

## First Newsletter Since Onset of COVID-19 Pandemic

The Borough of Steelton has plenty to announce, as this is the first newsletter published since the onset of the COVID-19 global pandemic in March 2020. We hope you and your loved ones are continuing to stay safe and healthy during this difficult time. Please read below for updates across the Borough.

**Harrisburg City is the Trash Collection Provider:** As you may have noticed, Harrisburg City's Public Works Department is now the trash collector for the Borough. New cans were issued last year and you should have received information in the mail regarding this switch. Harrisburg Public Works is now the point-of-contact for all trash and recycling inquiries. They can be reached at [PublicWorks@harrisburgpa.gov](mailto:PublicWorks@harrisburgpa.gov) or (717) 412-4320.



**Reminder - PA American Water is the Borough's Water Provider:** Following a sale of the Borough's water system, Pennsylvania American Water is now the water provider for the Borough. Water bills are now generated and sent to residents on a monthly basis. For residents who experienced water/sewer bill errors, the Borough is working diligently with PA American Water to determine the cause of these errors and fix them as quickly as possible. Please call 717-939-9842 ext. 5012 for any questions regarding your sewer bill. Please call 1-800-565-7292 for water bill concerns.

**Steel Works Development Along North Front Street:** Construction of the Steel Works Redevelopment Project has officially begun along the 100 block of North Front Street. Dollar General is now open daily from 8AM until 10PM and SeniorLIFE, a nursing home alternative for elders, is expected to open later this year. Also coming soon as part of the project are the Steel Works Apartments, which will include 41 units and 3,000 square feet of 1st floor commercial space, as well as a 20,000-square-foot medical office.

**Skate Park Phase 2 Construction Completed:** In 2019, Steelton Borough Council approved the Phase 2 addition to the skate park and the construction is now completed. This new phase added 8,000 square feet of mid-to-expert level terrain, making the skate park a true destination for out-of-state skaters. This unique amenity has received positive reactions from across the skating community and continues to attract the best talent in the area.

**Street Sweeper Reminder:** Street sweeping for 2021 is now finished, but we will be resuming street sweeping in April 2022. Please note that all other parking violations will be enforced during the months that the street sweeper does not run. Any questions regarding street sweeping or parking violations can be directed to Chief Minium at [aminium@steeltonpa.com](mailto:aminium@steeltonpa.com) or 717-439-5882 or Borough Manager Anne Shambaugh at [ashambaugh@steeltonpa.com](mailto:ashambaugh@steeltonpa.com) or 717-939-9842.

# *New Mural at Coexist Gallery*

COEXIST



# New Mural at Coexist Gallery—310 South Front Street

There has been another beautiful addition of public art in the Borough along Front Street. At the Coexist Gallery located at 310 South Front Street, owner Shawn Gold truly brought the community together to create an amazing work of craftsmanship along the storefront of the facility. With the help of artists Carrie Strope (of Nebraska) and Natasha Moraga (of Mexico), volunteer members of the community were able to contribute to the artwork by placing pieces of glass and ceramic tile along the wall. The mural displays peaceful images of nature and serene figures, but also pays homage to Steelton's history through a depiction of the Golden Gate Bridge in California, a structure that was built with steel manufactured here in the Borough. Gold says that the mural is part of the Coexist Alliance, which is based on developing community relations, inspiring others to think positively, and helping to grow the Steelton community.

"Unity Through Community" is one of the motto's that is placed along the mural, representing the goal of bringing together residents and businesses in order to create positive change through the Coexist Alliance. Gold and Coexist Gallery were also part of the group that brought together artists and local students from Steelton-Highspire High School to paint a mural along the Noor Market at 107 North Front Street, and they plan to create more works of public art in the future.

Visit [Coexist Gallery at 310 South Front Street](#) and follow them on social media for community updates, event announcements, and much more!

## Adopt-A-Block Program Revitalization

The Borough of Steelton is seeking residents, businesses, and organizations who wish to participate in the Adopt-A-Block program. The program is intended for those that want to participate in the community on a more regular basis to monitor and maintain a specific street or area of the Borough.

Organizations and individuals sign up to clean a specific area of the Borough at least four (4) times per year or more often as needed. Groups work directly with the Public Works Department and the Adopt-a-Block Coordinator to identify the areas and arrange for the Borough's removal of debris and litter

gathered during scheduled Adopt-a-Block collections. The Borough will provide supplies including trash bags, gloves and safety vests. Groups are encouraged to adopt as large an area that is manageable based on the number of volunteers in their organization/individual committed to the task.

Participating organization/individuals will be recognized for their contribution through the placement of two (2) Adopt-a-Block signs installed at either end of the street/area the group agrees to "adopt." The organization/individual will also be publically recognized annually by the Mayor at a reception prior to a December Borough Council meeting. The Adopt-a-Block program seeks citizen, community, or business-based organizations/individuals that would like to make an on-going commitment to cleaning and beautifying our streets. Please contact Community Relations Coordinator Tyler Vaupel at [tvaupel@steeltopa.com](mailto:tvaupel@steeltopa.com) if you or your organization/business would like to participate.



