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SPRING BRUSH PICKUP TO BEGIN IN THE BOROUGH

The Borough will begin brush pickup this year in **April**. Pickup will begin on Monday, **April 3, 2023** and continue **EACH WEEK** through **Tuesday, May 23, 2023**.

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	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

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

	WEEK #1	WEEK #2	WEEK #3	WEEK #4
APRIL	3 RD – 7 TH	10 TH – 14 TH	17 TH – 21 ST	24 TH – 28 TH
MAY	1 ST – 3 RD	8 TH – 10 TH	15 TH – 17 TH	22 ND – 24 TH
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.

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 and 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 **Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 9:00 am**. Work should be completed by noon.

If you have any questions, please contact 934-4032 or you may email him at rpope@hollidaysburgpa.org.



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

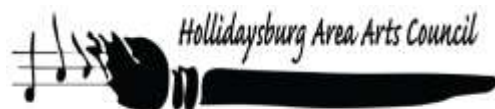
Hollidaysburg Area Art Council's **Summer Art Camp** "Art in the Park" will take place at Canal Basin Park, 101 Canal Street, Hollidaysburg.

Join us the week of **June 12th-15th** from **9 until noon**. Students aged 6 to 8 are welcome to sign up for this opportunity to learn about and interact with nature through some very fun arts and crafts! Students will be creating a number of nature-inspired art projects using natural materials collected from the park as well as watercolors, oil pastels, clay, and more!

The projects are both 2D and 3D art including everything from paper and pencil to watercolor and wax resist to printmaking with oil pastels, and even air dry clay sculptures and impressions. Instructor Macie Nelson, an art teacher in the Spring Cove School District, will take students on a brief nature walk, where they will collect leaves, flowers, and twigs to use for various art projects.

The fee is \$80 for the four-day camp. The fee must accompany your registration. There is limited enrollment. Registration forms will be available at:

www.hollidaysburgartscouncil.com



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.



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.**

DOWNTOWN



Bring your folding chair to the Diamond in Hollidaysburg and enjoy an evening of free music with friends and neighbors!

Save the Dates!

JUNE 15

JULY 20

AUGUST 17

SEPTEMBER 21

Third Thursdays

6-9 pm

FARMERS MARKET BEGINNING SOON



The Hollidaysburg Farmers Market **meets June through September** each **Tuesday** from **11-2 pm**, rain or shine, on Montgomery Street near the Diamond.

Night Markets are held on **the third Friday of each month from 5-8 pm**, in conjunction with Third in the Burg. Enjoy a market with friends and neighbors, support our local growers and producers, and please don't forget to check out our local businesses after your market visit!



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...



Soon the borough will be busy with people enjoying outdoor activities. Drive safely and be on the look-out for children outside playing, bicyclers, runners and those walking about.

Please continue to support our downtown businesses, our police department and our library. As always, please pray for our armed forces and first responders.

Have a safe and happy spring.

~ Mayor Joe

Joe says "Never underestimate the power of your actions. With a small gesture you can change a person's life."

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL



House numbers are not only convenient for finding addresses, but they are necessary for emergency responders to locate those in need.

If your house numbers are not visible, please place them outside your residence where they can be clearly seen.

Minutes matter! So, be sure that fire, ambulance, and police personnel can quickly find your address!

Thank you for your cooperation.

SEWER AUTHORITY

We currently have a vacancy on the Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority. If you are interested, please contact the borough office at 814-695-7543.

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.



BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

The Borough offices will be closed on:

Good Friday – Friday, April 7, 2023

Memorial Day – Monday, May 29, 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
APR 13 MAY 11 JUN 8

Water Authority 5:30PM
APR 18 MAY 16 JUN 20

Sewer Authority 5PM
APR 10 MAY 8 JUN 12

Planning Commission 5PM
APR 4 MAY 2 JUN 6

HARB/HPC 5PM
APR 6 APR 20

MAY 4 MAY 18 JUN 1 JUN 15

Shade Tree Commission 4:30PM
APR 11 JUN 13

Hollidaysburg Arts Council 1:00PM
APR 17 MAY 22 JUN 19



Borough Meetings are held at the municipal building.

Find meeting agendas and public participation at:

www.hollidaysburgpa.org

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR LEAKS

As you can see from the chart below it does not take much of a leak to use a lot of water. A dripping faucet, a toilet running periodically, a garden hose that does not shut off completely are just a few items that can cause your water and sewer bills to increase. If you think you may have a leak, please contact the Water Department at 814-696-0623 to schedule an appointment for one of the Public Works employees to come and check your home for any leaks.

Water Loss vs. Pipe Leak Size

A relatively small leak can pass a surprisingly large amount of water over time.

Pipe Leak Size	Water Loss*			
	Per Day		Per Month	
	gal	(L)	gal	(L)
•	360	(1,360)	11,160	(42,241)
•	3,096	(11,720)	95,976	(363,270)
•	8,424	(31,890)	261,144	(988,430)
•	14,952	(56,593)	463,512	(1,755,392)

*Based on approximatedly 60-psi (410-kPa) pressure.

