



# SUMMIT TOWNSHIP

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## Summit Residents' Enjoy Their Township Parks and Recreation Activities during Residents Weekend!

Once again this year, Picnicana Park was reserved by the Rec Board for township residents to enjoy for an entire weekend. The events this year started with an opportunity to attend the summer program's "Carnival Night".

Saturday offered several activities for both young and old, starting with a 27 foot high Shark Slide and Bounce House. Bingo, held under the picnic pavilion was organized by the Summit Senior Center Volunteers, with many winners and prizes distributed!

A special thanks to Perry Hi-Way Hose Company, the volunteer fire department who attended Saturday's event with an ambulance and fire truck on display. They also volunteer their services during the 5K run on Sunday morning.

Husked sweet corn was roasted in a massive kettle, cooked over an open fire. There were an amazing 300 ears of corn consumed! A special thanks to Joe Kuzma for his generous donation of time and equipment to help make this possible! Hot dogs, nachos, freshly popped popcorn, candy cotton and Slush Puppie drinks were served. The evening concluded with an outdoor movie and S'Mores!



## Pass the Pancakes 5K and Fun Walk

Sunday morning events started with an early morning 5K "Pass the Pancakes" Run. Many thanks to Jeff Jones and his family for there countless hours of preparation for this awesome event!

Also, Thank you to the hardy souls who braved the near perfect temperatures and the tummy-rumbling scent of pancakes and sausage to complete the "Pass the Pancakes" 5K. The course was picturesque, challenging, and fun. The Pancake Breakfast made a marvelous reward for finishing!

We would like to thank all who participated, volunteered, or otherwise contributed to make this event an enjoyable success. Please look for us again next summer, and join us for Summit Township's hometown race!

The race was followed by a pancake breakfast at Picnicana Park, sponsored by the FLB Girls Volleyball club. The Senior Center also offered a delicious bake-sale during the breakfast, with lots of goodies to enjoy later in your day. A Chinese Auction sponsored by the Picnicana Summer Program attendees was available to participate in all weekend, with many wonderful prizes. Thanks to Pat McGuire for her wonderful dedication to making this a success!

And finally, thanks to our Township Supervisors, the Summit Rec Board the many other hardworking volunteers who made this wonderful weekend possible!

## MEET THE STAFF

**TOWNSHIP:** 868-9686

**Nancy Agostine** -

Supervisor/Chairperson/  
Dir. Land Development

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

**Thomas Church, Jr.** -

Supervisor/Asst. Roadmaster

**Christene Yeast** -

Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

**Michelle Nesselhauf** -

Administrative Assistant

**Nate Miller** -

Zoning Administrator

**Tamara Cass** -

Administrative Assistant

**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,**

**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

# From The Office Of District Judge McGowan

## Mock Trial

Tuesday, May 26, 2015, we once again welcomed Mrs. Dahn and her 5th grade gifted students to the courtroom for a mock trial. The students participated as jurors, witnesses and attorneys in the case of the *Commonwealth v. Hansel Schmidt and Gretel Schmidt* with yours truly presiding as judge.

The Schmidts were charged with aggravated battery, criminal mischief and petit theft. The exercise was designed with no clear winner in mind. There were facts that supported both the prosecution and the defense. The mock trial was conducted as close to the real thing as you can get, with the students presenting opening statements, direct testimony, cross examination and closing arguments. After receiving instructions from the court, the jury deliberated. Mrs. Dahn and I participated with but did not influence or vote with the jury.

I would like to congratulate Mrs. Dahn on all the hard work and preparation she put into the exercise. It all came together and was evident in the excellent job the students did in presenting their cases. It was truly a pleasure and honor to conduct the trial. I hope the students left with a greater appreciation for our jury system. I enjoyed presiding over the trial and Mrs. Dahn and her students are always welcome back.



## PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

### Board of Supervisors:

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

1<sup>st</sup> 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 **October 26th!** Our next newsletter will be published in mid November.



## SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Hello all, as everyone knows, we had a very wet spring. That set back many construction projects and road work. We are finally catching up on road maintenance and repairs. Line painting has begun. The roads that have not been seal coated or tar and chipped this year will soon receive crack filler and chip to help seal and maintain them before winter. We are fortunate to have enough money and equipment to keep our roads in good condition. In my opinion, Summit has some of the best roads in Erie County. Because of our growing Township and busy roads, PA Dot has been surveying and studying the intersections of Route 99, Hamot Road, and Hershey road for future renovations to help the traffic flow. Route 99 and Hershey road are both state roads. We've not heard exactly what changes will be made, but I will pass that information on as soon as available. PA Dot has also posted many approaching roads to Robison and Oliver roads with orange triangle signs that say, "fresh oil and chip" and the others saying, "no pavement markings." I believe these were put up by the state as they prepare to seal coat Robison and Oliver roads (also state roads).

