



# THE TOWN CRIER

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## FALL BRUSH PICKUP CONTINUES



Brush pickup will continue each week on Mondays and Tuesdays through **December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**.

### Reminders are as follows:

Leaves & brush **must be** bagged in biodegradable leaf bags and placed curbside by 7 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!**

## PICKUP RUNS THROUGH DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup>!



## 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, on the website [www.hollidaysburgpa.org](http://www.hollidaysburgpa.org), & the borough Facebook page.

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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**ELECTION DAY**  
**TUESDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

 **Happy**  
**Thanksgiving**

## What is Infiltration and Inflow (I/I)?

Infiltration is groundwater, or groundwater that is influenced by surface water, which enters sewer pipes (interceptors, collectors, manholes, or side sewers) through holes, breaks, joint failures, connection failures and other openings. Infiltration quantities often exhibit seasonal variation in response to groundwater levels. Storm events can trigger a rise in groundwater levels and increase infiltration flows. The highest infiltration flows are observed following significant storm events or following prolonged periods of precipitation.

Inflow is surface water that enters the wastewater system from yard, roof and footer drains, from cross-connections with storm drains, downspouts and sump pumps. Inflow occurs as a result of storm events such as rainfall, and snow melt, or underground springs that contribute to excessive sewer flows. Peak inflow can occur during heavy storm events when storm sewer systems are surcharged, resulting in hydraulic backups and local ponding. Inflow and infiltration is clearwater that enters the sanitary sewer system from a variety of sources.

Infiltration occurs when groundwater seeps into sewer pipes through cracks, leaky pipe joints and/or deteriorated manholes.

Inflow occurs in direct proportion to the amount of rainfall. Inflow is storm water that enters the wastewater system through rain leaders, basement sump pumps or foundation drains that are illegally connected directly to a sanitary sewer pipe.

## Why is I/I a problem?

I/I ends up at the regional wastewater treatment plant, where it must be treated like sewage, resulting in higher treatment costs.

I/I often requires new and larger wastewater treatment facilities, conveyance systems or holding tanks to convey, store and treat larger volumes of flow. This additional infrastructure results in higher capital expenditures.

I/I flows contribute to sewer system surcharging into local homes and overflows into the region's waterways (CSOs), negatively impacting public health and the environment. It is estimated that inflow and infiltration make up 85 percent of peak flows during winter and rain events and as much as 70 percent of this peak flow comes from privately owned sewer networks.

Protecting the environment and decreasing wastewater treatment costs are the benefit of a responsible I/I control program.

## WINTERFEST COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### WANT TO HELP PLAN WINTERFEST?

TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE OR TO  
PARTICIPATE IN WINTERFEST  
CONTACT MELANIE RAMSEY @

[mramsey@hollidaysburgpa.org](mailto:mramsey@hollidaysburgpa.org) or call 814-696-0544.



**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES  
AVAILABLE!**

## SOUP SAMPLING

The Annual Soup Sampling Contest will take place from **5 pm-7 pm** during **Light Up Night** on **Friday, November 24** and will feature your favorite soups!



Local restaurants and organizations will be participating in the contest.

**Tickets will be available on the Second Floor at the Hollidaysburg Borough Municipal Building & Light Up Night! Tickets cost \$6.**

