



THE TOWN CRIER



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WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES

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!



SLEDDING REMINDERS



To accommodate the popular wintertime activity of sledding, during times of significant snowfall, Spruce Street will be closed between Bella & Bell Streets (the "double dips") to allow for sledding between **8AM and 10PM**. **There should be no sledding after 10PM**. 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!**

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STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE FOR 2017

	WEEK #1	WEEK #2	WEEK #3	WEEK #4
APRIL	3 RD – 7 TH	10 TH – 14 TH	17 TH – 21 ST	24 TH – 28 TH
JUNE	7 TH – 9 TH	14 TH – 16 TH	21 ST – 23 RD	28 TH - 30 TH
AUGUST	9 TH – 11 TH	16 TH – 18 TH	23 RD – 25 TH	29 TH – 31 ST

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
ENDS ON SUNDAY,
MARCH 12TH AT 2AM.**

Remember to turn your clock ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 11th.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library is proud to introduce free eBooks available on your digital 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". Questions? Call 814-695-5961 or email melanie@halibrary.org. These new eBooks are in addition to those available through Overdrive on the Library's webpage www.hollidaysburglibrary.org. Over fifty free Zinio EMagazines are now available with your library card! Click on the Zinio logo on our webpage. You may access your Evergreen library account online by going to hollidaysburglibrary.org and clicking the blue "Log-In" button on the right. Enter your library barcode and the last four digits of your phone number to create your account. You may then change your user name and password in the account preferences tab."

Ancestry: Library Edition is now available for the public to use, free, on our public computers.

February's schedule will include:

Book Clubs:

- **Evening Classics Book Club** February 2nd
- **Inspirational Book Club** February 9th
- **Mystery and Mayhem Book Club** February 14th
- **The Best of Times Book Club** February 23rd

Tech Classes:

- **Tech Help** February 4th & 25th
- **Smartphone Basics** February 13th & 27th
- **Computer Tips & Tricks** February 13th

Crafting Classes:

- **Knitting & Crocheting Club** February 2nd
- **Ceramics Classes** February 7th

- **Handwork & Arts Group** each Tuesday in February

Music:

- **Ukulele Crash Course: No Helmet Required** February 9th
- **Ukulele Crash Course: No Helmet Required: Kids Version** February 26th
- **The Allegheny Ukulele Kollektive** February 26th

Other Programs:

- **Friends of the Library** February 2nd
- **New Year, New Library Account** February 8th
- **Free Movie: "To Sir With Love"** February 10th
- **Animals in Winter** February 16th
- **Elements in Harmony** February 8th & 22nd
- **ABC Photo Society** February 6th & 21st
- **Keep Blair County Beautiful** February 22nd
- **Engineer Week Activity and Information Table** February 22nd through 25th
- **Cosmic Treats: Virtual Reality** February 23rd
- **La Leche League of Altoona** February 28th
- **Allegheny Essential Oils Club** each Wednesday in February
- **Construction Club** each Friday in February
- **Story Times** Thursdays and Fridays 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 18th, 19th and 20th

Artist of the Month

ABC Photo Society

2017 Winter Fundraising going on at the Library!

Best of Friends Bookstore

Sheetz Coupon Books

Gardner's Chocolates



Art by Sally Deweese of Altoona
January's Artist of the Month

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2016

Timothy J. Surkovich of 419 Benton Drive was the recipient of the 2016 Citizen of the Year Award. Tim was presented the award at a special ceremony held Monday, January 16th at the American Legion Social Hall.

Mr. Surkovich has been a resident of Hollidaysburg for several years. Tim continues to be an active member of this community. Mr. Surkovich is the tenth person to receive this award in the Borough of Hollidaysburg.



VOLUNTEERS FOR DISCOVERY GARDEN

Gardening enthusiasts are invited to attend a series of gardening classes held in cooperation with Hollidaysburg Borough and Penn State Extension. Tom Ford, Area Commercial Horticulture Educator with Penn State Extension, Cambria County, teaches the classes. The series of classes are free and open to the public. In return, participants agree to volunteer 18 hours at the Discovery Garden in Legion Park throughout the growing season **on Thursday mornings** from May to October 2017. Participants will receive a certificate of completion after the classes are over. Volunteers agree to work a minimum of two to three hours a week during the gardening season. Volunteer assignments include spring cleanup, planting, weeding, deadheading, guiding garden tours and helping with special events. Other opportunities are available for volunteers interested in providing educational activities for individuals participating in the horticultural therapy program of Skills and other community groups.

