



# THE TOWN CRIER



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## SPEED LIMITS IN THE BOROUGH

Section 3362 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (Title 75) states: except when a special hazard exists that requires a lower speed for compliance with section 3361 (relating to driving vehicle at a safe speed) the maximum lawful speed limit in **residence districts in Pennsylvania is 25 mph**; 1). if the highway is not a numbered traffic route

2). is functionally classified by the department as a local highway.

**The maximum speed limit on all streets within the Borough of Hollidaysburg is 25 mph unless posted otherwise.**

## REISER HOUSE OPEN

... Stop by the Reiser House Visitor Center at the Canal Basin Park! The center is open Sunday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.



## SUMMER BRUSH PICKUP

Summer pickups will take place on the Mondays and Tuesdays of the **2nd & 4th** week of each month.

Throughout that time, Borough workers will pick up and haul away compostable waste such as: dead leaves, dead plant material, tree and brush trimmings and branches up to 3" in diameter and 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, and 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 7:00 AM, and the only alley pickups will be **Sweet Cherry Court** in Holliday Hills.

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MONTH	WEEK #2		WEEK#4	
	MON	TUES	MON	TUES
JUNE	10th	11th	24th	25th
JULY	8th	9th	22nd	23rd
AUG	12th	13th	26th	27th
SEPT	9th	10th	23rd	24th

# ARBOR DAY



The annual Arbor Day Ceremony and tree planting took place on April 26, 2019. This year, the Borough honored the memory of friend and colleague, Patrick Rabits, with a Redbud tree that was planted near the Borough's parking area. Members of Patrick's family planted the tree along with help from public works and the borough manager. When we see this tree, we will smile and remember Patrick.

The Borough also received an award for **Tree City USA**. This year they celebrated their **30th Year** as a Tree City. Mandy Burgoon, Blair County Service Forester, presented the award to Mayor Dodson and Borough Manager, James Gehret.

*Thank you* to all who assisted with this ceremony!



# NEW ZONING & CODE OFFICER

The Borough of Hollidaysburg announces the hire of Gerald (Jerry) Harbison, AICP, as the new Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer. Jerry started on May 28.

Jerry comes to the Borough from South Whitehall Township, Allentown PA.

You may see Jerry out and about in the Borough! He is very fond of small town main streets and is very pleased to be working here.

If you wish to reach out to Jerry you may contact him at the municipal building at 695-3880.

Welcome aboard, Jerry!



# EMERGENCY AWARENESS DAY

Hollidaysburg Ambulance will host their second annual **Emergency Awareness Day on August 3rd from 10:00 – 5:00** at **Martinsburg Memorial Park**. Free admission. They will have basket raffle, product vendors & food vendors. Bounce house and games for a small fee. Proceeds benefit the Hollidaysburg Ambulance equipment fund.

# 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
- Walter Kalista III at 317-5687
- Andrew St. John 412-260-1584
- Chris Sawyer at 322-2245



Thanks for your cooperation in this important matter.

# PLEASE REMEMBER

It is unlawful to permit grass, weeds or other vegetation to become nuisances. No persons, association, firm or corporation, owning or occupying any property within the Borough of Hollidaysburg, shall permit any grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of six inches (6") or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor, or to conceal any filthy deposit or to create or produce pollen.



## WATER CONSERVATION TIPS



Changing the way that you use water on a regular basis is good for your pocketbook as well as the environment. In general, you should never put water down a drain that can be put to another use. Be conscious of water conservation. Also be aware of how much water you are using in your home by reviewing your metered water bill. Divide the water usage by the days in the billing period and also by the number of people in the household. On average, a person uses about 50 gallons of water per day. Check to see if your bill is similar and if not, check for sources where you may be losing water through a leaking toilet, faucet or outdoor hose.

Recently, all Hollidaysburg water customers should have received a Water Quality Report in the mail.

