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On the Roads Again!

Even though everyone is sick and tired of dealing with snow, please remember to be mindful of important winter rules and regulations:

 No parking on public roadways until AFTER MARCH 15th.

If your vehicle is on the road it CANNOT be properly plowed, creating a hazard for you, your neighbors and every motorist using the road.

• No plowing snow across a roadway.

When you do this it leaves a trail of snow across the roadway, often substantial amounts, creating a hazardous condition for everyone traveling the road. If an unsuspecting motorist hits this snow they could lose control and you would be liable. This is also a PA Law, with fines up to \$300.

• Put your headlights on.

PA Law mandates that vehicle lights must be on every time wipers are on due to inclement weather. This includes snow! Your headlights also help our plow operators see your vehicle better.

 Only mailboxes that are properly installed will be paid for (up to maximum \$50) if they are hit by a Summit Township Plow.

If your mailbox is hit and damaged by a Township plow and it does not meet our installation specifications, Summit Township WILL NOT pay for it! See page 11 for our mailbox installation requirements to make sure you comply. If your mailbox is not sturdy enough to withstand the snow hitting it and it falls over, YOU must repair it. We will only pay for boxes that are hit by the snowplow itself (not flying snow).

• All property owners must shovel their sidewalks.

Any accumulation in excess of two (2) inches must be removed from public sidewalks within 24 hours after the precipitation ceases.

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Contrary to popular belief, our plow drivers do not, intentionally, put more snow in your driveway than your neighbor's! It's all about location, location, location. Any snow that builds up on the plow blade is, naturally, deposited at the first opening. If you are that first driveway after the plow turns a corner, you are going to get a LOT more snow. We also don't plow the end of your driveway in on purpose. Again, the snow WILL go into the first available opening, no matter what we do. If you don't want your driveway plowed in, you can clear an area at least 15 feet wide and a couple of feet deep to the right side of your driveway (as you face it from the road). This will allow a plow blade full of snow to be deposited BEFORE it reaches your driveway.

"KNOW BEFORE YOU GO": To help make decisions whether or not to travel during winter weather, motorists are encouraged to check conditions on more than 40,000 roadway miles (including color-coded winter conditions, info on traffic delays, and speed limit reductions) by visiting www.511PA.com. 511PA is also available through a smartphone application or by calling 5-1-1.

### MEET THE STAFF

TOWNSHIP: 868-9686 Supervisor/Chairperson/ Dir. Land Development -Nancy Agostine

Supervisor/Roadmaster/

Dir. of Parks - **Jack Lee, Jr.** Supervisor/Asst. Roadmaster -

Thomas Church, Jr.

**Christene Yeast -**

Sec/Asst. Treasurer

Michelle Nesselhauf -

Administrative Assistant

Marj Hudak -

**Zoning Administrator** 

Nate Miller -

Asst. Zoning Administrator

**Kip Hayford** - Code Enforcement

**Gina Erbin** - Receptionist

THE ROAD CREW:

**Gary Haupt** - Foreman

Steve Skelly, Joe Passerotti,

Larry Hudacky, Jeff Matheis, Gary Pace, Mike Hanas & Andrew Fox

WATER AUTHORITY: 864-2323

John Troutman - Manager

Laura Taylor - Administrative

Secretary

**Gretchen Hayford** - Secretary Water Authority Systems Operators -

Brian Clark, Brian Hiles, Bob Mitchell, Sean Miller

SEWER AUTHORITY: 868-4495 **William Steff, P.E.** - Manager

Caitlyn Haener -

Administrative Secretary

**Kathy Pfister** - Clerical Assistant **Marty McAtee** - Operations

Foreman

**Chris Hodge** - Operations Technician

### **PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE**

#### **Board of Supervisors:**

1st Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m. 3rd Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

### **Planning Commission:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

#### Sewer Authority:

Last Thursday of each month, 9:00 a.m.

### **Water Authority:**

1st Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

### **Recreation Board:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 5:15 p.m.

#### LeBoeuf Little League:

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at Waterford Boro Building

### **Zoning Hearing Board:**

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. As needed and advertised only

Summit Township Industrial and Economic Development Authority (STIEDA):

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. as needed.

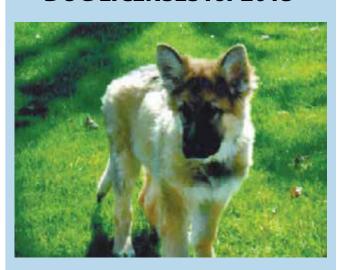
### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **April 21st!** Our next newsletter will be published in early May.