# Steelton Borough Council Members



*Brian D. Proctor, President*



*Michael Segina, Vice President*



*Keontay R. Hodge, Chair Pro Tem*



*Denae House, Member*



*William "BJ" Krovic, Member*



*William "Yogi" Jones, Member*

*Natashia Woods, Member*



**All meetings of Steelton Borough Council are advertised in the Patriot News and at [www.steeltonpa.com](http://www.steeltonpa.com)**

## Upcoming Meetings:

### Council:

- 1st & 3rd Monday of Every Month @ 6:30PM
- Meetings are Now In-Person at the Municipal Building

## Holiday Events:

- **Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
Wednesday, December 1st  
6PM - Municipal Building
- **Santa Truck Run**  
Saturday, December 18th  
2PM - Across the Borough



# Prepare for Winter Weather!

## Be Ready! Winter Weather

**Weatherproof your home to protect against the cold.**

- Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in your home.
- Have your chimney or flue inspected every year.
- Make sure the batteries are working!
- Insulate walls and attic.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.

**Check out more tips on winter weather indoor safety.**

**Never leave lit candles or other flames unattended.**

**Bring your pets indoors as temperatures drop!**

**Prepare yourself for exposure to winter weather.**

- Dress warmly and limit exposure to the cold to prevent frostbite.
- Avoid getting wet to prevent hypothermia.

**If power lines are down, call your local utility and emergency services.**

**Make sure your car is ready for winter travel.**

- Check antifreeze level and have radiator system serviced.
- Replace worn tires and check tire air pressure.
- Keep gas tank full to avoid ice in tank and fuel lines.
- Make a winter emergency kit to keep in your car.

**If power lines fall on your car, warn people not to touch the car or power lines.**

[www.cdc.gov/phpr/infographics.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/infographics.htm)

## BUILDING AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT FOR YOUR CAR

### WHY?

Because you never know when you will encounter winter weather or an emergency road closure

AMERICA'S **PrepareAthon!**  
BE SMART. TAKE PREP. PROPHASE.

- Cell Phone Charger
- First Aid Kit
- Jumper Cables
- Spare Tire
- Flares
- Water, Snacks
- Mittens, Hat, Boots, Warm Clothes
- Flashlight
- Snow Shovel and Brush
- Blankets
- Tow Rope
- Full Tank of Gas
- Sand or Kitty Litter

# Don't Be a Grinch. Keep Your Sidewalks Clear this Winter

Codes Officer Curry here with your annual reminder to keep your sidewalks clear this winter. After it snows, remember the guidelines below to ensure you are compliant with snow removal requirements in the Borough. This keeps our sidewalks and properties safe for children and residents that need to use them



**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. REMINDER: The Codes Office is now issuing instant quick tickets in the amount of \$50 per day for failure to remove snow. You can receive an instant fine for every day you fail to clear your sidewalks.**

**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.**

## The 1st Annual Steelton Golf Outing Was a Success!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Steelton Fest event was not held the past two years, but we look forward to bringing the event back in 2022. In support of Steelton Fest 2022, the 1st Annual Steelton Golf Tournament was held on August 19, 2021 at Sunset Golf Course in Londonderry Township.

There were sixteen groups of four that competed for prizes for longest drive, closest to the hole, and lowest score. There was also lunch and entertainment available for those who did not wish to participate in the golf tournament. The event was a definite success and we look forward to the 2nd Annual Steelton Golf Outing in 2022.

Steelton Fest was quickly becoming the event of the year in the Borough, drawing in an estimated 3,000 attendees in 2019. The event featured national R&B legends Sugar Bear and the EU Band, who brought the funk as people from all over central PA danced the night away doing "Da Butt." Steelton showcased its trademark diversity at the event, bringing together a crowd of all backgrounds and ages. We are hoping to bring a bigger and better showcase next year. Hope to see you and your family there!

**Visit [steeltonpa.com](http://steeltonpa.com) or follow the Steelton Borough Facebook page for future announcements.**

# LEAF PICKUP STARTS NOVEMBER 1st

The Steelton Street Sweeper will begin street leaf pickup starting November 1st. Until then, please bag and dispose of any leaves as part of your normal trash pickup.

When leaf pickup begins, please remember the following:

- Keep sticks and trash out of leaf piles. The street sweeper takes leaves to a compost facility and needs piles to be clear of non-leaf debris.
- The street sweeper will follow its normal schedule for pickup of leaves. Please schedule placing your leaves to the curb accordingly.
- Place leaf piles along the curb.

## DON'T FORGET ON NOVEMBER 7TH!



Keep you and your family safe by changing the batteries in your smoke detector when you turn back your clock on November 7th, 2021.

Remember to test your smoke detectors monthly to make sure they work properly.

