STEELTON NEWS

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We All Have the Duty to Take Care of Steelton!

Taking care of Steelton Borough is a responsibility of all residents. Whether you are a homeowner, renter, or business owner, the duty to make our town look clean and attractive fall on you and your neighbors. Basic actions can make a big difference in improving the look of Steelton Borough. Here are a few:

<u>Place Trash Out the Right Way!:</u> The Borough requires trash to be placed to the curb <u>no earlier than 2PM the day before pickup.</u> Trash cans are required to have tight fitting lids covering the can. All trash must be in a container. Trash bags laying openly on the curb are prohibited. Residents/ occupants have 12 hours <u>after</u> pickup to retrieve their trash cans. Failure to comply with these rules can lead to a quick ticket and even a citation from Steelton Borough Codes.





<u>Pull the Weeds in Your Sidewalk:</u> Weeds that grow out of the sidewalk and curbs are the responsibility of the property owners.

If there are weeds growing out of your sidewalk, pull them, cut them, or kill them with an approved weed killer.

<u>DON'T LITTER!</u>: Littering in Steelton can result in a fine of \$100 to \$300 per occurrence. If you are thinking about throwing your trash on the ground, think again. If you see someone doing so, call them out and let them know they can be fined. Most importantly, tell your kids it is against the law to litter and hurts the town. Our next generation will act based on what they learn from us.

CLEAN UP TRASH/DEBRIS ON YOUR PROPERTY: If there is litter, trash, or debris on your property, in front of your property, or on your block, take five minutes to pick it up. This includes trash and debris on sidewalks, on your porch, and in your front yard.

Better yet.....ADOPT A BLOCK. You can adopt your block by visiting www.steeltonpa.com or emailing Doug Brown at dbrown@steeltonpa.com





A New Direction for Steelton's Codes Office: Meet Our New Codes Director, Aaron Curry

At its September 17th meeting, Steelton Borough Council appointed Aaron Curry as its new Codes and Zoning Officer. Aaron is a graduate of Harrisburg Area Community College with a degree in Home Building and Remodeling. He is a certified Building Codes Official (BCO) in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with additional certifications in Property Maintenance Inspection, Zoning Inspection, and Housing Inspection. Aaron came to the Codes Office in 2017 and quickly became a leader, earning his certifications and developing a command for Codes issues in a short amount of time.

Aaron is an eight-year resident of Steelton and a Redland High School Graduate (who played running back and linebacker for the Redland Patriots (don't hold it against him). We are excited to have him as our new Codes and Zoning Officer and the direction he is taking the Codes department.

A Letter to the Residents of Steelton from Aaron Curry

Dear Steelton Residents:

First and foremost, I am honored to be appointed as the new Codes Director for Steelton Borough. I believe in the future of Steelton and that using the Codes Department as a collaborative resource to improve property values and spur economic development is a winning proposition.

My vision for the Codes Office is an office that is friendly, community-oriented, and collaborative with property owners and tenants before being punitive. I also strive for an office that is responsive, communicative, and prioritizes compliance and solutions to property issues.

You have my commitment to lead a Codes Department that remembers that Steelton is, first and foremost, a small-town that seeks common-sense solutions before administrative bureaucracy.

Our office will continue to be firm but fair, and will work *with* residents, property owners, and tenants, to make properties safer, cleaner, and more attractive. We will also work as partner to businesses, including always striving to cut red tape and work with business owners to establish and operate in the Borough without unnecessary obstacles.

My office is open and I welcome your input. You can always reach me at 717-939-9842 ext. 5030 or acurry@steeltonpa.com.

With Thanks,

Aaron A. Curry



FOX 43 NEWS MORNING SPORTS HS FOOTBALL FRENZY COMMUNITY CALENDAR SUBMIT A STORY CONTESTS WEATHER & 74"

Skaters show off skills at Steelton Showdown Skate Contest

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Steelton Police use skateboarding to build relationships with community



Steelton Borough is quickly becoming the skateboarding destination in Central Pennsylvania. With a forward-thinking Police Department as partners, a local skate shop giving its time and resources to organize events, the skate park has become a breeding



ground for Steelton-born skaters and hotspot for people from both in and out of state. This year, the Steelton Police Partnered with Molnar Home Computing and the Skate Shop at Rayzor Tattoos to hold the first ever Steelton Showdown contest. The event featured best trick contests, a Battle in the Bowl, a Young Guns contest, food and live music.

