



# SUMMIT TOWNSHIP

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# FROM THE SUMMIT News

## STATE REP. BOB MERSKI TO OPEN SATELLITE OFFICE IN SUMMIT TOWNSHIP

Starting February 5th, State Representative, Bob Merski's Summit Township office will be open for business. The satellite office will be open two days a week on both Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The satellite office will be able to handle all state related business including:

- PennDot Services: Car registrations, Real ID info, Plate surrenders
- Disability plates and placards
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications, problems or questions
- Fishing, Boating and Hunting information
- Low income energy saving services.
- And more!

If you ever have a question or a concern please feel free to stop by the Summit Office or send us an email at [RepMerski@pahouse.net](mailto:RepMerski@pahouse.net)

**We look forward to serving  
our constituents in Summit Township!**



## REMINDER: *Time to renew DOG LICENSES for 2019*

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

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

Summit Township has Erie County dog licenses available at the Municipal Office

Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm.

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

*To apply for a dog license online  
please visit [www.eriecountypa.gov](http://www.eriecountypa.gov).*

*To apply for a "lifetime" license you must  
go to the Erie County Courthouse.*

## RECYCLING CALENDAR CORRECTIONS

Raccoon Refuse works every holiday except for Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Therefore, please make the following adjustments to your pick-up schedule in the 2019 Recycling Calendar:

### 2019 RECYCLING CALENDAR CORRECTIONS

#### CURRENTLY SCHEDULED

Friday, May 31st & Saturday, June 1st

Friday, July 5th & Saturday, July 6th

Friday, November 29th & Saturday, November 30th

Thursday, December 26th & Friday, December 27th

#### CHANGE TO

Thursday, May 30th & Friday, May 31st

Thursday July 4th & Friday July 5th

Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th

Friday, December 27th & Saturday, December 28th

## TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED:

February 18th – President's Day

April 19th – Good Friday

## 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/  
Assistant Roadmaster

**Christene Yeast -**

Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

**Michelle Nesselhauf -**

Administrative Assistant

**Nathan Miller -**

Zoning Administrator

**Tamara Cass -**

Administrative Assistant

**Kip Hayford -** Code Enforcement

**Sam Bayuzick -** GIS/GPS Technician

**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-Schwab -**

Administrative Secretary

**Kathy Pfister -**

Clerical Assistant

**Marty McAtee -**

Operations Foreman

**Chris Hodge -**

Operations Technician

**Bryan Banko -**

Maintenance Technician



## From the Water Authority. . . . ADOPT-A-HYDRANT CONTEST WINNER

This quarter's winner of the Adopt-a-Hydrant Contest is Jim Bowe. Jim was nominated by Bob Miller for clearing the snow around the hydrant near 9360 Perry Highway.

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

Another winner will be selected next quarter so call the office to nominate a person who you think does an exceptional job at keeping our hydrants accessible during winter months.

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

Thanks again!

*John Troutman*, Manager

\*\*\*CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK...  
SUMMIT TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY\*\*\*



## 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.

### Debra Cameron, Summit Township Tax Collector

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 10AM-2PM | Monday evening 5-7PM

By appointment November 1 - March 1

## SUMMIT Summit Trivia: TOWNSHIP

How many miles of roads are there in Summit Township?

Answer on Page 9.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **April 12th!** Our next newsletter will be published in mid to early May.



## SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Hello Summit Residents,

Happy New Year! I hope all of your holidays went well. This year we have two new vehicles in our fleet. The new Mack Tandem is out plowing and salting on the south east side of our township and the new Chevy One Ton is cleaning up the compound and cul-de-sacs as well as day to day operations.

The new renovations at the Township Garage sure have brightened up the inside of the building and have made a huge difference on heating the building.

The new Salt Storage Dome is completed and holding an entire season's worth of salt. No more worrying if we have enough material to make it through a storm event.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely, *Mark Welka*

Hello all; we're now into 2019. We have some more foul-weather to put up with, but spring isn't far off. Hope that all the snowmobilers, skiers, and winter hobbyists got their fix. All things considered, winter hasn't been too bad compared to many we've put up with.

Every year in January we appoint positions to our boards for those whose terms have expired. The supervisors can reappoint or appoint new. Always a tough thing to do, because we try to keep personalities and friendships out of the selection and do what's best for the township. That's not always a popular decision.

Things are going well here at the township. The siding, roof, and insulation project at the Municipal garage went well in 2018 and was a worthy investment. The steel Butler Building was 35 years old and the block building was 59 years old. The garage is much warmer while using much less gas and lower heating bills.

This year we plan on trying to get the Old French Road Bridge replaced, just south of Townhall Road. It is a very old, narrow bridge, with poor guide rails. We are not sure what the age is and can't find an accurate record so that tells us how old it really is. Part of the scheduling problem is, it needs to be replaced in late July through August because normally the weather is much drier then and the water table in the creek is down. The new bridge will be much wider with guide rails on both sides.

I have been appointed to Erie County's 911 Recruitment and Retention board to try and figure out solutions for the lack of volunteer firemen. You know in my past newsletters, I spoke of the shortage of volunteer firemen and some solutions Perry Hi-Way Hose Company has come up with for our community. That has been a success, except for Erie

County, which as a whole has been failing on the EMS calls. Well so far, the winter has been going fairly smooth. We have begun preparations for the spring time making plans for ballfield renovations and park upgrades.

