A NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH RESIDENTS & FRIENDS



The Town Crier



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Happy Holidays! There's no place like Hollidaysburg for the Holidays!



This year's Winterfest
Parade will take place at
2:00 PM on Sunday, November 24th through the
streets of Historic Hollidaysburg. Watch as area
marching bands, fire companies, twirlers, holidaythemed floats, scout troops
and Santa and Mrs.

Claus promenade through the streets of Hollidaysburg.

Letters to Santa will be collected by the **U.S.**



Postal Employees. The Hollidaysburg AM-BUCS will collect

food for local food banks, and the U.S. Marine Corps will collect toys for their Toys for Tots Campaign!

Light Up Night is Friday, November 29th from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. Activities include the lighting of the tree and the Chimney Rocks

FUN WINTERFEST ACTIVITIES

Star. This year's lighting will once again include a **Fireworks Display!** Fireworks will be set off from Chimney Rocks Park and will start immediately following the tree lighting at 7pm.

The Annual Soup Sampling Contest will take place from 5pm - 7pm during Light Up Night and will feature your favorite soups! Soup Sampling tickets are just \$6.00 to try yummy soups and a chance to vote. Local restaurants and organizations will be participating in the contest this year. You may get tickets in advance at "Stuff" Unique Antiques in Gaysport, Copy Rite and Banner Zone on Allegheny Street, or at the HCP Office in the Municipal Building, 2nd floor.

The event will include free

entertainment from the Hollidaysburg Alumni/Community Brass Ensemble & Chorus, students in the Hollidaysburg High School Music Program & other local groups, and ice carving demonstrations by Local Artist Tim Klock.

Just down the block in Santa Land, activities will include: Magician Richard
Mangicarne, a petting zoo, holiday crafts for the kids and visits with Santa!

Santa will make another appearance during Breakfast with Santa on the Diamond on Saturday December 14th from 9am-noon. Coffee & donuts will be served at Allegheny Street Coffee Co., and pictures with Santa will be \$5 per family to benefit the Griffith Family Foundation.

EVES OF CHRISTMAS Support local business this holiday season! The three Fridays before Christmas we will be encouraging commerce in Hollidaysburg. Shops will have extended holiday hours & restaurants will offer specials. Christmas Carols will play throughout the Diamond, & select shops will offer free refreshments. On each of these Eves, a local church will host a Family Christmas Movie Night. Visit hollidaysburg.org or follow The Hollidaysburg Community Partnership, on facebook for more details!

Join Us! December 6th, December 13th, & December 20th.

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BOROUGH GOVERNMENT



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VOLUNTEER DAY

COME OUT TO STRING THE LIGHTS ON THE WINTERFEST TREE!

MEET ON THE DIAMOND ON SATURDAY, November 16th at 9:00 AM!

> **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



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 EVE-*Ning*,) 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 and on www.hollidaysburgpa.org.

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!

A NOTE FROM THE CHIEF -**BOROUGH STREETS**

When heading out of town on vacation or leaving for more than a day, please notify the police department.

Make sure that if your vehicle will be parked on the street for the duration of the trip, a nearby relative or a trusted neighbor has a key to the vehicle in case the police department needs it moved due to snow or a water break.

Take care to lock all vehicles parked on the streets or driveway as a caution to prevent theft from the vehicles.

LOW BRANCHES ON STREET TREES

The Shade Tree Commis- No permit is required for sion 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.

these 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 695-3226 Dave Zeek at 414-5499 Joel Koss at 695-0174 Patrick Plummer at 695-4370 Dave DeRubeis at 215-360-9090 Thanks for your cooperation in this important matter.

PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY BRINGS SANTA TO TOWN



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

Santa will be escorted through the Borough by the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company as he hands out candy canes!

Santa will tour the east side of Penn Street on Wednesday, December 18th and the west side of Penn Street including Holliday Hills and Gaysport on Thursday, December 19th. Santa will be on tour both nights from 6pm to 8pm! If Santa is not able to finish his tour on Wednesday and Thursday he will continue his tour on Friday, December 20th from 6pm to 8pm!

YOU BETTER WATCH OUT!

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A FOND FAREWELL FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

As Mayor, I am very proud to say that I have served the residents of Hollidaysburg for the past eight years with pride and dignity.

All of the advice and help that was extended to me during my time as Mayor has been greatly appreciated. One person in particular I would like to thank is one of the borough's past managers, John Little. He has offered a great

> deal of input concerning Patriot Park at Holliday Hills.