Coffee with the Crew





The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program of Dauphin County will again offer free tax form preparation and e-filing of Federal, Pennsylvania (including property tax/rent rebate), and local income tax returns for <u>all</u> taxpayers with low to moderate income, with special attention to those aged 50 and older. All services are provided by IRS-certified volunteers at the four sites listed below.

Additional information about the program, including a list of the documents you should bring to the site, can be found at www.aarp.org/taxaide, or by calling (888) 227-7669 or (717) 219-3945.

Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1100 Colonial Rd., Harrisburg. Open starting Monday Feb 4 through Friday April 12. Hours: Mondays. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check online or call the above numbers (after December 1) for the list of Saturday openings for this site. Walk-in only.

Swatara Township Building, 599 Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg. Open starting Tuesday Feb 5 through Thursday April 11. Hours: <u>Tuesdays and Thursdays</u>, 9 a.m. to noon. *Walk-in only*.

Elizabethville Area Library, 80 N Market St., Elizabethville. Open starting Feb. 5 through April 9, on <u>Tuesdays only</u>, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (last appointment at 1:45 p.m.). By appointment only. Please call 717-566-0949, ext 1070, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, <u>starting January 16</u> to register.

NEW SITE: Halifax United Methodist Church, 105 Wind Hill Dr., Halifax. Open Feb. 7 through April 11, on <u>Thursdays only</u>, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. *By appointment only*. Please call 717-896-0364, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, <u>starting January 16</u> to register.

Unfortunately, our sites at the Kline Library and the Middletown Home will not be open this season.

Mayor:

Maria R. Marcinko

Steelton Borough Council:

Brian D. Proctor President

Michael Segina Vice-President

Keontay Hodge Pro Tem

Kelly Kratzer Councilperson

Dennis Heefner Councilperson

Natashia Woods Councilperson

William Krovic Councilperson

Upcoming Meetings:

Council:

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

Water Authority:

October 9th at 5pm

Steelton Finance Committee Budget Meetings:

October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th @
 6pm

Coffee with the Crew

First Friday of Every Month @ 7am to 9am

For a full list of meetings visit www.steeltonpa.com

BUDGET NOTICE:

Steelton Borough is beginning the process of planning the Fiscal Year 2018 budget. Residents are encouraged to share their input with Council at regularly scheduled meetings or at the Finance Committee Meetings listed above.



OCTOBER 25th 6pm to 8pm



FREE FLU SHOTS!

STEELTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING-123 N. FRONT STREET, STEELTON







When: Saturday, November 3, 2018

9:00am-1:00pm

Rain or shine! Come get your free flu shot and free slice of pizza!

Reservations are suggested but not required. Please register each person over the age of 3 who will be in the car and is planning to receive a shot.

Register at: hmc.pennstatehealth.org/community-events

Please wear loose fitting clothing. Adults must be able to access the middle part of their arm to receive a shot. Please, leave your pets at home.

Ages: 3 years-Adult



New Independent Businesses Opening in Steelton

Show your support by shopping locally.

Blue Door Vaping

Address: 35 North Front Street

Phone: 717-620-2425

Email: bluedoorvaping@gmail.com

With the motto "Providing a Satisfying Alternative to Smoking", Blue Door Vaping provides traditional smokers who are trying to quit, as well as those who enjoy vaping, a wide array of products to choose



from. One of five locations in the Central PA area, the Steelton Blue Door Vaping shop is adorned with a jawdropping mural of the Steel Mill and truly has that Steelton feel. Their



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commitment to their product shows with company owner Dave a former smoker whose passion is to help others guit. Named after the color of the door on the first location in Mechanicsburg, Dave has grown this business into multiple location, the most recent being Steelton. Stop in and say hi to Zach, the store manager.

