



SUMMIT TOWNSHIP

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PLEASE BE SURE TO FOLLOW SUMMIT TOWNSHIP'S WINTER SAFETY REGULATIONS!

Whether we like it or not, winter will be around for a while longer. Every property owner in Summit Township must adhere to the following winter safety regulations:

- **No parking on Township roadways - we can't plow if your car is on the road!**
- **No plowing or depositing of snow across or upon Township roads.**
- **Sidewalks must be cleared of all snow/ice in excess of two (2") inches within 24 hours after the snow stops. A path 36" wide must be cleared.**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING TIME CHANGED

The Summit Township Board of Supervisors holds a public meeting on the first and third Mondays of every month. On the first Monday, the meetings will begin at 6:00 PM. However, the meetings held on the third Monday will now begin at 4:30 PM. Please update your Summit Township Calendar to reflect the new meeting time.

IF SOMEONE SAYS THEY'RE A TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE, ASK FOR IDENTIFICATION!

We were recently notified that someone claiming to be our Township Engineer was seen wandering around properties along Oliver Road. Unfortunately, the person they observed, was NOT an employee of Summit Township. Township employees will notify you if they need to access your property and provide proper identification. If you observe a stranger who does not have a valid reason for being on your property, immediately contact the PA State Police.



REMINDER: *Time to renew DOG LICENSES for 2017*

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

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

Summit Township, once again, has Erie County dog licenses available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Municipal Office

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

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

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

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

Nathan 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

PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Supervisors:

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

3rd Monday of each month, 4:30 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 Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Waterford American Legion

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.

From The Office Of District Judge McGowan

Lesson on Government

November 18, 2016, I had the privilege to visit Robison Elementary and helped give a lesson to all four third grade classes. They had just finished learning about the three branches of government and the function or purpose each branch has. While this subject is of interest to me, you can probably guess which branch I focused on - the courts.

After a brief overview of the role each branch plays in our system, I presented the class with a hypothetical municipality and a new law that council approved and the mayor through the police force was in charge of enforcing. Simply put, the law stated: "No vehicles in the Park." The class was then broken up into small groups. Each group was presented with a different fact scenario and was to act as judge on the case to decide if the defendant should be found guilty of violating the law.

After discussing the scenarios in their small groups, we then presented the cases to the class as a whole. There were no right or wrong answers. Each scenario was designed to encourage discussion and there were facts favoring conviction as well as acquittal. What I believe the students took away from the lesson was how difficult but vitally important it is to write good laws.

I really enjoyed meeting and discussing these issues with the students and I was pleasantly surprised at the insight they displayed and the questions they asked. I must compliment the parents and teachers at Robison, specifically Ms. McGinnis, Ms. Bilski, Mrs. Devine, and Mrs. McGowan. I look forward to visiting them again next year.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **April 17th!** Our next newsletter will be published in the beginning of May.



PERRY HI-WAY NEWS...

PERRY HI-WAY STILL NEEDS HELP!

Perry Hi-Way Hose Company is still in need of volunteers. While we have a bare bones 2 person crew on duty 24/7/365 we still need a pool of volunteers to get the emergency calls handled. The duty crew is just 2 individuals. Vehicle accidents, fires and rescue services take many more than 2 people. The times when we have 2 emergency calls at the same time also occur often, requiring the volunteers to respond. We are in need of able-bodied men and women to step up and help our community. All training will be provided as well as all safety equipment. If you can spare 3 hours on Monday nights for training and a few hours each month to answer emergency calls please stop in to the Oliver Road fire station to inquire about becoming a volunteer. The paid staff has cut down on the amount of time volunteers need to dedicate to answering calls compared to previous years.

We also need volunteers to help at our fundraising events. Auxiliary members are needed to help in the kitchen for many of the events. We hold 6 to 10 events throughout the year to raise funds for the department. The most notable being the Christmas auctions. We also have a comedy show, reverse raffle and have teamed up with the McKean Hose Company to do some Designer Purse Bingo games. If you are looking for a way to help out but not able to do the emergency work, the auxiliary may be just what you're looking for. Stop in on Monday night for information on joining as an Auxiliary member.

