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## New Pool Update



After 3 years of planning, our new pool is finally here! Along with our new state of the art, zero entry heated pool, we have a completely renovated bathhouse and 30 new chaise loungers. Our in-pool features include a new climbing wall, play equipment for the kids, and even loungers that will be available for in the water in the caregiver's area.

We will also be bringing back our favorite slide and diving board. When you visit the pool this summer please make sure you meet our new Pool and Park Manager, Joan Wolfe. Also returning in his new

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role of Assistant Pool Manager is Ethan Kipin. Ethan had been one of our guards in the prior years. He is currently wrapping up his college education. Their new park office is adjacent to the pool on the side of the parking lot so make sure you stop by to say hello.

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## Sandwich Board Signs

Please be advised, the Borough does allow the use of sandwich board signs through a FREE permit. All uses of this type of sign must be permitted at no cost to you.



However, we have been seeing the use of these signs without such a permit and they have been placed in the wrong locations. Having them in the middle of a sidewalk blocking pedestrians and

wheelchairs is not acceptable and must stop immediately.

Placing signs at a corner intersection is also not allowed for the same reason.

We are more than willing to work with any business owner, but we are asking for cooperation that you do not overstep your bounds. If this continues, we will remove them.

See Borough regulations regarding the use of free signs at: <https://www.ecode360.com/ZE2514>

## Zelienople Historical Society News



*Springtime Events:* On April 13<sup>th</sup>, we had our annual Spring Tea where area women dressed in their finest springtime attire, enjoyed tea sandwiches, sweets, and played a special game of “Tea Bingo.” On May 4<sup>th</sup>, we held our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Garden Talk and Brunch. This year master gardener Cynthia Pagesh spoke about “Forgotten and Useful Plants from a Historical Garden.”

*Let's Restore and Paint the Passavant House:*

The home of Zelienople’s namesake is in desperate need of restoration and repainting. Zelig Passavant lived her life here and raised her family. Please help our fundraising campaign by making a donation to this worthy cause. Any amount will help, but \$50 will buy a can of paint, and \$100 will buy a bucket of paint. Make checks out to Zelienople Historical Society at 243 S. Main St. Zelienople, PA 16063 and mark “paint” on the check. Thank you very much for your help and continued support of ZHS.



## RECYCLE THESE ITEMS!

### What Can I Recycle?

The Borough of Zelienople requires the recycling of the following items by everyone in the Borough:

- Office and Mixed Paper, Newspaper, and Magazines
- Plastic Bottles and Containers
- Steel, Aluminum, and Bimetal Cans
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Cardboard (please flatten)
- Leaves, Brush, Shrubs



These items are recyclable only if they have been emptied and rinsed

**All items should be empty, clean, and dry.**

### What is NOT Recyclable?

Please do NOT place the following items in your recycling container:

- Plastic Bags
- Bagged Materials
- Food and Liquids
- Hoses, Wires, Cords
- Medical Waste, Needles
- Textiles and Shoes

**Please contact the Borough of Zelienople with questions on recycling.**

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If you haven't had an opportunity to purchase a pool membership, the form is included in this newsletter.

A big Thank You to Mark West who donated 10 dogwood trees to the park. The trees line the road leading to the pool and are a beautiful addition to our landscape.

Have you noticed our expanding adaptive playground at the park? Thank you to a grant from The Butler County Park and Recreation Local Park Renovation Program; there will be more playground pieces coming.



Skatepark Construction Begins Summer 2019

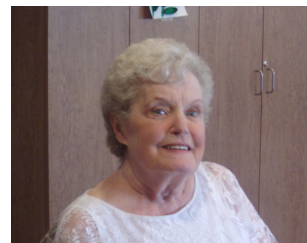
And last but not least, watch for the ground breaking of the new Skate Park after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities.

## My Day Out, Adult Day Program at Lutheran Seniorlife

Imagine walking through the door to the aroma of fresh coffee and baked goods. Greeted with a smile and a "good morning" from a cheerful staff member and being welcomed with open arms as you arrive. Sounds like a great way to start your day!