### **REMINDER**

## Time to renew DOG LICENSES for 2015



Don't let your pooch be in the "dog house"!

Licenses must be renewed in January for the current calendar year.

Summit Township, once again, has Erie County dog licenses available

Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Municipal Office

There is a \$2.00 discount for Senior Citizens 65 years of age or older.

Also, remember our office can not accept debit/credit cards, cash or checks only.

You must apply for the "life time" licenses at the Erie County Courthouse.



How much additional stormwater runoff is produced by a 'one acre' paved parking lot versus a grassy meadow of the same size?

Answer on Page 6.

Well, a whole year has passed since I started. It's hard to believe how quickly time goes by. I feel we accomplished many tasks during 2014. Of course, there are many more improvements in mind for 2015, such as: garage repairs, building maintenance, storm sewers, bridge/road improvements, and, hopefully, another upgrade at Picnicana. It has been an interesting job. It's sometimes very hard to make decisions because you would like to try to please everyone. We all have different ideas, so you make the best decision you can for the good of the township, while still trying to be as fair as possible. Being part of a Board of three supervisors, majority rules there too, and, occasionally, someone is not happy. The job is not always easy, so you just do the best you can.

Our township has grown substantially over the past 40 years, with many changes and more to come, but I still enjoy living in Summit. I usually avoid the busy retail areas when traveling unless I am looking to buy something or dine at a local restaurant. I am sure those retail areas will continue to attract more businesses in the future. However, we are fortunate that we continue to grow because most townships operate under a tight budget (with no growth and rising costs) and are forced to charge higher taxes for

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

public services.

The road crew has been busy keeping up with snow removal and treating roads. They also have taken on a couple big repair jobs on our trucks and have done an outstanding job. It does pay off to have good mechanics and a large garage to take care of major vehicle repairs in-house. It is very nice to repair your own equipment because it gets done on time and correctly without being at the mercy of an outside vendor. We all know what an inconvenience it is when you are without your personal vehicle and have no control over when the repairs will be done. It's worse than inconvenient when thousands of people are counting on you.

I'm sure I don't need to remind all of you that It's still winter out, so please clean off your cars, leave early, and be careful on the roads. During foul weather, ice, and snow, it takes our trucks about three hours to make a complete cycle when plowing and treating the roads. They try not to dump any more snow than necessary at the end of our driveways but it's unavoidable so please be understanding. In the meantime, be safe, stay warm, and hope for an early spring!

Thank You, Jack Lee

The older I get, the less tolerant I am of this cold winter weather. Even though we were fortunate not to get much snow in November and December; it feels like we've been dealing with it forever! At least we're all in the same (cold and frozen) boat.

While I usually try to focus my article on whatever I'm working on for the Township, this time I hope you don't mind if, instead, I focus on family. On January 21st, we welcomed new granddaughter, Alaina, who joined her 2 year old brother, Trentyn, as our second grandchild. Suffice it to say that "Mimi" (as I am known to my grandson) loves every single minute she gets to spoil her grandkids.

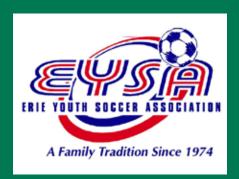
On February 15th, my husband, Barry, and I will be celebrating our 35th Wedding Anniversary. Wow, it couldn't possibly be that long - I must've been an infant when we were married! The two of us have now lived in Summit for almost 30 years. An even bigger celebration will take place at the end of March, when my family (together with families of my 5 brothers and 2 sisters) will all gather to celebrate a much more amazing milestone: the 65th Wedding

Anniversary of our parents, Harry and Joanne Figurski. I am eternally grateful to have been blessed with parents who are such a perfect example of what marriage is meant to be.

Finally, on March 31st, I will be saying a fond farewell to a member of my Summit Township "family". Zoning Administrator, Marj Hudak, who started with Summit as Receptionist in 1991, will be retiring. Marj has been an absolutely outstanding employee throughout her 24 years, always professional, extremely well organized and hard working. She's truly been a pleasure for me to work with side by side for 20 of those years. Marj's outstanding work has been instrumental in enabling Summit to effectively manage the tremendous growth and development that has taken place over the past 2+ decades. While I wish Marj a long, healthy, happy retirement traveling and spending time with her family; I will greatly miss my co-worker and good friend. Thanks to all of you for letting me share!