Upcoming Fundraising Events

January 1st 2017 Business Fund Drive Begins

March 16th Purse Bingo 5:30 pm

(Purchase tickets on Facebook under McKean Hose Company)

March 25th Comedy Show 6:30 pm

May 1st 2017 Residential Fund Drive Begins

June 15th 2017 Tentative Purse Bingo Game

AMBULANCE BILLING

Perry Hi-Way Hose Company is the emergency ambulance and paramedic provider for Summit Township. When a person is treated on scene or transported to the Emergency Department by the ambulance crew, a bill will be generated and submitted to your insurance carrier. We contract out the billing service to Enhanced Management Services from Danville, PA. You may receive a letter or call from Enhanced to obtain insurance information. Most all claims are submitted by electronic billing to the various insurance agencies and supplemental insurance coverages. Most of the time the payments are directly deposited into our account. Some insurance plans send the payments directly to the individual by mail for the services provided. In the event you receive a payment for ambulance services we ask you to forward that payment on to us or our billing company so it can be credited to your account as paid. People who do not forward this payment will be sent to the collection agency. If you have any questions on ambulance billing please call the fire station and speak to Ann or John Jr.

**PERRY HI-WAY HOSE COMPANY
THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

2016 P.H.H.C. REACHES RECORD NUMBER OF CALLS AT 1462!

EMS: 896

RESCUES: 138

- MVA 138 (4 PIN IN)
- LOCK IN CHILD 8
- ELEVATOR 2
- SWIFT WATER 1

FIRES: 366

- ALARMS 256
- STRUCTURE FIRES 58
- VEHICLE FIRES 15
- ELECTRICAL / POLE 6
- GRASS / BRUSH / MULCH 30 (18 ACRES TOTAL)
- BOAT 1

HAZARDOUS CALLS: 34

- CO ALARMS 8
- GAS / LP LEAK 9
- SMOKE INVESTIGATION 10
- CHLORINE LEAK 1
- WIRES DOWN 2
- FUEL SPILL 2
- HAZARDOUS WASTE 1
- EXPLOSION REPORTED 1

MISCELLANEOUS : 28

- TREES DOWN 5
- TRAFFIC CONTROL 7
- STAND BY OTHER COMPANIES 11
- CITIZEN ASSIST OTHER 5

Summit Community Food Pantry

at Summit United Methodist Church
1510 Townhall Road W. Erie, PA 16509

The Summit Community Food Pantry (SCFP) serves Summit residents in need. If you are having trouble providing meals for you and/or your family, food distributions are on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 2:30 to 4:00. All you need to do is bring your ID and proof of residency to the Summit United Methodist Church at the corner of Townhall Road and Parson Road (1510 W. Townhall Rd., Erie, PA). Our staff will help you fill out any paperwork needed and answer any questions you might have. You do not need to contact SCFP in advance. We are here to help so no one goes hungry.

We had a busy and successful Holiday Season. We would like to thank the following for their generous support of the food pantry: FLB Honor Society, Robison Elementary School, Summit Lion's Club, Waterford Leo's Club, K & C Farms, All Saints Roman Catholic Church and West End Community Center. A big thank you to all our donors and those that help in even small ways all year long with their time and talent. Together we are making Summit Township an even better place to live!

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

JOE MATHEIS IS IN NEED OF A DOUBLE LUNG TRANSPLANT

Hello Summit Neighbors and Friends!

We are truly fortunate to live in a small close knit community like Summit Township. To me, there is nothing more important or rewarding than helping a neighbor in need. That's why I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your help on behalf of Joe Matheis. The Matheis family has lived in Summit Township for many years. Joe's brother, Jeff, has been a valued member of our Summit Road Crew for the past 25 years. Joe Matheis grew up in Summit, graduated from Fort LeBoeuf High School and served his country as a member of the U.S. Navy.

Joe has been diagnosed with a rare lung disease called pleuroparenchymal fibroelastosis (PPFE).

PPFE causes progressive and irreversible damage to the lungs, but there is no known medication to successfully treat it. The only treatment available for Joe is a double lung transplant to be performed at the Cleveland Clinic. While insurance will cover most of the surgical expense, there are many other expenses that will not be covered (i.e. medications, home care, travel expenses, etc.).

