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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 **Wednesday, May 12th at 9:00 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



SPRING BRUSH PICKUP TO BEGIN IN THE BOROUGH

The Borough will begin brush pickup this year in **April**. Pickup will begin on **Monday, April 5, 2021** and continue EACH WEEK through **Tuesday, May 25, 2021**.

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**.

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** week of each month. The following is a list of the pickup dates:

MONTH	WEEK #2		WEEK#4	
	MON	TUES	MON	TUES
JUNE	14th	15th	28th	29th
JULY	12th	13th	26th	27th
AUG	16th	17th	30th	31st
SEPT	13th	14th	27th	28th

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STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE FOR 2021

	WEEK #1	WEEK #2	WEEK #3	WEEK #4
APRIL	5th - 9th	12th - 16th	19th - 23rd	26th - 30th
MAY	3rd - 5th	10th - 12th	17th - 19th	24th - 26th
SEPTEMBER	6th - 8th	13th - 15th	20th - 22nd	27th - 29th

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

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR LEAKS

As you can see from the chart below it does not take much of a leak to use a lot of water. A dripping faucet, a toilet running periodically, a garden hose that does not shut off completely are just a few items that can cause your water and sewer bills to increase. If you think you may have a leak please contact the Water Department at 814-696-0623 to schedule an appointment for one of the Public Works employees to come and check your home for any leaks.

Water Loss vs. Pipe Leak Size

A relatively small leak can pass a surprisingly large amount of water over time.

Pipe Leak Size	Water Loss*			
	Per Day		Per Month	
	gal	(L)	gal	(L)
•	360	(1,360)	11,160	(42,241)
•	3,096	(11,720)	95,976	(363,270)
•	8,424	(31,890)	261,144	(988,430)
•	14,952	(56,593)	463,512	(1,755,392)

*Based on approximatedly 60-psi (410-kPa) pressure.



DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

Manager's Office

secretary@hollidaysburgpa.org

814-695-7543

Non Emergency Police Department

bcarnell@hollidaysburgpa.org

814-695-3711

Water & Sewer Billing

scrist@hollidaysburgpa.org

814-696-0623

Mayor's Office

mayor@hollidaysburgpa.org

814-695-8834

Waste Water Treatment Plant

fhicks@hollidaysburgpa.org

814-695-8368

Public Works

rpope@hollidaysburgpa.org

814-695-5781





Important Information Regarding Business at the Municipal Building and Covid-19

WATER AND SEWER PAYMENT OFFICE: Water & Sewer customers are encouraged to continue to use the drop safe located on the alley for their payments, however they may gain entry to make their payments in person by using the buzzer at the front entrance and speaking to an employee who will allow them entry. Social distancing markers will be visible to those customers as they enter. Please follow directional signs and **do not attempt to venture to other departments in the building.** Masks required.

CODE DEPARTMENT: Persons wishing to discuss or submit applications for zoning or building permits are encouraged to call 814-695-7543 to make an appointment or he or she can buzz at the front entrance to speak to an employee who will contact Mr. Harbison in the Code Department. Mr. Harbison may be available at that time to accept an application or to discuss business with a customer in a CDC compliant office in the building. If he is not available, the person is asked to call to make an appointment. **Masks required.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Persons seeking to contact the Police Department are asked to call 814-695-3711 or to buzz at the front entrance to discuss their needs with an employee. Payments for tickets can be made through the drop safe on the alley. **Masks required.**

MANAGER'S OFFICE: Persons who may need to apply for a street closing permit or submit an application or new water and/or sewer taps through the Manager's Office may buzz at the front entrance and ask for someone in the Manager's Office. The Manager's Office may also be reached by calling 814-695-7543. **Masks required.**

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS: Persons who may need to meet with or speak with the Director of Community Relations and Events may call the Manager's Office at 814-695-7543 as we do not currently have someone in this position.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: Meetings will continue to be held as currently – teleconference or virtual, until such time that the Borough feels that it can adequately meet the CDC guidelines.

OTHER INQUIRES MAY BE EMAILED TO secretary@hollidaysburgpa.org

Building Visitors

- If you are sick, please stay home.
- We are asking residents to use the drop safe located in the alley for payments whenever possible.
- Visitors are asked to wear a mask for the safety of our employees. Our employees will wear a mask for the safety of our residents.
- Hand sanitizer stations are available in the lobby for your convenience. Please use them.
- Please maintain a safe distance between yourself and other visitors.
- We are encouraging our staff to conduct business virtually, but we do have a CDC compliant office for individual meetings.





MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...



As spring and summer approach, I hope you are able to get outside and appreciate the beautiful weather.

Soon the borough will be busy with people enjoying outdoor activities. Drive safely and be on the look-out for children outside playing, bicyclers, runners and those walking about.

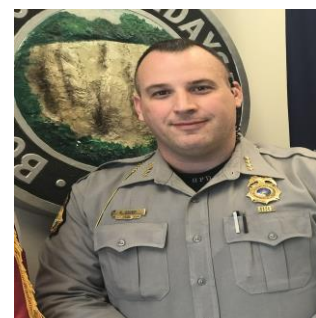
Please continue to support our downtown businesses, our police department and our library. As always, please pray for our armed forces and first responders.

Have a safe and happy spring!

Joe quotes Dr. Maya Angelou "If you're always trying to be normal you will never know how amazing you can be."

~Mayor Joe

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



Spring is in the air. The change in weather brings change in pedestrian traffic as well. I encourage drivers to be diligent and use extra caution while driving near intersections and schools.

Also, please put electronic devices or cell phones away while in the car. **A split second can change so many lives!** Stay well and have a happy spring.

Chief Estep



Hometown Heroes Banners

Application Deadline is April 9, 2021

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 Patti Duron at pduron@hollidaysburgpa.org or 814-695-7543.

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Applications are available on our website

BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

The Borough Offices will be closed on

Friday, April 2nd for Good Friday

Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day



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

April 8 May 13

Water Authority 5:30PM

April 20 May 18

Sewer Authority 5PM

April 12 May 10

Planning Commission 5PM

April 6 May 4

HARB/HPC 5PM

April 1 April 15

May 6 May 20

Shade Tree Commission 4:15PM

April 13



Borough Meetings are currently being held via telecommunications device.

Find meeting agendas and information at: www.hollidaysburgpa.org.

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 benefit of a responsible I/I control program.



POOL PERMITS!

Swimming pools with 2' of water capacity or more need to have permits!!

Please contact our permit office at
814-695-7543 for information.



LIBRARY NEWS

APRIL

**Library hours: Closed Sunday**

Monday 9:30 am - 5 pm

Tuesday 9:30 am - 8 pm

Wednesday 9:30 am - 5 pm

Thursday 9:30 am - 8 pm

Friday 9:30 am - 5 pm

Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

Members of KSLA Blair Bedford visited the Hollidaysburg Area Public Library to present donated books by author Sneed Collard III for local library collections. Left to right: Pat Waring, Treasurer, KSLA Blair Bedford, Melanie Ramsey, Director of Youth and Children's Services, Hollidaysburg Area Public Library, Cathy Rodgers, President, KSLA Blair Bedford, and Heather Lindskold, Administrative Assistant, Altoona Area Public Library.

Science Café: Cosmic Cocktails is a series of free science talks, geared for adults that will be streamed on the first Thursday of each month at 6pm on the Library's Facebook page and also on the Science Café: Cosmic Cocktails Facebook page. April 8 at 6pm features a presentation by Mr. Michael Sell, Project Coordinator, Institute for Energy, Saint Francis University, on "Tiny Spaces: Sustainable Living." Science Café is a partnership among the Hollidaysburg Area Public Library, the Science Outreach Center at Saint Francis University, and Allegheny Creamery & Crepes of Hollidaysburg. 20% of takeout food purchases from Allegheny Creamery & Crepes (please order by calling 814-696-5055 or using ChowNow) between 8am and 7pm on the day of each talk will benefit the Library. Call 814-472-3878 with questions.

Lakemont Park Story Time Outreach will be held April 3 from 2pm-4pm, at Lakemont Park's red concert stage. Enjoy a variety of stories, songs, rhymes, and movement activities with your young child. No signup is needed; children must be accompanied by an adult; social distancing must be observed.