With "warmest" regards,

Nancy Agostine



### **EYSA SUMMER SOCCER REGISTRATION**

**AGES 4-16 AS OF JUNE 1, 2015** 

**New for 2015 U4 Learn to Play Program** "details available at www.ErieYouthSoccer.org"

#### TWO REGISTRATION OPTIONS

### **IN PERSON: Millcreek Mall Food Court** (DO NOT CALL THE MALL)

Saturday, February 28 @ 10:00am – 2:00pm and Saturday, March 14 @ 10:00am – 2:00pm

#### **MAILED:**

Registration forms available at www.ErieYouthSoccer.org

### **REGISTRATION FEES:**

\$40 per player.

\* A \$10.00 late fee will be charged for registrations postmarked or submitted after March 15, 2015

### First time players must present proof of age.

### **TEAM FORMAT:**

Teams are divided among 11 geographic areas and by the following age brackets – 4 year old, 5-6 year old, 7-8 year old, 9-10 year old, 11-12 year old boys, 11-12 year old girls, 13-14 year old boys, 13-14 year old girls, 15-16 year old boys, and 15-16 year old girls

PLAYERS REGISTERING AFTER MARCH 15, 2015 CANNOT BE GUARANTEED TEAM PLACEMENT. NO EXCEPTIONS.

### 2014 ZONING/DEMOLITION PERMIT RECAP

Type of Structure	No.	Value
Single Family Dwellings	36	\$4,884,721
of which 12 are Mobile Homes [all replace	ements]	
and 12 are Condominiums		
Duplex	21	\$2,814,000
Industrial	2	\$3,200,000
Plastikos, Inc. – Addition		\$2,900,000
Heatron – Addition		\$300,000
Service Station & Repair Garages Get-Go Convenience Store & Fuel Island	1	\$2,099,484
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Public Works – Utilities	3 3	\$ 1 <b>7,500</b>
Blue Wireless (antenna co-location-Pennb Blue Wireless (antenna co-location - Curti		\$7,500 \$7,500
Perry Highway Hose Co Picnic Shelter	s nu)	\$7,500 \$2,500
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Stores & Customer Service	6	\$3,175,876
Old Navy - Interior Build-out 8931 Peach Street Conversion to Comme	rcial	\$310,876 \$4,000
Fiat Car Dealership	Ciai	\$1,500,000
Sports Clip - Interior Build-out		\$1,300,000
Zoom Tan - Interior Build-out		\$60,000
DDR Corp Commercial (Shell for Old Na	vy Store	
Accessory Buildings (Residential)	13	\$96,047
Other Structures	2	\$11,767
Red Roof Inn – Gazebo		
Presque Isle Downs - Outrider Shelter		
Home Additions	22	\$237,958
Non-Residential Renovations/Addition	s 10	\$315,954
European Wax - Interior Renovation		\$180,000
8931 Peach Street Commercial - Porch		\$5,000
Lucky Louies - Interior Renovation		\$5,200
Family First Academy Child Care Center -		40-000
Interior Renovation		\$37,000
Family First Sports Park - Storage Trailers Sam's Club - Interior Renovation		\$954 \$26,800
Applebees - Interior & Exterior Renovation	nc	\$20,800
J & E Interstate - Garage Addition	IJ	\$15,000
J & E Interstate - Garage Addition		\$1,000
Tim Horton's - Interior Renovation		\$30,000
Residential Garages	9	\$136,000
Demolitions	13	\$-
13 Permits (totaling 17 Residential, 3 Com		•
mental structures)		
675 Elk Creek Rd; 3180 Flower Rd; 8260 Oliver Rd; 7620 Old		
Perry Hwy; 8931 Peach St; 2937 Hershey Rd; 8900 Old French		
Rd; 8670 Hamot Rd;115 Fairfield Ave; 8375 Peach St; 8061,		
8065, 8067, 8069, 8075, 8091, 8093, 8095	Perry H	wy; 146
Frank Ave; & 9380 Peach St		

# 2016 SUMMIT TOWNSHIP CALENDAR PHOTOS NEEDED

Attention all Summit Township shutterbugs, we're gearing up for next year's calendar and need you to start taking some of those great pictures now! The theme for the 2016 calendar will be "Seasons of Summit." With the "seasons" theme in mind, it would be a great time to take some of those winter photos. Then, please continue to keep our calendar in mind throughout all of the seasons this year.





