

Making Progress: Borough Achieves Key Milestones Heading Into 2020

Steelton Borough Council and staff have been working hard to move forward on initiatives important to the Borough's revitalization. We are pleased to announce major milestones and actions we have taken to continue moving the Borough forward.

Borough Council Eliminates Debt to Reduce 2020 Taxes: Using proceeds from the sale of the water system, Steelton Borough Council voted in September to pay-off all existing General and Sewer Fund debt, making the Borough debt free. As a result, Council will eliminate the Borough Debt Service Tax in 2020 saving homeowners on their 2020 tax bill. With Sewer Fund debt also eliminated, Council has engaged a consultant to review restructuring sewer rates with the goal of lowering them. Both measures are an effort by Council to lower costs for residents.



Frank S. Brown Town Home Project Breaks Ground on October 31st : On October 31st, Tri-County Housing Development Corporation will officially break ground on constructing new townhomes in the Borough. This officially kicks off site work and construction of 12 new owner-occupied town homes in Steelton and marks the first new residential development in 20 years.

Steel Works Development Moves Forward with Demolition and Plan Submission: Steel Works, LLC has officially submitted its land development plans for the Steelton Works Redevelopment Project with a goal of having the first pad constructed in 2020. At the same time, a demolition contractor was selected to begin tearing down the remaining properties on site within the next 60 to 90 days. The Borough, in partnership with Steel Works, LLC, Dauphin County, and the Steelton Economic Development Corporation, has secured over \$1.5 million in new grant funding just this year to help move the project forward and residents can expect demolition and site work to finally begin shortly.

Skate Park Phase 2: Design Nearing Completion, Construction Slated for Spring 2020: Based on the success of the Steelton Skate Park, Council has approved design for Phase 2. This new phase will add 8,000 square feet of mid-to-expert level terrain and make the skate park a true destination for out-of-state skaters. Construction will take place in spring 2020 adding to a unique amenity only in Steelton.

2019 Paving Project Completed: In October, the Borough completed paving sections of Fourth Street, Walnut Street, Lincoln Streets. This is part of an overall plan to restore Borough streets and create a more drivable and attractive streetscape. The Borough plans to continue paving annually and improve streets throughout the Borough.

MORE IN STORE FOR 2020: Next year, the Borough plans to continue capital improvement plans with upgrades to the Hoffer Street Pumping Station, completion of sewer main rehabilitation on Third and Seventh Streets, additional paving, and other needed investments in Borough infrastructure.

Scenes from Steelton Fest 2019



Steelton Fest 2019 Draws Record Crowd

Steelton Fest is quickly becoming the event of the year drawing in an estimated 3,000 attendees this year.

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.

“I am proud of what Steelton Fest is quickly becoming,” said Borough Council President Brian Proctor. “The size of the crowd, the quality of the music, and the diversity of drink and food vendors has surpassed my expectations and made this a premiere event. It makes me and our community proud.”

The Borough is already fast at work making plans for Steelton Fest 2020 knowing that this year’s event set the bar for the future. “We have to go even bigger and better in 2020,” said Doug Brown ,Borough Manager. “Steelton Fest has brought back community pride and shown that we know how to throw a party in Steelton. The expectation is for this to become an even bigger annual event every year.”

SAVE THE DATE: Steelton Fest 2020 is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 27th.

Follow www.steeltopa.com or the Steelton Borough Facebook Page for future announcements.

Pro-Skater Charlie Blair Visits Steelton



On September 28th, Professional Skateboarder Charlie Blair helped The Skate Shop and Rayzor Tattoos celebrate its second anniversary in style. Blair, a rider for Powell-Peralta, showed off his skills at an afternoon skate session at the Steelton Skate Park and interacted with folks of all ages.

The Skate Shop at Rayzor Tattoos opened concurrently with the opening of the Steelton Skate Park in September 2017 and has been in business since. It is the Borough’s hope that the Phase II expansion of the park will generate and support even more skate-related tourism and business in the Borough.

We look forward to seeing Charlie back at the Skate Park in the future.

DID YOU KNOW? The Steelton Skate Park is attracting people of all ages and backgrounds from in and out-of-state.

Regulars at the park include young professionals, people in their thirties, forties, and fifties, kids, families, local residents and out of towners. On any given day, ask someone where they are from. You may be surprised.

