



THE TOWN CRIER

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GRANT AWARDED

The Borough of Hollidaysburg is pleased to share that a Storm Water Project grant in the amount of \$690,000 has been awarded, with the assistance of Stiffler McGraw, through the H2O PA Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water Projects Program.

This funding will support a much-needed stormwater mitigation project in the Gaysport area of Hollidaysburg.

The Borough of Hollidaysburg thanks the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and the Commonwealth Financing Authority for this funding that will help improve the standard of living in our community.

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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Remember to turn your clock ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 9th.

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!

Hometown Heroes Banners

Application Deadline is April 5, 2024

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!

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS



The borough welcomes three new council members. David Jacobs, Clay Gingrich and William Kitt were sworn in on January 2, 2024, by Mayor Joseph Dodson. Jeffrey Ketner was re-elected and he was also sworn in that day. *Congratulations!*

Ward 1

David Jacobs
204 Walnut St
412-412-8905

Ward 3

Clay Gingrich
213 Newry St
814-944-2078

Ward 5

William Kitt
625 Hawthorne Dr
814-932-4184



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.

ARTS COUNCIL NEWS

The Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council is gearing up for their 25th year anniversary with exciting concerts, "Music in the Burg", "Art in the Park", and extra surprises. Be sure to like them on Facebook so you can be part of this milestone.

HAAC wants this to be a summer you will remember. As Marie Little says: "The arts are alive in Hollidaysburg."



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 16, 2024 at 8:00 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.

PLANNING FOR PERMITS

As we are hoping for warmer weather and planning our spring and summer projects, the Department of Community Development would like to remind you to incorporate permits into your planning process. The Borough of Hollidaysburg requires the following permits depending on your project:

- UCC Building Permits (State Regulated Building Permits)
- Zoning Permits (Municipal Regulated Building Permits)
- Dumpster Permits (On Road Placement Only)
- Shade Tree Permits (Removal, Trimming, Planting)
There are no fees for Shade Tree Permits
- Certificates of Occupancy
- Certificates of Appropriateness (Historical District Only)



Most of the improvements and construction on both Commercial and Residential properties will require one or more permits. Applications for permits can be found on the Borough website and in the Borough Office. If you plan on doing work, please contact the Department of Community Development at 814-695-7543 to see what types of permits you will need.

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE..... WINTER

It is that time of year again where we have to clean off our cars, driveways, and sidewalks. The Department of Community Development would like to remind you that the Borough of Hollidaysburg Code of Ordinances does require residents to do the following:

- 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
- Also, storm water cannot be discharged to sidewalks or roadways





MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...

During these winter months we ask that you allow extra time for traveling and prepare for possible dangerous road conditions. Please use caution in our school zones.

We look forward to spring and all the exciting events planned for the borough.

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

Joe says "The more you give, the more good things come to you."

~Mayor Joe



SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

Residents are reminded to check their batteries in their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms.

If you do not have smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms installed in your home, please remember that code requires smoke alarms in all dwelling units and carbon monoxide alarms in buildings that have fuel-burning appliances or attached garages.

Here are some areas where smoke detectors are required:

- In each sleeping room
- Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms
- On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements and habitable attics and not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In dwellings units with split levels and without an intervening door between levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level
- Smoke alarms shall be installed not less than 3 feet horizontally from the door or opening to a bathroom that contains a bathtub or shower unless this would prevent placement of a smoke alarm required by this section.

BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

The Borough Offices Will Be Closed

Monday, February 19th

Friday, March 29th



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 8 MAR 14

Water Authority 5:30PM
FEB 20 MAR 19

Sewer Authority 5PM
FEB 12 MAR 11

Planning Commission 5PM
FEB 6 MAR 5

HARB/HPC 5PM
FEB 1 MAR 7

Shade Tree Commission 4:30PM
NO MEETING

Hollidaysburg Arts Council 1:00PM
FEB 12 at 10 am at Beech Tree Café



Borough Meetings are held at the municipal building.

Find Borough meeting agendas and public participation at:

www.hollidaysburgpa.org

Holidaysburg Area Public Library
1 Furnace Rd.
Holidaysburg, PA 16648
(814) 695-5961




February 2024 Holidaysburg Area Public Library



Library Hours

Mon - Thurs 9:30 - 8:00
Fri - 9:30 - 5:00
Sat - 9:30 - 5:00
Sun - 1:00 - 5:00

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 10:30 Dance, Sing & Play 6:30 Talking History	2 10:30 Storytime 3:30 Legos in the Library	3
4	5 11:00 Canasta/MahJongg 5:30 Lego Club	6 10:30 Storytime 12:30 Needlework & Arts	7 We Build Wednesdays 5:00 Twisted Stitchers 6:30 History Lecture Series	8 3:30 Cravable Creations 6:30 Inspirational BookClub	9 10:30 Storytime 3:30 Legos in the Library	10
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HAPPY RETIREMENT WISHES

After over 25 years of employment at the borough, Parks Maintenance Coordinator/Class C Operator, Jimmy Carson is retiring on March 15th.