**For questions, please call Melanie Ramsey at 814-696-0544.**

*(Pre-purchase is encouraged!)*

## WINTERFEST PARADE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WANT TO HELP WITH THE WINTERFEST PARADE?

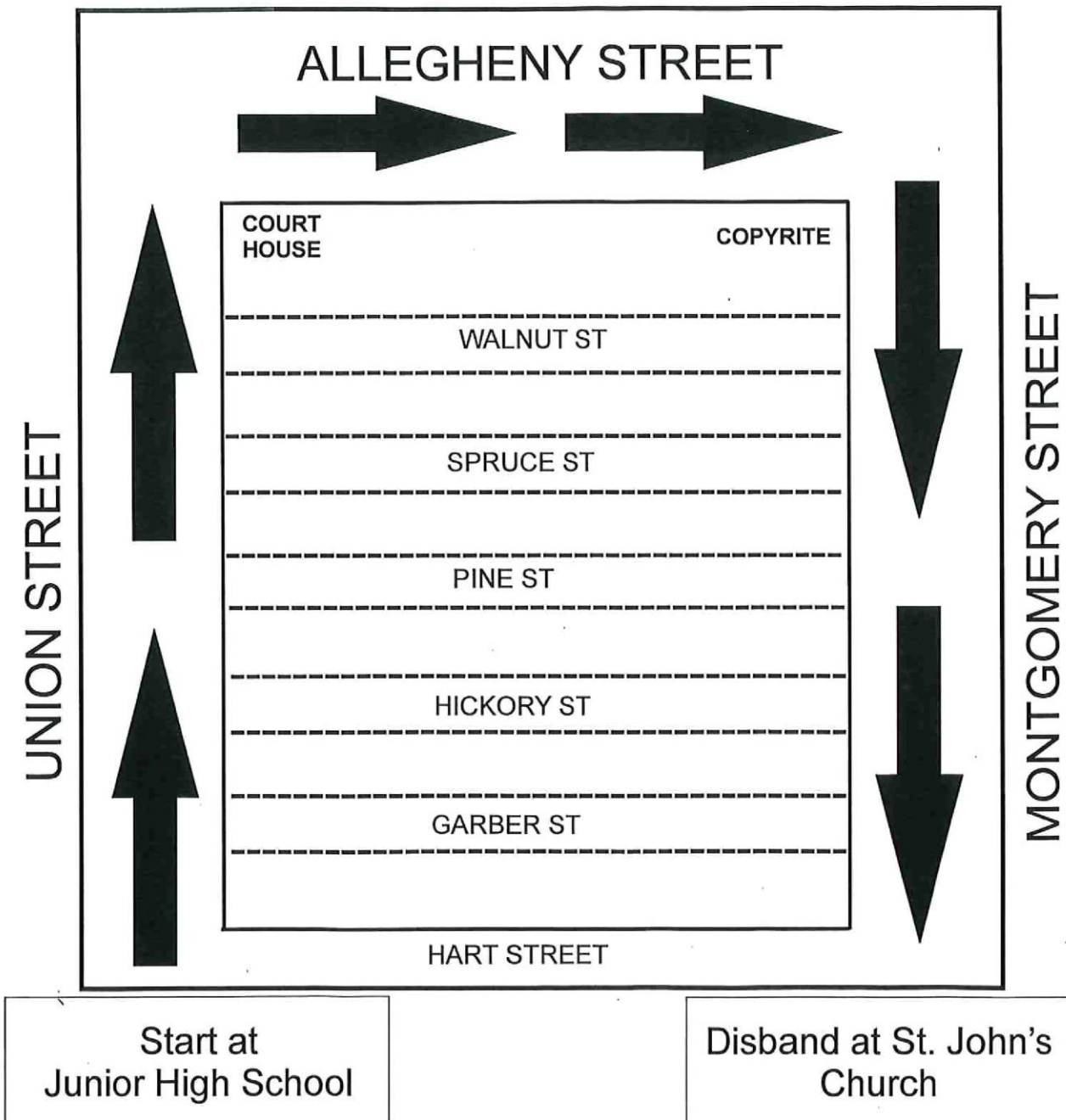
TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE PARADE PLEASE  
CONTACT MELANIE RAMSEY @

[mramsey@hollidaysburgpa.org](mailto:mramsey@hollidaysburgpa.org) or call 814-696-0544.

**UPDATED ROUTE**

**Winterfest  
PARADE**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19 at 2pm**







## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...



The borough is especially beautiful during autumn. Colorful leaves dress our streets and community and create a soothing scenery. Soon it will be winter and the borough will begin various holiday traditions and celebrations including the Winterfest Parade & Light Up Night. I hope you and your family will visit these events.

Remember to drive safely and allow for traffic delays due to weather conditions. Please pray for our armed forces and first responders and continue to support our local businesses.

