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SUMMIT TOWNSHIP'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Updating Summit's "Blueprint" for Growth

The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), the source of State Law on the use and development of land, provides guidelines for a municipality's comprehensive plan and requires that adopted plans be reviewed periodically. A comprehensive plan is not law. Instead, it is a plan for future development in the municipality. Summit Township's very first plan dates back to 1966 and was titled "General Development Plan for Summit." That plan was updated in 1982. Summit Township's current Comprehensive Plan was developed through a lengthy process that began in 1998 and culminated in the adoption of that Plan in 2001.

It's now been fifteen years since our Comprehensive Plan was adopted and Summit Township has definitely experienced major changes during that time! Faced with an increasing number of rezoning requests, especially along the Peach Street corridor, the Board of Supervisors determined it was critical that the Comprehensive Plan be reviewed and updated to reflect the desires of our current residents and property owners. The Board can then use the updated Plan as a guideline when making critical decisions affecting the future growth of Summit.

A Steering Committee, made up of members of the Summit Township Planning Commission, residents from various parts of the Township, business owners and even a representative of our farming community, has now been formed. With their varying backgrounds, concerns and expertise, members of the Steering Committee are truly representative of Summit Township's diversity. The Board of Supervisors would like to express their gratitude for the commitment these individuals have made to participating in this process. We are hopeful that the process can be completed by the end of 2017, with our updated Plan in place by early 2018.

A very important part of the updating process will be receiving public input from all of YOU! Once the Steering Committee has selected a consultant to guide us through the update, public input will be sought from all of our residents and property owners in a variety of ways. These will include public input sessions and other convenient methods for you to relay your thoughts and concerns. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

***September 5th - Labor Day
(Township Offices closed)***

***September 15th - Picnicana 2017
Reservations Open for Residents Only
* See Page 14 for important updates***

***November 8th - Election Day
(Township Offices closed)***

***November 11th - Veteran's Day
(Township Offices closed)***

MEET THE STAFF

TOWNSHIP: 868-9686

Nancy Agostine -

Supervisor/Chairperson/
Dir. Land Development

Jack Lee, Jr. - Supervisor/
Roadmaster

Mark A. Welka -

Supervisor/Director of Parks

Christene Yeast -

Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

Michelle Nesselhauf -

Administrative Assistant

Nate Miller -

Zoning Administrator

Tamara Cass -

Administrative Assistant

Kip Hayford - Code Enforcement

Gina Erbin - Receptionist

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Larry Hudacky, Jeff Matheis,

Gary Pace, Mike Hanas &

Andrew Fox

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Laura Taylor - Administrative

Secretary

Gretchen Hayford -

Administrative Assistant

Brian Clark, Brian Hiles,

Sean Miller - Water Authority

Systems Operators

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Administrative Secretary

Kathy Pfister - Clerical Assistant

Marty McAtee -

Operations Foreman

Chris Hodge -

Operations Technician

From The Office Of District Judge McGowan

Mock Trial

Wednesday, May 25, 2016, 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. Gerry Rabbit and Lou Fox with yours truly presiding as judge.

The Defendants were charged with influencing the outcome of a sporting event and illegal betting. 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.

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 judicial system. I enjoyed presiding over the trial and Mrs. Dahn and her students are always welcome back.



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 **October 26th!** Our next newsletter will be published in mid November.





LeBoeuf Little League

The LeBoeuf Little League has concluded another fantastic season. It's such a shame that the season goes by so fast for your children.

Our District All Stars had another successful season, Our 10U boys finished 3rd in the District, The 12U Girls finished 3rd in the District, Our 14U Girls lost in the championship game to a strong Union city team 6-5. Our Shining moment was with our 14U boys who defeated Union City 6-4 to win the District 3 championship.

Our Junior Boys have won a District title the last 5 out of 6 years so the future looks bright for our High School teams. The Junior Boys represented the LeBoeuf Little League at the Section 1 tournament in Guys Mills and fought their way to the Championship game but lost to a very strong Franklin team 10-0. This was our Leagues best showing in a Sectional Baseball tournament.

Just a reminder to everyone that our meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at the Waterford American Legion. We normally start around 7 PM.

I also want to inform everyone that I will be stepping down as President of the LeBoeuf Little League in August. I have spent the past 18 years as a board member of the

Waterford Rec. program and the LeBoeuf Little League and was on the committee that created the LeBoeuf Little League back in 2002. Even though I do not have a child in the program, I have truly enjoyed being the President the last 10 years. Everything I have tried to accomplish was for the kids in our communities and with the help of Heather Johnston and her husband, we created the first Challenger Program in Northwest PA for special needs children.

I would like to thank the Summit Township Supervisors and employees for their help in all the improvements at the Summit Complex and I would also like to thank the many volunteers over the years that have worked so hard to make our program one of the best in Erie County. We have won 15 District Championships and the 3 Section Champions that have represented our League in a State Tournament since 2003.

I have been truly blessed to have the friends who have helped over the years and I'll still be around helping when I can and yes, I will still be umpiring!

All I ask of the Parents of our League is to participate and volunteer a little of your time each summer to keep this league strong. We need Baseball and Softball Commissioners (no experience necessary), coaches, Dinner Dance chairperson, sponsors and we would also like to get the parents involved in concessions for next year. The money raised by concessions will help keep registration fees low in the future and, believe it or not, the LeBoeuf Little League has one of the lowest registration fees in the entire county.

