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TOWNSHIP

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**News**

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*May your holidays be happy days,  
filled with love and laughter.  
And may each day bring joy your way  
in the year that follows after!*

*Happy Holidays from your  
Summit Township Supervisors and Staff*



**HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

Summit Township will be closed on  
**November 23rd and 24th** for Thanksgiving.

In observance of Christmas, municipal offices  
will be closed **December 25th**.

For the New Year holiday, our office will be  
closed **January 1st**.

**The 2018 Summit Township  
Recycling Calendar will be  
mailed out to all residents  
by January 1st.**



## 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

**Matthew Jonas -**

Township Engineer

**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 SEWER AUTHORITY

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND SEASON'S GREETINGS

As the weather turns colder and the busyness of the holidays is upon us: a friendly reminder to all sewer customers regarding our convenient electronic billing and payment options. You can instantly view your sewer account activity online. You don't have to pay online to view your bill online. If you choose to pay online or by phone we accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. A convenience fee of 2.75% (+50¢ if payment is less than \$100) will be added to credit/debit card payments; a convenience fee of \$1.00 will be added to checking/savings e-check payments. You can make a payment immediately or schedule a future payment. To view or pay online, have your account number handy and follow the link on the Township website under Departments - Sewer. To make a payment over the phone, call 1-877-885-7968.

We at the Summit Township Sewer Authority wish all of you laughter, joy and all the best the holidays have to offer. May this season of celebration and generosity bring you happiness that lasts throughout the year.

If any sewer customer has any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the Authority at 868-4495 or attend a monthly meeting. Check your Township calendar for Sewer Authority meeting dates, generally the last Thursday of the month. The Authority hours are 8:00 AM - Noon and 12:30 - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. If you plan to attend a meeting, please call and let us know. We will be glad to put you on the agenda.

*William C. Steff, P.E., Manager*

## PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

### Board of Supervisors:

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 4:30 p.m.

### Planning Commission:

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

### Sewer Authority:

Last Thursday of each month, 9:00 a.m.

### Water Authority:

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

### Recreation Board:

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 5:00 p.m.

### LeBoeuf Little League:

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Waterford American Legion

### Zoning Hearing Board:

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

As needed and advertised only

### Summit Township Industrial and Economic Development Authority (STIEDA):

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. as needed.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **January 19th!** Our next newsletter will be published in mid February.



## Summit Community Food Pantry Volunteers needed!!

The Summit Community Food Pantry (SCFP) has been serving eligible families in our community for over three decades. Volunteers are needed to successfully continue running this program. At the present time, we are looking for a volunteer director/assistant director and hands-on help. Responsibilities include: food pickup from Second Harvest Food Bank, maintaining the inventory of food supplies, and coordination of food distribution as well as coordination of other volunteers who assist with operations of the food pantry. If you are a Summit Township resident and/or a parishioner of All Saints Parish or Summit United Methodist Church and are interested in volunteering your time, please contact Raeann Craft at 864-3271. With your help, we can continue serving families in need.

What a busy season at our Township parks! Between soccer games, baseball tournaments, rugby practices, soccer camp, cross country meets and picnics and parties, the parks in our Township were definitely utilized! We are continually making improvements at Picnicana such as maintaining the trails, addressing ventilation issues in the restrooms, and building a new storage barn. The old storage barn has been demolished and a notice will be going out for bids on constructing a new one once the building specs have gone thru final review. We hope to have the new barn constructed before the start of the 2018 picnic season and the kid's summer program.

Our parks have been closed and winterized and will re-open in the spring. Picnicana Park is posted "CLOSED, WALK INS WELCOME", so anyone who would like to utilize the trails are welcome to do so. For the safety of those using the trails, we have posted the perimeter "NO HUNTING". Please keep your ears and eyes open at our parks and report any concerns by calling the Township office at 868-9686. We rely on our residents to help keep our parks safe and vandalism free.

We are currently taking reservations for the 2018 picnic season at Picnicana Park. Call Gina at the Township office at 868-9686 to schedule your next event. There are still many dates available, but because the park is so popular, those dates will go fast so reserve your date now!