# Summit United Methodist Church

Serving, Sharing, Making Disciples Rev. Tom Hoeke, Pastor

1510 Townhall Road W. Erie, PA 16509 Phone: 864-3271 / Fax: 864-3413 E-mail: sumc-office@verizon.net

### All are Welcome!

Worship at 8:15 AM and at 10:45 AM

February 18 – Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM February 22 – 1st Sunday of Lent March 29 – Palm Sunday

**April 3** – Good Friday Worship Service at 7:30 PM **April 5** – Easter Celebration Worship Service at 8:15 & 10:45 AM





Sunday, February 22nd to benefit the Appalachia Service Project mission trip in June 2015

We will be sending twenty one members to West Virginia to work with the ASP organization. We have 3 openings

for youth age 14 and older to join us. Please call the church office for more information if you know a youth who would be interested.

### Pancake Supper on Ash Wed. Feb. 18th



Serving 5-7 PM in Fellowship Hall

Proceeds to benefit the youth mission trip to Appalachia Service Project next year.

We will also be taking orders for Yankee Candles through the month of February.



Are you a young adult in your 20's or 30's? Come to Coffee with Pastor Tom and explore together the opportunities for young adults in the church.

Coffee with the Pastor series will begin on Sunday February 21 and meet through the Sundays in Lent from 9:30 to 10:15 AM in Pastor Tom's office. The coffee will be on.

### Give yourself a break!

You deserve it. Join us for a **midweek Lenten Worship Experience**. In midst of the season of Lent, why not take a midweek break and allow yourself to be in the presence of God. Our midweek Lenten worship will take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 6:45 on February 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th. Worship will include music, time for quiet reflection, prayer, Scripture, a meditation, and the celebration of Communion. Join us in the sanctuary and give yourself the gift of being in God's presence.

### **Summit Community Food Pantry**



### **Distribution:**

February 12th and 26th March 12th and 26th April 9th and 23rd Times: 2:30-4:00 PM

Donations can be left

with the church office weekday mornings or Sunday during worship



### FAMILY FIRST ACADEMY CHILD CARE CENTER [FFA]..

• has opened in a section of the former Golf Dome facility at 8199 Oliver Road. The Director of Operations is Daunice M. Bunn, whom one only has to speak to a short time to understand the passion and drive behind the mission of FFA. Child care at the center is so much more than solely a safe environment for children ages 6 weeks through 12 years. Starting with the toddler group (13 months to 36 months) the certified teachers work with the children to develop social, emotional, cognitive and physical skills. By the time the children are ready to enroll in kindergarten they will have met all the criteria set forth by school districts. School age children can attend FFA before or after school, whatever meets the individual family's needs. The Center offers care Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6PM; on a full time or part time basis. To learn much more about how FFA can help your family, to enroll, or to see what is planned for 'summer camps' visit their website at www.eriechildcare.com.

**EUROPEAN WAX CENTER...** will open in late February in the Erie Marketplace Plaza, 6660 Peach Street, behind Best Buy. Founding philosophy of the European Wax Center is that everyone deserves beautiful, gorgeous skin that is not achieved by concealing oneself but by having the courage and confidence to reveal your natural skin. Based on that principal, all first-time guests are treated to a complimentary wax that involves a four step process; cleanse, protect, wax and rejuvenate. To learn more and/or make a reservation you can visit their website at <a href="https://www.waxcenter.com/ewc-experience">www.waxcenter.com/ewc-experience</a>

### IN THE WORKS:

**TACO BELL...** is starting through the land development process for a new location at 8066 Perry Highway.

**COUNTRY FAIR** ... 7650 Old Perry Highway is planning another expansion of their fuel island by utilizing property purchased to the north of their existing site.

### IF YOU CARE ABOUT OUR MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN, HELP US SHOW IT!

As we go about our busy lives, it's easy to forget that there are still many military men and women serving our country to protect our freedom all over the world. Once again, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Summit Township will participate with municipalities statewide to create as many care packages as possible for our troops. All of our donations will be transported by Township Supervisors to Hershey, PA as they attend the annual PSATS conference in April.

Summit Township will be collecting donations from now until April 17th in the lobby of our Municipal Building.

