#### A NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH RESIDENTS & FRIENDS



#### THE TOWN CRIER



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#### MUNICIPAL BUILDING SIDEWALKS RENOVATION

The Borough will begin repair work on the sidewalks, steps and front of the Municipal Building sometime after July 1, 2018. Due to the scope of this project, access into the building during the work will be very limited. Persons are strongly encouraged to conduct their business with the Borough via email or telephone. Utility and ticket payments may be deposited into the drop box located on the alley side of the building. Entrance to the building will be redirected to the employee parking lot side of the building, where visitors may enter and proceed through the Council Chambers to their destination elsewhere in the building. Meeting attendees should enter the building this way. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend a meeting and who may require accommodations, please contact Borough Secretary Patricia Duron at 695-7543.

#### SUMMER BRUSH PICK UP

For the rest of the summer the pickups will take place on the Mondays and Tuesdays of the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> full week of each month. 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.

Public access to the Municipal Building will be limited to the hours of 8:00 am until 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, unless there is a meeting.

To contact the Borough Offices, please call 695-7543. The non-emergency number for the Police Department is 695-3711. The Water and Sewer Billing Office may be reached at 696-0623. The Code Enforcement and Planning and Zoning Office phone number is 695-3880. The Main Street Manager may be reached at 696-0544



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 7AM, and the only alley pickups will be **Sweet Cherry Court** in Holliday Hills.

Throughout that time, Borough workers will pick up and haul away compostable waste such as:

- Dead Leaves
- Dead Plant Material
- Tree & Brush Trimmings
- Branches up to 3" in diameter & 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 include stone, garbage, gravel, dirt, junk & appliances.

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	WEEK #2		WEEK#4	
	MON	TUES	MON	TUES
JUNE	11th	12 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
JULY	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
AUG	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
SEPT	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>

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#### LIBRARY NEWS

#### July's schedule will include:

- Ancestry: Library Edition is available for the public to use, free, on the library's public computers.
- "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" is designed to encourage parents to read a thousand books to their newborn, infant, or toddler before they start kindergarten. Book logs/electronic apps are available to help parents keep track. This selfpaced program is free and is guided by the 1,000 Books Foundation.
- Artwork by students of Jennifer Wagner will be displayed in the Community Room and Children's Room throughout the month of July, including projects created in the Cosmic Arts program.
- Acrylic works by Abraham Onkst will be on display in the Children's and Young Adult rooms throughout the month of July.
- The Handwork and Arts Group (adult crafting club) meets from 1:30 to 3:30 pm Tuesdays. Take your own materials and projects; call Janice at 695-2281 for more information.
- The Knit Wits Knitting and Crocheting Club meets from 6 to 7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month. Take your own materials/projects; beginning knitters are asked to bring light colored yarn and size 8 needles. No

- signup is needed, visit the club's Facebook page for more information.
- The Allegheny Essential Oils Club holds classes from 6 to 7pm Wednesdays. Topics vary; all are welcome; visit the club's Facebook page for more information.
- The Canasta Club will meet from 11:30am to 1pm each Thursday in July. Beginners are welcome; call 693-9292 to sign up. This program is intended for adults.
- The library's free Summer Learning program (Libraries ROCK!) began June 25 and continues through August 3. Children ages newborn through high school and their families are invited to enjoy group activities and special guests throughout the summer. Children from newborn through students who finished grade six who keep track of their reading using book logs get a different small participation prize each week. Signup sheets are available at the library, on its Facebook page and at www.hollidaysburglibrary.org
- Storytimes for preschoolers will be held throughout the month of July. It will be held at 6pm Mondays, 10:30am and 4pm Wednesday and 10:30am Thursdays and Fridays. These free sessions are part of the Summer Learning Program, sign up

- at the library; children must be accompanied by an adult. Occasionally there will be special guests; they will be listed on the library's Facebook and we page.
- Elementary Club meetings, for students who have finished kindergarten, first, second, third or fourth grades, will be held at 6pmTuesdays, 1pm Wednesdays 1 and 3pm Thursdays. These free sessions are part of the Summer Learning Program, sign up at the library; children must be accompanied by an adult. Occasionally there will be special guests; these will be listed on the library's Facebook page and web page.

