



THE TOWN CRIER



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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE 'BURG 2025

Downtown LIVE! Summer Concert Series

On the Diamond:

Thursdays, 6pm-9pm



June 26: Velveeta

July 17: Full Kilt

Aug 21: Shallow 9

Sept 18: Felix and the Hurricanes

Allegheny Street Cruise-In
Fri Aug 8 6-9pm

Visit the Farmers Market
for locally grown produce,
fresh flowers, specialty
items and more!



HOLLIDAYSBURG
farmers market

Hollidaysburg Farmers Market near
the Diamond:

Every Tuesday 11am-2pm AND
Night Markets on Third Fridays
5pm-8pm,

June, July, August, September
20th 18th 15th 19th

Night Markets are held in conjunction
with Third in the Burg (special events

June-September featuring

Hollidaysburg shops and restaurants on
Third Fridays, 5-8pm). Please visit and
support our local businesses.

At Canal Basin Park



Hollidaysburg Community Band

May 26, June 29, July 27

all 7pm; Aug 24 at 6pm

Free Family Movie Nights @ 8:45pm:

At the Amphitheater:

Inside Out 2 July 30

The Wild Robot Aug 7

Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council :

All at 6pm

June 22 Matt Otis + The Sound

Aug 16 Altoona Symphony Orchestra

Sep 7 Coal Aly

Family Fun Day: Sat Aug. 9, 11am-3pm



Hollidaysburg
PumpkinFest

Sat. October 11

10am-4pm

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

Light Up Night & Soup

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

WinterFest
Parade

Sun. November 23, 2pm



Sampling
November

28, 5-7pm

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For more info email Melanie at mramsey@hollidaysburgpa.org or call 814-696-0544

HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA ARTS COUNCIL



Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council Announcements:

Music in the Burg free concerts are held in the amphitheater at Canal Basin Park. Bring your folding chair and join us for the remaining two concerts of the season:

Altoona Symphony Orchestra: Saturday, August 16th at 6:00pm.

Coal Aly: Sunday, September 7th at 6:00pm

When you are walking in Canal Basin Park, notice the beautiful pavilion, which was recently refurbished thanks to the generosity and support of the McLanahan Family and the Ann S. Borland Estate/Wolf-Kuhn Foundation.

Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council also thanks Macie Nelson Cutshall and Melissa Cutshall, 2025 Art Camp instructors, for an awesome week!

Please follow Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council's Facebook page to keep informed about their events and concerts.

THE BOROUGH IS GREEN

The Borough is excited to announce a partnership with The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy to plant 120 trees between Fall 2025 and Fall 2026.

These trees will “spruce” up public spaces throughout the Borough. The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy is currently collaborating with Borough Staff and the Shade Tree Commission to identify suitable tree species and optimal planting locations.

We are looking for volunteers for this process! Please contact Andrew Holodnik at 814-695-7543 if you are interested. For more information on this program, please see page 7.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Hollidaysburg Borough (water) and Sewer Authorities are currently accepting volunteer interest forms from any resident of the Borough of Hollidaysburg who may be interested in volunteering to serve on their boards.

Interested persons are requested to submit a Volunteer Interest Form, available at hollidaysburgpa.org under the Forms and Documents tab or at the Manager's Office, second floor, of the municipal building.

NEW PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE

Here's a sneak peek of the construction of the new Public Works garage. It was past time for a new garage as the current one is over 60 years old. These pictures were taken near the end of June.



LIBRARY NEWS

Hollidaysburg Area Public Library
1 Furnace Rd.
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648
(814) 695-5961
www.hollidaysburglibrary.org



July 2025 Hollidaysburg Area Public Library



Library Hours
Mon - Thurs 9:30 - 8:00
Fri - 9:30 - 5:00
Sat - 9:30 - 5:00
Sun - 1:00 - 5:00

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 10:30 Storytime 12:30 Needlework & Arts 1:00 Create Like the Greats	2 10:30 Storytime 5:00 Twisted Stitchers	3 1:00 Rainbows	4 LIBRARY CLOSED	5 LIBRARY CLOSED
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PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department and the Hollidaysburg Borough Police Association will be hosting a public safety open house event on **July 27th** from **11am to 3pm**.

Food and drink sales will also be available as well as other activities.

For further details follow the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department Station 10 Facebook page.

HOLLIDAYSBURG SPRING CLEAN-UP

Hollidaysburg Spring Clean-up for Pick Up Pennsylvania was held on Allegheny Street June 4 at 4pm, and we thank the volunteers from our community, Public Works for the street sweeper, Councilman Leahey for organizing the event and providing water, WTAJ for covering the event, and Lightning Bug Gift Co. for donating "Keep Hollidaysburg Beautiful" shirts to the participants.



