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TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULED FOR EDINBORO ROAD

Route 99 (Edinboro Road) is scheduled to be restricted to one-lane traffic during daylight work hours beginning April 24th and continuing for approximately one month approximately 700 feet north of the intersection with Hershey Road in Summit Township. The restriction is to allow a contractor to widen the road to accommodate a turn lane for private development.

Please be alert and slow down when driving in work zones. Avoid distraction and pay attention to signs and flaggers. Motorists can check conditions on more than 40,000 roadway miles by visiting www.511PA.com or by calling 5-1-1.



MARK YOUR SPRING AND SUMMER CALENDARS!

- May 1-15 Summer Recreation Program Registration (See Page 3)
- May 11-13 Spring Clean-Up (See Page 5)
- May 16 Primary Election Day/Senior Center Bake Sale at Township
- July 4 Independence Day (Offices Closed)
- July 28-30 Summit Residents' Weekend (See Page 9)
- August 10 Summit Senior Citizens' Picnic (See Page 15)

KNOW HOW AND WHEN TO BURN BEFORE YOU START A FIRE!



The only items allowed to be burned are tree limbs, brush, leaves and other NATURAL vegetative matter. All other items (papers, newspapers, magazines, cardboard) must be recycled and cannot (by state law) be burned. Everything else that can't be recycled is trash and must be disposed of properly. This includes lumber and all other types of home or demolition waste.

If you are burning natural vegetation in a barrel or container, no permit is needed. If you are burning out in the open, a PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED FROM SUMMIT TOWNSHIP PRIOR TO BURNING! There is no fee for this permit and we keep permits on file for easy renewal via phone. Call the Township at 868-9686 for more information.

ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS: 2018 CALENDAR PHOTOS NEEDED!

Next year's calendar will take us back to our recycling roots. Our theme for 2018 will be: "From Old to New Again." We would welcome photos of anything you've recycled and made new again, whether you've restored something to its original glory, or, have repurposed items for a new use. Yes, this would include cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors/ farm equipment, bicycles, furniture, anything that fits our theme. Get creative, get snapping those pictures and send us your photos anytime through November!



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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **August 11th!** Our next newsletter will be published in the end of August.



SELF-APPLY FOR REVERSE 911 TO GET EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Would you like to receive information directly from the 911 center when there's an issue near YOUR home? The main reason to apply for reverse 911 is to be informed. If there is an issue near you, a message will be sent to advise you of the situation and tell you what to do in response to the incident.

All you need to do is go to the Erie County website to register:

1. Go to www.eriecountypa.gov and click on "County Services" at the top of the page
2. Click on "Safety & Law"
3. Click on "Public Safety"
4. In blue box click on "NWPARG Regional Emergency Notification System Self-Registration Portal"
5. Check box to agree to the terms and conditions of registration.
6. Fill out information to register, set-up account and password.
7. An email will be sent to the email address you provide - you **MUST** click the link in the email to complete your registration. If you do not immediately get the email, check your junk mail folder.

DOES YOUR SUMMIT BUSINESS HAVE AN EMERGENCY CONTINUITY PLAN?

In the event of a disaster, every business needs to be ready with a plan in place in order to continue day to day business and reopen as soon as possible to limit financial loss. Here are the reasons each and every business needs a Continuity Plan:

- The time to prepare is **BEFORE** a disaster.
- As many as 2 out of every 5 businesses that are hit with a major disaster never reopen because they were not prepared.
- How will your business survive a disaster - where would you begin?

If your business does not have a Continuity Plan the Red Cross is a good place to start. They can provide a Business Continuity Planning CD. Or, search Business Continuity Planning online for many other resources that are available.

Welcome to the 2017 Summer Rec Program

The Daytime Summer Program, held at Picnicana Park, will run for seven weeks starting June 12, 2017 and ending July 28, 2017. Program meets rain or shine! There will be NO PARK PROGRAM JULY 4TH.

The Day Program for ages 6-16 meets 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You must be six years of age to come to the Day Program, and have completed Kindergarten. The Pre-school Program for ages 3-5 meets Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children must be **fully** potty-trained.

ALL CHILDREN MUST WEAR SOCKS AND SHOES DAILY.

REGISTRATION

Registration forms will be available on the Township Website summittownship.com and at the Township Municipal Building. Please call the Township Office at 868-9686 if you need them mailed directly to your home. Completed registration forms must be received by the Township by May 15, 2017.

No late registrations will be accepted.

Registration fee for the Day Program is \$150 per child. Immediate families with three or more children will be charged \$350. Pre-school registration fee is \$100 per child. Contact Pat McGuire (868-9032) if interested in a one-week registration at a cost of \$50/week per child. Requests will be honored, based upon availability, on a first-come first-served basis.

FREE LUNCH

AGAIN this year a FREE lunch will be provided by FLB School District for all registered children! Pop and snacks will be sold. For the Day Program, a charge account system for snacks is available. This system **IS NOT** available to the Pre-school Program. **Pre-school** children will be allowed to buy snacks at 12:50 p.m., only with a parent present.