#### **PLEASE DONATE:**

**Dried food\*** - beef jerky, trail mix, dried fruit, granola bars, power bars and cereal bars

Coffee\* - ground or whole; instant or drip

**Powdered drink mixes\*** - Gatorade, Kool-Aid, Crystal Light and hot chocolate

**Snacks\*** - tuna in foil packets, sunflower seeds, plastic jars of peanut butter

**Dry soups and cereals\*** - Ramen noodles and oatmeal packs **Candy\*** - bags of candy Twizzlers, Tootsie Rolls, Jolly Ranchers, etc. **Game books** - crossword puzzles, word search books, math puzzle books and Sudoku

**Table games** – dominoes, new playing cards, poker chips and dice **Sports equipment** – Nerf footballs, whiffle balls, baseball mitts, Frisbees, hackey sacks

**Miscellaneous** – small patriotic knick-knacks, U.S.flags, Pennsylvania flags, baseball hats, small wind-up alarm clocks

\*NOTE: Individually wrapped items are preferred!!!!

#### **PLEASE DO NOT DONATE:**

The U.S. Department of Defense prohibits donations of the following –

- · Home-baked food
- · Glass bottles or jars
- · Aerosol cans and sprays
- · Expired or canned food
- Hotel samples
- VHS tapes
- Hardcover books and music
- Contraband items (alcohol, lighters, matches, tobacco, etc.)



### ANSWER TO SUMMIT TRIVIA:

Sixteen (16) times more runoff is produced by a one acre parking lot than a grassy meadow of the same size.

Hello Summit Residents!

## **Summit Lions Club News**

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I hope this year has been good to everyone so far. The snow seems to be down, but the cold temperatures are still here, but this is Summit. We always seem to get more snow and cold temperatures up on the hill, but what does this have to do with the Summit Lions? The Summit Lions are already thinking about the warm weather that will soon be here and the joy you will have if you win our Harley motorcycle or our flat-bottom boat, or possibly plan in our annual golf tournament. If you were to play in our golf tournament at Venango Valley on June 5, you may be able to win one of our prizes in our annual tool raffle, along with having a good time golfing. Wouldn't this make your summer happy?

In a few weeks, the Summit Lions will be out asking people to purchase tickets for our Harley Raffle or for the tool raffle or the Boat full of Beer drawing. If you could buy a ticket for one of these events, you would be helping the Summit Lions help someone in need. The Lions enjoy helping a person or family in need any time during the year, so if you can help us, maybe someday we can help you.

This is going to be a short article this time, but I will have more on what we are doing next time. But I have a few short questions to ask you to answer. There is no prize for the winner...just seeing if you know anything about the Lions.

In 2017 how old will the Lions be?

In what year was the Summit Lions formed?

How many years have the Summit Lions been in Summit?

How much money that we collect from the public goes back to the public?

If you have been reading these articles about the Summit Lions, then you will know the answers. If you don't know the answers, then join us at one of our meetings and I will see to it that you are given the right answers.

Lion Bob Mitchell

## LeBoeuf Little League

### 2015 SIGN UP INFORMATION

Location: Stancliff Hose Company, Main Street in Waterford Tuesday, February 17 from 6 PM to 8 PM Friday, February 20 from 6 PM to 9 PM Saturday, February 21 from 9 AM to 1 PM Saturday, February 28 from 9 AM to 1 PM

Registration is \$40.00 for a single player and \$75.00 for family

Plus mandatory fundraiser

\$10 per Player late fee for any sign-ups after February 28th
Visit the League website at www.flbll.com
for additional information.

### LEBOEUF LITTLE LEAGUE PICTURE DAY

Saturday MAY 2 from 8 AM to 1 PM at Fort LeBoeuf Middle School

We need Coaches, Umpires and volunteers for special projects.
"This is for your children...please get involved"



### LEBOEUF LITTLE LEAGUE MTGS.

## 2nd Wednesday of month at Wtfd American Legion

14-Jan 7:00 p.m.
11-Feb 7:00 p.m.
11-Mar 7:00 p.m.
8-Apr 8:30 p.m.
13-May 8:30 p.m.
10-Jun 8:30 p.m.
8-Jul 8:30 p.m.
12-Aug 7:00 p.m.
9-Sep 7:00 p.m.
14-Oct 7:00 p.m.
11-Nov 7:00 p.m.



## Hello from Robison Elementary School!



Robison Elementary School who won the first annual WQLN Reading Challenge! They were presented with the WQLN trophy, a special visit from Quigley, the WQLN mascot, and a \$250.00 check to go towards the purchase of some new books for the library. Robison elementary students read 6,955 total books from September thru November.