It was over 90 degrees throughout the cleanup, but no rain!

Thanks, everyone, for helping!



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...

The Borough has been very busy with the Farmers Market every Tuesday and the start of the Downtown LIVE series. I hope you will attend these events along with the various upcoming events/activities throughout the year.

I would like to congratulate General Harry "Ed" Soyster on the recent dedication of General Soyster Drive. Congratulations and thank you for your service to our country!

Please continue to support our downtown businesses and our library. Happy summer!

Joe says "Moving on is far more productive than hanging on." ~Mayor Joe

PAINTING A BRIGHTER FUTURE



Through a recent partnership with the Boy Scouts, the Borough of Hollidaysburg and Lydig TrueValue have been awarded the "Painting a Brighter Future" Grant.

This grant will furnish the project with necessary painting supplies and up to 20 gallons of paint, aimed at enhancing the aesthetic appeal of the Borough's public spaces

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE CHANGES

The PA Department of Labor and Industry has not completed the regulatory process required to enforce the 2021 ICC codes. As a result, the previously anticipated enforcement date of July 13, 2025, is no longer valid.

Therefore, the changes that were originally scheduled to take effect in July have now been postponed to a date still waiting to be determined.

Feel free to call our office of Community Development with any questions that you may have at 814-695-7543.

IRC AND HOLLIDAYSBURG RECYCLES

Did you know that it is a requirement for Borough residents and property owners to recycle? You can recycle two ways! The Borough offers two recycling containers to Borough residents for curbside pick-up. Containers can be picked up at the Borough Water Billing Office. You can also take your recyclables to the Buckhorn Recycling Facility Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am-5pm or on Saturdays from 9am-3pm. Please see ircenvironment.org for more details!

BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

The Borough Offices Will Be Closed

Friday, July 4, 2025



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.

Borough Council 7pm

JUL 10 AUG 14

Water Authority 5:30pm

JUL 15 AUG 19

Sewer Authority 5pm

JUL 14 AUG 11

Planning Commission 5pm

AUG 5

HARB/HPC 5pm

JUL 3 JUL 17

AUG 7 AUG 21

Shade Tree Commission 4:30pm

JUL 8 AUG 12

Blight Committee 5:30pm

JUL 2 AUG 6

Hollidaysburg Arts Council 10:30pm

SEP 15

Borough Meetings are held at the municipal building.

Find Borough meeting agendas and public participation at:

www.hollidaysburgpa.org

Be sure to check out the Borough Facebook page!

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE FOR 2025

	WEEK #1	WEEK #2	WEEK #3	WEEK #4
SEPTEMBER	6th – 8th	12th – 14th	19th – 21st	26th – 28th

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2035 UPDATE

The Borough is in the final stages of completing the draft. We anticipate the 45-day public review period will commence in July.

Please visit our official website and Facebook page for further information.

HELP WANTED: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is responsible for preserving the inventory of historic structures and overseeing other historic preservation efforts.

Currently, there are open positions available on this board. Interested applicants can obtain a volunteer interest form by visiting the Borough Building or the Borough's website.

INFILTRATION AND INFLOW

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 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 benefits of a responsible I/I control program.

SUMMER PICKUP TO CONTINUE IN THE BOROUGH

Borough workers will continue to collect brush on the east side of Penn Street on Mondays and the west side of Penn Street on Tuesdays according to the summer pickup schedule (below).

Compostable waste such as dead leaves, dead plant material, tree and bush trimmings, and branches up to three inches in diameter and six feet in length will be collected. Brush and branches must be bundled with string or twine.

If your items are not picked up because they were not out in time, or they were missed; they will be collected on the next scheduled day. Items must be curbside by 7 am. The only alley pickups will be in Sweet Cherry Court in Holliday Hills.

MONTH	WEEK #2		WEEK #4	
	MON	TUES	MON	TUES
JULY	7th	8th	21st	22nd
AUG	11th	12th	25th	26th
SEPT	8th	9th	22nd	23rd

MAYOR OF THE YEAR

The Borough of Hollidaysburg is pleased to share news of statewide recognition for our **Mayor, Joseph Dodson**. On June 3, Mayor Dodson was presented with the *2025 Mayor of the Year Award* at the annual conference of the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs in Hershey, PA. This award, given by the Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of Pennsylvania, is a recognition of our Mayor's accomplishments during his four terms of public service.