My Day Out, Adult Day Program at Lutheran Seniorlife, Passavant Community has been welcoming participants since 2015. My Day Out provides opportunities for socialization, meaningful engagement, and active learning, as well as assistance with personal care needs and medication management. At My Day Out we encourage our participants to assist our staff in planning our monthly activity calendar; we want everyone to get the most they can from our program. Breakfast and lunch are provided daily and meals are served in a warm, home-like environment. Examples of our nutritious meals include: homemade hot soup, fresh salads, fresh deli sandwiches, pasta, and fresh-baked desserts. A continental breakfast is made and served fresh each morning.

### Let's meet Joanne.



Joanne has been a participant with My Day Out for several years and attends our program 3 days per week. We asked Joanne what she likes most about the program and this is her answer, " I love meeting new people and making friends, I see my friends, hear and share many stories. I totally enjoy making the goodies each month for the meals on wheels program. It feels good to give back in a meaningful way. I enjoy being able to get out of the house 3 days a week. I can always count on the staff to be friendly and helpful." Joanne is just one of the fabulous participants to meet and become friends with at My Day Out.

My Day Out offers respite for caregiver's while your loved one is in a safe, nurturing, and secure environment. Caregiver's need support and attention to maintain their own health and well-being. Taking a few hours daily or weekly can help renew energy, relieve stress, and restore a sense of balance and consistency to the caregiver as well

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## What's Happening at the Library?



An amazing summer of activities kicks off at the library for the 2019 Summer Reading Program! The program's theme this year is "A Universe of Stories," celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the moon landing. The library will have space and STEM activities for all ages. Particularly special and exciting is the program for first and second grade readers; the library received materials by way of a grant that includes Moon Adventure resources, Bee Bots, STEM story time kits, all to be used by your first and second grader as part of the Summer Reading Program. Another highlight is the library will be collaborating with Zelig Community Park by way of offering Story Time in the Park on Tuesdays, as well as three story walks mounted in the park. Make sure to check these out! Also, we will be offering a new program, "Make a Difference," which will start early July, and is geared for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders, with the focus being to have children work together in order to attempt to solve local community environment and sustainability issues. For teens 12 to 17 years of age, activities about cloud reading, satellites, space games, and the music of the universe are being offered. Please check out the lineup of programs on the library's Facebook page and website!

On Monday August 5th, starting at 7:00 pm, come spend the evening under the stars with local amateur astronomer Larry McHenry. Larry has been active in amateur astronomy for over 40 years. He will be giving several presentations, all within one evening: "Stargazing and Myths", which will be an introduction to the constellations and night sky mythology. And "Observing the Moon for Beginners," an introduction to our nearest neighbor. Afterward and weather permitting, there will be an outdoor observing session starting around 9:00 pm with several telescopes

to observe the planets Jupiter and Saturn, along with the Moon, star clusters, and nebulae. Adults and children welcomed!

The library's art and culture speaker series-- ***Zelienople Library Presents!***-- continues this summer with local historian Tom Nesbitt speaking on "**Zelienople's First Settlers**" August 1 at 7 pm at the library. Tom is the author of the book ***Zelienople***, in the ***Images of America*** series. This event is co-sponsored by the Zelienople Historical Society and the Library. Tickets can be obtained at the library or on Eventbrite.com. Prices are \$8.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids under 14, and 5 free tickets for the first five SVSD students. The series is a fundraiser for the library.

Our successful "Rural Gateways--Pushing the Limits" discussion series featuring books, video and special guest speakers will begin on Saturday August 31. This four-part series is open to all adults and teens in the community. The 2019 themes will be Transformation, Tradition, Heritage, and Motion. Register to join the discussion series now!

We are happy to report that thanks to the contributions of many of you and our anonymous matching donor, the business loan the library took out four years ago to pay for the installation of LED lighting throughout the library is now paid off and the library is now debt free! The Board of Trustees and library staff thank you very much for your support of this important campaign.

If you are new to town, the library is located at 227 S. High St. Zelienople. Stop by the library to get a library card. You can also find us on the web at [www.zelienoplelibrary.org](http://www.zelienoplelibrary.org), follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, or give us a call at (724) 452-9330. Hope to see you soon!

