



## 2018 General Fund Budget: No Tax Increase, Focus on Roads

The 2018 Steelton Budget continues to hold the line on taxes while making investments in infrastructure.

The 2018 Draft General Fund Budget finances the operations of Steelton Borough including its Police, Codes, Fire and EMS, and Public Works Departments. The budget governs spending in the next fiscal year including the prioritization of projects and capital purchases. A phrase to describe the 2018 General Fund Budget is “back to basics.”

The 2018 budget contains no tax increases and holds the line on new spending, including a freeze on personnel positions and modest capital purchases.

The budget gets back to basics by investing heavily in much needed repairs and restoration of Borough roads while holding off on other major projects for 2018.

Highlights of the 2018 General Fund Budget include:

**Public Works:** Repaving of Streets—\$250,000. The Borough also anticipated an additional \$100,000 in CDBG funds to supplement the road repaving budget.

**Codes Department:** Filling one property maintenance officer vacancy.

**Police Department:** Purchase of body cams - \$30,000

**Economic Development:** Demolition of 24 Adams Street - \$50,000; Steelton Fest and Other Special Events - \$11,000

**Borough Building Repairs:** \$40,000

General Fund Budget Expenses total \$4,504,478. Expenses will be covered through a slight projected increase in real estate tax revenues as well as a transfer from the Borough’s reserves.



## 2018 Sewer Fund Budget: No Rate Increase:

The 2018 Sewer Fund Budget is a \$2,044,361 spending plan. The budget appropriates \$150,000 for a sewer main replacement on Third Street and \$6,000 for a capital improvements plan.

Otherwise, the Sewer Fund Budget holds the line on new spending in order to avoid a rate increase.

The budget uses a \$66,980 transfer from Sewer Fund reserves to meet anticipated expenses.

### Want to Learn More About the Budget?

The budgets are available at Borough Hall and [www.steeltonpa.com](http://www.steeltonpa.com) for inspection including full line item details and summaries.

# Chlorine Contact Tank and Other Improvements Effectively Lowering DBPs in Steelton Water System

After over a month in operation, the Chlorine Contact Tank and other improvements at the Steelton Water Filtration Plant are effectively reducing disinfection byproducts (DBPs)—the source of public notices of violations over the past two years.

The contact tank was placed into operation on September 8<sup>th</sup>; other operational improvements to reduce DBPs have been in place at the Steelton Water Filtration Plant for months. Test results from September 14<sup>th</sup> samplings at sites in the Steelton Water System used for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) reporting showed Trihalomethane (TTHM) levels cut nearly in half and well under the standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and DEP. Haloacetic Acid (HAA5) levels were well below compliance levels both before and after the tank became operational. September 21<sup>st</sup> tests at the Steelton Water Filtration Plant showed TTHMs lowered even further..

“The Steelton Borough Authority, with the help of DEP, came up with a game plan that required significant time and financial resources,” said Al Ausman, Authority Chairman, “I am happy to see that the contact tank supplemented by other DBP-reduction measures, is proving effective.”



Although the contact tank and other improvements have made a significant impact since September 8<sup>th</sup>, the Authority will be required to issue notices of violation based on its yearly running average which was heavily influenced by pre-contact tank test results. “While we are seeing nearly immediate results from the contact tank and other measures, customers should understand that additional notices will be sent out due to compliance being based on a yearly average,” said Mike Segina, Authority Vice Chairman. “If our most recent tests are any indication, we expect notices to stop once higher results from earlier in the year are removed from the average.”

On top of the contact tank, the Steelton Authority invested in new DBP monitoring equipment, operational changes, and other measures to fully combat DBPs. It expects public notices to stop as the post-

## REMINDER: STREET SWEEPER ENDS NOVEMBER 10th



Enforcement of the “NO PARKING” zones designated in the street sweeper route will end on November 10th. As winter approaches, please do your part in keeping your block clean. With the street sweeper out of service, it is up to you to keep your streets in presentable condition.



# Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Scheduled for December 5th at 6pm in Front of Borough Hall

You're INVITED to join your neighbors, Mayor Marcinko, and Steelton Borough Council for the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. The FREE vent features carolers, music, speakers, giveaways, and the lighting of the official Steelton Borough Tree. Join us afterwards for refreshments and a holiday party at the Steelton Fire House. All ages are invited to attend.



A choir singing holiday favorites at last year's Tree Lighting .