Perry Hi-Way has averaged about 35 to 40 mutual aid calls each month in 2018. Mutual aid calls are any call outside of our township. That's way too much. By law, outside fire departments have to respond as Mutual Aid if the local fire department cannot. I mentioned before, I believe successful Mutual Aid is surrounding townships like Waterford, McKean, Millcreek, and Greene, not all far corners of Erie County and downtown Erie. If there is an actual disaster somewhere, with many rescue teams responding, I then can understand emergency responders traveling through three or four townships to help someone in need because others are busy. But, that isn't the case here. It's the lack of service, in other communities that's creating all this trouble. I've been told that EMS, (Emergency Medical Service or Ambulance calls), is 90% of the fire department's calls. Per that information, it isn't actually the firefighters or fire departments that are tremendously short on help. It is the EMT's and Paramedics that are short and understaffed.

On another note, State Representative, Bob Merski has opened a part time office at the Summit Township Municipal Building. The office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am to 4:30pm. The days and hours are posted in the lobby of the Municipal Building and are also on the Summit Township website.

Hopefully spring will be here soon and we can all get back outside to enjoy the nice weather in our beautiful Township. Until then, stay warm, drive safe and take care.

Best Regards, *Tony Davis*

Well as always, we have plenty going on in our country and the local area too. Please come to our Township meetings and don't be afraid to come up with ideas and solutions to problems, and/or better ideas for our township.

Until the next newsletter, stay warm, safe, and enjoy life.

Thank You, *Jack Lee*



# Summit Lions Club News



# Here We Grow Again

We had our Children's Christmas Party for the Robison School children in conjunction with the crew at Perry Hi-Way Hose Company. I think all that attended had a great time. The kids made Christmas ornaments and cards with assistance from the FLB Leo Club. They had their faces painted, toured the fire trucks & ambulance, had lunch with their parents, got to see and pet Santa's reindeer Rudolph & Cupid, told Santa what they wanted for Christmas plus were able to pick out 2 brand new books. This wouldn't have been possible without the donations we received from "Hooked on Books for Kids", Shearer's Snacks, McDonald's on Peach, Wegmans and Sam's Club. I would like to thank them again.

We awarded 2018 Leo & Lion Scholarships of \$1,000 at our January Dinner meeting. The recipients were: Nicole Damico, Rachel Pier, Sasha Carroll and Jack Herman. It was nice to meet them all and their parents.

**We need your help.** If you had a family member (grandparent, etc.) that was in the Summit Lions Club anytime since it was chartered in 1956 and you have any pictures, news articles, etc., please contact Lion Audrey Dick (814) 449-1391. We are working with the Summit History members to put up a display in the Township building in the near future. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

We are busy working on our placemat project and getting things in order for our Annual Golf Outing that is scheduled for Friday, June 7th. If you have never golfed at or never were a sponsor and you are interested, please contact me at the number listed below.

Come and see what your Summit Lions is all about. We hold our Business meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Township building at 7PM and have our Dinner meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Please contact me to make a reservation at (814) 450-6033 or contact any other Lion member you may know for more information.

*Lion Dennis Franz*

**Interstate Mitsubishi....** Located at 6969 Edinboro Road, Erie, is excited about their recently completed additions of both an 8,747 sq. ft. automotive service building addition and an 1,800 sq. ft. auto parts building, which were granted Occupancy on January 25, 2019. Interstate Mitsubishi is proud to be an automotive leader in the tri-state area. Since opening their doors, Interstate Mitsubishi has kept a firm commitment to their customers. They offer a wide selection of vehicles and hope to make the car buying process as quick and hassle free as possible. You can find out more at [interstatemitsubishi.com](http://interstatemitsubishi.com).

**Erie Bank Sports Park....** Located at 8159 Oliver Road, Erie, is excited about their recently completed transformation from Family First Sports Park into the new and improved multi-use sports complex. The transformation involved a 101,511 sq. ft. interior renovation which included the construction of two NHL-sized ice rinks with spectator seating, seven new player locker rooms and two referee locker rooms, a pro shop with skate sharpening facility, a concession area with seating, administrative offices and support spaces, resurfacing of the four existing full-sized basketball/volleyball courts, and renovation of two existing locker rooms. Work to the sports complex also included two small building additions totaling 2,003 sq. ft. to fully accommodate the player and spectator seating additions. The Erie Bank Sports Park is also home to the existing Erie Sports Now Fitness Center and the four-season golf dome. You can find out more at [www.eriebanksportspark.org](http://www.eriebanksportspark.org).

## IN THE WORKS:

**Quality Mold....** located at 8130 Hawthorne Drive in the Baldwin Industrial Park is starting through the land development process for a proposed 7,200 sq. ft. building addition to their existing industrial facility.

## Understanding stormwater runoff

Stormwater runoff is rain water or snow-melt that flows over the surface of the ground. The main cause of stormwater runoff is impervious surfaces such as roofs and roads. Impervious surfaces disrupt the water cycle by blocking rain water from soaking into the ground. This blockage forces rain water to flow over the surface, picking up pollutants along the way. Most stormwater runoff carries pollutants directly into local streams

and lakes! In addition, dumping unnatural materials, such as paint and grease, on the road, sidewalk or stormwater drains contaminates both the stormwater and the storm sewer system.

For more information please visit the Erie County stormwater program website at: <https://www.eriecountypa.gov/planning/ms4>

Or the Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ErieCountyPlanning/>



## FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Here's hoping we have an early and not too wet spring!

Any taxes that were issued in 2018 and were not paid by December 31, 2018 were turned over as delinquent to the Erie County Tax Claim. These include 2018 County-Township, 2018/2019 School and any interims. Tax Claim will be contacting you via USPS with the amount due to satisfy these delinquencies and instructions on how to do so. If you know that you did not pay any or part of your taxes due in 2018 and were not notified by Tax Claim by receipt of this newsletter, you may contact them at 814-451-6206.

