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## New Pool Construction Update



Construction date is set! As soon as the 2017 season comes to a close on September 4th, we will begin demolition and construction of the new pool.

This exciting design is a state of the art modern facility which will offer ADA accessibility, heated water, zero depth entry access, fountain features, diving boards, slides, and swimming lanes for fitness training and competitive meets. There will be something for all ages and abilities.

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Stay tuned for timeline of grand reopening as construction progress will be weather related.

We still haven't met our fundraising goal! Help us make additional upgrades by purchasing an engraved brick paver or participating in any of our upcoming fundraising events. Go to [www.myzeliepark.org](http://www.myzeliepark.org) for more information.

## Borough Code Now Online

As part of the borough's overall efforts to improve services to its citizens, Zelienople Borough has put its complete municipal code online. To use the new electronic version of the Code, visit the borough's website at: <http://www.ecode360.com/ZE2514>.

The new online Code provides convenient access to the borough's ordinances in a feature-rich format that has been specifically designed for optimal viewing on desktops and laptops as well as smartphones and tablet devices. Partnering with General Code, the innovative leader in municipal codification, the borough's online Code offers the

most flexible access for its citizens from any location – at home, at work or on-the-go.

Designed to be easy-to-use and search-friendly, the user experience is intuitive, elegant and highly functional. By simply entering a keyword or two, search results will provide the information needed within seconds.

Our new online Code is one more valuable tool for our citizens to gain access to the information they need, when they need it. Convenient, free access to our Code of Laws benefits our citizens, our

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## Zelienople Airport News

By Russell Robertson/Tom Surgalski, Airport Authority



The Zelienople Airport Authority continues to work on an array of projects that include runway replacement, relocation of part of Route 288,

development of conservation and recreational areas, and providing the basis for business growth in our area. These projects require review and approval of many state and federal agencies and easement holders such as utilities.

In late August, the Authority hosted an informational meeting with these impacted groups. The primary question raised was if they

wanted to deal with each of our projects; or, combine them (for management and approval purposes). Subsequently it was decided that all projects would be carried out “under a single umbrella” using the Act 89 procedures.

The Authority’s focus for 2017 will be these projects.

The updated Zelienople Airport will provide safety improvements, especially for users of Route 288 as well as the pilots and passengers using the airport. An additional benefit is the effort to provide public areas for environmental education.

## Borough Now Accepts Credit Cards for Utility Payments

The Borough of Zelienople is now offering the convenience of accepting credit cards for electric and water bill payments. You can pay your utility bill at the borough office or from the comfort of your home or office by using our online billpay service by visiting <https://logicsolbp.com/zelie/admin/login.aspx>.

We will not be accepting any payments over the phone.

Payments accepted are Visa and MasterCard. There is a convenience fee of \$4.00 per transaction with a maximum payment amount of \$2,000.00. Balances more than \$2,000.00 can make multiple transactions with an

additional convenience fee applied with each transaction. The convenience fee will strictly be charged in order to provide this convenient service to you. There is a link on the borough website homepage to access online billpay to pay your borough utility bill online. Residents and property owners will also be able to pay utility bills with a credit card in the borough administrative office during normal business hours at 111 W. New Castle Street.



## Zelienople Community Park News

Tired of being inside this winter? Need to get the kids out and about? Then....

Join us for an afternoon of fun in the snow on February 18<sup>th</sup> from 12PM - 4PM. Activities

include snowman building contest (as long as there is snow), snowball softball, fireside chats with the new park and pool managers, scavenger hunt, hot chocolate and cookies. So come on down to park for some winter fun!



Skatepark Fish Frys start March 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, American Legion on West New Castle Street, Eat in or take out.

Fried or baked fish, mac and cheese, coleslaw, dessert. Adults \$10 Kids \$6.

Jump into the pool for March Madness! All proceeds go to the new pool fund. Make your picks on our website: [www.myzeliepark.org](http://www.myzeliepark.org).



