A NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH RESIDENTS & FRIENDS



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In the event of a heavy snowfall, the Mayor may make a snow emergency declaration to begin at either 8AM or at 8PM.

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

If the snow emergency begins at **8PM** (in the *EVENing*,) vehicles must be parked on the *EVEN* numbered side of the street; if at **8AM** (*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*.

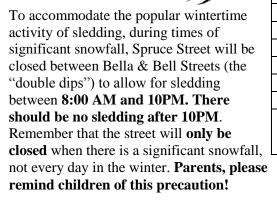
Remember, odd-even parking restrictions are only in effect when a Snow Emergency has been declared!

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!

SNOW 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 by complying with the Borough's Ordinance!

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STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE FOR 2016

	WEEK #1	WEEK #2	WEEK #3	WEEK #4
APRIL	$4^{TH} - 8^{TH}$	$11^{\text{TH}} - 15^{\text{TH}}$	$18^{TH}-22^{ND}$	$25^{TH} - 29^{TH}$
MAY	$4^{TH} - 6^{TH}$	$11^{\text{TH}} - 13^{\text{TH}}$	$18^{\text{TH}} - 20^{\text{TH}}$	25 TH -27 TH
JULY	$6^{\text{TH}} - 8^{\text{TH}}$	$13^{\text{TH}} - 15^{\text{TH}}$	$20^{TH}-22^{ND}$	27 TH – 29 TH
SEPTEMBER	7 TH – 9 TH	$14^{\text{TH}} - 16^{\text{TH}}$	$21^{ST} - 23^{RD}$	$28^{TH} - 30^{TH}$

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH AT 2AM.

Remember to turn you clock ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 12th.

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LIBRARY NEWS

The Library is proud to introduce free eBooks available on your PC, IOS or Android device. Download the free app from www.eSebco.com, go to library.eSebco.com, and login with your Hollidaysburg Area Public Library card number, login "haplguest" and password "patron". Ouestions? Call 814-695-5961 or email janet@halibrary.org. These new eBooks are in addition to those available through Overdrive on the Library's webpage www.hollidaysburglibrary.org. Zineo EMagazines are now available through our website, too! Click on the Zineo logo on our webpage. You can now renew books online by creating a free Destiny Quest account using your library card barcode. Go to the library's webpage, click on "Catalogs", select "Hollidaysburg Area Public Library" and then "Create Account."

February's schedule will include:

Book Clubs:

- Evening Classics Book Club February 11th
- Mystery and Mayhem Book Club February 9th
- Inspirational Book Club February 17th
- The Best of Times Book Club February 25th

Tech Classes:

- **Tech Time** Each Wednesday in February
- Beginning E-Reading Class February 3rd
- Intermediate E-Reading Class February 3rd
- Windows 10 Advanced February 11th

Crafting Classes:

- Adult Crafting Club Tuesdays Music:
- The Allegheny Ukulele Kollective February 28th

Other Programs:

- **Zentangle for Beginners** February 9th
- Intermediate Zentangle February 16th
- Eye Safety 101 February 18th
- Focus on Art! February 17th & 24th
- Elements in Harmony TBA
- **Special Storytime** Andrea Schurr February 25th
- Winter- Themed Ceramics Class February 23rd
- **ABC Photo Society** February 1st & 16th
- Cosmic Treats: Rocks from Space! February 25th
- **Story Times** Thursdays and Fridays in February
- **LEGO Create Time** each Friday in February
- Girl Scouts of Western PA Tuesdays
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is designed to encourage parents to read a thousand books to their child before they start kindergarten. Visit the library's homepage for more details.

For date, time and details on this month's special guests, visit the library website at

www.hollidaysburglibrary.org and click on "Calendar of Events".

Programs are also posted on Facebook under "Hollidaysburg Area Public Library".

Children must be accompanied by an adult when attending any of the special guest programs.

If you represent a school, summer camp or other organization and would like to schedule a visit, call 695-5961 ext 101 or email melanie.ramsey@gmail.com.