SPECIAL DAY PROGRAM FIELD TRIPS

- June 21st – Seawolves Baseball Game \$9.00 per child. Includes lunch (hotdog, chips and pop) Any parent wishing to come must sign up and pay at registration. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- June 26th – Sunview Mini Golf & Bumper Boat Ride \$7.50 per child. Please bring a lunch and a drink.
- July 10th – PlayPort \$7.00 per child-bring your own lunch and a drink

- OR -

\$12.50 per child-includes lunch (hotdog, chips and pop OR pizza and pop).

REMEMBER: Children attending the Day Program must sign themselves in and out daily!

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM SPECIAL EVENTS

All pre-schoolers in the Pre-school Program will be going to the Zoo on June 29th, from 11:30-3:00. **Please bring your membership for the Zoo to registration if you are a member.** Also planned are relay races, playing games, singing songs, and making crafts. Parents must sign the children in and out each day. PLEASE dress your children in OLD CLOTHES.

ALUMINUM CANS

Please save your cans. On July 19th, we will have a pizza party with the money we get from recycling our cans. This is only for the Day Program.

FAMILY CARNIVAL NIGHT will be held Friday, July 28, 2017 at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend!

If you have any questions about the summer recreation program, please contact: **Pat McGuire at 868-9032.**

Can You Help Summit's Summer Recreation Program?

Do you have a lot of items you are not using anymore laying around the house? If so, the summer recreation program can probably use them. If you have any of the following items, they are things we are in great need of. You may drop them off at Picnicana from June 12, 2017 to July 25, 2017 from 11-3:00:

Brads	Children's Books	Nestle Quik containers	Rubber Bands
Paper Bags	Yarn	Toothpicks	Push pins
Needles	Contact paper	Paint brushes	Scissors
Glue	Paper	Pencils	Thread
Grass seed	Fun foam	Nails	Pringles cans with lids
Old Nylons	Markers	Wiggle eyes	Pens
Artificial Flowers	Beads	CDs	Stickers
Tape	Foam Plates	Games	Paint
Balloons	Buttons	Puzzles	Foam meat trays
Frosting Containers	Paper Plates	Plastic totes with lids (any size)	
Tacks	Sequins	Flower bulbs or any plant that comes up every year	
Sponges	Styrofoam balls	Anything that can be used for crafts or prizes	

****Everyone is invited to attend the Summer Program Carnival on**

Friday July 28, 2017 at 6:00 pm for Games, Prizes, Chinese Auction and Bake Sale**

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Welcome to our favorite time of year (once all this rain ends)! We're looking forward to Spring Clean-up, Residents' Days and the Senior Picnic. Please be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss out on all of the fun available right here in Summit.

I've just become aware of an outstanding source of information and services for families and wanted to make all of you aware of this resource. It's called Pennsylvania 2-1-1 and is powered by the United Way. You may reach this service by phone, simply dial 2-1-1, or, online at PA211NW.org. If you contact the service by phone, you will be connected with a professional, trained resource navigator. Go online to search resources at your convenience or send a message to request assistance. Regardless of which method is used, you will have immediate access to information about: **Aging Services, Child & Youth Services, Counseling, Food/Shelter/Clothing, Health Services, Parenting, Support Groups, Substance Abuse, Education/Training and much, much more.**

If you need any type of help or assistance, please reach out to this valuable service to get the support you need. You are not alone, there are many people and agencies who can help.

I'm looking forward to celebrating Earth Day with all of my friends at Robison on Friday, May 5th. This year's theme is, "Reducing Our Carbon Footprint", which is something we all should do. They have such great ideas, I can hardly wait!

Here's hoping all your summer dreams come true -

Nancy

Hello Summit Residents,

We have several exciting projects this year slated for Picnicana. The first is the construction of a 32" x 48" storage barn that will replace the dilapidated barn that sits at the northeast corner of the park. Construction will take place after Residents' Weekend and we will construct an access road along the north property line so that we do not interfere with the activities of the park. This facility will be used to house all of the summer program supplies.

The Community Park concession stand has been re-roofed, resided and new steel doors have been installed. The concession stand will be open for business with the help of the Fort LeBoeuf Soccer Booster Club.

Have a great summer!

Mark

Hello Everyone,

Spring is here and it's time to cut the grass. It certainly doesn't take long once the air temperatures warm up. The plows have been removed from the trucks and the road crew has been out cleaning streets and preparing for road maintenance. Our parks are also being prepared for the season. Everything is going well at this time.

As Township Supervisors, we have had two additional challenges with the state and pleading our case to protect what we have. One is the thought of Governor Wolf charging each Township, that does not have a local police department, a \$25 fee per resident for the service of our State Police. This is one of the state's ideas to help balance the state budget because of a large deficit. Many of the Erie County Township Officials have written letters and met with Senator Dan Laughlin telling him that none of us approve of this idea. Senator Laughlin said he will hand deliver the letters to the Governor.

The second issue started last fall. To sum it up, the PA Supreme court decided the gaming law, that affects what funds the county and local municipalities receive, was unconstitutional. Some casinos on the east end of the state lobbied to challenge the current distribution of money, so, to correct this, our legislators in Harrisburg must pass a bill to fix the language and make the current share constitutional.

