



# SUMMIT TOWNSHIP

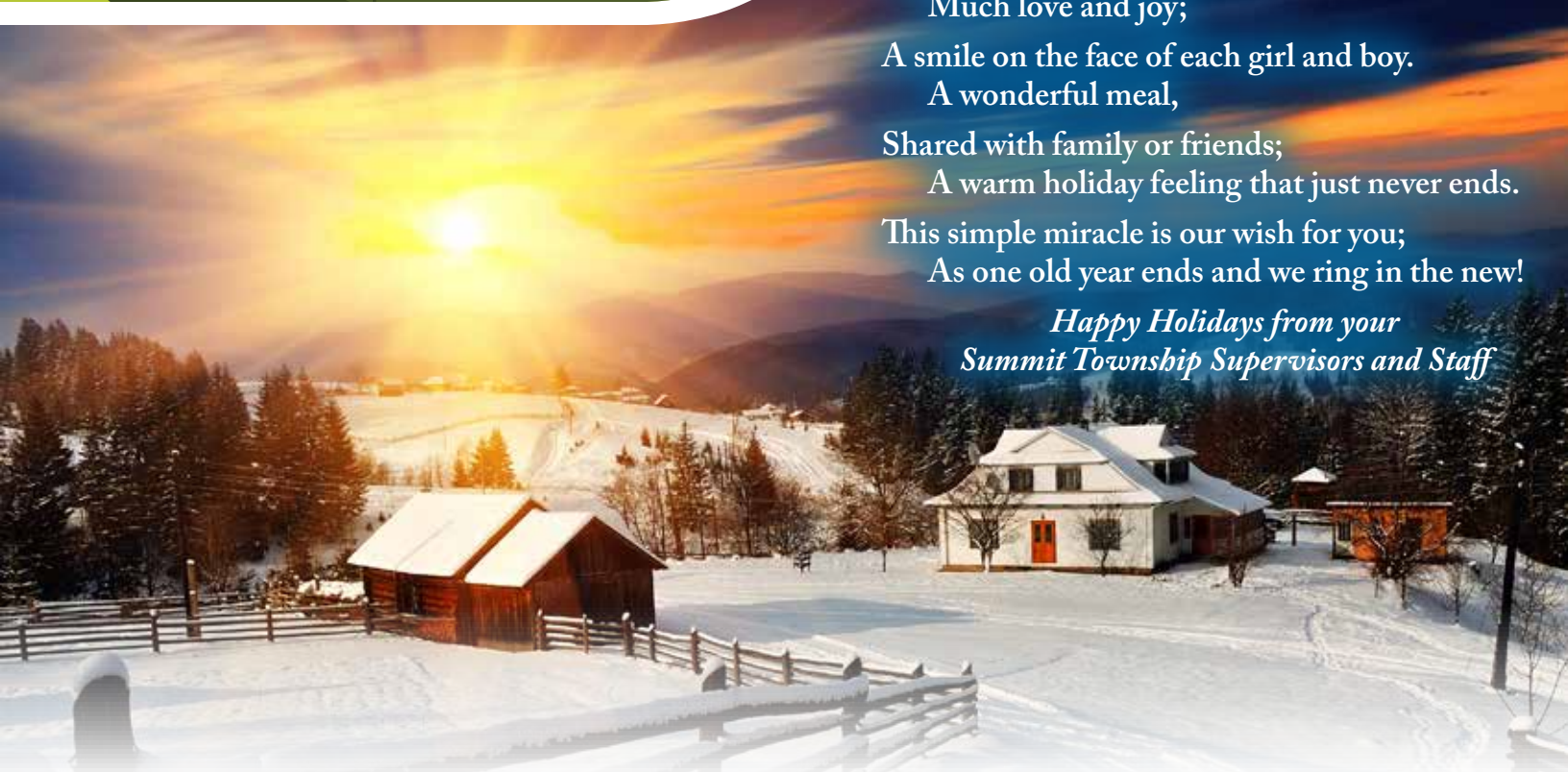
# FROM THE SUMMIT News

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Good health and happiness,  
Much love and joy;  
A smile on the face of each girl and boy.  
A wonderful meal,  
Shared with family or friends;  
A warm holiday feeling that just never ends.  
This simple miracle is our wish for you;  
As one old year ends and we ring in the new!

*Happy Holidays from your  
Summit Township Supervisors and Staff*



## PARKS AND RECREATION

Summit Township Parks and Recreation Board would like your feedback on our Children's Summer Camp Program at Picnicana. Please take our quick survey so we can gain your valuable feedback to help move the program forward at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XMXBTL5>

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Summit Township will be closed on **November 24th and 25th** for Thanksgiving.