As always, myself and the other Township Supervisors are always available by calling the Township office or our cell phones. We pride ourselves in making our Township the best we can for our residents. We are just a phone call away.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

*Mark Welka*

Seems the older I get, the faster time goes by. With that being said, please keep in mind it's time to think about plow season and snow removal. Please secure your mail boxes or get them up to par. Don't park along the sides of the streets or roads, especially during snow events, so the plow trucks can do their job and clear the roads. The large trucks do not maneuver easily and driving one is harder than it looks. They don't purposely fill driveways either. As frustrating as it can be sometimes, it's all part of living in Northwestern Pennsylvania. All of us deal with it.

We have heard some good news that the gaming money bill passed in the house, but waiting for the governor to sign it. The bill says host municipalities and counties will stay the same as the original gaming revenue shares. I know there are many pros and cons about our Casino and all the other development in our Township. We are just in the right location, that over the years, it has happened. On the other hand, I also support the Casino because we have never had any major issues with it and they are tremendous supporters of our whole local county community.

Another positive thing about prosperity is low property taxes. I am a lifetime resident of Summit Township and have friends who live in Harborcreek, Greene, Millcreek, and Fairview townships. Their property tax is considerably more expensive than ours for similar-sized homes and properties. You can check out the facts for yourself just by looking at real estate for sale in Erie County, appraised values, square footage and annual

taxes. Most listed properties show all those things and the available utilities. We also have some of the best maintained roads in Erie county, great parks, which are well used, and affordable sewer and water service. That's the good side of all the development that we've lived through and are still experiencing. Just another reason why it is so important for the Supervisors to budget money wisely and bank money too for financial security to be prepared for our future.

We are currently working on the township's comprehensive plan with a diverse group of community volunteers. Many decisions will be made about zoning and transportation. I believe Summit Township has done a very good job trying to keep everybody happy dealing with development and residential boundaries. That's what makes zoning so difficult, because you cannot stop development if a developer is following the rules and regulations to comply and move forward on their project. The old double-edged sword, because some say "you can't tell me what to do with my property" and others say "why are you letting them do that?". If you ever get stuck in one of those predicaments, the best thing to do is talk about options and look for ways to resolve the problem early on with a positive attitude.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays!

Thank you,

*Jack Lee*



# Summit Township Community Attitudes Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out the Summit Township Community Attitudes Survey! The survey will be used to inform the update to our community's Comprehensive Plan, which will set out future priorities for the Township and will be used as input for the day-to-day decisions of our local leaders. The objective of the survey was to collect information about the preferences, beliefs, and characteristics of our residents to ensure that the Comprehensive Plan reflects the desires of the community.

The Community Attitudes Survey was made available to all residents and property owners to complete throughout the month of October. It was sent to all residents and property owners by mail and was also available on Summit Township's official website. The questions covered a broad range of topics, such as reasons for living in Summit, concerns about the future, transportation issues, and satisfaction with the provision of utilities and other services. The survey also provided an opportunity for respondents to submit comments.

Survey Respondents at a Glance:

**94%**

Own their home in Summit

**41%**

have lived in Summit for  
20+ years

**25%**

have immediate family living  
elsewhere in Summit

Through the month of October, 720 households (of the 3,600 households receiving them) responded to the survey. A 20% response rate is truly fantastic and helpful for informing planning ideas! Of the respondents, 94% are owners and 6% are renters, and 41% have lived in the Township for 20 or more years. According to the latest US Census' American Communities Survey data, owners make up about 87% of Summit's population, and 34% have lived in the Township for 15 or more years. This means that, on average, survey respondents have lived in the Township longer than the general population, and are more likely to own their property.

The pride that Summit Township residents feel for our community was evident in the survey responses. Many respondents used the comments section to praise the Township, especially the balance between rural character and convenient access to amenities. 90% of survey respondents said they were "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with the Township as a place to live or own property. When asked to select their top three favorite things about Summit, respondents rated rural landscape/open space highest, followed by access to highways and shopping/dining opportunities. When asked why they chose Summit, the most popular reason respondents gave was the rural setting, followed by low taxes and quality schools.