Our parks are doing well and have been very busy. The Township keeps taking steps to improve them. Currently, we are planning on expanding Picnicana's parking lot to the south. During many events, we have run out of parking spaces (residents weekend and the senior picnic were both well attended). People had to park along the side of the road and in the grass.

Thanks to Pat and her crew for doing such a great job with the kids summer program. They make it happen and what a great way to keep the kids busy

and active for the summer months. They also have an opportunity to go on four field trips as part of the program.

The ball fields have been very active too. Plans are in the works to put a fence up between the township construction yard and the ball fields; so kids will not wander off and take a chance of getting hurt while playing around equipment and material - where they do not belong!

We are a prosperous and busy township and hardly a rural area anymore. Our township now maintains 14 traffic lights and the majority of them are multiple lanes. This also makes zoning difficult. For every action, you will have a reaction. I like to support businesses who provide people the opportunity of having a job but I also want to protect the privacy of residential areas. This is a hard balance to try and keep all parties happy and causes ordinances that are easily criticized but are in place to help protect people and their neighborhoods. I am a sportsman and love the outdoors. I support State and National forests. I am not crazy about expansion, cutting down old wooded areas, or developing what was once farm land; but you have to compromise and respect developers and land owners rights too. Without laws and ordinances, we would be living in chaos. I bring this up because I receive many phone calls about issues and complaints over which I may have little control, but as part of my job, I discuss the issue, look at legal limits, and make the best decision I can.

Thank you for your time, *Jack Lee*

### 20 YEARS LATER - SUMMIT SENIOR CITIZEN'S PICNIC IS BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!

It's hard for me to believe that we just held our 20th Senior Picnic. At our first picnic, I was a young, healthy 35 year old. Well, 20 years, a major car accident and a number of bad joints later, I OFFICIALLY BECAME A SENIOR, having turned 55 in June! I'm extremely glad to have gotten this event down to a science by tweaking things each year, because I sure don't have the stamina I did 20 years ago. Our first picnic had slightly over 100 guests, while this year saw over 300! It's only with the help of my amazing crew that we are able to continue. This year included Michelle, Gina, Catherine, Kip and Jack from the Township; Gretchen from the Water Authority and Kathy from the Sewer Authority; along with volunteers Kim Edinger and Carol Gradler. It's not just the time that they give, this event actually takes a physical toll! I am very grateful to each and every one of you for working so hard.

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## SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Presque Isle Downs went above and beyond as our major sponsor again this year, in addition to donating \$2,500 towards the picnic which allowed us to fund our craft, horse-drawn trolley rides, live music, and door prizes; Presque Isle Downs also donated almost \$3,000 worth of Crystal Gayle concert tickets that were won by many lucky seniors! Thanks also to Flo Fabrizio for donating fifteen \$25 gift cards and Waste Management for sponsoring our Bingo prizes.

I hope you enjoy what's left of the nice weather!

*Nancy Agostine*



## LOGAN FORD IS SUMMIT'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUT

The Summit Township Board of Supervisors proudly presented Logan Ford with a special plaque to commemorate Logan achieving Boy Scouts' highest honor and becoming an Eagle Scout. Logan is a member of Saint Luke's Troop 9 and he completed all of the many Eagle Scout requirements early in the spring of 2015.

Logan described his Eagle Scout project for us: "I built 6 benches for ANNA Shelter's 'meet-and-greet' areas, where potential dog owners will be introduced to their potential dog/puppy. With the addition of new, stable benches, the potential dog owners who are older or have a difficult time standing, are able to sit, which makes the meet-and-greet go smoother and more comfortably for the dog and customer. A better and more comfortable environment makes a dog adoption more likely to be a success and thus be beneficial to the to the dog."

What a thoughtful project Logan, your Summit family is very proud of you. We can't wait to hear about all the wonderful things you are certain to accomplish in the future!



**Summit Community Food Pantry**  
at Summit United Methodist Church  
1510 Townhall Road W. Erie, PA 16509

**Distributions dates:**  
**September 11th and 25th**  
**October 9th and 23rd**  
**November 13th and 25th**  
**2:30 – 4:00 PM**

## **PERRY HI-WAY NEW...**

### **PERRY HI-WAY TO HOLD REVERSE RAFFLE SEPTEMBER 12TH**

In an effort to raise funds the Perry Hi-Way Hose Company will be holding a reverse raffle on Saturday, September 12th at the Social Hall located at 8251 Oliver Road. Doors will open at 5:30 PM with activities starting at 6 PM. There will be a top prize of \$2500. Tickets are \$40.00 per couple and include a Buffet dinner with Chicken, Sausage, Meatballs & Pasta, Potatoes, Veggies and a Salad with Rolls & Butter. There will be bottled water, soda & beer to drink. You can BYOB if you so choose.

