# SUMMIT FROM THE SUMMIT TOWNSHIP

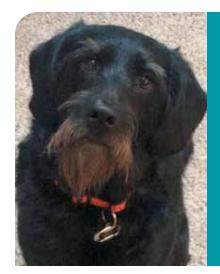
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## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CITIZENS WORKSHOP

We need your input once again! The Township received so much helpful feedback on the Citizens Survey this Fall and were hoping to hear more of your great ideas. As part of our long-term community planning efforts, we are ready to share the draft Comprehensive Plan recommendations with you. Please come see and discuss them with us at our Citizens Workshop Tuesday, March 6th, 2018 being held between 12:00 pm and 7:30 pm at the Summit Township Municipal Building, 1230 Townhall Road W., Erie, PA. Your input will help shape how the recommendations within the plan are prioritized and, ultimately, how enhancements are made in our community!

Come when you can; stay as long as you are able. Activities are planned for the whole day.





#### **REMINDER: Time to renew DOG LICENSES for 2018**

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

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

Summit Township, once again, has Erie County dog licenses available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Municipal Office There is a \$2.00 discount for Senior Citizens 65 years of age or older.

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

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

#### MEET THE STAFF

**TOWNSHIP:** 868-9686

Jack Lee, Jr. -

Supervisor/Chairperson/ Dir. Land Development Mark A. Welka - Supervisor/

Roadmaster

**Tony Davis -**

Supervisor/Director of Parks/ Equipment Maint. Supervisor

**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** 

Bryan Banko -

Maintenance Technician

#### **PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE**

#### **Board of Supervisors:**

1st 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:**

4th 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 **April 11th!** Our next newsletter will be published in early May.



#### From The Office Of District Judge McGowan

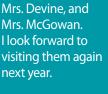
#### You be the Judge

December 2, 2017, I had the privilege to visit Robison Elementary and address the third grade classes. They had just finished learning about the three branches of government and the function or purpose each branch has. As I did in previous years, my focus was on the courts.

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

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

I really enjoyed meeting and discussing these issues with the students. They demonstrated insight through asking appropriate questions. I must compliment the parents and teachers at Robison, specifically Ms. McGinnis,





Hello everyone. Well my first month as supervisor has proven to be a busy one. I never knew there were so many organizations and acronyms I would have to become familiar with. It's going to take some getting used to but I'm up for it.

I have had a warm reception from the other employees of Summit Township. Everyone has been very helpful with getting situated in my new position.

I look forward to working with the residents as we embark on this journey known as the Comprehensive Plan which will shape the future of our great township.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have and I will do my best to help.

Best Regards,

Tony Davis

Hello Summit Township Residents,

I hope everyone's Holidays were enjoyable and healthy. The Erie area experienced a good old fashioned snow storm and the streets department guys all stepped it up and did an incredible job of keeping Summit roads free for travel.

I would like to welcome Tony Davis to the Board of Supervisors. We have changed things up a little bit as far as our active roles. Tony will be taking over the Parks and Recreation as well as Supervisor of Equipment Maintenance. Jack will be taking over as the Director of Land Development and Treasurer and I will be taking over as Roadmaster.

Please keep Perry Highway Hose Company on your list of donations. The Commonwealth of PA has enacted ACT 35 which makes Summit Township responsible for EMT service 24-7-365. PHHC has stepped up and solved this by creating a paid service that is partially funded by our Local Service Tax. The problem arises that PHHC can only collect about 25% of their billings and only 32% of our Township donates. This is a problem that all communities are experiencing. PHHC had 1800 calls last year that were responded to quickly with highly trained EMT's. Summit Township continues to help fund our hose company by awarding PHHC an additional \$100,000 to make up for their income to debt ratio.

Please keep PHHC on your donation list so they can continue to serve our Township.

Sincerely,

Mark Welka

#### SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Hello neighbors, I hope everyone survived this winter without too much stress or too many problems. It has been a tough annoying winter, especially with the bitter cold and record snowfall on Christmas. I spent many of my evenings and weekends after Christmas, digging out at home and also helping family and friends with snow removal on their roofs. We had a well deserved thaw in early January which helped remove much of the stacked up snow but then Mother Nature threw us another challenge, it rained and then froze. That was not appreciated neither, but we do live in Northwest PA and have dealt with harsh winters forever. This year, I for one, will really enjoy some nice warm spring days when they get here.