Respondents' Top 3 Favorite Things About Summit's Character:



Rural Setting / Open Space



Convenient Access to Highways



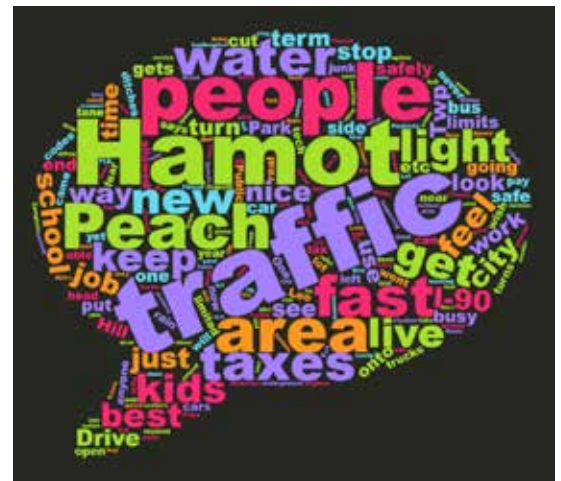
Shopping/Dining Opportunities

Respondents also voiced their concerns through the survey. When respondents were asked to list their top concerns about the future, increased traffic was the most common choice, followed by loss of open space, dense development, and commercial/population growth.

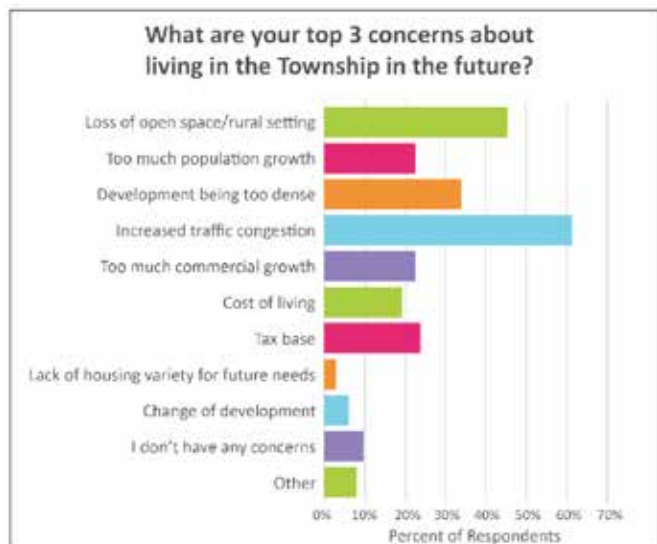
Among respondents, transportation issues such as traffic, speeding, and dangerous intersections were of primary concern. Currently, residents of Summit enjoy comparatively short commute times—77% of respondents said their commute takes 20 minutes or less. However, many respondents feel that traffic has increased. There is also a great deal of concern over excessive speeding on commercial/residential streets, enforcement of existing speed limits, and speed limits that are too high for residential streets with no sidewalks.

In the comments section, respondents took the time to provide detailed feedback on specific intersections and streets that require attention. Many respondents pointed out that the Five Points intersection at the entrance to the Erie County Technical School is especially in need of a redesign. Specific residential streets where speeding is a problem or speed limits are too high were also mentioned.

Respondents voiced support for improved bicycle and pedestrian amenities. 51% of respondents said they would bicycle or walk to parks if they believed it was safe to do so and many comments suggested sidewalk improvements to major streets. However, lack of pedestrian and bicycle



A word cloud generated from comments respondents submitted with their surveys.