This report contains information about the water you purchase from the Hollidaysburg Borough Authority. This report is also available at [www.hollidaysburgpa.org](http://www.hollidaysburgpa.org) or you may stop into the Municipal Building at 401 Blair Street for a free copy.

For more water conservation tips go to:  
[www.wateruseitwisely.com](http://www.wateruseitwisely.com)



## MORE WATER SAVING TIPS

- Replace your toilet with a low flush model
- Avoid unnecessary flushing
- Check toilet for leaks & repair them: place dye in the tank; if it leaks into the bowl before it is flushed, there is a leak
- Turn off the water when brushing teeth, washing your face, & shaving
- Take short showers
- Put a bucket in the shower during warm up to catch water for watering plants or cleaning
- Don't run water while rinsing and washing dishes, use a plug in the sink
- Run only full loads in dish & clothes washers & set the level of water to the load size
- Repair dripping faucets with washers & install aerators with flow restrictors
- Store drinking water in the refrigerator
- Don't run water to rinse vegetables & fruit; wash in the sink
- Do not use garbage disposals; compost □ Position sprinklers to water only lawns & plants □ Use a broom to clean sidewalks, patios, etc.
- Use hose shut off nozzles
- Plant native landscaping

## PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NEWS

The Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company, located at 206 Wayne Street, announces an upcoming event! For more information, or to place an order, please call the fire station at 695-0521.

**Chicken BBQ** – August 18<sup>th</sup> – 11 AM until sold out. Each meal will include ½ chicken, two sides and a roll for \$9.00.



## GRANT NICKLAS AWARD



On Thursday, June 13, 2019, the Hollidaysburg Historic Preservation Commission, represented by Commissioner Richard Latker, presented Donald DeLozier, on behalf of Liberty Hall Properties, LLC, with the N. Grant Nicklas Preservation Award.

On May 15, 1997, Borough Council adopted Resolution No. 1997-30 to honor the memory of N. Grant Nicklas, Jr., who was instrumental in the establishment of the Historic District within the Borough. He served as the chairman of the Historical Architectural Review Board from its beginning in 1989 until his death on May 17, 1995. Resolution No. 1997-30 named the award, for outstanding contributions in historic preservation, after this dedicated patriarch of historic preservation.

Mr. DeLozier restored 411 and 413 South Juniata Street. These two structures are reverently referred to as the "Canal Workers Houses" and had fallen into disrepair. You may view photos of the beautiful work done on the homes in the lobby of the Municipal Building. **Congratulations and thank you to Don!**

*Congratulations!*

# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...



*Joe says "The man who freely gives his opinion should be ready to fight fiercely."*

Now that school is out, our young residents will be outside walking, biking and making their way through the Borough. Therefore, please obey all traffic signs and laws.

As always, continue to pray for the men and women in our armed forces & our first responders. Please continue to support our library, YMCA, and borough business.

Have a happy and exciting summer! ~Mayor Joe

Happy Birthday to two local residents; Mildred Hepner and Charlie Wheeler. Mildred celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at St. Leonard's Home and Charlie celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Lutheran Home.



Borough Manager, James Gehret, stood in for me at the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D Day at the Veterans Home remembering the Normandy landings. Mr. Gehret read a proclamation to WW2 Veterans declaring June 6<sup>th</sup> as World War II Veterans Day in the Borough.

United States Army Lieutenant General Harry E. Soyster made a visit to the Borough in May. Borough Manager, Chief of Police, and I had lunch with him. Mr. Soyster is the highest ranking officer from the Borough. We were honored by his visit.

*Gold Star Mother Award*

Thank you, to all who came out for the Memorial Day Parade. It was one of the best in years. It is always a pleasure to honor men and women for their service and we are grateful for those, as Abraham Lincoln said, "that gave the last full measure of devotion." as Mrs. Hook's son did. Mrs. Hook received the **Gold Star Mother Award** at the parade for her son's bravery. He was killed in Iraq in 2007.



Happy Birthday



**BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED**  
*The Borough Offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence 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](http://www.hollidaysburgpa.org).

