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HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM YOUR SUMMIT TOWNSHIP STAFF

It's amazing how quickly a year flies by! With the holidays fast approaching, it's time to stop and express our thanks for the special people in our lives.

All of us who work for Summit Township would like to express our thanks for our families, our residents and our businesses. We are especially thankful to be working for such a wonderful community! It has been our pleasure to serve you throughout the past year, and we look forward to serving you again in 2016.

We wish for all of you a holiday season full of happiness and a healthy, prosperous New Year. It is our hope that you keep the holiday spirit present in your hearts and homes throughout all of 2016. Most importantly, we wish our community, our county and our world ... PEACE.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Summit Township Supervisors and Employees



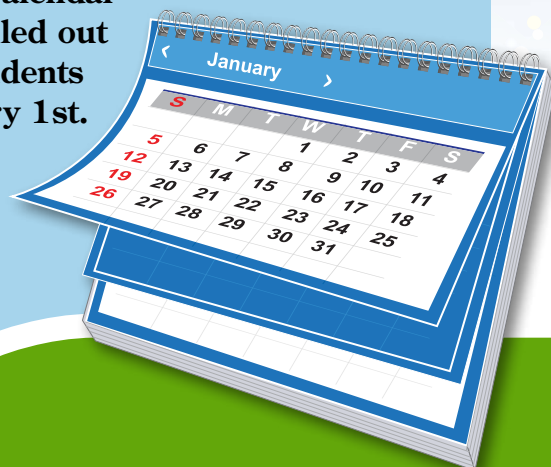
HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Summit Township will be closed on **November 26th and 27th** for Thanksgiving.

In observance of Christmas, municipal offices will be closed **December 24th and 25th**.

For the New Year holiday, our office will be closing at noon on **December 31st** and closed **January 1st**.

The 2016
Summit Township
Recycling Calendar
will be mailed out
to all residents
by January 1st.



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 -

Administrative Assistant

Brian Clark, Brian Hiles,

Sean Miller - Water Authority

Systems Operators

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



Summit Church

A United Methodist Faith Community

1510 Townhall Road W. Erie, PA 16509

Phone: 864-3271 / Fax: 864-3413

E-mail: sumc-office@verizon.net

Website: www.summitumc.net

Special Worship Events

November 15 – The Advent Conspiracy begins.

November 22 – The Advent Conspiracy –
part 2 In Gathering

November 29 – The Advent Conspiracy – part 3
First (official) Sunday of Advent

December 2 - Wednesday – Advent Worship Experience

December 6 - The Advent Conspiracy – part 4

December 9 - Wednesday – Advent Worship Experience

December 13 - at 8:15 – Worship with Communion
at 10:45 – Children's Musical

December 16 - Wednesday –
Advent Worship Experience

December 20 – Choir Cantata at both services

December 24 – Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service at 7 PM

December 27 – One worship service at 10 AM

Need cookies for the Holidays? Why not order a cookie tray from the mission group going to WonByOne to Jamaica? Orders are being accepted for delivery from December 1st through the 20th. All proceeds will benefit the mission trip. Contact Linda or Morgan at 899-6512 or send an e-mail to linda1lu@aol.com.

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:

2nd 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:

3rd Wednesday of each month, 5:15 p.m.

LeBoeuf Little League:

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

Zoning Hearing Board:

4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

As needed and advertised only

Summit Township Industrial and Economic Development Authority (STIEDA):

4th Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. as needed.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **January 25th!** Our next newsletter will be published in mid February.



Summit Community Food Pantry

Distribution:

November 12th and 24th

December 10th and 15th

Times: **2:30-4:00 p.m.**

As we look forward to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, remember the patrons of the food pantry. All food boxes are filled through the generosity of individuals. Government subsidies are not provided for holiday distribution. Donations can be left with the church office weekday mornings or Sunday during worship.



SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

As I sat down to write this article, I realized that it has been exactly thirty years since my husband, Barry, and I moved to Summit Township. Boy has this community changed during that thirty years! In 1985, when we drove up Peach Street, there was a Busy Beaver home improvement store, Howard Johnsons, Muggs Restaurant and then, darkness. Except for a few gas stations, nothing else on Peach Street existed and it was so dark at the intersection of Robison Road and Peach at night that I was afraid I would miss the turn to go to our new home. I thought we were moving from the City of Erie to "the country."