In observance of Christmas, municipal offices will be closed **December 23rd and 26th**.

For the New Year holiday, our office will be closed **January 2nd**.

## 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

**Matthew Jonas** - Township

Engineer

**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

## FALL LEAVES MAKE GREAT COMPOST!

Composting occurs naturally everywhere in nature. Leaves drop from trees, plants die and grass left on the lawn breaks down over time. As these materials decompose, the dark nutrient rich soil-like material that results is called compost.

By composting yard, garden and vegetable waste from home, you can reduce the amount of garbage disposed in landfills. Organic materials like leaves, grass and vegetable wastes comprise almost 20% of the residential waste stream - that's 330 pounds per person per year!

Composting is easy and there's no wrong way. No matter what you do, things will eventually decay. You can compost anything from A to Z: apples, bread, newspapers and vacuum dust to zucchini. Don't compost meat, poultry, fish, diseased plants, dairy products, pet waste, cooking oil or invasive weeds because they attract rodents, spread unpleasant odors, or release disease agents and weeds through your garden. Pick a convenient place near your garden. Pile the waste or use wire mesh, snow fencing, wood, bricks or even garbage cans with holes punched in them to enclose the compost pile.

**The key is layering brown and green materials; three parts brown to one part green.**

**GREEN MATERIALS INCLUDE:** Fresh grass clippings, vegetable and fruit peelings, coffee grounds, egg shells, moldy bread, coffee filters, etc.

**BROWN MATERIALS INCLUDE:** Leaves, bark and twigs, wood chips, saw dust, paper towel/toilet paper tubes, shredded newsprint or paper, straw, etc.

**DO NOT COMPOST:** Butter, lard, oils, bones, cat/dog feces, dairy products, peanut butter, diseased plants or leaves, mayonnaise or salad dressing.

### HELPFUL HINTS:

- Mix with a shovel or pitchfork for faster composting.
- Shred the materials and make sure that the pile is as moist as a squeezed sponge.
- Turning the pile every three days will make it compost faster, but you can turn it weekly, monthly or not at all, though the more it's turned, the faster materials will break down!

## 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 **January 26th!** Our next newsletter will be published in mid February.



## PERRY HI-WAY NEWS...

### PURSE BINGO FUNDRAISER

Perry Hi-Way and McKean Hose companies will be teaming up for a new fundraiser - Purse Bingo. Winners will be able to take home a designer purse when they get a winning bingo. Come take a chance on winning a purse from Coach, Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Dooney & Bourke, and Vera Bradley as our main prizes. We will also be holding a 50-50 raffle, a small Chinese auction and lots of instant rip open tickets to win cash or other purses/accessories.

December 1, 2016 is the date. Perry Hi-Way Social Hall will be the location. Doors open at 5:30 pm and games will begin at 7 pm. We will have 16 games to win the purse of your dreams. Cost is \$30.00 and includes your packet of 9 bingo cards. Additional cards can also be purchased. For more information please look us up on Facebook under Perry Hi-Way Hose Company.

The kitchen will also be open for those needing something to eat or drink at the event. Attendees can also bring their favorite adult beverage if they choose. Come out and support these two fire departments with a night of fun and excitement!

#### **PERRY HI-WAY SOCIAL HALL**

Thursday DECEMBER 1st

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM

GAMES BEGIN 7 PM

COST \$30.00 PER ENTRY TICKET (LIMITED TO 300 TICKETS)

*PURCHASE TICKETS ON FACEBOOK UNDER PERRY HI-WAY HOSE COMPANY OR MCKEAN HOSE COMPANY*

### MEMBERS RECEIVE CERTIFICATIONS

The men and women of Perry Hi-Way have worked hard over the past year to improve their training and skills for responding to emergencies in and around Summit Township. The following members have completed training and passed both a written test and a practical skills test to achieve national certification in various areas as of September 30, 2016:

**Jim Kerr** – Firefighter 1, Hazmat awareness, Hazmat operations, NFPA 1006 core rescue, Vehicle & Machinery 1.

**Troy McGregor** – Firefighter 1, Hazmat awareness, Hazmat operations, NFPA 1006 core rescue, Vehicle & Machinery 1.

**Branden Schultz** – NFPA core rescue, Hazmat awareness, Vehicle & Machinery 1.

**John Spaulding** - Structural Collapse Level 1.

**Kip Hayford** – Vehicle & Machinery 2

**Gretchen Hayford** – Vehicle & Machinery 2

**Jerald Smith** – NFPA Core Rescue, Hazmat Awareness, Vehicle & Machinery 1



### **AUCTION TIME**

Once again, Perry Hi-Way will be holding the annual Christmas auctions at the Oliver Road fire station. Ron Henning will be the auctioneer and have a good supply of new items as well as many of his standard pieces and the cheese/pepperoni. Various tools, hats, gloves, socks, toys, touch lamps, holiday decorations, knick-knacks and food items will fill his truck on auction nights!