The road crew has been busy too, plowing quite a bit during our big snow events. They started at 4am on Christmas day and made 4 rounds that day, trying to keep up with it. That is stressful on employees and residents, but part of the job. It is always hard to keep everyone happy. When a big storm event is on us, we do the best we can. I know every time a plow truck goes past your driveway and snow banks are high, the plow likes to dump more snow in the end of your driveway. Some ask "Why do you plow so much?" and then others want to know "Why is it taking so long to clean up the roads?" It's a very tough balance to control.

We also receive calls and complaints from the State Police, 911, and the school district when the roads are snow covered and slippery. It is their job to worry about the public well being, and make sure emergency vehicles can get to you if need be. They are usually passing complaints on to us that they have received. Most all of the time, when they call, our crew is out plowing, and/or, on their way. It takes our crew about 2-1/2 to 3 hours for a complete cycle. I like to explain what I see, because I'm not sure everyone understands all the different reasons of why things happen the way they do. We have had pretty good luck with people keeping their vehicles out of the road way too. The trucks have a hard time plowing around cars parked in the road and it can also be a traffic hazard driving around them. We do not release names, but many times, neighbors will call in a complaint, because they do not appreciate driving around cars parked in the road and do not want to make enemies of their neighbors. This also goes for people who push snow across the road and onto other property. I know much of my newsletter is long winded, but I think many people need to hear it to better understand what we all go through during a tougher than average winter. I think for the most part, our crews do a great job on the roads and overall not too many complaints. Anyone who had an opportunity to drive north of I-90 after Christmas, on the secondary roads and some main roads, can easily appreciate the conditions of our roads. If the deep snow gets packed down before we plow a cycle, they become terribly rough. As I write this article, we are pushing 12 feet of snow since Christmas. Have a great 2018.

Thank you,

Jack Lee

## This Year Sign up Online at flbll.com



#### Sign ups 2/1/18 - 2/28/18 only online at flbll.com

Pay with credit card or check (a payment plan is also available)

Your child can

## PLAY Baseball or Softball

#### **FOR FREE**

This year you can sell extra fundraising tickets to earn enough money for your child to play for free.

Go to FLBLL.COM for more details.

Challenger Division is also available for children with special needs.

This division is free of charge

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NEWS

Are you ready for what Erie weather can bring us? Severe weather can happen in our part of the country as we've seen in recent months. Severe Thunderstorms, a Tornado in Erie and the Snowmageddon stranded motorists, trapped folks in their homes, caused power losses and made roads impassable.

Have a safety net in your corner by being prepared for these types of emergencies; extra food and water at home and a go kit in your car. Food, water, extra clothes, boots and gloves can keep you warm until help arrives. For more information on how to build a go kit you can visit either FEMA or the Red Cross web sites.



How many years does it take for one glass bottle to decompose at the landfill?

Answer on Page 7.

## RETIRE YOUR OLD GLORY THIS WINTER

It can be tough to be an American flag during these winter months! The wind, rain, snow and cold temperatures really take their toll on the Red, White and Blue.

'Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory' will gladly accept your weathered, torn, faded or tattered flags at any of our convenient drop box locations: Fairview Township,

Harborcreek Township, Maritime Museum, Millcreek Township, and the Summit Township Municipal Building. Visit www. retireyouroldglory.com for a complete address listing of all drop box locations.

The 'Retire Your
Unserviceable Old Glory' project
is dedicated to collecting old,
tattered and faded flags for
proper retirement. 'Retire
Your Unserviceable Old Glory'
urges everyone to take time to
acquaint themselves with the US
Flag Code. Educating ourselves
about our flag, it's history and
flag etiquette is important.