Mayor Dodson said, "It is a great honor to receive this award. I had no idea. There are a lot of great boroughs in Pennsylvania, so to be the one to receive this award is very humbling. I've worked really hard to make Hollidaysburg a better place during my time as Mayor. I don't do it for the recognition, but it's nice when people notice what you're doing." Mayor Dodson was further honored by State Senator Judy Ward and State Representative Scott Barger in Hollidaysburg on Friday, June 6th, at the Hollidaysburg Borough Municipal Building.

Please join us in congratulating Mayor Joe!

These photos show Mayor Dodson receiving the award in Hershey from Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs 1st VP Randy Riddle, with further recognition from State Senator Ward at the Hollidaysburg Municipal Building, and from State Representative Barger at the Hollidaysburg Municipal Building.





Hollidaysburg Residents

Over the next few weeks, certified arborists from the Davey Resource Group will be conducting a comprehensive assessment of all street and park trees throughout the Borough. These assessments are solely to locate, identify, and catalog all of the public-access trees in Hollidaysburg.

You may see arborists working in your neighborhoods or near your property. We kindly ask for your cooperation and courtesy as the arborists carry out their work.

The updated inventory will help with future planting efforts aimed at providing a healthy and sustainable tree canopy for Hollidaysburg. This project is made possible through funding from the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, via a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's local office:

Rey Bandzuh

Community and Riparian Forestry Outreach Coordinator

Phone: 814-696-9356

Email: abandzuh@paconserve.org

ROAD DEDICATION

General Soyster Drive was dedicated June 25 at Legion Park's Social Hall with a ceremony organized by Mayor Joe Dodson. General Harry "Ed" Soyster was present, with many of his family, and the gathered well-wishers and dignitaries remained for an informal reception after the ceremony.

Here are a few pictures of General Soyster with some of his family, the official sign for the new General Soyster Drive, and our state representatives in attendance. Congratulations!



NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

JULY 2025



Phone: 814-695-7543 Fax: 814-696-0636

We're on the web: hollidaysburgpa.org & on Facebook

GUIDE TO BOROUGH GOVERNMENT & OFFICES 2025

Borough Council

Ward 1 David Jacobs
204 Walnut St, 412-440-8905
1/1/2028

Ward 2 Brady Leahey
411 Spruce St, 814-935-9218
1/1/2026

Ward 3 Clay Gingrich
213 Newry St, 814-944-2078
1/1/2028

Ward 4 Sean M. Burke
901 Walnut St, 814-283-2000
1/1/2026

Ward 5 William Kitt
625 Hawthorne Dr, 814-932-4184
1/1/2028

Ward 6 Walter Kalista III
110 Quince Crt, 814-317-5687
1/1/2026

Ward 7 Jeffrey J. Ketner
1208 N. Juniata Street
814-414-9850
1/1/2028

Mayor
Joseph R. Dodson
522 Wayne St, 814-695-8834
1/1/2026

Tax Collector
Donna Carson
814-696-4684
1/1/2026

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Borough Manager

Ethan Imhoff

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Crystal Snyder

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Zenas Brehm Stuart W. Sibold
Vacant

Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council
Marie Little Pat Gildea

Sewer Authority
James J. Fitch Regis Nale
Randy Manning Vacant

Zoning Hearing Board
Danielle Fitch

Mark Shawley
Larry Daugherty

Dawn Harpster (Alternate)
Robert P. Rea (Attorney)

Shade Tree Commission
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Randy Manning 814-695-0178
Josh Chestney 814-695-0444
Andrew R. St. John 412-260-1584
Chad Repko 303-549-3198

Civil Service Commission

James R. Huff, II
Ann M. Andrews

Jeffrey Ketner
Vacant (ALT)
Patricia Duron (Recording Secretary)

Open Records Officer
Patricia J. Duron

Blight Committee
Andrew Holodnik
Ellen Miller
William Kitt
Chad Repko
Randy Manning
Kevin Sommers

Planning Commission

John Stultz, Jr. Andrew Haines
Jane Sheffield Chad Repko
Joseph Stanek

Education
Patricia J. Duron Joseph R. Dodson
Lori M. Patterson

HARB

Andrew Haines Andrew Holodnik
Donald Delozier Jane Sheffield
Adam Conrad Dave Macharola
Joel Koss

HPC

Andrew Haines Adam Conrad
Joel Koss Jane Sheffield
Melanie Ramsey Vacant
Joseph Stanek Vacant
Donald Delozier Dave Macharola
Andrew Holodnik

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