Currently Robison Elementary is collecting soup (or any other canned item) to donate to the Second Harvest Food Bank. We will be collecting now thru January 30th, with the incentive of a movie time after PSSAs for those classrooms that qualify.

Finally, we want to remind families of Kindergarten Registration which will take place March 12th and March 16th from 11AM to 7 PM at Waterford Elementary School. To register, kindergarten students must be 5 years old by June 1st, 2015, no exceptions.

## SUMMIT TOWNSHIP OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE!

A new Summit website has been "in the works" since last year at this time. After a tremendous amount of input from all of our Township employees in the various departments, our new site went live during the second week in January. Since that time, we have been actively reviewing and tweaking the site with final revisions completed in early February. We hope all of you will take a moment to check it out at www.summittownship.com.

Our new site has a LOT more content than the old one, which was very limited. Probably the greatest area of improvement has occurred under the Department heading of Land Development and Zoning. This section now provides links to various maps, ordinances, much more information on permits and fees, together with excellent sources of information and education for our residents on stormwater management. A special thank you goes out to Nate Miller on whom the lion's share of work fell to make the new website more comprehensive and user-friendly. Working closely with our consultant, Cyberlnk, Nate has also included easy to use links to a variety of other helpful websites.

When you explore the new Summit Township website you'll find easy access to upcoming meetings and events, a section on "How Do I" that includes everything from open burning to composting, scrolling photos of our Township, past meeting minutes and a wealth of information about our wonderful community. After visiting the new site, please take a minute to click on "contact us" at the bottom of the webpage, to let us know what you like or don't like so that we can continually improve this valuable community resource.

# Robison PTO Happenings



We hope everyone had a happy and health holiday season. We want to thank all of our families for a fabulous turnout we had at our Santa's Secrete

Shop and the Breakfast with Santa. Our Pizza Bingo was also a great success with many big winners. My personal thank you goes out to ALL of our CHAIRS and VOLUNTEERS! We had a lot of new parents help out this year that have committed to stay with us and help to continue the great traditions here at Robison.

Here at Robison Elementary we are very excited about the Spring PTO activities at our school. With our teachers help our students are going to be showing off their art work at our "Expressions Gallery" on Thursday, February 26th. Our talented 4th & 5th grade students have been practicing their singing, dancing and acting for the Spring Musicals that will take place Friday, March 19th. We will be celebrating our Fun Fair Carnival and Basket Raffle earlier this year on Friday, April 24th. (If any business would like to donate basket items or gift cards to our worthy event please contact Molly Herr at molly@ sunshineservices.com) The Fun Fair Basket Raffle Committee will be working hard these next few months to have an array of exciting and fun baskets and gift cards to raffle off. The Fun Fair Game Committee is in need of volunteers to run some of our super fun games that evening. Please contact me at 806-5066 if you are willing to volunteer 1 hour of your time to make the fun fair night special for all of our students.

Thankyou again to all of our volunteers who make our fun family activities happen here at Robison Elementary.

Kerrie Wasiulewski, PTO President

## SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY BY: William C. Steff, P.E., Manager | January 23, 2015

### Sanitary Sewer Extension Project 2010: Proctor, Merle, Melvin, Dorn and New Roads

At the December 18, 2014 Regular Business Meeting the Summit Township Sewer Authority Board voted to extend the connection deadline for anyone not currently connected to the 2010 Sewer Extension Project. The new deadline is June 30, 2015. The Board felt that there were conditions beyond the homeowner's ability to predict or control. The decision was based on a perceived shortage of available qualified contractors and poor weather conditions. The early snow and subsequent rain made for poor conditions for excavation. Of the 7 residents that have not connected, 6 have paid all of the associated connection charges and one property has a lien placed on it. Ordinance 72-8 which governs connections to the public sanitary sewer system establishes fines for failure to connect. The extension in time will supersede the ordinance in that no fines will result for the delay in connection.

### **Route 97 Lift Station Project**

Since April of 2011 the Summit Township Sewer Authority has been investigating various alternatives for getting the sewage across I-90 for the Route 97 corridor. Currently the Route 97 corridor is served by a lift station built in 1982 called the Holiday Inn Lift Station. The existing station needs to be replaced based on the age of the equipment and upgraded to address future flows into the eastern portion of the Township. A new site was needed because the existing station was built on a lot is too small for any expansion.

On April 30, 2014 the Summit Township Sewer Authority closed a real estate transaction for property that will become the site of a new lift station that will serve Summit Township in perpetuity. The new site is adequate for the proposed new lift station and further expansion if needed in the distant future..

