please call the station at 695-0521 or speak with any member.



CHECK OUT THE NEW WEBPAGE OF THE PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY AT WWW.PHOENIXVFD.ORG

ARTS COUNCIL NEWS FOR FALL

The Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council will resume monthly meetings in September.

The group's meetings, September through November, take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month, at 4:30 P.M., in the Borough Municipal Building Conference Room B.

Anyone interested in becoming a member is welcome to attend the meetings.

The Arts Council thanks

summer concert series sponsors: the Borough of Hollidaysburg, the McLanahan Corporation, and the Wolf-Kuhn Foundation for their support.

Planning for concerts in 2010 will take place this fall.

Comments and suggestions for next year's concerts can be presented at the monthly meetings or by calling Cindy at 693-1054.

The Arts Council will be participating in the upcoming **Pumpkin Fest** on Allegheny Street in Hollidaysburg on Saturday, October 10th, with a free art activity for children.

This event is a great success and the kids have a great time being creative! Make sure to stop by while you are at **Pumpkin Fest** on the 10th!



THE ARTS COUNCIL MEETS ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

5K RACE TO TAKE PLACE THIS MONTH

Runners get ready for the annual Hollidaysburg Haul 5K Race!

The race will take place this year on Saturday, September 19th on the Diamond once again. Registration begins at 8:00 A.M. with the race beginning at 9:00 A.M. The Kids Fun Run begins at 9:45 P.M. and goes for 1/4 mile.

The course is a flat out and

back course through the Historic District and other areas in the Borough.

Registered runners will receive a long sleeve race t-shirt, refreshments and snacks. Cash prizes for the first course record breakers will be given. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each gender and age group will be awarded.

Age groups are 13 and under, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60+.

All Kids Fun Run participants will get an award ribbon.

Please call Sarah Piper, Main Street Manager, for entry details at 696-0544 today!

Free child care is provided again this year. The Kids Fun Run is free.



HARC ANNOUNCES ANOTHER DATE NIGHT!

Come join your friends at the **Duncansville Community Center** for an evening of music provided by *Hilton Family Entertainment* on **Friday, September 18th**

Refreshment will be available.

Doors open at **6:45 P.M.**

Fee: \$5 per person

Contact Sue @ 502-9505.



POLICE CHIEF JEFFREY KETNER REMINDS THE COMMUNITY TO KEEP THEIR VEHICLES LOCKED AT ALL TIMES!

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS READY TO SERVE YOU!



COMMUNITY SUPPORTS DOWNTOWN LIVE!

The Downtown LIVE! summer concert series wraps up Thursday, September 17th from 6 P.M. – 9 P.M. on the Diamond in downtown Hollidaysburg.



Entertainment will be provided by Half Tempted. Several local businesses will stay open late providing a great opportunity to shop, eat and enjoy a night out on the town.



This event has been well received by the community and even larger crowds are anticipated for the final concert!

The Hollidaysburg Community Partnership wishes to thank Hollidaysburg Downtown Development, LLC, Altoona Center for Clinical Research, Always A Party Rentals, Altoona First Savings Bank, Borough of Hollidaysburg, Osgood Properties, Vince Duffy Designs and art4

for their sponsorship and support in this great community event.

Plans are underway for next year's concert series. Anyone interested in sponsorship, contact the Main Street Manager at 696-0544.



BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE



Borough Council 7 PM

Sept. 10 Oct. 8 Nov. 12

HARB/HPC 4:30 PM

Sept. 17 Oct. 1 Oct 15 Nov. 5

Planning Commission 4:30 PM

Oct. 6 Nov. 3

Sewer Authority 5:30 PM

Sept. 14 Oct. 5 Nov. 2

Shade Tree Commission 3:00 PM

Sept. 14

Water Authority 5:15 PM

Sept. 15 Oct. 20 Nov. 17

Arts Council (HARC) 4:30 PM

Sept. 23 Oct. 28 Nov. 25

All meetings are held in Council Chambers and are open to the public. Find meeting agendas on the Borough's webpage: www.hollidaysburgpa.org

The Arts Council Meeting is held in Conference Room B, 2nd floor, at the Municipal Building.



WINTERFEST: A HOLLIDAYSBURG TRADITION

Winterfest, a Hollidaysburg tradition, will commence this year with the annual Winterfest Parade on Sunday, November 22nd at 2 P.M. Anyone interested in participating in the parade should contact the Main Street Manager Sarah Piper at 696-0544.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at this time. Anyone

who is interested in becoming a sponsor should contact the Main Street Manager.

Light Up Night will be held on Friday, Nov. 27th from 5:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. The 16th Annual Soup Sampling, sponsored by American Legion Post 516, will take place that evening.

Santa Land for the kids will be back again this year featuring Dennie Huber the Clown and Tim Klock with ice carvings, a petting zoo, cookie decorating, crafts and visits with Santa!

The tree lighting will take place at 7:00 P.M.



HOW TO AVOID SEWER BACKUPS

The two most common causes of sewer backups are:

1. Putting items down your sink that should be put into the garbage.
2. Invasive tree roots.

That's the bad news. The good news is that both are often preventable. Here's what you can do to help avoid problems in your sewer system:

Don't put grease, oil or

egg shells down your sink. When grease & egg shells combine they create a mixture similar to concrete; oil sticks to the pipe at the waterline. Both of these conditions can clog the sewer line. Instead, keep a container to dispose these items.

Avoid trees with shallow, spreading root systems.

Tree roots tend to grow toward water sources, like sewer pipes. Two of the most troublesome species of trees

are the fruitless mulberry & the modesto ash. Choose trees with deep root systems.

After you select a tree, follow proper planting procedures. Dig a hole deep enough. Shallow holes allow roots to grow horizontally.

Speaking of things you shouldn't put down your sink: motor oil, weedkiller, antifreeze, solvents, gas, wood preservatives, paint, lighter fluid, insecticides.



BUY FRESH, BUY LOCAL AT THE FARMER'S MARKET!

The Hollidaysburg Community Partnership is sponsoring a Farmer's Market that will continue to run on Fridays through September 25.

The market opens at 10:00 A.M. and closes at 1:00 P.M.

Stop by soon before it's too late to get all your produce and other items.

Look for fresh baked goods, yarn, eggs, flowers, and local fruits and vegetables.

Buy fresh, buy local!



**FARMER'S
MARKET
FRIDAYS
CONTINUE
THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 25
FROM
10 AM
UNTIL
1 PM!**



FALL BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 22!

OFFICES CLOSED

THE BOROUGH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 IN HONOR OF VETERAN'S DAY.

THE OFFICES **WILL NOT** BE CLOSED ON COLUMBUS DAY OR ON ELECTION DAY.





Hollidaysburg Borough

A NEWSLETTER FOR
HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH
RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

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Hollidaysburg PA 16648

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Borough Manager John P. Little
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1/1/2012

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Walnut Street 695-2285
1/1/2010

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