#### PERRY HI-WAY NEWS...

#### **HELP US HELP YOU!**

Old man winter sure has made his presence felt this year. With the large amount of snow and the bitter cold temperatures there is no doubt this will be a winter to remember. With all the snow come some problems for answering emergencies in and around Summit Township. There are some simple things you can do to help us in responding to an emergency at your home or business. First, make sure the numbers for your address are not covered by the snow. It could be deep snow or the blowing snow covering the number on the side of the house. The snowplow could have the numbers on your mailbox covered. Please take time to make sure your numbers are visible. Second, if there is a hydrant near your home or business please take a moment and clear a path to the hydrant and a 24" - 36" space all around the hydrant. Try to keep your plow driver from plowing in the hydrant near your home / business. Third, make sure your driveways are clear of trees and bushes. Our big trucks need clearance of 12' high and 10' wide. There are several drives in the area that could use some trimming to make sure we can reach you should you have an emergency. Finally, try to keep the steps and path to your home shoveled and clear. With the high amounts of snow we have had this year, this can be guite a task. We ask that you do the best you can to keep the path open. While we hope not to need to respond to your home or business for an emergency, following these simple tips will allow us to get help to you as fast as possible.

#### Perry Hi-Way officers for 2018

The officers for 2018 were elected at the Election Day luncheon December 10, 2017. The leadership for 2018 are as follows:

Chief 420 Kip Hayford

**Deputy Chief 421** John Spaulding

Fire Captain George Erbin

Fire Lieutenant Josh Sadowy

Fire Lieutenant Chris Pace

**EMS Lieutenant** Amy Wunch

**President John Spaulding** 

**Vice President** Don Harvey

Secretary Brenda Wunch

**Treasurer** Gretchen Hayford

#### **Business Board Members:**

Active fire members: George Erbin, Josh Sadowy, Chris Pace, Jim Kerr, Amy Wunch

Business board members: Bill First, Bob Pace, Tim Will, Josh Lydic, Supervisor, Tom Trott, Larry Haines

Congratulations to these members.

#### **2018 Comedy Show Fundraiser**

Take a break from the winter blahs and venture out to the fire department social hall on Oliver Road for a night of fun and laughs. Saturday night, February 24, is the date for this year's comedy show. Again, this year we have 3 professionally touring comedians ready to take the stage and tickle your funny bone. Doors open at 6:30 pm with the show starting at 8pm. We will have the kitchen open for food and we will also be including chips, pretzels and beer in the cost of the ticket, a mere \$15.00 per person. Give your snow shovel a night off and bring your friends, neighbors and coworkers out to the comedy show to support the Perry Hi-Way Hose Company. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Oliver road station Monday - Friday between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm or see any member of the fire department. There may be some tickets at the door as well. Help us make this year our biggest and best year yet!





#### March 21st at 6:00 PM- Fort LeBoeuf High School

The Kiwanis Club of Fort LeBoeuf invites you to attend an important informational evening and learn about the opioid epidemic in our community and the surrounding areas. Governor Wolf has issued a Disaster Declaration for the heroin and opioid epidemic in Pennsylvania. All of us are impacted by this addiction, if not directly, then through the financial and criminal repercussions.

Please attend our panel discussion and informational night on Wednesday, March 21st at 6:00 PM at the Fort LeBoeuf High School. Hear from our panel of experts as they discuss the issue and what can be done. Deputy Chuck Klenk and his son Jeffrey will share their personal story of addiction and the family impact. Harry Latta of Emergycare, will discuss what the first responders see. District Justice Brian McGowan will share the legal ramifications of drug use, and Coroner Lyell Cook will share his findings in Erie County. You will also hear from OCY and a representative from Gaudenzia will discuss treatment options.

Attendees will have the opportunity to visit various informational booths from 6:00-7:00 PM and can pick up prevention and warning signs tips from the experts. At 7:00, our experts will lead a panel discussion, followed by a Q & A from the public. This event is geared towards adolescents, parents, and any community members. This event is for YOU.

For questions, contact kiwanisflb@gmail.com

#### From the Water Authority....

#### ADOPT-A-HYDRANT CONTEST WINNER

This quarter's winner of the Adopt-a-Hydrant Contest is Eric McGuire. Eric was nominated by Tony Zonna for clearing the snow around the hydrant near the intersection of Dorn Road and Laurie Drive.

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



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

A special thanks to all who help keep our hydrants clear. We appreciate your efforts.