It has been an honor to represent the 300+ kids and their parents in our program over the years!

Thank you,

Garry Sargent

LeBoeuf Little League President

ATTENTION SHUTTERBUGS - CALENDAR PHOTOS NEEDED!!

The 2017 Summit Calendar will be titled "Summit Township - It's a Great Place to Live!" Show us what you think makes Summit such a great place to live (i.e. parks, people, wide open spaces, youth activities, nature, horseracing, shopping, etc.). Remember that the camera or phone you use must be oriented to make the photos wide instead of narrow. While digitally transmitted photos are preferred (send to sumtwp@summitpa.us), prints can also be mailed or dropped off at the Township. Photo submissions will be accepted through November 15th!



SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Hello all, well here we are again. The older I get, the quicker time goes by. More than half of 2016 is gone. It has been a beautiful summer other than a little too warm and dry at times. The road crew has been out ditching, patching, and maintaining the roads. Also preparing for Russell Standard to do their seal coat work. Shortly after we will have PA DOT painting the lines again. PA DOT has an agility program with us, whereas, we sweep some anti skid left on the State roads from the winter plowing / salting and we mow some edges of the state roads. So we trade hours with the state for their line painting. This works out well because they paint lines on our roads in about a week. That does not justify owning a paint truck to sit in the garage for the rest of the year.

Residents weekend at Picnicana has passed and seemed to go well. A BIG thank you to our Parks and Recreation Board, and a big thanks to Steve Skelly who is one of our road crew employees and a Summit resident. Steve puts much of his personal time into our residents weekend and likes to make sure it goes as smooth as possible and everyone is happy. Please thank Steve, our Rec. Board, and Jeff Matheis too, for volunteering if you see them out and about.

So far it looks like Perry Highway Hose Company's ALS ambulance service is working out well. Perry Highway has one full time ambulance with an EMT and a Paramedic at their station, ready to be dispatched 24/7. We earmarked the LST tax to support the program

because our township has approximately 6,000 residents and 12,000 employees. That tax helps make sure all the employees in the township help support the ALS and not just the residents because PHHC serves all of us. If you are employed in Summit Township, the tax costs you \$1 per week, including me. Well worth every penny to have a full time service. If you earn less than \$12,000 a year, or are an active or disabled veteran, then you are exempt. Thank you Perry Highway Hose Company.

One more topic I will bring up. The Township has a right-of-way on all roads. We must trim trees when they grow out into the roadway, even in subdivisions. If you have trees on your property and you do not want outsiders to trim them, you are more than welcome to have a professional trim them. The right-of-way is very important. I love trees just as much as anyone else, but they must be kept under control for vehicles to safely travel the roads, even plow trucks need space to move snow. There is no magic about that. Plowing disturbs many people, but the roads must be kept open. Erie is one of the toughest areas to live in the United States during the winter, and is usually in the top five cities annually for the most amount of snowfall. So with that, please remember that trees and shrubs grow and must be kept clear of the roadway.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and be careful on the roads!

Jack Lee

Hello All!

Summer has been very productive around the Township. Two new bridges have been installed over the creek on our walking and cross country trails at Picnicana. The bridges span the creek west of the playground area and will make accessing the trails to the west more comfortable for all. They are very nice because the creek divides our property at the park and there was no way to avoid walking across the creek without them.

We have also completed our parking lot expansion (with much more room to expand, if needed). The bids were very competitive with six contractors. Mayer Brothers Construction was the low bidder and did an excellent job.

Mark Welka



Summit Senior Citizen's Enjoy Their Special Day!

On August 11th, a record number of our Senior Citizen's gathered at Picniana Park for the 21st Annual Summit Senior Citizen's Picnic to enjoy a summer beach party. There were more than 325 people in attendance this year, even though the weather was a bit rough. Sporadic downpours and 100% humidity didn't stop our seniors from making flower arrangements, eating the barbeque chicken lunch, listening to the Cabana Beach Band, playing bingo, making delicious ice cream sundaes, enjoying our Island Vibes steel drummer and winning lots of fabulous door prizes! We have a pretty good weather record overall - 19 good weather days and only 2 rainy days - so we can't complain.

Summit Township and **Presque Isle Downs and Casino** were, once again, the primary sponsors of this year's picnic. Many thanks to Jennifer See and all our good neighbors at Presque Isle Downs for their continued support and for providing free play vouchers to all of our guests! I would also like to sincerely thank **State Representative Flo Fabrizio**, **Bianchi Honda** and **Waste Management** for their generous donations. All of our donors gladly respond each and every year to show their continuing dedication to our local senior citizens.