The kitchen will be open and serving a full menu each night. We may even have a couple new items on the menu this year. Come to the event a little early, have your dinner at the hall and help support the fire department auxiliary.

Mark your calendars today to come and support Perry Hi-Way Hose Company, Your Fire, Rescue and Ambulance service.

### **2016 CHRISTMAS AUCTIONS**

11/25 5 PM DOORS OPEN 4 PM

12/09 6 PM DOORS OPEN 5 PM

**The 2017 Summit Township Recycling Calendar will be mailed out to all residents by January 1st.**



# SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Hello residents.

By the time this newsletter is printed, all the plow trucks will be ready to dispatch. Let's hope later than sooner. Unfortunately, you can feel the chill in the air and we know what is coming. Please prepare for winter at home, snow removal, and plowing. Do not park on the side of the roads, not to interfere with the plow crews so they can do a good job clearing the roads. Also watch your speed and drive careful. If the weather is fowl, try to leave home early when traveling anywhere. Give yourself plenty of time.

We continue to make improvements on our roads and parks while saving some money for that rainy day. Summit is fortunate to have the added support of all the businesses in our township to help keep property tax in control but yet keep our roads and infrastructure in good condition. Along with the good fortune comes much stress and responsibility too. Because of being a prosperous township, we must deal with busy traffic areas and this results in more work. We maintain 14 intersections with many traffic lights 24/7, road signs, complaints, and developers who, at times, expect special consideration.

With that being said, it is very hard to keep everyone

happy and so we must follow the laws to make situations fair for all. That is the price we pay for living in a busy township. It is easy to criticize, but very hard to keep everyone happy. In rural areas, there is less stress but a very tight budget to maintain their rural townships. We know that many governments set their annual budgets up with no reserve or even operate in a deficit.

We have also invested in our volunteer fire department in many ways, to help support them. In a township as busy as ours, it becomes very hard for any volunteer fire departments to keep up with the demands. The PHHC personnel have jobs, homes, and families of their own, so they are not available 24/7. Just another example of the work load a prosperous community can cause. I bring all this up because sometimes people cannot understand all that goes on in a busy community.

Well, now it is November, so have a great Thanksgiving and Christmas. Try to be patient and positive with family and others. Hopefully, after the election in November, we will see some promises come true and have a great New Year. Thank you,

*Jack*

Hello to all,

I hope this letter finds you all well. We had a great year at Picnicana and Community Park. The baseball and soccer fields were active all summer long. The batting cages were a big success and will continue to be improved.

Picnicana booked up very quickly for 2017, but there are still some dates available. Please call the office to check availability if you are planning an event. We are starting to plan a restroom remodel for Picnicana. The restrooms have functioned well over the years but are truly in need of some cosmetic improvements! The roof is already being replaced and work should be completed by the time this letter reaches you.

We are looking for your input on our summer program. If your children attend, or, if you have ever considered sending them to our program, please take the time to fill out our survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XMXBTL5> and give us your thoughts. We want to improve the program and make adjustments that best fit the future of our community.

For future thought, we will also begin planning to replace the storage barn that sits behind the ball fields at Community Park. A design and permits will all be in place before it gets underway in the spring.

Hard to believe that this letter will bring us through the holidays and a new year! Enjoy and be safe!

*Mark*

## GAMING LAW AND CASINO FUNDS - WHERE DO WE STAND?

I'm certain that, by now, all of you are aware that the Gaming Law was deemed unconstitutional by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. This was due to the fact that it provided two different levels of taxation, one for casinos making over \$500 million and another for casinos making under \$500 million. Because it is illegal to tax casinos differently, regardless of how much revenue they generate, the Court gave the Pennsylvania legislature 120 days to fix the Gaming Law. We're now down to about 70 days.

