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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OPEN HOUSE

Please join Summit Township for its first Comprehensive Plan Open House! The Comprehensive Plan serves as a roadmap in aiding our community to make decisions about future visions and goals. All residents and business owners are encouraged to come to provide input on community issues and review the work completed to date.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- September 4th - Labor Day (Township Offices closed)
- September 15th - Picnicana 2018 Reservations Open for Residents Only *See page 15 for important updates
- October 3rd - Comprehensive Plan open House
- November 7th - Election Day (Township Offices closed)
- November 10th - Veteran's Day (Township Offices closed)

The Open House will be held on Tuesday,
October 3rd from 4:00-7:00 PM
at the Summit Township Municipal
Building. Come any time that
works best for you.

MEET THE STAFF

TOWNSHIP: 868-9686

Nancy Agostine -

Supervisor/Chairperson/
Dir. Land Development

Jack Lee, Jr. - Supervisor/
Roadmaster

Mark A. Welka -

Supervisor/Director of Parks

Christene Yeast -

Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

Michelle Nesselhauf -

Administrative Assistant

Nate Miller -

Zoning Administrator

Tamara Cass -

Administrative Assistant

Kip Hayford - Code Enforcement

Gina Erbin - Receptionist

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

From The Office Of District Judge McGowan

Just a couple quick thoughts as we head towards the start of a new school year. As the buses will return to the streets transporting our young adults and children to and from school, please be mindful that the buses may be making frequent stops. Remember, when the yellow lights are flashing, proceed with caution and be prepared to stop. Absolutely no passing buses with lights flashing.

Also, the state has begun stepping up enforcement of boating regulations. The Fish and Boat Commission is issuing citations to kayakers or canoers that do not have one personal flotation device per passenger. The number of deaths due to accidental drowning have been steadily increasing over the past several years. As of August of 2014, according to the commission, there had been 15 boating fatalities in 2014 so far and 17 occurred in 2013, exceeding the average of 13 deaths annually. You don't have to wear a life jacket as long as it is not a cold water month, but you must have one present with you. Be careful and be safe.

Have a good fall.

Brian M. McGowan, MDJ

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, 5:00 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 **October 27th!** Our next newsletter will be published in mid November.



Summit Trivia: TOWNSHIP

How many trees are saved when you recycle 1 ton of paper?

Answer on Page 5.

GRATEFUL FOR GOOD PEOPLE!

If timing in life is everything, I have absolutely NONE. There was one ten day stretch this August when I was looking forward to three major events: my niece Kathleen's wedding, the 22nd Annual Summit Senior Citizen's Picnic, and my Dad's 90th birthday celebration. Sure enough, the morning of my niece's wedding, I found myself heading to the emergency room via ambulance instead.

After having surgery the next day, I proceeded to miss the Senior Picnic and my Dad's 90th birthday as well. Talk about a big letdown! I'm just grateful that all three events were outstanding and very much enjoyed by everyone, other than me.

That's why I am EVER SO GRATEFUL for good, kind, hard-working people like my dear friend, Marj, and the entire team that did such an awesome job carrying out the Senior Picnic. I'm so proud to call each and every one of them my "peeps"!

Thanks for all of the kind get well wishes. I'm looking forward to getting back to work in a few weeks so I can participate in the Comprehensive Plan Open House on October 3rd!

Hope to see all of you there -

Nancy Agostine

Hello all! I just saw on the evening news that June broke an all-time rainfall record in our area, and we have had the 4th driest July on record. I bring this up because we did receive several complaints of wet yards, ditches, and neighbors' water draining onto their property. This is something we cannot control. We do the best we can by trying to control it with experience and engineering. That is why storm water management is so important in a busy community with so many buildings, hard surface driveways, and parking lots. These busy areas produce a tremendous amount of water run-off during wet, rainy times, or storm events. Without storm water management and using retention ponds, properties, creeks, and roadways would be destroyed. I have seen videos of old school developments where storm water management was ignored. Many people do not realize how excavating, ditches, and dams on their own property can affect others, so this is why you should ask for help or direction from the township; it's a big part of land development planning.

Recently we held our Residents Weekend at Picnicana Park. Many people participated and everything went very well. We had perfect weather all weekend, much food, bingo, a movie, a bounce house, and a blow up slide. Last year's parking expansion has worked out well too because it looks like this is keeping cars from parking on the road when the park attracts large crowds.

Road repairs, sealcoat or tar and chip are continuing. I feel that over the years, Summit has been doing a very nice job keeping up with our roads. My personal opinion is

Hello Summit Residents,

The parks have been a busy location in our township this year. Baseball fields and batting cages have been extremely busy this year. Several soccer clinics were held at Community Park this summer and the concession stand was a huge success at raising money for the Fort LeBoeuf Soccer Booster Organization.

Picnicana Park has been extremely busy but there are still some available dates in September and October; please call the Township Office at 868-9686 and speak to Gina. Plans for the storage barn at Picnicana Park are at Labor and Industry for final review and is still slated for construction this fall.

I would like to thank the Summit Township Recreation Board and all those who helped out at the Residents Weekend activities. You all did an incredible job! Thank you!

Have a great fall!

Mark Welka

that we have the best-kept roads in Northwestern PA. One problem with that may be people tend to drive faster than the speed limit when roads are well-maintained, so please drive with caution and watch the speed limits. We do have a busy township so our roads can become busy.