Steelton Borough Council Members



Brian D. Proctor, President



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William "BJ" Krovic



Dennis Heefner, Member

Natashia Woods, Member



All meetings of Steelton Borough Council are advertised in the Patriot News and at www.steeltonpa.com

Upcoming Meetings:

Council:

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

Coffee with the Crew

- First Friday of Every Month @ 7am to 9am at Borough Hall

Holiday Events:

Tree

Lighting Ceremony

Tuesday, December 3rd @ 6PM

Holiday Ornament Craft Night

Saturday, November 16th

2pm to 4pm at Prince of Peace

Santa Truck Run

December 21st 3PM to 5PM

SCDF Community Dinner**

December 21st

5PM to 8PM @ Prince of Peace

**Registration Required

MS4 Corner

Seasonal Tips for Protecting Our Waterways

There are many sources of storm water pollution exclusive to the fall season. The leaves are falling, and their improper removal poses a danger to the receiving waters. Leaf litter and any yard waste dumped into a storm water basin or near a waterway can cause excessive nutrient buildup. Leaves swept into the street can easily clog inlets, or enter storm drains and make their way into the nearest waterway.

Fall is the best time for maintaining your lawn with seeding and fertilizing. However, if fertilizer or pesticides are applied in abundance, they will not be absorbed by the soil and wash away into streams. If you are working on a landscaping project in your yard this season, bare soil can also run off into streams and cause sediment pollution. All of these problems can be avoided by putting some of our pollution prevention tips into practice:

Dispose of leaf litter and yard waste in a compost pile and never in the street or stream! You can shred yard and leaf waste to use as mulch or fertilizer for your yard and garden. Or, check with your municipality for yard waste collection opportunities.



Do not use fertilizers immediately before a rainstorm, and do not apply them in excess. Always follow the directions on the bottle for safe application and disposal whenever you use a chemical product. Reduce outdoor and household chemical use as much as possible.

Add native plants to your yard.

Now through Thanksgiving can be the best time to put native plants into the ground. Many plants go dormant in the fall and winter and will not require much maintenance to survive until spring. Native plants aid in the infiltration of storm water and provide important food and habitat for wildlife.

Pick up Pet Waste – No matter the season.

Pet waste can contain harmful bacteria and nutrients that can make waterways unsafe for drinking and swimming. So always pick up pet waste in a bag and dispose of it in the trash.



A little extra caution while you keep up with your fall-to-do list can make a big difference for the health of our watershed.

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 over the



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. NEW FOR THIS WINTER: 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.

Trash Update: Final Agreement with Harrisburg Expected by End of Year, Cans Expected to be Delivered Early 2020

Steelton Borough Council's Trash Committee is finalizing language and entering final negotiations with Harrisburg City for the multi-year intergovernmental agreement for trash and recycling services. Resident should expect to receive hauler provided cans in early 2020. These cans will be wheeled, toter style cans with attached lids and will be provided at no additional cost to residents by Harrisburg.

In the summer, with residents facing significant price hikes under the previous hauler, Steelton Borough Council entered into an interim agreement with Harrisburg City to provide trash service while finalizing a multi-year agreement.

Key parts of the new agreement will include:

- Hauler provided trash and recycling cans—this should cut back on trash throughout the Borough.
- Pickup of 1 bulk item per week.
- Quarterly billing that is in line with current prices.
- Maximum limit on amount of trash that can be placed out at one time.

Steelton Borough thanks all residents for their patience and understanding as we work through the new, multi-year trash contract. Our intent is to keep the cost-for-service down for residents while providing the best service possible.

FALL LEAF PICKUP STARTS NOVEMBER 1st

The Steelton Street Sweeper will begin on 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 3rd!



Keep you and your family safe by changing the batteries in your smoke detector when you turn back your clock.

Test your smoke detectors monthly to make sure they work properly.

Important Information About Your Future Water and Sewer Bills

On October 9th, 2019, Pennsylvania American Water (PAWC) became the new owner/operator of the Steelton Borough water system. Residents should have received their final combined water-sewer bill from Steelton and should pay this combined bill to Steelton. The final combined bill includes the last water usage period with Steelton as owner of the water system.

CUSTOMERS EXPECTED TO PAY FINAL COMBINED STEELTON BILL AND FUTURE SEWER BILLS

Any customer receiving a final combined bill from Steelton for water/sewer service rendered in the previous quarter, must pay the bill to Steelton Borough like usual. The Borough still reserves the right and authority to collect unpaid water/sewer bills for usage up until the date of transition and will do so.

AFTER FINAL COMBINED STEELTON BILL, WATER AND SEWER WILL BE BILLED SEPARATELY

After paying your final combined water-sewer bill from Steelton, you will begin to receive separate monthly bills from Pennsylvania American Water starting in November (see next page).

You will receive separate quarterly sewer bills from Steelton Borough.