Library hours:

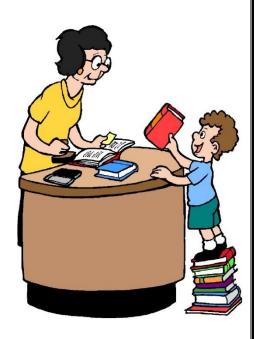
Mon - Thurs - 9:30AM - 8PM Fri - Sat - 9:30AM - 5PM Sun - 1PM - 5PM CLOSED -

February 13th, 14th and 15th





Shown above: Cassandra Baltes is the Hollidaysburg Area Public Library's February Young Artist of the Month. Cassandra is in 10th grade at Hollidaysburg Area Senior High and is an Art 2 student. She is the daughter of Richard and Melissa Baltes of Altoona.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2015

Harry Blair Thompson of 417 Cedar Boulevard was the recipient of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award. Harry was presented the award at a special ceremony held Thursday, January 28th at the American Legion Social Hall.

Mr. Thompson has been a resident of Hollidaysburg for many years. Harry continues to be a very active member of this community. Mr. Thompson is the ninth person to receive this award in the Borough of Hollidaysburg.





Shown above left to right: Robert Robertson, Geraldine Pontzer, Councilman Joseph Dodson, Richard Reimer, Harry Thompson, Patricia Gildea, Roy Cook, and Keith Eldred

SUPPORT FOR PATRIOT PARK

Patriot Park has special meaning to the Borough of Hollidaysburg. It was built to honor and remember all the veterans.

Work was recently done and will continue for the care and up keep of the park. Councilman Joseph Dodson is reaching out to the residents and neighbors for support of these tasks. Anyone interested in making a donation can send a check made out to the Borough of Hollidaysburg to the attention of Joseph Dodson at 401 Blair Street, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648. Please mark the check for 'Patriot Park'.

Thank you in advance for all your support!



TWO TO RETIRE!

This month, two long time employees will be leaving the borough – Mr. Stanley Kidd and Mrs. Shirley Books.

Mr. Kidd has been an employee in the wastewater treatment plant for almost 37 years and his last day will be February 29th.

Mrs. Books has served in the police department as administrative officer for just over 19 years and her final day will be February 12th.

The borough wishes them both the best of luck in the next phase of their lives as they move on to retirement. Thank you for your many years of service!



VOLUNTEERS FOR DISCOVERY GARDEN

Anyone interested in volunteering in the Discovery Garden is welcome to join us in the garden Thursday mornings at 9AM starting April 28th through October. It's a great opportunity to get involved and participate in the community. Everyone is welcome! There are no sign ups - just show up any Thursday you have available! If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please feel free to contact Karen Claton at 814-695-4655.



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...

Greetings to you and your family in 2016! The Borough has a lot to look forward to this year. It is expected to be a great one!

I would like to take a moment to recognize the hard work that went into cleaning up, keeping the citizens safe, and getting the town moving again after the recent snow storm. It was a job well done! The patience and participation of you, the residents, during cleanup was much appreciated as well.

Please remember to always be mindful of fellow residents and drivers in the event of snow storms as some streets will become a bit narrower with the excess snow.

Let's continue to work together to keep our town safe!

~Mayor Stultz

TOYS FOR KIDS PROGRAM SPONSORED BY POLICE

The Toys for Kids program was able to help make Christmas a little brighter on December 16th when a total of **186** wrapped gifts were delivered to the three schools for **42 children**. These children were referred to the Toys for Kids program by the Hollidaysburg Senior High and Junior High schools and CW Longer school nurses. This program has continued for the past 26 years. A special thanks to all those who donated!

HELP THE FIRE COMPANY FIND YOUR HYDRANT...

During a snow storm, the fire company is asking that the community help keep fire hydrants accessible near their homes. The act of clearing out around the hydrants could help save lives in the event of an emergency. Thank you!