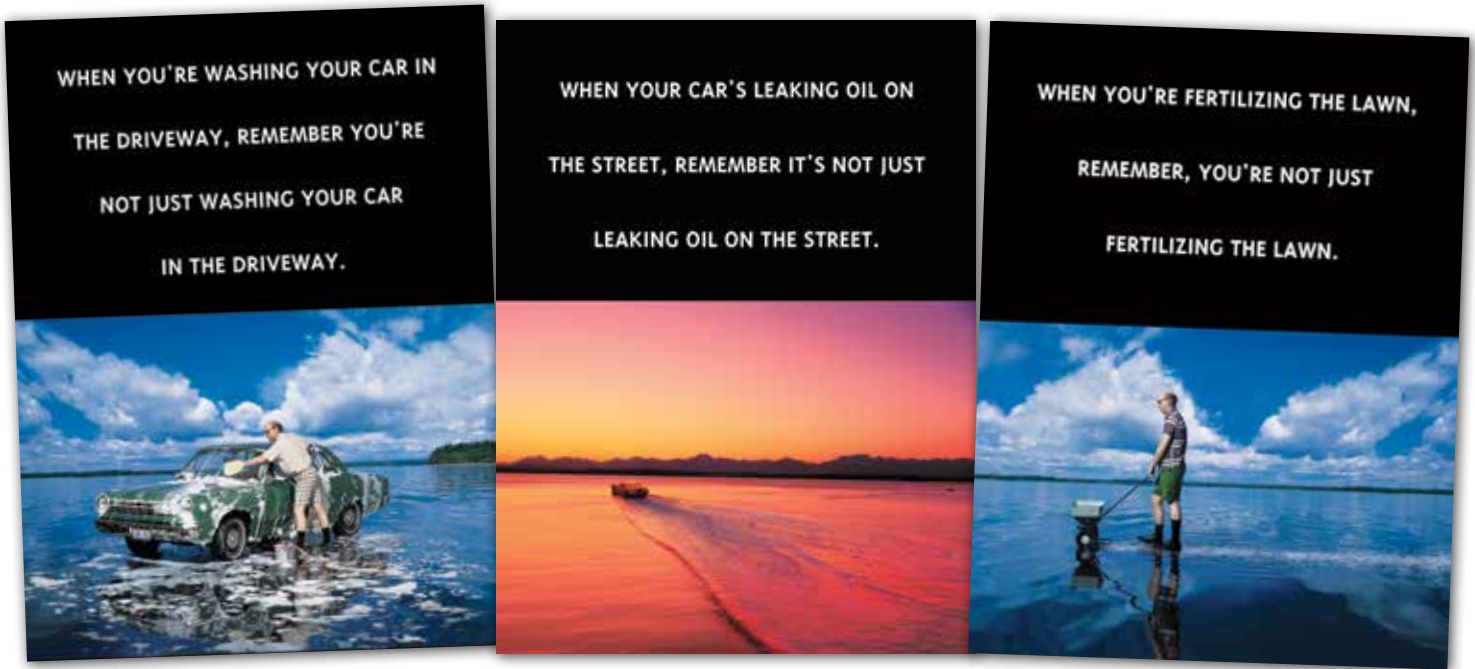
At the age of 56, my stamina is not what it was when I started these picnics at just 35! I couldn't do it without my crew of volunteers: Marj and Duane Hudak, Kim Edinger and Carol Gradler; along with staffers: Kathy, Michelle, Gina, Tammy, Amber, Kip, Jack, Mark, Gretchen, Mitch and Chris - whether you were at the picnic helping, "holding down the fort" at the office or running things in between, I couldn't do it without all of you!

Nancy Agostine



FROM SUMMIT TOWNSHIP TO LAKE ERIE: When It Rains It Drains!

Summit Township is required by law to educate residents regarding storm water and the effects it has on our drinking water. The main idea we all need to remember is that EVERYTHING we put on the ground contaminates the ground water that makes its way into the waters of Lake Erie or another watershed that directly impacts the source of our drinking water. Since "a picture is always worth a thousand words," we'd like to share with you some posters that were created to educate folks in the Chesapeake Bay area regarding the impact our everyday lives has on drinking water.



All the soap, scum and oily grit runs along the curb. Then it goes into our storm drain and directly into our lake and streams. That causes pollution which is unhealthy for fish. So how do you avoid the whole mess? Easy. Wash your car on grass or gravel instead of the street. Or, better yet, take it to a car wash where the water gets treated and recycled.

Leaking oil goes from car to street and is washed from the street into the storm drain and into our lake and streams. Now imagine the number of cars in the area and you can imagine the amount of oil that finds its way from leaky gaskets into our water. So please, fix oil leaks!

You fertilize the lawn, then it rains. The rain washes the fertilizer along the curb to the storm drains and directly into the lake and streams. This causes algae to grow, which uses up oxygen that fish need to survive. So, if you fertilize, please follow directions and use sparingly.

TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL TO BEGIN MAPPING STORMWATER CONVEYANCE SYSTEMS

Summit Township is a designated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Community by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). As a part of the requirements of the PADEP's MS4 program, the Township is required to map the all of the stormwater conveyance systems within the urbanized areas of the Township. This includes the storm sewers, roadside ditches, swales, and detention facilities.

The Township is going to use the data collected through this mapping project to assess the overall condition and functionality of the current system. The mapping will serve as a great asset to the community and be a tool to assist the Township in future stormwater infrastructure improvements. Using the data collected during the mapping project, the Township will be able to identify and prioritize areas of the system in need of improvement. In addition, the Township will be able utilize the data to better address issues that may arise within the storm sewer system.

Over the next year, Township personnel will be out mapping these facilities. As some of the stormwater facilities are located on private property, Township personnel will need to enter onto the properties to map the stormwater facilities. We ask for cooperation and assistance from all property owners while we complete the mapping process.

PERRY HI-WAY NEWS...

PERRY HI-WAY NOW PROVIDING ALS CARE

After several months of planning and multiple meetings between Summit Township Supervisors, the Board of Directors and our attorneys, we have finally reached our goal. As of July 12, 2016 Perry Hi-Way Hose Company has upgraded their level of ambulance response to the Advanced Life Support (ALS) Level. We now have at least 1 paramedic and 1 EMT in the fire station ready to respond for emergency medical calls as well as trauma calls 24/7/365.

