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SLEDDING REMINDERS

During times of significant snowfall, **Spruce Street** will be closed between **Bella** and **Bell Streets** to allow sled riding. The "**Double Dips**" will be closed for sled riding between the hours of **8 am** and **10 pm** only.

Remember that the street will only be closed when there is a heavy snowfall and not every day during the winter months.

Parents, please alert your children to this precaution!



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. & 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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RAVE ALERT



The RAVE alert system is a rapid notification system. The Borough uses this to alert residents to possible water outages, disruptions, etc. This is how it works: water customers provide a good contact phone number to the water billing office that they wish to have added to the call list. This can be a property owner/account holder, or tenant. In the case of an apartment building, as long as there are separate meters per tenant, each one may enroll in the RAVE alert system. If there is one meter, one number may be enrolled. Alerts are usually "sent out" at 5:00 pm on the day before the outage or disruption is to take place. The alert will be a recorded message. Keep in mind that once you enroll, if you get a new phone number, you will need to update the information with the Borough. Contact the water billing office at (814) 696-0623.

PET OWNERS

Pet owners are reminded of the Borough Ordinance that states that it is unlawful to allow a pet to defecate on Borough property, public or private.



NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR



In December 2024 our former Director of Public works, Rick Pope, retired from his position. He started his employment with the Borough in 2001. At the time, he worked under the supervision of the late Dave Zeek. Rick is well-known with the residents as he went above and beyond his required duties to ensure that the borough residents and the borough were well taken care of. Many people including his coworkers and representatives of many businesses attended Rick’s retirement party in December to offer their well wishes. He will be missed by all! Thank you for all your hard work, Rick!



Former Public Works Director, Rick Pope and New Public Works Director, Amy Hazlett

Long time employee Amy Hazlett is now the new Director of Public Works. Amy started working for the borough in 1990 as a seasonal worker eventually becoming a full-time employee. Amy has extensive knowledge in her department and is a dedicated employee. She is excited as she takes on this new role. We all wish Amy the best with her new position!

Congratulations to both of you!

GATEWAY GARDEN PLANTING DATE



The Borough of Hollidaysburg needs volunteers to help plant flowers at the Gateway Garden located beside The Dream Restaurant and also the Garden located at N. 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 make the entrance into the Borough a little more beautiful is welcome. **Bring a friend!!!**

Volunteers will meet to plant flowers at the garden near The Dream on **Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 9:00 am.** Work should be completed by noon.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Hazlett at 934-4032 or you may email her at ahazlett@hollidaysburgpa.org.



(L-R) Hollidaysburg Borough Manager Ethan Imhoff, Becki Hollen, Chris Bencivenga, and Hollidaysburg Mayor Joseph Dodson.

The Lightning Bug Gift Shop proprietors Becki Hollen and Chris Bencivenga presented over \$600 to the Borough of Hollidaysburg to support the upkeep of the Chimney Rocks star.

The 30-foot star mounted on the hillside of Chimney Rocks Park has been a mainstay of Hollidaysburg’s winter holiday skyscape for nearly 60 years.

Donations are welcomed to help defray the cost of bulbs, electrical service, and routine maintenance and repairs.

Hometown Heroes Application 2025

Application Deadline: March 3, 2025

Return completed applications to the Borough of Hollidaysburg, 401 Blair Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648
 Questions can be directed to Melanie at mramsev@hollidaysburgpa.org or 814-696-0544

FULL NAME OF SERVICEPERSON IN PHOTO _____

BRANCH OF MILITARY: _____ MILITARY RANK: _____

DATES OF SERVICE: _____ to _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ALIVE: _____ DECEASED (YEAR): _____ POW _____ MIA: _____ KIA: _____ WOUNDED: _____

Has this serviceperson been honored in a previous Hollidaysburg Hometown Hero program? Y N If Y, what year(s)?

Please circle the era you would like printed on the banner.

Operation Iraqi Freedom	(OIF)	2003-2010
Operation Enduring Freedom	(OEF)	September 11, 2001 - 2021
Global War on Terrorism	(GWOT)	September 11, 2001 to present
Persian Gulf	(PG)	August 2, 1990 to August 31, 1991
Cold War	(CW)	September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991
Vietnam War	(VN)	February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
Korea Conflict	(KC)	June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955
World War II	(WWII)	December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
World War I	(WWI)	April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918

Placement Request
 (street placement or "please put
 next to relative/friend's banner")
 (Not Guaranteed):

Completed Applications will include:

1. This completed application form with signed photo release statement
2. Please include a photograph of veteran (will be returned)
3. **\$10 donation towards the program** (check or cash to Borough of Hollidaysburg); this helps defray the cost of the program. Thank you to those who donated last year. If you wish, please write donation message below ("given in honor of"...); may use the back of this form if more space is needed. Messages may be included in HT Heroes social media.

CONTACT NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Home Address: _____

PHOTO RELEASE STATEMENT

I hereby grant the Borough of Hollidaysburg permission to display the attached photo (which represents the likeness of me or my relative) on banners displayed during the Hollidaysburg Hometown Heroes banner program. This program is non-political and non-partisan. I take full responsibility for accuracy of the information provided on this serviceperson's behalf.

 Signature Date: _____

 Printed Name:

OFFICIAL USE BELOW: _____

Pole # _____ Banner # _____ Additional Notes:



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...

Winter weather has caused icy roads and very cold temperatures in the last few weeks. Please allow extra time for traveling and dress warm!

However, spring will be here before you know it and the borough will be busy with all of our exciting activities. Information on them will be in the April newsletter and on our Facebook page.