Classes will be held on the following Mondays - April 3, April 10, April 17 and April 24.

All classes will be held 9AM to noon at the Hollidaysburg Municipal Building, except for the last class on April 24, which will be held at Discovery Garden.

The Discovery Garden is a project of the Skills Foundation, which provides programs and supports to people with intellectual disabilities and mental illness. One of the Skills Foundation's programs is the Horticultural Therapy program at Discovery Garden. The program provides opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities to be involved in their community while experiencing the benefits of horticultural therapy such as exercise, socialization, improving gross and motor skills and lessening anxiety.

To register for classes, contact Patricia Duron at the Hollidaysburg Municipal Office at (814) 695-7543 ext. 301.



WWTP DIRECTOR RETIRES!

December 30, 2016, longtime Wastewater Treatment Plant Director Frank Cassisi retired with more than 24 years of service to the Borough. Frank began his career in 1992 and was responsible for many projects, including a renovation of the original wastewater treatment plant and its subsequent upgrade completed in 2014.

His dedication and service to the Borough and the Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority has been invaluable. He will be missed! The Borough and the Authority wish Frank the best in his retirement and offer him a hearty THANKS!



SPOT A STROKE™

F.A.S.T.

 **FACE** Drooping  **ARM** Weakness  **SPEECH** Difficulty  **TIME** to Call 911



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...



Each new year brings with it the possibility to be bigger and better than the last. Last year did not disappoint with things like new business growth downtown and the start of the long awaited renovations on Highland Hall. Although some ventures cause more inconvenience than others, each project has the end result of making things better for the Borough. The patience and understanding from every resident during each and every endeavor is invaluable and very much appreciated! Thank you!

Please help our police force by staying alert and aware of the traffic laws as they work to keep our town safe. Be mindful of the workers throughout the duration of all the ongoing projects and in the event of any winter weather.

Let's work together to make 2017 the best year yet!

~Mayor Stultz

NEW WWTP DIRECTOR

Frank B. Hicks, Jr. recently became the Director of Wastewater Operations when Frank Cassisi retired. Mr. Hicks is not new to the Wastewater Treatment Plant as he had worked as the assistant director for the first seven years of his career.

Mr. Hicks is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies. He is a certified Wastewater Operator and Underground Storage Tank Operator.

The Borough and the Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority are confident that Mr. Hicks will serve them well in this new capacity as the director. Congratulations Frank Jr.!



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 20th 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 9 March 9

Water Authority 5:30PM

February 21 March 21

Sewer Authority 5PM

February 13 March 13

Planning Commission 5PM

February 7 March 7

HARB/HPC 5PM

February 2 March 2

Shade Tree Commission 4:15PM

March 21

Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council 2PM

February 22 March 22



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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2017 EVENTS

SNAZZY SOCKS RACE

Saturday, May 6th

SPRINGFEST

Saturday, May 13th

ALLEGHENY STREET CRUISE-IN

Friday, May 26th

DOWNTOWN LIVE!

May 25th, June 15th, July 20th, August 17th & September 7th

HOLLIDAYSBURG FARM & CRAFT MARKET

Montgomery Street, near the Diamond

Every Tuesday from 11AM to 5PM – July 11th thru September 26th

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, August 11th

CANAL BASIN PARK FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 12th

PUMPKINFEST

Saturday, October 14th

WINTERFEST ACTIVITIES

Winterfest Parade - Sunday, November 19th

Light-Up Night, Soup Sampling, Santa Land - Friday, November 24th

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Saturday, November 25th

Hollidaysburg Community Partnership

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

www.hollidaysburg.org

PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NEWS

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



Lenten Friday Fish Fries – March 3rd thru April 14th - 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 - May 6th 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.

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

ARTS COUNCIL NEWS!

CONCERT

Music by 'Enceladus Rise Band' at the Black Dog Café on Friday, March 10th – 6:30PM to 8PM

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

“Capturing the Light of Hollidaysburg”



ADULT SPRING WORKSHOP

Join in and come make a 5x7 picture frame and a bracelet out of paper with “Paper All Around” at the Hollidaysburg Public Library on Tuesday, April 4th – 5:30PM to 8PM. A donation of \$20 covers all materials. Limited seating is available. Contact Christine Liebal at 696-4226.