Summit Township and many others know that, while collecting the extra revenue, there are many other expenses that go along with being the host municipality, like the extra work load/stress on our volunteer fire department, traffic and traffic lights the township maintains 24/7, and infrastructure for the water and sewer authorities to keep up with. I am not complaining, but just stating facts. I support our businesses and I lived next to the casino for 8 years. They are very quiet and keep a well maintained property. The Summit Township Supervisors recently attended a public hearing in Erie with the PA House of Representatives Gaming Committee. Supervisor Agostine testified before the Committee to plead Summit Township's case. She did a fine job of explaining all the details. On both issues, I feel we will be ok and things will stay the same as they are now.

I just bring these things up, because some people, and especially neighboring communities, sometimes think we have an unlimited bank account, but they don't stop to think, these operations do cause many additional expenses for a township. With that being said, I feel we, as supervisors, have a strong fiduciary obligation to protect our residents from additional costs of business in our township. There has to be a good and fair balance to do the best for all. Also, there is nothing wrong with banking some extra funds for that rainy day. We have an opportunity to stay financially sound and not end up with an unbalanced budget, like many governments and school districts are experiencing today. Well, stay positive, enjoy the spring, but please do not text while driving!

Thank you for reading my article,

Jack

SPRING CLEAN-UP 2017

FOR SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY!

Spring clean up will be handled as a **DROP-OFF PROGRAM** again this year. Township crews will only pick-up appliances containing freon (i.e. refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers) for residents who have registered and paid for the freon removal in advance (**No later than May 10th**). Residents may bring all other eligible items to the Township garage during the time period detailed below. Township personnel will be on hand to accept items, which must be generated solely from your household and not brought in from elsewhere.

All residents will be required to show proof of residency (photo driver's license).

DROP-OFF PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DATES: Thursday, May 11th through Saturday, May 13th
HOURS: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday & Friday
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday
SITE: Township Garage – 8900 Old French Road

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please read this information carefully! Only those items listed will be accepted, all others will be turned away.

ALLOWABLE ITEMS FOR THIS YEAR'S COLLECTION

- Air Conditioners (required freon removal fee paid**)
 - Appliances – Limited to **two** appliances per household. Duplicates of same appliance not accepted (i.e. two dryers). Refrigerators/Freezers (doors removed and required Freon removal fee paid**)
 - Dehumidifiers (required Freon removal fee paid**)
 - Washers (clothes and dish), Dryers, Stoves, Hot Water Tanks
 - Auto Parts (**NO GAS TANKS**)
 - Demolition Waste – bathtubs, sinks, toilets, house doors and windows **ONLY** (no other building demolition waste such as shingles, wood or blocks will be accepted)
 - Electronics – TVs, computers, keyboards, monitors, etc.
 - Furniture - TV's, mattresses, mattress springs, couch, chairs, dressers, tables
 - Lawn Mowers/Roto-tillers/Snowblowers
 - Metal Items (unlimited)
 - Tires (@ nominal fee – see cost breakdown listed below **)
- Limit 12 tires per person.**

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED – THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

- No Bagged Material - OF ANY KIND
- No Batteries
- No Demolition Waste - other than items specifically listed above
- No Gasoline or Propane Tanks
- No Hazardous Waste – OF ANY KIND
- No Household Garbage
- No Paint or Oil Cans
- No Junk Vehicles

**If you are unsure about a specific item,
please call the Township at 868-9686.**

**** FREON REMOVAL FEE @ \$10.00 each (Non-Refundable)** – Appliances that use freon require this fee payment to defray the cost of having Freon removed. **Payment must be made** at the Township Building **by WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th**. Crews will only pick up items with freon if the resident's name/address appears on a pre-paid list. **Freon items must be placed CURBSIDE BY 8 a.m., THURSDAY, MAY 11th and will be picked up either the 11th or 12th.**

**** TIRE FEE – Tires will be accepted during drop-off hours with payment of the nominal per tire fee as follows:**

\$2 – Tire OFF Rim	(18 inch diameter or less)
\$3 – Tire ON Rim	(18 inch diameter or less)
\$5 – Truck Tire	(19 inch diameter or more)

The nominal fee will help defray costs (per ton) associated with recycling of the tires by Waste Management.
(Note: Fee for tires is to be paid at the drop-off site, not in advance)

VEHICLES

Summit Township **CANNOT** take vehicles as part of spring clean up!

Vehicles that are unregistered/uninspected and visible on your property are in violation of Township Ordinances. Avoid prosecution by having them removed.



FOURTH ANNUAL SUMMIT TOWNSHIP ART SHOW



The show is open to students (grades 6-12), as well as pastime and professional artists. You are a **pastime artist** if your art is just for fun and you do not sell your work. You are a **professional artist** if any of the following apply: you've had a show, are a commercial artist, teacher of art, own a gallery and/or have an art degree.

Types of work to be accepted include two dimensional (paintings, oils, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, photography, drawings, graphite, colored pencil, charcoal, etc.). We will accept original fine art prints but they must be originals (no reproductions) three dimensional (3-D, clay, sculpture, metal and wood) and mixed mediums (works that combine more than one medium in a unique way). No crafts will be accepted. Art cannot be of inappropriate nature at the discretion of the show committee.

SUBMISSION DETAILS: No entry fee; Summit Township residents only; up to (3) entries per artist; must be no more than 30" wide (due to space); art must be framed or wired for hanging if you are a pastime or professional artist; student art needs only to be matted; entries can be marked "FS" (for sale) if so desired (an artist's inquiry box will be provided - all sales and any taxes are the responsibility of the artist.)

WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS!!!