Once Summit Towne Centre developed and Peach Street Square was started, the Summit Township we know today was off and running. When I first became an employee of Summit (ten years after moving here, in 1995) the Kohl's store held its grand opening. This was the first ribbon cutting I attended for a Summit Township business. Barry really regrets that moment because I started shopping at Kohl's that day and have shopped there obsessively ever since!

I've really enjoyed having a front row seat as our Township continually develops, welcoming each new business to our community and celebrating with them at each of their grand openings. Another big part of my front row seat has been working with residential developers as they created the neighborhoods our new residents have moved into.

Hello all, well we are almost through another year. Things went fairly well, other than an extended cold winter and wet spring. I know people began to become very upset with deep packed snow banks and our plows continuing to dump fresh snow in the end of their driveways, myself included. I have lived in this area my entire life and I know it is something we must deal with. Drive one hour south of Erie County and winter conditions don't even compare to ours. I bring this up because winter is coming soon, so it is time to get prepared. The crew has our equipment ready to go and anti-skid and salt are stockpiled. They have recently done much crack sealing which helps preserve the roads and keep them from freezing, heaving, and falling apart. I was in Cleveland a few weeks ago and was surprised to see how rough their city streets are. Apparently, road maintenance has a tight budget there or it's just hard for them to keep

It's like watching each piece fit into the puzzle that is Summit Township.

With all of this growth comes great responsibility. There are more roads, more traffic, more residents, more businesses, more visitors and, because of all of this, more emergency calls that must be handled by Perry Hi-Way Hose Company. Between increasing call volume and dwindling volunteers, our volunteer Fire Department has been stretched as far as it can possibly be stretched. The growth is forcing a change and it is up to the Board of Supervisors, charged with the health, safety and welfare of our community, to address this change. Rest assured, we are working closely with the Perry Hi-Way Hose Company Board of Directors to devise a workable solution. The funding for this solution will be provided by the recently increased LST tax.

As all of us begin to celebrate this holiday season, please keep our PHHC volunteers in your thoughts and prayers. The heavy traffic during holiday shopping makes it very hectic and busy for them. Remember that they leave their families and holiday celebrations to take care of us. Be sure to thank them when you see them. For the sake of PHHC and safety of everyone in Summit, we're glad that help for our overworked volunteers will soon be on the way!

Wishing all of you a healthy, happy holiday -

Nancy Agostine

up with (just like many other areas). With winter being mentioned, please do not park cars on the sides of our streets and roads. It makes plowing difficult and the trucks cannot clean the roads properly.

The parks have been very busy this year and we have had some late night vandalism. If you are near the parks or drive by at anytime and see something suspicious, please call the State Police to report it. If it is a maintenance problem, please call the township office to report it. We can't fix what we don't know about. More improvements are planned for 2016. One is overflow parking at Picnicana. We have had several events where many cars were parked along the side of Old French Road and heard many complaints. It seems to me that many residents enjoy the parks, so we need to chip away with continual improvements. Perry Highway Hose has helped clear the site and their

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

hard work is greatly appreciated. Also, hopefully, we will be doing more with our trails at Picnicana. We are planning to get a couple walking bridges installed over the creek. Being a municipality, it becomes difficult because we must consider the safety of everyone who might use the trails. There are rules for construction around water ways and other safety concerns, like weight limits and hand railings for fall protection. We have some ideas to use pre-manufactured bridges, like boat and marina docks, where we could just put them in place. Also on the trails, I am hoping to have more volunteer work parties with the FLB School District to help pile up all the branches from wind storms and stack them along the trails for us to chip and cover the trails. Another option is to take our large chipper back to the trails with a big tractor (when it is dry out) so we could thin some overgrown areas and chip the trees we cut for forest management. These trails are supposed to be somewhat natural, so paving them is out of the question because of the terrain and the fact that it would detract from the natural forest.

Our Township continues to expand with development, so please be patient when driving and put the cell phones away when driving! With more businesses continuing to be built, it only brings more traffic to our roads adjacent to I-90. Our exits have been developing for many years now and you cannot stop the progress. We do not have the right to stop a business from building if they follow the zoning rules and we do not have the right to tell them we do not want any more development if they own the land and follow the zoning rules.

Enough said for now, I hope everyone enjoys Thanksgiving with friends and relatives. Also, have a very Merry Christmas. If you have time or get bored, please consider helping out your favorite charity, either by donating time or gifts. Many less fortunate people could use a hand or a smile. Happy Holidays and try to enjoy all the good things life offers.