#### **Library hours:**

Mon - Thur 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Fri 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sat 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sun 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM



#### **ARTS COUNCIL NEWS**

The June 13 Art Walk was very well received and the weather was perfect!

Saturday, July 7 from noon to 4 Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council will be promoting a book signing at Barnes & Noble featuring Dr. Ken Womack's book Maximum Volume: The Life of Beatles Producer George Martin, The Early Years, 1926-1966. Maximum Volume offers a glimpse into the mind, the music, and the man behind the Beatles.

Sunday, July 8 7:00 p.m. @ the Hollidaysburg Junior High School on Hewitt Street, the Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council is sponsoring MUSIC IN THE BURG with an encore performance of "It was 51 years ago today!" Sgt Peppers Tribute Concert presented by Altitude Entertainment. This is a community musical tribute concert celebrating The Beatles' produced by Will Jones, music direction by Rick Wertz. This is a revival of last year's SOLD OUT show!





#### ARBOR DAY **CELEBRATION**



The Arbor Day Ceremony and tree plantings took place at St. John's Reformed Church on Friday, April 27, 2018. Two Eastern Red Bud trees were planted there in remembrance of Jerry & Kathy Hayward. Mayor Joseph Dodson issued a proclamation for the occasion.

Blair County Forester, Mandy Burgoon, presented the 2017 Tree City USA award to the Shade Tree Commission. Students from Holy Trinity Catholic School attended and helped plant the trees.

Thank you to all who helped with this event!



#### REMEMBER..... **MAINTAIN YOUR GRASS!**

Please remember to maintain your property. The height of grass and weeds on any premises within the Borough cannot be in excess of six (6) inches according to Chapter 10, Health and Safety, Part 1, Weed Control, Section 101 of the Borough of Hollidaysburg Code of Ordinances. Not properly maintaining your property will put you in violation of the borough ordinance and could lead to legal proceedings.

Thank you for doing your part in keeping the Borough beautiful!



#### SIGNS IN PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAYS



Please be reminded that according to Hollidaysburg Code of Ordinances, Chapter 27, Part 5, Section 507.3B, no signs are to be placed in the public right of way with the exception of a few. Those exceptions include government postings, bus stops signs, public utility information and emergency warnings.

Any other signs, including yard sale signs, that are put up in the public right of way are forfeited and will be confiscated.

Additionally, signs should not be posted on public utility poles or shade trees.



#### SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS WANTED

The Hollidaysburg Education Agency and the Hollidaysburg Area School District are seeking individuals for the position of school crossing guard in Hollidaysburg beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Interested persons may request an application at the Hollidaysburg Municipal Building at 401 Blair Street. Successful candidates must possess an Act 151 Child Abuse Clearance. Completed applications should be returned to Bobbi Carnell at 401 Blair Street.



#### **BOROUGH OFFICES** CLOSED

The Borough Offices will be closed on. July 4th



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#### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As we all enjoy summer be sure to drive safely and be cautious of children at play. Remember to obey speed limits. Please continue to support our downtown businesses, our library and our police department.

Also, I would like to thank all who recently made donations for the maintenance of Patriot Park. This park is dedicated to all veterans.

As always, please pray for the men and women of the armed forces. Keep Honorary Mayor, Ed McClain, in your thoughts and prayers as he is recovering

Joe says "Don't let yesterday use up too much of today"

from an injury. Happy summer

~Mayor Joe

everyone!