ART SHOW ENTRY FORM

Entry form only must be mailed by **July 1st** and received (or dropped off)
at the township office no later than July 5, 2017, so proper space can be allotted.
Art will be accepted during the week of July 24-27th for display set-up.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please circle one: **Student** **Pastime** **Professional** Select One: **For Sale** **Not For Sale**

The undersigned does hereby release, forever discharge, and hold harmless Summit Township and/or the organizers of this show from all actions, suits, damages or claims whatsoever arising from any loss or damage to any property of the undersigned while in the possession of the art show, its agents or representatives. The artist is to carry their own insurance if he/she feels the need to do so.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions please contact Nancy Agostine at 868-9686.

CURB WATER POLLUTION BY STARTING IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!

A "stormwater-friendly" lawn is one that can absorb rainwater and does not harm local streams. Likewise, a "stormwater-friendly" garden is one that uses organic compost to amend soil and minimizes or eliminates the use of chemicals. Once established, they will help you save money on time, upkeep and fertilizers.

For a stormwater-friendly lawn:

- **Set mower height to 3 inches or higher** - taller grass slows the rate of runoff and produces a deeper, denser root system which retains water and suppresses weeds.
- **Retain grass clippings and chopped leaves onsite** - a mulch-mower is ideal for retaining and spreading clippings on your lawn. They quickly decompose, encourage water infiltration, and provide important nutrients reducing the need for nitrogen fertilizers.
- **Keep clippings and leaves out of streams, off the street and out of storm drains** - if you can't mulch, bag clippings for a compost pile. If they get to water sources they become major pollutants detrimental to fish and aquatic life.
- **Do you need fertilizers for your lawn?** If so, use as sparingly as possible! Learn how much and when to use them properly.

For a stormwater-friendly garden:

- **Use organic alternatives to chemicals and include manure or compost created in your own backyard** - apply before planting to avoid runoff.
- **Before using pesticides, identify the pest and research your options** - many insects are harmless to plants and people, helping maintain a healthy ecosystem. If there is a problem, identify the exact pest and consult an expert (there are many nonchemical alternatives).

Senior News

Hooray! Spring is here! The last snow piles have melted! The spring flowers are here!

We are planning our bake sale for Election day. Hope you find your favorite goodies!

Our weekly Tuesday tureen lunches continue. Any senior over 55 is welcome as well as caretakers. Just bring a dish to share or give a monetary donation to cover your lunch. We have pool tables, card & board games to share before and after lunch. We also have horseshoes and a court which was built and donated by a local Eagle Scout. On Wednesdays there is a ceramics class available.

Any senior group is welcome to request use of the hall by contacting June Beard at 864-9378 or Summit Township with your request.

We will also see you at Summit Residents' Weekend in July!

Evelyn Senger, President



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 COURSE

For anyone who has taken the class within the last 3 years

When: Monday, June 12, 2017 starting at 5:30 pm

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

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

How to sign up: Call June Beard at 864-9378

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

Pass the Pancakes 5K Race and Fun Walk

*All Registered Runners receive a free Pancake Breakfast provided by
Friends of Fort LeBoeuf Boys Volleyball immediately after the race at Picnicana Park!*

Sunday, July 30, 2017

Registration: 7:00 am

Start: 8:30 am

Picnicana Park, 9180 Old French Road (Summit Township) Waterford, PA

Course starts and ends near Picnicana Park, through scenic rolling hills and farmland countryside.

Awards (half pints real maple syrup):

- First overall M&F (full pint)
- Top 3 M&F: 14&Under; 15-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+

*Runner's High Champion Chip Computer Timing
Proceeds Benefit Friends of Fort LeBoeuf Boys Volleyball*

----- Cut or Tear Here -----

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Circle One: _____
Male / Female

Street: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Age (on July 30, 2017): ____ Birth Date: ____/____/____ Email: _____

Check One:

Pre-Register Fees

___ \$15 Race only NO T-Shirt

___ \$22 Race + T-Shirt

Day-of-Race Fees

___ \$20 Register Race only NO T-Shirt

___ \$27 Register + T-Shirt (quantities and sizes limited)

Circle Adult Tank Top Size(only if getting shirt): **Small | Medium | Large | X-Large**

Entry Fee Enclosed: \$_____ Make Checks Payable to **Summit Township**

Mail form and payment to: Lori Webster; 14166 Dutchtown Road; Waterford, PA 16441

I assert that I am sufficiently conditioned to complete a 5K (3.1 miles). I will hold neither "Pass the Pancakes" race organizers, Summit Recreation Board Members, Lions Club Members, Summit Township, nor any other persons or organizations associated with the race accountable for any injuries, health issues, or problems that may arise from my participation in this race.

Signature (Parent or Guardian if under 18) _____ Date: _____

Summit Township Resident's Weekend!

Friday, July 28th thru Sunday, July 30th

****Mark Your Calendar Now****

The Summit Township Rec Board would like you to enjoy the weekend with fun and games at Picnicana Park. Rain or Shine, the park is reserved for township residents to enjoy all weekend! This event is free to all Summit Township residents.

Friday, July 28th-Carnival Night/Art Show

Carnival Night- Please join in on the fun starting at 6pm with the summer program's "Carnival Night"! Residents are welcome to use the facilities, mingle with your Summit Township neighbors, and tumble in/on the inflatable objects!