Thanks again!

John Troutman, Manager

#### FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Wow! It's hard to believe we are now in 2018 and I am writing the first quarter newsletter already. Where did 2017 go? Interims B17-2017 were issued and mailed 1-1-18. Interims only apply for assessed value changes that occur outside of the normal tax cycle. If you received an interim and have forwarded it to your mortgage company, please check with them to make sure they are going to pay it. They will not notify you if not paying.

The 2018 County-Township tax roll is being calculated. Bills are dated and mailed 3-1-18 and are for the calendar year 2018. The color of the bills this year will be blue. Mills for the County remain the same at 5.41 and Township at .59.

Office hours for January and February are by appointment. You may leave a message on the answering machine or email me at dacameron@roadrunner.com. I will get back to you the same day if left Monday through Friday before 6pm. You may also use the locked mailbox to the right of the office door at anytime. This is checked daily. However, please do not leave cash. If paying cash, please set up an appointment time.

If you are filing for the PA 1000 Rent/Rebate, you must have a stamped or signed receipt from the tax collector. You can obtain one when paying your taxes by either bringing in both copies if coming into the office or if via mail, sending both copies and a SASE. If you did not do so or cannot find yours, you may either come in when office hours resume March 1st, send a request and SASE or email me at the above email address. To keep your information private and secure, I do not fax receipts.

On a personal note, thank you for allowing me to be your tax collector for the next four years. Respect and trust are earned, and I appreciate your faith in me. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in the Spring!

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

1754 Townhall Rd. West, Erie, PA 16509 Phone & Fax 814-866-2653 | dacameron@roadrunner.com Monday - Thursday, 10AM-2PM | Monday evening 5-7PM By appointment November 1 - March 1

## FREE GED®/HiSet® PREP & ADULT EDUCATION

Classes are starting now to prepare you for a more secure future! The Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Adult Education & Career Readiness Program provides a variety of opportunities, including basic reading, writing and math skills; GED®/HiSet® Exam preparation; workplace readiness skills;

Algebra I & II; and English as a Second Language (ESL).

We have classroom locations across three counties and class times to accommodate most schedules. Students also have the opportunity to participate in online classes from anywhere!

All classes and materials are provided at NO COST to students.

To register, or for more information Call 1-800-677-5610 Ext 7095.

We'll help you select a class and set up a date for your orientation.

### JUST THREE HOURS A WEEK CAN CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE

The Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Adult Education & Career Readiness Program seeks volunteers to provide tutoring for adult learners in Erie, Warren, and Venango counties. Tutors will work alongside IU5's certified teachers to provide one-on-one or small group instruction to adult learners. Subjects include basic reading, writing and math skills; GED® Exam preparation, and English as a Second Language (ESL).

We have classroom locations and times to accommodate most schedules, as well as opportunities to provide virtual tutoring from anywhere!

Training is FREE, materials are FREE, and hours are tailored to fit your schedule.

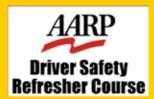
For more information or to become a volunteer tutor, call Amanda Kimmy. IU5 Adult Education Volunteer Coordinator at 814.746.5812 or amanda\_kimmy@iu5.org



#### ANSWER TO SUMMIT TRIVIA:

It takes 4,000 years for one glass bottle to decompose at the landfill.

#### 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.

<u>Cost:</u> \$15 for AARP members; \$20 for non-AARP members

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

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

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

#### **REFRESHER CLASSES**

Will be offered on May 15, 2018 and September 10, 2018. Call for reservations.

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

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

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

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



Looking to get rid of that old TV or computer?
Or maybe you have been storing some old paint cans or chemicals, not sure how to get rid of them properly.

Erie County Recycling hosts a monthly collection event for any hazardous waste material or electronics on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The cost for participants is \$0.35/ lb for any material, and now they are taking tires, too, at \$5 each, no rims. Events are held at 1624 Filmore Avenue, Erie, PA, except for the April event, which is held in Corry at 650 E Smith Street, Corry, PA. To register, call 866-815-0016 or visit them online at www.ecsr.net and click the tab for "Homeowner Recycling". For more information, and all event dates, go to www.ErieCountyRecycling.com and select the "Hazardous and Electronics Waste collections" tab.

