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## Main Street Update

By Don Pepe, Borough Manager

The Main Street Revitalization project continues and I want to clue you in on what to expect.

### Phase I – New Castle Street to Spring Street:

\* Due to winter weather limitations and the holiday season, the project will end for the year on November 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be continued cleanup, stamped concrete sealing, filling of joints etc., but no more excavation will occur. We will complete the area that is currently under construction at the Kaufman House.

\*Parking will return to normal for the remainder of the year.

\*The project will pick up again as soon as possible in the spring, hopefully March 2018.

\*The utilities to the Kaufman House will be completed so that the interior renovation/construction can begin.

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\*Interior work can be done through the winter months as weather allows.

\*Exterior renovation of the Kaufman House will continue through the winter as weather allows.

\*Parking lot limits and walkway limits will be in place due to the above noted construction.

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## Zelienople Memorial SkatePark – We're Getting Closer!

By Jeff Barkley, Zelienople Community Park President



The Zelienople Memorial SkatePark Committee in conjunction with the Zelienople Community Park Board is excited to announce additional grant monies have been received for the SkatePark. Our fundraising initiative was jumpstarted earlier this

year when we revived a \$200,000 DCNR grant matched with funds raised locally thru grass root efforts and generous support for our annual Fish Fry events. In addition, most recently the Community Park was excited to announce they were the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation for the construction of the skatepark as well.

The Park Board is excited to have the SkatePark & New Pool projects coming in to sight, both of which will become the hub of the parks future.

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## Curbside Leaf Collection

*By Chad Garland, Public Works Director*



I would like to share with you information about our leaf collection procedures.

Residents of Zelienople Borough can have their leaves picked up curbside as a service provided by the municipality at no cost. Last season, the Borough collected and hauled over 500 cubic yards of shredded and compacted leaves out of town (10,000 bushels).

Leaf collection is just for leaves. Mixing leaves with brush, lawn clippings, trash, pet waste or other items is not acceptable. The equipment is designed to collect leaves through a vacuum and any other items can damage the equipment or the operator; often leading to suspension or delays in the leaf collection. If anything other than leaves are identified, the entire leaf pile will not be collected.

Leaves should be raked and placed at the curb. Keep piles away from fire hydrants, street sign posts, storm sewer grates and other objects that can interfere with the equipment or operator's safety. Piles left in the middle of the yard are not collected, we assume you and the children are still enjoying the pile. Also, leaf piles cannot be collected if a car is parked on or in front of the pile.

Leaf collection begins once it has been determined that there has been a significant loss of foliage and the equipment and staff can operate efficiently. Collection is scheduled for October 25, 2017. Once the curbside collection has begun, the crews will start on the east side

of Main Street, then proceed to the west side of Main Street and then to the three housing developments. They continue through this cycle until December. We do not collect leaves on an on-call basis or schedule specific leaf collection. The cycle can take up to two weeks to complete.

The leaves that are collected in town are taken to a state approved dumping site to be composted and used to enhance the soil. With that being said, that same principal can be used for the leaves in your yard. Mulching the leaves with your mower or composting leaves in the garden and flower beds is a 100% organic way to add nutrients to your soils.

Please be courteous to our staff while they are collecting leaves, they are operating slow moving equipment often in inclement weather.

### IN MEMORIAM

#### Kevin Neal Jackson

Born: August 2, 1991

Entered into Rest: September 1, 2017

*A trusted employee and friend; your smile and dedication will be missed.*

God Bless

Borough of Zelienople Council, Mayor and Staff

## Zelienople Community Park News

Park Clean Up Day: Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM. It's time to prep our park for the cold winter weather to come. Bring your rakes, gloves, tarps, and garbage bags. This is a great opportunity to earn service hours. It's our community park. Help us spruce it up for next spring.

Eleventh Annual Turkey Trot: 5K and 1 mile. Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 AM. Work off your Thanksgiving meal in advance and have an extra slice of pumpkin pie. Strollers and dogs welcome. Meet at CVE parking lot. Donations for the park will be greatly appreciated.

Join us at the Zelienople Community Park December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, as we kick off the holiday season with Christmas in the Park, featuring The Jimmy Burr Christmas Display. Festivities will begin with Light Up Night on Friday. Saturday, enjoy a hayride with Santa, caroling, hot chocolate and more.



*Get A Commemorative Pool Ornament  
Today: call (724) 452-0231*

Activities will continue through Sunday afternoon. Christmas trees and Zelig pool ornaments will be on sale all weekend long. Look for more information on our website at [myzeliepark.org](http://myzeliepark.org) or Facebook at Zelienople Community Park. For questions or to become a sponsor of the event, call the park at (724) 452-0231.