CHILDREN’S SUMMER ART CAMPS

Registration form online April 1, 2017.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

“MUSIC in the Burg”

Watch for details on each event on the Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council’s website and Facebook page as well as the Altoona Mirror and the ‘To Go’ page!

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
- Andy St. John at 412-260-1584

Thanks for your cooperation in this important matter.

SPRING BRUSH PICKUP IN THE BOROUGH

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

Pickup will begin on **Monday, April 3, 2017** and continue **EACH WEEK** through **Tuesday, May 23, 2017**.

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
- Gravel
- Junk
- Garbage
- Dirt
- 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**.

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	WEEK #2		WEEK#4	
	MON	TUES	MON	TUES
JUNE	12th	13th	26th	27th
JULY	10th	11th	24th	25th
AUG	14th	15th	28th	29th
SEPT	11th	12th	25th	26th

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 13, 2017**. 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



IRC NEWS!

Make recycling easier at home and on the go & download the IRC smart phone app!



For more program or event information, visit IRCEnvironment.org, download our smart phone app, call 814-942-7472 or email kpope@ircenvironment.org.



Computers, Peripherals and Televisions

The IRC offers a free recycling program for these materials at our Buckhorn Facility during regular business hours.

- Computers - Towers, Laptops, and Monitors
- Computer Peripherals - Computer speakers, mice, keyboards
- Printers and Faxes
- Televisions - CRT's, Floor Models, and Flatscreens

Other Electronic Devices

These materials will be accepted at our Buckhorn Facility.

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| • Metal Appliances & Electronics
Microwaves, stoves, dishwashers, etc. | Free |
| • Small Portable Electronics
Portable DVD players, etc. | \$ 1.00 |
| • Medium-Sized Electronics
Full sized DVD players, VCR's | \$ 2.00 |
| • Large Non-metal Electronics
Stereos, speakers, etc. | \$ 5.00 |
| • Freon Containing Appliances
Small AC Units and Dehumidifiers | \$ 7.00 |
| Refrigerators and Freezers | \$10.00 |



FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SEWER LATERAL REPLACEMENT

The Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority wants its customers to be aware that there is a funding source available to customers who might not have the funds available for their sewer lateral replacement.

Water/Sewer unsecured loan (\$2,000-10,000), up to 60 months, 4.99%, are available to residents for the purpose of assisting homeowners mandated by municipal authorities to upgrade/replace water or sewer lines. Disbursement will be made directly to the service provider (bid or invoice required), and majority of funds must be made payable to service provider. Minimal amounts may be disbursed directly to borrower to assist with other project needs (landscaping, sidewalk repair, etc.).

Residents may contact:

AmeriServ Financial, 216 Franklin St., Johnstown, PA 15901, 814-533-5177 for more information.

This funding program is available to the public and is not affiliated or sponsored by the Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority, Hollidaysburg Borough (Water) Authority or the Borough of Hollidaysburg.

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.

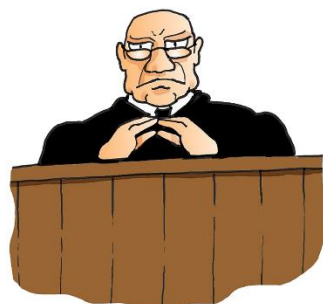
Zoning permits from the Borough may also be necessary. Be sure to make the phone call before your project begins to ensure that the project progresses in a timely manner and that you

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.



EAGLE SCOUTS



Two Eagle Scout projects were completed at the Jaycee Memorial in 2016. Drew Scarbaro's project entailed replacing one American flagpole and placing a memorial statue (shown above). Justin Detwiler's project was to replace one existing pole with six flagpoles – one for each branch of the military and one for the Prisoner-Of-War flag.



**A NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH
RESIDENTS & FRIENDS
FEBRUARY 2017**



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Borough Manager James Gehret
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GUIDE TO BOROUGH GOVERNMENT & OFFICES 2017

Borough Council

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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

Mavor

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

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223 Bedford St, 814-696-4684
12/31/2017

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