I would like to show my gratitude to the Police Department, Communications Department, and especially Shirley Books. Shirley has assisted me in many of my endeavors as Mayor.

Thank you to our Volunteer Fire Department who do an outstanding job



without pay and gives so freely of their own time.

Thank you to the American Legion for all of their significant contributions for the police department and the AED machine.

I thank Rick Pope and the Public Works Department for their assistance over the years with the projects that have reached outside the parameter of their job description. The help they have provided with Legion Park, Patriot Park, and all the activities that not only benefited Hollidaysburg but all of the surrounding communities should not go unnoticed.

Thank you to Frank Cassisi and our Wastewater department for the great work they do operating and maintaining the Borough's system.

Thank you to Jim Gehret and

our Finance department for the hard work they do.

I would like to extend my gratitude to our Borough Council Members who have stuck by me on the programs that have benefited the community and tax payers.

I would like to thank our present Borough Manager, Mark Schroyer, Borough Secretary, Patti Duron and the administrative staff.

I hope that I have not missed giving a 'thank you' to anyone. If I have, please know that I appreciate everyone.

Please remember to support our hometown businesses and our new library.

Continue to pray for our men and women in the armed forces, especially those who are in harms way.











Mayor says...

A Good Person Gives.

He Does Not Take.

To our residents, it has been a privilege and honor to serve as your Mayor in our wonderful community of Hollidaysburg.



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The 'Pink Ribbon Pit Crew', a Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Team, was at Pumpkin Festival this year to raise money for breast cancer awareness. Shown in this picture is Chairperson Judy Ricker, Mayor Joe Dodson, and members of the Pink Ribbon Pit Crew.

MAYOR JOE WISHES EVERYONE A BOUNTIFUL & HAPPY THANKSGIVING A Blessed & Merry **CHRISTMAS** AND A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

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HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA ARTS COUNCIL NEWS

Did you know Hollidaysburg had the first performance stage and movie theatre in the area? In fact, there were four theatres in town over the years. Learn more about this fascinating topic - "Theatres and the role they played for the performing arts of Blair County."

Hollidaysburg Arts Council presents an evening with Michael G. Farrow, Ph.D., author of "A History of Altoona and Blair County Theatres."

A slide presentation and stories of the many years of research will be in the program.

The program will be held Monday, November 4th from 7PM to 8PM at the Mishler Theatre. Admission is free for this event.

The Hollidaysburg Arts Council is a volunteer group, and welcomes new friends to join. The next meeting will be held November 20th at 2PM in the Hollidaysburg

Borough Building in Conference Room A.

The Arts Council is planning the 2014 calendar for the Summer Concert Series at Canal Basin Park. The public's input is encouraged. Please contact Marie Little with any ideas or suggestions at marielittle1@aol.com.



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.

Fall Brush Pickup continues in the Borough on Mondays and Tuesdays through December 3, 2013. Addresses to the east side of Penn Street are to be picked up on Mondays and addresses to the west of Penn Street, Gaysport and Holliday Hills will be collected on Tuesdays.



TOYS FOR KIDS DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE HOLLIDAYSBURG POLICE STATION AT 401 BLAIR STREET

TOYS FOR KIDS PROGRAM SPONSORED BY POLICE

Once again, the Hollidaysburg Hollidaysburg Police Station, Police Department will be kicking off the "TOYS FOR KIDS" program. This is their twenty fourth year!

This community continues to help make Christmas a little brighter for area children in all age groups! Donations of new toys and clothing, as well as monetary donations, may be sent to, or dropped off at, the

401 Blair Street on the first floor of the Municipal Building. Donations will be accepted through the week of Friday, December 13th.

The Police Department will distribute the gifts to families of students who attend the Hollidaysburg Area Junior and Senior High Schools and Longer Elementary.

When there are many items collected, the program is extended to deserving families who reside in the Borough.

If you would like to be a recipient in the program, forms are available at the Police Department in the Municipal Building.

Thanks for your continuing support!

Holiday Closings at the Borough Offices:

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Monday, November 11

Thursday, November 28

Friday, November 29

Tuesday, December 24

Wednesday, December 25

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP ANNOUNCED

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 6th and Monday, January 13th.

West Side of town on Tuesday, January 7th and Tuesday, January 14th.