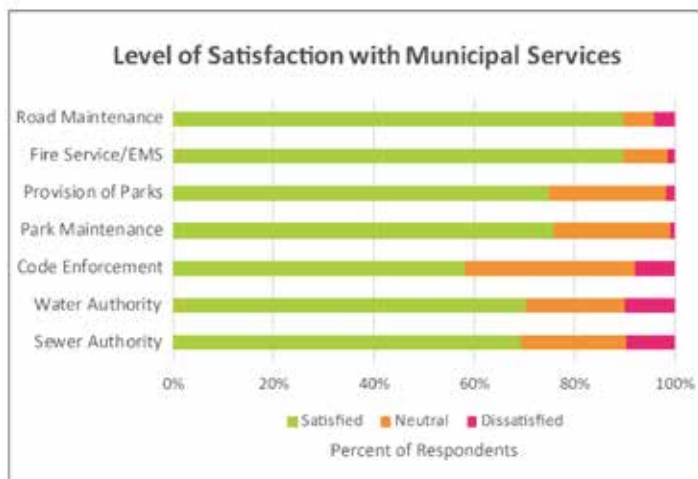
access to major destinations within the Township was a minor concern for most respondents compared to excessive traffic and speeding.

Respondents also voiced concern about the pace and nature of development. Population growth, traffic levels, as well as the prevalence and quality of open space are all related to this. When asked about the extension of utilities, there was an even split among those who do not have public sewer and water access—about half want service extended, while the other half does not. There is interest in increasing access to high-speed internet—88% of respondents who do not currently have access said they would like service extended to them.

When asked about their level of satisfaction with tax-funded municipal services, respondents were most satisfied with road maintenance and fire service/ EMS. This was also reflected in the comments section, where many residents praised the responsiveness of our community's road crews.

Finally, respondents voiced their support for the Township's newsletter, with 85% of respondents saying that it is their preferred way to receive information about Township-related activities, alters and events.

Thanks again to everyone who took the time to participate in the survey! Your responses and written comments will inform the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan update - ensuring that the process represents and balances both the needs and the desires of our community.



## On the Roads Again!



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

Roads are a public right-of-way. Township standards are to clear the road from edge to edge or curb to curb to provide safetravel conditions and provide storage space for subsequent snowfalls. To do this sometimes requires multiple passes. We move the snow from the centerline to the edge of the road. This means that, until the street is completely clear, the plow will come back again. The plows are not lifted at driveways because this would leave snow on the street; creating a hazard for drivers. Residents should be advised to wait as long as possible to shovel or clear at the end of their driveway. Also, when removing your snow, deposit the snow to the right of your driveway as you face the street. By doing this, when the plow returns, it will carry the snow you moved away from the driveway. Snow placed on the left side will probably end up back in your driveway the next time the plow makes a pass. Not all of the streets or roads in the township are public. Some are private drives that are maintained by owners, homeowners associations, or developers. We also have many state roads in our Township which are maintained by PennDOT. We are not supposed to plow any part of the state roads, even if we think we are doing a favor. If we plowed a portion of a state road and then turned off onto one of our township roads, a motorist could be driving down the road on that plowed portion (thinking the road has just been plowed) then suddenly hit deep snow, causing them to have an accident where we turned off and did not finish.

Property owners and/or occupants are responsible for clearing snow and ice from adjacent sidewalks within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall. Owners or occupants failing to clear sidewalks may receive a citation, be fined and/or be responsible to reimburse the township for the cost of clearing the sidewalk. Please drive safely, slow down, and allow extra time to reach your destination during winter weather events. This is the most effective way to prevent an accident. Thank you for your cooperation and happy holidays!

*The Road Crew*



Are you interested in joining a service group whose mission is, "Serving the children of the world"? If so, Kiwanis may be the group for you. Kiwanis International brings the world together — one community at a time. Today, we stand with more than 600,000 members in more than 80 countries. Each community has different needs, and Kiwanis empowers members to pursue creative ways to serve the needs of children through local service projects and fundraising. We are passionate about making a difference. Helping kids grow and succeed is at the heart of everything we do.