Thank you, *Jack Lee*

On the Roads Again!



As winter begins, please remember to be mindful of important winter rules and regulations:

- **No parking on public roadways NOVEMBER 15th through 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 9 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.

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.

PERRY HI-WAY NEWS...

PERRY HI-WAY MEMBERS RECEIVE CERTIFICATIONS

Perry Hi-Way would like to congratulate several members for their accomplishments in the first 10 months of 2015 on obtaining professional certifications. Members earning their fire fighter 2 certification include Pete Bohrer, Dave Heirls and Chris Pace. We had several members obtain driver operator certification this year as well. Members obtaining certification for tanker are; John Bosley, Dave Heirls, Jim Kerr, Chris Pace, and Josh Sadowy. Members obtaining certification for pumper are; John Bosley and Dave Heirls. Members obtaining certification for Aerial truck are; Dave Heirls, Chris Pace and Josh Sadowy.

With these new certifications all our firefighters in the department over 1 year have achieved certification to the firefighter 1 and firefighter 2 level. We are the only department in Erie County to reach this level.

PERRY HI-WAY REMINDS YOU TO MAKE SURE TO MARK YOUR HOUSE

Please make sure your home is marked with your house number. We have had a few emergency calls lately where we passed homes or had a difficult time finding homes due to a lack of house numbers or house numbers that were too small or not easily visible from the road. We suggest a minimum of 4 inch letters on the house or mail box. For homes that sit back off the roadway you may want to put a post out front near your driveway with your number on it. A reflective letter is even better. Be sure your number is not covered by trees or bushes or other decorations. When marking your mailbox we ask you to place your house number on both sides of the box as we may come the opposite way from your mailman. Please help us to help you.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT FIRE STATION CANCELLED

We ran into a problem with our breakfast with Santa event planned for December 5th this year. Santa was already scheduled to be at the Robison Elementary Breakfast with Santa event. So with Santa being booked by the school we could not get him at our hall and want to have all the youngsters in Summit to stop in and see Santa at the Robison Elementary event on Saturday December 5th. Contact the school for more information on their event. We will have to see if we can get Santa for 2016.



Mark your calendar and support
your local volunteer fire department!

**November 27, 2015 - 5:00pm,
doors open at 3:30pm**

**December 11, 2015 - 6:00pm,
doors open at 5:30pm**

Call 864-0680 for additional information

Winter Safety, from your Summit Township Emergency Management Team

Yes old man winter will be here soon and who knows what he will bring. Let's take a quick look at a few things that can help prepare us for when winter hits us hard.

Automobile safety: Look at your tires; are they in good condition and have decent tread? Studded tires are a bonus for traction on ice and hard packed snow. Do a "Circle of Safety" around your car while cleaning snow off all windows, headlights & tail lights. Walking around your car will help make you aware of what is near your car or if someone put something next to your car while you were away. Tip: if you do get stuck you can use your floor mats under the spinning tire for traction.

Have an emergency kit in the car. Some kits have all you need, but if you want to build your own be sure to have jumper cables, small shovel, blanket or extra clothes, water and food in the event you become stuck or stranded. You could also search on the internet for the "The Kool Kit" or search for winter car kits.

Home Safety: Again have a minimum of 3 days' worth of food, water and necessities on hand in the event of a power outage or a storm that keeps you house bound. Have a bag of ice melt or salt for stairs and walk ways to help save from slips and falls. If you shovel your drive or walkways take your time and take breaks do not over exert yourself, many heart attacks happen while shoveling.

Here We Grow Again

GOODWILL . . . has opened at 7200 Peach Street Suite #500, in the Summit Towne Centre. Goodwill is a place where you can find more variety than your average department store, since each Goodwill location typically introduces more than 2,000 new items onto the sales floor each day. If your looking to get rid of new or gently used items, you can donate them at each Goodwill store location by using their convenient drop boxes. Goodwill then sells those donated items and uses the revenue generated to fund valuable employment training and job placement services for people in the local community. Their motto is simple: donate stuff, create jobs. To learn more about their services or to shop their products online visit their website at shopgoodwill.com.

IN THE WORKS:

Dollar General... is starting through the land development process for their proposed 9,100 square foot retail store location at 8214 Perry Highway.

From the Water Authority. . . .