Art Show - There will also be a reception with local artists, viewing of art, and refreshments at the municipal building from 5:30 to 7:00. The Art Show will continue to be on display Monday-Friday during normal business hours through August 4th. We hope this schedule provides an opportunity for all Summit Residents to come check out the amazing talent right here in our community!

Saturday, July 29th



Bingo - 5:00pm-8:00pm, enjoy a friendly game of Bingo with your neighbors along with the opportunity to win prizes! (Free for Summit Township participants)

Food - Food serving will begin at 5:30pm. Sit by the bonfire; enjoy roasted corn-on-the-cob, hotdogs, slushies, nachos & cheese, s'mores, popcorn and drinks.

Movie - At 8:30pm, join in for a great children's movie on the big outdoor screen. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit back & relax while watching the movie under the stars!



Sunday, July 30th

Pass the Pancakes 5K Run and Fun Walk - Start your day at 7:00am (run starts at 8:30am) with the energetic 6th Annual Pass the Pancakes 5K run and Fun Walk. Prizes will be awarded in all age categories. Contact Lori Webster for registration information 814-460-0286.



Pancake Breakfast - Follow the run with a delicious Pancake Breakfast fundraiser hosted by the Fort LeBoeuf Boys Volleyball Team and their families. Serving starts at 8:00am. Support a Bake Sale hosted by the Senior Center. Try your luck at the Chinese Auction hosted by the Picnicana Summer Program attendees, drawings will be held at 11:00am Sunday morning.



For questions or additional information, please contact any Rec Board Member:

Kelly Ford	796-4005
Steve Skelly	864-5672
Mike Pace	864-6046
Chris Galdon	450-9071
Adam Suroviec	460-7739

Summit Township web page at: www.summittownship.com

PERRY HI-WAY HOSE COMPANY NEWS... AMBULANCE MEMBERSHIPS

We have had several recent inquiries as to ambulance memberships and how they work. I will try to help you understand how ambulance membership works. The best news is that by living in Summit Township, you are automatically "members" of the Perry Hi-Way Hose Company Ambulance service. The Summit Supervisors and Perry Hi-Way have had this agreement since 1991 when the supervisors provided \$100,000 for the purchase of 2 new ambulances. That action has saved residents that amount 10 times over in the past 26 years.

Perry Hi-Way Hose Company is the primary provider of emergency paramedic ambulance service in all areas of Summit Township. Emergency ambulance service is for times when 911 is called for a sudden illness or injury and emergency medical care and transport to the local ER is necessary. Perry Hi-Way does not do routine transports for chronic medical conditions such as dialysis or physical therapy. We also do not do any wheel chair transportation such as doctor appointments, or transportation to the hospital, surgery center or clinics for procedures. These non-emergency transportation needs are handled by Millcreek Paramedics or Emergycare for the Summit Area.

Currently Emergycare ambulance service solicits for membership in Summit Township. You can also purchase a membership with Millcreek Paramedics (MPS) if you choose. There are several benefits to purchasing an ambulance membership with one or both of these companies. It is a good and inexpensive "insurance policy" to help cover your co-pay, deductible or any expenses not covered by Medicare/ Medicaid or commercial insurance. It will also provide some coverage for non-emergency transportation needs should this be something you need. If you have an emergency outside Summit Township you will most likely

be served by Millcreek Paramedics if in Millcreek and Emergycare in the City of Erie. Your Perry Hi-Way "membership" will not cover you in those situations.

There are times when The Perry Hi-Way Crew is unable to respond due to multiple emergency calls at the same time and our 2 ambulances are already in use or all personnel are working at a large incident such as a fire or motor vehicle accident and not able to respond. In these instances we use Millcreek Paramedics for back up as well as Emergycare. Should you be transported by either of these companies your "membership" to Perry Hi-Way will not cover you or your family member.

You may ask: What is the benefit of spending the \$50 for a family membership to an ambulance service? The biggest advantage in purchasing the ambulance membership is to cover expenses not covered by your insurance including co-pay and deductibles. The average bill for emergency ambulance transport with paramedic is \$1400.00. Medicare will pay approximately \$390.00 of the bill. If you have not met your co-pay or deductible, they pay less. Many commercial insurance providers pay similar amounts. With a membership the unpaid balance is written off, without a membership you will be responsible to pay for the unpaid balance. You can see that the \$50.00 membership fee is a good investment.

The recommendation from Perry Hi-Way is to purchase a membership from both MPS and Emergycare if you can fit it in your budget. By having both memberships as well as being a Summit resident you will be well covered to avoid large out of pocket expenses should you need an ambulance in Erie County.

Any further questions on ambulance billing or memberships feel free to call me at the fire station 814-864-0680. You may have to leave a message with call back number but I will return all calls.

John Spaulding

President, Perry Hi-Way Hose Company

P.S. The Perry Hi-way Hose Company fund drive starts May 1.

From the Water Authority... SERVICE INTERRUPTION

The Summit Township Water Authority makes every effort to provide its customers with continuous safe water; however, at any given time, pressure may be reduced or service interrupted to allow for emergency leak repairs. In emergency situations, it is impossible to notify our customers. We apologize for the inconvenience caused by unplanned service interruptions.

