



# THE TOWN CRIER



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## FALL BRUSH PICKUP CONTINUES IN THE BOROUGH

Leaf pickup will continue to take place each week on Mondays and Tuesdays through **December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**.

### Reminders are as follows:

Leaves **must be** bagged in biodegradable leaf bags and placed curbside by 7:00 am 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. No exceptions!**

## 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](http://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!



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# WIPES CLOG PIPES

The Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority would like to remind its customers **not** to flush paper towels, disinfecting wipes, sanitary wipes or baby wipes down the toilet - **EVEN IF THE CONTAINER SAYS THE PRODUCT IS FLUSHABLE**. These products do not break down and will cause sanitary sewer blockages and sanitary sewer back-ups. **REMEMBER: TOILET PAPER ONLY IN THE TOILET – EVERYTHING ELSE, EVEN IF LABELED FLUSHABLE, MUST BE DISPOSED OF IN THE TRASH.** Thank you.  
**#WIPESCLOGPIPES**

# SIDEWALK & SAFETY

There is a new sidewalk along N. Juniata Street for pedestrians to enjoy. Along with the resurfacing project there, PennDOT installed a new sidewalk and Flashing Warning Device (FWD). The sidewalk separates pedestrians from vehicular traffic, and the flashing light alerts motorists to use extra caution near the entrance to the Legion Memorial Park during events. The addition of these improvements will greatly enhance pedestrian safety in that area. This resurfacing and safety project was completed in October 2020. Check it out!



# ARTS COUNCIL



This year has been a difficult one for the Arts Council. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the annual "Music in the Burg" concerts were not held. The members of the Arts Council regret that they were not able to interact with their very loyal patrons.

To close out the year, they will be one of the sponsors of the Altoona Symphony's "Musician Spotlight Concert Series" to be held at the Mishler Theater. On December 6, at 2:30, the Holiday Brass Concert will take place. Remember, seating is limited, so reserve your spot early.

## BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

*Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>*

*Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>*

*Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*

*Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>*

*Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>*



# RETIRING AFTER 44 YEARS OF SERVICE!



On October 23, 2020, Borough employees wished Joan (Joany) Moyer a happy retirement on her last working day as accounting clerk in the Water and Sewer Billing Office. Joan began employment with the Borough in 1976, and held a few different positions throughout that time. She will officially retire at the end of this year, completing 44 years of employment! The Borough is grateful for her dedication and service to the Borough! She will be missed and is sincerely wished the very best health and happiness in her retirement!

*Best wishes*

# DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET

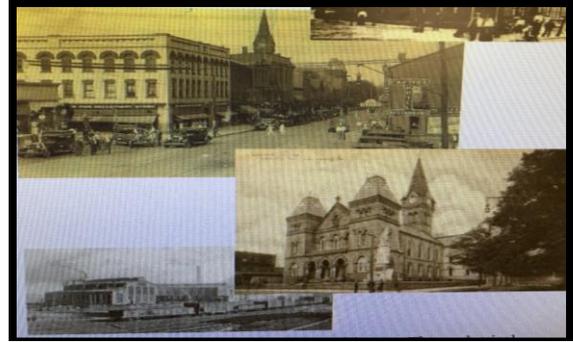
Borough residents are reminded **NOT** to push or rake fallen leaves into the public streets. This creates a safety hazard and violators will be fined. Fall Brush Pickup continues in the Borough on Mondays and Tuesdays through **December 8<sup>TH</sup>**.

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.



## HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Hollidaysburg Historic District and its accompanying Borough Ordinance were created in 1989. The purpose is to protect and preserve the architectural character of the Borough's historic buildings. Chapter 27, the Zoning Ordinance, contains the regulations for the Historic District. Sections 301 and 901 pertain to the Historic District. Section 301 governs the specific architectural activities connected with the construction, maintenance, repair, preservation and rehabilitation of properties within the Historic District. A Historic District Property Owner's Manual is available to Historic District property owners. This manual contains the recommendations and guidelines from the Secretary of the Interior for rehabilitation. A published study of the values of the properties in the Historic District is available as well.