A GoFundMe page has been set up to receive donations on behalf of Joe Matheis. Please consider donating, any amount you can afford will help! Donations can be made via the following link:

www.gofundme.com/joe-matheis-lung-transplant-2vr8ecs

Stay safe and warm, spring is coming!

Nancy

Hello Summit Residents!

A new year is upon us and Mother Nature has been extremely kind. We have started the planning process for the removal and new construction of the storage building that sits on the north east corner of Picnicana Park. The building has housed miscellaneous tables, arts/crafts and equipment for our summer program. We are working with Pat McGuire, who runs our summer program, so that we can better serve the children who attend. The old building has been patched and repaired for many years, but the time has finally come to build a new one.

The summer rentals at Picnicana are filling up fast but some dates are still available. If you are interested in hosting a party, please call Gina at the township building 814-868-9686 to reserve your date.

Take care and have a great 2017!

Mark

Hello all, here we are in 2017. Time is flying by for me. Do you remember all the hubbub about the new millennium? It seems like the year 2,000 was just a few years ago, but it was 17! As I grow older, experience has taught me to appreciate what I have and good health; take every day, one day at a time and prioritize problems to solve them. Don't allow negative people to pull you down, try to turn them around in a positive direction. Do the best you can in life and that is all that really matters.

Our country's elections in November, for the most part were very interesting and disappointing to me, because it seemed like so many candidates were pointing the finger and slinging mud, rather than talking about possible solutions to ongoing problems and budgets. We know what problems are out there. We see it on the news everyday and social media. Criticism is easy. Finding solutions and getting it done is the hard part and where the work comes in.

Winter has not been too bad. The thaws are well appreciated too. It helps cut down on the tall snow banks, so driveways don't get dumped on so bad from the snow plows. It also cuts down on deep snow accumulating on roofs which can create unwanted problems. We are all veterans of fighting the weather in north western PA, but not much we can do about that. Dress warm, give yourself extra time traveling and drive carefully.

I am not sure if everyone is aware, so I would like to bring this up. We have many state roads in our Township. Therefore, they do not get plowed and treated at the same time as ours. This means you can encounter changing road conditions while traveling through Summit, so be cautious during snow and ice events. State roads in Summit are: I-90, Routes 97, 19, and 99, Townhall, Robison, Hershey, Oliver (from Rt. 19 to 5-points) and Flower Roads. If you see a problem on these roads and they are in need of service, i.e. tree down, flooding etc., call Penn Dot at 871-4411 to report the problem.

I talked about this next topic in a news letter last year: Something new with your license plate registration as of January 1st, 2017, is "ALPR", License Plate Reader technology that allows a single law enforcement officer to quickly, accurately, and reliably check the status of thousands of license plates on a single shift, using information from PennDot's registration database. Plate reader technology holds many advantages over the visual inspection of registration stickers, which can be counterfeited, sold, or affixed to dead plates. By searching the registration information using ALPR technology, a law enforcement officer can identify expired vehicle registrations and insurance coverage. If there is something wrong, the officer would be immediately alerted by the ALPR, of a problem with the vehicle's registration.

The last registration sticker will be issued December 30, 2016. Customers will still need to have their vehicles registered and inspected, but will not be required to display a registration sticker on their license plate after December 31, 2016.

I wish you all a successful, healthy, 2017.

Jack



511PA – Travel Info to Go

PennDOT reminds motorists that 511PA provides free, 24-hour traveler information services.



Call 511 from your cellular phone or landline or visit www.511PA.com to find the following traffic information for the majority of the 511PA network:

- **Traffic delay warnings**
- **Winter road conditions**
- **Crashes**
- **Construction activities**
- **Weather forecasts**

Additionally, average traffic speeds are available for several interstates and other major roadways in urban areas. 511PA also provides access to PennDOT's network of 770 traffic cameras, regional tourism information and links to transit agencies and major airports.

PennDOT encourages motorists not to call 511PA while driving. Pull safely off the road or even better, call or log on before you leave.