I don't want to wish winter here too soon, but this is a good time to make sure your mailbox is built per our specifications to help the plow trucks do their job without damaging the mailbox. If you live on a township road, we will repair a mailbox we damage if it was properly installed. A copy of the mailbox requirements is included in this Newsletter (see page 10). This does not mean replacing an old mailbox in poor condition. That is more than fair. Other municipalities and PA Dot will not repair or replace damaged mailboxes.

One more thing - Our parks do belong to all of us, the same as your personal property, so please help us police the properties from vandals. We recently have had some vandalism and this is senseless. I do not understand what someone gets out of this. We do have many good people watching and video surveillance. So, I for one would not hesitate to file charges with the law if you are caught. Enjoy the rest of the summer and fall. If you have any positive ideas or feedback, please come to a township meeting and share them. Summit posts all meeting dates and functions on your annual recycling calendar.

Thank you,

Jack Lee



Eagle Scouts Improve Picnicana Trails

Peter Caulfield, Eagle Scout of Boy Scouts of America Troop 96, designed and erected seven informational signs along the inner trail of Picnicana Park August of last summer. He worked with Supervisor Jack Lee on this project. While walking along this trail one can learn to identify trees and interesting facts about common trees in northeastern forests, as well as the wild lilies of the valley.

Timothy Caulfield, his older brother, also an Eagle Scout in Troop 96, worked with Supervisor Jack Lee and Zoning officer Nathan Miller in mapping out the new trails at Picnicana Park. He fastened color coded trail blazes along the trails and placed signs with maps of the new trails at both trail heads. On the signs is an aerial image of the park with the trails superimposed. The trails are color coded and coordinated with the blazes, and the distances are marked for each.

Timothy Caulfield joined Boy Scouts when he was eleven years old. He became Senior Patrol Leader when he was thirteen, and held the position for three straight years. Last summer he was reelected Senior Patrol Leader and will lead the troop until he turns eighteen in April.

Timothy has attended summer camp at Custaloga Town Scout Reservation for the last six years. Last summer he participated in Council Adventure at the high adventure base in West Virginia, the Summit Bechtel Reserve. During his scouting career, Timothy earned thirty-three merit badges and was elected into the Order of the Arrow, scouting's national honor society.

Timothy is currently a senior in high school. He has been accepted to Gannon University and plans to begin his studies of Supply Chain Management there in the fall.

Peter Caulfield was born in Glenville, West Virginia, the seventh child of Dr. Michael Caulfield and Stephanie Caulfield. He and his family moved to Erie the summer of 2002, and soon after the move, the treasurer of Troop 96, Mr. John Walsh, invited the oldest Caulfield boy, Joseph, to join the troop. Peter's older brothers Joseph and Stephen Caulfield both went on to become Eagle Scouts, which made Peter eager to join Scouts when he turned eleven in 2012.

That summer Peter earned his first merit badge, Computers. Over the next four years he gained 28 more. A few of his favorites were Kayaking, Shotgun Shooting, and Cycling, for which he completed a 50-mile biking trip.

In the spring of 2016, he was elected into the national honor society of the BSA, the Order of the Arrow, and he completed his initiation Ordeal last August.

Peter is a junior in high school, and plans to attend Gannon University after his senior year, to study Mechanical Engineering.

Congratulations Timothy and Peter, your Summit Community is extremely proud of our two newest Eagle Scouts!

PERRY HI-WAY HOSE COMPANY NEWS...

SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A PERRY HI-WAY HOSE VOLUNTEER ON SEPT. 30!

The public is invited to attend Perry Hi-Way Hose Company's Volunteer Experience and Open House on Saturday, September 30, 2017, from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. The event will be held at the Perry Hi-Way Hose station at 501 Robison Road East.

Men and women 18 and older can experience training that simulates actual volunteer experiences – climbing through a smoke maze or up ladders into a second story window or onto a roof.

They can operate water hoses, work with the Hurst "Jaws of Life" tools. And they can wear real fire gear and breathing air packs.

Everyone can try on some volunteer gear, view emergency medical equipment, and enjoy aerial truck rides. There will also be hot dogs and other refreshments for the whole family.

Come out for a day of fun and appreciation for your volunteers at Perry Hi-Way Hose Company. For more details call 824-5224.

ANSWER YOUR CALLING.

If you'd simply like to help others, please consider becoming a volunteer member of the Perry Hi-Way Hose Company. You can be trained in Emergency Medical Services or as a firefighter to rescue accident or fire victims, to prevent valuable property damage, to comfort people in emergency situations and to make a positive difference in your community.

Join Us. Call 824-5224 or visit AnswerYourCalling.org.



TRICK OR

TREATING



Trick-or-Treating will be on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 pm. If you wish to pass out treats, please have your home's front lights on. Please drive slowly and use extra caution to ensure the safety of our children and their families. Have a safe and fun Halloween!



ANSWER TO SUMMIT TRIVIA:

Each ton (2000 pounds) of recycled paper can save 17 trees. Approximately 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away every year in the U.S.

Summit Township Emergency Management

Are you ready?

Fall

Get your vehicle ready- tires, jumper cables, blanket, shovel, first aid kit, phone power, food/water, etc.

Take five minutes and ask yourself if your family and home are ready to weather out a storm?

Replace smoke and carbon monoxide alarm batteries

Nov. 5th turn your clocks back 1 hour

Perform maintenance on your fall and winter equipment, snow blowers, chimneys, heaters, generators, etc.