## Santa Claus is Coming to Town on December 16th!

Santa and Mrs. Claus are riding their fire truck around town on Saturday, December 16th. Listen for the sirens and come outside to greet Santa before he heads back to the North Pole!



## Borough, The Dauphin County Land Bank Authority, and Habitat for Humanity Begin 101 Locust Street Rehabilitation Project

A volunteer crew from Habitat for Humanity and TD Connectivity joined the Borough to kick-off the 101 Locust Street Rehabilitation Project. The Dauphin County Land Bank will work with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Harrisburg to rehabilitate the property into two residential units for sale.

The project will effectively restore a former jewel of Steelton to its former condition and return the property to the Borough's tax rolls.

# Honoring Frank S. Brown, The Walking Mayor:

On Sunday, October 29th, the community came together to dedicate the newly named “Frank S. Brown Boulevard” in honor of one of the Borough’s most dedicated public servants.

Frank S. Brown was born in 1920 and served in the United States Army before serving Steelton as a Councilman, Brother of the Steelton Elks Lodge for over 60 years, Chairman of the Steelton Police Committee, and Steelton’s first African-American Mayor. Brown served as Mayor from 1990 to 1998.

Brown was a lifelong resident of Adams Street and was known as the “Walking Mayor” for his commitment to walking the town and greeting its residents.



The community celebrated Mr. Brown’s legacy on what would have been his 97th birthday by renaming Adams Street the “Frank S. Brown Boulevard.”

## Frequently Asked Questions About Council:

**Questions:** Can I address Council during a meeting?

**Answer:** Absolutely. It is encouraged. There are two times reserved in Council meetings for public comment: one at the beginning of the meeting for comments on items specifically on the agenda and one near the end of the meeting for general comments.

### Mayor:

Maria R. Marcinko

### Steelton Borough Council:

Jeffery L. Wright—President

Brian Proctor-Vice-President

Michael Segina - Pro Tem

Keontay Hodge—Councilperson

Mike Albert—Councilperson

Michael Segina—Councilperson

Kelly Kratzer—Councilperson

Ryan C. Maxwell—Councilperson

### Upcoming Meetings:

#### **Council:**

- 1st and Third Monday of Every Month @ 6:30 pm

#### **Coffee with the Crew**

- First Friday of Every Month @ 7am to 9am

#### **Tree Lighting Ceremony :**

December 5th @ 6pm

#### **Santa Claus Firetruck Run:**

December 16 from 2pm to 5pm

#### **SCDF Holiday Dinner:**

December 16 at 5pm

**For a full list of meetings visit  
[www.steeltonpa.com](http://www.steeltonpa.com)**

# Steelton-Highspire School District Happenings

<http://www.shsd.k12.pa.us/>

(717)704-3800

**SHSD has a number of great programs, events, and clubs going on throughout the rest of this year and 2018. Please call the school district at the number above for more details!**

## **Student Events:**

**Harrisburg Promise** – 11/15/17, 12/13/17, 1/17/18, 2/14/18, 3/14/18, 4/18/18, 5/16/18- For 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, meetings at HACC.

**Financial Aid 101:** Sat, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-12PM at Jr/Sr High School Library

## **Parent/Family Engagement Events:**

**Title 1 Night-** November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00- Location TBD

## **Programs:**

**Boy Scouts/Girls Scouts-** Up and running on Wednesdays from 3:15-4:30 (Girl Scouts is a new addition this year to our after school programs)

**THRIVE-** After school program that runs Wednesday and Thursday's from 3:15-5:30- academic tutoring, social-emotional skill building lessons and health and nutrition included. Provided by the Salvation Army.

**Roller Packs** – Focusing on health and awareness to service family needs. Thursdays 3:15-6:00pm

**Breaking the Chainz-** Anti-Prevention Bullying Program meeting with 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students for 10 culminating lessons throughout the school year. Working with Alternative Education and Laurel Life programming for grades 7-9.

**LOT-Leaders of Tomorrow-** meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the HS Library for grades 9-12.

**Science Club-** Tuesday and Thursday after school meeting mainly with grades 7-9.

**POPS- Pain of Prison system-** Thursday mornings at 7 a.m. in the Art room for grades 7-12.

**Upward Bound-** recruitment meeting on 10/26/17 for 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **Clubs/Activities:**

**Elementary School** - Art Club/ Library Club/ Band/ Chorus/ 4H Club/ Student Council - After school student based activities have started meeting



# Steelton Borough Project Update:

**Steelton Authority Disinfection Byproduct Reduction Project—Chlorine Contact Tank:** Completed.

**Renaissance Row on North Front Street: Project** The Steelton Economic Development Corporation and Chariot Companies are slated to close on the Renaissance Row development deal by the end of year. The properties are currently undergoing Phase II Environmental testing and reporting, a necessary pre-cursor to closing on an economic development transaction. Crews will be conducting testing in November with a draft report completed by mid-December. After closing at the end of year, the project will move into the land development and subdivision phase. After approval of plans, construction will begin.