Please do not place the discarded tree into a plastic, tree disposal bag as the trees are to be taken to a compost facility. Have trees curbside by 7:00 AM for pickup that

Enjoy the holiday season and have a safe new year!



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Intermunicipal Relations Committee (IRC) News

CARDBOARD COLLECTED AT **ROADSIDE** Corrugated cardboard boxes and paperboard boxes (ex. cereal boxes) have been added to the curbside collection. You may recycle these by flattening bundled boxes or nesting flattened boxes together in cardboard box. These should be set out for collection at the curbside

THE COMPOST FACILITY IS **MAINTAINING OPERATIONS**

with your paper recycling.

The compost facility located on Blacksnake Road is now under the management of the IRC. Accepted items are: leaves, grass and brush, electronics, and other recyclables.

R&D COMPOST FACILITY The

R&D Compost Facility located in Duncansville will be open Tuesdays until Thanksgiving from 12 PM-5 PM. Screened Compost or Screened Mulch will be available for purchase between the hours of 3 PM - 5PM. No electronics accepted. There are recycling drop-off containers below the composting pad that residents may use to recycle bottles and cans, paper, and cardboard. Glass, bottles, and jars may be recycled inside the garage at the

top of the composting pad. Please do not leave glass containers by the drop-offs.



ROTARY'S HELPING HAND FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Help the Hollidaysburg Rotary lend a helping hand!

The Hollidaysburg Rotary will be col-

lecting canned goods, toys and monetary gifts for the American Rescue Workers, Inc. on Friday, December 6, from 7:30 AM-4:30 PM, on the Diamond in Hollidaysburg Borough.

Drive through the downtown and drop off your donations to a Rotarian on the Diamond, right out of your car window!



THANK YOU DISCOVERY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all the Discovery Garden Volunteers who donated their time starting in April until October to take care of the garden. Your time and hard work is very much appreciated!

HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA YMCA POLAR BURR PLUNGE

The annual Hollidaysburg Area YMCA Polar Burrr Plunge/Too Chicken to Plunge Coop Chili Tasting Contest will be held Saturday, December 14 at Canoe Creek State Park. Stop in at the YMCA to register!

BOROUGH MEETING NEWS



Currently there are vacancies on some of the

Borough's **Boards and Commissions.**

Borough Council will be making appointments in January 2014. Interested persons should submit a Volunteer Interest Form to the Manager's Office before the end of Nov 4 Dec 2 this year. Volunteer Interest Forms can be found on our webpage:

www.hollidaysburgpa.org.

Borough Council 7 PM

Nov 14 Dec 12 Jan 6 Jan 9

Water Authority 5:15 PM

Nov 19 Dec 17 Jan 21

Sewer Authority 5:30 PM

Planning Commission 5 PM

Nov 5 Dec 3 Jan 7 HARB/HPC **5 PM**

Nov 7 Dec 5

Shade Tree Commission 4 PM

Nov 12

Hollidaysburg Area **Arts Council** 2 PM

Nov 27 Dec TBA Jan 22



Borough Meetings are held in Council Chambers.

The Arts Council Meetings are held in the Municipal Building, Conference Room A, second floor.

All meetings are open to the public.

Find meeting agendas at: www.hollidaysburgpa.org



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How to Avoid Sewer Problems

The two most common causes of sewer backups are:

- Putting items down your sink that should be put into your garbage.
- Invasive tree roots.

That's the bad news. The good news is that both are often preventable. Here's what you can do to help avoid problems in your sewer system:

Don't put grease, oil or egg shells down your sink. When grease and egg shells combine they create a mixture

similar to concrete; oil sticks to the pipe at the waterline. Both of these conditions can clog the sewer line. Instead, keep a small, empty container handy to contain these items. When the container is full, put it outside with the garbage.

Avoid trees with shallow, spreading root systems.

Tree roots tend to grow towards sources of water-like sewer pipes. Two of the most troublesome species of trees are the fruitless mulberry and the Modesto Ash. If you're

upgrading your home's landscaping, you can save yourself headaches and money by choosing trees with deep root systems.

After you select a tree, follow proper planting procedures. Be sure to dig a hole deep enough. If your hole is too shallow, the tree's roots won't be able to penetrate the clay, and they'll spread out horizontally. The tree won't be Lighter Fluid and Insecticides. healthy and neither will your sewer system.

Speaking of things you shouldn't put down your sink...

