



# THE TOWN CRIER

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## Hollidaysburg PumpkinFest

Sat. October 11  
10am-4pm

Kick off fall with this one of a  
kind celebration on Allegheny  
Street. Activities, yummy foods,  
& entertainment



Start your holiday  
celebrations with all of our  
WinterFest activities the  
week of Thanksgiving.

## WinterFest Parade

Sun. November 23, 2pm

## Light Up Night & Soup



## Sampling

November  
28, 5-7pm

For more info email Melanie at [mramsey@hollidaysburgpa.org](mailto:mramsey@hollidaysburgpa.org) or call 814-696-0544

## FALL BRUSH PICKUP

Brush pickup will take place each week on Mondays and Tuesdays beginning **October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>** and run through **December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

### Reminders are as follows:

Leaves & brush **must be** bagged in biodegradable leaf bags and placed curbside by 7AM 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**.

Brush 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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**Remember To Turn  
Your Clocks Back on  
Sunday,  
November 2nd at 2 am**



## **A message from the Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority on Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) and Sanitary Sewer Separation Projects**

### **Discharges from Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs)**

A combined sewer overflow (CSO) is the discharge from a combined sewer system that is caused by excessive rainfall, stormwater runoff or snowmelt. Combined Sewers are sewer systems that collect both domestic sewage and stormwater in the same pipe and convey the flows to the wastewater treatment facility for treatment. These systems are designed to overflow during wet-weather events.

During rain events or snowmelt, when runoff enters the sewers, the capacity of the sewer system may be exceeded and the excess water will be discharged directly to a waterbody (rivers and streams).

In addition to runoff, direct stormwater connections, such as gutters and roof leaders, area drains and sump pumps also contribute to CSO discharges.

### **CSO Impacts**

Discharges from CSO outfalls contain mixtures of domestic sewage and stormwater runoff, and may include moderate to high levels of suspended solids, floatable material and other pollutants.

### **CSOs In Hollidaysburg Borough**

The Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority (HSA) currently operates, monitors and maintains 3 CSO outfalls in and around Hollidaysburg Borough. Each CSO location is clearly marked with a public notice sign identifying the CSO and providing information regarding the CSO to the public.

### **Reporting CSOs**

The HSA uses the following methods to monitor and report the occurrences of CSOs:

- **Permits** – The Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority (HSA) is a NPDES w/ CSOs permit holder, and must comply with Nine Minimum Controls and is also required to implement and maintain a Long Term Control Plan to reduce CSO impacts.
- **Monthly Reports** – A detailed report form is submitted to PADEP each month detailing the frequency, volume and duration of each CSO discharge event.
- **Annual Reports** – An Annual CSO Report is included each year with the HSA's Chapter 94 Wasteload Management Report submitted to PADEP.

### **Reducing CSOs through Sanitary Sewer Separation Projects**

The Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority is committed to reducing the frequency, volume and duration of CSO discharges. The HSA works to fulfill this commitment by planning and constructing sanitary sewer separation projects that remove the stormwater from the sanitary sewers, and constructing dedicated stormwater lines to collect and convey stormwater to designated outfalls.

Over the past decade, the HSA has completed two (2) large-scale sanitary sewer separation projects; Phase I (2015) and Phase II (2016). In 2024, the HSA began the construction of the Phase III separation project. This project is currently ongoing with the separation of sanitary sewers in the Beaver Street area of Gaysport.

In addition to these large-scale projects, the HSA has also completed smaller separation projects throughout the Borough, seeking to remove stormwater from its sanitary system whenever possible.

The projects that the HSA have undertaken over the years have proven to be effective in reducing CSO discharges and lowering the cost of treatment at the wastewater treatment facility.

The HSA would like to thank the residents of Hollidaysburg for your cooperation and patience as we continue our efforts to reduce CSO discharges and improve the wastewater treatment system.

# LIBRARY NEWS

**Hollidaysburg Area Public Library**  
1 Furnace Rd.  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648  
(814) 695-5961  
www.hollidaysburglibrary.org



