



# THE TOWN CRIER

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## 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](http://www.hollidaysburgpa.org) & the borough's 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.

## 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!**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: JOIN A BOROUGH BOARD OR COMMITTEE!

The Borough is looking for volunteers to fill openings on several Boards and Committees:

\*Historic Preservation Commission (HPC): Helps protect and preserve the Borough's historic buildings and heritage.

\*Shade Tree Commission: Oversees the care and maintenance of public shade trees throughout the community

If you're interested in getting involved, stop by the Borough Building or visit our website to complete a Volunteer Interest Form.



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## 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.



## NEW BOROUGH SECRETARY

The Borough of Hollidaysburg announces the hire of Sara Williams as the new Borough Secretary. Sara began working for the Borough last month.

She has five years of experience and extensive knowledge in municipal government.

She loves working with people, spending time with her husband, two children and their German Shepherd. In her free time, she enjoys reading and spending time outdoors.

Along with the Borough Secretary position, Sara will also serve as the Right to Know Officer, the Assistant to the Borough Manager and the Web Administrator.

We are happy to have her on board!

Welcome, Sara!

*Welcome to the team!*

## SNOW REMOVAL

The Borough Code of Ordinances requires all property owners and occupants in charge of any building or lot that fronts or abuts a paved sidewalk to remove all snow and/or ice within 24 hours after a snowfall.

Snow may not be placed in the street, except for properties located within the Community Business (C-2) District.

In addition, snow and ice may not accumulate on or immediately next to a fire hydrant. Residents and property owners are responsible for keeping hydrants clear at all times to ensure access during emergencies.



**SNOW**

## BE ALERT FOR FROZEN WATER PIPES!



During cold spells, be mindful of the 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.

## HELP WANTED: ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

The Borough of Hollidaysburg has an opening for a qualified candidate to fill the position of Administrative Clerk supporting the Department of Community Development and Manager's Office.

The primary function of the position is to perform a wide variety of secretarial, clerk and reception functions. Knowledge of the Microsoft Office Package, the ability to type 40 words per minute, operate computer hardware and modern office equipment is necessary. Experience with webpage function is a plus. Accurate spelling, grammar, and letter composition is a must.

High School diploma is required. Post high school education or certifications and relevant experience is preferred. EOE. To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, and three professional references to the Borough Manager.

## CODES CORNER

2026 brought some changes to the Department of Community Development. Starting January 1st, the following new procedures went into effect:

- **Building Permits:** Applicants must now submit a copy of their signed contracts with their applications due to the Commonwealth adopting the 2021 code cycle
- **All Permits:** Permits that are not picked up after 30 days will incur a 1.5% interest fee per month, not to exceed 18% per year

# LIBRARY NEWS

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



## February 2026 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	2	3	4	5	6	7
	All Day Maker Monday 11:00 Canasta/Mah Jongg 6:30 ABC Photo Society	10:30 Storytime 12:30 Needlework & Arts	5:00 Twisted Stitchers 6:00 French Lessons	6:30 Language in the Library	10:30 Storytime 3:30 Legos in the Library	10:00 PAWS to read
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# FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



The Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department will be having their Fish Frys again this year. They will be every Friday from February 13th to April 3rd from 4-7pm. Each meal is \$15. Choose 1 from: Fried or Baked fish, chicken tenders, shrimp or clams. Choose 2 sides per dinner. Choices for sides are french fries, mac and cheese, stewed tomatoes and coleslaw. All dinners include a roll and dessert. **Located at 206 Wayne Street, Hollidaysburg**

*Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the community for their continued support allowing them to upgrade their equipment and attend and host trainings to better serve the community!*

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Growing Shade, Beauty, and Community.

The Shade Tree Commission, in partnership with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and Borough staff, is excited to begin planning the 2026 Tree Planting Schedule!

We are looking for volunteers who want to get involved, learn about our Shade Tree Program, gain hands-on experience planting trees, and discover how to properly care for them for years to come. Best of all, volunteers will have the opportunity to watch these trees grow and become part of our borough's lasting beauty and canopy.

If you're interested in lending a hand and helping our community, put down roots, please contact the Director of Community Development, Andrew Holodnik.

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Believe it or not spring is just around the corner!

Sure, as I am writing this it is a balmy twelve degrees this afternoon with winds gusting to twenty mph but we did see the sun today and the days are getting longer!

In all seriousness I would like to thank the residents of the Borough for helping one another to get through last weekend's snow storm.

I witnessed numerous neighbors selflessly helping each other. Seeing that was encouraging and a good reminder of what a special place Hollidaysburg is.

I would also like to thank public works, HPD and the Phoenix Fire Department for their efforts to keep us all safe. Stay warm!