Why was there a change? To begin with, there has been a steady decline in the number of volunteers at the fire department. (Volunteer numbers have dropped nationwide) The numbers of volunteers have dropped to a dangerous level and several calls for emergency medical care, rescue responses and even fire emergencies were not able to be answered by our small volunteer staff. The small staff was not able to respond due to work, family commitments or need for rest / down time for our volunteers. The emergency calls in Summit not handled by Perry Hi-Way had to be answered by surrounding fire departments or ambulance companies often at a delay. The surrounding fire companies and ambulance services are also having problems with low staffing making for longer response times. Time and staffing was the major reason we needed to change how we operate.

A change in the state law for ambulance services passed in 2015 with enforcement starting in 2016 made it necessary to have a staffed ambulance crew on duty 24/7/365. This could be done with a volunteer staff where volunteers would be in station or be able to get to the station and respond in a "reasonable" timeframe. With the small number of volunteers (16) we could no longer guarantee that we could staff our ambulances 24/7/365. We felt we needed to have a paid staff to meet the new law. In addition, the paid staff in station would shorten the time it would take to get help to residents when they needed it.

The previous system of providing EMS care to Summit Township was Perry Hi-Way Hose Company provided the ambulance with EMT's for ambulance calls and accidents. Paramedics were provided by Emergycare or Millcreek Paramedics and responded to the scene to meet our ambulance on calls that needed the paramedic. The 911 dispatcher would ask questions to determine if the emergency needed a paramedic to respond, about 65% of the time the paramedic was sent with us to emergency calls. Perry Hi-Way Hose Company would then pay for the paramedic service used, a cost that averaged \$75,000-\$80,000 per year.

Moving to a paid staff we felt the costs for paramedic coverage we were currently paying could be shifted by having our own paramedics. The \$75,000 - \$80,000 we were paying to MPS or Emergycare will be used to help pay for our

staffing needs. To only hire EMT's would result in continued payments for paramedic coverage. Also, the paramedic coverage was being delayed as they were responding from locations outside Summit Township.

Benefits of the new system? The biggest benefit will be time. The time it takes for a fully staffed paramedic ambulance to arrive at your emergency will be lowered by an estimated 6-7 minutes. The old system was found to take an average of 8 minutes for members to get to the ambulance in the station and drive it to the emergency scene. There was an average of 5 minutes of drive time to the emergency scene or 13 min average to get the ambulance on scene. It was 14 minute average to get the paramedic on scene. The new system with staff in station should average on scene times of 6 minutes, and that will be a paramedic and EMT on scene at 6 min average.

The other benefit of this new system is that the new staff is also trained to do firefighting and rescue work. They will be responding on fire and rescue calls in addition to ambulance calls. With the small skeleton staff we can get at least 1 piece of emergency equipment to the scene; be it ambulance, fire or rescue type call in approximately 6 minutes from time of dispatch.

Current staffing has 1 paramedic/ Firefighter & 1 EMT / firefighter on station 24/7/365. They work 24 hrs. on shift and then have 72 hrs. off just like the City of Erie firefighters. We also have an additional supervisor paramedic on duty from 8am to 4 pm M - F. We still need to have our volunteer staff to respond and work with the 2 or 3 paid staff members on emergencies.

This new system is designed to grow as our needs grow with the Township. We hope to use the savings from not paying outside agencies for paramedic service and additional commercial growth in Summit Township to add to our staffing level. We will be monitoring the number of times we have emergency calls when the paid staff is already tied up on another emergency. The volunteers will still be needed to staff the 2nd ambulance when the paid staff is using the 1st ambulance. The volunteers will still be needed and used on fire and rescue emergencies - 2 individuals cannot do it all.

In summary, we have made this change to better serve you, the residents of Summit Township. Well trained staff are in station ready to respond to your emergency. The time it takes for a fully staffed ALS ambulance to arrive at your door has been decreased as much as possible. We have also provided coverage for fire and rescue types calls. While we hope not to need to respond, rest assured we have made these changes to provide you with the best care as quickly as possible.

John Spaulding

President, Perry Hi-Way Hose Company

Summit Township Resident and Recreation Activities



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" on Friday.

Saturday offered several activities for both young and old, starting with a 22 foot high Slide and a Pirate 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, who attended Saturday's event with an ambulance and fire truck on display. They also offered their services during the 5K run on Sunday morning.

30 Dozen ears of sweet corn were roasted in a massive kettle, cooked over an open fire. There were an amazing 360 ears of corn consumed! A special thanks to Joe Kuzma for his generous donation of time, firewood, and equipment to help make this possible!

Hot dogs, nachos & cheese, freshly popped popcorn, candy cotton and Slush Puppie drinks were served.

BIG hats off to our cotton candy volunteers Jack Lee and Jeff Matheis who donated over 5 hours Saturday making the cotton candy! They also assisted with setting up the movie with additional help from family members!

Also a special thanks to our kitchen volunteers, Debbie Church, Tom Church, Sue Berdis, Kevin Berdis, Barb Walker, Denise Lee and Gary Ford. There was a constant supply of delicious food served!

The evening concluded with an outdoor movie shown under the pavilion and tasty S'mores!



Residents Enjoy Their Parks During Residents' Weekend!