The 2019 County-Township tax bills will be mailed March 1, 2019. This is for the calendar year 2019. These bills will be green in color. If you have moved and not changed your mailing address for your tax bills, please contact me for a Property Record Correction Card. This card is sent to Erie County Assessment to change your mailing address on the tax roll. Address changes are done through Assessment. I cannot make the changes for you. You may also contact Assessment directly at 814-451-6225. If you have not received your tax bill by March 15th, please contact me. The mills for the County did increase for 2019. Previously they were 5.41 and are for 2019, 5.71. This computes to an additional \$30.00 per \$100,000. The mills for the Township remain the same at .59.

If you received an Interim tax bill January 1 and have sent a copy to your mortgage company, please contact them to make sure they will be paying this Interim. Not all mortgage companies pay Interim tax bills.

If you need a copy of your paid taxes for income tax purposes or the Property/Rent Rebate (PA 1000), the best way to contact me is via email at the address below. I can then email you back your receipts. If you do not have email, you may also send to me a S.A.S.E. with your request and I will mail back to you. I cannot guarantee I can accommodate a request the same day, so please try to contact me at least one day ahead for email requests and 5 days for mail request.

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

1754 Townhall Rd. West, Erie, PA 16509 | (814) 866-2653 | dacameron@roadrunner.com

Monday - Thursday, 10AM-2PM | Monday evening 5-7PM | By appointment November 1 - March 1

## 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.

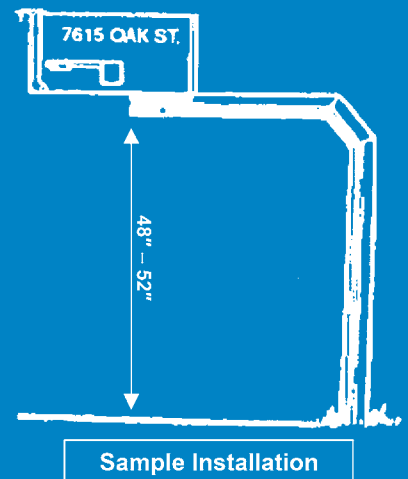
### IF NO DITCH EXISTS IN FRONT OF YOUR PROPERTY:

- 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



## HAVE THINGS YOU DON'T NEED OR NEVER USE- COME SELL IT AT THE INDOOR FLEA MARKET



PERRY HI-WAY HOSE CO. 8281 OLIVER RD  
 APRIL 28TH Noon to 6  
 RESERVE TABLES 8' - \$10  
 PARKING SPACE SALES \$10  
 Proceeds to be used for Firefighters uniforms  
 Any unsold item must be taken home.

CONTACT KIP AFTER 4:30PM @ 460-0415 TO RESERVE TABLES AND RECEIVE CONTRACT FOR SELLING ITEMS

### PERRY HI-WAY HAPPENINGS

The members of Perry Hi-Way have been quite busy this past year. The volunteers and paid staff have responded to a record high 1918 emergency calls in 2018, 1277 in Summit Township and 641 calls outside Summit for Mutual Aid. In addition to responding to emergency calls the members recorded over 7000 hours of combined training time amongst our 17 volunteer members and 9 paid staff positions. Members were also busy with maintaining our 2 fire stations with cleaning, painting, grass mowing, snow removal and weed eating. Our annual awards party was held on January 6, 2019 to celebrate the accomplishments in 2018 and the following awards were handed out:

- Rookie of the Year: Kristine Serafin
- EMS Responder of the Year: Drew Himes
- Firefighter of the Year: Amy Wunch
- George P. Gauthier Memorial Award: George Erbin

Top 10 responders for 2018: (in alphabetical order) Riley Colvin, George Erbin, Kip Hayford, Drew Himes, James Kerr, Troy McGregor, Chris Pace, Nate Serafin, John Spaulding, Amy Wunch.

The members continue to train and provide service to the Summit Community as well as our surrounding neighbors. The 2019 business fund drive kicked off on January 1st. Residential fund drive will start May 1st. We must rely on the donation drives from both the businesses and the residents to meet our operational expenses. Our members look forward to another successful year of service to the central Erie County region. We are always looking for new members. If you like helping your neighbor, maybe the volunteer fire department is what you're missing. Stop in any Monday night and check it out.

## 2019 FIRST HALF FUNDRAISERS

We ask all residents to come out and support our fundraisers

Slapsticks Productions Presents  
**PERRY HI-WAY HOSE CO. 10TH FUNNY FUNDRAISER!**  
 ANNUAL  
 Hilarious Headliner: **'Uncle Lar' LARRY REEB** (Showtime - HBO - Comedy Central)  
 Funny Feature: **MIKE SASSON** (Heard On RiversEdge Radio)  
 HOST: **DAVID KAYE**  
 PLUS 50/50 Raffle!  
**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23**  
**PERRY HI-WAY HOSE Co.**  
 8281 Oliver Road - Erie, PA 16509  
 \$15 Donation Includes Light Snacks & Beer  
 Kitchen Open For Food Purchases  
 BYOB + Doors Open: 6:30pm + Showtime: 8:00pm  
 Tickets On Sale From Members or Call: 814-864-0680  
 Tix Online: slapstickproductions.com

See any member or stop in at the Oliver Road Station to purchase tickets

### PAINT - N - SIP EVENT

Friday April 5th 2019 at the station  
 Doors open at 6pm – painting starts at 7pm  
 Come out and let your creativity flow as you paint on a board with a spring-themed decoration for your home. Artist on hand to assist. We provide all the supplies and a design for your fun filled night.