**I wish everyone a Happy Veterans Day, a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

*Joe says "Treat arguments like weeds; nip them in the bud."  
~Mayor Joe*

## WHERE DO I VOTE IN THE BOROUGH?

**Ward 1** – HASD – High School Auditorium  
**Ward 2** – HASD – High School Auditorium  
**Ward 3** – Knights of Columbus  
**Ward 4** – First United Methodist Church  
**Ward 5** – Hollidaysburg Jr High Auditorium  
**Ward 6** – Knights of Columbus  
**Ward 7** – Hollidaysburg Area Public Library

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2023

*Ginny Helsel*



## BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

The Borough Offices Will Be Closed

*Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>*



**ROTARY CLUB OF HOLLIDAYSBURG**

*Helping Hands For The Holidays*

**Friday, December 1st**

7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*On The Diamond,  
Downtown  
Hollidaysburg*

*To Benefit The American Rescue Workers*

*Drive through Downtown and Drop Off:*

**CANNED GOODS, TOYS, MONETARY DONATIONS**

## BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

Those who may be interested in serving on any of these boards and commissions, should submit their 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 9 DEC 14

**Water Authority 5:30PM**  
 NOV 21 DEC 19

**Sewer Authority 5PM**  
 NOV 13 DEC 11

**Planning Commission 5PM**  
 NOV 7 DEC 5  
**HARB/HPC 5PM**  
 NOV 2 DEC 7

**Shade Tree Commission 4:30PM**  
 NOV 14

**Hollidaysburg Arts Council 1:00PM**  
 NOV 20 DEC 18



**Borough Meetings** are held at the municipal building.

Find Borough meeting agendas and public participation at:

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

## THE FALL BREEZE BRINGS FALL LEAVES

Borough Residents are reminded **NOT** to push or rake fallen leaves onto public sidewalks or into the public streets.

The Borough Code of Ordinances addresses the maintenance of sidewalks and hazards to both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Code Enforcement will be taking action against those who violate this section of the code.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup>** and Monday, **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

West Side of town on Tuesday, **January 9<sup>th</sup>** and Tuesday, **January 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

Please do not place the discarded tree into a plastic, tree disposal bag as the trees will 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!*

Many thanks to the sponsors and volunteers who made PumpkinFest possible, including Hollidaysburg Key Club, Eldin Lower, Matthew English, Luca Waibel, Kiri Dougherty, Adalyn Wilkins, Brian Buffone, John Stultz, Don Delozier and Regis Nale, with a special thank you to Public Works!



**Pumpkinfest  
2023**

### SPONSORED BY

Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council

UPMC Altoona



ROTARY CLUB OF HOLLIDAYSBURG



Hollidaysburg  
Family Fun Day



U.S. HOTEL  
TAVERN



Ken Wertz Hauling & Septic Services

Cody's Zone

## ARTS COUNCIL NEWS

The Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council would like to thank all who supported our November 4th workshop "A Stained Glass Christmas". Our thanks to instructor and board member, Theresa McKeegan.

We are proud to sponsor the Hollidaysburg Community Chorus and ABC Altoona Brass Collective for Winterfest in downtown Hollidaysburg. Be sure to attend the tree lighting and enjoy the live music.

*The arts are alive in Hollidaysburg!*



# Winterfest

IN DOWNTOWN HOLLIDAYSBURG

**Winterfest Parade:**

**Sunday, November 19, at 2pm**

**(Theme: Wish Upon A Star)**

**Light Up Night/Soup Sampling/  
Tree Lighting**

**Friday, November 24, 5:00-7:00pm**

Sponsorships are available; contact Melanie at [mramsey@hollidaysburgpa.org](mailto:mramsey@hollidaysburgpa.org) or 814-696-0544.

Holidaysburg Area Public Library  
1 Furnace Rd.  
Holidaysburg, PA 16648  
(814) 695-5961





## November 2023 Holidaysburg Area Public Library



### Library Hours

Mon - Thurs 9:30 - 8:00  
Fri - 9:30 - 5:00  
Sat - 9:30 - 5:00

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 We Build Wednesdays 5:00 Twisted Stitches	2 10:30 Dance, Sing & Play! 12:00 Friends Membership Tea 3:30 Craveable Creations 6:30 Talking History	3 10:30 StoryTime 3:30 Legos in the Library	4 12:15 Hollidaysburg Heritage Guided Tours
5	6 11:00 Canasta/MahJongg 5:30 Lego Club	7 10:30 Storytime 12:30 Needlework & Arts	8 We Build Wednesdays 5:00 Twisted Stitches 6:30 History Lecture Series	9 3:30 Craveable Creations 6:30 Inspirational BC	10 <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>	11 <b>VETERANS DAY</b>  <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>
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## PERMITS.... PREVENTING A PROLONGED PROCESS