On October 18th, I testified before the House Gaming Oversight Committee in Harrisburg. My testimony centered on the financial impact of being a host municipality for Presque Isle Downs (PID). Other non-host municipalities (and the legislators who represent them) like to focus on the \$1.2 million Summit Township receives annually from the casino, and what a "windfall" it is. What they fail to recognize is the tremendous cost involved in providing for the casino's needs. The costs I'm referring to are related to increased traffic, increased emergency calls for Perry Hi-Way (PHHC), and the use of a tremendous amount of capacity from both our water and sewer systems.

The traffic generated by PID required many roadway improvements and traffic controls. While the improvements were funded by PID, the maintenance and upkeep are now the responsibility of Summit, requiring numerous man hours from our road crew each year. Administration of casino revenue and the 60 acres of land placed under a Conservation Easement with the Township requires accounting and engineering man hours. The various staffing increases amount to about \$150,000/year.

PHHC receives an average of 120 calls per year to PID and has seen a 15% increase in vehicle accidents involving people going to or coming from the casino. Approximately 65-70% of these calls go unpaid, putting a financial strain on PHHC and creating more work than our volunteers could handle. The partially paid staffing of PHHC is provided at a cost of \$500,000/year. While most of the staffing revenue is provided via the LST tax, the Township provides PHHC with approximately \$250,000 each year from gaming revenue.

PID is one of the largest water users in Summit Township. Because a large portion of the Summit Township Water Authority's (STWA) supply capacity is consumed by PID, additional water supply sources were required to meet their demands. To date, a total of \$2,977,000 has been received by the STWA from gaming revenues to fund additional supply sources.

Summit Township Sewer Authority (STSA) sewer infrastructure improvements related to the casino and funded by gaming revenues (prior to PID opening) totals \$1.8 Million. However, because the average daily sewer load to the Route 97 pump station has increased almost 50% since the completion of PID, the STSA was forced to replace the existing pump station. Total project cost is \$3.5 million, of which \$1.3 million is being paid out of gaming revenues.

At the October 18th hearing, it quickly became very evident to me that, regardless of the actual cost to host municipalities, all of the non-host municipalities feel that they should receive gaming revenues too. Thus, while the Senate passed a "quick fix" to the Law, the House turned it into a "200 page fix" that included new revenue and fees for internet gaming in Pennsylvania. Because the House fix is very different from the Senate proposal it now has to go back to the Senate. Unfortunately, the Senate will not act by the end of this year and the new Senate will need to act quickly in 2017 to meet the 120 day deadline.

As a result, the Summit Township Board of Supervisors must enact a 2017 Budget without knowing what casino revenue will be received. Fortunately, for the past 10 years that PID has been in operation, the Supervisors have made every effort NOT to count on casino revenue to cover general expenses. Instead, the casino portion of our revenue has been used only for capital improvements, capital reserve funds and operating reserve funds. Out of the \$12 million in gaming revenue received to date, approximately \$7.5 million has been spent on capital improvements (municipal building, parks, roads, etc.) and the remaining \$4.5 million has been saved in our capital and operating reserves. Our Township has no debt. We have been, and will continue to be good stewards of all gaming funds we receive.

I know this is a lot of info to digest, but I feel it's important for you, our residents, to know where we stand. This issue is critical to Summit's future and the Board will continue fighting for the funds Summit is entitled to as a host municipality.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

*Nancy*

## On the Roads Again!



Throughout the winter, the crews plow snow, apply salt and anti-skid to the Township roads to make winter travel safe for township residents and visitors. Summit township has six excellent snow removal trucks that can be used to clear the roads. Residents are required to help the crew's work by **obeying the law and removing their cars from public streets from November 15th to March 15th**. This allows the Road crew to do a nice job of cleaning the roads. If a vehicle is left parked in the road, we do have the right to tow it away at the owners expense, for everybody's safety. Summit Township has enough equipment to be able to keep up with the weather better than most anyone and, in our busy community, people have come to expect that.

Roads are a public right-of-way. Township standards are to clear the road from edge to edge or curb to curb to provide safe travel conditions and provide storage space for subsequent snowfalls. To do this sometimes requires multiple passes. We move the snow from the centerline to the edge of the road. This means that, until the street is completely clear, the plow will come back again. The plows are not lifted at driveways because this would leave snow on the street; creating a hazard for drivers. Residents should be advised to wait as long as possible to shovel or clear at the end of their driveway. Also, **when removing your snow, deposit the snow to the right of your driveway as you face the street**. By doing this, when the plow returns, it will carry the snow you moved away from the driveway. Snow placed on the left side will probably end up back in your driveway the next time the plow makes a pass.