#### FROM THE SEWER AUTHORITY....

#### **NOTICE OF MEETING CHANGE**

It has come to our attention that the March Regular Business Meeting for the Sewer Authority Board is shown on the Summit Township 2018 Calendar as March 22, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. Please note the correct date of the March Business Meeting is Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

#### **BILL PAYING**

Sewer system user might be interested to know that in 2014 there were 59 new customers, in 2015 there were 53 and in 2016 there were 64. These customers came from the residential developments on Cherry Street Extension, Five Points Area, Johnson Road Area and a smattering throughout the Township. New customers are reminded that failure to pay your sewer bill will result in termination of your water service for non-payment as permissible under Pennsylvania Statues. The Authority accepts cash or check payments at the Sewer Authority office, in person, by mail & in the drop box at 8890 Old French Road. In addition, you may be able to pay your bills online through your bank for free. We have many customers that take advantage of the online bill payment services provided by their bank. Most banks offer free online bill paying services to checking account holders but it depends on your bank. Call or stop by your banking institution; a customer service representative at your bank will help you get started. Lastly, major credit cards and E-checks are accepted. For more information on credit card payments go to http://summittownship.com/departments/sewer/.

#### **HOME INSURANCE REVIEW**

All sewer customers should review their home insurance policy. Typically, standard homeowner policies do not cover damages due to a sanitary sewer backup whether it is a public system or a private on-lot disposal system. While we at the STSA work diligently to prevent conditions that would cause a backup, issues do arise that are out of our control. We want our customers to be aware that sometimes things go wrong. Please note our system is not notorious for malfunctions that cause backup, it is more common in older systems. However, our system continues to add new customers and the system is getting older, so all customers need to be made aware of the possibility for a backup.

What should you do to protect your property? A good rule of thumb to help prevent backups is; don't put anything in the sewer you would not put into your septic tank. For more protection; elevate, relocate and/or insure your valuables. If you store valuables in the basement like family photos sitting in a box on the floor they may be lost forever with no compensation. Simply elevate or relocate these items to protect them. If you have a finished basement, insurance will provide the best peace of mind. Read your policy or call your agent and ask them to explain your coverage. Then you can decide how to protect your property.

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!

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for all children living in the Fort LeBoeuf School District will be held at Waterford Elementary School located at 323 Cherry Street, Waterford, Pa. (796-4833). Kindergarten is a full day program at Fort LeBoeuf and children entering in the fall of 2018 must be five years of age before June 1, 2018.

Registration will be held during the following dates and times: Tuesday May 8, 2018 from 11:00 AM — 7:00 PM and Tuesday May 15, 2018 from 11:00 AM — 7:00 PM

Registration will not be complete until the office has a copy of the child's birth certificate and immunization record. Please be aware students must have the state mandated immunizations within the first 5 days of school or they will not be eligible to attend. Please bring a "baby book" with the required data or a doctor's written statement regarding immunization history. If your child's immunization record is not updated, please come to registration with the information you have and an updated immunization record may be given to the school before classes begin. Proof that you reside in the Fort LeBoeuf School District is required at time of registration. Please have two proofs of residency and one should be your driver license. Due to our updated security policies, please be prepared to show your ID to the camera before entering the school building.

The registration packet needs to be filled out completely and accurately as these records follow the child through their school years. Please have all these forms completed and with you at the time of registration.

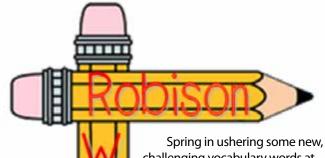
Your child must be with you so that vision and academic screenings can be carried out on the day you register. If your child wears glasses, please have her/him wear them on registration day.

Perhaps you would be willing to share this information with a friend or relative who have a kindergarten age child. If you are not planning to register your child in the Fort LeBoeuf School District, or have questions regarding registration, please call an elementary school office.

