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Important Notice

By Don Pepe, Borough Manager

This note is for all in town, but especially all residents and businesses that have property along the various streams and runs in town. Recently there has been a large amount of debris coming down the run that starts in the park and goes to the underground piping at High Street. We have asked before and now ask again to all on that stream to **NOT** put debris or other materials near the run that can be swept downstream where it causes significant damage to others.

I am sure this is happening because you are not thinking about it, but please do your best to refrain from placing anything that can be washed downstream. The latest materials which caused flooding were landscape timbers that blocked the drain at High Street.

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We are asking for your voluntary assistance to keep this problem down all through the year. It is not our desire to enforce this with legal action or fines, but will do so in order to maintain public safety.

I thank you for your consideration.

The Zelienople Borough Notification System

By Chad Garland, Public Works Director

During emergency situations, the ability to share information quickly and effectively have been a priority for the borough. We have partnered with Swiftreach Networks (SWIFT911) for several years and have had very successful notification campaigns launched over the years.

Feedback from residents during the past notification of a power outage, affecting several hundred residents, brought some of the short falls up for discussion.

The number one reason we miss out on notifying someone is incorrect or outdated contact information. Please take the time to update your information. Just like changing the batteries in the smoke detectors or having candles and flashlights available, updated



emergency contacts are tools needed for emergency situations.

Emergency notifications are sent out via phone, text, and email. Non-emergency information messages are sent via text and email.

Residents with special needs may want to have a caretaker or family member added to their contact lists.

You can update your contact information on the Borough of Zelienople's website by following the link for SWIFT911 on the homepage. You can Please see *Swift911* on page 6

Snow Removal

By Don Pepe, Borough Manager

This time of year always brings up issues of snow removal, street clearing, and sidewalk clearing. Let me give you a clear explanation of what the rules are.

First, it is imperative that you try to remove all vehicles from the road in order to assist our staff to be able to plow and salt. Cars in the roadway present two problems: 1) they are in the way and roads cannot get cleared well and 2) they can be accidently hit causing damage to your vehicle and our equipment. Please take them off the streets if at all possible. If a snow emergency is issued, you will be ticketed; if it is not issued, then please be cooperative to make the situation better.

Second, Borough Code Section 232-1 (A) & (B) states that no one is allowed to remove snow from private residential or commercial property or parking lots or driveways and place it in the streets. This is necessary to insure that the roads stay open and safe which is the borough's main

concern. It is suggested that you always plow or shovel snow "upstream" from you sidewalk or driveway, thereby lessening any plowing back into your property. Keep the snow on your property! It is inevitable that plowing will cause you to be unhappy from time to time, but it is not intentional. It is necessary to keep the roads open. I have asked the police to keep this in mind during snow events.

Sidewalks are to be cleared by the property owner within 24 hours of a snow or ice event. But be aware that common sense prevails here to keep those walking areas safe. Do your best to keep all residential and commercial properties clear. This is especially true in the commercial Main Street corridor. I have asked that this be enforced aggressively.

You will be notified of any snow emergency declaration by the Swift Reach system.

All in all common courtesy, common sense, and a cooperative attitude goes a long way to making it as easy as possible. We work hard to keep you safe and on the road. Please do your share as well.

The Eckhart Trust was created for residents of Zelienople Borough having polio or cancer and in need of financial assistance. Please contact Thomas Oliverio at (724) 452-8685 if you or you know of someone living in Zelienople Borough who may benefit from this trust. -Eckhart Trust Fund Board of Trustees

New Pool Construction Update

By Zelienople Community Park Association

It's been a long journey, but we are in the bidding process and will be awarding contracts soon! Demolition will begin shortly. Our new pool will boast diving boards, in pool loungers, zero entry, shade areas, tot areas, in water play features, and competitive lanes to mention just some of the amazing amenities. The bathhouse will receive interior and exterior upgrades along with the addition of an ADA accessible, family bathroom.

However, after a review of construction timelines and recognizing the uncertainties of mother nature, we have determined that the **new pool will not be ready** for the 2018 season. We know this may be disappointing for many of our patrons, but

our focus is to build the highest quality aquatic facility with attention to detail. We ask for your patience and understanding as we begin this exciting process. It will be worth the wait.