## A letter from the Harmony Fire District President



The Harmony Fire District is proud to announce that we are in the planning and development stage for a new fire station. The proposed location for this new station is near BiLo Foods and will replace our current

station in Harmony Borough. Since the merging of the Zelienople Fire Department and the Harmony Volunteer Fire Company in 2015, the organization has outgrown our space. The anticipated completion date of the project is 2021.

Our commitment has always been to serve the communities of Jackson, Lancaster, Harmony, and Zelienople. A new and more centrally located station will help to provide quality and efficient service within these communities. The organization has spent countless hours evaluating the needs and layout of the space to envision the current and future needs of the

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organization. It will provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century fire station that positions us for a bright and successful future supporting our growing communities.

To stay informed about the new fire station and all activities within the Harmony Fire District, please follow us on social media (@harmonyfire22) or visit our website at [www.harmonyfire22.org](http://www.harmonyfire22.org).

Thank you for your continued support!

Tim Sapienza  
President  
Harmony Fire District

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## Recent Flooding Events

While the Borough has had damage which we are still trying to contend with, I cannot imagine how difficult these last few weeks have been for individuals affected by the enormous amounts of water that we faced during the recent storms. Homes and businesses were flooded, and significant damage was done. I truly wish we could have done more to prevent and to assist all those who faced this difficult time, but it was so significant that there was little that we could do to overcome this event.

However, we are a resilient town and we will do our best to get through this and improve our situation. I want you to know that the Borough has had in place a Stormwater Management Plan that we have been working on for implementation in phases. These are of course expensive, but they

must be done. Borough staff is reviewing that plan to see how we can accelerate it to assist sooner. Currently we are doing an in-depth assessment of the creek runs through town to see what we can do to immediately help and what can be done with property owners to jointly make this situation better for all. We will have a plan of action soon which we intend to carry out as soon as possible and notify all affected for their cooperation.

Please understand there is no simple or single answer to this problem. It will require all of us to work together to get this done. We can only do so through open communication and education.

In the meantime, please know that you can help as well. To get information regarding any possible

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as the participant. A caregiver support group is offered monthly for those needing to talk in a confidential, secure setting while making connections with other caregivers. We also offer a memory support group once monthly to help caregivers with loved ones who have dementia related concerns. Both groups can help you build a great support system to ease your stress.

My Day Out is open from 7:00 am – 5:30 pm Monday through Friday and is closed on major holidays. A tour of My Day Out can be scheduled by calling (724) 452-3611.

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flood assistance, see the referral to Emergency Assistance on the Borough website at [http://zelieboro.org/news\\_detail\\_T4\\_R99.php](http://zelieboro.org/news_detail_T4_R99.php). Also, note there is a publication called **"Homeowners Guide to Stormwater BMP Maintenance. What You Need to know to Take Care of Your Property."** This excellent article is available on our website at [www.zelieboro.org/stormwater.pdf](http://www.zelieboro.org/stormwater.pdf) and on the State DEP website at [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us). Copies are also available at the Borough Office.

## Business News

It seems nothing ever stays the same forever. As our business community evolves, we will find that even long-standing established businesses will close its doors. We have three such businesses that have closed or will do so soon through much needed and earned retirement. These are:

- Carol's Pastry Shop
- Hockenberger Motors
- Meyers Tire Service

We want to thank them for believing in Zelenople and being a part of our life fabric for so very long. Your time here is much appreciated and we wish you all well as you retire and find life outside of your busy work schedule. Enjoy and we will miss you.

At the same time, we want to say hello to the new businesses in town and those coming soon. Our Main Street Revitalization effort was meant to be an incentive to promote business both current and new. We now have the following new business here in Zelenople:

- Auto Accenting, 127 E. Beaver St
- Burgh'ers, 215 W. New Castle St
- Eva Bryn Shoetique, 117 S. Main St
- Fishers Bar, 131 S. Main St (new owners)
- Ooh and Aah Designs, 133 S. Main St
- Rectenwald Construction, 110 N. Jefferson St
- Serendipity, 100 E. Spring Street
- Kaufman House Restaurant & Offices (opening soon)

We want to thank you for your confidence in our community and wish you all the best for many successful years operating here for you and for your families. We are very glad you are here and appreciate your choosing Zelenople for your business.