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Main Street Streetscape Project

By Chad Garland, Public Works Director



I'm sure many of you have noticed that construction has begun on Main Street. Construction began on the East side of Main Street at the intersection with Spring Street. Underground utility conduits for electric, television and phone were installed as well as new concrete sidewalks, crosswalks and the foundations for street and pedestrian lighting. The construction will proceed north to New Castle Street where the intersection will receive new traffic signals and pedestrian crosswalks and then return to Spring

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Street on the west side.

Features that will be included in the project to enhance the Main Street corridor will be comprised of a continuous 5 foot sidewalk separated from the roadway with a stamped concrete pattern and color similar to the brick

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Town Clock

By Don Pepe, Borough Manager

Many of you might be asking, what's happening with the Town Clock and where is it? Good question.

The Town Clock was in serious need of repair in order to be able to retain this valuable link with our town's past. The clock itself was built and arrived in Zelienople in about 1922, so it certainly is an important icon for us. The Borough Council wanted to insure its continued existence in working order. So Bob Householder graciously donated the clock to the Borough, which did an evaluation of it and discovered that it needed significant refurbishment to protect it and give it life for another 95 years.



The Borough contracted with The Verdin Clock Company of Cincinnati Ohio, experts in old clock repairs, to take down the clock, ship it to their site in Ohio, do the necessary repairs, then bring it back and place it at the corner building where it was since the early 1900's.

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Zelienople Airport News

By Russell Robertson, Zelienople Airport Authority



The Zelienople Airport continues in 2017 to do the paperwork associated with mandated and desired improvements. Progress is being made; however, it is

slow. Our plans must be reviewed by over two dozen state entities and sub-entities; particularly for environmental and regulatory considerations. The slow progress is caused by the need for unanimous approvals, which is not readily

forthcoming these days in the political environment. During the summer of 2017, we hope to complete detailed construction specifications for various projects including a new fueling station, runway renovation, improved stormwater management, and aviation obstruction removal. We hope to advance other projects such as strip mine rehabilitation, wetland mitigation, and partial relocation of Route 288 from preliminary planning to detailed engineering plans before the end of the year.

Main Street, There's Even More Happening!

By Shelly Kaltenbaugh, Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer

It is just not the construction, there are other activities going on that will have an impact, transforming our Main Street into a vital and thriving commercial district.

Curative Amendment

Borough Staff and the Planning Commission have been directed to review the Zelienople Zoning Ordinance, explicitly Section 605 C-1 Central Business District, Traditional Neighborhood Development, Section 606 C-1 Central Business District Overlay, Section 607 C-3 Heavy Commercial District and the Official Zoning Map. Specifically it will include evaluating the Permitted and Conditional Uses of the C-1 and C-3 Commercial Zoning Districts, and the option of creating a core commercial district that will be a mix of retail, entertainment, restaurants, and transitioning commercial zoning districts that will complement the revitalization effort and build a more vibrant business district.

To get a start, if you want to contribute, please provide five answers, ranked, with 1 being the most important, to the following four questions:

1. *What do you LIKE MOST about Main Street;*

2. *What do you LIKE LEAST about Main Street;*
3. *What would you PRESERVE on Main Street; and*
4. *What would you CHANGE on Main Street.*

Send those responses to:

cezozelieboro@zoominternet.net.

Sign Grant

First impressions have a lasting influence. That is why it is so important that Zelienople's Main Street present an appealing image to potential customers, tenants, and investors. Signs are exceptionally important. When well designed and properly maintained, signs will enhance the unique image of Main Street, and favorably influence perceptions of our businesses and the commercial district as a whole.

To encourage businesses and property owners in replacing existing signage, subsidizing the cost and making it more affordable, Zelienople Council allotted \$2000 for the year 2017, to fund the Main Street Revitalization Wall Signage Grant Program.

This program provides matching grant funds up to a maximum of \$1,000 or 50% of total eligible

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Zelienople Community Park Events

Luau at the Pool–August 12

Join us for a day of fun in the sun! Cool off from those hot August days with a Luau at the pool. The day will end with a concert as Chris Denem takes the stage for his musical performance – "A Tribute to Neil Diamond." Grab your swim suit and your dancing shoes, this is going to be a day not to be missed!

Namaste with Shu–August 17 6:30–8:30 \$18.00

*must register in advance

Sometimes you need beer. Sometimes you need Yoga. Sometimes you need both. Join us for Namaste with Shu. Melissa Turner, RYT200 and creator of Fun and Fearless Yoga will be hosting a 60 minute yoga session–appropriate for all levels in Zelienople Community Park. What better way to keep the Zen flowing than to have a post complimentary Yoga beer from Shu Brew? Join us! For information visit funandfearlessyoga.com , shubrew.com or zelienoplecommunitypark@gmail.com

Yard Sale–August 19 7:00–noon

One man's trash is another man's treasure. Gather your unwanted items and donate them to the park. Drop off at the storage trailer located by the Northwest Sport Court starting July 5th. Or for pickup call (724) 272–5422. All proceeds benefit the park.