Is our work finished? Not yet! We still need your help! Our fundraising initiative now focuses on projects above and beyond the scope of the grant such as bathhouse upgrades, new deck furniture, and landscaping improvements. Please consider supporting us through our special events (such as Big Truck Day, Zelig On Tap, Dining for Dollars) or by purchasing an engraved brick paver in memory or in honor of a special person. (Go to www.myzeliepark.org)

Zelienople Community Park News

James A. Ayers Sr. Amphitheater

2018 Summer Concert Series

- June 9–Fungus, Habatat
- June 23–Major Morgan, Harmony Hot Haus
- July 4–Chris Denem (Tribute to Neil Diamond)
- July 7–Wine and Spirits, Stationery Pebbles
- July 21–Spin Cycle
- August 4–Dizzy Woosh, Charm and Chain
- August 18–Flashback
- September 8–Major Morgan (Skate park Fundraiser)

Reservations are now being accepted for shelter rentals. Newly renovated Shelters 3 and 4 are the perfect spot for mid-sized gatherings. Pricing and reservation forms can be found on our website: <https://myzeliepark.org/shelters/shelters-general-information>



Fun Fridays in the Park– June 15th through

August 10th

Community Day–July 4th

Pig Roast– July 21st

Skatepark Fundraiser–September 8th

Zelie On Tap–October 13th

Monster Mash Bash–October 27th

Do you have a skill that you would like to share? Maybe you are a skilled Bocce Ball player. Maybe you just like to stroll through the woods looking at nature. If you have an interest you would like to share with the community or would like to volunteer to help with summer programming, please call Laurie at (724) 452-0231



Big Truck Day

Saturday, May 19

11:00am–2:00pm

A hands-on opportunity to explore working trucks and specialty vehicles of all types. Venture up into the park to enjoy craft vendors, food trucks, and music.

A day of fun for the entire family.

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Winter Wonders from the Zelenople Area Library



We have lots of great programs going on to help you beat the winter blahs and shake off your cabin fever! For the teen and tween crowd, we are starting a new program, Teen Movie Night on January 29 at 6:30 pm and Teen Career Day on February 10 from 2 pm to 4 pm. We are also beginning an Anime Club in March for teens. The library continues to showcase artwork by Seneca Valley Middle and High School Students in the Library's Teen Tomorrow Room. Please stop by to see the latest exhibit of two dimensional work by SVSD 7th and 8th graders: Payton Aloï, Gretchen Keller, Adrien Koromaus, Rachel Kremmel, Alastair Smolic, and Thomas Zimmerman.

Chess Club meets the first and third Saturday of each month from 2 pm to 4 pm and is open to all ages and levels of chess players. Adult Coloring Nights are the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Projects and materials are provided free of charge or you may bring your own supplies to work with in a relaxing atmosphere. Genealogy is from 10 am to 12 pm on the fourth Monday of the month. Our newest adult program is Spanish Conversation Hour, which is held on the fourth Monday of the month from 6 pm to 7 pm. The hour is open to all and will provide those attending a chance to converse with others in Spanish, whether they are fluent speakers, new to the language or just hoping to refresh their speaking skills. In April the Library has plans for special activities for families living with autism and will also begin offering Senior Memory Cafes for our older patrons. All of these programs are free, open to anyone and do not require registration.

Did you get a new gadget for Christmas and need to figure it out? On Saturday January 27, we will have a Device Day from 1 pm to 3 pm. Bring in your eReaders, cameras, and phones and we will have teen volunteers and library staff on hand to help you over the hurdles. Also, if you can't make it to this event, you can always contact the library to set up

a one on one session with a staff member to address topics such as introduction to MS Excel, Word, Internet, researching from home using library research databases, downloading eBooks or eAudios available from our website, intro to Facebook, etc. Another great resource available from our website is Freegal, a catalog of downloadable music files from all genres of listening. All free with your library card. Visit www.zelenoplelibrary.org and click on the Resources tab, then select Electronic Resources, and finally, scroll through our selection of databases for fun and learning.

The library has recently added faxing to our list of services. Faxing is \$1.00 per page and you will receive a report stating destination, date, time, and amount of pages once your fax has been sent.

Miss Staci's fantastic line up of children's programming continues through May with Toddler Storytime on Tuesdays for two year olds, Wee Ones on Wednesdays for 0 to 23 months, and Preschool Storytime for 3-5 year olds. Storytimes all begin at 10:30 am on the designated day. Amazing Mondays for elementary students is 5 pm to 6 pm the second and fourth Monday of each month. Pages & Paws is the second Thursday of the month from 5 pm to 6 pm and involves children practicing their reading skills to a certified therapy dog in a fun, non-critical atmosphere. Saturday activities include Block Play and Lego Club. Check the calendar of programs on the library's website for times and dates. New to the programming line-up is **Homeschool Afternoons** on the third Wednesday of the month starting at 2 pm. We are very excited about this new program for Home Schoolers in our area and hope you come and check out what Ms. Staci is planning for the Home Schoolers in our community. Children's programs are free and require no pre-registration to attend unless otherwise stated. Come build, create, and imagine.