PAYING YOUR SEPARATE STEELTON SEWER BILL IN THE FUTURE

All Steelton customers will continue to hold the same account number for future sewer billings. Customers can also continue to pay future sewer bills using any of the methods currently used and explained below:

In Person: Pay by check, money order, cash, or credit/debit card at the Third Floor Utility Billing Window at Steelton Borough Hall located at 123 North Front Street. Payments may be made Monday through Thursday from 7AM to 4:30PM, Fridays 7AM to 4PM. Payment may also be left in the secured drop boxes located in front of and behind Borough Hall.

By Mail: Checks can be made to “Steelton Borough” and mailed to 123 North Front Street, Steelton, PA 17113.

On Line: Online payments can be made by visiting www.steeltonpa.com. Please use the PIN number located on your bill when paying online.

Sample Schedule of Upcoming Water/Sewer Billings

October	Final combined water-sewer bill from Steelton Borough mailed to customers.
November	First PA-American Water monthly bill sent to customers. This bill is for only for October usage after the transition date for ownership of the system.
November 31st	Final combined Steelton bill payment due to Steelton Borough
December	Monthly PA-American water bill
January 2020	Monthly PA-American water bill
February 2020	Monthly PA-American water bill
February 2020	Quarterly Steelton sewer bill sent to customers.

How to Pay Your Monthly PAWC Water Bill



PENNSYLVANIA
AMERICAN WATER

WE KEEP LIFE FLOWING™

Choose which
option works
best for you!



FIVE CONVENIENT WAYS TO PAY YOUR BILL



BILLING YOUR WAY

Want to reduce paper clutter? You have the option of receiving your bill electronically. Sign up for Paperless Billing today!

We'll email you when your bill is available to be viewed online along with any materials that you would have received with your paper bill. To enroll, log on to our self-service website, My Account at myaccount.amwater.com.

NOT REGISTERED FOR MY ACCOUNT?

It's simple. Log on to myaccount.amwater.com. Be sure to have your 16-digit account number handy.

PAY AUTOMATICALLY (no stamps required)

Enroll in **Auto Pay**, and your bill will be paid automatically on time, every time directly from your checking or savings account on the date it is due. No stamps required. And, it's free! To enroll, log on to My Account at myaccount.amwater.com or contact our customer service center.

PAY ONLINE

Visit www.amwater/billpay. Be sure to have your account number handy.*

PAY BY MAIL

Pennsylvania American Water, P.O. Box 371412, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7412. No cash, staples or paper clips, please.

PAY BY PHONE

24/7 at 1-855-748-6066. Have your account number handy.*

PAY IN PERSON

Please note: Steelton Borough will not be accepting payments on our behalf. If you prefer to pay in person, Pennsylvania American Water does have agreements with several authorized payment locations across the state, including:

- **Wal-Mart** located at 6535 Grayson Road, Harrisburg

For a complete listing of authorized payment locations, call or visit us online.

Please be sure to have your Pennsylvania American Water account number handy.

AND, IF YOU NEED US... WE'RE A PHONE CALL AWAY.

Customer Service Center: 1-800-565-7292

Hours: M-F, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. For emergencies: We're available 24/7.

*Note: Our payment partner, Paymentus, charges \$1.95 per transaction for e-check, credit card and debit card payments. **Avoid the transaction fee:** There is no charge to pay by e-check through My Account at myaccount.amwater.com.



Minute with the Mayor



I hope that everyone had a great summer! We were extremely busy in the Borough this summer.

I am proud to report that our Police Department will be the first in Dauphin County to go live using Body Camera's. They started testing them in late July and by the time this newsletter is printed should be live. Of course, with any new technology there will be ups and downs but we are excited about this. It will assure and show the professionalism of our Police Department. It has been my wish since I took office, that citizens will run to our Police Department for help instead of running away in fear. I certainly have witnessed the interaction between the police and the community during my ride alongs and cannot say enough about how good the relationship between Steelton residents and the Police Department has become. This is a testament to Chief Minium and all of the officers.

Also, Chief Minium been asked to serve on the Governor's Council on Reform, which is part of the Office of Advocacy and Reform which will look at protecting vulnerable populations from three perspectives: prevention and diversion, protection and intervention, and justice and support. I could not be prouder that he was asked to serve on this Council. If you see him, please congratulate him.

Lastly, please mark the first Friday of every month in your calendar when from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. we have coffee with the crew in Council Chambers. This is an opportunity to stop by and chat with me, members of Council and the office staff about anything Steelton! There is always coffee and of course, free donuts and pastry!

Here is wishing you all a happy fall and as you all know, you can reach out to me for any reason at any time. I love hearing from you all. mmarcinko@steeltonpa.com; 717-439-3390 voice or text; or follow me on Facebook at Maria Romano Marcinko, Mayor.

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

2019 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