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SUMMER BRUSH PICK UP

Throughout the summer and into the fall, 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** on the scheduled **Mondays** and items will be picked up on the **West side of Penn Street** the scheduled **Tuesdays**.

If your items were not set out in time or they were missed, they will be picked up the **NEXT SCHEDULED WEEK**. Items must be placed curbside by 7:00AM, 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 pickup dates:

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

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STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE for 2023

	WEEK #1	WEEK #2	WEEK #3	WEEK #4
SEPTEMBER	5 TH – 7 TH	11 TH – 13 TH	18 TH – 20 TH	25 TH – 27 TH

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

MEMORIAL BENCHES PLACED



Three new metal benches have been placed at the overlook patio of Chimney Rocks Park *in memory of Greta Halbritter*.

Greta was a Hollidaysburg graduate (class of 1990) and well-known performing arts vocalist as well as an art teacher in the Hollidaysburg Area School District and at Penn-Mont Academy.

This gift from Greta's family continues her legacy of love for her hometown.

SIDEWALK GRANTS

Hollidaysburg Borough Council has authorized a grant program for all residents and property owners.

This grant will reimburse the property owner 25% of the cost of replacement or installation of a pedestrian sidewalk located along a public street.

Applications will be reviewed in the order received. The program will remain open until funds are exhausted or until Council closes the program. Applications are available at the Borough Building, **401 Blair Street**, during regular office hours.



BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS



In the planning for construction projects requiring permits, please keep in mind it's the property owner's responsibility to make application for the permit. The property owner may have their contractor make application if granting them permission to do so as an Authorized Agent. The signatory block on the Borough Building and Zoning Permit Application has an acknowledgment statement certifying the proposed work has been authorized by the owner of record and that authorization has been granted by the owner to the agent to make application.

If work requiring a building and zoning permit has commenced without a permit, it is the property owner's responsibility to secure the permit. The contractor may apply for the permit only if authorized by the property owner to do so.

ARTS COUNCIL NEWS

HAAC "Music in the Burg"
Sunday, July 16th @ 6:00 pm
Stephanie & the Wild Hearts
Canal Basin Park, Hollidaysburg
Inclement weather - Hollidaysburg Senior High Auditorium
<http://www.hollidaysburgartscouncil.com/>

HAAC "Music in the Burg"
Family Summer Celebration
Saturday, August 19 @ 6 pm
Altoona Symphony Orchestra
Canal Basin Park, Hollidaysburg
Inclement weather - Hollidaysburg Senior High Auditorium
<http://www.hollidaysburgartscouncil.com/>

HAAC "Music in the Burg"
Sunday, August 20 @ 2 pm
Altoona Youth Orchestra
Inclement weather - Hollidaysburg Senior High Auditorium
Canal Basin Park, Hollidaysburg



STREET TREE PRUNING

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 this 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 814-695-3226
 Ethan Imhoff at – 814-262-5722
 Josh Chestney at 814-695-0444
 Andrew St. John at 412-260-1584

Thanks for your cooperation in this important matter.



HOLLIDAYSBURG SENIOR HIGH SCHOLASTIC QUIZ TEAM

The Hollidaysburg Senior High Scholastic Quiz Team 2023, representing IU8, reached National competition level this spring. Mayor Joseph Dodson recognized the team’s achievement through a proclamation on June 7th. Seen here (L-R) are coach Susan Cyran, team member Eric Pick, and Mayor Dodson.



ALLEGHENY STREET CRUISE-IN 2023

The Cruise-In was held on Friday, May 26, 2023, from 6pm-9pm.

The winner of the **Manager's Choice** award was a **red 1962 Ford Futura**. The winner of the **Mayor's Choice** award was an **orange 1970 Plymouth Superbird**.

There were well over 130 cars in attendance.



*Many thanks to event sponsor **Stuckey Automotive**, music sponsor **Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council**, dash plaque sponsor **O'Reilly Auto Parts**, and to the **American Legion Riders Chapter 516** for directing cars to the display area.*



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...



The warm weather has arrived. So far, we have been able to enjoy the Cruise-In, a Downtown LIVE and a few Farmers Markets. I hope you will continue to visit the various borough events planned for the rest of summer.

Remember to drive safely and obey all traffic laws.

Please support our downtown businesses and keep all of our emergency responders and armed forces in your prayers.

Happy summer!

~ Mayor Joe

Joe says "If you speak kind words you will hear kind echoes."

POOL PERMITS!

Swimming pools with 2' of water capacity or more need to have permits!!

Please contact our permit office at **814-695-7543** for information.



UPDATED PARADE ROUTE



There will be an updated route for this year's Winterfest Parade.

Please be sure to check the September Town Crier for the update!



BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

The Borough offices will be closed on:

Tuesday, July 4, 2023



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 13 AUG 10

Water Authority 5:30PM
JUL 18 AUG 15

Sewer Authority 5PM
JUL 10 AUG 14

Planning Commission 5PM
JUL 11 AUG 1

HARB/HPC 5PM
JUL 6 JUL 20

AUG 3 AUG 17

Shade Tree Commission 4:30PM
AUG 8

Hollidaysburg Arts Council 1:00PM
JUL 17 AUG 21



Borough Meetings are held at the municipal building.