Under any other circumstances, including preventative maintenance and water main extensions, we make every effort to schedule these events at a time that will have the least impact on our customers.

It is important to remember that when water is restored following a service interruption, customers commonly experience cloudy or discolored water which can be cleared up by running the taps in your house until the water clears

up. Typically the amount of water used to perform this task is nominal and under normal circumstances should not impact your bill.

ADOPT-A-HYDRANT CONTEST WINNER

This quarter's winner of the Adopt-a-Hydrant is Joe Bean Jr. Joe was nominated by Carol Kurpiewski for clearing the snow around the hydrant at the corner of Nies Drive and Lee Road. For his efforts, Joe will receive a \$50 gift certificate to a Summit Township restaurant or business of his choice.



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

This concludes the contest for the season. Another winner will be announced next winter.

Thanks again!

John Troutman, Manager

Here We Grow Again

Blaze Pizza....opened in April 2017, located at 1930 Douglas Parkway, Suite 400 in the Small Shops Plaza. Blaze Pizza is on pace to become the fifth largest pizza chain by 2020. Blaze Pizza has spent the past 18 months working with suppliers to remove artificial colors, flavors, preservatives and high fructose corn syrup from a short list of ingredients in the restaurants. Resulting from these efforts, the brand has nixed the nitrates in its cured meats, upgraded to salad dressings and garlic without artificial preservatives and moved to a barbeque sauce made without high fructose corn syrup. Consistent with its clean food philosophy, Blaze Pizza's dough is made from scratch daily. Blaze Pizza chain offers more choices of what to put on your pizza than most other

restaurants. The toppings offered include red sauces, white sauce and a pesto sauce, several different choices of cheese and plenty of vegetables. The pizza oven is hot and fast. It truly cooks the pizza in a matter of three or four minutes. If you like thin crust pizza, the original Blaze is for you. There's also the gluten-free pizza available.

Sears Hometownopened in April 2017, located at 7200 Peach Street, Suite 460 in the Summit Towne Centre. Sears Hometown is a national retailer primarily focused on selling home appliances, hardware, tool and lawn and garden equipment. The stores are designed to provide customers with in-store and online access to a wide selection of national brands of home appliances, tools, lawn and garden equipment, sporting goods and household goods. The store hours are Monday- Friday 9 am- 7pm, Saturday 10am- 7pm and Sunday 11am-4pm.

IN THE WORKS:

R & S Clark Family Partnership....located at 9740 Peach Street is starting through the land development process which consists of converting an existing 1,964 sq. ft. residential dwelling into a commercial office/film studio.

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Please join us for a silent auction featuring
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**Stone Church
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**Tickets are \$10 in advance and
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Hello from Robison Elementary School!

When students walked through the doors of Robison Elementary in August, I challenged them to make this their "Best Year Yet!" The students, teachers and staff have truly achieved this goal. We were finalists in the Erie News Now's "How Cool Is Your School" contest where we were able to broadcast the many programs that make Robison a great school. We have celebrated significant academic growth, recognized individual student accomplishments, and have awarded more Principal's awards this year than ever before. Another one of our dedicated Robison teachers, Mr. Kupniewski, was awarded Jet TV and Edinboro University's Golden Apple Award. Our students have worked together to give back to our Summit and Erie communities through their donations to Asbury Woods Nature Center, American Heart Association, Summit Food Pantry, and the Erie City Mission.

As our school year comes to a close, we have already started planning for the 2017-2018 school year. If your child will be 5 before June 1, 2017, you may enroll your child for kindergarten. If you have a kindergarten child whom you have not yet enrolled, please call the school today (796-3742). Kindergarten orientation, for enrolled kindergarten students and their parents, will be held on August 22 from 5:30-7:00 PM. Important information will be given to kindergarten parents at orientation. Kindergarten students will have an opportunity to meet their teacher and see their classroom.

Before this school year comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Summit community members and Robison families for their continued support this school year. Our dedicated PTO held monthly meetings to plan events like Pizza Bingo, Santa's Secret Shop, Book Fairs, Teacher Appreciation Day, Fundraisers and much more. Many parent volunteers stepped up to help with our annual Robison Musical and Halloween Runway show. We are so thankful to have the support of the Lion's Club on Read Across America Day. They provided each student with a brand new book to take home and share. To these volunteers and all of the others that supported our school, we thank you!

Thanks to your continued support, Robison Elementary is a school that fosters a love of learning and encourages students to reach their full potential. On behalf of everyone here at Robison, I wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer.

Jenna Hopkins, Principal, Robison Elementary, Fort LeBoeuf School District

FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

The 2017 County-Township (CT) bills were mailed February 28th and you should have received your bill by now. The color for this year is canary (yellow). County mills increased from 5.14 in 2016 to 5.41 in 2017. If you did not receive your tax bill, please contact my office asap. I have had many returns this year from the USPS. A great deal of these are ones that have not changed ownership or address and are being returned as undeliverable. I have contacted the Postal Service but have not received an answer that is acceptable except them saying it could be a sub. Therefore, if you are having any delivery problems, please remember you can put your payment (with SASE if receipt is desired) in the locked mailbox to the right of the office door at any time to ensure your payment is received in time.

We are now back to normal business hours of Monday-Thursday, 10AM to 2PM and Monday evenings 5-7PM. Additionally, you may now contact me via email at dacameron@roadrunner.com. If you email me between normal office hours of 10AM to 2PM you will receive a response that day. If outside business hours, email will be answered the next business day.

