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Main Street Revitalization Update

By Borough Manager Don Pepe

Over the last few months since our last Newsletter article much has happened in our Main Street plan and construction project. You may have seen the activity in the building of the parking lot. You may have also seen that the progress has been somewhat confusing with walls and stairways being built and then taken down only to be rebuilt. This has been a frustrating situation due to the construction company making some choices and mistakes that the Borough would not accept. We required that the standards be met and would accept nothing less. Therefore, we required that the work be done again.....correctly. Rest assured that the cost of this is on the contractor and not on borough funds. We are looking out for the taxpayer so that it is paid for only when it is correct.

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We believe these problems are behind us and the parking lot will soon be completed. The second phase of this project has begun and you will be seeing paving by the end of October, with finishing touches soon thereafter. The parking lot will be a welcome addition to our business district and will be helpful to all citizens in the community.

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Curbside Leaf Collection

By Chad Garland, Public Works Director

I would like 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

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A Piece of Zelenople History is Preserved as a Landmark

By Borough Manager Don Pepe



The iconic Town Clock that hangs on the corner of Main and West New Castle Streets in Zelenople has been given to the borough. The clock, built in the 1920's was privately owned by resident Robert Householder. Householder recently donated the iconic clock to Zelenople as part of the Borough's Main Street Revitalization project. "The Town Clock" is attached to a 100-year-old building Householder purchased in 1997.

Borough Manager Don Pepe said "The borough will have the responsibility for maintenance and care for the future and allow it to be part of our Main Street effort. It is possible the clock's chimes may also be replaced". The chimes originally were removed because people staying in the hotel portion of the adjacent Kaufman House complained about the noise and damage done by vehicles striking the clock caused it to be removed. Pepe also noted that "what is important is that donating the clock ensures it will be properly maintained at that location."

The next step is to remove the clock and send it to the company that will do the repairs/ refurbishment to determine what needs done and when it can be returned to the site. We will keep you up to date on this project as it progresses. Soon we can all say "I'll meet you under the Clock" on our new Main Street.

Borough to Accept Credit Cards for Utility Payments

The Borough of Zelenople will soon be offering the convenience of accepting credit cards for electric and water bill payments. You will be able to make payment online or at the Borough Office. We will not be accepting payment over the phone.

Payments that will be accepted will be Visa and MasterCard. A per transaction convenience fee of \$4.00 will be charged to cardholders who use this service. The convenience fee will strictly be



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charged in order to provide this convenient service to you. When available, there will be a link on the borough website to access the page to pay your borough utility bill online.

Zelienople Community Park News

Zelie on Tap – October 8th. Tickets are available on Eventbrite at eventbrite.com and the Zelienople Area Public Library at zelienoplelibrary.org.

Paving the Way Brick Campaign – Our "Paving the Way" brick campaign is in full swing now. Honor or memorialize a loved one or promote your business with an engraved brick paver while supporting our New Pool Construction Fund. Order online at www.myzeliepark.org, stop in the Borough Office for a brochure or call for more information 724-452-0231.

Shelter Update – Rapp or Small rotary shelter is being moved into the playground area.

Additional improvements to Shelter #3 are being made, with renovations planned for Shelter #4 in 2017.

Check your inbox for more upcoming events including: Halloween fun, Our Annual Turkey Trot, Cookies with Santa, The Jim and Vicky Bussard Christmas display in our park and more!

Harmony Fire District Open House

By Robert Reeb, Harmony Fire District Deputy Fire Chief

Harmony Fire District held its first ever Open House on June 30, 2016 from 6 to 8 PM.

This Open House was held on the same evening as a concert in the Harmony Square to educate residents about fire safety, community volunteering and the new look of the District itself.

Fire District President Tim Sapienza requested 'all hands on deck' for the event and it's a good thing because many people attended and stayed to visit. Mike Nanna and his committee organized the event with many kid friendly activities.

Many thanks to T&M Hardware for the bounce house and to Cranberry Fire Department for the Home Fire House Training Trailer and Fire



Where: Zelienople Community Park

When: Saturday, October 8th

Sessions: 3-6PM and 7-10PM

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

Munch: With Best Eats and Treats, Voodoo, Wok of Life, ShuBrew

Jam: Full Concert Line Up featuring Renegade Roosters, Dizzy Woosh and Bastard Bearded Irishmen

Discover: Zelienople 16063

Tickets available on Eventbrite: Zelie On Tap

\$40/session- Beer Tasting and Concert Admission or \$10 Concert Admission only

All proceeds benefit The Zelienople Community Park New Pool Initiative

and The Zelienople Area Public Library

(No outside food. coolers. alcohol permitted)

Extinguisher Training Station. Lieutenant Doug Pickett and assistants made a fire hose game for the kids that was a big hit. Harmony EMS was on hand for CPR Training and food was available from the Fire District Auxiliary.

We need your help to be able to continue the professional services that are currently being offered by this Fire District; everyone has a gift or a special talent that can help us provide to the community. Don't just sit there, come out and help.

Please keep your eyes open on our Facebook page for our next Open House and many other activities: www.harmonyfire22.org

We look forward to seeing you.

Do You Know Waste and Recycling Container Etiquette?

By Shelly Kaltenbaugh, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer

Did you know that there are standards and regulations governing waste containers and collection day? Yes, per Ordinance 676, The Solid Waste Management Ordinance of 1992, all residents of Zelienople must follow these simple directives.

- **WASTE CONTAINERS AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS** may be placed at the curb the evening prior to COLLECTION DAY. That container shall have a tight fitting cover, suitable lifting handles and a capacity of not less than 10 gallons or more than 40 gallons. *No waste is permitted to protrude over the top of the waste container.*
- Disposable plastic bags or sacks are acceptable containers, provided they have been specifically

designed for waste disposal. These bags shall be secured tightly at the top and be no larger than 30 gallons in size.