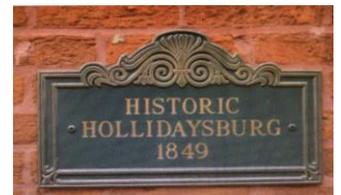
For those properties located in this district, a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) and an applicable Zoning Permit is needed prior to starting any work on the exterior of the structure. In order to obtain this COA, an application needs to be made to the Historical and Architectural Review Board (HARB). The HARB meets in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building to review applications and to make a recommendation to Borough Council. If Borough Council concurs with the HARB's recommendation for approval of an application, the COA can be obtained for a \$20.00 fee, however, a Zoning Permit may be required as well for the specific work to be done. Zoning Permit fees vary by type of project.

### THE HARB REVIEW PROCESS:

1. Obtain HARB application from the borough building or online at [www.hollidaysburpa.org](http://www.hollidaysburpa.org).
2. Submit your application to the Borough building. You will receive a notice via mail or email with your meeting date.
3. **HARB Meeting** – You or your designated representative should present your project verbally to the board. They will have already reviewed your application independently.
4. HARB & HPC members will have questions. Options will likely be discussed. If members feel you should consider alternative treatments for your project, they will offer suggestions. Once a consensus is reached, the HARB will make a motion and vote on your application.
5. **BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING** – Council actually “approves” your application based upon HARB’s recommendations. Council has the authority to ‘over-turn’ HARB’s recommendations.
6. Once your application is approved by Council, you may pick up your building or zoning permit with your Certificate of Appropriateness.

### IS YOUR HOUSE IN THE BOROUGH HISTORIC DISTRICT?

The answer to this question seems obvious to Borough homeowners. However, in a municipality like Hollidaysburg where historic homes and architecture are present in nearly every neighborhood, confusion often abounds as to the exact whereabouts of the Historic District boundaries. One source of confusion is the historic plaques on many historic Borough homes. The historic plaques were sold as a fundraiser for Historic Hollidaysburg (a historic preservation group not affiliated with the Borough’s Historic District), and do not indicate inclusion in the Borough’s Historic District. There are homes in the Borough Historic District that do have plaques on them and others that do not. Likewise, there are many historic Borough homes outside of the Historic District that have plaques on them. A map of the Borough Historic District is available on the Borough’s website, or in the Historic Preservation Office at the Municipal Building. Feel free to call Gerald Harbison if you have questions about the Historic District at 695-3880.





# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...



This year, we all celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Women’s Suffrage which commemorates the great achievement of women’s right to vote. I join women in remembering this profound accomplishment.

As we enter the fall and winter seasons, I would like to remind everyone to drive cautiously and prepare for seasonal road conditions.

Please take steps to keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy as we journey through this pandemic. I would like to thank our Borough Manager, James Gehret, for his hard work in keeping our staff and residents safe during this time.

I hope you will continue to support our downtown businesses, our police department and our library. As always, please pray for our armed forces, first responders, our country and our community.

### Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas!

*Joe says “The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person who is doing it.”*  
~Mayor Joe



# CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



This year’s Citizen of the Year was awarded to **Jo Delozier**. Jo is a graduate of the Hollidaysburg Area School District. She has given many hours of her time volunteering at local schools, preparing baked goods and making and distributing other items for residents of elderly homes. Jo was selected for her outstanding community service to the children and elderly residents of our community. Mayor Dodson presented her with the award and proclaimed **November 5, 2020 as Jo Delozier Day**.  
*Congratulations Jo!*

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

**Borough Council 7PM**  
Nov 12 Dec 10

**Water Authority 5:30PM**  
Nov 17 Dec 15

**Sewer Authority 5PM**  
Nov 9 Dec 14

**Planning Commission 5PM**  
Nov 3 Dec 1

**HARB/HPC 5PM**  
Nov 5 Dec 3

**Shade Tree Commission 4:15PM**  
Nov 10

**Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council 1PM**  
No meetings scheduled



**Borough Meetings** are held in Council Chambers or via telecommunications device.

Find meeting agendas and public participation at: [www.hollidaysburgpa.org](http://www.hollidaysburgpa.org).