The Community Development Department has seen an increase in work being done without proper permits. Please know that the Borough requires the following different types of permits and certificates:

- UCC Building Permits (State Regulated Building Permits)
- Zoning Permits (Municipal Regulated Building Permits)
- Dumpster Permits (On Road Placement Only)
- Shade Tree Permits (Removal & Trimming)
- Certificates of Occupancy (Commercial Occupancies)
- Certificates of Appropriateness (Historical District Only)



Most of the improvements and construction that is done on both Commercial and Residential properties will require one or more permits. If you plan on doing work, please contact the Department of Community Development to see what types of permits you will need. Getting the permits ahead of time prevent the project prolonged longer than needed. For more information, call our office at 814-695-7543.



## FALL BREEZE BRINGS WINTER FREEZE

As winter is right around the corner, we will be having to prepare for dressing warmer, warming up cars, and cleaning off our sidewalks. The Department of Community Development would like to remind you that the Borough of Hollidaysburg Code of Ordinances does require residents to do the following:

- 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 of 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
- Also, storm water cannot be discharged to sidewalks or roadways



## WE HAVE THE ADDRESS, BUT WHERE IS IT?

The Borough of Hollidaysburg Fire Marshal and Borough Director of Community Development would like to remind you that it is a requirement through the International Building and Residential Code to have your address marked on your property. This isn't just so the pizza place can get your delivery there while it's still warm, it can be a matter of life and death. Police, Fire, and EMS need to be able to locate your property in case of an emergency. Here is what the Code says on address markers:

- Address identification shall be legible and placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the property.
- Address identification characters shall contrast with their background
- Each character shall be not less than 4 inches (1/2 mm) in height with a stroke width of not less than 0.5 inch (12.7 mm)

In addition to the code, the address should be in a well-lit area so that it can be seen at night. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either the Fire Marshal or the Director of Community Development.



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME, SAVES MORE THAN JUST TIME!

Daylight Savings Time is **Sunday November 5, 2023**. As we remember to turn clocks back an hour, The Borough of Hollidaysburg Fire Marshal and Borough Director of Community Development would like to encourage Residents to check their batteries in their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms.

If you do not have smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms installed in your home, please remember that code requires smoke alarms in all dwelling units and carbon monoxide alarms in buildings that have fuel-burning appliances or attached garages.

Here are some areas where smoke detectors are required:

- In each sleeping room
- Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms
- On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements and habitable attics and not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In dwellings units with split levels and without an intervening door between levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level
- Smoke alarms shall be installed not less than 3 feet horizontally from the door or opening to a bathroom that contains a bathtub or shower unless this would prevent placement of a smoke alarm required by this section.

## NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

# NOVEMBER 2023



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Borough Manager James Gehret

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

### GUIDE TO BOROUGH GOVERNMENT & OFFICES 2023

#### Borough Council

**Ward 1** Joseph A. Pompa  
207 Hickory St, 814-693-1819  
12/31/2023

**Ward 2** Brady Leahey  
411 Spruce St, 814-935-9218  
12/31/2025

**Ward 3** Michele Baker  
405 Newry St, 814-934-9827  
12/31/2023

**Ward 4** Sean M. Burke  
901 Walnut St, 814-215-8925  
12/31/2025

**Ward 5** James Mielnik  
902 Lily Ave, 814-931-9224  
12/31/2023

**Ward 6** Walter Kalista III  
110 Quince Court  
12/31/2025, 814-317-5687

**Ward 7** Jeffrey J. Ketner  
1208 N. Juniata Street  
814-414-9850  
12/31/2023

#### Mayor

Joseph R. Dodson  
522 Wayne St, 814-695-8834  
12/31/2025

#### Tax Collector

Donna Carson  
223 Bedford St, 814-696-4684  
12/31/2025

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**Secretary** Patricia J. Duron

**Solicitor** Evey Black Attorneys, LLC

**Police Chief** Christopher Storm

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Richard T. Pope

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Randy Manning Carol M. Gale  
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Joseph Stanek

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Lori M. Patterson

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Donald Delozier Jane Sheffield

Adam Conrad Dave Macharola

Joel Koss

**HPC**

Andrew Haines Adam Conrad

Joel Koss Jane Sheffield

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