Holiday Closings

Thanksgiving: November 26th, 27th & 30th

Christmas: December 25th & 28th

New Year's Day: January 1st

*Best wishes for a safe and
happy holiday season.*



ADOPT-A-HYDRANT CONTEST REMINDER

It's getting to be that time of year again. With winter just around the corner, we would like to remind residents of the Authority's Adopt-A-Hydrant contest. If you know of somebody that does an exceptional job of keeping hydrants clear of snow, you may nominate that person by calling our office at 864-2323.

Winners receive a \$50 gift certificate to any Summit Township business of their choice.

John Troutman, Manager

FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

It's hard to believe that we are once again at the end of another year. Where does the time go?

As of November 1, 2015, all taxes are now in the 10% Penalty pay period. Final Notices were sent to those property owners who have unpaid tax bills. **Please carefully read the insert with your unpaid tax bill. All information you may need is provided for you in this insert.**

Please Note:

- 1.) Office hours beginning November 1, 2015 until March 1, 2016 are by appointment only.
- 2.) The office will be open Thursday, December 31st from 9AM to Noon for cash payments. Please have exact change.
- 3.) Payments beginning December 15th **MUST** be in certified funds – Cash, cashier's check or money order. This is stated on your tax bill and will be strictly enforced. Payments that are not in certified funds beginning December 15th will be returned.
- 4.) Payments must be in my possession on December 31st. Postmark WILL NOT be accepted.
- 5.) You may use the locked mailbox to the right of the office door marked "tax payments" at any time. I check this mailbox 7 days a week.

If you need to speak with me, please leave a message on the office phone, 814-866-2653 with a phone number and the best time to reach you. I will return your call ASAP Monday through Friday.

I wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Debra Cameron, Summit Twp. Tax Collector

1754 Townhall Rd. West, Erie, PA 16509

Phone & Fax 814-866-2653

Office Hours by Appointment Nov. 1 - March 1

Senior News

We watched the foliage turn to bright & beautiful colors. Now they have fallen & we are looking toward the white of winter snows.

The election bake sale is over. We hope you enjoyed all the goodies baked by some of the best bakers in the Township. We will be back for the spring election day.

We enjoyed a great Thanksgiving dinner catered by Dian's Deli & Catering. Christmas decorations will go up soon.

All Summit seniors age 55 + are welcome to lunch every Tuesday. Also, a caretaker is welcome. Bring a tureen dish to share.

Other activities offered are ceramics on Wednesdays from 12 pm - 3 pm. Ladie's Game Day Thursdays at 10 AM and Men's pool or cards on Fridays from 1 pm - 4 pm.

If you belong to a group of seniors in the community and need a place for a special event, contact the board for possible permission.

Wishing all a happy Holiday Season.

Evelyn Senger, President

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP INCREASES LOCAL SERVICES TAX (LST) FOR 2016

At the November 16, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting, a public hearing took place regarding raising the LST tax (formerly known as the Occupational Privilege Tax) from \$10 per person employed in Summit Township each year to \$52 per year (the maximum allowed by law), beginning in 2016. Following the public hearing, the Board voted unanimously to approve the increase via Ordinance #2015-05.

The current \$10 tax is divided between the Fort LeBoeuf School District and Summit Township, with each receiving \$5. Out of the new \$52 tax, Fort LeBoeuf School District will receive the same \$5 amount and Summit Township would receive the remaining \$47. The Ordinance states that the \$42 increase in tax to Summit Township may be used solely for the purposes of emergency services, which shall include emergency medical services, police services and/or fire services. The Township must use a minimum of 25% of this tax for emergency services.

The LST increase was not taken lightly by the Board. However, in light of the increasing burden to Perry Hi-Way Hose Company (PHHC) due to our growth and expansion, coupled with a decreasing number of volunteers to handle this burden; it has become evident that additional funding will be required in order for Summit Township to continue to meet our public safety needs. Increasing the LST tax puts the burden on those employed in Summit Township, many of whom are using the services of PHHC. Any person employed in Summit Township who makes less than \$12,000 will be exempt from paying the LST tax.

Summit Township has now joined the following municipalities that already charge a \$52 LST: City of Erie, Elk Creek, Fairview, Harborcreek, Millcreek and Washington Township.



FREE TAX SERVICE



FEBRUARY 1st through APRIL 13th, 2016

A.A.R.P. volunteers will once again assist Senior Citizens and low income individuals in preparing their 2015 Federal, State and 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 11, 2016. 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 Mondays and scheduled hourly from 9:00 – 1:00 P.M. and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 8:00 P.M. (subject to availability).