2016 ZONING/DEMOLITION PERMIT RECAP

Type of Structure	No.	Value
Single Family Dwellings	48	\$7,068,100
of which 12 are Mobile Homes [all replacements] and 15 are Condominiums		
Multi-Family Dwellings	2	\$1,700,000
Copperleaf - two, ten (10) unit Townhouse Buildings		\$1,700,000
Home Additions	19	\$270,089
Residential Garages	2	\$530,000
Residential Accessory Structures	21	\$214,402
Stores & Customer Service - New Sites	4	\$1,885,000
Dollar General - 9,100 Sq. Ft.		\$432,000
Hertel & Brown Physical Therapy - 3,520 Sq. Ft. Interior Build Out		\$176,000
ALDI Grocery Store - 18,850 Sq. Ft.		\$1,175,000
Luminary Distilling - 2,177 Sq. Ft. Interior Build Out		\$102,000
Offices, Banks, & Professional Services	1	\$200,000
Summit Family Dentistry - 2,675 Sq. Ft.		\$200,000
Non-Residential Renovations/Additions	7	\$2,104,000
Presque Isle Downs Inc. - Interior Renovation		\$485,000
Hilton Garden Inn / TESLA - TESLA Electric Car Charging Station		\$140,000
Great Clips - Interior Renovation		\$38,000
Pilot Travel Center - Replacement of Pumps & Underground Piping		\$850,000
Steadfast Tattoo - 242 Sq. Ft. Building Addition with 290 Sq. Ft. Deck		\$74,000
Panera Bread - 420 Sq. Ft. Drive-Thru Restaurant Addition		\$388,000
All About Smiles Dental - Interior Renovation & 1,540 Sq. Ft. Expansion		\$129,000
Amusement, Social, & Recreational	1	\$650,000
Presque Isle Downs - Horse Barn F2		\$650,000
Industrial	3	\$3,713,000
TESCO - 36,000 Sq. Ft. Addition		\$1,452,000
Lord Corp. - Interior Renovation		\$150,000
LAMAR - 12,510 Sq. Ft. Office/ Manufacturing Building		\$2,111,000
Public Works - Utilities	4	\$65,000
Crown Castle (antenna co-location - Edinboro Rd.)		\$15,000
New Cingular (antenna co-location - Old French Rd.)		\$15,000
National Fuel - 560 Sq. Ft. Storage Building		\$20,000
New Cingular Wireless (antenna co-location - Oliver Rd.)		\$15,000
Other Structures	1	\$1,200
Agricultural Animal Shelter - 288 Sq. Ft. at 9220 Footmill Road		\$1,200
Demolitions	7	\$ -
8 Permits (totaling 7 Residential & 1 Commercial structures)		
	16	\$3,779,200

FROM THE SEWER AUTHORITY...

Welcome New Customers

In 2016, 64 new customers have been added to the public sewer system. First, thank you for moving to Summit Township. Please know some customers drop-off their payments just to say hello to our wonderful office staff! However, the office is not always open when customers would like. So, for our customers' convenience there is a deposit box available for those wishing to drop off their payment when the office is closed. The deposit box is located on the south east corner of the Summit Township Sewer Authority Building, 8890 Old French Road.

Home Insurance Review

All sewer customers should review their home insurance policy. Typically, standard homeowner policies do not cover damages due to a sanitary sewer backup whether it is a public system or a private on-lot disposal system. On the public side, the Summit Township Sewer Authority works diligently to prevent conditions from occurring that would lead to the type of event that would cause a backup. However, nothing is guaranteed not to break or malfunction and sometimes the homeowner causes the problem. The situation we are referring to here is not a common issue. Sometimes things go wrong. We just want our customers to be aware that sewage can enter the basement and to take some simple precautions.