School tax bills for the 2017/2018 school year which begins July 1, 2017 and ends June 30, 2018 will be mailed on or about July 1st. I will not know if there will be a tax increase until the school passes their budget in June.

Berkheimer mails and collects the school per capita bills. The Fort LeBoeuf School District maintains the per capita list that is provided to Berkheimer. Any questions regarding per capita should be directed to either Berkheimer (phone number listed on the bill) or to the FLB School District (796-2638). I can only answer basic questions regarding this topic. Berkheimer also collects the local earned income tax for Summit (EIT).

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 Lions Club News



"April showers bring May flowers" The grass is turning green, the trees are awakening and soon, we v

Summit Lions Club is awakening to spring and summer activities. With a challenge from Lions Club Ir Our Planet, we have completed our road side clean up.

In March we distributed 422 books to students at Robison Elementary School in celebration of "Read Across America". Club members, 1st Vice Dist. Gov. Janet, Lion Rita, and non-Lion Brenda read the story of Helen Keller, who through illness, became blind and deaf. We talked with the students about the Leader Dog program and our motto "We Serve". They were very appreciative of the books they chose.

Thanks to our new Lion, Bob Brown, we were introduced to the Blind Bowlers Tournament. We helped blind and visually impaired bowlers and enjoyed the banquet.

At our District Convention on April 22nd we celebrated our 100 year Centennial with various activities displaying projects completed by Lions Clubs in the District.

Several Lions attended "Dinner In The Dark" sponsored by the Leader Dog Program. Founded by three Detroit-area Lions Clubs members in 1939, Leader Dogs for the Blind empowers people who are blind, visually impaired or Deaf-Blind with skills for a lifetime of Independent travel, opening doors that may seem to have closed with the loss of sight. Keynote speaker was Steve Johnson, from LaCrosse, WI and his Leader Dog Bennett. Bennett, raised in the local area, is Steve's fourth Leader Dog. Steve shared his story of faith, hope and the blessings of life with a Leader Dog.

June brings our "20th Annual Golf Outing" at Venango Valley Inn. Join us in the Celebration of the Lions 100th Anniversary. If you would like to participate in our Golf Outing, contact chairman PDG Bob at 814-864-9194 for more information.

Again this year we will be raffling the Alum craft Model 1236 Boat and Motor with power pack loaded with adult beverages.

New this year will also have a 50/50 honoring a deserving veteran. After purchasing a ticket on the 50/50 you will be able to nominate a deserving veteran. One half of the money will go to the winning ticket drawn on Nov. 11th, Veterans Day, and the other half will be given to the nominated veteran. This is one small way to "thank" those who have served our country.

If you would like to know more about the Summit Lions Club, contact me at 796-2167.

Enjoy the summer, it's just around the corner -

King Lion Mary Lou Winkelman-Dubowski



LeBoeuf Little League

2017 INFORMATION

Picture day is May 6, 2017 (players are to see their coach for time).

Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at the Waterford American Legion starting at 7:00 PM

Visit the League website at www.flbll.com for additional information

DO WE HAVE ANY BEE KEEPERS IN SUMMIT TOWNSHIP?

The Township has received inquiries from residents wondering whether or not we have any local bee keepers. Residents are often looking for a resource when encountering bees. We all know how valuable they are. If you are a Summit resident bee keeper, please contact Nancy at 868-9686. Thank you!

ARE YOUR DOGS BARKING? BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR ...

Many Summit residents have dogs that are beloved members of their families. Unfortunately, your neighbors probably don't feel the same way. When you put your dogs outside and they start barking, quickly bring them in. PLEASE, when leaving your home, do NOT leave your dog outside. Unbeknownst to you, they may be barking non-stop and driving your neighbors crazy! Your dog may be ruining the quality of life in your neighborhood and your neighbors are helpless without your consideration.

MS4 Storm Sewer Mapping Update

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 stormwater conveyance systems within the urbanized areas of the Township. This includes storm sewers, roadside ditches, swales, and detention facilities.

The mapping began last fall and will continue over the next year. As some of the stormwater facilities are located on private property, Township personnel will need to enter onto these properties to map the stormwater facilities. We ask for everyone's cooperation and assistance in completing the mapping process.

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 to utilize the data to better address issues that may arise within the storm sewer system.

IS IT TIME TO RETIRE YOUR UNSERVICEABLE OLD GLORY?

The colors in the American Flag signify hardiness and valor with the red; purity and innocence with the white; vigilance, justice, and perseverance in the blue. When those colors become faded or tattered it is time to retire Old Glory.

Our Nation's Flag code (US Code Title 4 Chapter 1 - The Flag) states that all American flags, respectfully known as Old Glory, should be retired in a dignified and respectful manner when they're no longer a fitting emblem for display and replaced with a new flag.

'Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory', will gladly accept your weathered, torn, faded or tattered flags for retirement. The 'Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory' project is dedicated to collecting unserviceable flags for proper retirement.

You may visit the Summit Township Municipal Building, 1230 Townhall Road W., Erie, PA 16509 during regular business hours to deposit your flag in the 'Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory' bin and it'll be properly retired.

ANOTHER TAX SEASON COMES TO AN END!

