

## WELCOME WARM WEATHER & NEW FACES



Along with welcoming the warm weather of summer, we also want to welcome our newly elected officials and staff to the Steelton family. Pictured left to right above: Vanessa K. Bowers was elected as Borough Council President, Julianna Paioletti was elected as a member of Borough Council, and Kathy McCool was hired as Borough Manager.

**Vanessa Bowers** is a Steelton native and Steelton-Highspire High School graduate. She received police training and studied Criminal Justice at Harrisburg Area Community College. She then joined the Harrisburg Bureau of Police as a Community Service Officer, and also served as an elected Constable. Vanessa enjoys traveling and spending time with her family, three sons, and her Labrador, “Nova”.

**Julianna Paioletti** is a long-time Steelton resident, leader of Steelton Highspire United (SHU), and a former Steelton-Highspire School Board Director. She is backed by training from the PA State Board Association and the PA State Association of Boroughs NEMO program. Julianna is currently studying to become a youth Behavioral Health Technician.

**Kathy McCool** is a seasoned professional with over thirty years of experience in human resources management, dedicating the last 17 years to public service in public schools and local municipalities. Kathy is also a proud veteran of the U.S. Army Reserves and the PA Army National Guard. Her military service concluded in 2004, with her final duty station at Fort Indiantown Gap, where she held the rank of Captain and commanded a personnel detachment. A resident of Lewistown, PA, Kathy shares her life with her husband to whom she has been married for 24 years. Together, they have two daughters and a grandson.

# **Reserve a Plot at the Community Garden**

## **& Join the Resident Committee!**

In 2023, the Borough of Steelton received grant funding to support the construction of a community garden at Mohn Street Park. We had a successful first year and 2024 will be even better with your help!

Garden plots are now available for residents to reserve, where all produce is freely available to community members along with urban agriculture and nutrition education. As a resident plot holder, you can grow any crop of your choosing and are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of your space.

We are also looking for Steelton residents who are interested in joining our Community Garden Committee. This resident-led committee will help oversee and manage community garden activities with a team of elected officials, Borough staff members, and volunteers.

**If you are interested in reserving a plot or joining the Community Garden Committee, please contact Community Relations Coordinator Tyler Vaupel at [tvaupel@steeltonpa.com](mailto:tvaupel@steeltonpa.com).**

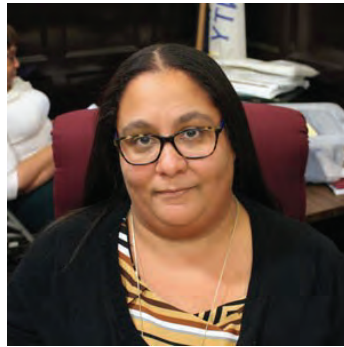




# Steelton Borough Council Members



*Vanessa K. Bowers, President*



*Natashia Woods, Vice President*



*Denae House, Chair Pro Tem*



*Brian Proctor, Member*



*Willie Slade, Member*



*Michael A. Segina, Member*



*Julianna Paiioletti, Member*

## Upcoming Meetings:

### . Council

1st & 3rd Monday of Every Month

6:30 PM at Municipal Building (changes/cancellations will be posted online)

## Upcoming Events:

### . National Night Out

Tuesday, August 6

6 PM - SHHS Football Field



### . Police K9 Golf Tournament

Sunday, August 11

7 AM - Manada Golf Course



# DOWNLOAD SAVVY CITIZEN

The Borough of Steelton is introducing a new app for resident communication called **Savvy Citizen**, which will allow us to relay critical information to you through a mass notification system.

**Savvy Citizen** is a free app that notifies you of the incidents, government-sponsored happenings, and events around Steelton.

Follow the instructions below to sign up for **Savvy Citizen**, join your community and be in the know!

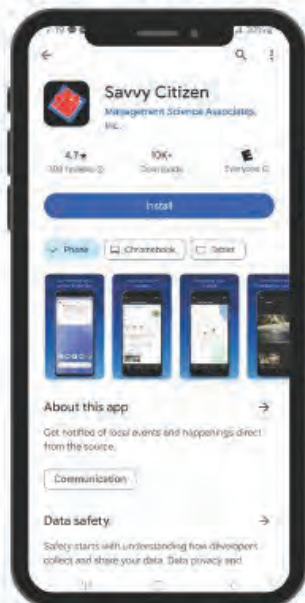


## Download the App — Be A Savvy Citizen!

Sign Up For Municipality Notifications and Alerts

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**SIMPLY DOWNLOAD SAVVY CITIZEN TO CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT**

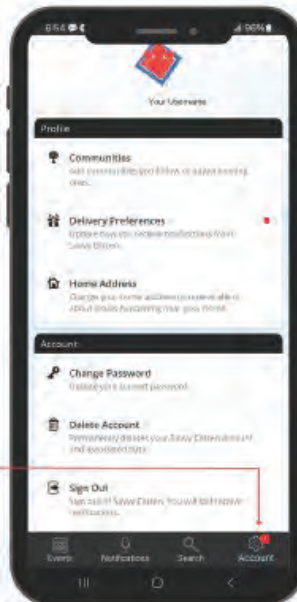


- Open Google Play (Android) or App Store (iOS) and Search for Savvy Citizen.
- Open and follow the steps to create your account.