The Fort LeBoeuf community has two different options to join a group. The Kiwanis Club of Fort LeBoeuf was established 10 years ago. Their service to the community includes taking all FLB third graders to the Waterford Fair for a field trip, reading with Waterford Elem. 2nd graders, making Trauma Dolls for the local fire departments, making blankets for a women's shelter, and assisting at Toys for Tots and the Erie City Mission. They also held a bicycle rodeo this past summer and handed out helmets to all children in need of one. This group meets at Jake's on the Park restaurant in Waterford, on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 PM, and the 4th Tuesday at Noon. Please contact Val Rose at 814-602-9175 for more information.

A new group is now being formed in Summit. If you would like to get in on the beginnings of a new service group, contact Cathy Szymanski at [cathy@szy.com](mailto:cathy@szy.com). The Kiwanis Club of Summit Township has not established meeting dates yet.

Anyone is welcome to attend a meeting to see what we are all about.

## Here We Grow Again

**Bianchi Motors Inc....** located at 8430 Peach Street Erie, PA 16509, is excited about their newest additions of a 6,144 sq.ft. ten(10) Bay Service Garage and Two (2) 1,056 sq. ft. Car Wash Buildings, which were granted occupancy and began operation on October 12, 2017.

### IN THE WORKS:

**Auto-Express KIA....**proposed to be located at 9090 Peach Street just immediately south of Off-Road Express is starting through the land development process. The proposed development consists of a 19,396 sq. ft. KIA Automobile Sales and Service Facility.

## From the Water Authority. . . .

### Holiday Closings

Thanksgiving: November 23rd, 24th & 27th

Christmas: December 25th & 26th

New Year's Day: January 1st

*Best wishes for a safe  
and happy holiday season.*



### IT'S TIME TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER!

When temperatures are consistently at or below 32°F the pipes in your home may be vulnerable to freezing. Here are some tips to prepare for the cold season.

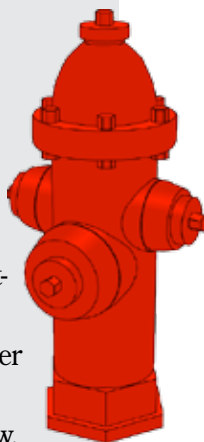
- Eliminate sources of cold air near water lines by insulating walls, closing off crawl spaces, eliminating drafts near doors and repairing windows.
- Allow a small trickle of water to run overnight during extremely frigid conditions to keep pipes from freezing. The cost of the extra water is minimal compared to the cost to repair a broken pipe.
- Open cabinet doors to expose pipes to warmer room temperatures.

If your pipes freeze, shut off the water immediately. Apply heat to the frozen pipe by warming the air around it. Once the pipes have thawed, slowly turn the water back on and check for leaks.

### ADOPT-A-HYDRANT CONTEST REMINDER

It's getting to be that time of year again. With winter just around the corner, we would like to remind residents of the Authority's Adopt-A-Hydrant contest. Winners will be selected for the fourth quarter of 2017 and the first quarter of 2018. If you know of somebody that does an exceptional job of keeping hydrants clear of snow, you may nominate that person by calling our office at 864-2323.

Winners receive a \$50 gift certificate to any Summit Township business of their choice.



*John Troutman*, Manager



## PERRY HI-WAY NEWS...

### FUND DRIVE RETURNS AT LOWEST LEVEL IN YEARS

The 2017 residential fund drive has seen less than 1/3 of the homes in the township make a donation. It is not too late; we still have till December 15 to get the numbers up. If you have not sent in your donation for the 2017 mail out donation drive, please do so today. We ask for a donation of \$50.00 per home but donations of any size are put to good use. Donations will be used to pay for operational expenses. Just as you have utility bills, gasoline expenses, vehicle maintenance, house repairs & up-keep and insurance payments so does the fire department. To meet our current budget, we need to raise over \$250,000 to pay our operating expenses for the year. **We rely on your donations to provide at least half of these costs and this year we are falling behind.** The returns this year are well below the past few years both in the number of returns and in the amounts donated. Please send your donation to our 8281 Oliver Road address in zip 16509 if you have not sent your 2017 donation this year.