With the close of Tax Season your Volunteer IRS/AARP Tax Law Specialists Wanda Watkins & Trish Catalano would like to thank our Summit Township Supervisors, Employees and all of you that made this an exciting and busy tax season. We loved every minute especially catching up with previous clients and meeting so many new clients that we hope will return next year.

Your word of mouth and the Summit Newsletter ad was instrumental in allowing us to break our previous return record. In past years we processed under 200 tax returns, this year we E-Filed over 300 returns, over a dozen on paper and assisted with dozens of amendments to help solve previous years tax issues. You kept us busy up till the April 18th deadline, where in previous years we shut down a week early...Thank you. Please keep spreading the word to help others save money and headaches on their tax returns. Remember there is no age limit and everyone of any age is welcome, you don't have to be elderly or a AARP member nor a Summit resident to use our service and yes, we do assist with complicated and itemized returns (but some restrictions do apply). We're proud this year to have helped everyone from a 14 yr old paperboy who was excited to file his 1st tax return to our special client celebrating her 102nd birthday. Please keep sharing with your family, friends, and neighbors to make next year even greater.

If you're Disabled (any age), a senior (over 65) or Widow (over 50) and own a home/mobile home or rent, you may be eligible for up to a \$650 rebate from the PA Property Tax & Rent Rebate, if as a renter you make under \$15,000 or homeowner under \$35,000 (counting only ½ half of your social security amount). Deadline to file is June 30th, 2017 but it may be extended and assistance is still available to file your return.

PA Retired Senior & Disabled residents earning under \$19,200 yearly are eligible for the Penndot MV-371 Vehicle Registration Discount which reduces your registration cost from \$36 to only \$10 yearly. Contact Penndot or a notary for more info.

Please contact Trish at 814-866-8502 for info or assistance filing your Property Tax & Rent Rebate.

We hope to see you next year and wish everyone a happy and healthy 2017.

Thank You,

Wanda Watkins
Trish Catalano



JOIN US FOR OUR 22nd Annual Summit Senior Citizen's Picnic This year's theme – We're a Little Bit Country

Our twenty-second Annual Senior Citizen's Picnic is scheduled for August 10th at Picnicana. This is a FREE event, sponsored by the Township, for the enjoyment of Summit's senior citizens (55 & older). We are planning another continuous day of FUN! You are welcome to participate in any or all of the planned events, or simply sit and enjoy the food, cabana band music and friends!

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED & MUST BE RETURNED BY AUGUST 1st!

NOTE: This event is free to Summit Township seniors (at least 55 years old) ONLY. There is a \$10.00 fee (prepaid/non-refundable) for non-resident senior guests. Each Summit senior will be limited to ONE non-resident guest.

PICNIC SCHEDULE

11:00 – Noon	Craft Class
Noon – 1:00	LUNCH
Noon – 2:00	Musical Entertainment
2:00 – 3:00	Bingo
3:00 – 3:30	Build your own SUNDAE
3:30 – 4:30	Entertainment or demonstration (To Be Announced)
4:30 – 5:00	Door Prize Drawing

- ** Each senior is asked to bring a dish to share. If your last name begins with:
(A - J, Salads or Potato dishes) (K - P, bring a Vegetable) (Q - Z, bring a Dessert)
- ** Please have all your desserts sliced and ready to serve.
- ** Regular & decaf coffee, fruit drink (from McDonalds) and water will be provided. Should you require another type of drink, please bring your own.
- ** Bring a lawn chair if you can. Pavilion seating is available.

22ND ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN'S PICNIC – RESERVATION FORM

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

Number of Guests _____ @ \$10.00 per Guest = \$ _____ (Must enclose payment)

Guest Name(s): _____

Please write the **TOTAL NUMBER(#)** of people listed on this form who are participating in each of the following.

FOOD CHOICES: _____#/Lunch _____#/Sundae

ACTIVITY CHOICES: _____#/Craft _____#/Bingo _____#/Cards _____#/Horseshoes

RETURN FORM NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1st!

Clip and return this portion to: Summit Township, 1230 Townhall Road West, Erie, PA 16509
- OR - drop your form off at the Summit Senior Citizens Center, 1450 Townhall Road.



1230 Townhall Road West
Erie, PA 16509

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Supervisors:

Nancy A. Agostine, *Chairperson*

Jack F. Lee, Jr.

Mark A. Welka

Once Upon A Time...

The last challenge was to identify the children in the Robison School photo from the 1975-76 school year. The teacher was Mrs. Annamarie McNamara, teacher aide was Mrs. Jill Stewart and the principal was Mr. Brown.

Thanks to Carol Brown and Frances Carr two students have been identified. Craig Brown 1st row, second in from the right. Jenny Stewart, 2nd row, third from left.

NEXT CHALLENGE!

A little history of Summit Township; in 1803 Erie County was separated from Crawford County. Summit was not created until 1854 from parts of McKean, Greene and a small part of Waterford Townships. It is the smallest township and the last organized. The population in 1860 was 1,038 people. This information is from "History of Erie County Pennsylvania" by Samuel P. Bates, Warner, Beer's & Co. 1884.

In a previous issue we mentioned early settlers in what is present Summit Township. Next issue we will list some of those families.

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. If you can't stop by, please contact the Summit Township office at 868-9686 with your name and phone number.