In addition to the main prize board we will be having several side boards as well as some pull-tab games and tip boards. To keep the crowd entertained while not pulling numbers, we have also booked a top-notch comedian, Joe Bronzi. Joe has performed at several big-named casinos in Las Vegas, Atlantic City and has been a regular entertainer on both Carnival and Royal Caribbean cruise lines. He is sure to tickle your funny bone during the breaks.

#### **So mark your calendars and Get your tickets today!**

You can purchase your tickets from Gina, the receptionist at the Township Building, or at the Oliver Road fire station M-W-F from 9 AM till 2 PM, or from any member of the fire department. For more information, please call Audrey at the fire station 864-0680.

We hope to have a successful event and will use the profits toward the replacement of our aging rescue truck. We hope to make this a yearly fundraising event. We count on YOU to make our efforts a success!

#### **RESIDENTIAL FUND DRIVE IN FULL SWING**

The residential fund drive to support your local volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company has been under

way for several weeks at this point. The first letters went out in the last week of April to kick off the 2015 residential campaign. The second mailer postcards were sent out the 2nd week of July to the residents who have not yet donated. We are still accepting donations for the 2015 Fund drive.

As of this article, just over 1/3 of the residents (34%) have donated to this year's request for a donation to support your ambulance service and fire department. Perry Hi-Way Hose Company is not supported by taxes. The township does provide \$5000/year toward our operational costs, but the total operating budget for the year is over \$250,000. This doesn't include any money to be used to replace trucks and equipment as it wears out. We must rely on the businesses and residents to support the services we provide. The Business Fund drive began January 1, 2015 with similar results of only 39% of Summit businesses donating for 2015.

The members are again asking every household to send in your donation today if you have not done so already. To those who have donated this year we thank you!

**Mail donations to: 8281 Oliver Road Erie, PA 16509**

**Or**

**Drop in box on outside of building  
under front entranceway.**

#### **2015 FALL FUNDRAISERS**

**Reverse Raffle 9/12/15 5:30 PM**

**Christmas Auction #1 10/10/15 6 PM**

**Christmas Auction #2 11/13/15 6 PM**

**Christmas Auction #3 11/27/15 5 PM**

**Breakfast with Santa 12/5/15 9 AM- 12 PM**

**Christmas Auction #4 12/11/15 6 PM**

## **ATTENTION SHUTTERBUGS - CALENDAR PHOTOS NEEDED!!**

The 2016 Summit Calendar will be "Seasons of Summit" - so, take a few minutes to submit your fall, winter, spring and summer shots. Your photo could be featured in our calendar! Photos submissions accepted through November 15th.



# Here We Grow Again

**FAMOUS FOOTWEAR...** will open in September at 1930 Douglas Parkway Unit #2, in the Peach Street Square Plaza. Operating hours are expected to be 10am-9pm, with slightly reduced hours on Sunday. Famous Footwear is your place for athletic shoes for the whole family from hundreds of name brands. You'll find styles for women, men and kids from brands like Nike, Converse, Vans, Sperry, Madden Girl, Skechers, ASICS, and more! With over 1,000 stores nationwide and even more selection online at Famous.com, Famous Footwear is the leading family footwear destination for the famous brands you know and love.

**THE GAP FACTORY STORE...** will open in October at 1930 Douglas Parkway Unit #1, in the Peach Street Square Plaza. The Gap Factory Store is a leading global retailer offering clothing, accessories and personal care products for men, women, and children under the Gap, Banana Republic, Old Navy, Athleta and Intermix brands. Gap Inc. products are available for purchase in more than 90 countries worldwide through about 3,300 company-operated stores, almost 400 franchise stores, and e-commerce sites. Operating hours are expected to be 10am-9pm Monday through Saturday with slightly reduced hours on Sunday.

**TACO BELL...** will be opening in September at 8066 Perry Highway. Taco Bell serves made to order and customizable tacos, burritos, and specialties such as Doritos Locos Tacos, gourmet inspired Cantina power menu and a lower calorie Fresco Menu. The company encourages customers to Live Mas both through its food and non profit organization, the Taco Bell Foundation. Taco Bell and its more than 350 franchise organizations have nearly 6,000 restaurants across the U. S. that proudly serve more than 36 million customers every week.