A NOTE FROM THE CHIEF



A reminder to everyone! The Hollidaysburg Police Department is one of the three locations where discarded or discontinued medications can be dropped off. A free medication drop box is located in the lobby of the Police Department.

Please help to get dangerous and potentially addictive drugs out of the homes and off the street to where they can be safely disposed of by law enforcement. Please continue to support the program!



BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

The Borough Offices will be closed on Monday, February 15th in Observance of President's Day



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 7PM February 11 March 10

Water Authority 5:30PM February 16 March 15

Sewer Authority 5:30PM February 1 March 7

Planning Commission 5PM February 2 March 1

HARB/HPC 5PM February 4 March 3

Shade Tree Commission 4:15PM March 22

Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council 2PM March 24

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.

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2016 EVENTS

SNAZZY SOCKS RACE

Saturday, May 7th

ALLEGHENY STREET CRUISE-IN

Friday, May 27th

DOWNTOWN LIVE!

June 9th, June 30th, July 7th, August 25th & September 1st

HOLLIDAYSBURG FARM & CRAFT MARKET

Montgomery Street, near the Diamond July thru September

CANAL BASIN PARK FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 13th

PUMPKINFEST

Saturday, October 15th

WINTERFEST ACTIVITIES

Winterfest Parade - Sunday, November 20th
Light-Up Night, Soup Sampling, Santa Land - Friday, November 25th

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Saturday, November 26th

Hollidaysburg Community Partnership 401 Blair Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648 – 814-695-0544

www.hollidaysburg.org

ARTS COUNCIL NEWS!





Come and join the Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council at the Black Dog Café on Friday, March 11th – 6:30PM to 8PM to enjoy an evening of music by '**Stormy**'

SUMMER ART CAMPS

It is not too early to think about **Student Summer Art Camps** sponsored by the Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council. A week long camp offers a variety of art activities for students ages 6-15 years old. Students will meet at the Longer Elementary and HASD Jr. art rooms. HASD art instructors Mrs. Phyllis McConnell and Mrs. Barb Wertz- Leiden will lead the camps. Camps are scheduled for the week of June 13-17 OR June 20-24, 2016. Registration forms will be online March 20th. Limited enrollment.

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PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NEWS

The Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company, located at 206 Wayne Street, announces their upcoming events!

Super Bowl Sunday Chicken BBQ - February 7th - 11AM until sold out! Each meal will include ½ chicken, two sides, and a roll for \$8.00. Call 695-0521 or 414-5499 to order ahead.

Lenten Friday Fish Fries - February 12th thru March 25th - Fish dinners will be baked or fried, and include two sides, a roll, dessert and a beverage for \$10.00. Shrimp dinners and chicken tender dinners will also be offered.

Cash drawing - April 30th at 6PM. Food, refreshments and a D.J. will be provided. Please see any member or call 695-0521 or 414-5499 for tickets and details.

Chicken BBQ - May 15th - Each meal will include ½ chicken, two sides and a roll for \$8.00.

For more information, or to place an order, please call the Fire Station at 695-0521.

SPRING BRUSH PICKUP IN THE BOROUGH

The Borough will begin brush pickup this year in **April**.

Pickup will begin on Monday, April 4, 2016 and continue EACH WEEK through Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

Throughout that time, Borough workers will pick up and haul away compostable waste such as:

- Dead Leaves
- Dead Plant Material
- Tree & Brush Trimmings
- Branches up to 3" in diameter & 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
- 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 7AM, and the only alley pickups will be **Sweet Cherry Court** in Holliday Hills.

You can also drop your items at the **IRC Duncansville Recycling & Compost Facility**. It is open **Tuesdays only**– 12PM – 5PM.

Please see directions at the bottom of the page.

For the rest of the summer the pickups will take place on the Mondays and Tuesdays of the 2nd & 4th week of each month.