NO TV'S IN THE TRASH

Televisions and other electronics are NOT permitted to be disposed of with your regular trash.

Do not place them on the curb or sidewalk.

If you need to dispose of one of these items, please contact the Intermunicipal Relations Committee at 814-942-7472 to find a place and/or appropriate method of disposing of them.



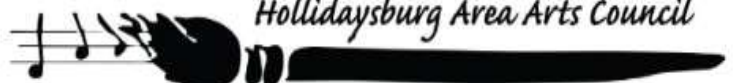
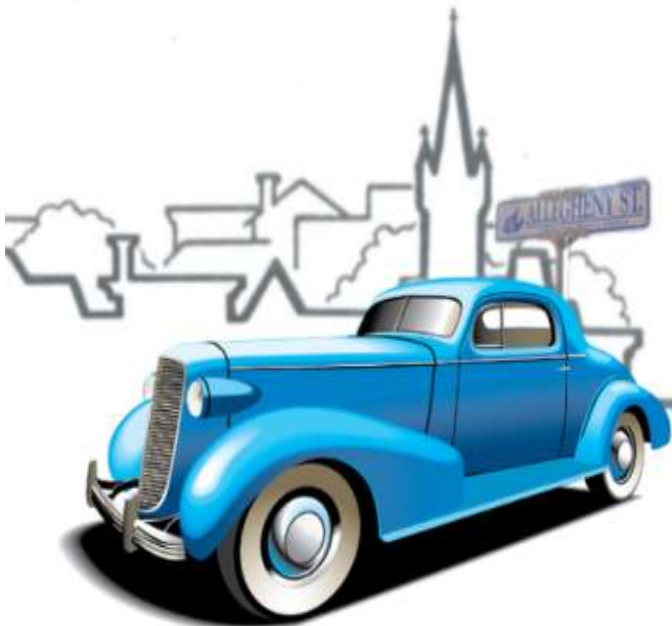
ALLEGHENY STREET CRUISE-IN 2023

Friday, May 26 6-9pm

Vehicles 1972 and older

with live music by the Fabulous Flashbacks
courtesy of

Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council



LIBRARY NEWS

APRIL



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IS APRIL 23-29

STOP BY THE LIBRARY
TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Book Clubs

Inspirational Book Club, April 13 at 6:30 pm

We will be discussing *The Forgotten Road*, by Richard Paul Evans.

Mystery & Mayhem, April 11 at 2:00 pm

This month's selection is *Twenty*, by James Grippando.

Women Writers Book Club, April 19 at 6:00 pm

Our book for April will be *Black Cake*, by Charmaine Wilkerson.

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.

Needlework & Arts Group, Tuesdays at 12:30 pm Bring your own materials and projects for this crafting club intended for adults. Call Janice at 814-695-2281 for mor information.

Twisted Stitchers, Wednesdays at 5:00 This is a new crochet and knitting club that meets at the Library. Bring your own project, yarn, and hooks; spend time with other crafters.

Storytimes, Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 am Join us for fabulous stories, great songs and a lot of fun! Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Legos in the Library, Fridays from 3:30-4:30 pm

This program is intended for ages 5-12.

Friday ROCKS, Fridays from 3:30-4:30 pm

This drop-in program is for all ages. Paint rocks to place in public places for finders to keep or re-hide.

History Hour: Trailblazing Women in Blair County, April 6 at 6:30 pm Julia Plummer Schokker, Blair County Historical Society, will be the presenter for this exciting and informative History Hour.

French, German and Spanish for Kids, April 13 and 27 at 6:00 pm Come join us as we sing, dance, learn, and practice speaking French, German and Spanish. This class is intended for children in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade.

Craveable Creations: Foods to Warm Up with, 3:30-5:30 pm, the second Thursday February-May. Students ages 12-18 can join us as we explore comfort foods for cold weather, from warm dips to a hearty soup. Each class food safety and different culinary skills. \$5 per class, 4-H members are free. Register now by emailing pennie@halibrary.org.

Library Hours

Mon - Thurs 9:30 - 8:00

Fri - 9:30 - 5:00

Sat - 9:30 - 5:00

Sun - 1:00 - 5:00

Closed: Apr 7th, 8th & 9th

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 benefit of a responsible I/I control program.

ARBOR DAY

Arbor Day is Friday, April 28, 2023



This year we are planting a tree in front of the Borough Municipal Building. Join us for this event! For more information, call the borough at 814-695-7543.

MUNICIPAL PRIMARY

Remember to vote in the Municipal Primary.



Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

Every vote counts!

REISER HOUSE WELCOMES VISITORS!



The Reiser House in Canal Basin Park will be welcoming visitors again soon. The opening date will be announced on the borough’s facebook page!



NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

APRIL 2023



Phone: 695-7543 Fax: 696-0636

Borough Manager James Gehret
manager@hollidaysburgpa.org

We're on the web: 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
12/31/2023

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

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

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
1208 N. Juniata Street
814-414-9850
12/31/2023

Mayor

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

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Donna Carson
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12/31/2025

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