



THE TOWN CRIER



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BRUSH PICKUP CONTINUES

Brush pickup will continue each week on Mondays and Tuesdays through **December 5th and 6th**.

Reminders are as follows:

Leaves & brush **must be bagged** in biodegradable leaf bags and placed curbside by 7 am of the day of pickup.

No alley pickups except in Holliday Hills.

Twigs, 3 inches and less in diameter, **must be bundled and tied.** (No wire.)

Pickup to the **EAST** of Penn Street, including the east side of Penn Street, in the Borough will be **on Mondays**.

Leaf pickup to the **WEST** of Penn Street, Gaysport, and Holliday Hills, in the Borough will be **on Tuesdays**.

There is no need to call to schedule pickup. Bags that contain recyclables or bags that are taped or stapled **will not be picked up** (simply fold the top of the bag over).

If items are missed, the pickup will occur the **next week. No exceptions!**

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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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2022 Pennsylvania Elections

General Election Day is **November 8, 2022**



Happy Thanksgiving

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP



The Borough Public Works Services Crews will be picking up all discarded, live Christmas trees in January.

Trees will be picked up the same as the Borough's normal brush pickup; east side of the Borough on Monday and the west side on Tuesday.

Pickup Schedule:

East Side of town on Monday, **January 9th** and Monday, **January 23rd**.

West Side of town on Tuesday, **January 10th** and Tuesday, **January 24th**.

Please do not place the discarded tree into a plastic, tree disposal bag as the trees will to be taken to a compost facility.

Have trees curbside **by 7:00 am** for pickup that day.

Enjoy the holiday season and have a safe new year!

WINTERFEST COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WANT TO HELP PLAN WINTERFEST?

TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE OR TO PARTICIPATE IN
WINTERFEST

CONTACT MELANIE RAMSEY @

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

IN DOWNTOWN HOLLIDAYSBURG

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

SOUP SAMPLING



The Annual Soup Sampling Contest will take place from **5 pm-7 pm** during **Light Up Night** on **Friday, November 25** and will feature your favorite soups!

Local restaurants and organizations will be participating in the contest.

Tickets will be available on the Second Floor at the Hollidaysburg Borough Municipal Building & Light Up Night! Tickets cost \$6.

For questions, please call Melanie Ramsey at 814-696-0544.

(Pre-purchase is encouraged!)

DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET

Borough Residents are reminded **NOT** to push or rake fallen leaves into the public streets. This creates a safety hazard and violators will be fined.



ARTS COUNCIL NEWS

The Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council is excited to be a proud sponsor for Winterfest featuring:

ABC Brass Collective,

Heart of Gold Drill Team,

Joy Drummers (African Drummers),

Hollidaysburg Drumline,

Horseshoe Cloggers,

Show Twirlers,

Pam's Chargers,

Tir na Nog Irish Dance



SNOW & SIDEWALKS



When the leaves start dropping the snow isn't far behind. 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.

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**.

NEW POLICE CHIEF

The Borough welcomes the new **Chief of Police, Christopher Storm**. Chief Storm was sworn in at the council meeting on October 13, 2022.

He comes to us after many years of service in the Pennsylvania State Police where he was most recently promoted to Major.

Years ago, he worked as a police officer for the Borough. Chief Storm has served in law enforcement for over 30 years.

His extensive education, training and experience makes him a great addition to our team. Everyone is excited to have him on staff!

Welcome, Chief!

Congratulations





MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...



This month we celebrate our community festivities with the Winterfest Parade, Light Up Night and Soup Sampling. As we gather with our friends and families, remember to count your blessings and please pray for those in our armed services who may not be able to spend the holidays with their families.

Your continued support of our local businesses during the holiday shopping season is greatly appreciated.

Please continue your support of the Hollidaysburg Area Library and our Police Department!

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

Joe says "A brave man dies but once, but a coward many times"

~ Mayor Joe



CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

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



Bobbi Carnell at 814-695-3711 or

Patricia Duron at 814-695-7543.



BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

The Borough offices will be closed on:

Friday, November 11th

Thursday, November 24th

Friday, November 25th

Friday, December 23rd

Monday, December 26th



BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

Those who may be interested in serving on any of these boards and commissions, should submit your 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
NOV 10 DEC 8

Water Authority 5:30PM
NOV 15 DEC 20

Sewer Authority 5PM
NOV 14 DEC 12

Planning Commission 5PM
NOV 1 DEC 6
HARB/HPC 5PM
NOV 3 DEC 1

Shade Tree Commission 4:15PM
NOV 8

Hollidaysburg Arts Council 1:00PM
NOV 21 DEC 19



Borough Meetings are held at the municipal building.

Find meeting agendas and public participation at:

www.hollidaysburg.org

We currently have a vacancy on the Sewer Authority. If you are interested, please contact the borough office.

