



# THE TOWN CRIER



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## 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.



## 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](http://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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## CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

The borough is looking for crossing guards. If you are interested, please contact:



**Bobbi Carnell** at 814-695-3711 or  
**Patti Duron** at 814-695-7543



*Remember to turn your clock ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>*

# 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 Rick Pope at 934-4032 or you may email him at [rpope@hollidaysburgpa.org](mailto:rpope@hollidaysburgpa.org).



# 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 up.

# 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!**



# 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.

# Hometown Heroes Banners

**Application Deadline is April 7, 2023**

Please send completed applications to:

**the Borough of Hollidaysburg  
401 Blair Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648**

If you need an application or have questions, please contact Melanie Ramsey at:  
**mramsey@hollidaysburgpa.org** or  
**814-696-0544**

*Donations are welcome!*

# ARTS COUNCIL NEWS

Please "like" the Hollidaysburg Arts Council's Facebook page to keep informed of their upcoming arts events.

The Arts Council will meet on **February 13th at 1 pm.** Arts Council meetings are generally held on the 3rd Monday of each month.

"*Music in the Burg*" concerts are being planned for the upcoming season.



## SNOW & SIDEWALKS



It's still winter! Here's a reminder of the Borough 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.

Snow or ice shall not be deposited on or immediately next to a fire hydrant, any sidewalk, roadway or loading and unloading area of a public transportation system.

## 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.**

## 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 benefit of a responsible I/I control program





# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...



Winter is officially here, but spring is just around the corner! So, while we enjoy the beauties of this season, the borough and many of our excellent community groups are busy planning spring and summer events for our residents.

Please be mindful of workers at all of the ongoing project areas. Drive safely throughout the borough and use caution in our school zones.

Thank you for your continued support of the Hollidaysburg Area Public Library and our Police Department!

~ Mayor Joe

*Joe says* "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

**A quote by Dr. Maya Angelou**

## 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.

## BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

*The Borough offices will be closed on:*

*Monday, February 20th*



## MAYOR'S CHOICE AWARD



*Dustin Delozier of the US Hotel Tavern, with Mayor Joseph Dodson*

The US Hotel received the Mayor's Choice award at the 2022 Soup Sampling for their Tomato Basil soup. Thank you to these local businesses for their participation with their tasty soups!

**Mayor's Choice:** US Hotel Tavern (Tomato Basil)

**First Place People's Choice:** The Dream: (Chicken Pastina)

**Second Place People's Choice:** Mayfield at the Capitol Hotel (Curried Carrot)

**Third Place People's Choice:** D'Lites Café & Bakery (Stuffed Pepper)

Inlow's Drive-In (Vegetable Beef)

Main Moon (Wonton)

Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Co. (Italian Wedding)

Outback Steakhouse (Potato Soup)

Prime Sirloin Buffet (Chicken Corn Chowder)

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

**Borough Council 7PM**  
FEB 9 MAR 9

**Water Authority 5:30PM**  
FEB 21 MAR 21

**Sewer Authority 5PM**  
FEB 13 MAR 13

**Planning Commission 5PM**  
FEB 7 MAR 7

**HARB/HPC 5PM**  
FEB 2 MAR 2

**Shade Tree Commission 4:30PM**  
NO MEETING

**Hollidaysburg Arts Council 1:00PM**  
FEB 13 MAR 20



**Borough Meetings** are held at the municipal building.

Find meeting agendas and public participation at:

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

# SPRING BRUSH PICKUP 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.

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

# STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE FOR 2023



STREET SWEEPING				
	WEEK #1	WEEK #2	WEEK #3	WEEK #4
APRIL	3 <sup>RD</sup> – 7 <sup>TH</sup>	10 <sup>TH</sup> – 14 <sup>TH</sup>	17 <sup>TH</sup> – 21 <sup>ST</sup>	24 <sup>TH</sup> – 28 <sup>TH</sup>
MAY	1 <sup>ST</sup> – 3 <sup>RD</sup>	8 <sup>TH</sup> – 10 <sup>TH</sup>	15 <sup>TH</sup> – 17 <sup>TH</sup>	22 <sup>ND</sup> – 24 <sup>TH</sup>
SEPTEMBER	5 <sup>TH</sup> – 7 <sup>TH</sup>	11 <sup>TH</sup> – 13 <sup>TH</sup>	18 <sup>TH</sup> – 20 <sup>TH</sup>	25 <sup>TH</sup> – 27 <sup>TH</sup>

Maps & Schedule available online at [hollidaysburgpa.org](http://hollidaysburgpa.org) or at the borough building.

# LIBRARY NEWS

## FEBRUARY



### Library Hours

Mon - Thurs 9:30 - 8:00

Fri - 9:30 - 5:00

Sat - 9:30 - 5:00

Sun - 1:00 - 5:00

Closed: Feb 19, Feb 20 & Feb 21

### Book Clubs

**Inspirational Book Club, 2/9 at 6:30 pm** Discussing Snowmageddon, by Neta and Dave Jackson. All are welcome. No signup is necessary.