With foul weather and school buses, plan for extra travel time

PA 2-1-1 Fact Sheet



2-1-1 is the social services equivalent of 9-1-1.

- It is a comprehensive Information/Referral service available to everyone via:
 - An easy-to-remember phone number with texting capabilities
 - Online site with a searchable database of agencies/programs/resources
- The transition of home-grown information hotlines to 2-1-1 began in Atlanta in 1999.
- 2-1-1 now encompasses all 50 states and Canada.
- SW PA 2-1-1 in Pittsburgh has been operational for 3 years, serving the 11-county region.

Advantages:

- It's free, confidential and convenient.
 - SW PA 2-1-1 has found that callers were making 4 to 7 calls before being connected to the right resource/service.
- It's cost-effective.
 - One study in TX found that a national 2-1-1 system could generate a \$1.1 b net value to society over 10 years.
- It quickly connects people to safety net services.
 - SW PA 2-1-1 found that 70% of calls are for basic human needs: food, clothing, rent/mortgage/utility assistance.
- It's professional.
 - Call centers must meet stringent standards established by the Association of Information and Referral Specialists.
- It's proven its worth in times of disasters.
 - For a) people who need assistance and b) people volunteering their assistance.
- It uses innovative technology to maximize efficiencies.
 - In PA, 2-1-1 call centers use a common database which makes it possible to coordinate resources across county/regional lines.
 - PA is currently developing a smart phone app to streamline assessment process from 3 days to 30 minutes following a community disaster.

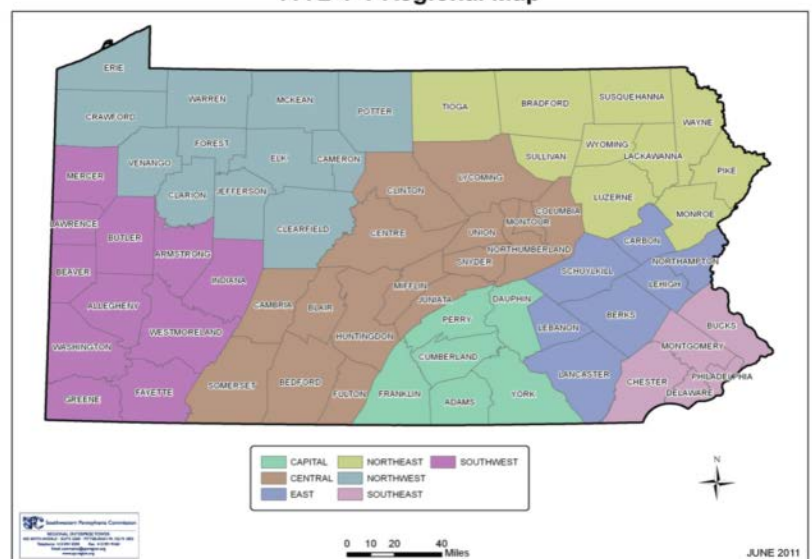
History of 2-1-1 in Pennsylvania

- PA was 2nd to last in nation in implementing its 2-1-1 network.
 - Today, NW PA is the only region not served by 2-1-1.
- Effort is being led by PA 2-1-1, a 501c3 nonprofit with significant (non-financial) support from United Way of Pennsylvania.
- Without a state-wide 2-1-1 network encompassing all 67 counties, PA 2-1-1 cannot compete for fee-for service contracts from the state.
 - PA, over the last few years, has established 450 special 1-800 information phone lines to provide information to the public on specific topics, issues, disasters, crises.
 - Approximate cost per 1-800 line is \$135,000.
 - With a state-wide 2-1-1 network, there is an opportunity to reduce costs to the state and generate revenue for the 2-1-1 network.

Status of 2-1-1 in Erie County and NW PA (February 2015)

- United Way of Allegheny County, which oversees SW PA 2-1-1, has agreed to add the 12 counties of NW PA to their 2-1-1 call center on an incremental basis.
 - Price tag for the region is \$300,000.
 - Erie County's "share" is approximately \$100,000 based on percent of total population.
- Consolidation of call centers in Pittsburgh:
 - Is more cost-effective than a separate call center for NW PA.
 - Creates economies of scale.
 - Sends a positive message to potential funders.
- On February 25, 2015, the board of United Way of Erie County made a five-year commitment of \$70,000/year to 2-1-1.
 - This provides leverage in securing additional funds.
 - We will coordinate fundraising for the balance of Erie County's share of total cost.
 - We will assist the region in identifying potential funders which could include: local government, foundations and local United Ways as well as corporate sponsors.
- Information from the recently released Gannon University Human Service Directory will be used to populate the 2-1-1 database with agency/program/resource information.
- A launch date for Erie County has not yet been determined.
- United Way of Allegheny County plans to re-brand SW PA 2-1-1 as Western PA 2-1-1 at the appropriate time.

PA 2-1-1 Regional Map



As of February 2015, 2-1-1 call centers are operational in five of the seven regions. The Central region has been absorbed by regions in the eastern part of PA; the NW region will consolidate with the SW region.



SUMMIT SENIORS ENJOY BEING A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY!