The holidays are approaching! What a great gift this will make for any of your loved ones that swam in the pool. Message us or call the park office at (724) 452-0231 for information.

## It's Here! Borough Launches Newly Redesigned Website

*By Cindy Edwards, Systems Administrator*

We are proud to announce the release of our newly redesigned website. You can still find us at [www.zelieboro.org](http://www.zelieboro.org). We will be constantly updating our content with helpful information, news, announcements, newsletters, etc.

Our goal with this new website is to provide our visitors an easier way to learn about the Borough of Zelienople. Our site development effort was focused on aesthetics, simplifying our content, and increasing visibility online. The new design allows for streamlined menus, clear navigation, and a responsible layout for all platforms, which means you can view the content on smaller devices such as mobile phones and tablets. In addition to the changed design and layout of the pages, the site contains new features such as:

\* Integrated social media buttons for Facebook, Twitter, Google Plus, and Reddit to foster improved

communication with our residents and business owners.

\* A powerful yet simple search feature of the new site facilitates faster location of multiple sources and locations of information on our site about a specific subject or keyword.

\* An improved calendar on the site allows you to click and get details on an event while remaining on the monthly view and has the functionality to add an event to an iCalendar.

We hope you find the new website fresh and modern as well as user friendly; we worked hard to make sure it contains valuable Borough information.

For any questions, suggestions, feedback or comments, please E-mail me at [cedwardszpd@zoominternet.net](mailto:cedwardszpd@zoominternet.net).

## Zelienople Airport News

*By Russ Robertson, Zelienople Airport Authority*



The Zelienople Airport continues through the summer, fall and winter of 2017 to work on the revitalization projects associated with mandated and desired improvements. Design and engineering is continuing on State Route 288 realignment as well as runway rehabilitation and widening.

Construction for the removal of the dangerous highwall along State Route 288 has commenced with the expected completion in the fourth quarter of 2018. Ongoing obstruction removal and maintenance will be occurring through the fall of 2017 and winter of 2018. Zelienople Airport is continuing to add full time aviation jobs as the result of the revitalization of the Airport.

## Zelienople–Harmony Plant Pests and Pathogens in Review

*By Bob Coyner, Field Agronomist*

Several Zelienople and Harmony home lawns experienced a late summer infestation of crabgrass. I noticed, in one instance, that it was the mowing contractor unknowingly vegetatively propagating it down the street. Cool temperatures will knockout this late nuisance crabgrass. This coming spring – around or a little before tax time – make an application of any lawn care product labeled for the pre-emergence management of crabgrass.

In Zelienople and Harmony, this past green growing season, it appeared to be a banner year for the lawn fungus Red Thread. For more information on Red Thread fungus, just go to any internet search engine and type in Red Thread Fungus.

Chinch bug problems also seemed more prevalent this year causing grass to die along sidewalks and in open sunny areas. It is too late to do anything about them now, but it is an excellent time to work some grass seed into the bare spots they created.

If you live in the northwest corner of Zelienople, near the Connoquenessing Creek, you probably noticed bag worm bags hanging from the branches of junipers. The time to treat for bag worms is mid spring when the worms are out of their bags and susceptible to insecticide. They can be culturally managed now by removing the bags during the fall months when the worms are hibernating.

Some Zelienople residences are using indoor foggers – sometimes called spray bombs – “outside” to manage – I’m guessing here – mosquitoes. There is a reason why the EPA labels say you must evacuate your house when setting off indoor spray bombs. The active ingredient in indoor foggers can close off a person’s airway. They can also kill song birds and desirable pollinators. Using indoor foggers outside places nature and humans at risk and is also illegal.

That is not all of the pests and pathogens we dealt with in Zelienople and Harmony this past quarter, just the highlights. How were things in your yard? Anything different? Send me an email at [cei@zoominternet.net](mailto:cei@zoominternet.net).

## Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out

*By Chief Scott Garing*

**You and your family are fast asleep when the smoke alarm sounds: Do you know what to do?**

Consider this scenario: It's 2 o'clock in the morning. You and your family are fast asleep when you are awakened to the smoke alarm sounding and the smell of smoke. What do you do? If you and your family don't have a plan in place, it could jeopardize your safety, or even prove deadly.

In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. That's why home escape planning is so critical in a fire situation. It ensures that everyone in the household knows how to use that small window of time wisely.