Not all of the streets or roads in the township are public. Some are private drives that are maintained by owners, homeowners associations, or developers. We also have many state roads in our Township which are maintained by PennDOT. We are not supposed to plow any part of the state roads, even if we think we are doing a favor. If we plowed a portion of a state road and then turned off onto one of our township roads, a motorist could be driving down the road on that plowed portion (thinking the road has just been plowed) then suddenly hit deep snow, causing them to have an accident where we turned off and did not finish.

**Property owners and/or occupants are responsible for clearing snow and ice from adjacent sidewalks within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall.** Owners or occupants failing to clear sidewalks may receive a citation, be fined and/or be responsible to reimburse the township for the cost of clearing the sidewalk.

Please drive safely, slow down, and allow extra time to reach your destination during winter weather events. This is the most effective way to prevent an accident. Thank you for your cooperation and happy holidays!

*The Road Crew*

## *“Mini Milers” still running strong in Summit Township*



A special thank you goes out to all of the teachers, staff and parents of the Fort LeBoeuf School District for the wonderful program that is now in its third year for the students. 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 our beautiful Picnicana Park. The program began 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 volunteer many hours to assist in this program including Renee Kovacs, Brenda McGowan, Lisa Osterling and Cristie Schrupf. Along with the teachers mentioned above, several parents and members of the Fort LeBoeuf Cross Country team continue to help keep this program running strong. Not only does the program encourage our kids and their families to be physically active, but it specifically focuses on skills needed for cross-country running, healthy eating habits and developing students into healthy, happy runners.

A record number of over 100 students in the Fort LeBoeuf School District from Kindergarten – Sixth Grade students signed up to participate in this program this year. Thanks to the support of Summit Township, these teachers and parents meet with the students twice a week; once at Picnicana and once at the High School track where they foster a love of running and teach the students skills to help them become better runners.

The students have had several opportunities to compete with other schools in Erie County and beyond in

various cross-country meets this fall. It is an incredible sight 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 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, and many others finishing in the top half of their group. Some of our runners even traveled down to Slippery Rock for an invitational and our Elementary Boys team came home with a 3rd place trophy.

Our High School and Middle School cross-country teams also benefit from the trails that we have at Picnicana too. In September, the Elementary team hosted a Cross-Country home meet at Picnicana. Once again, our beautiful facility in Summit Township left several coaches and parents from other schools very impressed with what Picnicana has to offer.

The students and coaches continue to exceed expectations and continue to do our community proud. As a proud parent of two Fort LeBoeuf “Mini Miler” runners 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 continue to take place at Picnicana Park. We are so fortunate to have this fantastic facility in our township and as we continue to host events such as these, so many other people in Erie County will now be able to see more of the great things we have to offer in Summit Township. 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 be active.

*Rae Jean Urbanowicz*

# Here We Grow Again

**DOLLAR GENERAL....** Located at 8214 Perry Highway is now open. Dollar General is an American chain of variety stores. Dollar General is not a dollar store by the strict definition of the term as most of its products are priced at more than a \$1.00. However, Dollar General offers both brand name and generic merchandise including off-brand goods and closeouts of name brand items, in the same store, often on the same shelf. This popular store offers something for everyone, a selection of merchandise including consumables, seasonal, home products and apparel at a discount price.

**PANERA BREAD...** Musca Properties, LLC, property owner, has just finished the land development process and received a zoning permit for their proposed expansion at 1935 Keystone Drive, which includes the addition of a drive-thru lane and 420 sq. Ft. building addition. Panera Bread is already a popular spot in Erie, but now there's a faster way to get your favorite bagels and "you pick-two's" The Panera Bread drive thru is the first drive thru in Northwest, PA and will be finalized and open in mid December 2016. Panera Bread is one of the fastest growing Chains of bakery-café fast casual restaurants in the United States. They offer a wide array of pastries and baked goods, such as croissants, bagels, cookies and brownies. These, along with Panera's artisan breads are typically baked before dawn by an on-staff baker. Aside from the bakery section, Panera has a regular menu for dine-in or takeout which includes, sandwiches, paninis, pastas, soups, salads, drinks and more. Panera Bread has a reputation for being healthy and wholesome, not too expensive, and the stores are nicely designed as well as comfortable.

## Senior News

Hello again! As I write this, we are experiencing the fall rains. We have had a great fall! By the time you read this, we may have experienced the first snow fall. The members of the senior center are preparing for the Election Day bake sale. I hope you find your favorite goodies!

We are anticipating our annual Thanksgiving dinner to be catered by Diane's Deli & Treats.