Cost is \$50.00 per person  
 Price also includes Wine, Soda, Meat & Cheese trays and Veggie trays  
 Watch for tickets to be on sale via Facebook as well as at the station

### INDOOR FLEA MARKET

Sunday April 28th in the social hall  
 Doors open at 9am for sellers to set up  
 12 – 6pm for public sales (donation to enter)  
 \$10.00 per 8' long 30" wide table Or  
 \$10.00 for outdoor parking space (limited number)

Come support the fire department and sell your unused items

KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN AND SELLING FOOD

This is a rain or shine event  
 Contact the office for a sales contract



# Join the Great American Cleanup of PA in Erie County

March 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>

**MEET neighbors, LEARN something new, HELP your community!**

*Gloves and Bags provided for FREE.*



For general information, visit  
[www.gacofpa.org](http://www.gacofpa.org)

Questions, contact  
Keep Erie County Beautiful  
814-451-7326,  
[bprischak@eriecountypa.gov](mailto:bprischak@eriecountypa.gov)



KEEP  
ERIE COUNTY  
*Beautiful*

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

KEEP AMERICA  
BEAUTIFUL  
GREAT AMERICAN  
CLEANUP  
PENNSYLVANIA

# Summit Township Emergency Management

## Are you ready? Winter Storms



❄️ **Follow local area radio, NOAA radio, PA 511, TV stations and media for the latest information and emergency alerts.**



❄️ **Review your emergency kit and replenish items in short supply, especially medications and medical supplies. Gather food, water and supplies to be able to stay home for several days without power.**



❄️ **Be sure you have ample heating fuel. Consider secondary or emergency heating types such as wood burning stoves or portable heaters. Only use them if it can be done properly and safely. Consider installing a portable generator.**



❄️ **Bring your companion animals inside and ensure that your horses and livestock have blankets if appropriate and access to shelter, food, and non-frozen water.**



❄️ **Check on relatives, neighbors, and friends, particularly if they are elderly, live alone or have special needs.**



❄️ **Be smart when working outside. Strain from the cold and overexertion may cause a heart attack. Sweating could lead to a chill and hypothermia.**



❄️ **Be prepared to evacuate if you lose power or heat. Know your routes and destinations. Find a local emergency shelter. Tell someone your plan.**



# Hello from Robison Elementary School!

The date was moved for our 5th Grade Step-Up Ceremony to June 5, 2019 from June 6, 2019.

## 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 2019 must be five years of age before June 1, 2019.

Registration will be held during the following dates and times:

Thursday May 9, 2019 from 11:00 AM — 6:30 PM and

Monday May 13, 2019 from 11:00 AM — 6:30 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's 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. Please have them call any of our three elementary schools if they have not received this packet.

If you are not planning to register your child in the Fort LeBoeuf School District, have not received a packet, or have questions regarding registration, please call an elementary school office.

Sincerely,

*Mr. Jason Vaughn*, Principal Mill Village Elementary

*Mrs. Jenna Hopkins*, Principal Robison Elementary

*Mrs. Yvonne Best-Proctor*, Principal Waterford Elementary

*Dr. Sean Wolfgram*, Director of Elementary Education

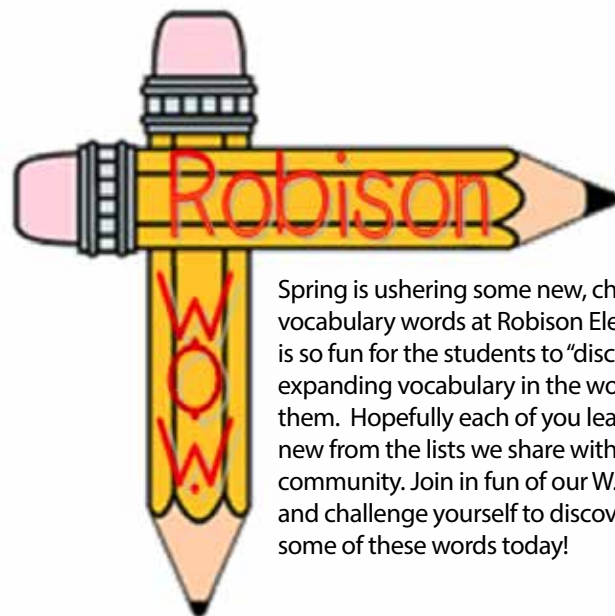


## FROM PENNDOT...

### Spring Cleanup Volunteers Needed

The intersection of Peach and I-90 is a high traffic area that can be considered a gateway to the Summit Twp retail community. Unfortunately, this area is a hotbed for litter. Once the snow melts and vegetation dies, the litter really shows. I would like to organize a Summit resident cleanup of this location to help curb the blight. Cleanup supplies are provided, just looking for helping hands. Tentative date would be April 13 from 8am-11am. If interested please contact me at [wjc129@gmail.com](mailto:wjc129@gmail.com).