August 10th marked the 22nd Annual Summit Senior Citizen's Picnic and once again our Senior Citizen's gathered at Picnicana Park to celebrate their special day. Everyone was decked out in cowboy hats and bandanas and enjoyed live country music provided by Mountain Thyme Ramblers. They also enjoyed all of the annual activities which included – crafts, barbeque lunch, bingo, ice cream sundaes, and the ever infamous door prizes. This year however, we added something new thanks to **Joe Kuzma** and **Wasielewski Farms**. Every year Joe uses his large kettles to cook corn on the cob over an open fire for Resident's Weekend. This year he volunteered to do the same thing for the senior picnic. It was a huge success and everyone loved it! Thank you Joe for all of your hard work cooking the corn and to Wasielewski Farms for generously donating such delicious and perfect corn on the cob! We hope you'll be back next year.

Presque Isle Downs and Casino was, once again, the major business sponsor of this year's event. They also provided free play vouchers to all of our guests. **Thank you so much Presque Isle Downs, we couldn't do it without you!**

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our other long-term community partners **State Representative Flo Fabrizio, Bianchi Honda** and **Waste Management** for their generous donations. Each and every year they show their continued dedication to our local senior citizens.

Unfortunately, **this was the first year ever without Supervisor Nancy Agostine**. As most of you know, Nancy had to have an emergency surgery four days before the picnic so was not able to attend. That's a remarkable record of 21 years of planning, scheduling, ordering, shopping, decorating, coordinating and most importantly handing out the barbecued chicken! Good thing Nancy was such a great mentor to Marj Hudak who was able to step in and take charge to make sure the picnic ran smoothly and for molding the rest of us so the show could go on in her absence. **Thank you Nancy!** You were definitely missed. We all hope you get well soon!

Thank you **Marj, Duane, Kim, Kathy, Carol, Gina, Gretchen, Jane, Laura, Tammy, Michelle, Kip, Chris, Amber, Mitch, Tim, Mark, Jack** (and anyone else we forgot) for helping to make this year such a success in Nancy's absence. We were all a little paranoid about how the day would go without her but we did it...it just took a really long list of people to do it!



Summit Residents' Enjoy Their Township Parks And Recreation Activities During Residents Weekend!



Once again this year, Picnicana Park was reserved by the Rec Board for township residents to enjoy for an entire weekend. The events this year started with an opportunity to attend the summer program's "Carnival Night" on Friday.

Saturday offered several activities for both young and old, starting with a 20 foot high Slide and Jungle Bounce House. Bingo, held under the picnic pavilion was organized by the Summit Senior Center Volunteers, with many winners and prizes distributed!

Hot dogs, nachos & cheese, freshly popped popcorn, corn on the cob and Slush Puppie drinks were served. A special thank you to Joe Kuzma for his generous donation of time and equipment used to make the hundreds of corn on the cob for all the guests to enjoy. Also a special thank you to our kitchen volunteers who prepared and served the delicious food!

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



Thank You from Pass the Pancakes 5K and Fun Walk

On Sunday morning, July 30th, nearly 80 people from ages 7 to 73 came out to race in the beautiful Summit Township countryside and enjoy our lovely Picnicana venue for the sixth return of this event. Jake Lehotsky of Fort LeBoeuf reigned as male champion for the second year in a row, while Sara Gott of Erie finished first in the women's division. A delicious pancake breakfast served by Fort LeBoeuf Boys Volleyball Boosters was a marvelous reward for their running and walking efforts. The additional top finishers of the 5K also included Trenton Pace (2nd overall), Mitchell Rathburn (3rd overall), Jeff Jones (4th overall), and S. Mark Courtney (5th Overall).



We would like to thank all who participated, volunteered, cheered along the course, or otherwise contributed to make this annual event an enjoyable success. We are indeed fortunate to receive the strong support of Summit Township and Summit Recreation Board for this outstanding event!

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

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

The annual Chinese Auction sponsored by the Picnicana Summer Program, drew winning tickets all weekend, with many wonderful prizes. Thanks to Pat McGuire for dedication to making this a great success!

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

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN 2018!

TOWNSHIP RECYCLING CALENDAR

For our township snowbirds.....Please call the township building before you leave & also when you return. Typically when you're gone the post office doesn't forward your township recycling calendar to you, so many of you aren't receiving them. The township would like to keep a list of our snowbirds so we can make sure you receive one. Please call Gina at the township at 868-9686.

For our resident photographers, remember that the camera or phone you use must be oriented to make the photos wide instead of narrow. While digitally transmitted photos are preferred (send to sumtwp@summitpa.us), prints can also be mailed or dropped off at the Township. Photo submissions will be accepted through November 15th! Don't forget our 2018 Calendar is titled "From Old to New Again" so please send us your pictures of something you have repurposed, reused or restored.



Here We Grow Again

Luminary Distilling....has opened at 8270 Peach Street , Suite 300, Erie, PA 16509. Luminary Distilling offers a unique micro distillery experience; visit Luminary Distilling to take a look into spirit production, bottle sales, and their tasting room with traditional cocktails. At Luminary Distilling, they take small batch artisan distilling literally; their largest finishing still is only 53 gallons. The summer business hours are Monday & Wednesday 4pm-9pm, Thursday 3pm-9pm, Friday 3pm-10pm, Saturday 1pm-10pm and Sunday 1pm-5pm.

