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Winterfest

IN DOWNTOWN HOLLIDAYSBURG



SNOW SHOVELING

Please 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 by complying with the Borough's Ordinance!



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This year's **Winterfest Parade** will take place at 2 pm on **Sunday, November 18th** through the streets of Historic Hollidaysburg. Watch as area marching bands, fire companies, twirlers, holiday-themed floats, scout troops and **Santa Claus** promenade through the streets of Hollidaysburg.



The **Annual Soup Sampling Contest** will take place from 5pm – 6:30pm during Light Up Night and will feature your favorite soups! **Soup Sampling** tickets are just \$6.00 to try yummy soups and a chance to vote.

The event will include **entertainment & ice sculptures by Tim Klock.** **Santa Land** activities will include: **a petting zoo & many children's activities** for the kids and **visits with Santa!**



Letters to Santa will be collected by the **U. S. Postal Employees.** The **Hollidaysburg AMBUCS** will collect food for local food banks, and the U.S. Marine Corps will collect toys for their **Toys for Tots Campaign!**

Light Up Night is Friday, November 23rd from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Activities include the lighting of the tree and the Chimney Rocks Star.



Soup Sampling Tickets are Available at the following locations:
FINDS, Copy-Rite & Banner Zone & Hollidaysburg Borough Municipal Building-Second Floor
Tickets are \$6.00

Small Business Saturday - Saturday, November 25th
Come to Downtown Hollidaysburg and support our great local businesses!

LIBRARY NEWS

November's schedule:

- **"1,000 Books Before Kindergarten"** is designed to encourage parents to read 1,000 books to their newborn, infant or toddler before they start kindergarten. Book logs/electronic apps are available to help parents keep track. This self-paced program is free and is guided by the 1,000 Books Foundation.
- **Girl Scouts Western PA** hosts Library Girl Scout Daisies (kindergarten and first grade), Brownies (second and third grades) and Juniors (fourth and fifth grades) Troop 46502 from 6 to 7 PM. Tuesdays at the library. Email melanie@halibrary.org for more information.
- **Charcoal portraits by the students of Alysia Watt**, Hollidaysburg Area Senior High, will be displayed in the Community Room during the month of November.
- **The Handwork and Arts Group** (adult crafting club) meets from noon to 2 PM Tuesdays. Take your own materials and projects; call Janice at 695-2281 for more information.
- **The Knit Wits Knitting and Crocheting Club** meets from 6 to 7:30 PM on the first Thursday of each month. Take your own materials/projects; beginning knitters are asked to take light-colored yarn and size 8 needles. No signup is needed, visit the club's Facebook page for more information.
- **Construction Club** will meet from 3:30 to 4:30 PM each Friday in November. Signup

- is required; space is limited. For ages 6 to 12; enjoy designing/creating with Lego bricks, wooden blocks and books. Email melanie@halibrary.org to sign up.
- **Story Times** will be held at 6 PM each Monday and at 10:30 AM each Thursday and Friday in November. No signup needed; children must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Ceramics** classes will be held at 6 PM Nov. 8 ("Thanksgiving") and Nov. 29 ("ornaments"). Kathy Brua of Fired UP Ceramics Co. will provide a variety of project choices and all necessary materials at a cost of \$6 per project. All ages welcome; children can participate with their adult's supervision. Call 935-5490 to sign up/reserve your project choice.
- **Free computer classes** will be held at 1 and 6 PM Nov 14. Tom Robison will answer questions at the class/email questions ahead of time to corporal99@msn.com. No signup needed; all are welcome.
- **A Hoss's Community Night Fundraiser** will be held all day Nov 14. At Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Duncansville. Show a flyer at checkout (flyers are available at the library/electronic flyer is on the library's web page/Facebook page) and a percentage of sales will benefit the library.

Please support the library's fall fundraising:

Best Game Ever, Hoss's Community Night, Gardner's Chocolates, Sheetz Coupon Booklets, Friends of the Library's Pecan Sale, Wreath Sale (deadline to place order: Nov 14) and the Best of Friends Bookstore.