*BJ Clute*



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

#### Our words are:

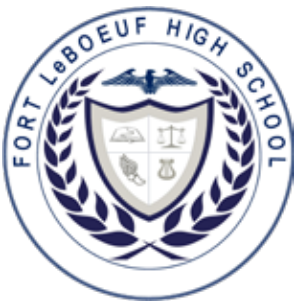
**March**  
meme  
felicity  
deft

**April**  
chartreuse  
keen

**May**  
venture  
decorum

## ANSWER TO SUMMIT TRIVIA:

There are 80 miles of roads in Summit Township.



# NEWS FROM FORT LÉBOEUF HIGH SCHOOL

## Model UN Success



By Samuel Garvey

Gannon University, November 3rd: Seniors Braeden Nearhoof and Cassidy Dahlkemper are proud to say they received third and best delegate (in that order) in commendation for their outstanding work in Model UN.

Model UN, also known as Model United Nations, is a simulation of the actual United Nations, where groups of students from all over the northwestern PA region come together and represent a nation where they focus on solving world problems.

"This year, the high school was given the countries of Guatemala and The Netherlands," says Nearhoof, awarded third best delegate for his topic. Nearhoof and Dahlkemper have done work in Model UN for all four years of high school, having received a wide variety of different nations to represent. "Other years, we've gotten larger nations like Russia and France," says Nearhoof.

Covering various issues such as pollution, post-war disarmament and ethnic cleansing, each school is given a number of different countries to represent. Smaller groups of those students are then divided to cover a world problem given to them by those in charge of Model UN. This year, with Dahlkemper working on the topic of mental health, and Nearhoof tasked with the topic of ethnic cleansing, they were not afraid to deal with heated conflicts. This is what got them to their success, as the delegate awards focus on the most vocal and diplomatic of those participating.

"When I heard that I received best delegate, I was very pleasantly

surprised," says Dahlkemper. "Getting the award was something I thought I couldn't achieve. Now, I'm proud to say that I did."

Nearhoof shares the same sentiment. "Going up and shaking the General Moderator's hand, as well as receiving a plaque with my name on it was an invigorating experience," he says.

"A message to future Model UN participants," Dahlkemper says, "Above all, be diplomatic, but don't be afraid to assert your own opinions. Most of all though, make sure to have fun!"

## Plunging into Winter

By Olivia Berdis

Earlier in the fall, Mr. Burchanowski, math teacher, was approached by High School Principal Mr. Rimpa to do the Polar Plunge again, a local event that raises funds and awareness for Special Olympics.



This event consisted of hundreds of people jumping into the freezing water at Presque Isle during mid-November wearing bathing suits, speedos or some people wore snow pants. The weather was freezing outside and people were shivering to try to get warm after, but they would do anything for a good cause!

Mr. Rimpa and Mr. Burchanowski have done this event twice now and hope it will continue to be a yearly thing. Mr. Burchanowski said, "The group members are already discussing on how to make it better next year." The two got other teachers and students involved. For example, Ms. Lazor, Spanish teacher, did it for the first time this year and she said she would do it every year.

Ms. Lazor said, "I have always wanted to do it because it is for a great cause and a fun, memorable, bonding experience to do with other people. Some heckling from Mr. Burchanowski and Mr. Rimpa may have sealed the deal, but they didn't have to twist my arm, I was ready for it this year."

The Polar Plunge is a great opportunity. One of the students that participated was Andie O'Neill, and she said "that it seemed like a good cause to benefit for and it was fun." She said it was freezing, but she was proud of herself that she got into the freezing water.

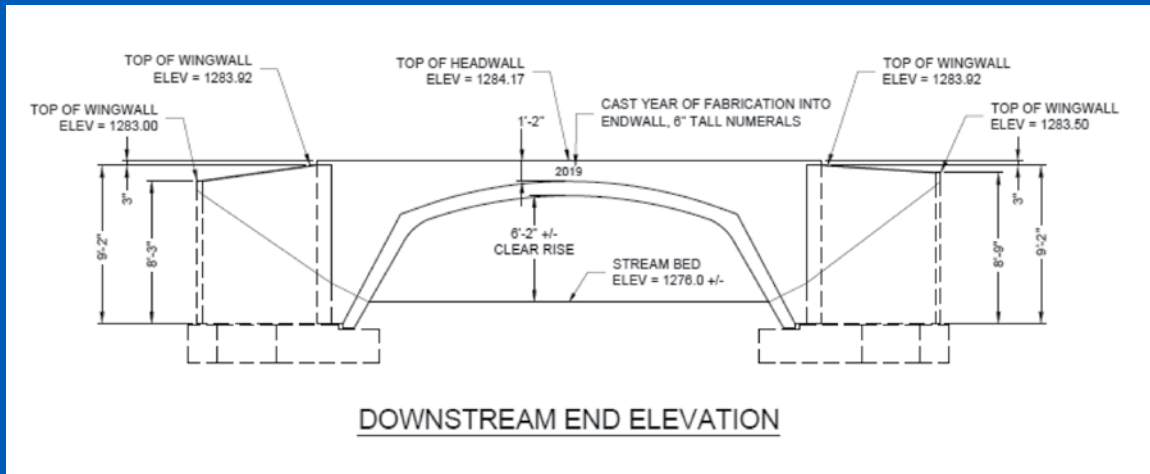
Hundreds of people did the Polar Plunge and after they did it they felt proud of themselves. Mr. Burchanowski said that one of the most important things he did was getting to share this event with his niece and nephew, but also being able to teach them that you can have fun while raising money, supporting the Special Olympics.



## ENGINEER'S REPORT

I am very excited to have Sam Bayuzick on board as the Township's GIS Technician. Sam has done a great job in getting our storm sewer mapping into a useable format. This mapping will serve the Township for many years to come.