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**PERSONALIZE YOUR ACCOUNT**

Click on "Account" in the bottom right to access personalization features.



### Add Communities

You have control over the communities you want to follow and how much information you receive from each.



### Set Delivery Preferences

Here you can enable notifications to be sent to you via your phone or email or even both. You have complete control over notification delivery.



### Change your Home Address

If your address needs updated, you can do that here.



**Also Access Savvy Citizen from your computer.** Go to [savvycitizenapp.com](http://savvycitizenapp.com) and sign in with the account you created.

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**TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS ABOUT THE SAVVY CITIZEN APP!**



[WWW.SAVVYCITIZENAPP.COM](http://WWW.SAVVYCITIZENAPP.COM)



# *JUVENILE CURFEW REMINDER*

The Steelton Borough Police Department would like to remind families of the youth curfew ordinance:

- **For minors ages 15 & younger**: Curfew is from 10:00 PM until 6:00 AM
- **For minors ages 16 & 17**: Curfew is from 11:00 PM until 6:00 AM

The curfew ordinance applies to all minors (any person 17 years of age or younger)

Please contact Police Chief William Shaub or Mayor Ciera Dent with any questions or concerns by calling  
717-939-9841



# WHY DO WE SWEEP OUR STREETS?



You may be familiar with the process of moving your vehicle to avoid a parking ticket for the street sweeper, but many are not aware why this machine operates. Street sweeping not only makes the streets cleaner, it is an important part of storm water pollution prevention. It prevents unwanted materials from flowing into the storm drains, polluting our bays, and causing backups & flooding. It also keeps job sites clean and safe, and minimizes tire damage to vehicles.

Here are some of the ways the street sweeper helps our community:

## **Improves Safety**

Drivers must utilize roads to make their ways to work, school and other pressing activities. They will be better off if they are not constantly worried about their safety on the road.

By leaving stray trash on our streets, drivers are susceptible to skidding, sliding, and colliding with other automobiles. A small tire skid can lead to a much larger accident in just seconds.

# WHY DO WE SWEEP OUR STREETS?

## **Helps the Environment**

Dirty streets can negatively affect the environment in numerous ways. After waste particles make their way onto roadways, they can then be carried along into the ecosystems of various animals. These contaminants can poison the ecosystems of these animals, turning their habitats into toxic wastelands.

There is also the possibility that road litter could attract animals, bringing them closer to roadways, thus increasing the chances of animal-involved car accidents. By keeping our streets swept and protecting your surrounding environment, we are also protecting our residents and visitors who use our roads.

## **Protects Vehicles**

Perhaps the most important reason to have streets swept regularly is to protect the overall quality of automobiles which use our streets.

When stones, trash and other debris are left on our streets, they create a major nuisance to automobiles. Not only can rocks kick up and puncture vehicles, large debris can cause drivers to swerve violently, resulting in serious car accidents. Allowing more debris to build up on our roads only makes matters worse.

## **Protects Pets**

You may not realize it, but having a street sweeper in your neighborhood keeps your pets safe. This is because animals, including house-pets, gravitate to the scent of rotting food and debris in your gutters. Unfortunately, the debris that gathers in your gutters can contain sharp objects, toxic chemicals, or hazardous materials.

**\*Remember: Street Sweeping Continues Until the End of November\***



# Summer Tips

PROTECT OUR WATERSHED!

## Measure

Use fertilizers, herbicides, and other chemicals cautiously and only as directed.

## Replace

Replace grass seed with wildflowers, clover, moss, or other native plants to prevent runoff, naturally.

## Dispose

Dispose of your household hazardous waste (HHW) properly at local disposal events.

## Scoop

Pick up your pet's waste to ensure no pollutants get washed into the storm drains.

## Wash

Wash cars at commercial car washes where there are sanitary sewers and the water is treated, unlike residential sewers.

## Conserve

Only water lawns when necessary. Lawns need only about 1" of water a week, so be sure to take advantage of the rain.



# HAVE A FOOD SAFE SUMMER



While the warmer weather conditions may be ideal for outdoor picnics and barbecues, the summer months typically see a spike in reports of foodborne illness. Make sure your fun in the sun doesn't get cut short by following some simple summer entertaining tips:

**1 in 6**

Approximate number of Americans stricken with food poisoning each year



**128,000**

Estimated annual hospitalizations from foodborne illnesses



## Did You Know?

U.S. beef sales are highest during the week of July 4th, when Americans are expected to buy about **\$400 MILLION WORTH OF IT—25% MORE THAN AN AVERAGE WEEK** (according to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association).