**Adams Street Townhouse Development Project:** Final Subdivision and Land Development plans are in the process of being submitted to the Steelton Planning Commission. It is expected that the plans will be reviewed by the Planning Commission at its December meeting. After this, the plans go to Steelton Borough Council for approval. Construction is expected to begin in early 2018.

**101 Locust Street :** Volunteers have begun cleaning out 101 Locust Street. As of November 2017, architectural plans are being drafted for the property. Once these are finished, the Borough of Steelton will finalize an agreement to sell the property to the Dauphin County Land Bank Authority who will administer the project. Construction/renovation is expected for Spring 2018.

**Washington Street Storm and Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project:** Crews are finishing work on this project, which replaced collapsed storm/sanitary sewer lines at Front and Washington Streets. The project is anticipated to be completed by end of 2017.

## Free Tax Help Available for Seniors from



**GET YOU TAXES DONE FOR FREE!**

AARP is offering free tax preparation for Federal, State & Local Income Tax Returns (including property tax/rent rebate) for Taxpayers from low to moderate income, with special attention to those aged 50 and over.

Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1100 Colonial Rd. Harrisburg  
Open February 2 - April 13. Mondays & Fridays from 9am-1pm, Wednesdays from 9am to 4pm.

Swatara Township Building, 599 Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg  
Open February 1 through April 12 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-noon. Walk-ins only.

At the following locations **By Appointment Only**

Kline Library, 530 S. 29th St. Harrisburg,  
Open February 6 through April 10 **Tuesdays 12:30pm-2:45 pm**

Elizabethville Area Library, 80 N. Market St., Elizabethville,  
Open Feb 6—April 10 **12:30pm-2:45pm**

Middletown Home, 999 W. Harrisburg Pile, Middletown  
Open Feb 8-April 12 **Thursdays 9am-noon**



# Mix It Up!

Create, experiment, build, craft, and more after school. Each week we'll be spicing up your Thursdays with **creative ideas** to keep you thinking.

**Steelton Borough Council Chambers**  
123 N. Front St, Steelton

**Thursdays at 4:00 pm**  
September 21 - October 19  
November 2 - November 30  
Program will not meet November 23  
For ages 7-12 years.  
No registration needed.



**THE DAUPHIN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM**  
**OPEN FOR DISCOVERY**  
DCLS.ORG

# Codes Corner: Get Ready for Winter

With snowy weather around the corner, now is a perfect time to remember Steelton Borough's requirements for removing snow from your sidewalks. Remember these three rules to keep your property safe and avoid a fine.

- A. Singh



**1. Residents have 24 hours to remove all snow and ice from all sidewalks in front of, along side, and in the rear of their properties.**

**2. Penalties for failure to remove snow and ice within 24 hours range from \$300 to \$600.**

**3. If you do not remove your snow/ice and the Borough has to do so, you will be charged removal costs on top of fines.**



**NOW OPEN SATURDAYS FROM 8 am to 2pm 310 S. Front Street**

**Produce and meat vendors wanted!**

**Interested vendors call 717-688-4940, Option 1**



# Steelton Borough Recognizes the 2018 Adopt-a-Block Heroes!

You can become an Adopt-a-Block Hero by visiting [www.steeltonpa.com](http://www.steeltonpa.com) or visiting Borough Hall and filling out an application TODAY!

## 2018 Adopt-a-Block and Park Heroes

Steven Mull aka "Ponti's Walk"

Promise Place

Brian Proctor

William "Yogi" Jones

The Shunk Family

Kelly and Bryan Kratzer

Suzzie Kuder

Roberto Fierro

The Steelton Police Association

The Steel High Marching Band

Steel High Cheerleaders

Chris Koberlein

BJ Krovic and Kathy Sharp

Barry L. Baumgartner Jr.