**HONEY BAKED HAM & CAFE'...** located in the Summit Towne Centre; 7200 Peach Street Suite # 120, will be opening in September. Each HoneyBaked Ham is hand-selected for leanness, smoked up to 24 hours, then spiral-sliced to the bone so each tender, juicy slice is ready to serve. Whether you're looking at dinners for 10 - 20, or you're serving a buffet of up to 45 they've got just the right size hams. The Summit Towne Centre location will be offering freshly made to order sandwiches with Ham and/or Turkey. There are more than 400 stores ready to serve you from coast to coast. In addition to the retail stores, you are welcome to shop online or phone in your order .

**PLASTIKOS...** located at 8165 Hawthorne Drive, has completed their industrial expansion of 10,152 sq. ft. In 1989, two entrepreneurs, Timothy Katen and David Mead, partnered with Gary

McConnell to form Plastikos, Inc. Plastikos was started in a rented incubator on the eastern side of Erie, PA, with three injection molding machines. Over the years, Plastikos grew steadily, adding corresponding employees and manufacturing space to accommodate the growing needs of our customers. In 1995, Plastikos moved into its current, custom manufacturing facility on Hawthorne Drive, which was initially built to accommodate eight injection molding presses. The company continued to grow organically, which resulted in subsequent additions to the initial building on Hawthorne Drive.

**SHARP CONSIGNMENTS, LLC...** A new locally owned, consignment store will be opening in October at 2105 Hershey Road. Sharp Consignments began providing estate services to Erie and Crawford County residents 7 years ago. They grew their business to meet the changing needs of the individuals they serve. Their newly renovated location will offer over 6,000 sq. ft. of retail space offering gently used furniture, appliances, home decor, jewelry & household goods. In addition they will have the "Man Cave", yes, guys you will have tools, sporting goods and lawn & garden items. In addition to their large estate & costume jewelry displays, Sharp Consignments, LLC, will feature coins, zippers & pocket knives. They also offer pick up and delivery free wifi and an on-site ATM. There's more to come!

**MARINER FINANCE...** has opened at 1901 B Rotunda Drive in the small plaza across from Tinseltown. Mariner Finance founded in 2002 by a group of leading experts in the consumer finance industry, was established to provide customers with creative, flexible, and convenient lending options. At the core of Mariner Finance is the principle that superior customer service is the driving force behind building lasting relationships. Mariner Finance now features over 160 branches in eleven states throughout the country. They pride themselves in delivering the variety of loans offered by their competitors with enhanced focus on exceptional service.

**AMERICAN INCOME LIFE...** will be opening in late October in Summit Towne Centre; 7200 Peach Street Suite #485. American Income Life Insurance Company is licensed in 49 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, and is registered to carry business in New Zealand. American Income Life Insurance is striving to become the premier in-home life insurance sales company serving working families. Building a solid foundation of providing supplemental benefits to working families, it is with great pride that they serve their customers by building long-term relationships and providing coverage for times that are most difficult in life.

## IN THE WORKS:

**IHOP...** is starting through the land development process for their proposed location at 8040 Peach Street.

**8270 Peach Street...** is the existing location of Fuhrmans and the property owners, 6065 partnership, have started the land development process to add 3 more commercial units to the existing building.

**TESCO...** Is starting through the land development process for their planned 32,000 sq. ft. expansion at their existing industrial facility located at 8106 Hawthorne Drive.

**NEW MOTORS...** located at 8670 Peach Street has started the land development process for a 1,076 sq.ft. expansion of their service area.

# Summit Lions Club News



**We Serve**

*Summit Lions Club*

I hope you are enjoying summer.

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Mary Lou Winkelman-Dubowski. Some may remember me as the Secretary at Robison Elementary School. I am now retired but am happy to be serving as the new President of the Summit Lions Club.

You may wonder what we do in the Lions Club. We are a worldwide organization that helps the community in many ways. For instance, we meet the needs of not only the blind and the visually impaired, but lend a helping hand when disaster hits our area. Lions International sent money into our area when the tornado hit the town of Albion, 100% of the money went to those in need.

Lion Bob Mitchell is now the District Governor of District 14-F. This is the first District Governor from Summit Lions Club. Our past Presidents Lion Audrey Dick will be serving as District Secretary and Lion Janet Mitchell is 2nd Vice District Governor elect. I am very excited and very proud of the Summit Lions Club as we will be well represented in our District.

We have two fundraisers in process and are busy selling tickets on an Alum craft Model 1236 Bass boat loaded with adult beverages and a Harley-Davidson 2015 Road King FLHR Bike. Look for us at many events throughout the summer to purchase your tickets. The drawing for the boat is October 21st and the Harley bike drawing is November 11th. One half of the proceeds from the bike will go to the Eye Bank of Northwestern PA and the other half is divided between the Lions Clubs that have sold tickets to be used for their own communities wherever there is a need.

Thank you to all who support all our projects. For without your help, we would be unable to serve others.