Marathon Aquatics Steelton

Address: 35 North Front Street

Phone: 717-805-7953

Website: MarathonAquatics.com

Email: Brian@marathonaquatics.com

A hidden gem located in the back of Blue Door Vaping is Marathon Aquatics Steelton, a seller of saltwater aguariums, sea-life, native caught and aquacultured corals, Marathon's parent company is a marine life wholesaler located in the Florida Keys. Stop in and see

their colorful display of aquariums today!

Johnson HVAC, LLC

Address: 159 South Front Street

Phone: 717-260-5335

Email:

A recent addition to Steelton is Johnson HVAC, a heating, cooling and plumbing company that has all of your home needs covered. Visitors to the 159 South Front Street location will be greeted by the smiling face of Teresa Irizarry, a native to Central PA whose per-

sonality glows and whose knowledge is unmatched. info.jhvac@gmail.com

Steelton Borough encourages all residents to support local businesses by shopping in Steelton.

SUPPORT YOUR STEELTON POLICE!





STEELTON POLICE K9 CRUISE-IN

CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE (\$9 a meal)

~ Hosted by Steelton Police Department with assistance by RAYZOR TATTOOS & SUTLIFF CHEVORLET ~

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 FROM 1:00PM - 6:00PM (Rain or Shine)

Donations and money made from Chicken Bar-B-Que will be going to fund Steelton Police K9 program.







- 123 N. Front St. Steelton Pennsylvania 17113 (Borough Building)
- Located in large parking lot / grass lot across from Steelton Borough Building
- Cruise will be open to all Vehicle makes and models, Trucks, Motorcycles.
- Music and Awards will be provided.







TAKE CARE OF STEELTON'S STORM WATER SYSTEM AND PROTECT THE WATERSHED!





First Annual Steelton Fest ROCKS the Borough

If you were one of the 1,000-plus people to join us in July for the first-annual Steelton Fest, chances are you had a good time. Steeltonians and neighbors of all ages and backgrounds got together across from Borough Hall for one heck of a block party. The soundstage featured live music from Bumbada, Great Northeast, Steelton Polka Quads, DJ Statik, Reminisce, Soul Solution and headliner The Uptown Band.

In between dancing, attendees enjoyed food from local food trucks and Steelton restaurants and sampled the wares of vendors.



A beer/wine garden topped off the event with craft beer and wine samplings from: Harris Family Brewing, Zero Day, Boneshire Brew Works, Rubber Soul Brewing, Tattered Flag Brewing and Olivero's Winery.

For many, the event was a return to the old days when Steeltonians would get together and dace the night away. Look out for an announcement soon regarding Steelton Fest 2019!



DJ Statik spins between sets as the sun sets over the crowd.



The beer/wine tent kept the crowd cool with some shade and tasty beverages from local craft brewers.

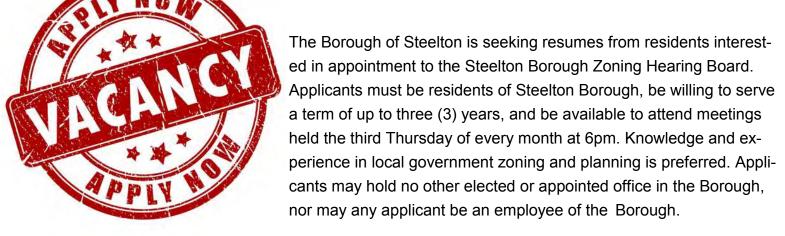


Council President Brian Proctor with Steelton's own Soul Solution ready to take the stage.



Even Steve "The Commish" Mull and family got in on the action!

Zoning Hearing Board



The Zoning Hearing Board hears requests for variances where it is alleged the Steelton Borough's Zoning Ordinance inflicts unnecessary hardship on an applicant. The Board has the authority to grant zoning variances under certain conditions.