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

WHAT TO BRING: For your scheduled appointment, bring 2015 tax returns, your 2016 tax forms/booklets and your "PAID" Property tax bill as well as photo ID of you (and your spouse, if filing a joint return).

AARP TAX AIDE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to prepare tax returns and property tax/rent rebate forms for low income individuals and senior citizens at AARP locations in Erie County.. We currently have two Tax Aides scheduled to prepare returns at the Summit Township Municipal Bldg, If we are successful in obtaining additional tax preparers we could increase the number of returns prepared. Training and equipment is provided. Volunteers are reimbursed for qualified program-related expenses. Please consider volunteering and call Gina at the Township office 868-9686 or Lifeworks Erie at 453-5072 and a representative will contact you.



Hello from Robison Elementary School!

Robison has had a great start to the 2014-2015 school year. It is hard to believe that we starting the second quarter and getting prepared for the holiday season.

All of the students at Robison have been working very hard this school year. We have seen many books flying off the shelves as students are again participating in the WQLN reading competition. The 4th and 5th grade students are working hard to earn a LIMO LUNCH that will be awarded to the top AR point holders at the end of the school year. We are also proud of all of the hard work our students are doing with math. We started the year with a celebration of math fact mastery. Since then, students have been giving their very best to reach our high standards in mathematics.

Though academics are our focus each day, we also know how to have fun. Our students just stepped off the Runway of our second annual Halloween Fashion Show. Dressed in their Halloween finest, the students paraded down the red carpet runway in front of hundreds of parents and families. The fashion show would not be possible without the help of our volunteers. Our DJ and MC, Chris Galdon, had the students dancing their way down the runway with his playlist. The spooky scene was designed and decorated by Deb Jageman and Jen Vergotz. We are so grateful for all of your hard work.

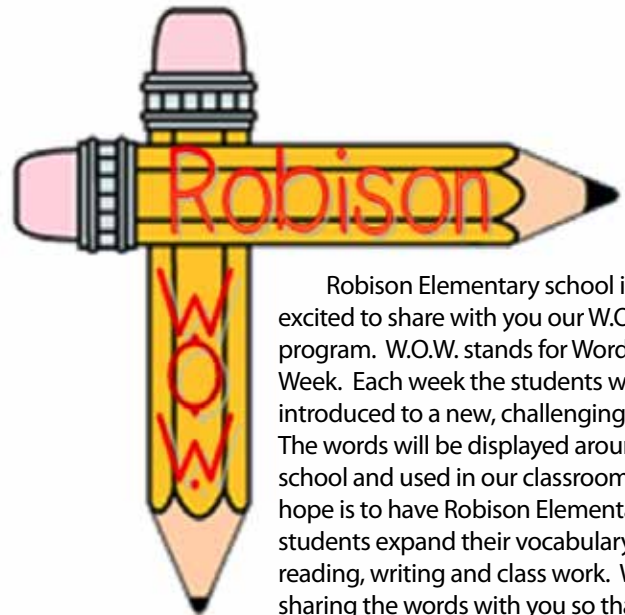
As the holidays are quickly approaching, we at Robison are focusing our attention on giving back to the community. Our Pay it Forward Club has already begun planning their events for this school year. The students learn the importance of paying it forward to others with random acts of kindness, volunteering in the community and making Robison a great place to learn. Already this year, the students have rallied the entire school to raise over \$800 for Juvenile Diabetes. The pay it forward club also participated in the October 11th Juvenile Diabetes ONE WALK at Presque Isle.

Their next opportunity to give back is the Thanksgiving baskets for the Erie City Mission. This year, we will be collecting a variety of food items to make a complete Thanksgiving meal for families in need.

Our annual Christmas "Giving Tree" will be put up in the main lobby right after Thanksgiving break. We will be collecting new socks, gloves, mittens and hats. The Pay It Forward Club will decorate our tree with the donated items and before the holiday break, these items will be delivered to the Summit Food pantry. If you are interested in giving to this project, you may drop off items in the school office starting December 1st. Each child at Robison will be making handmade ornaments on Polar Express Day for the residents at Abington Crest. Our Pay It Forward Club will be delivering these handmade ornaments, along with their singing talents, to the residents.

On behalf of the teachers and staff, we would like to thank the parents and community for your ongoing support and we wish you a wonderful holiday season.