HISTORIC DISTRICT BRICKS & MORTAR

Arguably, it's bricks, stones and mortar that holds the Historic District together. Special care is needed in performing maintenance of these materials to prevent damage and preserve the historic integrity and appearance. This is why a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) is required for repointing and/or cleaning masonry walls, stone and brick. The Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) and Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) meet often to review COA applications and work with property owners to ensure that the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation are applied. Sandblasting with dry or wet grit or other abrasives, high pressure washing, and use of certain chemical products on brick or stone surfaces are not permitted. Removal of deteriorated mortar by hand raking is preferred whereas, removal by electric saws and hammering are not. Please contact the Community Development Department at 695-3880 if you have any questions about an exterior renovation project you may have or if assistance with completing a COA Application is needed.

Many thanks to the sponsors and volunteers who made PumpkinFest possible, with a special thank you to Public Works!



Pumpkinfest 2022

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Thanks to PumpkinFest 2022 volunteers

American Legion Riders Chapter #516

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #516

Regis Nale

Don DeLozier



ROTARY CLUB OF HOLLIDAYSBURG

Helping Hands For The Holidays Friday, December 2nd

7:30 a.m. to
4:00 p.m.



On The Diamond,
Downtown
Hollidaysburg

To Benefit The American Rescue Workers

Drive through Downtown and Drop Off:

CANNED GOODS, TOYS, MONETARY DONATIONS

LIBRARY NEWS

NOVEMBER



Friends of the Library Fundraiser!
Pecans and Holiday Wreaths
Check at the Library
Circulation Desk to purchase.

Library Hours

Mon - Thurs 9:30 - 8:00

Fri - 9:30 - 5:00

Sat - 9:30 - 5:00

Sun - 1:00 - 5:00

**Closed: Nov 11, Nov 12, Nov 13,
Nov 24, Nov 25, Nov 26 & Nov 27**

Book Clubs

Mystery & Mayhem, 11/15 at 2:00 pm. Discussing *Little Secrets*, by Jennifer Hillier. All are welcome. No signup is necessary.

Inspirational Book Club, 11/10 at 6:30 pm. Discussing *Penny Wise*, by Neta and Dave Jackson. All are welcome. No signup is necessary.

Women Writers Book Club, 11/16 at 6:00 pm. Discussing *The Bluest Eye*, by Toni Morrison. For more information, email mikaylamccord16@gmail.com, like us on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram @wwbookclubathburglib. All are welcome to attend.

Young Adult Book Club, 11/16 at 3:30 pm. This month's book is *Simon vs. The Homo Sapiens Agenda*, by Becky Albertalli. This club is intended for anyone who enjoys a good YA read!

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.

Allegheny Essential Oils Club, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 30 at 6:00 pm. Visit the club page on Facebook for more information.

Intro to Genealogy, Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 pm. Guest speaker Josh McConnell from the Altoona Area Public Library will give an informational presentation about how to use digital library services to discover your family history.

Friends of the Library Membership Tea, Thursday, Nov. 3 at 12:00. Come and meet the Friends and see what this organization is all about!

French and German for Kids, Nov. 3 & 17 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.

Dinovember StoryTime, Nov. 10 at 6:30 pm. We will read stories about dinosaurs and make a special craft. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Cravable Creations: Tastes of the Seasons, 3:15-5:15 pm., Thursdays, 9/15, 11/10, 11/17 and 12/15 for those entering 6th through 12th grade. Join 4-H and Nutrition Links as we make a variety of favorite recipes during this 2 hour after-school program. We will learn new techniques and cook a new recipe each month. A \$5 participant fee per session covers the cost of fresh ingredients. This class fills up fast! Register now by emailing pennie@halibrary.org.

Winterfest

IN DOWNTOWN HOLLIDAYSBURG

Save the Dates!

WinterFest Parade:

Sunday, November 20, at 2pm (Theme: Home for the Holidays)

Light Up Night/Soup Sampling/

Tree Lighting

Friday, November 25, 5:00-7:30pm

Sponsorships are available

Contact Melanie at mramsey@hollidaysburgpa.org or
814-696-0544



A NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

NOVEMBER 2022



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 2022

Borough Council

Ward 1 Joseph A. Pompa
207 Hickory St, 814-693-1819
1/1/2024

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

Ward 3 Michele Baker
405 Newry St, 814-934-9827
1/1/2024

Ward 4 Sean M. Burke
901 Walnut St, 814-215-8925
1/1/2026

Ward 5 James Mielnik
902 Lily Ave, 814-931-9224
1/1/2024

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

Ward 7 Jeffrey J. Ketner
1208 N. Juniata Street
814-414-9850
1/1/2024

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.

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Vacant

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Carol M. Gale

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Jim Burke

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Vacant

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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

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Jane Sheffield Terry Pennington

Joseph Stanek

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Lori M. Patterson

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Andrew Haines 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

Vacant

IRC (Borough Reps)

James Gehret

Brady Leahey

IRC Executive Director

Brock Bryan 814-942-7472

Vacancy Board

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