We meet twice a month beginning in October on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building and on the 4th Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for dinner at the S & S Buffet. Please call me at (814) 796-2167, if you have any questions or are interested in becoming a Lion.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer as fall is just around the corner.

## *King Lion Mary Lou Winkelman-Dubowski*

### Thank You from Pass the Pancakes 5K and Fun Walk

Over 100 participants braved humidity and an early threat of rain, to enjoy the beautiful Summit Township countryside, and our lovely Picnicana venue for the fourth return of this event. Fort LeBoeuf product Matt McWilliams reigned again as male champion, while Westminster College standout Katelyn Morrell won the women's division. A delicious pancake breakfast served by Fort LeBoeuf Volleyball was a marvelous reward for our running and walking efforts.

We would like to thank all who participated, volunteered, cheered along the course, or otherwise contributed to make this annual event an enjoyable success. We are indeed fortunate to receive the strong support of Summit Township and Summit Recreation Board for this outstanding event!



### SUMMIT ARTISTS SHARE THEIR TALENTS AT THIRD ANNUAL ART SHOW

In conjunction with Residents' Days, Summit Township held its Third Annual Art Show which was on display at the Municipal Building from July 24th through August 3rd. Many residents enjoyed the Artist's Reception on Friday night together with a number of artists who were in attendance. Live music was provided by Peter Caufield on the keyboards and everyone enjoyed refreshments while viewing the outstanding display of artwork. Summit is lucky to have so many talented artists!

Many thanks to Downia Glass and Catherine Caufield for all of their hard work making this event a big success. They were even gracious enough to hold a class to assist artists in preparing their work for the show! Patrick Glass helped with setting up the show and we couldn't have done it without him.

The art was judged by well known local artist, Marty Mueller. While each and every entry was amazing, following is a list of our award winners:

Photography: 1st Place - **Anne Rosthauser**; 2nd Place - **Rachel Pier**;  
3rd Place - **Paul Tarasovich**

Sculpture: 1st Place - **Peter Caufield**

Students: 1st Place - **Kayle Papale**; 2nd Place - **Timothy Caufield**;  
3rd Place - **Snehil Pulluri**

Mixed Media: 1st Place - **Robert Steiner**

Painting: 1st Place - **Peggy Greene**; 2nd Place - **Catherine Caufield**;  
3rd Place - **Heidi Steffy**



# Hello from Robison Elementary School!



The summer has been filled with excitement here at Robison Elementary School. We are busy preparing for the arrival of our students and the new 2015-2016 school year. New this year, we will be hosting an Open House on **Thursday, September 3rd at 6:00 PM**. This event will provide students and parents an opportunity to meet teachers, see the school building, and learn about the school and classroom expectations at the start of the school year. We are looking forward to seeing all of our Robison Families at this event.

Over the past year, the district has spent a great deal of time researching curriculum materials that will best support the needs of our students. This year, we are excited to be implementing the MyMath series for mathematics and the Journey's series for Language Arts. Both new curriculum materials will support our overall mission of helping students reach their full academic potential.

Our retirees will be greatly missed this school year. These women dedicated their lives to the Robison students. They were wonderful members of the Robison family that made a tremendous difference in the lives of their students, coworkers, and community. We would like to wish Karen Kuzma- our second grade teacher, Laurie Triola- our fourth grade teacher and Debra Spaulding, our Superintendent the best in their retirement.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank the Robison staff, Robison families, PTO and community for their ongoing support of our school. I am honored to be working with all of you to provide the highest level of education for our students. I am looking forward, with great anticipation, to another wonderful school year.

Enjoy the rest of summer,

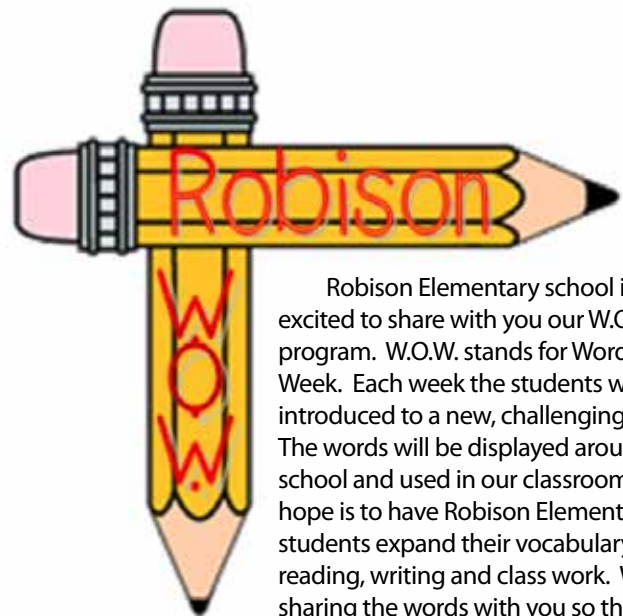
*Jenna Hopkins*, Robison Principal



We are making improvements to our campus throughout the summer and are getting ready for the first day of classes on August 31st to welcome our friends who will be attending the 2015 – 2016 school year. Please watch our website for new events and information as the school year unfolds. Our website is [www.montessoriinthewoods.org](http://www.montessoriinthewoods.org). Also please 'Like' us on Facebook!