- All containers, whether reusable or disposable, shall be tightly covered at all times, and shall be used and maintained so as to prevent public nuisances.
- **WASTE COLLECTION DAYS** are designated Monday through Saturday, between the hours of 6:00 AM and 9:00 PM. **ALL WASTE CONTAINERS AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS MUST BE RETURNED BY THE END OF THEIR WASTE COLLECTION DAY** and properly stored on the property owner's/renter's property.

Please see *Container Etiquette* on page 5

Borough Council brings on a Junior Council Member for 2016–2017



Over the years the Zelienople Borough Council has had four (4) talented young students serve as Junior Council Persons. This year we are happy to add another student, Ethan Mooney to that list. Ethan is a senior at Seneca Valley High School and is already a real presence in our community. Ethan approached the Borough regarding the program and wondered if he would qualify and he did without a question.

Just a little history of the Junior Council Person (JCP) Program in Pennsylvania was started in 1999 with the belief that the outreach of both the community to the youth and the youth to the community can build boroughs toward the future. The Program has been successful across the state, allowing many high school and college students the opportunity to learn the structure and procedures of local government.

Borough Council President Allen Bayer stated that “Council is very pleased to have Ethan volunteer to be our Junior Council Person. Ethan is very engaged in many activities and very willing to express his thoughts to Council. It is quite refreshing for Council to have input from Ethan, on our many issues, who represents the youth of Zelig.”

Borough Manager Don Pepe noted, “The JCP is a wonderful program to expose students to local government and how important it is in our lives. Most people take it for granted and often do not know its role. Local government is the type of government that touches our lives daily and in ways that are most important, such as police, fire, public works, snow removal, etc. are only a few ways that touch us all.” He further states, “Ethan is the latest student to take on this challenge and I am sure he will be successful. I look forward to working with him this school year.”

Ethan has already begun his term and will be an active part of the Borough Council until the spring of 2017.

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But the lot is only the first of the many pieces to this project puzzle. We are also ready to put out for bid the Main Street Streetscape portion of the project with both sides of the street between New Castle and Spring Streets being the project area. It is our intention to bury all utilities and construct new sidewalks and curbing through that area with new lighting and signals as well. It is an aggressive undertaking that will remake the look of our business district. The future phases of the project will extend this design both north to the bridge and south to Beaver Street. This phase also includes needed electric utility upgrades both on Clay and High Streets in order to provide power to the parking lot and the Main Street corridor.

Lastly, the Kaufman House project is being revamped so as to be able to have this piece of the puzzle also be underway by year end. The Kaufman House is a jewel of our community that will be redone and reopened as soon as possible. There

are many people involved in this part of our project and we are very grateful for their time, talents, and commitment to reopening our iconic business.

This Main Street project is not an easy undertaking with many moving parts to consider and keep track of through all aspects of this initial first phase. I want to thank all that are involved on borough staff, our engineer, consultants, State Senator Vogel and State Representative Marshall for their steadfast support, the Main Street Revitalization Committee for their tireless efforts, and of course our Borough Council who have the vision and commitment to make this project become a reality.

I also want to thank all of the citizens and business folks in town who have supported this project and will have to undergo some inconvenience in order for the project to be completed. Without you and your support it would be very hard to make this happen.

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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 tentatively scheduled for October 24th, 2016. 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.



Leaf Collection to Tentatively Begin October 24, 2016

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.

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Container Etiquette from page 4

- All reusable WASTE CONTAINERS AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS shall be kept in a sanitary condition; the unit shall be kept clean through rinsing, draining and disinfecting as necessary.

Should WASTE CONTAINERS OR RECYCLING CONTAINERS not be returned to the property owner's/renter's property within the designated time frame, a first notice shall be posted on the waste container or recycling container. The Borough is hoping for cooperation from its citizens in following container etiquette as enforcement of the Solid Waste Management Ordinance should only be a last resort effort. However with continued violation, specifically the WASTE CONTAINERS OR RECYCLING CONTAINERS remaining at curbside for days after collection, the property owner be shall cited and if found guilty before the Magisterial District Judge may be fined not less than \$25.00 or no more than \$1,000.00 plus costs.

Please be respectful to your neighborhood, after collection; please return waste containers or recycling containers to your property. Its great exercise!

COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDAR

Zelie Mud Run Zelienople Community Park October 2, 2016 9:00 am	Country Fall Festival Main Street Zelienople October 9, 2016 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Annual Halloween Parade Main Street Zelienople October 30, 2016 2:00 pm
Glade Run 4th Annual Harvest Hoedown Benefit St. John's Lutheran Church of Highland 311 Cumberland Road, North Hills October 7, 2016 6:00 pm - 10 pm	Penn State Dance Marathon 1st Annual North Pittsburgh 5K and Walk October 15, 2016 10:00 am	Annual Great Pumpkin Race St. Gregory School October 30, 2016 3:00 pm
Country Fall Festival Main Street Zelienople October 8, 2016 9:00 am - 7:00 pm	Get Fit Families Track & Field Cross Country Meet Zelienople Community Park October 22, 2016 8:00 am	Halloween Trick or Treating in Zelie October 31, 2016 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Zelie on Tap Zelienople Community Park October 8, 2016 3pm-6pm & 7pm-10 pm	Adult Monster Mash Bash Location TBD October 29, 2016 7:00 pm	11th Annual Turkey Trot 5K and 1 Mile November 24, 2016 8:00 am