### ZELIENOPLE MEMORIAL SKATEPARK

The Skate Park Committee is excited to announce that on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> we received notification from DCNR that on behalf of Governor Tom Wolf the Zelienople Community Park has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the future development of the Skate Park. This is exciting news for our community and brings us one step closer to our overall goal in seeing this project come to fruition. With the commitment from the state for this grant along with the near \$200k we have raised thru our fundraising efforts we are now near 70% of our budget. Please consider donating to this project and help see this dream come true.

## Meet Our New Additions to the Park Staff



Hello! My name is **Laurie Berie**, I am the new park manager at Zelienople Community Park. I have thirteen years of park board and management experience as well as a very strong background in customer service and event planning.

I currently reside in Emsworth, however, have always been drawn to the Zelienople area and its quaintness. A good community park is an important asset to any community. I look forward to not only enhancing the current programs and activities at the park, but also making sure that there are activities for all ages and walks of life. I would like to see all of the local residents enjoy everything that our park has to offer.



Hi Everyone! My name is **Ashley Hazlett** and I am a new resident of the area. I hold a Master's Degree in Park and Resource Management, as well as work at the Jackson Township Municipal Building.

I am excited to announce that Jackson Township is teaming up with Zelienople Community Park to expand our recreation Programming. I look forward to helping plan and promote a number of activities and seasonal festivals in the park. We all live in a great area and we want the residents to take full advantage of the wonderful park and events that will be held. I look forward to meeting all the locals at the park this year. Cheers!

## What's Happening at the Library this Winter?



A lot of things are planned for this winter at the Zelianople Area Public Library. For children each week we have Toddler Tuesdays for 2 and 3 year olds, Wee Ones on Wednesdays for newborns to 24 months and Preschool Storytime on Thursdays for 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Each of these storytimes begins at 10:30 am. We also have Family Storytime for ages 2-7 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 5 pm. Amazing Mondays are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month for K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grades at 5 pm and include crafts, games and activities for older children. We also have Pages & Paws the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 5 pm. Children are invited to practice their reading aloud to Roxy, our certified dog volunteer. All programs are free and do not require registration.

Upcoming adult events include genealogy workshops, adult coloring night and a decorated egg class. Our Genealogy Club will meet Monday, January 30 at 6:30 pm for a session. Sessions are

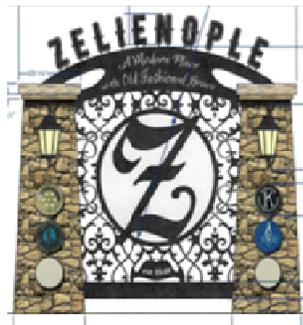
lead by Seneca Valley School Librarian and genealogist, Susan Ennis and include tips and techniques for research. All levels of genealogy buffs are welcome. Adult Coloring Night is Monday February 13. The evening's project will be coloring bookmarks. Bookmarks will be provided. Bring your own pencils or markers if you wish. Genealogy and Coloring Night are free programs, but registration is appreciated. The Egg Decorating Class is Saturday, March 25 at 10 am. The class is \$10 per person. Each participant will make an egg to take home and receive a set of decorating tools. The class is intended for adults, but older children may come accompanied by an adult. The class size is limited, so registration is required by March 16.

Current library hours are Mondays 10 am to 8 pm, Tuesdays thru Thursdays 10 am to 6 pm and Saturdays 9 am to 4 pm. For schedule changes and weather cancelations call us at (724) 452-9330, check our website, [zelienoplelibrary.org](http://zelienoplelibrary.org), or like us on facebook.

## What are Gateways?

Have you noticed the welcome signs strategically located in five places in the Borough? Sure, they are those wooden signs with various community club logos that were installed during the 1970's! They mark the entrances to Zelianople Borough at Route 19 South, Route 19 North, Route 68/East Grandview Avenue, Route 68/West Beaver Street and Routes 288/588 Split/West New Castle Street.

The Zelianople Business Association and other community organizations took note of these welcome signs, and thought the signs needed an update, a new approach. Very generic, these old signs represented nothing of Zelianople's character and did not project the excitement of the revitalization effort of Main Street. A team composed of interested business people, community club members, government leaders and Borough



staff met to brainstorm on the future welcome signs. Knowing that perceptions of a community occurs along its primary roadway corridors and entrances, or Gateways, it became important to begin the planning of new signs that not only define Zelianople's character and livability, but also create a cohesive identity and reflect the desired image of the community.