Our Fall Festival will be the 3rd weekend in October this year. Please bring your family out on October 17th for a fun and enjoyable experience! This event is open to the public and over the years has been a great time of gathering and exploration for all involved! We will also have our chili cook-off, face painting and activities for children of all ages. For those that want to enter a chili or would like more information about this fun event, please call 814.866.3760 or you can look to our website and Facebook.

We offer rolling enrollment throughout the year for children ages 15 months- Kindergarten! Please call to set up a time to visit, meet with our teachers, and see what a Montessori education is all about!



Robison Elementary school is excited to share with you our W.O.W. program. W.O.W. stands for Word of the Week. Each week the students will be introduced to a new, challenging word. The words will be displayed around our school and used in our classrooms. Our hope is to have Robison Elementary students expand their vocabulary in our reading, writing and class work. We are sharing the words with you so that you can join in fun of our W.O.W. program!

### Our words are:

#### September

lexophile  
optimistic  
confident  
resemble

#### October

accumulate  
gratitude  
plethora

#### November

eureka  
compassionate  
inspire



## SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY

### NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE

The Summit Township Sewer Authority (STSA) will be increasing the sewer rates. The Authority Board has approved a \$2.00 per month increase for residential customers. The residential sewer rate will increase to \$81.00 per quarter up from \$75.00 per quarter. For low flow commercial customers the rate increases from \$4.29/1,000 gallons to \$4.63/1,000 gallons. For high flow commercial customers the rate increases from \$4.86/1,000 gallons to \$5.25/1,000 gallons. The new rate will be reflected in the September 2015 billing.

There are many factors that contribute to the need for this rate increase; the most significant factor is the cost of replacing the existing Holiday Inn lift station. The existing pump station serves lands in Summit Township south of I-90 and along Route 97. The Holiday Inn Pump Station is 32 years old and does not have adequate capacity for the projected future loads. It is not feasible to upgrade the existing station to meet the projected ultimate demand as there is insufficient land on the existing site to expand the pump station. Without the additional capacity that the new pump station will provide the Township would face a moratorium on new development in the Route 97 corridor.

The project is estimated to cost a total of \$3,600,000. The Authority did receive a grant from the Summit Township Industrial and Economic Development Authority (STIEDA) for \$1,304,860. However, the Authority expects to borrow an additional \$1,200,000 and the balance will come from capital reserves. Furthermore, the Meadows and Oliver Road Lift Stations are in need of replacement and upgrades and we believe we will be able to address these project expenses without an additional rate increase.

We have made every effort to offset the needed increase. We have already restructured existing STSA debts and continue spend down cash reserves as deemed appropriate. We worked diligently to get a significant grant from STIEDA for the Route 97 Project. Even after all of these positive efforts, we are still left with a shortfall and had no choice but to increase our current rates in order to balance the current budget and maintain an efficient and economical system.

Lastly, please bear in mind the STSA still has the lowest rate of the satellite municipalities connected to the City of Erie Joint Transportation System and you may recall the STSA has not raised rates since 2011. We are committed to providing you quality service at the best rates possible.

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. The Authority office 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.

*William C. Steff, P.E.*, Manager

## FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Happy summer to all!

The 2015/2016 School taxes were mailed on June 30, 2015. If you have not received your tax bill, please contact me. Erie County Assessment will send your bill to the last known address you provided to them. This is especially important if you had a home built and were living elsewhere why it was being built. I cannot change the address for you. I can however, provide you with the form to do so. Once filled out, the form is returned to Erie County Assessment for update. Erie County Assessment requires this form to be on file. The school mills increased from 11.39 to 11.65 and the Homestead Exclusion for this year is \$176.63. The Homestead Exclusion DOES NOT apply to Interim tax bills, only the regular tax bills in cycle.

2015 County-Township bills are now in the 10% Penalty phase. Interims issued January 1, 2015 (if applicable) are also now in the Penalty phase. If you have sent any Interim tax bills to your mortgage company, I suggest you check to make sure they are paid. Most mortgage companies do not pay Interim tax bills and you are not aware that they are unpaid until I send out Late Notices in November. Along those same lines, any tax bills that are not paid as of October 31st, are sent a Final Notice by me. This will be the last time you will be notified of unpaid taxes before being turned over to Tax Claim on January 1, 2016 for collection.