How could a sewer backup happen? Sometimes the problem originates in your home. Improperly disposing of cooking grease or flushing inappropriate objects down your toilet – such as diapers, wet wipes, feminine hygiene products or paper towels – can cause a blockage in your private lateral and you may end up flooding your own home. A good rule of thumb to help prevent backups is: don't put anything in the sewer you would not put into your septic tank. There are also many other things that cause obstructions you would not normally think that can cause problems. Did you know tree roots can enter the system and overtime cause blockages? Illegal connections of downspouts and footer drains can flood private laterals too. While we could list more causes, the important thing for the customer to know is that these issues do arise from time to time. In general, the sanitary sewer system is more likely to become overloaded during severe wet weather. In particular, we at the authority are "on our toes" when it is raining on top of a heavy snow pack in the spring. We have staff on call and each lift station is equipped with many alarms. Then too, the authority owns backup generators and a backup mobile pump if the situation gets serious. We do everything we can to protect our customers' homes and keep the system running but things can and do go wrong.

What about my homeowner insurance policy? Years ago some homeowner policies included sewer backup coverage when there were almost no homes with finished basements. This type of coverage is typically not included these days. Today's insurance companies offer separate or sometimes bundled endorsements that will add \$5,000 or \$10,000 or more to the personal property coverage limits depending on the company and policy. Please note, this is not flood insurance, this endorsement is specific to sanitary sewer damages. Even if you have this special insurance you may not want to store your valuable keep sakes in the basement where they could be damaged during a backup. Family photographs and Christmas ornaments may have a high value to the homeowner however the insurance company may have a different opinion on the value of such items.

Online Bill Paying Options

There have been a few inquiries regarding electronic payment options. You may be able to pay your bills online through your bank for free. Most banks offer free online bill paying services to checking account holders. Call or stop by your banking institution; a customer service representative at your bank will help you get started. We have many customers that take advantage of the online bill payment services provided by their bank.

Major Credit Cards and E-checks Accepted

In addition, the Summit Township Sewer Authority is happy to offer online and telephone payment options, however these options are associated with additional fees. We accept e-checks and all major credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover) electronically, 24/7. To pay by phone, call 877-885-7968. To pay online through the Summit Township Sewer Authority website you can find our link on the township website: SummitTownship.com, then go to Departments and select Sewer. Once you register on the site, you can view your bill, make a single payment, or schedule auto-payments. Fees are: \$1.00 for e-checks; 2.75% (+50% if your bill is under \$100) for credit/debit cards.

As always, we accept cash or check payments at the Sewer Authority office, in person, by mail & in the drop box at 8890 Old French Road. We hope the variety of payment options provides more flexibility for our customers.

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

Senior News

What an unbelievable winter....15 inches of snow then the next week 60 degrees to melt it! We still get to our weekly luncheon on Tuesdays. In January, the entree was sauerkraut & pork with mashed potatoes and many side dishes. Every week we have a different menu. As soon as spring breaks, we will start to have cookouts. Then the horseshoe game will be available. Inside we play pool, cards and build puzzles. Carolyn does fantastic decorations for us that she changes with the seasons. In May we will look forward to seeing all you voters at our bake sale. Lots of homemade goodies! Come join us for lunch on Tuesdays at noon. Anyone age 55 or older is welcome; caretakers welcome too.

Evelyn Senger, President

From the Water Authority...

ADOPT-A-HYDRANT CONTEST WINNER



Well it is that time of year once again. With the snow comes the annual Adopt-a-Hydrant contest.

This quarter's winner is Brian Manning of Robin Drive. Brian was nominated by his neighbor, Mike Dombkowski.

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

A special thanks to Brian and all others who help keep our hydrants clear.

Another winner will be announced next quarter. Nominations can be made by calling our office at 864-2323.

Thanks again!

John Troutman, Manager

AARP Refresher Safety Driving Class



Summit Senior Center Building
1450 Townhall Road West

Monday, May 8 & Tuesday, May 9, 2017
Starting at 5:30 both nights

Why take the class?

1. Get a discount on your auto insurance (consult your insurance agent for details).
2. Get tips for age 50 plus drivers to optimize your driving skills.
3. Use the tips in the class to be as safe as possible.
4. Obtain state-specific information that is easy to access and understand.

About the class

An initial class is two nights of 4 hours each conducted by volunteer instructors. Thereafter, if you take a refresher class within a 3 year period, the class is only one night of 4 hours to maintain your insurance discount and keep your driving skills at the maximum.

Open to anyone 50 years old or older. Couples who have both names on their insurance must both take the course to obtain a discount.