**September 2025**  
**Hollidaysburg 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<br><b>LABOR DAY</b><br><b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>   | 2<br>10:30 Storytime<br>12:30 Needlework & Arts  | 3<br>5:00 Twisted Stitchers  | 4   | 5<br>10:00 1-2-3 Play With Me<br>10:30 Storytime<br>3:30 Legos in the Library  | 6<br>10:00 Paws to Read |
| 7   | 8<br>All Day Maker Monday<br>11:00 Canasta/MahJongg<br>6:30 ABC Photo Society                              | 9<br>10:30 Storytime<br>12:30 Needlework & Arts  | 10<br>5:00 Twisted Stitchers   | 11<br>10:30 Dance, Sing and Play!<br>6:30 Inspirational Book Club | 12<br>10:00 1-2-3 Play With Me<br>10:30 Storytime<br>3:30 Legos in the Library | 13                      |
| 14  | 15<br>All Day Maker Monday<br>11:00 Canasta/MahJongg   | 16<br>10:30 Storytime<br>12:30 Needlework & Arts | 17<br>5:00 Twisted Stitchers<br>6:00 Women Writers                         | 18<br>10:30 Dance, Sing and Play!                                 | 19<br>10:00 1-2-3 Play With Me<br>10:30 Storytime<br>3:30 Legos in the Library | 20                      |
| 21  | 22<br>All Day Maker Monday<br>11:00 Canasta/MahJongg<br>6:30 ABC Photo Society<br>Stuffed Animal Sleepover | 23<br>10:30 Storytime<br>12:30 Needlework & Arts | 24<br>2:00 Computer Talks<br>5:00 Computer Talks<br>5:00 Twisted Stitchers | 25<br>10:30 Dance, Sing and Play!<br>2:00 Best of Times BC        | 26<br>10:00 1-2-3 Play With Me<br>10:30 Storytime<br>3:30 Legos in the Library | 27                      |
| 28  | 29<br>All Day Maker Monday<br>11:00 Canasta/MahJongg   | 30<br>10:30 Storytime<br>12:30 Needlework & Arts |  |   |  |                         |

## VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED

The Borough is currently looking to fill vacancies on a few of their Boards and Committees.

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is responsible for preserving the inventory of historic structures and overseeing other historic preservation efforts.

The Shade Tree Commission is responsible for the public shade trees throughout the Borough. Members inspect, review, and vote on applications regarding the maintenance of these trees.

The Planning Commission is a local advisory board responsible for reviewing and recommending policies and plans for a community's physical, social, and economic development.

The Blight Committee is a local advisory board responsible for identifying and reviewing properties that potentially meet the Borough's definition of blight and help resolve blight issues within the Borough.

Interested applicants can obtain a volunteer interest form by visiting the Borough Building or the Borough's website at [hollidaysburgpa.org](http://hollidaysburgpa.org).

## TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat night in the Borough of Hollidaysburg will be  
**Thursday, October 30th from 6-8 pm**



## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2035

Borough Staff and Blair Planning are wrapping up "Hollidaysburg 2035 Past, Present, Future: Planning a Legacy for Generations to Come".

Please watch the Borough website and Facebook page for further information.

## NEW OFFICER



On June 23, 2025, Mayor Dodson swore in HPD's new officer, Kaleb Sollenberger.

Officer Sollenberger recently completed his Act 120 training at the IUP Criminal Justice Training Center. Please join us in welcoming Officer Sollenberger to our wonderful Borough.

## FAREWELL TO LONG-TIME MAYOR DODSON

As many residents know, our long-time mayor, Joe Dodson, moved from his residence in the Borough.

He will be missed and we wish Mr. and Mrs. Dodson happiness in their new home!

Chad Repko has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the mayor's office through December 31, 2025.

Thank you and farewell, Mayor Dodson.

Welcome to Mayor Repko!

## THE BOROUGH IS GREEN

The Borough is excited to announce a partnership with The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy to plant 120 trees between Fall 2025 and Fall 2026. These trees will "spruce" up public spaces throughout the Borough.

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy is currently collaborating with Borough Staff and the Shade Tree Commission to identify suitable tree species and optimal planting locations.

We are looking for volunteers for these projects. Please contact Director of Community Development, Andrew Holodnik, if you are interested.

## SIDEWALK GRANT

The Borough of Hollidaysburg is continuing to accept applications for residents that want to repair or replace their damaged sidewalks/curbs.

Eligible residents can receive 25% of the total cost reimbursed to them through this grant. Only public sidewalks are eligible for this grant.

For more information, please see Director of Community Development Andrew Holodnik.

## ***BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED***

**The Borough Offices Will Be Closed**

*Tuesday, November 11, 2025*



## 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**

SEP 11 OCT 9

**Water Authority 5:30pm**

SEP 16 OCT 21

**Sewer Authority 5pm**

OCT 13

**Planning Commission 5pm**

OCT 7

**HARB/HPC 5pm**

SEP 18

OCT 2 OCT 16

**Shade Tree Commission 4:30pm**

OCT 14

**Blight Committee 5:30pm**

OCT 1

**Hollidaysburg Arts Council 10:30pm**

SEP 16

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

Find Borough meeting agendas and public participation at:

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

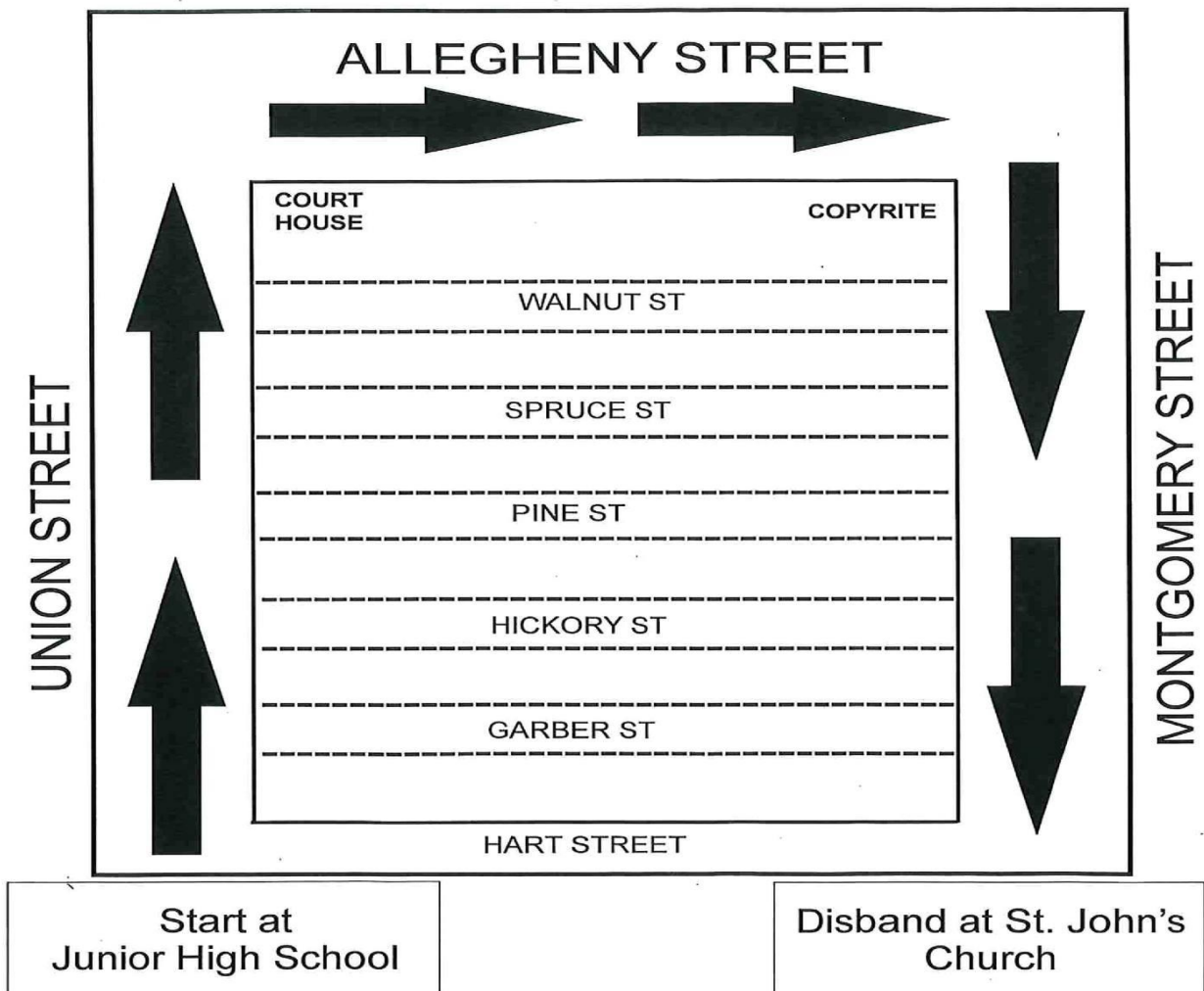
**Be sure to check out the Borough Facebook page!**

# STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE FOR 2025

|           | WEEK #1   | WEEK #2     | WEEK #3     | WEEK #4     |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| SEPTEMBER | 6th – 8th | 12th – 14th | 19th – 21st | 26th – 28th |



**SUNDAY, November 23 at 2pm**





## 2025 Winterfest Parade

Calling all local bands, choruses, cheer squads, marching units, student clubs, businesses, and organizations to join us as we escort Santa into town!

The theme for the 2025 parade is "Santa's Workshop". All participants are encouraged to have a holiday theme with costumes, props, decorations, and/or music. Santa will be escorted on the last float in the parade and absolutely NO other Santas will be permitted.

Prizes for the best entry  
Grand Prize \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$75, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$50  
(Judging is based on creativity, originality, & holiday spirit)

Sunday, November 23rd  
Parade begins at 2pm SHARP!

*\*Line-up begins at Noon\**

**Important CHECK-IN information: Reminders will be mailed/emailed out the week before the parade.**

- Every parade vehicle should report to the corner of Hart & Union Streets
- Participants may be dropped off at the corner of Hart & Union Streets
- Only parade vehicles & local traffic will be permitted on the following streets: Union from Hart to Fir St., Hemlock Street, Cedar Blvd., & Fir St.
- PLEASE DO NOT block driveways during the parade line-up.
- Lineup is on a first come, first served basis
- Firetrucks and other emergency services will be lined up along Hart Street in the bus lane in front of the Junior High. We will filter into the parade.