We at the senior center welcome all seniors to join our activities. We have a tureen lunch every Tuesday at noon & enjoy playing cards, playing pool and building puzzles.

Have a joyful and safe holiday season!

*Evelyn Senger*, President

## FROM THE SEWER AUTHORITY....

### Route 97 Lift Station Project Complete - Many Thanks!

The Summit Township Sewer Authority is very pleased to report that the new Route 97 Lift Station was tied into the existing system on October 19, 2016. All of us at the Summit Township Sewer Authority want to thank the Summit Township Industrial and Economic Development Authority for the \$1.3 M grant, PNC Bank and all of the sewer users for the funding necessary to implement this major investment in our community. This portion of the strategic capital improvements plan will provide waste water capacity for the eastern half of Summit Township for at least the next 50 years.

We also want to thank the contractors: G. M. McCrossin Inc., Bellefonte; Cox and Kanyuck, Meadville; and Chivers Construction, Fairview for their hard work. We are grateful for the numerous vendors that provided the necessary materials in a timely fashion. We appreciate the assistance of Summit Township and the Summit Township Water Authority and the many agencies that provided permitting and oversight throughout the planning and construction. To the engineers, legal professionals and their conscientious staff, thank you for your guidance and assistance. A special thanks to the lift station neighbors whose cooperation helped make this project a success. Management also wants to thank the Sewer Authority Board for their responsible leadership. Finally, I personally want to commend the dedicated Authority staff for their extra efforts since 2010, when the need was identified and planning began.

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!



Robison has had a great start to the 2016-2017 school year. It is hard to believe that we are starting the second quarter and getting prepared for the holiday giving season. Our Pay It Forward theme this year is "We Rise By Lifting Others."

We are excited to announce that Robison has been recognized by ERIE NEWS NOW for giving back to the community. I worked with a group of fifth grade PAY IT FORWARD CLUB students to create a video that highlighted the many community organizations that Robison works to support throughout the year. We were selected as one of the four winning schools! The ERIE NEWS NOW team will be coming to Robison on November 4th to broadcast live from our gymnasium. We will feature many of the school activities that make Robison special. From now until November 20th, the students' video entry will be featured online. The video that receives the most votes will be awarded a **\$5,000 ad package** for the charity of their choice and a GoPro for the school. If we are the winning school, we will be giving our ad package to the **Summit Food Pantry**. You can vote up to twenty times per day at [www.erienewsnow/coolsschool](http://www.erienewsnow/coolsschool) until November 20th.

We are blessed to have our school in Summit Township, as the community has always been so supportive. We want to offer a special thank you to the Summit Community members that helped make our Third Annual Halloween Runway show a huge success. 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 Galton, volunteered his time and had the students dancing their way down the runway with his playlist. The spooky scene was designed and decorated by Deb Jageman. We are so grateful for all of your hard work.

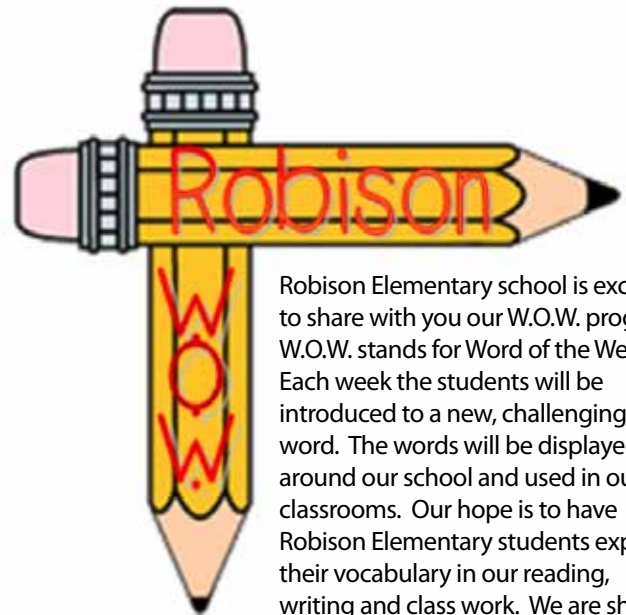
Their next opportunity to give back is the Thanksgiving baskets for the Erie City Mission. This year, we will be collecting a variety of food items to make a complete Thanksgiving meal for families in need. If you would like to contribute to our baskets we are collecting the following items up until November 17th :

- boxes of mashed potatoes and stuffing
- turkey gravy packets
- Jell-o and Kool-Aid packets
- cans of vegetables, cranberries, and yams

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.