What: An initial course for anyone who has never taken the class before or who has not taken the class within the last 3 years.

Where: Summit Senior Center, 1450 Townhall Road, Erie, PA 16509

When: May 8 & 9 starting at 5:30 pm both nights.

Cost: \$15 for AARP members; \$20 for non-AARP members

How to sign up: Call June Beard at 864-9378 before May 8, 2017

Refresher classes will be offered later in the year. Watch this newsletter for the dates and times.

Even the most experienced drivers can benefit from brushing up on their driving skills!



Hello from Robison Elementary School!



Registration for all children living in the Fort LeBoeuf School District will be held at Waterford Elementary School located at 323 Cherry Street, Waterford, Pa. (796-4833). Kindergarten is a full day program at Fort LeBoeuf and children entering in the fall of 2017 **must be five years of age before June 1, 2017.**

Registration will be held during the following dates and times:

Monday, April 10, 2017 from 11:00 AM- 7:00 PM and

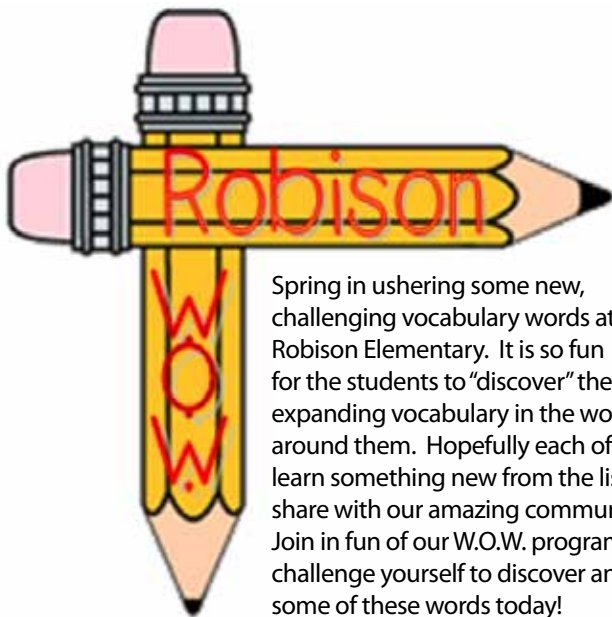
Thursday April 20, 2017 from 11:00 AM- 7:00 PM

Registration will not be complete until the office has a copy of the child's **birth certificate and immunization record.** Please bring a "baby book" with the required data or a doctor's written statement regarding immunization history. **If your immunization record is not updated, please come to registration with the information you have and an updated immunization may be given to the school before classes begin.** Proof that you reside in the Fort LeBoeuf School District is required at time of registration. Please have 2 proofs of residency and one should be your driver license. **Due to our updated security policies, please be prepared to show your ID to the camera before entering the school building.**

A **personal data sheet, health history and immunization form, PIMS forms, Home Language Survey and Child Find Form** will be sent to your home if you have a child of age to begin kindergarten in the fall. If you do not receive this packet by the beginning of March, please call an elementary school office and one will be sent to you. These forms need to be filled out completely and accurately as these records follow the child through their school years. **Please have all these forms completed and with you at the time of registration.**

Your child must be with you so that vision and academic screenings can be carried out on the day you register. If your child wears glasses, please have her/him wear them on registration day.

If your child is of kindergarten age, and you are **not planning to register** your child in the Fort LeBoeuf School District, **or have questions regarding registration,** please call an elementary school office.



Spring is ushering some new, challenging vocabulary words at Robison Elementary. It is so fun for the students to "discover" their expanding vocabulary in the world around them. Hopefully each of you learn something new from the lists we share with our amazing community. Join in fun of our W.O.W. program and challenge yourself to discover and use some of these words today!

Our words are:

March

melodious
vernal
skylark

April

arboreal

May

obliterate
kudos
edify
accolades



STORM SEWER SYSTEM PUBLIC INPUT SESSION TO BE HELD MONDAY MARCH 6TH

In accordance with the Township's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit, the annual storm sewer public input session will be held as part of the Board of Supervisors' Regular Business Meeting which begins at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 6th. During the public input session, a summary of the Township's storm sewer activities over the past year will be presented. The anticipated activities for this year will be also be discussed. This is a great opportunity to learn more and provide your thoughts regarding the Township's storm sewer system. We look forward to seeing you there!