Library hours:

Mon - Thurs - 9:30 AM– 8 PM

Fri – 9:30 AM – 5 PM

Sat – 9:30 AM – 5 PM

Sun – 1 PM – 5 PM

CLOSED –

November 10th - 12th and 22nd - 25th



ARTS COUNCIL NEWS



The Arts Council will meet on November 19, 2018 and December 17, 2018 at 1 PM. They will hold a special meeting on January 14, 2019 at 1 PM. Upcoming "Music in the Burg" will be discussed at this meeting and selections for the concerts will be made. All meetings after January 14, 2019 will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month.



WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event of a heavy snowfall, the Mayor will make a snow emergency declaration to begin at either 8:00 am or at 8:00 pm.

The Borough will institute the **odd/even** parking designation during snow emergencies and **ONLY** during those times.

If the snow emergency begins at **8:00 pm** (in the **EVENing**), vehicles must be parked on the **EVEN numbered** side of the street; if at **8:00 am** (*morning*), cars must be moved to the **ODD numbered** side of the street. The objective is to achieve bare pavement on all Borough streets within 36 hours after a snowfall has ended.

Snow emergencies will be announced on local media and on www.hollidaysburgpa.org.

Please remember that **ANY** vehicle that violates the parking regulations imposed by a snow emergency **WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE**.

Remember, odd-even parking restrictions are only in effect when a Snow Emergency has been declared!

According to Borough Ordinance, **all property and business owners** must clear all sidewalks of snow within **24 hours** of the end of a snow event!

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

The Borough Public Works Services Crews will be picking up all discarded, live Christmas trees in January. Trees will be picked up the same as the Borough's normal brush pickup; east side of the Borough on Monday and the west side on Tuesday.

Pickup Schedule:

East Side of town on Monday, January 7th and Monday, January 28th.

West Side of town on Tuesday, January 8th and Tuesday, January 29th.

Please do not place the discarded tree into a plastic, tree disposal bag as the trees are to be taken to a compost facility. Have trees curbside by 7:00 am for pickup that day.

Enjoy the holiday season and have a safe new year!

LOW BRANCHES ON STREET TREES

The Shade Tree Commission reminds street tree property owners that they **should remove low hanging, pedestrian unfriendly branches** from their street trees.

Unsightly suckers growing out of the base of trees should be removed as well.

No permit is required for these type of street tree trimmings, however, **permits are still needed for more extensive pruning of the street trees**.

There is no charge for street tree trimming permits. To obtain a street tree trimming permit, please contact a member of the Hollidaysburg Shade Tree Commission.

Terry Wilt at 695-3226
Chris Sawyer at 322-2245
Patrick Plummer at 695-4370
Andrew St. John 412-260-1584

Thanks for your cooperation in this important matter.



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!



Santa will be at the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company on **Saturday, December 22nd and Sunday, December 23rd from 1:00 PM till 4:00 PM**. Stop in and take your picture with Santa!



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



The recent tragedy in Pittsburgh has saddened many Americans. Mayor Dodson is sending a letter of condolences to the Jewish Community and of appreciation to the Pittsburgh Police Department who responded during that horrific time. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those who serve in the armed forces and our brave first responders.

Remember to drive cautiously and be mindful of children traveling to school.

During this Christmas season, please continue to support our local businesses and the Hollidaysburg Public Library.

The Mayor wishes you all a very happy and

blessed Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year!

Joe says "Life is both giving and receiving"

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

This year's Citizen of the Year Award recipient was James (Jim) Llewellyn Hilling Sr. James received his award at the ceremony that was held on October 29, 2018 at the American Legion Social Hall. James graduated from Hollidaysburg and is the founder of Hollidaysburg Auto Parts, Inc. He is known as a generous man of great faith. Thank you, Jim, for all you do for our community.

Congratulations

BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, November 12th

Thursday, November 22nd

Friday, November 23rd

Monday, December 24th

Tuesday, December 25th

Tuesday, January 1st

Monday, January 21st

OPEN on Election Day!