On behalf of the teachers and staff, we wish you a wonderful holiday season. We are honored to be a part of our generous Summit Township Community.

*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

captivate  
cognizant  
trajectory

#### January

inaugurate  
indomitable  
pensive

#### February

debonair  
grit  
habitual



# Summit Lions Club News



**We Serve**

*Summit Lions Club*

As I write this article, I am amazed by the beauty of the foliage in Summit Township this Fall. We are also very grateful for the beautiful weather we have been enjoying lately.

The Lions have been busy with our fund raisers this summer. The Alum craft bass boat loaded with adult beverages was won by Amy Smith from Texas. The giveaway for our Diamond, Dining and Driving gift card was on Veterans Day, Nov. 11th. We will announce the winner in the 1st Quarter 2017 issue. We are pleased with the success of our placemat fundraiser; so be looking for our advertisers in various restaurants. To date, 45,000 placemats have been distributed. We thank everyone for supporting us in these endeavors.

In celebration of "Read Across America Day", books have been purchased and are ready to be distributed at Robison Elementary School in March. We always look forward to giving books out to the students.

Along with our eyeglass collection, you will find a box for hearing aids for recycling. These boxes are located at the following locations: Summit Township Building, Summit United Methodist Church, and Robison Elementary School.

Again this year we have members helping at the Food Pantry and the Back Pack Program.

Club members and volunteer workers enjoyed an evening of pizza and fellowship at the Township building at an "Appreciation Night" for those who worked to make our events successful.

Thank you to the Leaders of Pack 71 who did a super job of weeding our Butterfly garden at Picnicana and preparing the garden for Fall. It is a beautiful addition to the wonderful facility in our community.

Our motto "We Serve" continues to keep us busy. If interested in learning more about our projects and what "Lions" do locally and internationally, join us at one of our meetings. Please call me at 796-2167 for more information.

In closing, I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, blessed Christmas and happiness in the New Year.

*King Lion Mary Lou Winkelman-Dubowski*

## **FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:**

Hello Everyone –

The last time I was writing the newsletter, it was a beautiful morning but needed rain. Again a beautiful fall day, breezy, warm and sunny. Is there any better place to live?

Once again we are coming to the end of another year. Some of this information most who have lived here for a while know, but others may not. All taxes that are not paid by December 31, 2016 are considered delinquent and are turned over to Erie County Tax Claim on January 1, 2017. When delinquents are turned over to Tax Claim, there is an additional fee for turning them over and if not paid, accrues interest each month. I will be sending out Final Notices (an actual copy of the bill) the beginning of November. Please contact me if you have any questions. If you receive a Final Notice on an Interim tax bill and have previously sent your mortgage holder a copy of the bill, please contact your mortgage holder. Not all mortgage companies pay Interim tax bills.

I settle with Tax Claim the beginning of January. Therefore, the insert that comes with your Final Notice and is also on the back of your Final Notice states that payments after December 15th MUST be in certified funds. Certified funds are cash, cashier's check or money order. Certified funds clear immediately. Personal and business checks do not. They can take anywhere from 3 to 10 business days. This is the reason that certified payment is required – in order to make sure all monies have cleared my bank account so that I can turn over the final payment to Tax Claim. If you send uncertified funds with your payment, it will be returned to you and you may miss the deadline for the year.

Beginning November 1st through February 28th, the office is closed. You may leave a message on the answering machine and I will return your call. You may also use the locked mailbox to the right of the office door at any time. If you require a receipt, as when you mail your payment in, enclose both copies and a SASE. If you want to pay by cash, I can set up an appointment with you. Check the message on my answering machine near the end of December. I am open one day towards the end of the month for cash payments also.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for a prosperous and safe 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

# Summit Township Emergency Management Winter Driving Safety

For current road conditions:



KEEP A SAFE  
FOLLOWING  
DISTANCE

ONLY USE  
CRUISE  
CONTROL ON  
DRY ROADS

STAY OUT OF A  
VEHICLES  
BLIND SPOT

LIMIT ABRUPT  
STEERING AND  
BRAKING

Plan your route, don't rush and detour around known winter hazards like I-90. Prepare your vehicles for the winter season and build an emergency kit.