**Mystery & Mayhem, 2/14 at 2:00 pm** Discussing Gideon's Sword, by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child. All are welcome. No signup is necessary.

**Young Adult Book Club, 2/15 at 3:00 pm** This month's book selection is Legendborn, by Tracy Deonn. This club is intended for anyone who enjoys a good YA read!

**Women Writers Book Club, 2/15 at 6:00 pm** Discussing Cultish, by Amanda Montell. All are welcome. No signup is necessary.

**Best of Times, 2/23 at 2:00 pm** This month's book is Little Fires Everywhere, by Celeste Ng. All are welcome. No signup is necessary.

### Tech

**Computer Talks with Tom Robison, 2/23 at 1:00 and 4:00.** Email your questions to [corporal99@gmail.com](mailto:corporal99@gmail.com).

### Programs

**Canasta/Mah Jongg Club, Mondays at 11:00 am** Beginners are welcome. Call 814-693- 9292 to sign up. This program is intended for adults.

**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 more information.

**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 6-12.

**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 rehide.

**French and German for Kids, 2/9 at 6:30 pm** Come join us as we sing, dance, learn, and practice speaking French and German. 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 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](mailto:pennie@halibrary.org).

**History Hour: "Maps of Hollidaysburg", 2/16 at 6:30 pm** Tom Kopriva, Hollidaysburg Heritage Guided Tours, and Jim Snyder, Blair County Genealogical Society, will present maps of key historical factors from different years. Maps will be presented onscreen and will also be available for tabletop inspection.

**History Hour: "The Educational History of Hollidaysburg's Black Residents: Overcoming and Thriving", 2/23 at 6:30 pm** Harriet L. Gaston, DUS Advisor at Penn State Altoona, and Hollidaysburg Heritage Guided Tours, will share the history of education in Hollidaysburg for its black residents, especially the children.

**Family Storytime Parachute Play, 2/22 at 10:30 am** Parachute playtime is a fun way to build social skills and engage in physical activity. We will use music, props and games to get our bodies and our parachute moving!

**PAWS to Read, 2/25 from 10:00-11:30 am** Meet and read to pets from the Central PA Humane Society. Children of all ages are welcome with a parent or caregiver.

## Hometown Heroes Application

**Application Deadline is April 7, 2023**

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401 Blair Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Questions can be directed to Melanie at [mramsey@hollidaysburgpa.org](mailto:mramsey@hollidaysburgpa.org) or 814-696-0544

### VETERAN INFORMATION

FULL NAME OF VETERAN IN PHOTO: \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH OF MILITARY: \_\_\_\_\_ MILITARY RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

ALIVE: \_\_\_\_\_ DECEASED (YEAR): \_\_\_\_\_ POW \_\_\_\_\_ MIA: \_\_\_\_\_ KIA: \_\_\_\_\_ WOUNDED: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Completed applications will include:

- Completed application form with signed photo release statement
- Please submit a photograph of veteran \_\_\_\_\_

**Placement Request (Not Guaranteed):**

### CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SUBMISSION

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 hometown heroes banner program. This program is non-political and nonpartisan. I take full responsibility of accuracy of the information provided on the veteran's behalf.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICIAL USE BELOW

Pole # \_\_\_\_\_

Banner # \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Notes:



## NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

# FEBRUARY 2023



Phone: 695-7543 Fax: 696-0636

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

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

#### **Tax Collector**

Donna Carson  
223 Bedford St, 814-696-4684  
12/31/2025

#### **Borough Staff** 814-695-7543

**Borough Manager** James Gehret

**Secretary** Patricia J. Duron

**Solicitor** Evey Black Attorneys, LLC

**Police Chief** Christopher Storm

**Fire Marshal** Amy Hazlett

**Director of Community Facilities**

Richard T. Pope

**Director of Water Department**

Richard T. Pope

**Director of Wastewater Operations**

Frank B. Hicks Jr.

**Pre-Treatment Coordinator &**

**Laboratory Supervisor**

Vacant

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**Water & Sewer Office Manager**

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**Coordinator**

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Carol M. Gale

**Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council**

Marie Little Pat Gildea

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James J. Fitch Regis Nale

Vacant Carol M. Gale

Jim Burke

**Zoning Hearing Board**

Danielle Fitch

Mark Shawley

Larry Daugherty

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Josh Chestney 814-695-0444

Andrew R. St John 412-260-1584

Ethan Imhoff 814-262-5722

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Ann M. Andrews

Jeffrey Ketner

Vacant (ALT)

Patricia Duron (Recording

Secretary)

**Open Records Officer**

Patricia J. Duron

#### **Planning Commission**

John Stultz, Jr.

Andrew Haines

Jane Sheffield

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Joseph R. Dodson

Lori M. Patterson

**HARB**

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Gerald Harbison

Donald Delozier

Jane Sheffield

Adam Conrad

Dave Macharola

Joel Koss

**HPC**

Andrew Haines

Adam Conrad

Joel Koss

Jane Sheffield

Melanie Ramsey

Michael Selvenis

Joseph Stanek

Gerald Harbison

Donald Delozier

Dave Macharola

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