Thank You from Pass the Pancakes 5K and Fun Walk

Sunday morning nearly 70 participants braved humidity and an early threat of rain, to enjoy the beautiful Summit Township countryside, and our lovely Picnicana venue for the fifth return of this event. Jake Lehotsky of Fort LeBoeuf reigned as male champion, while Katie Kuttenkuler broke the course record by 2 seconds to win the women's division. A delicious pancake breakfast served by Fort LeBoeuf Boys Volleyball Boosters was a marvelous reward for our running and walking efforts. The additional top five finishers were; Michael Williamson, Connor Keene, and Mitchell Rathburn.

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!

Please look for us again next summer, and join us for Summit Township's hometown race!

The Senior Center also offered a delicious bake-sale during the pancake breakfast, with lots of goodies to enjoy later in your day.

You had the opportunity to participate in a Chinese Auction sponsored by the Picnicana Summer Program all weekend, with many wonderful prizes. Thanks to Pat McGuire for her wonderful dedication to making this a great success!

And finally, thanks to our Township Supervisor's, the Summit Rec Board and family members, Township Employees who helped with equipment rentals, and the many other hardworking Volunteers who made this wonderful weekend possible!

Hope to see you in 2017!



Here We Grow Again

GREAT CLIPS....located at 6660 Peach Street Suite 6, in the Marketplace Plaza, behind Best Buy. At Great Clips, you can relax because you know you will get an affordable, quality haircut in a comfortable, friendly salon. The salon will be open evening and weekends with no appointments necessary. For ultimate convenience, Great Clips launched the industry's first online check-in service allowing customers to add their name to the wait list before they arrive. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 9am-9pm, Saturday 8am-6pm and Sunday 9am-5pm.

NEW MOTORS SUBARU...located at 8670 peach Street, has completed their 1,076 sq. ft. expansion to their service area. New Motors Subaru's highly-trained technicians will maximize your Subaru vehicle's performance. All service includes multi-point vehicle inspection to identify developing problems so you can avoid future breakdowns. New Motor Subaru pre-rescues your

car in the service bays so you don't get stranded on the highways. New Motors is your convenient car dealer for Subaru service and repair in Erie.

IHOP... opened on May 31, 2016 at 8040 Peach Street. Since 1958 IHOP (International House of Pancakes) has been the place where people connect over breakfast, enjoy study breaks, grab a bite before or after sporting events, and so much more. The family-friendly restaurant will proudly serve breakfast all day, every day as well as the brand's signature lunch and dinner items- offering an affordable, everyday, dining experience with warm and friendly service. The Erie IHOP restaurant will be open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

IN THE WORKS:

Tru by Hilton...Yorkshire Hospitality, LLC, property owner, is starting through the land development process for their proposed four story, eighty two room Tru by Hilton Hotel located on Oliver Road behind the Home 2 Suites and Best Western Hotel.

Building Systems Inc...6065 Partnership, property owner, is starting through the land development process for their proposed expansion of 11,120 sq. ft. at 7335 Old Perry Highway. The proposed expansion includes one 2,000 sq ft. storage building and one 9,120 sq. ft. storage building.



Senior News

Hello again! Welcome to our HOT summer. Soon we will be able to experience the cooler days and colorful leaves of autumn.

Unfortunately we were forced to cancel our rummage sale due to lack of donations. The items that were donated were given to charitable organizations. Thank you to all who did donate!

The weekend at Picnicana for Summit residents was a huge success. So many happy people taking advantage of the opportunity. The bingo was well-attended and we gave away many prizes which were donated by the seniors and gift cards that were supplied by the township. The winner of the 50/50 was Ron Pace. Congratulations! The bake sale was a big success. Thank you to all the seniors who donated and worked. Thank you to all the wonderful residents who purchased our items.

We have had many cookouts at the center as part of our weekly Tuesday lunches. All seniors are welcome.

We also had our annual elections & the new officers are as follows:

President - Evelyn Senger
Vice President - Chetta Crosby
Secretary - Carolyn Hill
Treasurer - June Beard

See you again in the fall!

Evelyn Senger, President

Final Refresher AARP Safe Driving Class of 2016



Summit Senior Center Building
1450 Townhall Road West

Monday September 12, 2016
5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Cost: members \$15; Non-members \$20
Need Drivers License & certificate
from last course

**Certification of this course can save on
your car insurance**

For reservations, call June Beard at 864-9378

FROM THE SEWER AUTHORITY...

PAST DUE SEWER CUSTOMERS FACE WATER SHUT OFF

Customers with past due accounts should be aware that the Summit Township Sewer Authority and the Summit Township Water Authority have reached an agreement to shut-off of water service for the non-payment of their delinquent sewer bills. While the agreement has been ratified there are some administrative practices that will be hammered out between the Water and Sewer Authorities during August. The earliest the first round of notifications will be sent out is mid-September. We continue to encourage all delinquent customers to make payment arrangements now. Simply call the Authority Offices and ask for the billing clerk to arrange a payment plan. Again, please do not take this lightly; there will be additional costs added to delinquent bills because of the additional labor to locate, uncover and turn off the water service, then to restore the service once the bill is paid.

ROUTE 97 LIFT STATION PROJECT

G.M. McCrossin Inc, Bellfonte, PA has completed the structure, doors, pumps and plumbing. Subcontractors have set upon the various trades such as masonry, roofing and windows. The Authority has been more than satisfied with the progress of the general construction. We expect the work of Contract #1 to be completed no later than mid-October.