#### Upcoming fundraisers

CHRISTMAS AUCTION # 3 Friday November 24 5pm

CHRISTMAS AUCTION # 4 Friday December 8 6pm

ANNUAL COMEDY SHOW Saturday February 24, 2018 8pm

### MEMBERS COMPLETE TRAINING CERTIFICATIONS

Perry Hi-Way Members have been busy with training again this year. Several members have completed training and passed their certification tests. Pro Board certification involves training to a national standard and requires members to pass both a written test and a practical skills test. The following members have achieved new certifications in 2017:

**George Erbin** – Driver Pumper, Tanker, Aerial

**Evan Kardosh** – Driver Pumper, Tanker, Aerial, Fire Officer 1

**Troy McGregor** – Firefighter 2

**Chris Pace** – Driver Pumper, Core rescue, Vehicle & Machinery 1

**Josh Sadowy** – Driver Pumper

**Branden Schultz** – Driver Pumper, Tanker, Aerial, Firefighter 2,  
Instructor 1

**Dan Serafin** – Firefighter 1, Haz-Mat Awareness, Haz-Mat Operations

**Nate Serafin** – Haz-Mat Awareness, Haz-Mat Operations

**John Spaulding** – Fire Officer 1

**A.J. Spienelli** – Haz-Mat Awareness

**Todd Spienelli** – Haz- Mat Awareness, Haz-Mat Operations,  
Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2

**Amy Wunch** – Driver Aerial

**Jonathan Zentis** – Driver Pumper, Aerial

*Congratulations to the members on  
achieving their new certifications.*



*Perry Hi-Way's Newest Members. Welcome aboard!*

## Senior News

The Summit Township Senior Center offers a variety of fun activities. All senior citizens, age 55 and over are welcome, along with their spouse or caretaker of any age, to enjoy the many activities at the Center. Every Tuesday they have a pot luck luncheon. The center opens at 9am for those who would like to play pool or cards and the lunch is served at noon. Wednesdays from 12pm to 3pm a ceramics class is offered for \$4.00 per class. Ladies Game Day is held on Thursday from 11am to 3pm and Men play pool or cards on Fridays from 1pm to 4pm. The Center is located at 1450 Townhall Road. If you have any questions you can contact the Center at 868-8944.



### PHONEBOOK RECYCLING FOR SECOND HARVEST

Bins are now in place to recycle your phonebooks and help raise money for the Second Harvest Food Bank. The drop-off bins are located at the Municipal Office (1230 Townhall Road West), Municipal Garage (8900 Old French Road) and Summit Senior Center (1450 Townhall Rd). **These bins will remain in place until January 30th.**

# Prevent Water Pollution

## What is an Illicit Discharge?

An illicit discharge is the disposing, dumping, spilling, emitting, or other discharge of any substance other than rain water into the storm sewer drainage system. The storm sewer drainage system includes streets, ditches, catch basins, yard drains, and stormwater detention/retention facilities.

Unlike sanitary sewers, storm sewer drains **DO NOT** lead to treatment facilities. This results in illicit discharges causing water pollution by sending pollutants right into our swamps, streams, ponds, and lakes. Would you dump oil into Walnut Creek? If you dump oil into a drain at the end of your driveway then your answer would be yes. Be sure you know what illicit discharges are so you can help prevent water pollution and keep our water clean!



Examples of an illicit discharge include:

- Sanitary wastewater
- Effluent from septic tanks.
- Car wash wastewaters.
- Improper oil disposal.
- Radiator flushing disposal.
- Laundry wastewaters.
- Improper disposal of auto and household toxics.
- Sediment and pollutants from construction sites.



## Report Illicit Discharges

To report an illicit discharge into our storm sewer drainage system and help prevent water pollution, please contact the Summit Township Municipal Office using one of the following:

- Phone: 814-868-9686
- Email: [sumtwp@summitpa.us](mailto:sumtwp@summitpa.us)
- Website: <http://summittownship.com>
  - a) Click on the Contact Us tab - OR -
  - b) Click on Quick Links>Document Center>Stormwater Management>Citizen Complaint Illicit Discharge Reporting Form

Any substance other than storm water discharged directly into the storm sewer drainage system is a violation of the Summit Township Stormwater Management Ordinance, the Pennsylvania Clean Stream Law and the Federal Clean Water Act. Violators could face possible fines and cleanup costs.