Birds Toddler Time will be held April 28 at 9:30 and 10:30 am, at the Logan Valley Mall across from the food court. This partnership among Longwood Gardens, the Hollidaysburg Area Public Library, and the Altoona Area Public Library is a free bird-themed storytime with books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities. The featured book is Ruby's Birds, this year's Longwood Gardens Community Read selection. Participants receive a Bird Seed Investigation Grab and Go Bag to explore the food preferences of neighborhood birds. Registration in advance is required and space is limited due to social distancing requirements. Masks are required for everyone ages 2 and up. Please bring a small blanket to sit on. Call 814-232-7295 to register.

Best of Times Book Club will meet April 29 at 2pm at the Library to discuss Park Bench in Peony Place/Saturday Morning Park Run by Jules Wake. Email janet@halibrary.org to sign up for this free online book club.

Enjoy spring wildlife using the Library's Fort Roberdeau Blair County Libraries Backpack. The backpack contains literature on Colonial America and the birds/wildlife your family can see at Fort Roberdeau, as well as kid-safe binoculars and a magnifying glass. Fort Roberdeau itself is closed for tours, but the National Historic Site grounds ARE open 8am to dusk for hiking, bird watching and other recreational activities for individuals and small groups. That makes the Blair County Libraries Backpack a great item to check out! Call 695-5961 to make sure the backpack is available for checkout...there is one backpack at each Blair County library.

STREET TREE PRUNING

The Shade Tree Commission 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. No permit is required for 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
Chris Sawyer at 322-2245
Josh Chestney at 695-0444
Andrew St. John 412-260-1584
Walter Kalista 814-317-5687



Thanks for your cooperation in this important matter.

PET OWNERS

Pet owners are reminded of the Borough Ordinance that states that it is unlawful to allow a pet to defecate on Borough property, public or private. *Be a courteous and responsible pet walker and clean up after your pet!*



MAINTAIN YOUR PROPERTY

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!



"582 Assigned as Additional Area Code for Central & Northwestern Pennsylvania"

The 582 area code will be assigned to new telephone numbers once the available supply of numbers in the current 814 area code are exhausted. The additional area code allows residents and businesses to keep their current phone numbers, while also ensuring a supply of new phone numbers. Once the additional area code goes into effect, local callers will be required to dial the area code plus the seven digit phone number for all calls. Below is a tentative timeline provided by the PA Utility Commission.

REMINDER DATES

•April 2021 - 10-digit dialing for all calls in the 814 area is required.

*May 2021 - The 582 area code will be placed into service.





A NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

APRIL 2021



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 2021

Borough Council

Ward 1 Joseph A. Pompa
207 Hickory St, 814-693-1819
12/31/2023

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

Ward 3 Michele Baker
405 Newry St, 814-934-9827
12/31/2023

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

Ward 5 James Mielnik
902 Lily Ave, 814-931-9224
12/31/2023

Ward 6 Joyce Lowe
102 Quince Court
12/31/2021 814-312-2394

Ward 7 Richard A. Scholton
4 Bel Aire Circle
814-695-2178
12/31/23

Mayor
Joseph R. Dodson
522 Wayne St, 814-695-8834
12/31/2021

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Donna Carson
223 Bedford St, 814-696-4684
12/31/2021

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Borough Manager James Gehret

Secretary Patricia J. Duron

Solicitor Nathan W. Karn, Sr.

Police Chief Rodney B. Estep, Jr.

Fire Marshall Vacant

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
Ken Parks

Finance Director
James Gehret

Water & Sewer Office Manager
Sarah Crist

Community Relations & Events Coordinator
Vacant

Planning & Zoning Administrator
Gerald Harbison

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Crystal Snyder

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Borough Engineer
Stiffler McGraw 814-696-6280

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Zenas Brehm Stuart W. Sibold
Carol M. Gale

Hollidaysburg Area Arts Council
Marie Little Pat Gildea
Christine Liebal

Sewer Authority
James J. Fitch Regis Nale
Ralph T. Miller Carol M. Gale
Jim Burke

Zoning Hearing Board
Danielle Fitch
Mark Shawley
Larry Daugherty
Josh Patt (Alternate)
Robert P. Rea (Attorney)
Jo Nell Snider (Stenographer)

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Ann M. Andrews
Jeffrey Ketner
Vacant (ALT)
Patricia Duron (Recording Secretary)

Planning Commission

Vacant Vacant
Jane Sheffield Ethan Imhoff
Joseph Stanek

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

HARB

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

HPC

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Vacant

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James Gehret
Brady Leahey

IRC Executive Director

Raymond Shroyer 814-942-7472

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