The electrical contractor Cox and Kanyuck, Meadville, PA has been busy running conduits and wires for the motor controls, supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system, generator and automatic transfer switching. Their work will likely be completed mid-September.

Chivers Construction, Fairview, PA completed the directional boring beneath I-90 without a hitch but the construction of the necessary gravity piping and manholes on the south side of Walnut Creek took longer than expected due to poor subsurface conditions. Chivers Construction is gearing up to complete the force main and their work should be wrapping up mid-September if things go according to plan.

Currently, the project is on schedule so we still expect the construction to be completed before November 2016. Anyone wishing to observe the construction is invited to the STSA first ever YouTube channel by typing in the following address: (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckjLWBXI06D2LzC4PV2j6Xw>)

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.

William C. Steff, P.E., Manager



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 2016-2017 school year.

I am looking forward to welcoming back each and every one of our Robison students. The newest members of our Robison family, our incoming kindergarteners, along with their parents, will be welcomed at our kindergarten orientation held on Aug 23rd. Our first grade students will get the opportunity to meet with their teachers at a Meet and Greet held on August 25th. We will also be hosting a 2nd-5th grade Back to School Night on September, 7th. These events provide a great deal of information for parents and families; we hope that you are all able to attend.

At the end of the 2016-2017 school year, we celebrated the many years of dedication and commitment that Mrs. Zeigler, our school librarian, had given to the elementary students at Ft. LeBoeuf. From the staff and students of Robison Elementary, we wish Mrs. Zeigler the best in her retirement. Starting this school year, Mrs. Gregg, the former middle school librarian, will be at Robison, Waterford and Mill Village Elementary schools serving as the elementary librarian.

We would like to keep the Summit township community and our Fort LeBoeuf families informed of all of the news, events and accomplishments of the district. We are utilizing social media to help get the word out about Ft. LeBoeuf. Sign up to follow us on Twitter and "Like" us on Facebook.

For Robison Elementary parents that are looking to keep informed of volunteer opportunities and PTO events, please follow Robison PTO on Facebook.



Search: Bison Business Bulletin



@FortLeBoeufSD



Search: Robison Elementary School PTO

A special thank you to our Robison staff, Robison families, PTO and community for their ongoing support of our school. We are excited to kick off another school year filled with learning and growing.

Enjoy the rest of summer,

Jenna Hopkins, Robison Principal



What is Montessori? The Montessori method of education, developed by Dr. Maria Montessori, is a child-centered educational approach based on scientific observations of children from birth to adulthood. Dr. Montessori's method has been time tested, with over 100 years of success in diverse cultures throughout the world.

It is based on self-directed activity, hands-on learning and collaborative play. In Montessori classrooms children make creative choices in their learning, while the classroom and the teacher offer age-appropriate activities to guide the process. Children work in groups and individually to discover and explore knowledge of the world and to develop their maximum potential.

Above all, Montessori classrooms at all levels nurture each child's individual strengths and interests. Montessori education encourages children to explore their world, and to understand and respect the life forms, systems and forces of which it consists.

We have been making improvements to our campus throughout the summer while getting ready for the first day of classes. We will be welcoming our friends on September 6th for the 2016 - 2017 school year. Please check our website www.montessoriinthewoods.org for community events and information as the school year unfolds. Also please 'Like' us on Facebook!

We offer rolling admission 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!

Toddler Preschool Kindergarten
1390 West Townhall Rd Erie, PA 16509 814-866-3760
www.MontessoriInTheWoods.org

Summit Lions Club News



We Serve

Summit Lions Club

What a beautiful summer we have experienced this year. We started the month of June with our 19th Annual Golf Tournament and Tool Raffle at Venango Valley. Thank you to all who supported this event. Our new project, the Placemat Fund Raiser involved contacting businesses to place an add on the placemat. They are completed and have been printed. Look for them at several area local restaurants.

Again, this year, we are raffling off the Alumacraft 1236 Boat loaded with adult beverages. Look for us at local fairs and events. The boat will be given away on October 18, 2016. Thank you for your support.

An exciting new raffle titled Diamonds, Dine, and Drive is going on now. We are giving away a \$500.00 gift card from Dahlkemper Jewelry Connection, a \$500.00 gift card from Scott Enterprises, and a \$500.00 gift card from Johnson and Flick Tire. This is an amazing \$1,500.00 worth of gifts in one package. This will be given away on November 11, 2016. Each raffle is a \$5.00 donation. Again, we thank you for your continued support.

All Lions clubs from District 14-F enjoyed our Annual Steak Fry on August 3rd at our own beautiful Picnicana. A fun time was had by all including the white elephant auction.

In celebration of our Centennial year we wanted to participate in a project to showcase Lions in our community. We created a butterfly garden at Picnicana Park. The garden is in the process of completion and we hope to have it finished by September; so look for it next time you are at Picnicana.

Our new International President is Robert Corlew from Tennessee. His logo is "New Mountains To Climb". I invite you to learn about Lions and how we serve others. We would love to see you, so if you are interested in attending a meeting, please call me at 796-2167.

King Lion Mary Lou Winkelman-Dubowski

FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Hello Everyone –

As I am writing this, it is another beautiful morning in Summit Township. Although we could use some rain, we have had wonderful summer weather thus far.