Many consumer products are considered household hazardous waste. Never pour items like these into your sink or toilet:

Motor Oil, Weedkiller, Antifreeze, Solvents, Gasoline, Wood Preserves, Paint,



LIBRARY NEWS

The Hollidaysburg Area Public Library celebrated "Read For the Record" on October 3rd. Special guest reader Amber Smith, Royal International Miss

2013-2014 National Role Model, partnered with the Central PA Humane Society's Outreach Director Jill Reigh and her



adopted dog Molly. They brought the story of "Otis" by Loren Long to 72 participants.

The Library is proud to introduce free eBooks available on your PC, IOS or Android device. Download the free app from www.eSebco.com, go to library.eSebco.com, and login with your Hollidaysburg Area Public Library library card number, login "haplguest" and password "patron". Questions? Call 814-695-5961 or email hapldirector@atlanticbb.net. November's schedule will include:

•Storytimes will be held on Tues & Weds @ 6:30 PM, and Thurs & Fri @ 10:30 AM. No signup is needed.

- ◆Focus on Art! Playgroup
- Homeschool Book Club
- •YMCA Pre-K will visit Nov 18th @ 10:30 AM
- Creative Kids Education Center
- •T.G.I. Friday's Fundraiser Nov 1st.
 - Voucher available at Library Mystery and Mayhem Book Club
 - Homeschool Debate Team
 - •Good Beginnings Preschool will visit Nov 15th @ 10:30 AM
 - Best of Times Book Club
 - •Stay & Play Preschool will visit each Thurs in Nov @ 10:30 AM
- Young Writers Group will meet every other Weds in Nov from 12:30 PM -2:30 PM
- •Salt Dough Craft/Storytime will be held Nov 5th @ 6:30 PM
- ◆Home-Made Play Dough Storytime will be held Nov 6th @ 6:30 PM
- •Recycled Card Craft/Storytime will be held Nov 12th @ 6:30 PM
- •Young Readers Day is Nov 13th
- •Gingerbread Man Storytime will be held Nov 13th @ 6:30 PM
- •Pop-Up Turkey Card Craft Time will be held Nov 19th @ 6:30
- ·Miss Paula's Focus on Art Thanksgiving Party will be held Nov 20th @10 AM
- Hollidaysburg Area Sr High Outreach

will be held Nov 15th @ 1:40 PM

- •Fall "Money" Raffle will be drawn Dec 3rd @ 7 PM. Tickets available at the Library circulation desk for \$10.
- Sustainable Wreath-Making with the Blair County Conservation District will be held Dec 10th @ 6 PM

For date, time and details on this month's special guests, visit the library website at

www.hollidaysburglibrary.org and click on "Calendar of Events".

Programs are also posted on Facebook under "Hollidaysburg Area Public Library".

Children must be accompanied by an adult when attending any of the special guest programs.

If you represent a school, summer camp or other organization and would like to schedule a visit, call 695-5961 or email melanie.ramsey@gmail.com.

Library hours:

Mon - Weds - 9:30 AM - 8 PM Thurs - Fri - 9:30 AM - 5 PM Sat - 9:30 AM - 2 PM

CLOSED - Nov 28th - Dec 1st



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Winterfest Parade

Sponsored by McLanahan Corporation & Hollidaysburg Rotary

Sunday, November 24th, 2pmToys & Canned Goods will be collected for donation.

etters to Santa will be collected by U.S. Postal Workers.

Light-Up Night With the Soup Sampling & Santa Land

nsored by Allegheny Club, American Legion, First Commonwealth Bank, aysburg Auto Parts, Keller Engineers, & North American Communications

Friday, November 29th 00-7:30pm, Downtown Hollidaysburg

lce Carvings by Tim Klock & Free Musical Entertainment Visits with Santa, Petting Zoo, Children's Activities & More!

Lighting of Tree/AMBUCS Star on Chimney Rocks at 7pm, immediately followed by fireworks

6 Soup Sampling Tickets can be purchased at event or Hollidaysburg Copy-Rite & Banner Zone & "Si

Eves of **C**hristmas

the three Fridays before Christmas

December 6th, December 13th, December 20th.

Come Downtown Hollidaysburg for holiday shopping fun!

Retail businesses will be open late & restaurants will offer specials. Family Christmas Movie Nights hosted by local churches full details at www.hollidaysburg.org



For Additional Information: The Hollidaysburg Community Partnership 814-696-0544 www.hollidaysburg.org

THANK YOU to all Winterfest 2013 Sponsors!

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