## RETIRED LIEUTENANT GENERAL VISITS HOMETOWN

By Manager Gehret Recently, we were honored by a visit from United States Army Lieutenant General Harry E. Soyster. General Soyster was born in Altoona, PA and raised in Hollidaysburg. He attended school in Hollidaysburg and then was appointed to the United States Military Academy in West Point, NY. General Soyster was a proud Eagle Scout, Class President, member of the first all-star football team from Hollidaysburg, and captained the first undefeated basketball team in the history of the school. He went on to earn a BS in Engineering, a Master's Degree in Chemistry and a Master's of Science Degree. General Soyster



held a number of important commands and staff positions including tours in Vietnam and Korea. He is the recipient of many awards, decorations and badges and is the highest ranking citizen from Hollidaysburg as a 3 Star General. In conjunction with the Borough of Hollidaysburg, the American Legion Post #516 set up the *Lieutenant* General Harry E. Soyster Award which goes to three different veterans who have honorably served their country and later served in their communities. Thank you, General Soyster. We were honored by your visit.



Congratulations to *Eric Joseph Pick*. Eric was sworn in on 6-28-18 as Hollidaysburg Borough's first Junior Vice Mayor. Eric is a seventh grader at Hollidaysburg Area Junior High School. He is 12 years old. His favorite sports are basketball and baseball. He is a Penn State fan and a fan of the NBA. As Junior Vice Mayor, one of Eric's duties is to see that he and his friends abide by all rules and regulations of the state and the borough.

#### **BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE**

Those who may be interested in serving on any of these boards and commissions, should submit a

**Volunteer Interest Form** to the Manager's Office. Volunteer Interest Forms can be found on our webpage: www.hollidaysburgpa.org.

**Borough Council 7PM**July 12 August 9

Water Authority 5:30PM July 17 August 21 **Sewer Authority 5PM** July 9 August 13

**Planning Commission 5PM**July 3 August 7

HARB/HPC 5PM

July 5 & 19 August 2 & 16

**Shade Tree Commission 4:15PM** July 10 August 14

**Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council 2PM**No Meetings Until September

**Borough Meetings** are held in Council Chambers.

The Arts Council Meetings are held in the Municipal Building, Conference Room B, second floor. All meetings are open to the public.

Find meeting agendas at: www.hollidaysburgpa.org.

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#### **GET YOUR PERMITS**

The Borough takes tremendous pride in the fact that its residents are consistently doing projects to take care of and maintain their homes. It is one of the great attributes of Hollidaysburg. With summer here, many Borough residents are planning to remodel or initiate other projects regulated by Borough construction codes.

Whether you are thinking about a new swimming pool (in or above ground) or a building addition, be sure to check with the Building Code Department to determine if your project requires a permit and is compliant with Borough construction codes.

Be mindful that Pennsylvania State Law requires that you must obtain appropriate permits to have certain types of projects done. Not obtaining the necessary permits could lead to legal action and fines. Zoning permits from the Borough may also be necessary.

Starting with a simple phone call before your project begins will ensure that your project progresses in a timely manner.

The Building Code Department is available to answer any questions you may have about construction codes and permits

Monday through Friday, 8AM until 4PM, in person at the Municipal Building, or by phone at 695-3880.

For additional information and forms, including a Citizen's Guide to Applying for a Building & Zoning Permit, please visit www.hollidaysburgpa.org.

#### **REMEMBER!**

Swimming pools deeper than two feet need permits!!

Please contact Planning and Zoning Administrator Patrick Rabits at 695-3880 for information.



### PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NEWS

The Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company, located at 206 Wayne Street, announces their upcoming events! For more information, or to place an order, please call the Fire Station at 695-0521 or 414-5499.

Chicken Barbeque - Sunday, July 22nd & Sunday, August 19th starting at 11:00AM until Sold Out. Each meal will include ½ chicken, pulled pork, two sides and a roll for \$10.00.

#### STREET TREE PERMITS

Please remember permits are needed for pruning or removal of the street trees! There is no charge for street tree permits, however, not obtaining a permit may result in a fine up to \$600. To obtain a street tree permit, please contact a member of the Hollidaysburg Shade Tree Commission.