## Basic Tips

### CLEAN



**CLEAN SURFACES, UTENSILS AND HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER.** If you're at a picnic, bring moist towelettes to use!



Wash all produce under plain running water before eating, cutting or cooking, even if you plan to peel them!

### SEPARATE



**SEPARATE PLATES AND UTENSILS.** When grilling, use separate plates and utensils for raw and cooked meat and poultry and ready-to-eat foods (like raw vegetables).

### COOK



**USE A FOOD THERMOMETER.**

**Burgers: 160°F**



Just because your burger is brown, not pink, doesn't mean it's safe to eat!

### CHILL



**CHILL RAW AND PREPARED FOODS PROMPTLY** if not consuming after cooking.



Don't leave food at room temperature for longer than two hours (or 1 hour if it's above 90°F). If planning a picnic, perishable food should be kept in an insulated cooler packed with ice or ice packs.

## What Are You Making?

Here are some food safety tips for preparing a few signature summer dishes.

### BARBECUE

Cook all meat and poultry to recommended internal temperatures.

**Burgers: 160°F.**

**Chicken and Turkey: 165°F.**

**Sausage: 160°F.**

**Steaks: 145°F**  
with a 3-minute rest time.

### FRUIT SALAD

Rinse all produce before peeling or chopping.



Chop all produce with clean knives on cutting boards not used with raw meat to avoid cross-contamination.

### DEVILED EGGS

Refrigerate prepared eggs until they're ready to be served and once out, keep them nestled in ice to keep them cool.



ADDITIONAL  
SOURCE  
CDC



For more summer food safety tips, go to

**FoodSafety.gov**

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# Learn About the Mental Health Co-Responder Program

The Steelton Borough Police Department is proud to announce that we now have a mental health co-responder on our team. This model of criminal justice diversion pairs law enforcement and behavioral health specialists to intervene and respond to behavioral health-related calls for police service. These teams utilize the combined expertise of the officer and the behavioral health specialist to de-escalate situations and help link individuals with behavioral health issues to appropriate services.

Jordan Rolko (pictured right) joined the Steelton Police Department in March 2022 and has made a direct impact within the community. Jordan responds to calls involving mental health issues and provides resources and treatment services that police may not be as familiar with. The goal is to reduce serious mental illness within the criminal justice system and provide alternatives to arrest and incarceration.





# Minute with the Mayor



Hey Family! I'm so excited to be able to reach you again through our newsletter, as I know this is one of the effective methods of communication to our community. I have been busy serving you, the people, and keeping our community safe. Public Safety and the Police Department is where a Borough Mayor has power and responsibility to the residents, so I have been working with our police force and public safety committee to make sure we are doing everything feasible to decrease crime and put policies in place that will give us the best tools needed to serve well.

One of the initiatives that I'd like to expound on is the newly enacted Property Nuisance Ordinance. This piece of legislation was approved and enacted this past February by Borough Council. This was a collaborative effort between Council, our Codes Department, and Police Department. This ordinance gives us the ability to combat with chronic property nuisances. These nuisances can include loud

chronic noise, various crimes, drug activity, and much more. I encourage all residents to read the ordinance in its totality to better understand how we are addressing these issues.

Last summer we saw an uptick in property theft and car break-ins. Sadly, many that have been caught on video are juveniles. In an effort to be proactive this upcoming summer, we will be heavily enforcing curfew for juveniles. Minors ages 15 & under must be off the streets by 10:00 PM and minors ages 16 & 17 must be off the streets by 11:00 PM. This will give law enforcement the ability to patrol more areas, respond to emergent calls in a timely fashion, and hopefully decrease the amount of crimes we have seen in the community.

On a lighter note, we are always finding more ways to engage with residents, whether it's connecting with residents over watering crops in the Community Garden, holding conversations at Turkey Hill mid-coffee sips, or giving the youth rides to school and practice. We are here for the community and want to serve the best way we can.

There have been many changes in the Borough, including a new Borough Manager, new Council leadership and new faces on the police force. My hope is that as these individuals find their footing in their new roles so that we can collectively come together to envision a new and improved Steelton. One where the community is our utmost priority, safety is always improving, and businesses have the support they need to keep their doors open. It will take time and work, but do know that I am always fighting and advocating for you! Remember, I'm only a call or email away. I'd love to hear from you! Enjoy the beautiful days ahead of us!

Sincerely, Mayor Ciera Dent



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# 2024 Summer Building Closures

Wednesday, June 19	Juneteenth
Thursday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 2	Labor Day