A NOTE FROM THE CHIEF

Hollidaysburg Police officers recently investigated a number of different scams. These scams have led to the loss of thousands of dollars and a relatively low probability of arrest for the actors. The scam artists rarely live in the United States and utilize multiple layers of anonymity and deception to avoid prosecution. Please be aware receiving a frantic phone call that involves a person in need can cause panic and confusion. Create a "red flag" by making sure family members can recognize these scams. Matters of the heart can blur common sense. If you're asked to send money to a new acquaintance, or family member, often with a sense of urgency, be alert to this "red flag" - **it may be a scam.**



A phone call from a government employee asking for money or offering to give it away is a red flag! The government will never ask for money or give money away over the telephone. Likewise, more formal methods are utilized for winnings with "publishers clearinghouse" or other agencies. Don't trust phone calls claiming you have won a prize and request monies to "claim" that prize - it may be a scam! As always, if you have any doubt about a situation please call **695-3711** before sending any money and our officers will help you navigate these confusing situations. ~ Chief Estep

BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

Those who may be interested in serving on any of these boards and commissions, should submit your resume and a **Volunteer Interest Form** to the Manager's Office. Volunteer Interest Forms can be found on our webpage:

www.hollidaysburgpa.org.

Borough Council 7 PM

November 8 December 13

Water Authority 5:30 PM

November 20 December 18

Sewer Authority 5 PM

November 13 December 10

Planning Commission 5 PM

November 6 December 4

HARB/HPC 5 PM

November 1 December 6

Shade Tree Commission 4:15 PM

November 13

Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council 1 PM

November 19 December 17 January 14



Borough Meetings are held in Council Chambers.

The Arts Council Meetings are held in the Municipal Building, Conference Room B, second floor. All meetings are open to the public.

Find meeting agendas at:

www.hollidaysburgpa.org.

Mayor Dodson, in honor of her 90th Birthday, presented a proclamation to Shirley Snyder declaring October 31, 2018 as “*Shirley Grace Snyder Day*” in the Borough. Mayor Dodson along with Manager Gehret, Chief Estep & Adj. Joe Patterson of the American Legion visited Shirley at her home to give her the proclamation. Shirley was also recognized by Congressman Shuster & PA Representative Judy Ward.



Happy 90th Birthday Shirley

WINTERFEST PARADE 2018

The 2018 Winterfest Parade will take place on Sunday, Nov. 18 beginning at 2 pm. Everyone should report to the corner of Hart & Union Streets for check-in and line-up placement. Look for Amy Hazlett there.

Bands, Scout Units, Baton Units, & Floats are all welcome. We encourage a holiday themed costume and/or prop.

Dance & Baton Units- holiday themed music is suggested; please arrange your own music; 2 car max.

For safety sake, please arrange for walkers to distribute candy during the parade. Do not throw from moving cars or floats.

Santa Claus will be riding on the last float in the parade, collecting for Toys for Tots. (No other Santas will be permitted on any other floats.)

Floats: Grand Prize (\$100); 2nd Place (\$75); 3rd Place (\$50)- Judging on creativity, originality, & holiday spirit

The parade will begin from the Hollidaysburg Area Jr. High School Football Field & proceed up Union Street to Allegheny Street, through the Diamond and left on Front Street to Mulberry Street and end at the Fire Station on Wayne Street. Parents may pick up their children at the Fire Station following the parade.

Please fill out and return entry form to Jordan Futrick, Main Street Manager by November 12. Call 695-7543 with any questions.



A new store just popped up in Hollidaysburg! **Mimi's Creations**, on 309 Allegheny Street, opened its doors on October 20th, during Pumpkinfest. Mimi's Creations is a custom window treatments store that can provide you with draperies, soft shades, pillows, bedding, and so much more to help you make your home beautiful. Store owner Mimi Crevecoreur is beyond excited to be opening her store in Hollidaysburg. *Welcome Mimi!*



Free 9-Volt batteries available for your home smoke detectors and other safety devices



Keep Blair County Beautiful and the Blair County Sheriff's Office, along with other emergency service departments, have partnered to distribute batteries to our residents with pick-up locations at local libraries. These batteries are for use in home safety devices such as smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. The batteries are not individually packaged and should be handled with care. Remember to change your batteries every year.



The Hollidaysburg Public Library has a supply to give away!

NOTICE FROM CODE OFFICER

Please know it is a violation of the Borough's Code of Ordinances to create a safety and health hazard to persons and property by reason of inadequate or improper discharge of storm water. Storm water discharged onto a public street or alley has a high potential of freezing during the winter thus creating a hazard for both vehicles and pedestrians.

The Borough kindly requests your cooperation in this matter, and if you currently have pipes draining storm water from your spouting or sump pump onto a public street or alley, please make the appropriate corrections. All storm water runoff from your spouting, or water discharged from your sump pump is to be infiltrated back into the ground on your property.