Mr. Jason Vaughn, Principal Mill Village Elementary Mrs. Jenna Hopkins, Principal Robison Elementary Wrs. Yvoune Best-Proctor, Principal Waterford Elementary
Dr. Sean Wolfrom, Director of Elementary Education



Robison Elementary has been awarded the Pennsylvania Department of Education Keystone Award for Academic Excellence and named a Distinguished Title One School. This designation places Robison Elementary in the top 5% for English Language Arts and Math proficiency among PA Title I schools. Robison also earned a reward for closing the achievement gap for all students and historically underperforming students.



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

#### ir first quarter words are

Our first quarter words are:		
March	April	May
artistry	jocular	perpetual
repertoire	lucid	exuberant
	magnitude	



#### NEWS FROM FORT LEBOEUF HIGH SCHOOL



By Alexandra Pollock (Senior)

As a senior in high school, most students are thinking about graduation or college. During American Business Week, seniors get the opportunity to also think about running a business.

Mrs. Humphreys organizes this unique program and has done so for over eight years. The program started

here about 20 years ago in 1997. "Fort LeBoeuf was the pilot program," said Mrs. Humphreys.

Mrs. Humphreys and the Americans for the Competitive Enterprise System (ACES) team work tirelessly to bring Business Week to FLB. Though finding sponsors and advisors is the hardest part of the process, Mrs. Humphreys uses her many connections in the business world to find helpful people.

Throughout the week, nine groups of about 18 students work together to build up a business. They have to advertise their product and learn what works best for their company. The program also includes speeches from community members involved in the business world. This is helpful as students prepare to run their own mock businesses.

All of Mrs. Humphreys' hard work pays off when she sees the teams working together to create a successful business and, potentially, win top company. When the final day of Business Week rolls around, all the companies gather into the auditorium for the awards ceremony. All the stress of the busy week is over, but a whole new kind of stress sets in: who will come out as the top company?

This year, the top company was Universal Sole, led by CEO Jacob Hurley. The team worked very hard in order to win and they were very deserving. There were never any real arguments among the team and if there were any problems, they took care of them right away.

Hurley said, "It felt great to win. Honestly, our team was doing a fantastic job from the get-go. We were all on track and everyone was doing something. We just went above and beyond. To win felt like all that hard work had finally paid off."

The team will continue to work hard when they advance to the next competition at Gannon. "We will take a more serious tone and be more professional so that we can have a chance at winning," said Hurley. They will try their hardest to win for themselves and all of Fort LeBoeuf.

The team that continued on last year, and won, was from Fort LeBoeuf. FLB hopes to continue to be the reigning champions of Business Week.

"Business Week is a really fun week if you put your heart and mind into it, regardless of what you do or how you place. The value of business week is a lot more than winning a hundred dollars," Hurley advised. Business Week is a great experience for seniors. While it gets a little stressful, it is all worth it at the end of the week.

#### **A Window to Success**

By Jeremiah Hassel (Senior)

Over the summer, major renovations were made to the front of the high school, which included the installation of a bank teller window, more secure doors and a waiting area.

The new window contains a drop box for items and papers that can be manipulated from inside the front

office and an apparatus for visitors to communicate with the secretaries. Locks on the second set of entrance doors now prevent visitors from entering the main building without admittance from the secretaries. Chairs, tables, and various paperwork were added to the vestibule to provide comfort and convenience for visitors.

"We wanted to provide an option for our parents to drop things off, without having to go through the entire entry of the building," said high school Principal Mr. Rimpa. "It seems more convenient because they can just drop off items and take off without ever having to come inside."

Parents are expected to present identification before entering the vestibule, where they can drop off forms, money, gym bags or clothes students have forgotten. Outside sales representatives may drop off mail and flyers for teachers as well.

"It's for the convenience of the parents, so they don't have to enter the building. They can just step in and step out," said high school secretary Mrs. Montgomery.

The addition of the waiting area has provided parents with a simpler way to fill out forms and pick up various paperwork. "We've provided post-it notes, envelopes, excuses, and everything out in the waiting area so that they would have an easier time," said Mrs. Montgomery.



As parents enter the vestibule, a table with forms and a sitting area greet visitors so the parents have access to everything they need without entering the office.

While the renovations provide parents and visitors with added convenience, the main purpose is to provide a safe, secure environment in the school.