Our jigsaw puzzle and cookbook sale will also be in February. There will be lots of great stuff and everything is priced at \$1. Please see *Library* on page 6

Harmony Fire District: 2017 In a Nutshell

By Rob Reeb, Deputy Fire Chief



We had a fantastic year led by Chief Scott Garing! Deputy Chief Rob Reeb, Assistant Chief Brian Dambaugh, 1st Captain John Kovacic, 2nd Captain Josh Rader, 1st Lieutenant Matt Coyner, 2nd

Lieutenant Doug Pickett, 3rd Lieutenant Scott George, President Tim Sapienza, Vice President Fred Bowser, Treasurer Rodney Knies, Secretary Wayne Seibel, and Trustees Jim John, Jill Madaffri and Justin Hart.

Below is a brief description of just a few of the different committees that help drive the district each year. Many of these committee members are not in the list above, but we could not operate without them.

Membership:

Many of the news articles you read today will mention that the number of new volunteers is dropping. With the help of some new strategies and many man hours by the committee, we can report that our membership is growing. We still need help! We need daylight support as it takes many people that are available at different times during the day to keep this machine running. We look forward to working with you in any of the current available fire district committees; it's not all about fire.

Training:

Statistics for active firefighting training:

- In-House training: 4,564 hours
- Outside venue training: 2,366 hours
- Total: 6,930 hours
- 67% of the entire fire district possess pro-board certificates.
- 75% of the interior firefighters have Firefighter 1 certification.

2017 certifications earned:

- Firefighter 1: 1 certification
- Firefighter 2: 6 certifications

- Emergency Medical Technician: 1 certification
- PA DOH Vehicle Rescue Technician: 3 certifications
- 1006 Core & VM1: 1 certification
- Fire Instructor 1: 3 certifications
- Fire Instructor 2: 1 certification
- Hazmat Incident Command: 1 certification
- Health and Safety Officer: 1 certification
- ISO: 1 certification
- Fire Officer: 1 certification
- Driver Operator: 2 certifications

Truck Committee:

2017 all fire department equipment was rebranded. After completing specification requirements and clarifications, our new ladder truck was entered into service. If you haven't seen Ladder 22, please stop by for a tour; it's a very impressive piece of equipment!

Auxiliary:

This group continues to grow and supports the fire district and local community in many ways. They collected needed items to "Stuff A Truck" and delivered them to local senior living centers, maintain food stands during Harmony events, organize the fire department picnic, cook and serve the annual Christmas dinner for the members, and etc.

Raffle:

- 2017 Ford F-250 truck raffle in September
- Whole beef raffle on Christmas Eve.



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register multiple phone numbers and email addresses. Additionally, a form has been provided with the newsletter. If you fill out the form, please return it to the Zelenople Police Department. The alert system is free; however standard text messaging rates from your carrier may apply.

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Western Pennsylvania CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) will be at the library on Monday February 5 at 6:30 pm to present a program on family preparedness for disasters. They will also be introducing the role CERT can play in our communities in times of need and how you can participate. Volunteers of all ages and skill sets are needed. Please join us for this civic and social literacy event and help move PA forward.

Also, the AARP tax assistance program will run their annual no-charge tax assistance program in the Library's Community Meeting Room each Thursday (Feb 1 through April 12th) from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. You can make an appointment by calling 2-1-1.

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SAFER GROUP:

Adams Fire District, Callery Fire Department, Cranberry Township Fire Department, Evans City Fire Department, and the Harmony Fire District spent a lot of time working and organizing the 'SAFER GROUP' (Standard Actions For Emergency Response). This group has five different companies all working together as one during an emergency by using the same JOG (Joint Operating Guidelines). Many man hours were required to put this together, but everyone agreed it was needed.

We look forward to serving you throughout 2018 and would also look forward to working with you. Stop by for an application.

NEW AFTER HOURS CONTACT INFORMATION

The Borough of Zelenople after hours contact number has changed. To report service interruptions after regular business hours, call (412) 847-2114. The Borough is not liable in the case of a service interruption, but agrees to restore service as quickly as possible.

The after-hours phone number listed on the back of the utility bills is temporary out of service.

And last, our dedicated Library Board and fundraising committee is kicking off 2018 with a fun new event! Please mark your calendar for "Cash Blast," a game filled evening featuring big payouts from a reverse auction and group heads or tails, being held on Friday April 27th 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Spring Street Café. Only 100 spots will be available so purchase your ticket now! Ticket price includes complimentary cocktails, beer or wine, and appetizers. Two ticket types are available for attendees, single for \$100 and couple for \$175. Tickets are available on Eventbrite: Zelenople Area Public Library Cash Blast. This is an over 21 event. Winner need not be present to win. Tickets are non-refundable and proceeds benefit the library.

For questions about any of these events, call the library at (724) 452-9330 or visit our website www.zelienoplelibrary.org.