**Borough Council 7PM**  
July 11 Aug 8

**Water Authority 5:30PM**  
July 16 Aug 20

**Sewer Authority 5PM**  
July 8 Aug 12

**Planning Commission 5PM**  
July 2 Aug 6

**HARB/HPC 5PM**  
July 3 July 18

Aug 1 Aug 15

**Shade Tree Commission 4:15PM**  
July 9 Aug 13

**Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council 1PM**  
No meetings in July & August



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

# UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE 'BURG

## On Allegheny Street



**HOT WAX CLASSIC ROCK**

July 18th  
6pm – 9pm

**BONEJACKED**

August 1st  
6pm – 9pm

**STEPHANIE & THE WILD HEARTS**

August 15th  
6pm – 9pm

**FELIX & THE HURRICANES**

September 19th  
6pm – 9pm

### FARMER'S MARKET

Tuesdays  
July 9th until September 24th  
11am - 3pm

On North Montgomery Street,  
just off of the Diamond



**HOLLIDAYSBURG**  
*farmers market*

Visit the featured food truck for lunch or stop by for locally grown produce, tasty treats, wines, crafts, fresh flowers & more

The Hollidaysburg Area Public Library will be hosting a children's story time with activity on the 1st & 3rd markets of every month at 1:00

## At Canal Basin Park



**Altoona Brass Collective**  
July 21st  
7pm

**Altoona Symphony Orchestra**  
August 24th  
6pm

### Family Fun Day

August 10th from 10am - 4pm

A day of fun for family, friends, and community

Presented by the Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council

Hosted by the Hollidaysburg Area Community Partnership

## In The Fall



**Hollidaysburg PumpkinFest**

October 12th  
10am

Kick off fall with this one of a kind celebration on Allegheny Street. Activities for all ages, yummy foods, & entertainment

**Hollidaysburg Halloween Parade**

October 26th

Start your holiday celebrations with all of our WinterFest activities the week of Thanksgiving.

**WinterFest Parade**

November 24th  
2pm



**Light Up Night & Soup Sampling**

November 29th  
5pm

For more info email Katrina at [kpope@Hollidaysburgpa.org](mailto:kpope@Hollidaysburgpa.org) or call 696-0544

## CRUISE-IN FUN



Attendees Dan Dangel & Mariam Pellegrine



*Thank You to all participants and attendees!*



Recipient of the 2019 Manager's Choice Award

### 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, snowfall, springs or snow melt 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 clear water 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.

## DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS



The Borough of Hollidaysburg is pleased to announce the hire of Katrina Pope as the Director of Community Relations and Events. She will plan, coordinate, and facilitate all community events for the Borough of Hollidaysburg. Some of this year's events will include the Farmer's Market, the Downtown LIVE! Concerts, Pumpkinfest, the Winterfest Parade, Light Up Night and Soup Sampling as well as some new "happenings" that she will introduce.

Katrina's office is located on the second floor of the municipal building. Her office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. Her office number is 814 696-0544, or you may email her at [kpope@hollidaysburgpa.org](mailto:kpope@hollidaysburgpa.org).

Katrina is excited to work with the Borough and the Hollidaysburg community. She is looking forward to meeting you so stop by her office and introduce yourself!



**HOLLIDAYSBURG**  
*farmers market*

Tuesdays  
July 9th until September 24th  
11 am - 3 pm

On North Montgomery Street, just off of the Diamond

SPONSORED BY



Come support our local growers and producers every Tuesday. Visit the market for a one of a kind lunch at the featured food truck, exchange recipes for seasonal produce with one of our local farmers, or enjoy a refreshing sip from a nearby winery. It doesn't matter if you are looking locally grown produce, wines, crafts, fresh flowers or more, you can find it at the market.

Bring the kids and join the Hollidaysburg Area Public Library on the 1st & 3rd markets of every month at 1:00 for a children's story time and activity.