Summit Lions Club News



Hope you all enjoyed the holidays and are settling in for our winter weather. Some days as you gaze out the window the snow is beautiful as it clings to the trees. It won't be too long and we will begin to see the rebirth of a new season.

On November 11, 2016 Kelli Porter from Franklin, PA was the winner of our Raffle Diamonds, Dinning and Driving gift cards. Kelli purchased her ticket at the Crawford County Fair.

We worked with the Summit United Methodist Church at the Food Pantry helping with the Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Distributions as well as the monthly distributions.

The year ended with the Lions Club helping three families enjoy a Merry Christmas.

We welcomed new member, Lion Robert Brown from Lancaster, New York. He was inducted at our January meeting. Lion Rita Weryha sponsored Robert. For 35 years Robert has been helping the Blind Bowlers in the New York areas and no one had ever asked him to join a Lions Club. We are happy to have him on board.

At our January dinner meeting we distributed scholarships to four Fort Le Boeuf Summit students. Caleigh Adams and Kyle Michael received the Leo scholarships and Samantha Ericson and Kayle Goellner received the Lions Club Scholarships. Congratulations to these fine students.

The weekend of February 3, 2017 we were busy helping at the State Council Meeting at the Avalon Hotel in Erie.

If interested in learning more about our projects and what "Lions" do locally and internationally, join us at one of our meetings. If no one has ever asked you to join, I will. Please call me at 796-2167 for more information.

King Lion Mary Lou Winkelman-Dubowski

FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Hello All!

It's hard to believe, but we are through the holiday season and are now beginning another new year. Let's hope 2017 is good to all of us!

Any unpaid taxes as of January 1, 2017 have been sent to Erie County Tax Claim as delinquent. If you did not pay your 2016 taxes, you should call Tax Claim at 814-451-6206. They will be sending out notices in February so look for those.

2017 County-Township taxes will be issued and mailed March 1, 2017. These are for the calendar year January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The County mills have increased from 5.16 to 5.41, an increase of a quarter of a mill which equates to \$25.00 for every \$100,000.00. The Township mills remain the same at .59. We will be receiving the Township Exclusion again this year. If you send your tax bill to your mortgage company, only send one copy. Always keep one copy for yourself to have stamped if needed.

If you are new to Summit, any application for the Homestead Exclusion must be made to Erie County Assessment by March 1, 2017. You may contact them for information at 814-451-6225 or myself at 814-866-2653. You may also download an application from the County website at eriecountypa.gov. There is a wealth of information on other areas at this website too. Also, if anyone received an Interim tax bill dated 1-1-2017 and you sent your bill to your mortgage company, I strongly urge you to contact them to see if they will be paying your Interim. Not all mortgage companies pay Interim taxes and you do not find this out until they are in Penalty when Final Notices are sent out.

Lastly, if you require a receipt with your payment, please enclose both copies and a SASE. This is stated on the lower left hand corner of the bill in a red box. If you misplaced yours and need them for the PA1000 (Property Rent Rebate) you may send me a SASE with that request or stop in my office after March 1st to have a receipt printed. Office hours are by appointment until March 1st but you can ALWAYS contact me. I check my phone messages, locked mailbox (for payments to the right of the office door) every day. Even though I am closed to walk-ins, I am still working throughout the year. I now have a secure internet connection and you may also contact me via email at: dacameron@roadrunner.com. All calls & emails made before 5pm Monday-Friday will be returned that day.

I look forward to seeing my "regulars" very soon!

Debra Cameron, Summit Twp. Tax Collector

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Waterford Fire Hall
February 24th 6 - 9 PM
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FREE INCOME TAX SERVICE FOR ALL RESIDENTS

**FEBRUARY 6th 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.

DATES & TIMES: Appointments will be made in Summit on Mondays & Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, and Monday through Friday at other locations throughout Erie County (subject to availability).

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

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.