The Zoning Hearing Board also has jurisdiction to hear and render final decisions on the following matters:

- Challenges to the validity of borough land-use ordinances
- Appeals of determinations by the Steelton Borough Zoning Officer
- Appeals of determinations by the Borough Zoning Officer or Borough Engineer regarding floodplain management or flood hazard ordinances or such provisions in a land-use ordinance
- Applications for variances from the terms of Steelton Borough's zoning and flood hazard ordinances or such provisions within a land use ordinance
- Applications for special exceptions under zoning, floodplain or flood hazard ordinances of such provisions within a land use ordinance
- Appeals of determinations of the Zoning Officer or Borough Engineer in the administration of any land use ordinance or provision thereof with reference to sedimentation and erosion control, and storm water management.

To be considered for appointment to the Steelton Borough Zoning Hearing Board, please submit a letter of interested and resume to Douglas Brown, Borough Manager, at 123 North Front Street, Steelton, PA 17113 or dbrown@steeltonpa.com.

Steelton Borough is always looking for volunteers to serve on its various Board and Commissions. Vacancies on boards are typically filled at the beginning of each year or as vacancies occur during the year. Boards on which you can serve include: Steelton Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, Codes Appeal Board, Steelton Water Authority, Shade Tree Commission, and Police Civil Service Commission.

Submit all letters of interest/application to Doug Brown by mailing them to Borough Hall or via email.



Well the summer of 2018 just flew by, didn't it??? We saw one of the wettest summers in a long time causing many property issues. We saw the first successful community event in many years with Steelton Fest that brought many back to Steelton to remember and showed the new Steelton residents what we are all about! We are truly a resilient town!



You will hear me say quite often that we cannot predict or control human behavior, however, I would like to mention some common sense human responsibilities that we should respect in the hope that all of us will work together to make Steelton the best place to live!

The complaints regarding issues at Steelton properties rose to an all time high. Complaints show us that there are many in the community that take pride in where they live and want to insure that Steelton can be the best it can be! Complaints from residents regarding high grass and weeds, loose trash, trash storage around bulldings, and issues regarding unkept properties are just a few examples.

We are all busy in this world with insurmountable daily responsibilities and expenses for daily living constantly on the rise. It is frustrating to all of us. However, whether you are a property owner or one who rents property in Steelton, the upkeep of the property is not only your responsibility but should be done with a sense of pride not only for you but for your neighbors and community also.

Grab a broom and sweep; pick up the trash around where you live; pull your weeds, cut your grass, make sure your trash is in trash bags and placed in cans with lids, make sure that any items on the outside of your home are not a fire hazard; when walking in the community if you see trash pick it up; in the downtown area use the trash cans provided; and don't put substances or grass cuttings down the catch basins. Get to know your neighbors and offer assistance if you can. Only WE, each and every one of us, can make our community look better and make it the best place to live.

That all being said, I would like to try to put together a resource guide for those who need assistance in the Borough. Specifically a list of those who are willing to help seniors, the disabled, or the community in general either at no cost or at least a low reasonable cost. It could be as simple as an offer to pull someone's trash out on Tuesday or more complicated as weekly weeding and grass cutting. Please email me at mmarcinko@steeltonpa.com, call me at 717-439-3390, or place a post on my facebook page Maria Romano Marcinko, Mayor and let us know what you can do to help our community!

As we look forward to fall and the holiday season, there are a few new things to mention. Steelton Fire Department received it first new fire engine in 34 years! We are still an ALL volunteer department, something we are very proud of. Once it is completely finished, we will let you know so that you can stop by and see it. The Steelton Police Department is anxiously awaiting its first K-9. The K-9 vehicle arrived a short time ago and once our K-9 arrives and is trained, we will introduce him/her to the Community! Thank you to the Steelton Italian Club, Faulkner Toyota, the Dutch Club, Fifth Ward Republican Club, St. Aloysius Club, and the St. Lawrence Club for their very generous donations for the K-9 Vehicle. Stay tuned for details regarding fundraising events for the Fire Department and the Police Department to occur in early 2019! There will be fun for the entire family while supporting the community!

Many good wishes and blessings for a safe and happy fall and holiday season! As always, I am available by phone (717-439-3390); email (<u>mmarcinko@steeltonpa.com</u>); or Facebook (Maria Romano Marcinko, Mayor) and look forward to hearing from you!