Tasty Bowl....has opened at 7400 Schultz Road, Erie, PA 16509. Tasty Bowl Restaurant offers authentic Szechuan Chinese and Asian cuisine as well as delicious tasting fresh sushi. Tasty Bowl's convenient location and affordable prices make this restaurant a natural choice for dine-in and take-out meals. Tasty Bowl is known

for its variety in taste and high quality fresh ingredients. The restaurant hours are Monday 11am-10pm Tuesday – closed, Wednesday & Thursday 11am- 10pm, Friday 11am-10:30pm, Saturday 11am-10:30pm, and Sunday 11am-10pm.

Summit Family Dentistry.... will be opening in the beginning of September 2017. Summit Family Dentistry located at 9271 Peach Street is excited to welcome your entire family to a brand new dental office that provides a warm and compassionate environment. At Summit Family Dentistry, every patient is treated as an individual – with unique needs and oral health goals in mind. Everybody deserves a dentist who is honest and truly cares for their wellbeing. Dr. Dinesh Patel treats every patient with a high level of dignity. You will notice a welcoming environment and a positive vibe every time you're in the office. The leading-edge dental equipment makes diagnosis and treatment faster and easier, and helps create a pleasant experience. A full-range of dental services are offered in one convenient location, making it easy for you to visit Summit Family Dentistry for all your dental care needs which include: General & Comprehensive Dental Care, Oral Hygiene & Teeth Cleaning, Cosmetic Dentistry, Tooth-Colored Fillings, Crowns, Bridges & Dentures, Emergency Services, Removable and Fixed Prosthodontics, Endodontics (Root Canal Therapy), Simple & Surgical Tooth Extractions, Scaling & Root Planing, Implant Crown Restorations, At Home Teeth Whitening Kits (prescription strength) amongst other services. Check your mail box for a brochure with special offers or call (814) 923-4510 or visit www.SummitFamilyDentistry.net.

MAILBOX REQUIREMENTS

HOUSE NUMBERS MUST BE AFFIXED OR PAINTED ON BOX IN NUMERALS NOT LESS THAN ONE INCH, AND PLACED ON BOTH SIDES OF BOX.

IF A STORM WATER DITCH FRONTS YOUR PROPERTY:

- The post or pipe must be set in back of the ditch.
- The arm must extend over the ditch so that the face of the mailbox is between the front edge of the ditch and the edge of the pavement.
- Height (from the bottom of the box support) should measure 48" – 52" from the road surface.
- The paper box should be attached to arm or mailbox to avoid snowplow damage.
- Summit Township will not repair any mailboxes that are not built to these specifications.

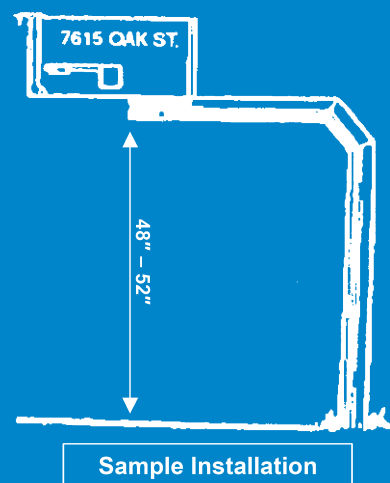
IF NO DITCH EXISTS IN FRONT OF YOUR PROPERTY:

- The face of the mailbox should be a minimum of 14' from the middle of the road.
- Height (from the bottom of the box support) should measure 48" - 52" from the ground surface.
- The face of the mailbox must not extend beyond the face of the curb.

*Thank you for your cooperation,
Summit Township Supervisors*

14' FROM CENTER OF STREET TO FACE OF MAILBOX

EDGE OF PAVEMENT



Senior News

Hi Everyone!

This is my last article for the newsletter as President of the Senior Center. I have enjoyed serving and helping with the center activities. I will now serve as Vice President and let someone else lead the activities.

The new officers:

Sue Seyboldt - President

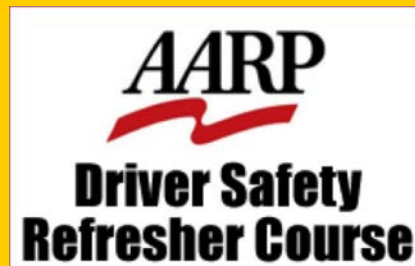
Evelyn Senger - Vice President

Barbara Schlosser - Secretary

June Beard - Treasurer

We continue our weekly Tuesday tureen lunches for persons ages 55 or older and their spouse or caretaker, ceramics classes on Wednesdays and pool playing for men on Friday afternoons, games for women on Thursday mornings. On Tuesday the center opens at 9 AM for pool playing, cards, lunch is at noon. See you there!

Evelyn Senger, President



Summit Senior Center Building
1450 Townhall Road West

Tuesday September 12, 2017
5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

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

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

For reservations, call June Beard at 864-9378

FROM THE SEWER AUTHORITY....

NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE

At the June Regular Business Meeting the Sewer Authority Board voted to approve a rate increase of 7.4%. That amounts to \$2.00 per month for residential customers. The residential sewer rate will increase from \$81.00 per quarter to \$87.00 per quarter. For low flow commercial customers the rate increases from \$4.63/1,000 gallons to \$4.97/1,000 gallons. For high flow (>800 gallons per day) commercial customers the rate increases from \$5.25/1,000 gallons to \$5.64/1,000 gallons. The new rate is reflected in the September 2017 billing.