By now everyone should have received their 2016/2017 School tax bill. This year's bill is on white paper. Every year the colors for the County-Township and School bills vary. There is a 4 year cycle that we follow. There was a mill increase of .33 which computes to approximately \$33.00 per \$100,000. This increase almost entirely covers the bond for renovations that are in progress at the high school. The last update to the high school occurred in 1996. The homestead exclusion dropped to \$175.00. The homestead exclusion fluctuates each year depending on how many are enrolled. The homestead exclusion does not apply to interim tax bills, only the regular tax cycle bills.

The last day to take advantage of the 2% discount for 2016/2017 school bills is August 31st. Anyone who wishes to pay in three equal installments may do so, but the discount does not apply – the installments are based on the face value. The first installment is due by August 31st, second by September 30th and the final payment by October 31st. You can only make one payment per due date and it must be in the exact amount noted on your tax bill. You will receive a receipt after the final payment if you send a SASE.

County – Township bills are now in the 10% penalty phase until December 31, 2016. Any payment not made by December 31st is considered delinquent and is turned over to Erie County Tax Claim on January 1, 2017 and are collectable through that office. There are turn-over fees and interest accrual when delinquent taxes are turned over. **If you have an interim tax bill and have sent the bill to your mortgage company, please call them and make sure they are going to pay this. Most mortgage companies DO NOT pay the interim tax bills and you do not find this out until I send Final Notices in November.**

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone who expressed their condolences and sent cards or notes on the passing of my dad. Many have asked if he was a veteran, and yes he was. He was a "lifer" in the Coast Guard retiring after almost 25 years as a Commander. He was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery with a full military service. I really appreciate all of your condolences.

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

PICNICANA PARK 2017 SEASON RESERVATIONS

Open from May 1st to October 15th, fully equipped kitchens and pavilions are available for rental at Picnicana Park. Reservations for the 2017 Season will be taken beginning September 15th for Summit Township Residents and on October 3rd for non-residents, starting when the Municipal Building opens 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. ***PLEASE NOTE:** Each Summit household is limited to one discounted reservation per season.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO HELPED WITH 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. To the following people who donated a lot of time to make the Chinese auction great: Tracey, Christine, Kristen, Josh, Tim, Barb, Olivia, Delaney, Ryan, Cole and Josh for all of their help. To all of the anonymous donors of craft supplies; Brett Fallon for coming to dance and teaching the campers, Steve Skelly for baking supplies and working the slide and bounce house on carnival night.

A big thanks goes out to several businesses who went above and beyond a generous donation: BIANCHI HONDA who sponsored a big part of the carnival, also MCDONALDS ON 97 who sponsored the sucker booth. Celebration Jewelry by Dempsey and Baxter, John V. Schultz, State Farm, Bob Martin, Presque Isle Downs, Portrait Innovations and Team turf. Thanks to the following businesses and individuals listed below who contributed to our Chinese Auction:

A. Caplan Company	Dahlkemper's Jewelry	Jr's Last Laugh Comedy Club	Reid, Kate, Ben & Mason
Adeles Shell Gas	Dairy Queen on Pine Avenue	Juanita Thompson	Romolo's Chocolates
Adelines Attic	Dan Church	Justin Mackowski	Sam's Club
Advance Auto	Darlene Hoh	Kayla & Debbie Stempka	Scott Enterprises
Afton's Landscape Supply	Delta Sonic	Keiser Family Eye Care	Serendipity
American Eagle	Dempsey and Baxter	KFC	Splash Lagoon
Animal Hospital of Waterford	Diane Bestvina	Krispy Kreme	State Farm
Ashley Schulz	Dolores Grega	Kristen Melnick	Steve Skelly
Atlantic Development Corp of PA	Donovan & Rowan Sawers	Long John Silvers	Straight-line Auto
Auto Zone	Duran's Farm Fresh Products	Lucky Louie's	Stempka Welding
Barbara's Hallmark	E.L. Heard & Son	Madeline	Subway Pilot
Ben & Kat	Eat N Park	Maddie	Subway Waterford
Better Baked Foods	Eathan	Marilyn Mackowski	Sue Mackowski
Betty Fisher	Erie Otters	McDonald's on Peach	Sugar & Spice
Bianchi Honda	Erie Playhouse	McDonalds on 97	Sunveiw Golf
Bob Cat	Erie Sea Wolves	Meeker Marshall Shoe Fly Stores	Suzanne McGuire
Boyer RV	Erie Sports Store	Menchie's	Team Turf
Brandon Mackowski	Erie Zoo	Micro Plating	Texas Roadhouse
Brian & Jen Bestvina	First National Bank	Mighty Fine Donuts	The Animal Clinic
Brian and Kim McGuire	Fisher Jewelers	Millcreek Sewing and Fabric	The Beverage Shop
Brusters	Five Guys Burgers & Fries	Miller Pump Supply	The Church Family
BSI	Fox 66	Moe's Southwest Grill	The Hoh Family
Campbell's Pottery	Gordon Food Service	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Arnold	Tim Church
Carson	Giant Eagle	Nathan, Meghan, Katlyn Larson	Tinsel Town
Celebration Jewelry by Dempsey and Baxter	Golden Corral	Northwest Savings Bank	Top's
Chick Fil A	Hampton Inn South	Olive Garden	Unique Ventures Group LLC
Chuck E Cheese	Hertel & Brown Physical & Aquatic Therapy	Orchard Ponds	Virginia Schulz
Chipotle	Honey Baked Ham	Peek N Peak	Waldameer
Chiropractic Works	Hosses	Perkins Restaurant and Bakery	Waterford Pharmacy
Claytopia	Hume's	Pet Foods	WCTL
Cole Jageman	Jack and Denise Lee	Pilot	Wegman's
Coventina Day Spa	Jack Paluh	Pizza Hut	WJET
Crab Apple Ridge	Jim McCall	PNC Bank	WQLN
Cracker Barrel	John V. Schultz	Portrait Innovations	
Crolli	Josh Melnick	Potratz	
		Presque Isle Downs & Casino	

Without all of the above mentioned individuals and businesses the summer program would not have been what it was, thanks!