The new lift station will be located south of Walnut Creek on the west side of Route 97 about 200 feet from the highway. The project will include a new 12 inch diameter force main under I-90 that will connect with existing 12 inch force main north of Country Fair on Old Perry Highway.

As of June 2013 the estimated cost of the project including engineering, land acquisition, construction and other services was \$3.3 million dollars. Permitting for the project is well underway and we expect to open bids for the construction in March 2015. If the project stays on schedule the physical construction would start May 2015 and continue until completion in spring of 2016.

#### **Drop Box**

Since it is a new year and we have 79 new customers, I would like to inform them that there is a deposit box available for customers wishing to drop off their payment when the office is closed. The deposit box is located on the south east corner of the Summit Township Sewer Authority Building, 8890 Old French Road.

If any sewer customer has any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the Authority at 868-4495 or attend a monthly meeting. Check your Township calendar for Sewer Authority meeting dates, (generally the last Thursday of the month, except March, November and December are one week earlier). The Authority hours are 8:00 AM - Noon and 12:30 - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. If you plan to attend a meeting, please call and let us know. We will be glad to put you on the agenda.

## Retire Your Old Glory This Winter

It can be tough to be an American flag during these winter months! The wind, rain, snow and cold temperatures really take their toll on the Red, White and Blue.

'Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory' will gladly accept your weathered, torn, faded or tattered flags at any of our convenient drop box locations: Fairview Township, Harborcreek Township, Maritime Museum, Millcreek

Township, and the Summit Township Municipal Building. Visit www.retireyouroldglory.com for a complete address listing of all drop box locations.

The 'Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory' project is dedicated to collecting old, tattered and faded flags for proper retirement. 'Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory' urges everyone to take time to acquaint themselves with the US Flag Code. Educating ourselves about our flag, it's history and flag etiquette is important. Knowing how to fly the flag as well as how to retire the flag are equally important!

## Senior News

## Dear Friends and Heighbors,

The holidays are over, but I'm hoping yours were happy. At the senior center we celebrated with a luncheon the Tuesday before Christmas. Each table did their own decorations and members helped to decorate the tree. The place was very festive and members dressed in seasonal finery. We were served pizza and antipasto. Everyone brought a holiday goodie to share too. Hopefully, by the time you receive this publication, most of the severe cold will be passed. Then we can start planning spring activities. Remember....we have a horseshoe court & horseshoes!

Evelyn Senger, President



### FREE TAX SERVICE FEBRUARY 4TH THROUGH APRIL 15TH, 2015

A.A.R.P. volunteers will once again assist Senior Citizens and low income individuals in preparing their 2015 Federal, State & Local income tax returns as well as PA Tax Rebate applications. The volunteers will also be on hand to answer questions.

**REGISTRATION:** Scheduling for appointments will begin Monday, January 12, 2015. Make an appointment by calling the Summit Township Office at 868-9686 Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

**DATES & TIMES:** Appointments will be made on Wednesdays and scheduled hourly from 9:00-11:00 A.M. and 12:30-2:30 P.M. (subject to availability).

**LOCATION:** Summit Township Townhall Municipal Building located at 1230 Townhall Road, West.

WHAT TO BRING: For your scheduled appointment, bring your 2013 tax returns, your 2014 tax forms/booklets and your "PAID" Property tax bill as well as photo ID of you (and your spouse, if filing a joint return), and proof of health insurance for 2014 (insurance cards or paperwork).

### From the Water Authority.

### ADOPT-A-HYDRANT CONTEST WINNER



This quarter we would like to recognize the outstanding work Cara Walter has been doing to keep the hydrant near her home clear of snow. Cara, who resides on Old French Road, was nominated by her father, Matt Walter.

For her efforts, Cara will receive a \$50 gift certificate to a Summit Township restaurant or business of her choice.

Thanks to Cara and all others who help keep our hydrants clear.

Another winner will be announced next guarter so keep the nominations coming by calling our office at 864-2323. **John Troutman**, Manager

Thanks again!

### AARP REFRESHER SAFETY **DRIVING CLASS**



**Summit Senior Center** 450 Townhall Road West Monday, March 16, 2015 5:30-9:30 p.m.

For reservations, call Jean at 864-9378 Please bring your driver's license & prior class certificate or number from the certificate

Cost: \$15 for AARP Members, \$20 for Non-Members

### FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Happy New Year!

Although it is well past the beginning of the new year, it is too soon to say happy spring, even though I am sure some of us are ready for it!