I hope you will continue to support our library and local businesses and please pray for our armed forces and first responders.

Joe says "A failure is temporary, never quit."

~Mayor Joe

PRESBYTERIAN HOME CELEBRATES 100 YEARS



FIRE HYDRANTS



During a snow storm, the Fire Marshal is asking that the community help keep fire hydrants accessible near their homes. The act of clearing out around the hydrants could help save lives in the event of an emergency.

Thank you!

BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

The Borough Offices Will Be Closed

Monday, February 17, 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
FEB 13 MAR 13

Water Authority 5:30PM
FEB 18 MAR 18

Sewer Authority 5PM
FEB 10 MAR 10

Planning Commission 5PM
FEB 4 MAR 4

HARB/HPC 5PM
FEB 6 MAR 6

Shade Tree Commission 4:30PM
NONE

Hollidaysburg Arts Council 10:30AM
FEB 10

Blight Committee
FEB 5 MAR 5



Borough Meetings are held at the municipal building.

Find Borough meeting agendas and public participation at:

www.hollidaysburgpa.org

CODES CORNER

Did you know that Pennsylvania has a uniform construction code that oversees how buildings are built?

ACT 45 of 1999 is commonly known as the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (UCC).

This code gets reviewed and updated every 4 years. The UCC Review and Advisory Council (RAC) completed its review of the 2021 I-Codes on June 13, 2024. They voted on the adoptions and the adopted code provisions are expected to take effect on or after July 13, 2025.

HOLLIDAYSBURG HISTORIC DISTRICT

If you own a building within the Historic District, you are required to have a Certificate of Appropriateness when doing work on the exterior of your property. The Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) and the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) work hard to ensure that our historic district maintains the historic elements as specified through the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

There are many things that can be done to protect and preserve the historic nature of our beautiful borough! If you have not seen the Historic District Property Owner's Manual, it can be found on the Borough's website. For more information, please contact the Department of Community Development.

SNOW & SIDEWALKS



It's still winter! 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 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.

BLIGHT COMMITTEE BEGINS

In 2024, Council voted to form the Blight Committee in order to preserve the clean environment and protect property values. The Committee consists of the following members:

- Bill Kitt - Borough Council Representative
- Randy Manning - County Redevelopment Representative
- Andrew Holodnik - Borough Staff Representative
- Chad Repko - Hollidaysburg Planning Commission Representative
- Kevin Sommers - Borough Resident Representative
- Ellen Miller - Borough Resident Representative

The Blight Committee will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm in Council Chambers.

BUSINESSES ARE BLOOMING

We have seen numerous new businesses open up recently in the Borough and want to highlight the new businesses that opened in 2024:

- The Poor Painter at 217 Allegheny Street
- The Treasure Chest at 520 Blair Street
- Gracie Lou's at 309 Allegheny Street
- Mystic Palace at 214 Allegheny Street
- Neon Touch Tattoo Shop at 210 Allegheny Street
- Next Chapter Bookshop at 404 Allegheny Street

SPRING BRUSH PICKUP IN THE BOROUGH

The Borough will begin brush pickup this year in **April**. Pickup will begin on **Monday, April 7, 2025** and continue **EACH WEEK** through **Tuesday, May 27, 2025**.

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**. Make note of the last day for Spring Pickup!

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.

For the rest of the summer the pickups will take place on the Mondays and Tuesdays of the **2nd & 4th full week** of each month. The following is a list of the summer pickup dates:

MONTH	WEEK #2		WEEK #4	
	MON	TUES	MON	TUES
JUNE	9th	10th	23rd	24th
JULY	7th	8th	21st	22nd
AUG	11th	12th	25th	26th
SEPT	8th	9th	22nd	23rd

STREET SWEEPING FOR 2025

	WEEK #1	WEEK #2	WEEK #3	WEEK #4
APRIL	7th - 11th	14th - 18th	21st - 25th	28th - 30th
MAY	5th - 9th	12th - 16th	19th - 23rd	26th - 30th
SEPTEMBER	6th - 8th	12th - 14th	19th - 21st	26th - 28th

Maps & Schedule available online at hollidaysburgpa.org or at the borough building.

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.

BE ALERT FOR FROZEN WATER PIPES!



During cold spells be mindful of your water lines in your basement. If the lines are not in a heated space, they can freeze and burst during cold weather. Wrap lines with insulation or a heat tape to keep them from freezing. Make sure windows are closed and that any openings to the outside are sealed.

Hometown Heroes Banners

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If you need an application or have questions,
please contact Melanie Ramsey at:

**mramsey@hollidaysburgpa.org or
814-696-0544**

Donations are welcome!

2035 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

We thank the public for their input at the Comp Plan Open Houses! The Comprehensive Planning Committee is currently working with Borough Staff and Blair Planning to further develop our implementation plan as well as other parts of the draft.

We anticipate having the draft available for public review in April of 2025.

NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

FEBRUARY 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

Borough Staff 814-695-7543

Borough Manager

Ethan Imhoff

Secretary Patricia J. Duron

Solicitor Evey Black Attorneys, LLC

Police Chief Christopher Storm

Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett

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Amy Hazlett 814-934-4032

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Randy Manning Carol M. Gale

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Josh Chestney 814-695-0444

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Chad Repko 303-549-3198

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Jeffrey Ketner

Vacant (ALT)

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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

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Lori M. Patterson

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Adam Conrad Dave Macharola

Joel Koss

HPC

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Joel Koss Jane Sheffield

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