Working with Ray Raccon and his company Sign Innovations, the committee developed the theme Please see *Gateways* on page 6

## Harmony Fire District 2016 ISO Rating



The recently created Harmony Fire District, covering the four municipal jurisdictions of Zelenople and Harmony Boroughs and Jackson and Lancaster Townships, was recently informed by Insurance

Services Office, Inc. (ISO) of an improvement to the insurance rating for the entire District to an ISO Class 3 / 8-B. This means that most property owners, depending on their insurance carrier, may be eligible for rate reductions based on the proximity to a recognized municipal hydranted water supply. The Insurance Services Office, Inc. evaluates fire protection capabilities, water supply and emergency communications (9-1-1 service), to determine appropriate levels of service based on recognized national standards. All property owners are encouraged to contact their insurance carriers to determine if they are eligible for any savings on their home owners or business insurance policies.

Fire Chief Scott Garing stated, "The process of working with ISO took more than a year in the making and a lot of documentation to validate the successful merger of the former Zelenople Fire Department and Harmony Fire Company into the new Harmony Fire District". "We had to wait until the all of the legal paperwork was finalized by the state and Butler County to prove who we were, then we had to be fully engaged in training, emergency response, and sharing apparatus under one name.

While waiting for that to happen, Deputy Fire Chief Rob Reeb began obtaining Geographic Information System (GIS) data for all hydrants in the four communities. Zelenople, Harmony, and PA American Water Company were more than willing to work with the project and offered full

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participation. Additionally, six firefighters volunteered 2 days of time in late July of 2016 to test hydrants under the guidance of ISO. This was the first time in nearly 10 years that an outside agency did actual flow testing on the three water systems in the district.

All water systems have made major improvements in recent years. Zelenople closed their water treatment plant, and now purchases water from Beaver Falls and stores it in two-1 million gallon tanks. Harmony has consolidated three old tanks into one new, larger elevated tank, and PA American has expanded their system with additional pump stations throughout Jackson and Lancaster Townships. Hydrants were tested throughout both boroughs, and in the townships from near the Cranberry Township line to Middle Lancaster and Whitestown Road. Garing further stated, "There are hydrants in places now that we never imagined before, and most of them provide great pressure. It all helped in our rating".

Butler County 9-1-1 has also made significant improvements in technology and staffing which also contributes to the improved rating. Everyone in Butler County benefits from 9-1-1.

Garing added, "The final step in the process was the evaluation of the new Fire District. We had to produce documents of membership, training, and fire response as one free-standing organization. This included what units responded on fire calls and how many personnel responded to do the job. We are on a path to further success".

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officials, business leaders and others who want to do business in Zelenople borough.

General Code is a Rochester, NY-based company whose technological innovations are designed to support municipal efforts to deliver service excellence in an increasingly digital and mobile world. The Borough of Zelenople joins with more than 1,800 other municipal governments providing technologically advanced online Code access via General Code's exclusive eCode360® service in order to offer more effective and efficient constituent service.

Access to the Borough's eCode is available at:  
[www.zelieboro.org](http://www.zelieboro.org).

## Borough Trivia Question

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

Watch for the next newsletter for the answer to this trivia question.

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"Zelenople, A Modern Place with Old Fashioned Grace" for the direction of the Gateway Signs. Many design elements of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Zelenople were incorporated into shaping the plan, including beautiful stonework, intricate rod iron features, classic street post lamps plus a display area for logos of contributing community organizations. Many of these features will be integrated into the Main Street revitalization, including the striking "Z" symbol.

We are looking for more community groups and our residents to volunteer in the realization of these signs to include fund raising, labor in the

installation, landscaping, and beautification and their on-going maintenance. Interested? Contact Dan Fritch at 724 452-8220 or Shelly Kaltenbaugh at 724 452-3002.