Management is recommending a rate increase for several reasons: the system has grown to the point where additional maintenance staffing is required; commercial and industrial usage (therefore revenue) is down; additional funds are needed to continue with necessary system upgrades and for future clean-up projects.

SYSTEM GROWTH

From 1996 to 2017 the STSA has seen a significant amount of growth:

	1996	2017
Lift Stations	10	19
Sewer Pipe (Miles)	22.5	41.5
Manholes	526	969
Commercial Customers	151	284
Residential Customers	1,006	1,843

The growth in the system has been in excess of 80% across all of the above categories. We simply need more staff to maintain the system.

LIFT STATION UPGRADES

The STSA is responsible first and foremost for the continued operation of the existing public sanitary sewer

system. Toward that goal the Authority must from time to time perform upgrades to the existing facilities to avoid backups and/or sewage discharges to the environment. Our current project is the upgrades to the Meadows Lift Station. This lift station was originally acquired from The Meadows Subdivision development in 2003. The lift station now serves South Hill Road, Cherry Street Extension and the Johnson Road areas. The larger service area means a larger load and now we are in need of more capacity. The capacity upgrades include: larger pumps, new larger electrical service and panels, backup power generation and controls. Engineers from Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., (formerly Hill Engineering) have started the design. Once the preliminary design is complete a detailed cost estimate will be developed. The STSA plans on bidding the work in the spring of 2018.

FUTURE CLEAN-UP PROJECTS

Another mission critical responsibility of the Authority is to extend the sanitary sewer system either by Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) mandate or per the comprehensive sewer plan. Please know that the Authority is continually investigating projects and when the next project is official the affected residents will be notified at the appropriate time.

Lastly, please bear in mind the STSA is committed to providing each customer with quality service at the best rates possible. If any sewer customer has any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the Authority at 868-4495 or attend a monthly meeting. Check your Township calendar for Sewer Authority meeting dates. The Authority office hours are 8:00 AM - Noon and 12:30 - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. If you plan to attend a meeting, please call and let us know. We will be glad to put you on the agenda.

William C. Steff, P.E., Manager



Hello from Robison Elementary School!

The summer has been filled with excitement here at Robison Elementary School. We are busy preparing for the arrival of our students and the new 2017-2018 school year.

I am looking forward to welcoming back each and every one of our Robison students. The newest members of our Robison family, our incoming kindergarteners, along with their parents, will be welcomed at our kindergarten orientation held on Aug 22nd. Our first grade students will get the opportunity to meet with their teachers at a Meet and Greet held on August 24th. We will also be hosting a 2nd-5th grade Back to School Night on September, 6th. These events provide a great deal of information for parents and families; we hope that you are all able to attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mrs. Kathy Proctor, our building secretary, for her many years of service to the Fort LeBoeuf School District. Kathy beamed with Fort LeBoeuf pride each and every day. I have been honored to have worked with such a dedicated and hardworking secretary. On behalf of your Robison Family, we wish Mrs. Proctor the best in her retirement.

We are excited to announce our new teachers and staff joining our team for the upcoming school year. New to our second grade team are teachers, Mr. Chrispen and Mrs. Jaworksi. Mrs. Borowy will be our new 3rd and 4th grade learning support teacher and Mrs. Brown will be our new 4th grade teacher. Mrs. Hartzfeld will be joining our front office team as our new building secretary. They are all eager to get the school year started.

New this school year we will be implementing school wide positive behavior interventions and supports (SWPBIS) into our school. The mission of our school wide program is to foster and promote a safe and positive school environment. In doing so, we hope to enhance our schools culture through teaching and recognizing positive behavior that will contribute to our students becoming lifelong learners and positive members of the community. Our moto is "BE A BISON" which means to always be ready, respectful and responsible.

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

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



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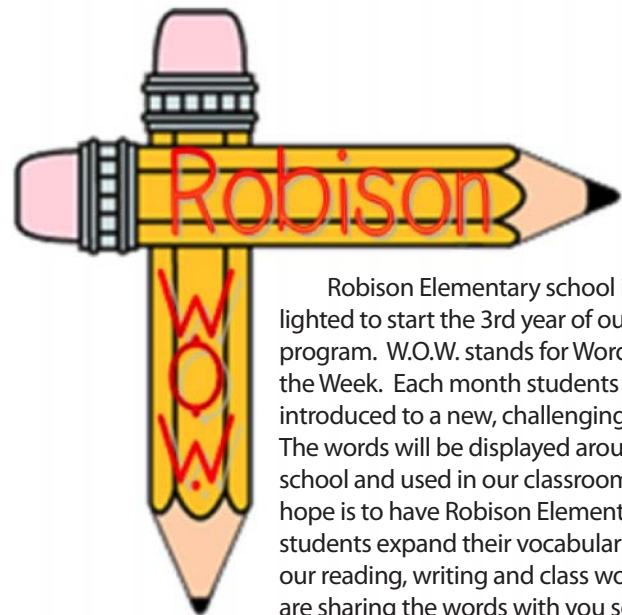


Search: Robison Elementary School PTO

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

Enjoy the rest of summer,

Jenna Hopkins, Robison Principal



Robison Elementary school is delighted to start the 3rd year of our W.O.W. program. W.O.W. stands for Word of the Week. Each month students will be introduced to a new, challenging word. The words will be displayed around our school and used in our classrooms. Our hope is to have Robison Elementary students expand their vocabulary in our reading, writing and class work. We are sharing the words with you so that you can join in the fun of our W.O.W. program!