Jimmy is a devoted employee who is focused on the maintenance of our various parks. He also maintained and cleaned the borough building as well as many different job duties in the public works department.

Everyone here thanks Jimmy for his hard work, dedication and humor throughout the years. We wish you all the best for your retirement! We will miss you!

Congratulations and savor every moment!



SPRING BRUSH PICKUP IN THE BOROUGH

The Borough will begin brush pickup this year in **April**. Pickup will begin on **Monday, April 1, 2024** and continue **EACH WEEK** through **Tuesday, May 21, 2024**.



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	10 th	11 th	24 th	25 th
JULY	8 th	9 th	22 nd	23 rd
AUG	12 th	13 th	26 th	27 th
SEPT	9 th	10 th	23 rd	24 th

STREET SWEEPING FOR 2024

	WEEK #1	WEEK #2	WEEK #3	WEEK #4
APRIL	1 ST – 5 TH	8 TH – 12 TH	15 TH – 19 TH	22 ND – 26 TH
MAY	6 TH – 10 TH	13 TH – 17 TH	20 TH – 24 TH	28 TH – 31 ST
SEPTEMBER	3 RD – 5 TH	9 TH – 11 TH	16 TH – 18 TH	23 RD – 25 TH

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

WE HAVE THE ADDRESS, BUT WHERE IS IT?

The Borough of Hollidaysburg Fire Marshal and Borough Director of Community Development would like to remind you that it is a requirement through the International Building and Residential Code to have your address marked on your property. This isn't just so the pizza place can get your delivery there while it's still warm, it can be a matter of life and death. Police, Fire, and EMS need to be able to locate your property in case of an emergency. Here is what the Code says on address markers:

- Address identification shall be legible and placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the property
- Address identification characters shall contrast with their background
- Each character shall be not less than 4 inches (102 mm) in height with a stroke width of not less than 0.5 inch (12.7 mm)

In addition to the code, the address should be in a well-lit area so that it can be seen at night. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either the Fire Marshal or the Director of Community Development at 814-695-7543.



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.

NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

FEBRUARY 2024



Phone: 814-695-7543 Fax: 814-696-0636

manager@hollidaysburgpa.org

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

GUIDE TO BOROUGH GOVERNMENT & OFFICES 2024

Borough Council

Ward 1 David Jacobs
204 Walnut St, 412-412-8905
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
1/1/2024

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

Mavor
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 Vacant

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

Nicholas Frank

Interim Finance Director

James Gehret

Water & Sewer Office Manager

Sarah Crist 814-696-0623

Community Relations & Events

Coordinator

Melanie Ramsey 814-696-0544

Planning, Zoning & Code

Enforcement Director

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Stiffler McGraw 814-696-6280

Borough Authority

Loren Hersberger James Fitch
Zenas Brehm Stuart W. Sibold
Carol M. Gale

Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council

Marie Little Pat Gildea

Sewer Authority

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Randy Manning Carol M. Gale
Jim Burke

Zoning Hearing Board

Danielle Fitch
Mark Shawley
Larry Daugherty
Dawn Harpster (Alternate)

Robert P. Rea (Attorney)

Shade Tree Commission

J. Terry Wilt 814-695-3226
Randy Manning 814-695-0178
Josh Chestney 814-695-0444
Andrew R. St. John 412-260-1584
Ethan Imhoff 814-262-5722

Civil Service Commission

James R. Huff, II
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 Chad Repko

Joseph Stanek

Education

Patricia J. Duron Joseph R. Dodson
Lori M. Patterson

HARB

Andrew Haines Andrew Holodnik
Donald Delozier Jane Sheffield
Adam Conrad Dave Macharola
Joel Koss

HPC

Andrew Haines Adam Conrad
Joel Koss Jane Sheffield
Melanie Ramsey Vacant
Joseph Stanek Vacant
Donald Delozier Dave Macharola
Andrew Holodnik

IRC (Borough Reps)

Brady Leahey
IRC Executive Director
Brock Bryan 814-942-7472

Vacancy Board

Joseph L. Patterson