**Sponsorship Opportunities:** Please contact Melanie at Hollidaysburg Borough if you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring the parade; 814-696-0544.

*\*The WinterFest Parade Committee reserves the right to remove any float, group or entry that is deemed inappropriate at the Committee's sole discretion.*

# PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT HALLOWEEN PARADE



The Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual **Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 25, 2025.**

Line up begins at 4 pm. The parade will begin at 6 pm.

For more information, email: [PVFDHALLOWEENPARADE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PVFDHALLOWEENPARADE@GMAIL.COM)

## RECREATIONAL/COOKING & FIRE PITS

Fire Pits are permitted in the Borough according to certain regulations. For recreational and cooking food purposes:

- the container must conform with DEP standards
- the material to be burned must be a nonrecyclable material and the burning container must have a screen to prevent ash or unburned material from being released
- the container cannot be closer than 10 ft. from the property line and should be at least 15 ft. from a dwelling or structure
- the container shall not be placed on or near any combustible material nor on a public street
- the person burning must be at least 18 years of age
- burning can only take place when there is no strong breeze
- a hose or water source needs to be nearby



## THE FALL BREEZE BRINGS FALL LEAVES

Borough Residents are reminded **NOT** to push or rake fallen leaves onto public sidewalks or into the public streets.

The Borough Code of Ordinances addresses the maintenance of sidewalks and hazards to both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

The Department of Community Development will be taking action against those who violate this section of the code.



## WINTERFEST COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED WANT TO HELP PLAN WINTERFEST?

TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE OR TO

PARTICIPATE IN WINTERFEST

CONTACT MELANIE RAMSEY @

[mramsey@hollidaysburgpa.org](mailto:mramsey@hollidaysburgpa.org) or call 814-696-0544.



**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

## NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

# SEPTEMBER 2025



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

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

### GUIDE TO BOROUGH GOVERNMENT & OFFICES 2025

#### **Borough Council**

**Ward 1** David Jacobs  
204 Walnut St, 412-440-8905  
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  
1/1/2028

**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

**Mayor**  
Chad Repko  
710 Garber Street, 695-8834,  
1/1/2026

**Tax Collector**  
Donna Carson  
814-696-4684  
1/1/2026

**Borough Staff** 814-695-7543

#### **Borough Manager**

Ethan Imhoff

**Secretary** Patricia J. Duron

**Solicitor** Evey Black Attorneys, LLC

**Police Chief** Christopher Storm

**Fire Marshal** Amy Hazlett

**Director of Community Facilities**  
Amy Hazlett 814-934-4032

**Director of Water Department**  
Amy Hazlett 814-934-4032

**Director of Wastewater Operations**  
Frank B. Hicks Jr. 814-695-8368

**Pre-Treatment Coordinator & Laboratory Supervisor**  
Nicholas Frank 814-695-8368

**Finance Director**  
Stacy Wert 814-696-0623

**Water & Sewer Office Manager**  
Sarah Crist 814-696-0623

**Community Relations & Events Coordinator**  
Melanie Ramsey 814-696-0544

**Director of Community Development**  
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Crystal Snyder

**Webpage Administrator**  
Patricia J. Duron 814-696-0542

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Stiffler McGraw 814-696-6280

#### **Borough Authority**

Loren Hershberger James Fitch  
Zenas Brehm Stuart W. Sibold  
Jim Hoover

**Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council**  
Marie Little Pat Gildea

**Sewer Authority**  
James J. Fitch Regis Nale  
Randy Manning Fred Boose  
Jim Burke

**Zoning Hearing Board**  
Danielle Fitch

Mark Shawley  
Larry Daugherty  
Dawn Harpster (Alternate)  
Robert P. Rea (Attorney)

**Shade Tree Commission**  
J. Terry Wilt 814-312-7305  
Randy Manning 814-695-0178  
Josh Chestney 814-695-0444  
Andrew R. St. John 412-260-1584  
Vacant

#### **Civil Service Commission**

James R. Huff, II  
Ann M. Andrews  
Jeffrey Ketner  
Vacant (ALT)  
Patricia Duron (Recording Secretary)

**Open Records Officer**  
Patricia J. Duron

**Blight Committee**  
Andrew Holodnik  
Ellen Miller  
William Kitt  
Vacant  
Randy Manning  
Vacant

#### **Planning Commission**

John Stultz, Jr. Andrew Haines  
Jane Sheffield Vacant  
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)**

Ethan Imhoff 814-695-7543  
Brady Leahey

#### **IRC Executive Director**

Brock Bryan 814-942-7472

#### **Vacancy Board**

Joseph L. Patterson