Here We Grow Again

ALDI....opened on December 14, 2016 at 2222 Downs Drive. A leader in the grocery retailing industry, ALDI operates more than 1,600 US stores in 35 states. More than 36 million customers each month save up to 50 percent on their grocery bills, benefiting from the ALDI simple and streamlined approach to retailing. ALDI sells the most frequently purchased grocery and household items, primarily under its exclusive brands, which meet or exceed the national name brands on taste and quality. The Aldi Store on Downs Drive will be open Monday- Saturday 9am-9pm and Sunday 9am-7pm.

Keystone Alliance Mortgage....opened this past fall, at 8795 Peach Street. Keystone Alliance Mortgage does the mortgage shopping for you by searching their depth of lenders for Conventional, First Time Homebuyer loans, VA loans, and so many more. They are an Erie & State College based mortgage broker who makes dreams, The American Dream of home ownership, come true. The office of mortgage advisors work as a team, instead of the traditional "one man" loan officer. Their customers experience the difference that this type of business model creates. There is

always someone to answer your questions, quote you a rate, or walk you through the home buying process. Keystone Alliance Mortgage is open Monday-Friday 9am – 5pm.

Steadfast Tattoo Parlour.... Located at 8320 Peach street, just completed a 242 Sq. Ft. Commercial Building Addition. Steadfast Tattoo Parlour has been open since 2012 and they specialize in handcrafted tattoos with a vision of exceeding the status quo associated with contemporary tattooing. Erie Laser Professionals, currently located at 4220 Peach Street, will relocate and operate in the Steadfast Tattoo Parlour addition. Erie Laser Professionals provide cosmetic laser procedure services, specializing in laser tattoo removal, age spot treatment, spider vein treatment, and vascular lesion treatment. Visit steadfasttattoo parlour.com and erielaser.com to learn more!

IN THE WORKS:

Plastikos....Hawthorne Drive Real Estate LLC, property owner, has started through the land development process to construct a proposed 24,390 Sq. Ft. Industrial Building at 8115 Hawthorne Drive. The estimated cost of this development is approx. \$5,000,000.00, and this will be Plastikos' second site within the Baldwin Industrial Park.

U-Haul Moving and Storage....Amerco Real Estate Company, property owner, has started through the land development process for their proposed 90,029 sq. ft. two-story commercial indoor self storage warehousing facility, retail store and truck rental location. This development is being proposed along the south side of Downs Drive, one lot east of Tractor Supply.



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



A new sermon series for the season of Lent: The Sermon on the Mount

The Sermon on the Mount is perhaps the best known teaching and discourse of Jesus. These three chapters in the Gospel of Matthew summarize a way of life that radically opposes the expectations of society. It's called a way of discipleship. A bible study, allowing us to go deeper into the Sermon on the Mount will be offered at the same time.

Worship Experiences of Lent (W.E.L) will return beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 1, and continue on Wednesday evenings through April 5th. This more informal service begins at 6PM and everyone is invited to join us!

Ever wanted to paint a beautiful sunrise... try something new....or cross an adventure off of your bucket list?

We will be hosting a painting fundraiser to benefit our Won By One to Jamaica mission trip...

on Saturday, April 22nd from 10AM until about noon for creating a beautiful painting similar to this...it is instructed ... step by step...and a lot of fun!! Why not let your creative side out and support a great cause too! Call the church office at 864-3271 to sign up...cost is \$40 and includes all supplies and breakfast too! Breakfast will be served starting at 9AM.





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Once Upon A Time...

The last challenge was to name some of the earliest settlers prior to 1850 in what is now Summit Township. Two people called with names; Allan Larson with the name Herman and Sue Mackowski with the name Zimmerly. Looking at the 1850 and 1860 census's it looks like the John A. Herman family moved into Summit between 1850 and 1860. Per the 1850 census all the Zimmerly's that we were able to locate lived in either Girard Township or Erie City.

NEXT CHALLENGE!

The new challenge is to identify the children in this photo. We know the names of the 3 adults in the top row. We do not know who the children are, the photo is from Robison School the 1975- 76 school year. Please contact the Summit Township office at 868-9686 with your answers.

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 possible.