To be a vendor or for more info email [Katrina Pope](mailto:Katrina.Pope@hollidaysburgpa.org) at [kpope@hollidaysburgpa.org](mailto:kpope@hollidaysburgpa.org) or call 696-0544

## REMEMBER!

Swimming pools deeper than two feet need to have permits!!

Please contact our permit office at 695-3880 for information.



# LIBRARY NEWS



## Upcoming Events:

- **Ancestry:** Library Edition is available for the public to use, free, on the library's public computers.
- **Girl Scouts Western PA** hosts Library Girl Scout Daisies (k-1<sup>st</sup> grade), Brownies (2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and Juniors (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) Troop 46502 and Troop 46695 at the Library from 6 to 7 PM Tuesdays. Email [melanie@halibrary.org](mailto:melanie@halibrary.org) for more information.
- **Stuff The Bus** collection bins will be available to receive donations through August 1 of school supplies for local children, distributed through the United Way/Family Resource Center.
- **Artwork** celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Altoona Symphony Orchestra will be on display in the Community Room during the month of July. Call 943-2500 for more information.
- **Knit Wits Knitting and Crocheting Club** meets from 6 to 7:30 pm the first Thursday of each month. Take your own materials/projects; no signup is needed, visit the club's facebook page for more information.
- **Summer Movie Series** will meet each Friday and Saturday in July at 2:00 pm (except July 12 and 13). No signup is needed, all ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Movie titles and ratings will be announced on the Library's website and facebook page.
- Teens (ages 12-18) are invited to join the Teen Reading Lounge held each Monday in July and the first Monday of August at 5:30 pm. Email [tlc320@icloud.com](mailto:tlc320@icloud.com) to reserve your teen's space in this free program that includes free books, snacks, and fun activities. Teens may also choose to read library books, fill out a short survey about each book, and enter weekly prize drawings held each Friday.
- **ABC Photo** will meet at 7:15 pm July 1 and 15. Visit [abcps.club](http://abcps.club) for meeting topics; all are welcome.
- **Ceramics Class** will be held at 6 pm July 18. Kathy Brua of Fired Up Ceramics Co. provides a variety of project choices and all materials needed at a cost of \$6 to \$17 per project. All ages welcome; children can participate with adult supervision. Call 935-5490 to sign up/reserve your project choice.
- **Cell Phone Help:** Tyler Zorger from Sprint, Altoona, will hold a free class at 3 pm July 22. It doesn't matter what type of smart phone you have and it doesn't matter who your carrier is. This is a pressure free environment to learn more about your smart devices. Bring your questions from the simple to the complicated. No signup is needed.
- **Keep Blair County Beautiful** meets at 6 pm **July 31**. All are welcome; the meeting's mission is to inspire, educate and inform People towards a clean, green and beautiful Blair County. Call 943-7472 for more information.
- **Summer Learning Program: A Universe of Stores.** Interesting, free fun programs and activities available throughout summer at the library for ages birth through high school. Program runs through Aug 9. Sign up at the library.
- Outreach Story times at Hollidaysburg Farmers Market provided by the library will be held at 1 pm July 9 and 23, uptown Hollidaysburg. No signup needed; for more information, email [kpope@hollidaysburgpa.org](mailto:kpope@hollidaysburgpa.org).
- Altoona Symphony Cushion Concert: Celtic Celebration! will be held July 9 at 6 pm at the library. Call 943-2500 for more information.

### 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 –**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.**



## A NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

# JULY 2019



Borough Manager James Gehret  
[manager@hollidaysburgpa.org](mailto:manager@hollidaysburgpa.org)

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

### GUIDE TO BOROUGH GOVERNMENT & OFFICES 2019

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P.O. Box 621, 814-695-4370  
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901 Walnut St, 814-215-8925  
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12/31/2019

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102 Quince Court  
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Jane Sheffield Ethan C. Imhoff  
Joseph Stanek

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Lori M. Patterson

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Donald Delozier Jane Sheffield  
Adam Conrad Vacant

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Joel Koss Jane Sheffield  
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