"Developing and practicing a home escape plan is like building muscle memory," said Scott Garing, Chief of the Harmony Fire District. "That pre-planning is what everyone will draw upon to snap into action and escape as quickly as possible in the event of a fire."

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" works to better educate the public about the critical importance of developing a home escape plan and practicing it. The Harmony Fire District is working in coordination with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the official sponsor of the Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years, to reinforce those potentially life-saving messages.

"Home escape planning is one of the most basic but fundamental elements of home fire safety and can truly make the difference between life and death in a fire situation," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy.

In support of Fire Prevention Week, Chief Garing encourages all households to develop a plan together and practice it. A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) that's a safe distance from the home.

NFPA and the Harmony Fire District offer these additional tips and recommendations for developing and practicing a home escape plan:

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave — this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

To learn more about this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out" and home escape planning, visit [firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org).

## Library News

By Maggie Boylan, Library Director

October 25 thru December 29, the Zelienople Area Public Library will be hosting a national traveling exhibition called *Explore Earth: Our Changing Planet*. This exhibit strives to make science fun with a focus on local earth science topics such as



weather and ecosystem changes and a global view of our changing planet. A free exhibit featuring hands-on activities will be available during regular Library hours. Additionally the Library will offer a series of free public programs on a variety of STEM topics for adults, families, and kids. For a complete listing of programs, please see our website at [www.zelienoplelibrary.org](http://www.zelienoplelibrary.org). *Explore Earth: Our Changing Planet* is part of the STAR Library Education Network (STAR\_Net) led by the National Center for Interactive Learning at the Space Science Institute. Exhibit partners include the American Library Association, the Lunar and Planetary Institute, and Afterschool Alliance. Explore Earth is supported through a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Are you in the mood for some laughter and a good time? The Library is hosting a comedy night fundraiser, Saturday November 18, 2017 at the Connoquenessing Country Club. Gene Collier (Pittsburgh sports writer) will be joined by his son Sean Collier and Collin Chamberlin for an evening of stand-up comedy. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Zelienople Area Public Library or online at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). Over 21 event only (cash bar). Doors open at 7 pm and the show begins at 8 pm. The Connoquenessing Country Club is located at 1512 Mercer Rd. Ellwood City, PA 16117.

We would like to give a big shout out to the Rotary Club of Zelienople! Rotary club members recently painted the Library's Community Meeting Room ceiling, floor, and walls. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people and includes tables, chairs, white board, and a TV for presentations. If you are interested in using this room for an event or meeting, please contact Library Staff at 724-452-9330 for availability and fee schedule.

Each month local student artwork from Seneca Valley School District will be on display in the Library's Teen Tomorrow Room. This month on display are three pen and ink drawings and one acrylic painting by senior Erin Piotrowski. Erin is from Cranberry and plans to apply to art schools in order to continue her art studies. Stop in and see the creativity of our local students!

Have you begun your Christmas shopping list or wish list? The Library can help with your holiday shopping. We will once again be having our Holiday Gift Bag Sale in November. For \$10 you receive a gift bag of gently used books, ready to give in a gift bag with tissue and gift tag included. Bags are marked according to subject for adults and by age group for children. The Library is also the exclusive point of sale for local artist Diane Smith's Zelienople/Harmony print collection. Nine limited edition prints make up the series, with the newest being the Old Shever Hardware Store. There are only 200 of each print and each is signed and numbered by the artist. A portion of the sale benefits the Library and order forms are available at the Library. These make a great Christmas gift!

If you would like to donate to the Library there are several ways you can do this. Visit our website [www.zelienoplelibrary.org](http://www.zelienoplelibrary.org) and click on the "Donate to the Library" link. You make a donation to our PayPal

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account, or may also contribute to the Library through AmazonSmile when you make a purchase on Amazon. If you would like to place a memorial or honor book in the Library, stop in with your suggested subject and the address of the family you would like the acknowledgement sent to and we can fill out the form with you.

If you haven't already supplied your feedback on Library hours, collections, programs, etc., the link to Library's Patron Satisfaction Survey is available on our home page. Your input is important to us, so please complete the survey.

**Donate to the Library Today!**  
You can make a donation on our website at  
[www.zelienoplelibrary.org](http://www.zelienoplelibrary.org)

The Library is facing a budget shortfall this fall and winter and if you would like to make a donation in order to support specifically the acquisition of new books and dvds for the fall and winter months, that would be wonderful. You can make a donation on our website using your credit card; click on the link "Donate to the Library" and select the PayPal option. Add a note that you want your donation to be specifically for new books and dvds. Thank you.