Jenna Hopkins, Robison Principal



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:

December
delectable
debut

January
unison
cacophony
frolic
eager

February
justice
cherish
creed

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY

Major Credit Cards and E-checks Accepted

The Summit Township Sewer Authority (STSA) is happy to announce that we are now offering online and telephone payment options. Now we accept e-check and all major credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover) electronically, 24/7. Paying your bills online or over the phone is easy, fast, secure, and GREEN! To pay by phone, call 877-885-7968 OR you can find our link on the township website: SummitTownship.com, then go to Departments and select Sewer. Once you register on the site, you can view your bill, make a single payment, or schedule auto-payments. Convenience fees apply when you pay electronically: \$1.00 for e-checks; 2.75% (+50¢ if your bill is under \$100) for credit/debit cards. We will continue to accept cash or check payments at the Sewer Authority office, in person, by mail & in the drop box at 8890 Old French Road. We hope the new variety of payment options provides more flexibility for our customers.

Route 97 Lift Station Project

Construction on the replacement of Holiday Inn Pump Station is underway. The new pump station is being built behind the Taco Bell on Route 97 just south of the I-90 Interchange. The project is expected to take one year to complete. This station will likely serve the eastern portion of Summit Township now and for the next 75 years. We apologize for the noise and mess in the meantime.

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

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.

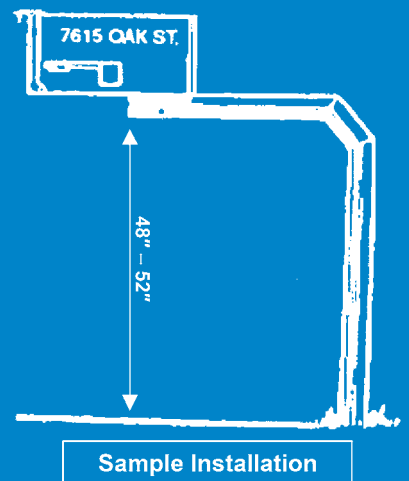
IF NO DITCH EXISTS IN FRONT OF YOUR PROPERTY:

- 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*

14' FROM CENTER OF
STREET TO FACE OF
MAILBOX

EDGE OF PAVEMENT



“Mini Milers” having fun getting physically fit in Summit Township

This is both a thank you letter and an informative look at a wonderful program that is in its second year for the students in our community. Thanks to the efforts of many Fort LeBoeuf School District teachers, students from Kindergarten to Sixth grade are having fun getting in shape all while enjoying the beautiful Picnicana Park. It all began two years ago with an idea from 2nd Grade teacher, Stacy Bukoski at Waterford Elementary School and High School teacher and Head Coach of the Cross-Country team Kelli Proctor, to begin a cross-country team for elementary students. After enlisting the aid of some school district teachers, the program was literally, “off and running.” Many Fort LeBoeuf School District teachers volunteered many hours to assist in getting this program off the ground including Jennifer Bilski, Cynthia Braswell, Renee Kovacs, Brenda McGowan, Ben Miller and Cristie Schrupf. Along with the teachers mentioned above, Doreen Gray, Lisa Osterling, Kim Sullivan, many parents and members of the Fort LeBoeuf Junior High Cross Country team joined along in the efforts to continue growing this wonderful program. Unlike past after school programs that encouraged kids to run, this program specifically focuses on skills needed for cross-country running, healthy eating habits and developing students into healthy, happy runners.

Beginning in mid September, over 100 Fort LeBoeuf School District Kindergarten – Sixth Grade students signed up to participate in this program. With the support of Summit Township in providing a fantastic practice area, these teachers and parents met with the students twice a week; once at Picnicana and once at the High School track where they fostered a love of running and taught them skills to help them become better runners. The students have also had the opportunity to compete with other schools in Erie County in various cross-country meets. It is incredible to see all the Kindergarten and 1st graders running a half mile, the 2nd and 3rd graders running a mile and those 4th, 5th and 6th graders running a mile and a half. The amazing part of it is that with only a small amount of preparation and conditioning, our Mini-Milers have represented our community very well at those meets, with many of our runners getting 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th place standings, with many others finishing in the top half of their group.

The High School and Middle School cross-country teams have also benefited from the trails that were put in at Picnicana too. In September, the Elementary team hosted our very first Cross-Country home meet at Picnicana. There were several coaches and parents from other schools who were very impressed with our beautiful facility at Picnicana. It is equally exciting to see them practicing and utilizing this facility for Cross-Country meets as well. The students and coaches continue to exceed expectations and have done our community proud.

