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December Meeting

Managing Urban Trees

This presentation will provide an overview of the economic, environmental, and health values that trees and other landscaping provide homeowners and municipalities. It will provide information on planning and management strategies to help incorporate street and other trees into municipalities landscapes including information on important ordinances and land development strategies.

About the Presenter

Bill Elmendorf, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor and State Extension Specialist in Urban and Community Forestry at the Penn State School of Forest Resources. He teaches urban forest management at Penn State, conducts social research, and is Director of the Extension Urban Forestry Program. Before coming to Pennsylvania, Bill was an Assistant Planner with the City of Thousand Oaks, California Department of Planning and Community Development. He has been Chairperson of the State College Borough Tree Commission for eight years (annual budget is \$428,000 in 2007) and is a Certified Instructor with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Education Institute.

The Chapter meeting will take place at the Bullpen Restaurant in Tyrone, PA at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 4, 2007. The cost is \$20 for a buffet dinner preceding the presentation.

RSVP by Friday, November 30 to Mike Lechleitner at mikelechleitner@rkimball.com or 814-472-7700 ext 1252.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

December 11 - CSI Pittsburgh Chapter second annual Holiday Dessert Party held at the Chadwick, Wexford PA. Visit <http://www.csipittsburgh.org> for more information.

December 11 - CSI Central PA Chapter Holiday gathering and panel discussion: "*The symbiosis of Construction Product Representatives, Designers and Specifications Writers*". Moderated by Kris Kringle, MSP. Visit <http://www.cpc-csi.org/choice05.shtml> for more information.

CDT Certification

Please visit www.csinet.org to find out more on CSI's plans to offer the CDT Exam digitally. Below is a brief excerpt from the website.

The Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) will begin offering its Construction Documents Technology (CDT) Certificate exam digitally in 2008.

The CDT Program offers a comprehensive overview for architects, specifiers, contractors, contract administrators, manufacturer representatives and other industry professionals who write, enforce, manage or interpret construction documents. Certified CDTs can demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the construction project cycle and the relationship between all members of the construction team.

In recent years, Pennsylvania Railroad Chapter members have assisted each other in preparation for this exam. Please email mikelechleitner@rkimball.com if you are interested in forming a study group or simply need information or have questions.

The Construction Specifications Institute is a nationwide non-profit technical organization dedicated to the improvement of specifications and building practices in the construction industry through service, education and research. Founded in 1948, CSI provides a forum for architects, engineers, specification writers, contractors, suppliers, and others in our industry. Membership is open to all who are involved in the built environment. Please contact Chapter Membership Chairman, Shane Lanzendorfer, 866-460-5610, or any chapter officer listed on the back of the newsletter.

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Directions

From the North:

Take the Tyrone exit.

Go to stop sign at the bottom of the exit and turn right.

Go to traffic light and turn left onto Pennsylvania Ave.

Go to traffic light and turn right onto 10th street.

Go under RR bridge and bear to the left onto Washington avenue.

Stay on Washington Ave., turn right into a parking lot between the Kwik Fill gas station and Pizza Hut.

There is a sign for the Bullpen Restaurant and it is located in the middle of the shopping plaza.

Meeting will be on the left side of the restaurant as you enter.

From the South:

Take the Tipton / Grazierville exit.

Go to end of off ramp and merge right onto old 220.

Stay on old 220, turn left into a parking lot between the Kwik Fill gas station and Pizza Hut.

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