# *Hello from Robison Elementary School!*

We are really excited to introduce a program called school wide positive behavior support (SWPBIS) to Robison this year! Over 23,000 schools in the nation are implementing this program with success. The goal of SWPBIS is to foster and promote a safe and positive school environment by teaching and recognizing positive behavior so that our students will become lifelong learners and positive members of the community.

At Robison we are focusing on being a BISON by being ready, respectful and responsible. Students are earning Bison Brag Tickets for following these expectations throughout the school and the tickets are display in three bins at the entrance to the school. They have been doing such an amazing job earning these Bison Brag Tickets that we had all three of our bins filled by the end of September! We celebrated by having a school dance with DJ Chris Galdon in our gym. The students and staff had a great time at our first SWPBIS event of the year! We also held an election to name our school bison mascot and announced the name at our first quarter assembly.

In addition to acknowledging students for their success, we are also teaching the students the expectations that we want to see throughout the school and on the bus. So far we have focused on the hallway and the bus and will continue to develop and teach lessons for the other areas of the school day as well. Our SWPBIS team works with facilitators from IU5 and also attends the Implementer's Forum in Hershey, PA. We have already seen the positive impact of SWPBIS and look forward to continued success!

*Jenna Hopkins*

Principal, Robison Elementary  
Fort LeBoeuf School District



# Summit Township Emergency Management Winter Driving Safety

For current road conditions:



KEEP A SAFE  
FOLLOWING  
DISTANCE

ONLY USE  
CRUISE  
CONTROL ON  
DRY ROADS

STAY OUT OF A  
VEHICLES  
BLIND SPOT

LIMIT ABRUPT  
STEERING AND  
BRAKING



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

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



## FREE INCOME TAX SERVICE FOR ALL RESIDENTS - Ages 12 to 120 Are Welcome - JANUARY 29th to APRIL 16th, 2018

Volunteers are once again available to assist ALL Summit Township & Erie County Residents (NOT just seniors) in preparing their 2017 Federal, State and Berkheimer Taxes Returns, and your PA Property Tax/Rent

Rebate to get back **UP TO** a \$650 Rebate for eligible owners & renters. You DON'T have to be a Senior nor an AARP member to use our service, **Everyone of All Ages are Welcome!**

**REGISTRATION:** Appointment Scheduling begins Monday, January 8th, 2018. Make an appointment by leaving your Name and Phone Number on our Tax Hotline at 814-866-5802, allow 48 hrs for a call back.

**DATES & TIMES:** Appointments available in Summit Twp, Mondays & Fridays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Monday through Friday at other locations in Erie County (subject to availability).

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

**WHAT TO BRING:** IRS requires Photo ID & Social Security Cards for you, (your spouse, if a joint return) and all dependents. Please bring your 2016 tax return, all 2017 tax documents and your **STAMPED "PAID"** 2017 Property Tax Receipts if applying for Tax/Rent Rebate. You will be rescheduled if you are missing Documents or ID at your appointment. All Clients must complete a new 4 page IRS Tax Intake Interview form upon arrival, so don't forget your reading glasses.

Replacement stamped "PAID" 2017 Property Tax Receipts can be obtained by calling the town Tax Collector one week or more prior to your appointment. PA Dept of Revenue restricts us from completing rebate forms without paid receipts.

## AARP TAX AIDE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteer Facilitators and Tax Counselors are needed to check people in or prepare tax returns for all Erie County Residents at numerous AARP Tax locations in Erie County. Free Training, literature and equipment are provided. Volunteers are reimbursed for mileage.