Our first quarter words are:

September
virtue

October
beacon
profound
surmise

November
prestigious
galore

Summit Lions Club News



We Serve
Summit Lions Club

First, I'd like to introduce myself, I am the new President of the Summit Lions Club, my name is Lion Dennis Franz (not to be confused with the guy from NYPD Blue). I would like to thank all that supported our Annual Golf Outing in June either by golfing or being one of our many sponsors, we could not do what we do without your support.

We awarded 4 scholarships this year to Summit students: Emily Pacileo, Samantha Bengel, Steve McGarvie & Jillian Snarski. Congratulations to them and best wishes as they head off to their respective colleges real soon.

We are celebrating **100 years of Lionism**, a few of our members went to Chicago for the 100th Year International Celebration where 40,000-50,000 Lions gathered to celebrate this great service. One of our Lion Members became the new District Governor for the 14F District, Lion Janet Mitchell. We are very proud of her and her accomplishments. If you see her, tell her Congratulations!

We want to thank local Cub Scout Pack #71 for helping us keep our "Butterfly Garden" located at Picnicana looking good.

Our club is busy selling our Raffle tickets for the "Boatload of Beer", it is a Alum. Craft Model 1236 boat & motor with power pack with 15 cs. adult beverage and also our "Diamonds, Dining & Driving tickets. All tickets are \$5.00 each. Watch for us at local venues or see one of our Lion members to purchase one.

Our new International President is Dr. Naresh Aggarwal from India, his motto is "The Power of WE", We stand together to serve those in need. I invite you to learn more about Lions either or going to Lions International Website; by join us at a meeting and check out our Facebook page. You can contact me at 868-5337 or any other member for more information.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and the coming of our fall colors.

Lion Dennis Franz



5th ANNUAL ART SHOW SUMMIT ARTISTS SHARE THEIR TALENTS



In conjunction with Resident's Weekend, Summit Township held its Fifth Annual Art Show which was on display at the Municipal Building from July 28th through August 4th. Many residents enjoyed refreshments while viewing the outstanding display of artwork at the Artist's Reception on Friday night.

Thank you **Downia Glass** for your continued dedication and hard work making this event such a success!

Thanks also to **Robison Elementary** for loaning us their display boards and to **Tony Hunter** for being our Judge.

This year's winners are:

Photography – Amy Pier (1st), Anne Rosthauser (2nd), Donna Skobodzinski (3rd)

Sculpture – Adam Stempka (1st)

Students – Emily Stempka (1st), Clare Caulfield (2nd), Rachel Pier (3rd)

Mixed Media – Robert Steiner (1st), Paul Tarasovitch (2nd)

Painting – Diana LeClerc (1st), Lisa Hughes (2nd), Tim Timon (3rd)

Congratulations to our winners and to all of our artists who shared their talent with their Summit neighbors and friends.

A Special Thank You for hanging the show to:
Bill Farnen, Lois Borowy, Regina Erbin, and Paul Tarasovitch



THANK YOU TO ALL THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO HELPED WITH PICNICANA SUMMER CAMP

Thank you to all of the WONDERFUL people and businesses who helped with Picnicana Summer Camp 2017. Due to the generosity of so many, the children at summer camp were able to do many fun activities. They were even able to do crafts to help other people and organizations. They painted rocks several times for ROCK OUT ERIE, they learned to loom knit hats as well as make Seek N Find Bottles for the Sunshine Group. The kids also made paracord bracelets, slime, and tie-dye shirts as part of their activities. They learned to dance thanks to Brett Fallon. The children enjoyed playing kick ball as a camp and the popular water day as well. A huge thank you to Zac who volunteered countless hours throughout the summer. The carnival was a success thanks to the following businesses and families who donated items or their time to the event. However, several businesses went over the top and they were: Bianchi Honda, Cutco, John V. Schultz, State Farm, Bob Martin, Presque Isle Downs, and Portrait Innovations.

Thanks to the following businesses and individuals listed below who contributed to our Chinese Auction:

All About Hair	Delaney Walker	Jack Paluh	Sam's Club
Andrew Church	Delta Sonic	Jake's on the Park	Scott Enterprises
Animal Hospital of Waterford	Dolores Fox	Jameson	Serendipity
Anna	Dolores Grega	Josh Hoh	Shelly Keil
Baldwin Brothers, Inc	Donovan & Rowan	Josh Melnick	Sidney
Barb Walker	Earleen Glaser	Justin Mackowski	Splash Lagoon
Ben & Kat	Easton	Kammi	Steve Skelly
Bison Hill Stonecraft	Eat N Park	Karen Conklin Photography	Straight-line Auto
Blake	Erie Bank	Kate	Subway Waterford
Blaze Pizza	Erie Bay Hawks	Katelyn	Sue Mackowski
Bob Cat	Erie Otters	Kelly Ford	Summit Township
Boyer RV	Erie Sea Wolves	Kristen Melnick	Suzanne McGuire
BSI	Erie Sports Store	Logan Ford	The Animal Clinic
Cambria	Erie Zoo	Lucky Louie's	The Beverage Shop
Cameron	Ethan	Maddie	The Church Family
Campbell's Pottery	First National Bank	Madeline	The Glass Family
Caplan Company	Five Guys Burgers & Fries	Marilyn Bowers	The Hoh Family
Carson Grinding	Fox 66	Mason	The Meh's Family
Celebration Jewelry	George Melnick	McDonald's on Peach	The O'Neil Family
by Dempsey & Baxter	Giant Eagle	Meeker Marshall Shoe Fly Stores	The Schott's Family
Cheryl & Ken Adams	Golden Corral	Micro Plating	The Vanderhoof Family
Chick Fil A	Gordon Food Services	Mighty Fine Donuts	The Vaughn Family
Christine Hoh	Great Lakes Finishes	Millcreek Sewing & Fabric	Tim Church
Claytopia	Hampton Inn South	Nadine	Tim McGuire
Cole	Hannah	O'Charley's	Tinseltown
Covelli Enterprises	Hannah Keil	Orchard Ponds	Tony
Crab Apple Ridge	Harley Davidson of Erie	Papa John's	Tony Davis
Dan Church	Hertel & Brown Physical	Pat	Tracey Colvin
Darlene Hoh	& Aquatic Therapy	PNC Bank	WCTL
Deanna	Honey Baked Ham	Riley Colvin	WJET
Debbie Stempka	Jack & Denise Lee	Romolo's Chocolates	WQLN