~ Mayor Repko



## 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**  
FEB 12 MAR 12  
**Water Authority 5:30pm**  
FEB 17 MAR 17

**Sewer Authority 5pm**  
FEB 9 MAR 9  
**Planning Commission 5pm**  
FEB 3 MAR 3  
**HARB/HPC 5pm**  
FEB 5 MAR 5  
**Shade Tree Commission 4:30pm**  
No Meetings Until April  
**Blight Committee 5:30pm**  
FEB 4 MAR 4

## NEW CHIEF OF POLICE



*L to Right: Mayor Chad Repko, Chief of Police Richard Oldham*

The Borough announces the promotion of Sergeant Richard Oldham to Chief of Police. Richard was hired as a patrolman in 2016 and continued as a patrolman until he was promoted to Sergeant in 2020. He also held the positions of Officer in Charge and Acting Chief.

Richard was officially sworn in as Chief on January 8, 2026. He is looking to put an emphasis on partnership, trust and proactive community engagement.

We all look forward to his leadership in this new position!

Congratulations, Chief!

## BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

**The Borough Offices Will Be Closed**  
*Presidents Day*  
*Monday, February 16, 2026*



**Hollidaysburg Arts Council 10:30am**

**FEB 23 MAR 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 under Hollidaysburg Borough

## 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. In accordance with its permit, the HSA must implement Nine Minimum Controls 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 three (3) large-scale sanitary sewer separation projects; Phase I (2015), Phase II (2016) and Phase III (2025).

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 sewer 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.

## SPRING PICKUP TO BEGIN IN THE BOROUGH

The Borough will begin brush pickup this year in April. Pickup will begin on **Monday, April 6, 2026** and continue **EACH WEEK** through **Tuesday, May 27, 2026**.

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 7:00AM, 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 & 4<sup>th</sup> full week of each month. The following is a list of the pickup dates:

MONTH	WEEK #2		WEEK#4	
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
JUNE	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>th</sup>
JULY	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
AUGUST	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
SEPTEMBER	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>

## STREET SWEEP SCHEDULE 2026

	Week #1	Week #2	Week #3	Week #4
April	6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>
May	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>
September	7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>

# Hometown Heroes Application 2026

## Applications Accepted Until 2026 Placements are Filled

Return completed applications to the Borough of Hollidaysburg, 401 Blair Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648  
 Questions can be directed to Melanie at [mramsey@hollidaysburgpa.org](mailto:mramsey@hollidaysburgpa.org) or 814-696-0544

**FULL NAME OF SERVICEPERSON IN PHOTO** \_\_\_\_\_

**BRANCH OF MILITARY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MILITARY RANK:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATES OF SERVICE:** \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ALIVE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DECEASED (YEAR):** \_\_\_\_\_ **POW** \_\_\_\_\_ **MIA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **KIA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **WOUNDED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Has this serviceperson been honored in a previous Hollidaysburg Hometown Hero program? Y N If Y, what year(s)?

Please circle the era you would like printed on the banner.

Operation Iraqi Freedom	(OIF)	2003-2010
Operation Enduring Freedom	(OEF)	September 11, 2001 - 2021
Global War on Terrorism	(GWOT)	September 11, 2001 to present
Persian Gulf	(PG)	August 2, 1990 to August 31, 1991
Cold War	(CW)	September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991
Vietnam War	(VN)	February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
Korea Conflict	(KC)	June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955
World War II	(WWII)	December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
World War I	(WWI)	April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918

Placement Request  
 (street placement or "please put next to relative/friend's banner") (Not Guaranteed):

Completed Applications will include (#3 is not required for participation):

1. This completed application form with signed photo release statement
2. Please include a photograph of veteran (will be returned)
3. **\$25 donation towards the program** (check or cash to Borough of Hollidaysburg); this helps defray the cost of the program. Thank you to those who donated last year. If you wish, please write donation message below ("given in honor of..."); may use the back of this form if more space is needed. Messages may be included in HT Heroes social media.

**CONTACT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

### PHOTO RELEASE STATEMENT

I hereby grant the Borough of Hollidaysburg permission to display the attached photo (which represents the likeness of me or my relative) on banners displayed during the Hollidaysburg Hometown Heroes banner program. I give permission for the printed and/or online display of the Hometown Heroes banner in media outlets and publications (websites, social media, video, newsletters, newspapers, etc.) This program is non-political and non-partisan. I take full responsibility for accuracy of the information provided on this serviceperson's behalf.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICIAL USE BELOW:** \_\_\_\_\_

Pole # \_\_\_\_\_ Banner # \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

# FEBRUARY 2026



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 2026

#### 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

**Borough Secretary** Sara Williams

**Solicitor** Evey Black Attorneys, LLC

**Police Chief** Richard Oldham

**Fire Marshal** Amy Hazlett

**Director of Community Facilities**

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**Director of Water Department**

Amy Hazlett 814-934-4032

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Randy Manning Fred Boose

Jim Burke

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Mark Shawley

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Robert P. Rea (Attorney)

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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)

Sara Williams (Recording Secretary)

**Open Records Officer**

Sara Williams

**Blight Committee**

Andrew Holodnik

Ellen Miller

William Kitt

Andrew Haines

Randy Manning

Jeff Johnson

**Planning Commission**

John Stultz, Jr. Andrew Haines

Jane Sheffield Troy Rudy

Joseph Stanek

**Education**

Sara Williams Chad Repko

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

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Brock Bryan 814-942-7472

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