"A secure entrance prevents unauthorized visitors from entering the building. When prevention fails, a secured entrance mitigates unauthorized visitors from entering the building, meaning that the unauthorized person's access will be slowed enough that the building can be placed in lockdown and 911 can be called," said Mr. Oler, district resource officer.

The second set of secure doors were recommended as a part of an RVAT inspection by the Pennsylvania State Police to lessen the amount of visitors entering the school. "It's keeping a locked door between the students and the staff," said Mr. Oler. "We can allow an individual to come in the first locked door and conduct their business without gaining total access to the entire building."

As the school year goes on, the renovations have gained a very positive reputation among the staff and administration. "It exceeds our expectations, and it's been very helpful. There are very few times when access needs to be given to people, making our school safer," said Mrs. Montgomery.

The renovations would not have been possible, however, without the support of the administration, school board and maintenance.

"I very much appreciate the support of the school board, because there was certainly a very monetary aspect to this process. After seeing the procedures for a month, I absolutely believe we have met our goal of creating a safer environment for our students by reducing possible dangers," said Mr. Rimpa.





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#### **Summit Community Food Pantry**

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

The Summit Community Food Pantry had a very busy and successful holiday season. We were able to provide full Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to 139 people of which 43 were families, who might otherwise have struggled to provide such a meal. Thanks to our wonderful community of residents, businesses and organizations! You have donated your time, talents, resources and monetary gifts to help those that need a little help enjoy a warm and blessed holiday season. Space does not permit the listing of every individual, business or organization, but you are recognized and appreciated!!

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month the pantry also provides food to those who are in need. If you or someone you know could use a little help, please contact the food pantry through the Summit United Methodist Church at 814-864-3271 for an application.

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#### **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 <u>NO</u> DITCH EXISTS IN FRONT OF YOUR PROPERTY:

- The face of the mailbox should be a minimum of
   14' FROM CENTER OF
   STREET TO FACE OF
   MAILBOX

  MAILBOX
- 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

Sample Installation



#### 511PA - Travel Info to Go

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



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

- Traffic delay warnings
- Winter road conditions
- Crashes
- Construction activities
- Weather forcasts

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

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



#### 2017 ZONING & DEMOLITION PERMIT RECAP Type of Structure No. Value 49 \$8,200,000 **Single Family Dwellings** of which 9 are Mobile Homes [all replacements] and 24 are Condominiums **Multi-Family Dwellings** \$1,700,000 Copperleaf - two, ten (10) unit **Townhouse Buildings** \$1,700,000 **Home Additions** \$484,086 25 **Residential Garages** 3 \$49,000 **Residential Accessory Structures** 24 \$383,000 **Stores & Customer Service - New Sites** 1 \$310,000 Blaze Pizza - 2,707 sq. ft. Interior Build-Out\$310,000 Offices, Banks, & Professional Services \$285,000 Aspen Dental Office -3,421 sq. ft. Interior Build-Out \$250,000 Mitchell Insurance Office -2,177 sq. ft. Interior Build-Out \$35,000 Non-Residential Renovations/Additions 9 \$3,586,000 Tasty Bowl - 2,400 sq. ft. Interior Commercial Build Out \$27,000 Building Systems, Inc. - a 9,120 sq. ft. Cold Storage Building. & a 2,000 sq. ft. Materials Storage Building \$250,000 Eat'n Park - Interior Commercial Renovation \$38,000 Bianchi Honda - a Ten Bay Service Garage and Two 1,056 sq. ft. Car Wash Buildings \$850,000 Sheetz - Replacement of Fuel Dispensers \$150,000 7165 Peach Street Plaza - Two Unit, 6,862 sq. ft. Bldg. Addition \$981,000 InterstateMitsubishi -8,747 sq. ft. Automotive Service Bldg. Add. \$700,000 Royal Sushi Hibachi - 9,600 sq. ft. Interior Renovation \$90,000 Bianchi Honda - a 3,252 sq. ft. Building Addition & a 555 sq. ft. Building Addition, Both to Main Service Building \$500,000 Amusement, Social, & Recreational 1 \$650,000 Presque Isle Downs & Casino -13,440 sq. ft. Horse Barn \$650,000 Industrial 1 \$83,000 LORD Corp. - Interior Renovation \$83,000 **Public Works - Utilities** 3 \$173,000 New Cingular Wireless - antenna upgrade & co-location - 7001 Edinboro Rd. \$15,000 Crown Castle - antenna upgrade & co-location -7001 Edinboro Road \$8,000 Verizon Wireless - antenna co-location & Install of Supporting Electrical Equip. - 2880 Flower Road \$150,000 **Other Structures** \$1,340,000 Copperleaf - Five Unit, 4,000 sq. ft. Commercial Building with Four Loft Apartments Above \$670,000 Copperleaf - Five Unit, 4,000 sq. ft. Commercial Building with Four Loft Apartments Above \$670,000 **Demolitions** 9 \$ 9 Permits (totaling 6 Residential, 1 Agricultural & 2 Commercial structures)