# Summit Lions Club News



If you haven't purchased one of our Raffle tickets for the "Boatload of Beer", there is still time. It is for an Alum. Craft Model 1236 boat & motor with power pack with 15 cs. adult beverage and also our "Diamonds, Dining & Driving ticket. You receive "5" four-digit lottery numbers for the drawing on November 11th, all for \$5.00 each. If you would like to purchase one, contact one of our members or myself at the number listed below.

I would like to thank every one of you that have donated used eyeglasses to us. In the past few months we have received almost 500 pairs. Eyeglasses can be dropped off at several sites in our community: Summit United Methodist Church, the Summit Township building, Senior Citizen Center, Eyeglass World, Boyer RV or they can be given to any Lion member. We are also collecting **used "Hearing Aids"**, they are being refurbished and given to those that are unable to afford new ones. These can be dropped off at those locations also.

All Lions Clubs support our Foundation which always assists in disasters, such as the extreme damage done by the recent storms in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. All monies donated go directly to the Lions Clubs in those areas to give support where it is needed. All donations given to Lions International go directly where they are needed, none are used for any Administrative costs. So as you are making your end of year donations to charities, consider donating to them. You can make a check payable to "Lions International Foundation" and give to any member of our club, or you can mail it directly to them. Check out their website for more information (Lions International Foundation).

Our club does have a mailbox within the Township building that you can save on postage and just drop off anything you would like to get to us.

I invite you to learn more about Lions either by going to Lions International Website; join us at a meeting (2nd & 4th Wednesday's of the month), you can also check out our Facebook page. You can contact me at 868-5337 or any other member for more information.

*Lion Dennis Franz*

## FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Greetings to All!

It's hard to believe that another year is winding down and the holiday season will be upon us very soon. Time sure flies!

All taxes for 2017 are now in the 10% penalty period. If your taxes were not paid by November 1st, you would have received a second "Final Notice" from me stating that your taxes were not paid. If you have any questions regarding unpaid taxes, please contact my office. If I am not in, please leave a message and I will return your call. The office is closed to foot traffic, but I still am working and you can make an appointment if a phone call will not suffice. You may also email me at [dacameron@roadrunner.com](mailto:dacameron@roadrunner.com).

The last day to pay your taxes with a personal check is December 15th. After December 15th, funds must be certified – Certified cashier's check, money order or cash are the only acceptable forms of payment. This is noted on the back of your "Final Notice" bill and on the insert with your bill. If you send your payment with a personal or business check, it will be returned and you run the risk of missing the December 31st deadline. **TAXES MUST BE IN MY POSSESSION DECEMBER 31ST – POSTMARK IS NOT ACCEPTED AT END OF YEAR.**

I will have a message on my answering machine stating which date at the end of December I will be open for cash payments.

Please check now to make sure you have stamped receipts for filing your PA1000 (property rent rebate) next year. If you do not have a stamped receipt, now is the time to contact me for next year.

### IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING SCHOOL PER CAPITA BILLS ISSUED THROUGH BERKHEIMER:

Per law, the only 2 exonerations for paying per capita tax are (1) under the age of 18 and (2) individual total income from all sources under \$10,000.00. There is **NO EXONERATION** for over the age of 65. If you qualify under either of these 2 circumstances, please contact FLB School District Administration at (814) 796-2638 for the appropriate forms to apply for the exoneration.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**Debra Cameron**, Summit Twp. Tax Collector

1754 Townhall Rd. West, Erie, PA 16509

Phone & Fax 814-866-2653 | Monday - Thursday, 10AM-2PM | Monday evening 5-7PM | By appointment November 1 - March 1





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## Once Upon A Time...

Here is a larger image of the Summit map showing the boundary changes over time. Hopefully this will give a better look at idea of the challenges in finding your family in the various censuses.

Now more info on early Summit families using the 1840 census records. The 1840 census only gave the name of the head of household and number of people in the household broken in male, female and approximate age categories. In this census you will look in the townships of Beaverdam and McKean for the Summit people. These are just a few of the families: Johnson, Webster, Hull, Stewart, Parker, Graham, Jackson and Langdon.

We are looking for donations of school yearbooks and school photos of Summit schools.

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.