If paying by check, please review your check for accuracy. If it is incorrect, I will have to send it back. This is especially critical at the end of a payment period. If you use the mailbox to the right of the office door on August 31st and your check is incorrect, it will be sent back and then due at the Face period. **I cannot accept payment for any amount other than what the current payment period is in.** Likewise, with the changes in our mail delivery and sorting, postmark MUST be August 31st for School to be accepted. Please keep this in mind with the "slower" mailing delivery.

**Debra Cameron**, Summit Twp. Tax Collector

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Office Hours by Appointment Nov. 1 - March 1

## Another Successful Picnicana Summer Camp!

There are many people I need to thank for not only their support but for their time and donations to the program. They include but are not limited to the following: Christine Hoh, Monica, Josh Hoh, Tim McGuire, Kristen Melnick, Josh Melnick, Kim Koepf, Taylor Amon, Logan Ford, and Barb Walker for all of their help with Chinese Auction. ; All of the anonymous donors of craft supplies; Brett Fallon for coming to dance and teaching the campers, Steve Skelly for baking supplies.

**A big thanks goes out to several businesses who went above and beyond a generous donation: Celebration Jewelry by Dempsey and Baxter, Bianchi Honda, John V. Schultz, Jageman Electric, State Farm, Presque Isle Downs, Summit Auto, Portrait Innovations, The Jageman Family & Baldwin Brothers. Thanks to the following businesses and individuals listed below who contributed to our Chinese Auction:**

A. Caplan Company	Delainey Tunstell	Jr's Last Laugh Comedy Club	Sam's Club
Ada	Delta Sonic	JTM Foods	Sara's
Advance Auto	Dempsey and Baxter	Juanita Thompson	Scott Enterprises
Afton's Landscape Supply	Diane Bestvina	Justin Mackowski	Serendipity
Alfee's Pizza	Dolores Grega	Kayla	Star Bucks
Animal Hospital of Waterford	Doug Yapple's Vacuum	Keiser Family Eye Care	Smoky Bones
Ashley Schulz	Dress Barn	KFC	South Shore Slush Puppie
Atlantic Development Corp of PA	Duran's Farm Fresh Products	Krispy Kreme	Splash Lagoon
Auntie Anne's	E.L. Heard & Son	Kristen Melnick	Star Bucks
Auto Zone	Eat N Park	Lee Mackowski	State Farm
Baldwin Brothers	Emily	Long John Silvers	Steel City
Barbara's Hallmark	Erie Bank	Longhorn	Steve Skelly
Better Baked Foods	Erie Bayhawks	Lucky Louie's	Straight-line Auto
Bianchi Honda	Erie Otters	Lydia Reinsel	Subway Millcreek Mall
Bob Cat	Erie Playhouse	Maddie Krebs	Subway Waterford
Bob Martin	Erie Sea Wolves	Madeline	Sue Mackowski
Brandon Mackowski	Erie Sports Store	Marquette Savings Bank	Sugar & Spice
Brian and Kim McGuire	Erie Times News	McDonald's on Peach	Summit Auto
Brooklyn Pizza	Erie Zoo	McDonalds Mall	Suzanne McGuire
BSI	FireBirds	McDonalds on 97	Taco Bell
Buddha's Body Art	First National Bank	Meeker Marshall Shoe Fly Stores	Texas Roadhouse
Callie Jageman	Five Guys Burgers & Fries	Micro Plating	TGI Fridays
Campbell's Pottery	Fox & Hound	Microtel	The Animal Clinic
Carlson's Industrial Grinding	Fox 66	Millcreek Sewing and Fabric	The Beverage Shop
Celebration Jewelry by Dempsey and Baxter	GFS	Miller Pump Supply	The Brewerie at Union Station
Chick Fil A	Giant Eagle	Moe's Southwest Grill	The Jageman Family
Chipotle	Golden Corral	Mound Grove	The Patio Shop
Chiropractic Works	Greenfield Basket Factory	Northwest Savings Bank	Tim Church
Ci Ci's Pizza	Hallmark at the mall	O'Charley's	Tim Horton Lower Peach
Claytopia	Hampton Inn South	OCB	Tinsel Town
Cold Stone	Harley Davidson	Olive Garden	Top's
Cole Jageman	Hertel & Brown Physical & Aquatic Therapy	Orchard Ponds	Unique Ventures Group LLC
Connoisseur Media	Hosses	Outback	Valerie Reinsel
Coventina Day Spa	Huffman Family Chiropractic	Papa John's Pizza	Valerio's
Crab Apple Ridge	Hume's	Pennbriar	Virginia Schulz
Crolli	Hungry Howies	Perkins Restaurant and Bakery	Waldameer
Dahlkemper's Jewelry	Jack and Denise Lee	Pet Foods	Waterford Hotel
Dairy Queen Lawrence Park	Jack Paluh	Pizza Hut	Waterford Pharmacy
Dairy Queen on Peach Street	Jageman Electric	PNC Bank	WCTL
Dairy Queen on Pine Avenue	Jake's On The Park	Portrait Innovations	Wegman's
Dan Church	Joe Roots Grill	Potratz	Wendy's
Dave's Sports Cards	John V. Schultz	Presque Isle Downs & Casino	WJET
DeAnna Vaughn	Jordan	Rita's Italian Ice	WQLN
Dee's Delicatessen	Josh Melnick	Romolo's Chocolates	Wyatt Hull
		S&S Buffet	Yorktown Center Hallmark