Last Splash–August 25

The Zelienople Park Pool has been an asset to the community and has left many with fond memories. Join us along with SpinCycle, as we say good–bye in style with one big last splash. Cost: \$3.00/adult \$2.00/child 12 and under
Please note that this is not the last day for the pool. The pool will remain open through Labor Day weekend.

Shakespeare in the Park–August 26 & August 27

Join us for a weekend of Shakespeare presented by The Hob Nob Theatre Company. Performance and ticket information can be found at www.hobnobtheatre.com. Tickets will be available at the beginning of July.



Where: Zelienople Community Park

When: Saturday, October 14th

Sessions: 3–6PM and 7–10PM

Sip: Craft Beers Vendors including ShuBrew, North Country, Conny Creek, Erie Brewing, Arsenal Cider, Penn Brewery, Voodoo, Fractured Grape, Butler Brew Works, Southern Tier, BASH, Reclamation, Voodoo, Four Seasons, Rock Bottom, Big Rail, Noblestein, Vencenie, and more....

Munch: With ShuBrew and Voodoo

Jam: Full Concert Line Up With headliners Organ–i–zation and Featuring Squeazin the Shaman, Brother from Another Mother and Noble Hops Band

Tickets available on Eventbrite: Zelie On Tap

In Advance \$40/session– Beer Tasting and Concert Admission

Day of Event \$45/session Beer Tasting and Concert Admission

\$10 Concert Admission Only

This is an Age 21 and Over Event

All proceeds benefit [the Zelienople Community Park New Pool Initiative](#) and the [Zelienople Area Public Library](#)

(No outside food, coolers, alcohol permitted)

Mud Run–October 1

Are you ready for the challenge? And who doesn't like to get a little dirty? Join us at the Zelienople Park for a family Mud Run with 15 obstacles including tires, haystacks, pools of mud, and more. Walk or run with your family on our 3 mile course. This is a family event for ages 3 and up. Awards, food and hot showers to follow. Register at www.myzeliepark.org

For more information on these and other events e–mail the park at:

Zelienoplecommunitypark@gmail.com

What's Happening at the Library?



It has been a great summer at the Zelenople Area Public Library, as we worked to “Build A Better World” with kids, teens, and adults. We have more things planned as we head toward autumn. Our genealogy group will be having a lock-in at the library on Saturday August 12 from 1–4 pm. Beginners and long-time researchers are welcome to attend. There will be experienced volunteers on hand to help facilitate your searching.

On Monday August 14, local author Polly Shaw will be at the library to talk about her book, *Moraine State Park*, that details the history and development of this great local recreation area. She will have copies of the book available to purchase that evening.

Listen in Monday August 28 to hear library staff discuss the novel *Robinson Crusoe* on WISR 680 AM from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. Our Bookies book group will be reading that selection in August.

Story hours begin the week of September 11. There will be Toddler Tuesday at 10:30 am for 2–3 year-olds, Wee Ones on Wednesdays at 10:30 am for 0–24 months and Preschool Storytime for 3–5 year olds on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Story hours generally consists of stories, games, and activities appropriate for each age level and last between 30–45 minutes, depending on the age group.

Amazing Mondays will return on Monday September 18 at 5 pm with after school activities focused on particular themes each week for Grades K–6. We also plan to continue our “Pages and Paws” program, in which children practice their reading aloud with a certified therapy dog. All library programs are free, unless otherwise noted.

A survey that asks for community member's input on Library hours, services, collections, and any general comments is available on the Library's home page at www.zelenoplelibrary.org. The link to the survey is located in the middle of the home page--scroll down to access the link. The Library Staff appreciates you taking a few minutes to provide us with any suggestions you may have as well as general feedback.

Upcoming fundraisers include our annual Book the Night Silent Auction on Thursday October 5, to benefit our “Check Out Our Future” campaign and the Zelie on Tap beer and music festival on Saturday October 14, in conjunction with the Zelenople Community Park New Pool Initiative.

For information on these and other library events visit the library at 227 S. High St., call us at (724) 452-9330 or visit us on facebook or at www.zelenoplelibrary.org

Paving and Resurfacing of Streets

The 2017 Road Improvements Project included the milling and resurfacing of East Beaver Street from Division Street to Pittsburgh Street, and West Grandview Avenue from Clay Street to its endpoint. Muntz Run Road received improvements to the stormwater piping and a complete resurfacing from SR 68 to the Borough boundary.

The Timberbrook Plan, Rosewood Plan, and Fairview Heights will receive a double seal coat to protect the existing asphalt. Newer emulsions and application technologies are being used for this project. These areas will receive notice at least a week prior to the project start.