## NEWS



### November Schedule:

November is Picture Book Month.  
 November 1<sup>ST</sup> is National Authors Day.  
 November 13<sup>th</sup> is World Kindness Day  
 November 16<sup>th</sup> is "Have A Party With Your Bear" Day.



### LIBRARY HOURS

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Mon-Thur | 9:30 am – 8:00 pm |
| Fri-Sat  | 9:30 am – 5:00 pm |
| Sun      | 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm |

November 21<sup>st</sup> is World Hello Day which seeks to promote dialogue between different cultures by starting with a simple 'hello', demonstrating the value of using communication rather than force to resolve conflicts.

**The Library is closed Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veterans Day.**  
**The Library is closed November 26<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving.**

Zoom outreach to the Hollidaysburg Junior High MDS will be held Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. If you represent a school or other community organization that would like to schedule a virtual story time visit, please email [melanie@halibrary.org](mailto:melanie@halibrary.org).

November is a time for family and for connecting with your family history. We invite you to access Ancestry.gov (which is free on the Library's public computers) and to take a look at our local history information including the Pennsylvania Collection located in the Armed Forces Room.

New STEM kits are now available for a variety of interest and ability levels, each with a book, activity cards, and materials to use for learning fun. They may be checked out for two weeks at a time. CSB2 STEM Ecosystem STEM kits are made possible by a PAsmart grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

CSB2 STEM Ecosystem school and library access to Tutor.com is made possible by a PAsmart grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Grab your library card, go to the Library's website at [www.hollidaysburglibrary.org](http://www.hollidaysburglibrary.org), and click on Tutor.com to get started. Resources include access to live tutors, SAT prep and more.

Cloud Library is a free virtual way to read digital books using your library card and your digital device...phone, tablet, e-reader or laptop. Visit the Library's website at [www.hollidaysburglibrary.org](http://www.hollidaysburglibrary.org) and click on "Cloud Library" to get started.

**The Friends of the Hollidaysburg Area Public Library help the Library provide services to the public. Current fundraisers include pecan orders (\$10 per 1-lb. bag) and wreath orders. Order forms are available at the Library; please pay when you order. The Friends are not holding meetings at this time, but can be contacted by email: [lakotaz@aol.com](mailto:lakotaz@aol.com) for questions or with offers of help. Please like "Friends of the Hollidaysburg Area Public Library" on Facebook.**

Inspirational Book Club is not meeting at this time. The club leaders have created an inspirational book display and they invite you to visit the Library to check it out. For questions, please email [nila2j@atlanticbb.net](mailto:nila2j@atlanticbb.net).

Mystery & Mayhem Book Club is not meeting at this time. Please check out the Library display of murder mysteries chosen by our book club leader! Questions? Please call the Library and ask for Crystal.

## Important Information Regarding Business at the Municipal Building and Covid-19

**WATER AND SEWER PAYMENT OFFICE:** Water & Sewer customers are encouraged to continue to use the drop safe located on the alley for their payments, however they may gain entry to make their payments in person by using the buzzer at the front entrance and speaking to an employee who will allow them entry. Social distancing markers will be visible to those customers as they enter. Please follow directional signs and do not attempt to venture to other departments in the building.

**CODE DEPARTMENT:** Persons wishing to discuss or submit applications for zoning or building permits are encouraged to call 695-7543 to make an appointment or he or she can buzz at the front entrance to speak to an employee who will contact Mr. Harbison in the Code Department. Mr. Harbison may be available at that time to accept an application or to discuss business with a customer in a CDC compliant office in the building. If he is not available, the person is asked to call to make an appointment.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Persons seeking to contact the Police Department are asked to call 695-3711 or to buzz at the front entrance to discuss their needs with an employee. Payments for tickets can be made through the drop safe on the alley.

**MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Persons who may need to apply for a street closing permit or submit an application or new water and/or sewer taps through the Manager's Office may buzz at the front entrance and ask for someone in the Manager's Office. The Manager's Office may also be reached by calling 695-7543.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS:** Persons who may need to meet with or speak with the Director of Community Relations and Events may call the Manager's Office at 695-7543 as we do not currently have someone in this position.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** Meetings will continue to be held as currently – teleconference or virtual, until such time that the Borough feels that it can adequately meet the CDC guidelines.

OTHER INQUIRES MAY BE EMAILED TO [secretary@hollidaysburgpa.org](mailto:secretary@hollidaysburgpa.org)

### Building Visitors



- If you are sick, please stay home.
- We are asking residents to use the drop safe located in the alley for payments whenever possible.
- Visitors are asked to wear a mask for the safety of our employees. Our employees will wear a mask for the safety of our residents.
- Hand sanitizer stations are available in the lobby for your convenience. Please use them.
- Please maintain 6' of space between yourself and other visitors.
- We are encouraging our staff to conduct business virtually, but we do have a CDC compliant office for individual meetings.

## SNOW & SIDEWALKS



When the leaves start dropping the snow isn't far behind. Here's a reminder of the Borough's snow removal ordinances:

- Residents are required to shovel walks the full width of the sidewalk or thirty (30) inches, whichever is less. Snow may not be shoveled into the street except in the C2 Community Business District (Downtown) to maintain access to parking meters.
- Downtown sidewalks are to be cleared of snow and ice from the building face to the curb and may be deposited into the street.
- Snow and ice shall be removed from sidewalks within twenty-four (24) hours after the cessation of any fall or snow, sleet or freezing rain. In the event snow and/or ice on a sidewalk has become so hard that it cannot be removed without likelihood of damage to the sidewalk, sand or other abrasive may be put on the sidewalk to make travel reasonably safe; and shall, as soon as thereafter weather permits, be cleared.
- Snow or ice shall not be deposited on or immediately next to a fire hydrant, any sidewalk, roadway or loading and unloading area of a public transportation system.

## DO NOT BLOCK SIDEWALKS

Please be reminded that sidewalks are intended for pedestrians! Pedestrians travel through the Borough via sidewalks. Do not block sidewalks with motor vehicles, toys, etc. Whether you are an owner of the property adjacent to the sidewalk, or a tenant, occupant or lessee; the responsibility to make sure that the sidewalk is clear of objects, or materials such as dirt, leaves, snow or ice, is yours. Let us all do our part to keep the Borough safe in this way.

Thank you!



## 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 4<sup>th</sup>** and Monday, **January 25<sup>th</sup>**.

West Side of town on Tuesday, **January 5<sup>th</sup>** and Tuesday, **January 26<sup>th</sup>**.

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!

## LOST & FOUND

Lost an item in the Borough? Call the Police Department at 814-695-3711 to inquire about any items that may have been turned in to the Borough. Found an item in the Borough? Bring it in to the Police Department to be placed in the lost and found.





## A NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

# NOVEMBER 2020



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Borough Manager James Gehret

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We're on the web: [hollidaysburgpa.org](http://hollidaysburgpa.org) & on facebook

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12/31/2021

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12/31/2023

**Ward 6** Joyce Lowe  
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12/31/2021 814-312-2394

**Ward 7** Richard A. Scholton  
4 Bel Aire Circle  
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12/31/23

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#### **Coordinator**

Vacant

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Carol M. Gale

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Jim Burke

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Jo Nell Snider (Stenographer)

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Jeffrey Ketner (ALT)  
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Secretary)

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Jane Sheffield Ethan C. Imhoff  
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Donald Delozier Jane Sheffield  
Adam Conrad Dave Macharola  
Joel Koss

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Joel Koss Jane Sheffield  
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Joseph Stanek Gerald Harbison  
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