All unpaid taxes for 2014 were turned over to Erie County Tax Claim on January 1, 2015 as delinquent. You should already have received notice from Tax Claim on how much you owe and how to make payment. Tax Collectors deal in current year only, which means, once a new calendar year begins, we can no longer take payment on a previous tax year. If you had an unpaid street light bill which is part of the 2014 County-Municipal bill, you need to contact Summit Township at their office for payment. Their number is 814-868-9686.

The 2015 County-Municipal (a/k/a Township) bills will be issued and mailed March 1, 2015. The mills remain the same as last year for both County and Township, 4.93 and .59 respectively. If you do not receive your tax bill by March 15, please contact me. Remember, the last mailing address you provided to Erie County Assessment is where your tax bill will be mailed. If you have a different mailing address other than your home address, contact Erie County Tax Claim at 814-451-6225 or I can provide you with a form to fill out and mail to Tax Claim. Tax Claim maintains the tax roll. The Tax Collector cannot make any changes to the tax roll.

The FLB School Per Capita Tax is billed through Berkheimer Associates who also collect the 1% EIT (earned income tax). Unfortunately, I cannot help you with questions or problems regarding either of those two issues. Berkheimer's local number is 814-833-4870 and they are located at 3608 West 26th Street, Suite 202, Erie, PA 16506 (in the Millcreek Township Municipal Building).

Normal office hours resume March 1st – Monday through Thursday, 10am – 2pm and Monday evenings 5-7pm. You can always use the locked mailbox to the right of the office door at anytime. Whether you are using the locked mailbox or sending via mail and require a receipt, please include a S.A.S.E. If you need to speak with me, please leave a message and a good time to return your call – one daytime and one nighttime number. If you require a receipt from last year because your taxes are escrowed, please send a written request with a S.A.S.E.

**Debra Cameron**, Summit Twp. Tax Collector 1754 Townhall Rd. West, Erie, PA 16509 Phone & Fax 814-866-2653

### **MAILBOX REQUIREMENTS**

## HOUSE NUMBERS MUST BE AFFIXED OR PAINTED ON BOX IN NUMERALS NOT LESS THAN ONE INCH, AND PLACED ON BOTH SIDES OF BOX.

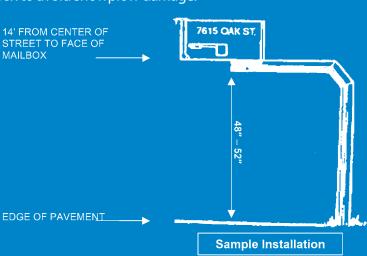
### IF A STORM WATER DITCH FRONTS YOUR PROPERTY:

- The post or pipe must be set in back of the ditch.
- The arm must extend over the ditch so that the face of the mailbox is between the front edge of the ditch and the edge of the pavement.
- Height (from the bottom of the box support) should measure 48" 52" from the road surface.
- The paper box should be attached to arm or mailbox to avoid snowplow damage.
- Summit Township will not repair any mailboxes that are not built to these specifications.

## IF <u>NO</u> DITCH EXISTS IN FRONT OF YOUR PROPERTY:

- The face of the mailbox should be a minimum of 14' from the middle of the road.
- Height (from the bottom of the box support)
   should measure 48" 52" from the ground surface.
- The face of the mailbox must not extend beyond the face of the curb.

Thank you for your cooperation, Summit Township Supervisors







1230 Townhall Road West Erie, PA 16509

### **Supervisors:**

Nancy A. Agostine, *Chairperson* Thomas H. Church, Jr. Jack F. Lee, Jr.

## **Once Upon A Time...**

This newest version of the Murphy School was built in 1909. There had been two previous Murphy schools but they were both built of wood. The school is located at 9544 Peach St. and is privately owned.

There were 10 correct answers to the identity and location of the school: Hannah Knox, Sue Mackowski, Jim Bougie, Edie Prather, Eleanor Kryspiak, Kathy Hahn, Leon Wasielewski, Dennis McAndrew, Cynthia Herman and Theresa Cox.

### **NEXT CHALLENGE!**

Next challenge: Can you identify this lady? She was an important part of the lives of many who grew up in Summit. Please call the Summit Township office with your guess.

**Request:** Dennis, who called asking about the train stop at Goddard, please call the Summit Township office again. We do have some information for you!