Now he is working on getting road information compiled and mapped. This includes the dimensions, paving section, paving history, and traffic volume. Then in the Spring, we will do condition inspections of all the public roads in the Township. The final product of this work will be a road maintenance plan that will streamline the road maintenance activities within the Township. This will allow us to make sure we are doing the right road treatments at the right time to get the most life out of our roads. Ultimately, saving the Township money over the life span of the road.



The design for the Old French Road Bridge replacement is progressing. The bulk of the design has been complete, and we are currently working on the final details. The proposed bridge used for design is a precast concrete arch culvert that is 25 feet long by 32 feet wide. The new bridge will allow for a berm on Old French Road where there is none now. The longer span should improve stream flow under the bridge and reduce erosion at the bridge. We anticipate the project going out for bid this spring and being constructed in late summer to minimize impacts to the creek.

We are also in the process of having a topographic survey completed for Community Park. The main purpose for this survey is to provide an elevation contour map that will be used to construct water quality rain gardens within the park which will be used to meet the requirements of the Township's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. This map will also aid in any future development that may occur at the park.

## Summit Community Food Pantry

We hope everyone had a safe and blessed holiday season. Now let's get through what's left of winter!

The Summit Community Food Pantry serves 61 families as of January 14, 2019. Over the holiday season, 45 families were served at Thanksgiving and 48 boxes were given out at Christmas. Food was provided for wonderful holiday feasts on both distributions. Many thanks to all who provided in any part, including volunteering, to make these special distributions possible.

We have many Summit residents and businesses that provide above and beyond for the success of our food pantry. Over the holiday season, we would like to especially thank the Robison Elementary School and the FLB High School Leo Club for the hats and gloves they provided. The FLB High School and Middle School's National Honor Society donated money and canned goods. What a wonderful way for our youth to help their neighbors! Many Summit based businesses and organizations gave generously this season: Summit Lion's Club, Lord Corporation Good Neighbor Fund and West End Community Center to name a few. Thank you also to our local places of worship that provide monetary donations on a regular basis. **We thank ALL who are involved in even the smallest way, for their time, talents and generosity.**

Regular food distributions are on the second and fourth Thursday's of the month from 2-4pm. If you are a Summit resident and need assistance, you may come to any regular distribution day with proof of residency.

Summit Community Food Pantry (SCFP) | 1230 Townhall Rd., West, Basement, Erie, PA 16509







Summit Township Kiwanis Club is thriving and having a wonderful time volunteering and meeting new community members along the way. We have changed our meeting time and place to be the third Thursday of every month. We will be meeting at the Marriott Springhill Suites in the meeting room. Not only is Marriott a member they are a strong community spirited community supporter.

This past quarter our members certainly kept busy with many activities. Several of our members helped out laying wreaths at the Soldiers and Sailors home. We also made dog toys for the Humane Society, Fleece Blankets for kids in need. We also did a Bring Up Grades (BUG) program.

One of our favorite things to do this past quarter was making goody bags for our first responders. We not only sent items to the fire department, but one of our member's kids delivered items to the 911 center too.

Some upcoming events that we are working on are installing a library in the laundromat and perhaps in a few other places too. We are very excited to work on this project. Kiwanis is 100% all about the kids and what we can do to make their lives better. Literacy is a common theme with Kiwanians.

We hope you can stop in at one of our meetings; remember once a month the third Thursday of every month at 5:30 PM. We are accepting more volunteers and our meetings are focused on service. We encourage our members to bring their children to the meetings, we all work on service projects while discussing the upcoming projects in the community.

Please let us know if you would like more information about Kiwanis or would like to attend one of our service projects.

Thank you very much.

*Cathy Szymanski*

## SUMMIT TOWNSHIP WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBER

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Samuel Bayuzick to the Summit Township team.

Sam originally came to work for the township as an intern for the Land Development & Zoning Office last May. Sam's internship entailed field collection of the Township's storm sewer infrastructure using GPS (Global Positioning System), post processing of all collected field data and ultimately mapping and manipulating the storm sewer dataset within the Township's GIS (Geographic Information System) for management, planning and conservation purposes.



Zoning Administrator, Nathan Miller, and the Township Supervisors were so impressed with Sam's work ethic and efficiency they decided to hire him, and Sam officially became a full time Summit Township team member effective January 1, 2019. Sam's official job title is Stormwater and GIS Technician. In addition to performing the duties of his original internship, Sam's responsibilities will include maintaining the Township's geographic information system and developing infrastructure geodatabases.

Sam graduated Summa Cum Laude in May 2018 from The Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Resource Management with a concentration in Soil Science and a minor in Watershed and Water Resources. After some training in GIS at Penn State, Sam found he had a passion for protecting water resources which led to a desire to pursue a stormwater internship.

Outside of work, Sam loves spending time outdoors camping, hiking, and kayaking. He also loves traveling and seeing different landscapes. When not outdoors or traveling, he enjoys cooking, reading and playing video games.

Welcome Aboard Sam!



## LeBoeuf Little League

LeBoeuf Little League season is coming upon us. Sign-ups start in February and run until March 3rd. You can sign your child up at [FLBLL.com](http://FLBLL.com). There is a multi family discount, payment plans, and your child could even play for FREE. See the website for details. If you have any questions please email us at [info@flbll.com](mailto:info@flbll.com).