Pat McGuire, Summer Program Director

4th ANNUAL ART SHOW SHOWCASES LOCAL TALENT

I'd like to start by saying - the reason we've been able to showcase the talent of so many Summit artists is primarily because of two very dedicated local artists. In 2013 Downia Glass (a long-time resident and professional artist) together with Catherine Caufield (a lifelong resident who was an art major at the time) approached the Township to ask if they could coordinate an art show. With Board approval I agreed to help them give it a try. Because of their idea and hard work, the results have been amazing!

Four years later, this year's show featured 57 pieces of art submitted by 25 different local artists! We had outstanding art ranging from oil paintings, watercolors and mixed media to photography, quilts and sculptures. We even had a table, chair and stool exquisitely designed by professional artist, Todd Steffy.

The art was breathtaking. What many of you may not realize is that some of this original art can be purchased from our artists!

Downia, thanks for continuing your dedication and hard work for the Art Show even when you didn't feel well. Catherine, thanks for being such an exceptional young resident and working with Downia, all while obtaining your art degree and starting your professional career.

Thanks also to Robison Elementary for loaning us their display boards; Georgeanna Harrington for being our Judge; and Patrick Glass and crew for always helping put the show together.

This year's winners are:

- Photography - Amy Pier (1st), James Carlisi (2nd), Rachel Pier (3rd)
- Sculpture - Adam Stempka (1st)
- Students - Emily Stempka (1st), Snehil Pulluri (2nd), Mark Caufield (3rd)
- Mixed Media - Robert Steiner (1st)
- Painting - Diana LeClere (1st), Rebecca Schember (2nd), Peggy Green (3rd)

Congratulations to our winners and to all of our artists who shared their talent with their Summit neighbors and friends. I sincerely hope all of you start working early on your submissions for next year!

Nancy Agostine

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RECREATION PROGRAM READY FOR A CHANGE!

If you've heard rumors that Summit Township is discontinuing the Summer Program for kids, they are simply NOT TRUE! The Summer Program has been a part of many of our young residents' lives and the Board of Supervisors certainly want that opportunity to continue. For more than 20 years the program has operated from 11am-3:30pm which no longer meets the needs of most working families. We are looking at possibly modifying the hours and making some additional changes to make sure the program thrives for many years to come and is available to more of our resident households.

If you have any suggestions or would like to serve on a committee to update our Summer Program, please contact the Township at 868-9686 or via email at sumtwp@summitpa.us.

IS YOUR DOG BARKING?!!!

The Township receives numerous phone calls regarding barking dogs. PLEASE BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR and bring your dog inside or make sure they do not bark when you leave for hours on end. You may not hear your dog barking, but your neighbors do! Don't be the person who ruins the whole neighborhood's quality of life.



Summit Church

A United Methodist Faith Community

Rev. Tom Hoeke, Pastor
1510 Townhall Road W. Erie, PA 16509
Phone: 864-3271 / Fax: 864-3413



E-mail: sumc-office@verizon.net Website: www.summitumc.net

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

Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Fall Rummage Sale

Friday, October 7th 9 AM - 5 PM
Saturday, October 8th 9 AM - Noon



Accepting enrollments for childcare and preschool...call us at 864-3275



Coffee with Pastor

Sundays from 9:30 - 10:15. Interested adults are invited to join Pastor Tom for conversation about faith, church, and culture. Why not invite someone to join us? The coffee will be on.

**Sunday, October 30th
Watch our church sign or
website for more details!**





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Once Upon A Time...

Here is the list of children pictured in the photo from the 1940-41 6th grade at Summit Central School. Front row: Joseph Finchio, George Herman, Howard Finch, Roger Kuhn, Donald Schwenk, Charles Barber and John Wegelin. Second row: Robert Holmes, Jack Wheeler, Dorson Dahn, Arthur Lopez, Clifford Hull, Michael Ritter, Ed Kujan, and Arthur Haibach. Back row: Rachel Boyer, Margaret Zwelling, Mildred Lewis, Helen Legters the teacher, Alice Lentz, Evelyn Slodownick and Lois Thayer.

The answer to the last challenge is Robison School. The brick building was built in 1874 at the end of Robison Rd (then called Brown Rd.) at the intersection of Peach St. (Route 19). Previously there had been a wood frame building at the same location.

The information about Summit one- room schools is from "History of the Schools of Summit Township" compiled and published by the Summit Parent-Teachers Association and the teachers of Summit Central School May 1941. A copy is in the Summit History Room.

This photo shows the present view of Peach and Robison looking west. The one room school was torn down in the early 1990's.

NEXT CHALLENGE!

Can you name this business and give the location?

If so, please contact the Summit Township office at 868-9686. Volunteers are in the Summit History Room on Thursdays from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Stop in for a visit!