Without all of the above mentioned individuals and businesses the summer program would not have been so much fun!

The winner of the diamond necklace donated by Celebration Jewelers (Dempsey & Baxter Jewelers) was Jan Morgan, the winner of the fire pit was Kathy Earley, and the winner of the Presque Isle Downs Casino Basket was Mary Nelson. Congratulations to all our winners!

*Pat McGuire*, Summer Program Director

**LOST AND FOUND ITEMS FROM PICNICANA SUMMER PROGRAM ...** any kids items left by children from the summer program - i.e. jackets, sweatshirts, hula-hoops, stuffed animals, sunglasses, etc. - can be picked-up at the Municipal Building BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15th.

**Any items not picked up by 9/15/15 will be donated to charity!**

# Senior News

## Welcome Spring!

The flowers are in full bloom. Thanks to the Township workers, our yard and flower gardens look great!

Those who suffered the long, cold winter are now trying to avoid the extreme heat. The fellowship at the senior center continues to flourish. Come join us on Tuesday for lunch if you are age 55 or older. Available are cards, pool, bocci and horseshoes. Also, ceramics on Wednesday. Or just come to visit with your friends and neighbors; maybe meet new ones!

We have shared our baking talents with you at our bake sales on election day, the rummage sale and Summit Residents Weekend. Our members ran the bingo and provided some of the prizes for Summit Days. Thank you to the Township and Recreation Board for providing such a fun-filled weekend with a delicious cookout and to the FLB Volleyball League for a delicious pancake breakfast.

See you at the Election Day bake sale and hopefully for lunch on Tuesday!

*Evelyn Senger*, President

## AARP Smart Driver Class



Summit Senior Center Building  
1450 Townhall Road West  
Erie, PA 16509

Monday September 14, 2015  
5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Cost: members \$15; Non-members \$20

Need Drivers License  
& certificate from last course

For reservations, call June at 864-9378

## PICNICANA PARK

Open from May 1st to October 15th, fully equipped kitchens and pavilions are available for rental. Reservations for the following summer are taken beginning September 15th for Summit Township Residents and on October 1st for non-residents, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. These reservations are for Township resident picnics and do not include any company picnics or picnics being booked for non-resident relatives or friends. It should be noted that "walk-ins" at 8:00 a.m. are given priority over phone calls. There's a 50% discount for Summit Township Residents booking an event.

## Bison Wrestling Club Sign-Ups

The Bison Wrestling club will be having sign ups for the 2015-2016 season October 8th from 6-8pm and October 10th from 9-12 at the Fort LeBoeuf middle school cafeteria. Boys and girls kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to sign up. More information will be sent home with students at school.



## Summit United Methodist Church

E-mail: [sumc-office@verizon.net](mailto:sumc-office@verizon.net)

### SUMC Annual Fall Rummage Sale

Friday, October 16th from 9am - 5pm  
Saturday, October 17th from 9am - Noon

Come one, Come all! Great items  
at Great Prices, Something for everyone!

Household items - dishes, bedding, curtains, small appliances, knick-knacks, fall and winter clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, books, games and toys!



For all Kids!! Join us for fun at our annual Harvest Carnival on Sunday, October 25th from noon until 2 PM. Games, lunch, and treats galore! Come dressed up in your favorite costume... no weapons please! We will be packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child, so come help and have fun!

Call Cori at the YMCA at 864-3275  
for more information about our Y programs.  
Preschool applications are being accepted.  
Financial aid and scholarships are available.



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## Once Upon A Time...

This is Peach Street looking North to where Interstate 90 is now. The photo was taken in the front yard of the Younger family. The Microtel now sits in that location. The pillars just to the left of the car mark the entrance to a cemetery that we would like to have more information about. Please contact Summit Township if you have any information.

There was 1 correct answer: Tom Younger. Tom did not know his sister Gail Cook had provided the photo to us.

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and we will be back in the next issue with a new challenge.