Our Challenger is growing each year. This division is FREE and open to all children in the county with special needs. You can find more information about this on our website [flbll.com](http://flbll.com)

Our all volunteer league is funded by fundraising and business sponsorships. This money is used to buy equipment, league fees and field maintenance. Business sponsorships are available for as little as \$100. Please email us at [Advertising@flbll.com](mailto:Advertising@flbll.com)



# Fort LeBoeuf Spring Soccer Kickoff



**Saturday, March 30th**

**Location: EPS Pennbriar - Cost: \$120 per team  
Discounts available for multiple team registration**

**5 v. 5 Player Format**

**Divisions: 3/4 coed, 5/6, & 7/8**

**Register in person or online at [FLBsoccerclub.com](http://FLBsoccerclub.com)**

**Limited to school teams and players only**

**Registration Deadline: March 1st**



# Senior News

Happy 2019! I hope you had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed the mild weather.

In October, a presentation by Special Supervising Senior Agent Allen McGill was given at our senior center on the Opioid Epidemic. It's the #1 Public Health and Safety crisis. Accompanying him was Jay and Diana Mussara, Drug Prevention Coordinators and Robert Reed, Executive Deputy Attorney General for Josh Shapiro Pennsylvania Attorney General. Robert Reed presented Jay and Diana a commendation certificate on behalf of Attorney General Josh Shapiro. Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper presented a certificate of appreciation to Jay and Diana in gratitude for their commitment to serving the people of Erie County. It was a very informative and enlightening program.

We enjoyed our Christmas luncheon with Stephanie Caulfield and her children Thomas, Claire and Mark with music, jokes and songs. We always look forward and enjoy their Christmas programs.

Please keep praying for President Sue Seyboldt as she goes through her treatments.

I hope to meet new people at our center open house March 5th.

*Dot Panitzke*, Vice President

## Come and join us.....

Summit Township Senior Center Open House  
1450 Townhall Road

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Lunch will be served at noon.

We have 2 pool tables, numerous games (cards, dominoes, jigsaw puzzles).

Bring your friends or join with other seniors. Play your own games or mingle with other seniors.

This senior center was built to be a social hall for use by seniors and guests.

If there are no games you are interested in, just come and socialize. But do come.....it is doctor recommended and can also be fun!



## FREE INCOME TAX SERVICE FOR ALL RESIDENTS - Ages 12 to 120 Are Welcome - FEBRUARY 4th to APRIL 15th, 2019

Volunteers are once again available to assist ALL Summit Township & Erie County Residents (NOT just seniors) in preparing their 2018 Federal, State and Berksheimer 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:** 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 2:00 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 2017 tax return, all 2018 tax documents and your **STAMPED "PAID"** 2018 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 2018 4 page IRS Tax Intake Interview form upon arrival, so don't forget your reading glasses.

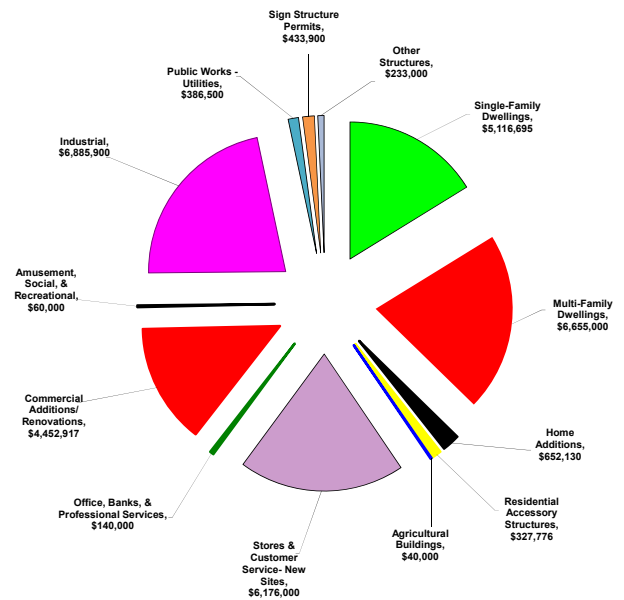
Replacement stamped "PAID" 2018 Property Tax Receipts can be obtained by calling the town Tax Collector one week or more prior to your appointment. PA Dept of Revenue restricts us from completing rebate forms without paid receipts.



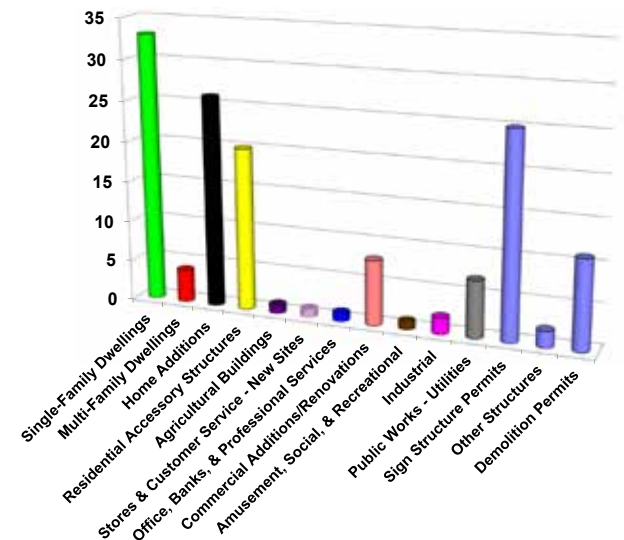
## 2018 ZONING & DEMOLITION PERMIT RECAP