PA Most Worshipful Grand Lodge



# Receive Alerts During Emergencies: Sign Up for Code Red

Borough residents can receive phone call notifications during emergency events like the recent propane leak. All residents are encouraged to register their phone number with Code Red. During emergency events, including evacuations, the Borough will call residents in the Code Red System to keep them updated.

How to sign up for Code Red:

- Go to [www.steeltonpa.com](http://www.steeltonpa.com)
- Click on the



Keeping citizens informed.

- Register your account.

## ATTENTION STEELTON SENIORS!

**Seniors Age 55 and Older  
Are Invited  
To Celebrate LIFE  
At The  
Steelton Senior Center  
900 Cumbler Street in Steelton  
Monday – Friday  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**L Learning – Expand your knowledge  
I Independence – Live on your terms  
F Friends – Enjoy life  
E Energy – Discover health and vitality**

**Now is the Time to Celebrate LIFE by checking out  
what Your Senior Center has to Offer.**

**Enjoy a daily lunch, exercise and nutrition classes,  
crafts, card games, BINGO, picnics, trips etc.**

**We also go out to eat once a month.**

**For More Information, Call Barb at 649-0136**

**To ride the SEBOS van to the Senior Center,  
call the SEBOS office at 939-9600.**



# Scenes from the Steelton Skate Park

Since its official opening on September 23rd, the Steelton Skate Park has drawn in people of all ages from all over the state and country. Drive by on any given day and you will see older professionals skating side-by-side with teenagers and kids. People from New York, Virginia, Florida and Maryland have come to skate the Steelton Skate Park. Regulars are driving from Reading, Abbotstown, the West Shore, and Plains to name just a few locations. Steelton youth are also getting in on the park with many of our hometown kids “shredding” the skate park.

Steelton Borough would like to thank the residents of Third Street that live next to the skate park for their support and patience as we continue to address logistical issues and make improvements.

The project has put Steelton on the map as the first municipality in Dauphin County to open a free, all-concrete public park. Multiple municipalities have contacted us interested in guidance on building their own parks from as far away as New Jersey. Look for special events coming in Spring/Summer 2018.





# Mayor's Minute



Many great things are happening in and around the Borough! The successful opening of the Steelton Skate Park, several new businesses, the preparation of the property for the medical cannabis dispensary on South Front Street, a first-responders prayer service, blessing of the animals, low cost vaccine clinics, the renaming of the Municipal Building in honor of Chief Fred Douglas, just to name a few and there are many things on the horizon! The Community spirit is infectious and I hope continues for many years to come!

I just wanted to take a minute to discuss an issue that has a good side and a bad side.....that is Social Media and how it relates to local government functions. Facebook is not and should not be the only way to communicate with the Borough. Although it can instantly assist in a positive way (good side) it can also impact many in a negative way (bad side) Most Borough issues cannot and should not be resolved by posts on Facebook.

I see and try to respond as quickly as possible to any Borough issue, but me, like many others are not on Facebook 24/7. Although it is heart warming to see the community response to some questions, not all the time are the responses from residents and others accurate or up to date. The quickest and best way to get an accurate answer is to call the Borough and speak with the appropriate Department Head and/or Staff. If you are unsuccessful, then contact me or any Council Member. Chances are that we will be calling the appropriate Borough staff too. All of our contact information and all Department Head/Staff information is on our website at [www.steeltonpa.com](http://www.steeltonpa.com) or you can follow us on Facebook at Steelton Borough.



Here are the Department Phone numbers for your use:

**Water and Sewer Issues and Billing:** Michelle Powell, 717-939-9842 ext. 5012

**Trash, Streets, Roads:** 717-939-9842

**Codes Requirements/Enforcement:** 717-939-1146

**Borough Manager:** Doug Brown 717-939-9842 ext. 5030

**Police Department (EMERGENCY - Dial 911) (NON EMERGENCY ISSUES ONLY):** 717-939-9841 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or 717-558-6900 after office hours.

**Police Chief Minimum** - 717-939-9842, ext. 5015

**Fire Department (EMERGENCY - DIAL 911)**

**Fire Chief Vance** -717-939-2032 or 717-939-2278

We will always strive to resolve your issue as quickly and as efficiently as possible. We will also keep you informed of any events or important information by posts on the Borough's website and Facebook page.

As always, keep the communication and ideas coming! I love hearing from you! I can be reached at [mmarcinko@steeltonpa.com](mailto:mmarcinko@steeltonpa.com) or 717-439-3390.

I hope you all have a peaceful and joyous Holiday Season, which will be here before we know it!