As a proud parent of a Fort LeBoeuf “Mini Miler” and a Summit Township resident, I am thrilled that we have such dedicated teachers and supportive Summit Township officials who have enabled this wonderful program to take place at Picnicana Park. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful facility in our township and now with the addition of these running trails, so many other people in Erie County will now be able to see the great things we have to offer in our community. Thank you to Summit Township for providing a beautiful place for our runners to practice and compete and thank you to all those dedicated teachers and parents involved in this program for volunteering their time to encourage our children to get off the couch and “up and running.” We love the Fort LeBoeuf Mini-Milers division of Fort LeBoeuf Cross Country.

Rae Jean Urbanowicz



Summit Lions Club News



We Serve

Summit Lions Club

Greetings from the Summit Lions Club,

The winner of the Alum Craft Model 1236 bass boat loaded with adult beverages was Brenda Snyder of North East. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have a winner of the Harley Davidson bike. We will announce the winner in the 1st Quarter 2016 issue. Both fundraisers were successful and we thank you for your support.

Club members helping with the food pantry and the backpack program at Summit United Methodist Church has been a success.

We will be helping two families have a Merry Christmas this holiday season. The children's books have arrived and we will be providing a book for each school child at Robison Elementary during Read Across America in February.

Used eye glasses and hearing aides for recycling are being collected. Boxes can be found at Robison Elementary School and Summit U.M. Church. There's also a box for eyeglasses at the Summit Township Building.

We have a leo Club in District 14-F. It consists of students in the Fort LeBoeuf School District. This school year there are 45 active members. Lion Angie Tarr, Librarian at the FLB H.S., is the Advisor. Bradley Pier, a Summit resident and president of last year's club, received the State Award for Leo of the Year. They have raised monies for Relay for Life and are having fundraisers to support the Leader Dog Program.

Again, I invite anyone interested in becoming a Lion or a Leo to call me at 796-2167. We are an International organization. This year's President, Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada's theme is "Dignity, Harmony, Humanity".

In closing, my wish to you is Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, and Happy New Year!

King Lion Mary Lou Winkelman-Dubowski

LeBoeuf Little League



Due to the lack of participation from parents and coaches the last few years, these items are on the LeBoeuf Little League agenda for 2015-2016:

- ** Potential increase of registration fees for 2016.
- ** Elimination of Spring Fundraiser (Stromboli's and Zap-A-Snacks).
- ** Elimination of our league hosting the Minors Girls District Tourney in 2016.
- ** Purchase of a new Zero Turn mower to replace an older one.
- ** Need of a new Safety/Apparel Commissioner
- ** Need of a new Umpire Commissioner

Keep in mind that if we do not fill the Umpire Commissioner position, coaches will have to find their own umpires for league games.

Unfortunately, America is gone from a "WE" society to a "ME" society and many have forgotten what Little League is all about.

It's about a community coming together and providing a program for our youth so they can play Baseball and Softball during the Spring and Summer.

It's disheartening that our League has volunteers (who do not have kids in the program), doing all of the work so 300+ kids can play ball every year.

Yet, these same people who are trying to help this league stay alive have to listen to complaints year round about fundraisers, on how the league is run, how a field is not being taken care of, umpires, etc..

It's time for the 500-600 parents of this league to step up to the plate and help out so that we can provide a program for your kids next summer and keep costs at a minimum.

LeBoeuf Little League Meetings are typically held on the second Wednesday of every month at the Waterford Boro Building at 8:00 PM.

LeBoeuf Little League registration for 2016:

Please visit www.flbll.com for details.

Saturday, February 20 (9 AM-Noon)

Tuesday, February 23 (6 PM - 9 PM)

Friday, February 26 (6 PM - 9 PM)

Saturday, February 27 (9 AM - 1 PM)

Please add \$10 per child for any late sign-ups starting February 28th.

Thank you!

Garry Sargent

LeBoeuf Little League President



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Once Upon A Time...

Challenge: Can you identify the location of this photo?

We are always looking for items to add to the Summit History Room. Does anyone have old issues of "The Weekly Sentinel"? It was published by George and Kay Dunlap at Dunlap The Printer on Flower Rd.

Does anyone have old photos of places in Summit we can use as the challenge? Please contact the Summit Township office at 868-9686.