- Warm Clothes, Hat, Gloves & Blanket
- Shovel, Scraper & Traction Grit
- Mobile Phone & Portable Battery Charger
- Food, Water & First Aid Kit
- Jumper Cables, Flares & Flashlight
- Maintain half of a tank of fuel



## FREE INCOME TAX SERVICE FOR ALL RESIDENTS JANUARY 26th through APRIL 15th, 2017

Volunteers will once again assist Summit Township Residents of all ages earning under \$65,000 per year in preparing your 2016 Federal, State and Local income tax returns as well as PA Tax/Rent Rebate applications. You do not have to be an AARP member or senior to use our service.

**REGISTRATION:** Scheduling for appointments will begin Monday, January 9th, 2017. Make an appointment by leaving your Name, Phone Number and Requested location on our Tax Scheduling Hotline at 814-866-5802.

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

**DATES & TIMES:** Appointments for our Summit Township location will be made for Mondays & Fridays only from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. If these days of the week are not convenient, Monday through Friday appointments can also be made for other locations throughout Erie County (subject to availability) via the Tax Scheduling Hotline.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Due to IRS changes to their Tax Processing Software you MUST bring your 2015 tax returns, all of your 2016 tax documents, your Stamped "PAID" 2016 Property tax bills as well as Photo ID, Social Security Cards and Medical Insurance ID cards for you (and your spouse, if filing a joint return) and all of your dependents. If you do not have all of the required ID or Documents your appointment will be cancelled and your appointment will be rescheduled for a later date. All Clients must also fill out a 4 page Tax Intake Interview Sheet upon arrival.

## AARP TAX AIDE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteer Facilitators and Tax Aides are needed to check people in and or prepare tax returns for Erie County Residents and senior citizens earning under \$65,000 at numerous AARP Tax locations in Erie County. Free Training, literature and equipment is provided. Volunteers are reimbursed for mileage. Please consider volunteering by leaving a message on our Tax Scheduling Hotline at 814-866-5802.

# LeBoeuf Little League



The 2016 LeBoeuf Little League season is officially in the books, and we would like to thank all the parents and volunteers that have helped out this year. As many of you know, Garry Sargent has stepped down as President, and we would like to thank him for his 18 years of service in the league and the last 10 years serving as president. His countless hours of dedication to the youth of our community has helped shape the league into what it is today.

As we look forward to the future, there are many changes going on to the Waterford Complex thanks to donations and grants we have received this year. When this work is complete, it will be one of the finest fields in the area and will be used for the Challenger division and T-Ball.

There will be some exciting changes for next year and signups will be in mid-February. Keep a look out for information after the 1st of the year on how your children can play baseball and softball for free.

Please like us on Facebook and check out our website FLBLL.com

## From the Water Authority. . . .

### Holiday Closings

Thanksgiving: November 24th, 25th & 28th

Christmas: December 23rd & 26th

New Year's Day: January 2nd

*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. Winners will be selected for the fourth quarter of 2016 and the first quarter of 2017. 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



## Summit Church

A United Methodist Faith Community

1510 Townhall Road W. Erie, PA 16509  
Phone: 864-3271 / Fax: 864-3413  
on the corner of Townhall and Parson roads  
Website: www.summitumc.net



Summit United Methodist Church invites you to join us this Christmas Season...

Every Sunday for worship at 8:15 and 10:45 AM  
Wednesday night Advent Worship Experience at 6 PM  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 PM

*Celebrating the reason for the season...*



### Summit Community Food Pantry

Is hosted by Summit United Methodist Church and All Saints Parish and supported by Second Harvest Food Bank, the Summit Lions Club, and individuals.

They provide members of the Summit Community in need with much needed food and supplies. Food donations are accepted at either church, and monetary donations can be sent to the Summit Community Food Bank in care of Summit UM Church.

Thanks for your support in helping our neighbors!

### Blue Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 21st at 6 PM

A chance to remember that the holidays are not joyous for everyone. Some have a heaviness in their hearts and need some help through the holiday season. We would like to be that help...





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## Once Upon A Time...

The answer to the last challenge is Big T Driving Range and Golf. It was located on Peach St. (Rte 19) near the present Auto Row. As you can see below it is presently an open field.

There were 7 correct answers, thanks to Richard Smith, Dorothy Tracy, Gail Cook, Sue Mackowski, Joe Russell, Joan Froess and Carol Tabb.

### NEXT CHALLENGE!

Your new challenge is to name some of the earliest settlers prior to 1850 in what is now Summit Township. If you are a descendant of one of the earliest settlers we especially want to hear from you. Please contact the Summit Township office at 868-9686 with your name and phone number.

Volunteers are in the Summit History room on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. If anyone is interested in researching their ancestors or creating a family tree please stop in, we would like to help you, if at all possible.