MONTH	WEE	K #2	WEEK#4	
	MON	TUES	MON	TUES
JUNE	13th	14th	27th	28th
JULY	11th	12th	25th	26th
AUG	8th	9th	22nd	23rd
SEPT	12th	13th	26th	27th

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.

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy sponsors both Gardens. 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 at the garden near The Dream to plant flowers at 9AM on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Work should be completed by noon.

If you have any questions please contact **Rick Pope** at 934-4032 or you may e-mail him at rpope@hollidaysburgpa.org

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IRC NEWS



Free IRC My-Waste App

In an effort to make recycling easier for everyone, the IRC has worked with My-Waste to develop a smart phone app for our area. Exciting features for residents include: the ability to report a missed collection, signup for alerts, set a personal recycling calendar, and search for nearby dropoffs.

You may use this feature on your desktop or download the mobile app to your smart phone device. You can find the app on our website, Google Play, or iTunes.

R&D Compost Facility The R&D

Compost Facility located in Duncansville will remain open through spring. The facility will be open Tuesdays from 12PM – 5PM. Screened Compost or Screened Mulch will be available for purchase between the hours of 3PM and 5PM.

No electronics accepted.

Recycling Bins If you still need a recycling bin, you can pick them up at the IRC office, IRC municipal buildings or Scan QR code to download the My-Waste App highway yards. The residential bin distribution event held the end of October was a rousing success but some residents missed the event.

- Hollidaysburg Municipal Building (401 Blair Street)
- IRC Office at Altoona City Hall (1301 – 12th Street, Suite 8 in the basement)
- Altoona Highway Yard (5010

Sixth Avenue at Commerce Park)

• Logan Township Municipal Building (100 Chief Logan Circle just off 26° Street and Pleasant Valley Boulevard)
Residents should ideally have a bin with a lid for paper recycling and an open bin for bottles and cans. If you have an old damaged bin or a county bin (that says "Blair County Recycles") and wish to trade it in for a bin that can take a lid, please bring in the bin for a trade-in.

Very large households may qualify for a 25 gallon round container.

Free lids are limited to one per household for paper recycling.

Wheel kits are available for purchase at the IRC office to all residents for \$2.00 while supplies last. If you have questions please call 942-7472 or email kpope@ircenvironment.org.

IT IS PENNSYLVANIA LAW!

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.

STREET TREE PERMITS

Please remember permits are needed for pruning or removal of the street trees! There is no charge for street tree permits, however, not obtaining a permit may result in a fine up to \$600. To obtain a street tree permit, please contact a member of the Hollidaysburg Shade Tree Commission.



Terry Wilt at 695-3226 Dave Zeek at 414-5499 Patrick Plummer at 695-4370 Christopher Foster at 696-4131 Andy St. John at 412-260-1584

Thanks for your cooperation in this important matter.

KEYS FOR CAMP KIDNEY

The Kidney Foundation of Central Pennsylvania (KFCP) collects old keys to turn in for reimbursement to benefit camperships for Camp Kidney. The Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company will be collecting keys at the fire department in support of this cause. Any number of key donations will be greatly appreciated. For drop off information, please contact 695-0521.

LOST & FOUND

Lost an item in the Borough? Stop in at the Police Department at 401 Blair Street and inquire about the lost and found box.

Found an item in the Borough? Bring it in to the Police Department to be placed in the lost and found.

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GUIDE TO BOROUGH GOVERNMENT & OFFICES 2016

Borough Council

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

Ward 2 Joseph R. Dodson 522 Wayne St, 814-695-4657 12/31/2017

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 12/31/2017

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

Ward 6 Stephanie Wertz 318 Bedford St, 814-696-3882 12/31/2017

Ward 7 Jeffrey J. Ketner 1208 N. Juniata St, 814-414-9850 12/31/19

Mayor

John P. Stultz, Jr. 1015 Walnut St, 814-695-2285 12/31/2017

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Marie Little Pat Gildea Christine Liebal

Sewer Authority

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Sarah Zeek (Recording Secretary)

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