# Steel Works Redevelopment Project & The Brickyard Park

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, after nearly two years of planning and two decades of discussion, the Steel Works Redevelopment Project broke ground along the 100 block of North Front Street. Today, Dollar General is open daily, the SeniorLIFE adult day care center is expected to open by the end of the year, and the Brickyard Park has received funding for its construction. The Brickyard Park will feature a planned community park and amphitheater for live entertainment, as well as green spaces and public walkways.



# 2021/2022 Holiday Building Closures

Thursday, November 11, 2021	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 25 & Friday, November 26	Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday, December 23 & Friday, December 24	Christmas Holiday
Friday, December 31	New Year's Holiday
Monday, January 17, 2022	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, February 21	Presidents' Day

## Register Your Home Surveillance Cameras

The Steelton Borough Police Department is seeking residents and businesses to register their home surveillance cameras. The goal of the camera registry program is to deter crime and promote public safety through collaboration between the Steelton Borough Police and the community we serve. Accordingly, all camera registrants agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Any footage containing to/or related to criminal activity may be collected for use by the Steelton Borough Police Department as evidence during any stage of a criminal proceeding.
2. Relevant information is reserved for official use by the Steelton Borough Police Department and will not be released to any member of the general public or press.
3. If necessary, the Steelton Borough Police Department will contact you directly using the information provided to request the appropriate video surveillance footage.
4. Under no circumstances shall registrants construe that they are acting as an agent or employee of the Steelton Borough Police Department through the camera registry program.
5. Under no circumstances shall the Steelton Borough Police Department utilize any information obtained to view footage/feeds directly from cameras owned by registrants.

To register, please visit our Crimewatch website at [dauphin.crimewatchpa.com/steeltonpd](http://dauphin.crimewatchpa.com/steeltonpd) or contact Chief Minium at [aminium@steeltonpa.com](mailto:aminium@steeltonpa.com) or [717-439-5882](tel:717-439-5882)

# Minute with the Mayor



It has been awhile and I cannot possibly thank you enough for all of your patience and resilience since March of 2020 when life changed for all of us. COVID-19 has impacted all of us in different ways.

Even during the pandemic and the catastrophes within our Municipal Building, the Borough has kept moving forward. As you have witnessed on Front Street, the Steel Works project is coming along nicely and will continue to bring new businesses to our community. Thank you to Jonathan Bowser and Integrated Development Partners for investing in our community.

As the days and months have passed since our last newsletter, resident concerns have increased and at times it is overwhelming to try and resolve. Ordinances are put into place to ensure that we have a safe and beautiful community. It is sometimes hard to understand this. Steelton is 141 years old, as is the infrastructure and many of the properties within it.

Parking (because families today have multiple vehicles) is a huge issue, along with many codes violations throughout the Borough. We do not have the space to grow as do some of the surrounding suburban communities. Borough streets belong to the Borough and not individual property owners. We have specific parking regulations in place for safety and other reasons. It is a difficult issue to resolve currently, but you can be assured that Council and I are working on realistic solutions to the issues. In the meantime, compliance to the parking regulations is necessary and we ask everyone's cooperation.

Keeping your property up to code has been another area where we have received a multitude of complaints, so many that the Codes Department can hardly keep up. As a reminder, your garbage must be placed into the trash containers that we have provided. Although summer is over, keep in mind that grass needs to be cut and weeds need to be pulled. Now with winter coming, snow needs to be removed from sidewalks and walkways within 24 hours. Of course, with parking being an issue, remember that the streets are Borough streets, so please be courteous to one other when cleaning out parking spaces. Placing chairs, wooden horses, or other items to save a parking space is a violation of Borough ordinance.

If we all work together, our town can be safe and beautiful 24/7. Get to know your neighbors and help each other in any way you can. We, your local government, are responsible for keeping you and your surroundings safe and maintained. You are responsible for your property or where you live.

Let's keep Steelton... "The Little Town with the Big Heart"!

As always, you can reach me 24/7 at 717-439-3390.

Maria

**WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you or a family member has special needs that Steelton's first-responders should be aware of during an emergency**

**Please fill out the form below**

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## **2021/2022 Steelton Borough EMA Special Needs List**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CELL PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEED: (Please circle those that apply to you.)**

HEARING IMPAIRED AND REQUIRES SPECIAL ATTENTION

PHYSICALLY DISABLED AND NEED AMBULANCE OR SPECIAL ATTENTION

WITHOUT PERSONAL MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, CAN NOT RIDE WITH SOMEONE ELSE

NO RADIO OR TV AND WOULD NEED SOMEONE TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MESSAGES IN ANOTHER WAY

OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS

**COMMENTS ON YOUR NEEDS:** \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a landlord, please have any tenants with special needs complete this form.

**THIS COMPLETED FORM MAY BE ENCLOSED AND RETURNED WITH YOUR WATER BILL OR MAILED TO THE STEELTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AT 185 North Front Street, Steelton, PA 17113**