Find meeting agendas and public participation at:

www.hollidaysburgpa.org

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE 'BURG

On Allegheny Street



Downtown LIVE! Summer Concert Series
on the Diamond: Thursdays, 6pm-9pm

Full Kilt June 15

Hot Wax July 20

The Pines Aug 17

Felix and the Hurricanes Sept 21

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



**Hollidaysburg Farmers Market near
the Diamond:**

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

5pm-8pm,

June, July, August, September

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 29 @ 7pm, June 25 @ 7pm,
July 30 @ 7pm, Aug 27 @ 6pm

Free Outdoor Movie Nights with Blair Drug & Alcohol
Partnerships @ 8:45pm: June 10: Mitchells vs. The Machines,
July 14: Minions: The Rise of Gru, Aug 12: SING 2

Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council
June 18 @ 6pm The PennSoulvanians
July 16 @ 6pm Stephanie & the Wild Hearts
Aug 19 @ 6pm Altoona Symphony Orchestra
August 20 @ 2pm Altoona Youth Orchestra
Rain Location: Senior High Auditorium

In The Fall

Family Fun Day at Canal Basin Park: Aug 12, 11am-3pm



**Hollidaysburg
PumpkinFest
October 14
10am-4pm**

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

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

**WinterFest
Parade
November 19**



**Light Up Night & Soup
Sampling
November 24**

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

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 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

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

LIBRARY NEWS



Library Hours

Mon - Thurs 9:30 - 8:00

Fri - 9:30 - 5:00

Sat - 9:30 - 5:00

Sun - 1:00 - 5:00

Closed: July 4th

Book Clubs

Women Writers Book Club, July 19 at 6:00 pm Our book for July will be *Verity*, by Colleen Hoover.

Fan of the Banned Summer Book Club, July 27 at 2:00 pm

The book for discussion this month is *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, by Zora Neale Hurston.

Programs

Canasta & Mah Jongg, Mondays at 11:00

Beginners are welcome.

Maker Mondays are held all day Mondays in the Children's Room. A STEM-related station will be set up with a different craft, challenge or activity each week. Come and explore the fun.

Kindness Rocks, Mondays, 10:00—11:00 am All are welcome to paint rocks to help spread kindness in our community.

Needlework & Arts Group, Tuesdays at 12:30 pm Bring your own materials and projects for this crafting club intended for adults.

Twisted Stitchers, Wednesdays at 5:00 Bring your own project, yarn, and hooks; spend time with other crafters.

Legos in the Library, Thursdays, 6:30—7:30, and Fridays from 3:30-4:30 pm Bring your imagination, we'll supply the Legos! Intended for children ages 5-12 years of age.

"All Together Now", Our Summer Learning Program for children, runs June 12—July 30 Stop by the Library, follow us on Facebook, and check out our website for the schedules and details of all the fun events happening this summer, including experiments, activities and fun with guests from our community every Thursday.

Summer Reading Storytime and Craft, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 am and 1:00 pm, beginning June 12

Join us for fabulous stories, great songs, crafts and a lot of fun! Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Cravable Creations: Scratch! Wednesdays 1:00-4:30 pm, June 14-July 26 Students ages 12-18 can join us as we make homemade breads, pie dough, tortillas and pizza dough. Each class will cover food safety and different culinary skills. \$5 per class, 4-H members are free. No experience needed. This class fills up fast! Register now by emailing pennie@halibrary.org.

Weather with Christy Shields, WTAJ Meteorologist, Thursday, July 6 at 1:00 pm Meet Christy and share stories, crafts and S.T.E.M. activities. It's ALL TOGETHER...with the weather and Christy Shields.

Author Visit with Matty Guiliano, Friday, July 7 at 3:30 pm Matty will visit the Library with his pet ferret, Stubby, and will be reading his new children's book, *Stubby's Story*.

Fish and Miss Jessie from Blair County 4-H, Thursday, July 13 at 1:00 pm Join Miss Jessie as we learn about fish and why they move ALL TOGETHER in schools. Participants will make their own "fish goggles" and maneuver through an underwater landscape!

Paws to Read, Saturday, July 15 at 10:00—11:30 am Meet and read to pets from the Central PA Humane Society. Children ages five and up are welcome with their caregivers.

Mason Bees and Ms. Lisa from Blair County Conservation District, 1:00 pm on Thursday, July 20 Ms. Lisa from Blair County Conservation District is back to teach us about Mason bees. These super pollinators work alone, but like to nest in groups ALL TOGETHER. Make a mason bee house to take home.

STORYWALK in Hollidaysburg:

Hollidaysburg Area Community Partnership and Hollidaysburg Area Public Library invite you to enjoy our StoryWalk in downtown Hollidaysburg. Enjoy *The Belonging Tree*, by MaryAnn Cocca-Leffler, complete an activity sheet and return it to the Library for a free book prize. StoryWalk will run from May 27 through September 5.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, April 28, 2023

The day's program began inside the Borough Building before everyone adjourned outside for the planting of a White Serviceberry tree on Blair Street. This tree replaced a Callery Pear in poor condition that was removed from that location.

Mayor Joseph Dodson read a proclamation establishing Arbor Day 2023 in the Borough of Hollidaysburg. The Forestry Bureau said that Hollidaysburg was the only Blair County location to hold an official Arbor Day ceremony this year.

Chairman of the Hollidaysburg Shade Tree Commission, Terry Wilt, received the 34-year Tree City USA document, flag and display plaque from forester Chris Fatzinger of the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Local homeschool students held the new Tree City flag on display at the beginning of the program, and then took turns helping Public Works and the Tree Commission to plant and mulch the new tree.

Many thanks to the Public Works Department and the Shade Tree Commission for the planning and labor involved in holding this celebration.



At the ceremony before the planting, Terry Wilt received a certificate in recognition of his 40 years of service on the Hollidaysburg Shade Tree Commission. 1983-2023. Congratulations, Terry!

Thank You





NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

JULY 2023



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

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12/31/2023

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12/31/2023

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12/31/2023

Ward 4 Sean M. Burke
901 Walnut St, 814-215-8925
12/31/2023

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
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814-414-9850
12/31/2023

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12/31/2025

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