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#### Recycling Right Means Quality Over Quantity

You've heard it before - **Recycle Often. Recycle Right.** Mhen it comes to recycling, each action can make a big difference for our environment. We need the right things ending up in the bin to keep the recycling process going.

Unfortunately, up to 65 percent of consumers place non-recyclables in their curbside recycling bins and dumpsters. One bad apple - as the saying goes - can spoil the bunch, reducing recycling values and contaminating otherwise good recyclables.

All types of plastic bags can shut down an entire recycling plant, and plastic stretch wrap, bubble wrap and other plastic films get tangled in the equipment; breaking or stopping machinery. Same goes for clothing, rubber hoses, shower curtains and strings of lights - all recycling offenders.

If it's not bottles, cans, paper or cardboard, it probably does not belong in your recycling container and may even require special handling. There are resources, like Earth911.org, that can help answer questions about what to do with non-recyclables or other special materials.

Remember, some recycling actions make a bigger impact than others. These are the rules to recycling right:







Empty recyclables directly into your cart. NO bagged recyclables. Return plastic bags to a local grocer.

By focusing on the most common recyclable products and following these basic rules, you can help us significantly impact the amount of good, recyclable materials entering our facilities.

Visit <u>www.RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com</u> to access valuable resources and tools to *Recycle Right* at home and at work. Make sure to visit us on Facebook and Twitter for additional recycling news and tips.

Join Waste Management and make the commitment to not only recycle often, but to make sure you are recycling right.

## **Summit Lions Club News**



Welcome to a New Year. I hope everyone is over the snow and ready for spring and a good year. The next few months we are looking to bring in some new Lions to help our club grow. You don't need to join now, but you are welcome to come visit us and see what it's like to make a difference in our community. It makes us all feel good making a difference!

We awarded 3 scholarship this year to Summit students: Emily Pacileo, Samantha Bengel and Steve McGarvie. They received them at our January dinner meeting. Congratulations to those students and best wishes as they study at their respective colleges.

At Christmas, our Lions Club provided 2 new books to each child involved in the backpack program. On March 2nd, we will be at Robison School for "Read Across America" Day. Each child at the school will be able to pick out a book of their choosing.

Cub Scout Pack #71 has assisted us with one of our Butterfly Gardens, so in turn we have helped fund their charter this year. We hope to help them grow too.

We recently inducted 2 new members into our Club – Trish Catalano and Linda Smalley. We are very happy to have them join 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), or you can also check out our Facebook page. You can **contact me at 868-5337** or any other member for more information.

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#### 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.





1230 Townhall Road West Erie, PA 16509

#### **Supervisors:**

Nancy A. Agostine, *Chairperson* Jack F. Lee, Jr. Mark A. Welka

### **Once Upon A Time...**

The Summit History Room now has a display cabinet in the lobby of the Summit Township building. We will change the display quarterly. There will be themed displays and we will have items loaned by Summit families and descendents on display.

The current display is various items from the History Room. The second display theme will be the military service of deceased Summit veterans, all wars. If you have items or photos you would temporarily loan for this display please contact the Summit Township office at 868-9686 with your name and phone number. We want this to represent Summit, please loan your items. The deadline for items is April 12. Our goal is to display Summit history for everyone.

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.