The Reiser House will be closing after November 21, 2018 and will re-open in the spring.

HOLLIDAYSBURG COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT

This year's Christmas concert "*Christmas Show*" will be on **December 8th from 7:00 PM till 9:00 PM** at the Hollidaysburg Area High School.



DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET!

Borough Residents are reminded NOT to push or rake fallen leaves into the public streets. This creates a safety hazard and violators will be fined. Fall Brush Pickup continues in the Borough on Mondays and Tuesdays until December 3rd & 4th. Addresses to the east side of Penn Street are to be picked up on Mondays and addresses to the west of Penn Street, Gaysport and Holliday Hills will be collected on Tuesdays.



BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS

The Borough takes tremendous pride in the fact that its residents are consistently doing projects to take care of and maintain their homes. It is one of the great attributes of Hollidaysburg.

Be mindful that Pennsylvania State Law requires that you must obtain appropriate permits to have certain types of projects done. Not obtaining the necessary permits could lead to legal action and fines.

Zoning permits from the Borough may also be necessary. Be sure to make the phone call before your project begins to ensure that the project progresses in a timely manner and that you will not find yourself faced with penalties.

Please contact Planning and Zoning Administrator Patrick Rabits at 695-3880 for information.

A Citizen's Guide to Applying for a Building & Zoning Permit is available at www.hollidaysburgpa.org.





Winterfest

PARADE

NOVEMBER 18TH

2:00 PM

LIGHT UP NIGHT

NOVEMBER 23, 2018

5:00-7:30 PM

**Soup Sampling, Santa Land, Kids
Activities, and so much more!**

SOUP SAMPLING TICKETS: \$6





**A NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH
RESIDENTS & FRIENDS
NOVEMBER 2018**



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GUIDE TO BOROUGH GOVERNMENT & OFFICES 2018

Borough Council

Ward 1 Joseph A. Pompa
207 Hickory St, 814-693-1819
12/31/2019

Ward 2 Brady Leahey
411 Spruce St, 814-935-9218
12/31/2021

Ward 3 Patrick J. Plummer
P.O. Box 621, 814-695-4370
12/31/2019

Ward 4 Sean M. Burke
901 Walnut St, 814-215-8925
12/31/2021

Ward 5 Mark L. Shawley
1309 Walnut St, 814-695-4170
12/31/2019

Ward 6 Joyce Lowe
102 Quince Court, 814-312-2394
12/31/2021

Ward 7 Jeffrey J. Ketner
1208 N. Juniata St, 814-414-9850
12/31/2019

Mayor

Joseph R. Dodson
522 Wayne St, 814-695-8834
12/31/2021

Tax Collector

Donna Carson
223 Bedford St, 814-696-4684
12/31/2021

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Secretary Patricia J. Duron

Solicitor Nathan W. Karn, Sr.

Police Chief Rodney B. Estep, Jr.

Fire Marshall David A. Zeek

Director of Community Facilities
Richard T. Pope

Director of Water Department
Richard T. Pope

Director of Wastewater Operations
Frank B. Hicks Jr.

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Carol Gale

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Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council
Marie Little Pat Gildea
Christine Liebal

Sewer Authority
Regis Nale Jim Burke
Ralph T. Miller Carol M. Gale

James Fitch
Sarah Zeek (Recording Secretary)

Zoning Hearing Board
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Larry Daugherty
James Mielnik (Alternate)
Robert P. Rea (Attorney)
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Chris Sawyer 814-322-2245
Vacant
Patrick J. Plummer 814-695-4370
Andrew R. St John 412-260-1584

Civil Service Commission

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Vacant
Ann M. Andrews
John Little (Alternate)
Patricia J. Duron (Recording Secretary)

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Jane Sheffield Ethan Imhoff
Steve Martz
Crystal Snyder (Recording Secretary)

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Patricia J. Duron Mayor Dodson
Lori M. Patterson

HARB

Andrew Haines
Jane Sheffield Donald Delozier
Patrick Rabits Vacant
Joel Koss
Crystal Snyder (Recording Secretary)

HPC

Andrew Haines
Jane Sheffield Joel Koss
Patrick Rabits Jordan Futrick
Steve Martz Vacant
Richard Latker Donald Delozier
Josh Patt

IRC (Borough Reps)

James Gehret

IRC Executive Director
John Frederick, 942-7472

Vacancy Board

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