Harmony Fire District



The Harmony Fire District recently placed its new 107ft ladder truck into service. This truck replaces a 1992-75ft aerial that was brought over by the Zelenople Fire Department when the organizations merged in 2015. On day one

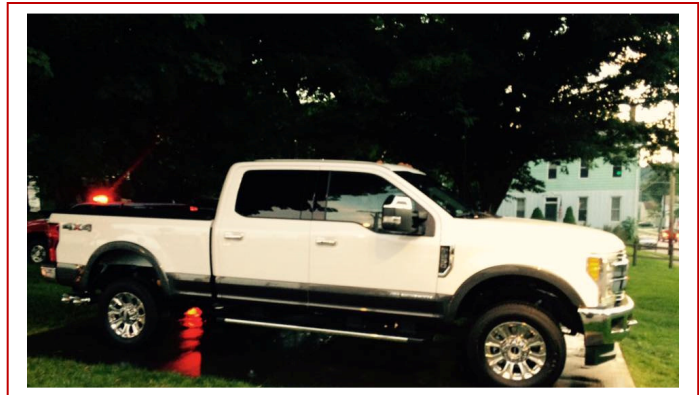
of the merger we knew we needed to design a new ladder truck to adequately service the 52-square mile service area. The purchase of this unit was necessary due to increased maintenance costs on the aging truck, but primarily because of the setbacks that commercial and residential buildings have. The 75ft ladder simply would not reach all of the buildings in our response area. With the purchase of this truck the design committee carefully placed new equipment on the unit to maximize efficiency and speed for the fire fighters.

The equipment layout and design is so that on most occasions, when seconds and minutes count, the firemen do not need to go far to find what they need on the truck to do their job. Each side of the unit performs a different job on the fire ground to ensure all tasks get handled in a timely manner. With the purchase of this unit we were able to sell a fire engine that we had kept in reserve status in case one of our fire engines broke down. The sale

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pavers used in the walkways from the Town Center Parking Lot located on Clay Street. New benches, trash receptacles, bicycle racks, lighted bollards, tree planters, street and walkway lighting will also be installed and will also be similar products used in the Town Center Parking Lot.

The contractor for the project, M and B Services out of Clarion, PA., will continue to work during daytime hours until traffic restrictions force the work to switch to night time work. This will occur when they reach the turning lanes at New Castle Street.



Don't forget to get your raffle tickets! First prize is a Ford F-250, second prize is \$2,000.00. The raffle takes place on Main Street on Saturday September 23rd. All proceeds benefit the Harmony Fire District.

of the fire engine marks the completion of one of the intentions of the merger, the reduction of fire apparatus. That is the 5th vehicle sold post-merger that will not be replaced and is a projected cost savings in the future of approximately 2 million dollars. Below is a group photo from the apparatus housing ceremony.



Construction updates can be found on the internet at <http://zelielboro.org/zeliestreetscape.htm>

Comments and questions about the project can be emailed to zeliestreetscape@zoominternet.net.

As a reminder all of the businesses remain open during construction and the contractor will see that patrons have access at all times during their hours of operation. So if you haven't visited Main Street in a while stop by and see the variety of shops and services our Main Street has to offer!

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costs, whichever is less, to eligible businesses and/or property owners for a new wall sign. Grant funding is based on availability and will be provided on a first come, first served basis. It is hoped that with the success of this grant program, it will continue to be funded in future budget years.

A pre-application meeting must be scheduled with the Zoning Officer, Shelly Kaltenbaugh, (724) 452-3002, or cezozeleboro@zoominternet.net to review Zoning Requirements, discuss available funding and receive a Wall Sign Grant Application.

Building Façade Grant Program

The Façade Program is in the planning and application process and if awarded will provide

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Currently, the clock is undergoing its facelift and inner workings repairs and will be better than new soon. It will be ready to come home in September, but we may not be able to have it remounted until the work on Main Street in that location is completed. We do not want it damaged in any way from the construction.

Soon we will be able to give you a final update and let you know when we will be able to see our clock once again proudly keeping time for Zelenople on the Corner building at the intersection of Main Street and New Castle Street. With the addition of new chimes and hopefully sound system that can be heard throughout Zelig. Stay tuned for more.

BOROUGH TRIVIA QUESTION

What is the longest running business still on Main Street in Zelenople?

In 1932, Julian C. Mussig opened his flower and greeting card shop at 104 N Main Street in Zelenople. He constructed a new brick building for Mussig Florist in 1950 and his shop is still in business at this location today. Mussig Florist is now a third generation, family owned and operating business offering flower arrangements and gifts to Zelenople, Harmony, Cranberry, Evans City, Fombell, and Mars.

assistance to business and property owners for façade upgrades. Funding is being requested from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, Keystone Community Program, in a maximum amount of \$50,000. The program would provide a dollar for dollar matching grant to property/business owners with a maximum of \$5,000 per property.

If there are individuals interested in the Façade Program, contact Ben Levenger at (330) 212-2260, or ben@revwritingservices.com to ascertain availability of funds, façade renovation guidelines, and the application documents process for potential properties.