Terry Wilt at 695-3226 Dave Zeek at 414-5499 Patrick Plummer at 695-4370 Andy St. John at 412-260-1584 Chris Sawyer at 814-322-2245



Thanks for your cooperation in this important matter.



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#### WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Changing the way that you use water on a regular basis is good for your pocketbook as well as the environment.

In general, you should never put water down a drain that can be put to another use. Be conscious of water conservation. Also be aware of how much water you are using in your home by reviewing your metered water bill. Divide the water usage by the days in the billing period and also by the number of people in the household. On average, a person uses about 50 gallons of water per day. Check to see if your bill is similar and if not, check for sources where you may be losing water through a leaking toilet, faucet or outdoor hose.

Recently, all Hollidaysburg water customers should have received a Water Quality Report in the mail. This report contains information about the water you purchase from the Hollidaysburg Borough Authority. This report is also available at www.hollidaysburgpa.org or you may stop into the Municipal Building at 401 Blair Street for a free copy.

For more water conservation tips go to:

www.wateruseitwisely.com

#### MORE WATER SAVING TIPS

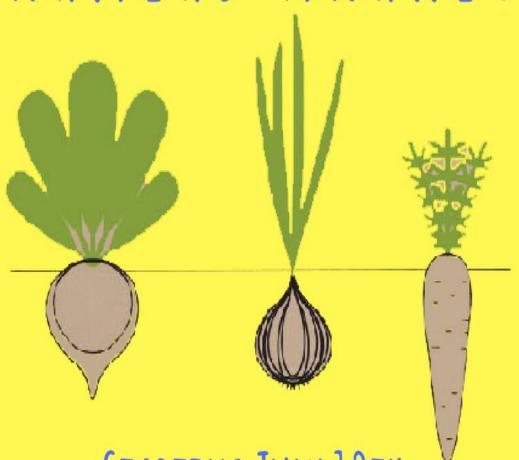


- Replace your toilet with a low flush model
- Avoid unnecessary flushing
- Check toilet for leaks & repair them: place dye in the tank; if it leaks into the bowl before it is flushed, there is a leak
- Turn off the water when brushing teeth, washing your face, & shaving
- Take short showers
- Put a bucket in the shower during warm up to catch water for watering plants or cleaning
- Don't run water while rinsing and washing dishes, use a plug in the sink
- Run only full loads in dish & clothes washers & set the level of water to the load size
- Repair dripping faucets with washers & install aerators with flow restrictors
- Store drinking water in the refrigerator
- Don't run water to rinse vegetables & fruit; wash in the sink
- Do not use garbage disposals; compost
- Position sprinklers to water only lawns & plants
- Use a broom to clean sidewalks, patios, etc.
- Use hose shut off nozzles
- Plant native landscaping



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# Hollidaysburg farmers Market



STARTING JULY 10TH

12-4 PM

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#### **JULY 2018**



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We're on the web: hollidaysburgpa.org

#### **GUIDE TO BOROUGH GOVERNMENT & OFFICES 2018**

#### **Borough Council**

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Ward 2 Brady Leahey 411 Spruce St, 814-935-9218 12/31/2021

Ward 3 Patrick J. Plummer P.O. Box 621, 814-695-4370 12/31/2019

Ward 4 Sean M. Burke 901 Walnut St, 814-215-8925 12/31/2021

Ward 5 Mark L. Shawley 1309 Walnut St, 814-695-4170 12/31/2019

Ward 6 Joyce Lowe 102 Quince Court, 814-695-7543 12/31/2021

Ward 7 Jeffrey J. Ketner 1208 N. Juniata St, 814-414-9850 12/31/2019

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Steve Martz

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Patrick Rabits

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IRC (Borough Reps)

James Gehret

IRC Executive Director

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