| Type of Structure   | No.       | Value               |
|---|-----------|---------------------|
| <b>Single Family Dwellings</b>  | <b>33</b> | <b>\$5,116,695</b>  |
| of which 19 are Condominiums and 10 are Mobile Homes [7 replacements & 3 new]   |           |                     |
| <b>Multi-Family Dwellings</b>   | <b>4</b>  | <b>\$6,655,000</b>  |
| Copperleaf - One, Ten (10) Unit<br>Townhouse Building \$805,000<br>Copperleaf - Three, Thirty (30) Unit, Three Story<br>Apartment Buildings \$5,850,000   |           |                     |
| <b>Home Additions</b>   | <b>26</b> | <b>\$652,130</b>    |
| including Attached Garages and Decks  |           |                     |
| <b>Residential Accessory Structures</b>   | <b>20</b> | <b>\$327,776</b>    |
| <b>Agricultural Buildings</b>   | <b>1</b>  | <b>\$40,000</b>     |
| <b>Stores &amp; Customer Service - New Sites</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>\$6,176,000</b>  |
| U-Haul Moving & Storage Facility - 90,029 sq. ft.<br>2-Story Mini-Storage Warehouse & Retail Store \$6,176,000.00   |           |                     |
| <b>Offices, Banks, &amp; Professional Services</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>\$140,000</b>    |
| Lonely Man Productions - Interior Commercial Renovation<br>Converting Existing Dwelling into Office \$140,000   |           |                     |
| <b>Commercial Renovations/Additions</b>   | <b>8</b>  | <b>\$4,452,917</b>  |
| Taco Bell (Peach St.) - 2,201 sq. ft. Interior & Exterior Commercial Renovation \$430,000<br>G.R.E.A.T.T. (Erie Bank Sports Park) - 101,511 sq. ft. Interior Commercial Renovation & Two Building Additions Totaling 2,000 sq. ft. \$2,112,000<br>John V. Schultz (Summit Towne Centre) - 29,822 sq. ft. Interior Commercial Renovation \$787,000<br>Country Fair (Perry Highway) - 420 sq. ft. Commercial Building Addition and 126 sq. ft. Commercial Building Addition to Existing Store \$239,382<br>Country Fair (7400 Peach St.) - Demolition and Reconstruction of a 128 sq. ft. Commercial Building Addition to Existing Store \$27,535<br>McDonald's (Perry Highway) - Interior & Exterior Commercial Renovations to Existing Restaurant \$450,000<br>Golden Corral - Interior & Exterior Commercial Renovations to Existing Restaurant \$385,000<br>Platos Closet - 7,780 sq. ft. Interior Commercial Renovations to Combine the Ex. Platos Closet Suite & the Ex. Clothes Mentor Suite into one store \$22,000 |           |                     |
| <b>Amusement, Social, &amp; Recreational</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>\$60,000</b>     |
| Picnicana Park (Summit Twp.) - 1,536 sq. ft. Storage Building \$60,000  |           |                     |
| <b>Industrial</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>\$6,885,900</b>  |
| Plastikos (2nd Facility) - 26,640 sq. ft. Industrial Manufacturing Facility \$6,849,000<br>Plastikos (Original Facility) - 126 sq. ft. Canopy Over Side Entrance \$36,900   |           |                     |
| <b>Public Works - Utilities</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>\$386,500</b>    |
| Crown Communication, Inc. - Sprint Cellular Equipment Modification - 7001 Edinboro Road \$20,000<br>Mobilcom, Inc. - Sprint Cellular Equipment Modification - 8100 Curtis Road \$15,000<br>Crown Communication, Inc. - Verizon Cellular Equipment Modification - 7001 Edinboro Road \$50,000<br>Mobilcom, Inc. - Verizon Cellular Equipment Modification - 8100 Curtis Road \$15,000<br>Crown Castle - T-Mobile Cellular Equipment Modification - 7950 Old French Road \$15,000<br>Crown Castle - Sprint Cellular Equipment Modification - 7950 Old French Road \$21,500<br>Entertainment Realty Corp. - Structural Modifications to 450 Ft. Communications Tower - 8455 Peach Street \$250,000   |           |                     |
| <b>Sign Structure Permits</b>   | <b>25</b> | <b>\$433,900</b>    |
| including Pole Signs, High-Rise Signs, Monument Signs & Building Signs  |           |                     |
| <b>Other Structures</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>\$233,000</b>    |
| Copperleaf - 10,696 sq. ft. Commercial Clubhouse & Community Building Containing 2,200 Sq. Ft. Commercial Office Space \$223,000<br>Holly Acres Mobile Home Park - Construction of a 196 sq. ft. Community Mail Box Shelter \$10,000  |           |                     |
| <b>Demolition Permits</b>   | <b>11</b> | <b>\$ -</b>         |
| 11 Permits (totaling 18 Residential, 1 Agricultural & 8 Commercial structures)  |           |                     |
|   |           | <b>\$31,559,818</b> |

2018 CONSTRUCTION IN DOLLARS



2018 CONSTRUCTION COUNTS



## 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.



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Erie, PA 16509

**Supervisors:**

Mark A. Welka, *Chairperson*

Jack F. Lee, Jr.

Tony Davis

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## Once Upon A Time...

This quarter's display features Summit farms and dairies. Please contact the Summit Township office at 868-9686 if you are willing to loan or donate any items about your family farm. Our goal is to display Summit history for everyone.

Next quarter the Summit Lion's Club is providing the display, we very much appreciate their participation. We need a display for the third quarter, if your group is interested please call by May 23. All Summit organizations are encouraged to provide a display.

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 Summit history or creating a family tree please stop in, we would like to help you if possible.