Without the help from everyone mentioned above, the community and Summit Township the summer program would not have been what it was. Thanks

Pat McGuire, Summer Program Director

PICNICANA PARK 2018 SEASON RESERVATIONS

Open from May 1st to October 15th, fully equipped kitchens and pavilions are available for rental at Picnicana Park. **Reservations for the 2018 Season will be taken beginning September 15th for Summit Township Residents and on October 2nd for non-residents**, starting when the Municipal Building opens at 8:00 a.m. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. These reservations are for Township resident picnics and do not include any company picnics or picnics being booked for non-resident relatives or friends. It should be noted that "walk-ins" at 8:00 a.m. are given priority over phone calls. There's a 50% discount for Summit Township Residents booking an event. Each Summit household is limited to one discounted reservation per season. **Effective in 2018 there will be a \$50.00 price increase per kitchen rental. Please see the rate schedule below for 2018 rates.**

	WEEKDAY				WEEKEND				
	REGULAR KITCHEN		UPGRADED KITCHEN #3		REGULAR KITCHEN		UPGRADED KITCHEN #3		
	ONE Pavilion & Regular Kitchen	TWO Pavilions & Regular Kitchen	ONE Pavilion & Upgraded Kitchen #3	TWO Pavilions & Upgraded Kitchen #3	ONE Pavilion & Regular Kitchen	TWO Pavilions & Regular Kitchen	ONE Pavilion & Upgraded Kitchen #3	TWO Pavilions & Upgraded Kitchen #3	TWO Pavilions & Kitchen #1 & Kitchen #3
Rental Rate	\$250.00	\$400.00	\$350.00	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$700.00	\$750.00
Security Deposit	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Total	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$650.00	\$450.00	\$700.00	\$650.00	\$850.00	\$900.00

Note: The 50% discount for resident rates are based on a Summit Township resident hosting a personal function, i.e. Graduation Party, Family Reunion, etc. That resident must be the contact, must provide the deposit from their personal checking account, and will receive any refunded deposit at their place of residence. A person who is both a Summit Resident and Owner of a Summit Business may host a function for that Summit Business and is eligible for the 50% discount. Only (1) discounted picnic per household may be scheduled per year.

FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Happy Summer to All!

By the time this newsletter reaches everyone, we will be approaching the end of summer and the beginning of fall. Time sure flies!

The 2017 County-Township bills are now in the 10% penalty phase as are Interims mailed 1-1-17, B16-2016. The 2017/2018 School bills are at 2% discount until August 31st as are Interims mailed 7-1-17, B16-2016 and A17-2017.

Please check with your mortgage company if your taxes are escrowed and you have sent them an Interim to pay. Not all escrow companies pay Interim tax bills and you do not find this out until I send Final Notices in November for those that are unpaid. You may also call me or email me at dacameron@roadrunner.com to see if those Interims were paid.

There has been a lot in the news lately about hacking. The tax program I use was specifically designed for Summit Township. It is on a dedicated server and no one has access to your records and payments except for me. Additionally, there is an off-site backup backed up everyday and I also keep a hard copy of all records also. I turn over all hard copy documentation to the taxing authority, Summit Township once I settle for the year. They are kept in a secure area in the Township building. The chances of your information being hacked or stolen is very unlikely.

All real estate tax bills have been sent for the year. The next regular tax cycle begins March 1st for the 2018 County/Township. Look in your first quarter newsletter for information regarding mills for 2018, mailing dates and any other important information.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Debra Cameron, Summit Twp. Tax Collector

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Once Upon A Time...

In a previous issue we mentioned early settlers in what is present Summit Township. Here are a few of the names of the families who settled in Summit, before it was officially Summit.

James and Ebenezer Graham and their families moved here from Centre County, Pa. in the early 1800's. Eli Webster, Abijah Hull, Thomas Rees, John Way, and Daniel Lee with their families all soon arrived. The 1830 census's for McKean and Beaverdam show all the names and many more that were not actually in what is now Summit.

Next time we will list some more of the settlers. Credit to the "History of Erie County Pennsylvania" by Samuel P. Bates, Warner, Beer's & Co. 1884 and the 1830 census.

Please contact the History Room about your early Summit family.

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. Please contact the Summit Township office at 868-9686 with your name and phone number.