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## Butler County Tourism & Convention Bureau Receives DMAP Designation at Destinations International's Annual Convention

Butler County Tourism & Convention Bureau (BCTCB) was awarded the Destination Marketing Accreditation Program (DMAP) seal by Destinations International in recognition of the organization's commitment to industry excellence and meeting the industry standard for performance and accountability of destination organizations around the world.

The accreditation program requires a destination organization to successfully comply with a multitude of mandatory and voluntary standards that span a variety of performance areas to gain this achievement. The standards cover nearly all aspects related to the management and marketing of destination organizations including governance, finance, human resources, sales, communications, destination development, and research. BCTCB joins the ranks of over 200 destination organizations worldwide who have obtained DMAP recognition.

"By achieving DMAP accreditation, the Bureau is positioned as a valued and respected organization within the tourism community and increases our

credibility among stakeholders," said Jack Cohen, President of the Butler County Tourism & Convention Bureau.

### ABOUT DESTINATIONS INTERNATIONAL:

Destinations International (formerly Destination Marketing Association International) is the world's largest resource for official destination organizations, convention and visitors bureaus (CVBs) and tourism boards. Destinations International is about serving destination marketing professionals first and foremost. Together with more than 4,700 members and partners from nearly 600 destinations in approximately 15 countries, Destinations International represents a powerful forward-thinking, collaborative association; exchanging bold ideas, connecting innovative people and elevating tourism to its highest potential. For more information, visit [www.destinationsinternational.org](http://www.destinationsinternational.org).



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However, this will bring change to the park and we ask for your support and consideration in accepting these changes. Due to the concern for parking for the new pool it has been decided/approved to move the SkatePark directly across the street or to the west of the new pool. This change will allow for some 20+/- new parking spaces for the parks core area along with several ADA parking spaces directly across from the new pools entrance. Additionally, the current peewee ball field will be replaced with a T-ball field allowing for less congestion in the core parking area as well as paving the way for future parking alternatives.

**The SkatePark Committee still needs your continued support.** As we near the end of the year please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the SkatePark and help make this dream come true! We are also encouraging local businesses, churches, organizations, and residents to consider sponsoring one of the many skate features in the new design (for more details of sponsorships please contact the Skatepark thru the parks webpage: [myzeliepark.org](http://myzeliepark.org)). Feel free to contact us if you have any questions at (724) 452-0231.

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\*We will continue to update progress on our Facebook page so keep an eye out for any notices.

### **Phase II – Spring Street to Beaver Street:**

\*Plans are continuing for the funding, design and contracts for the next phase of the Revitalization Streetscape Main Street project.

Also, we are planning on a public session that will allow the Borough, Main Street Revitalization

Committee and the Business Association to explain the number of grant programs and assistance that we are bringing to the community to improve economic development in Zelienople. We will give you more when this is finalized.

Lastly, our Town Clock is very close to being finished. We expect it to be back and operational for the Christmas Parade on November 25, 2017. You will be amazed at the results. Installation will be in mid-November.

## COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDAR

Park Clean Up Day  
Zelienople Community Park  
November 11, 2017 10:00 AM

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot: 5K and 1 mile  
CVE Parking Lot  
November 23, 2017 8:00 AM

Zelienople Annual Christmas Parade  
Main Street, Zelienople  
November 25, 2017 11:00 AM

Christmas in the Park featuring the  
Jimmy Burr Christmas Display  
Zelienople Community Park  
December 1 - 3, 2017 11:00 AM

Zelienople Historical Society  
25<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Home Tour  
Passavant House  
December 2, 2017  
Call (724) 452-9457 or (724) 452-6471 for tickets. Would you like to show your home or part of it? Call Marietta at (724) 452-6472.

Glade Run Hosts Free Polar Express Event  
The Strand Theater  
December 2, 2017 11:00 AM or 2:00 PM  
Visit [www.gladerun.org](http://www.gladerun.org) for more information. Reserve seats by calling Cheryl Martin at (724) 452-4453 x 1277 or email at [cmartin@gladerun.org](mailto:cmartin@gladerun.org).

Abundant Lights: A Passavant  
Christmas Festival  
Lutheran SeniorLife Passavant  
December 2, 2017 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Call (724) 452-1620 for more information.

VISIT [WWW.ZELIEBORO.ORG](http://WWW.ZELIEBORO.ORG) FOR MORE EVENT INFORMATION