



## Ross Township

Promoting economic development and a strong sense of community are priorities for leaders in Ross Township and Zelenople.

The nation's first suburb, Swann Acres, is part of Ross Township, a first-ring suburb of Pittsburgh. **Ross Township** "holds the ambiance of the suburbs with all of the urban resources of a major city within a six-minute commute," said Ron Borczyk, who, as the Ross Township Manager, also serves as the Secretary of the Township.

The economy of Ross Township remains strong, Borczyk said, as there is diversity of businesses and available facilities. He also reported an increased interest in multi-unit housing by young professionals relocating to the area, which he forecasts will then lead to more business development focused on this growing segment of the population.

Ross Township also has a clear focus on family and community with its series of neighborhood celebrations at community parks, including the day-long July 4th celebration and the police department's numerous outreach initiatives, such as the popular Youth Fishing Tournament at Evergreen Park.

"With the variety of businesses and leisure opportunities (including organized sports and outdoor leisure facilities) there are always available family activities for a full spectrum of interests," Borczyk said.



## Zelenople

Twenty miles north in **Zelenople**, Borough Manager Andrew Spencer is focused on the continued revitalization of the main street corridor, a project that gave his predecessor, Don Pepe, who recently retired after 17 years, a great sense of pride.

"Main Street is not completed, so that's definitely a major priority to get that completed," said Spencer, who has been working for the borough for 16 years. "We had some supply chain disruptions that have slowed that project down, but that is still a major priority."

To help promote the business district, the 4th Annual Open Air Market runs from May 4 to Oct. 26. And during Zelenople's 38th annual Fall Festival, to be held Oct. 14-15, there will be a number of food vendors and crafts for sale, kids' activities, live music, a car cruise and plenty more activities for all ages.

Other big draws are the 59th Annual Horse Trading Days, which runs July 20-23, and Zelenople's July 4th parade, which has long been a go-to event within the region.

With the plethora of events taking place throughout the Pittsburgh North Regional Chamber of Commerce's footprint, you are sure to find a sense of community where you will want to work, live and play.

