SUMMIT FROM THE SUMMIT TOWNSHIP

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PROPOSED ZONING UPDATES

In 2018, the Township began work on a Comprehensive Plan which involved visioning and goal setting for the community's future. Residents played a key role in directing this process. Regarding land use and development, the Plan seeks a balance between preserving the rural character of residential neighborhoods and managing the growth of commercial assets and regional destinations. Principles, such as these, helped to guide zoning updates found in the proposed Summit Township Future Land Use Map.

Most zoning districts remained unchanged, with only their names being updated. For example, "R-1 Residential" will be known as "RLD Residential – Low Density."

To see how/if your property will be affected by any of the proposed changes, we have created a link to an online map on our website, www. summittownship. com, where you can view the existing Zoning Map and compare it to the Future Land Use Map. Type your address into the search function in the top left. You will then find a slider that will enable you to switch from the current zoning to future land use. In addition, you can view the current and proposed permitted use tables for each zoning district by clicking on the link located below the map.

The proposed changes are currently under a 45-day review period prior to being approved by the township. The public hearing for adoption is scheduled for March 1st at 6 pm prior to the Supervisors Meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, comments must be submitted in writing prior to the hearing and can be sent to: Summit Township, Attn: Zoning Department, 1230 Townhall Road West, Suite 100, Erie, PA 16509 or emailed to tcass@summitpa.us



REMINDER: Time to renew DOG LICENSES for 2021

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 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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.

Lifetime Licenses can only be obtained from Erie County. Please visit their website above for more information.

TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED:

February 15th – President's Day April 2nd – Good Friday

MEET THE STAFF

TOWNSHIP: 868-9686

Jack Lee, Jr. -

Supervisor/Chariman/Treasurer/ Dir. Land Development

Mark A. Welka -

Supervisor/Roadmaster

Tony Davis -

Supervisor/Director of Parks/ Equipment Maint. Supervisor/ Assistant Roadmaster

Lisa Vallimont -

Municipal Secretary

Michelle Nesselhauf -

HR Director/Recycling Coordinator/ Newsletter Editor

Tamara Cass -

Zoning Administrator

Debra Jageman -

Zoning Administrative Assistant **Kip Hayford** - Code Enforcement

Matthew Jonas -

Township Engineer

Joe Whitmer – GIS/MS-4 Technician **Gina Erbin** - Receptionist

THE ROAD CREW:

Mike Hanas - Road Foreman

Darrell Sayers - Garage Foreman

Steve Skelly, Joe Passerotti,

Larry Hudacky, Jeff Matheis, Gary Pace, Andrew Fox & Joe Malinowski

WATER AUTHORITY: 864-2323 **Bob Mitchell -** Manager

Brian Hiles - Assistant Manager

Sean Miller - Foreman

Laura Taylor - Office Manager

Gretchen Hayford -

Administrative Assistant **Kathy Hiles** – Administrative

Secretary

Brian Clark, Lisa Culbertson, Zach Lewis and Adam Wilps - Water

Authority Systems Operators

SEWER AUTHORITY: 868-4495 William Steff, P.E. - Manager

Caitlyn Haener-Schwab -

Administrative Secretary **Amy McCaslin** -

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. 3rd Monday of each month, 4:30 p.m.

Planning Commission:

2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

Sewer Authority:

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

Water Authority:

1st Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

Recreation Board:

1st Monday of each month, 4:30 p.m.

LeBoeuf Little League:

2nd Wednesday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at Waterford American Legion

Zoning Hearing Board:

4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. As needed and advertised only

Summit Township Industrial and Economic Development Authority (STIEDA):

4th Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. as needed.

Debra Cameron, Summit Township Tax Collector

1754 Townhall Rd.West, Erie, PA 16509 | (814) 866-2653 Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 10AM-2PM | Monday evening 5-7PM By appointment November 1 - March 1

From The Office Of District Judge McGowan

Changes to "Steer Clear" or "Move Over" Law

Generally, when you approach a car pulled over on the highway by a police vehicle or where a tow truck or ambulance, or firetruck are present, you must move over to the adjacent lane and leave an open lane of traffic between your vehicle and the emergency response area. If passing in a nonadjacent lane is impossible, illegal, or unsafe, pass the emergency response area at a careful and prudent reduced speed reasonable for safely passing the emergency response area.

Be aware that changes to Pennsylvania's 'Move Over Law' are taking effect on April 27, 2021.

The new additions will require approaching drivers who are unable to merge into a further lane, to reduce their speed by 20 miles-per-hour less than the posted speed limit.

The law will:

- Impose two points for failure to merge into the lane not next to the emergency response area.
- Set fines at \$500 for first-time offenders, \$1,000 for a second offense, and \$2,000 for a third or subsequent offense.
- Require a 90-day license suspension for a third or subsequent offense. The license suspension will also apply to accidents that seriously harm or kill another person.
- Set additional fines of up to \$10,000 for violators who injure or kill an emergency service responder or an individual in or near a disabled vehicle.
- Double fines for several traffic violations when committed in an emergency response area when first responders are present.

An emergency response area is defined as "an area where an emergency vehicle has its lights flashing, or where road crews or emergency responders have lighted flares, posted signs, or try to warn travelers."

Especially in these winter months, road conditions can be dangerous and lead to more frequent accidents. Please drive carefully and be safe.

Brian M. McGowan, MD9

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **April 9th!** Our next newsletter will be published in early May.



UNITED WAY ERIE FREE TAX SERVICE

The scheduling service will begin accepting appointment calls January 11, 2021. Call 1-888-829-5680

<u>Do not</u> schedule an appointment if you are experiencing fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, or diarrhea. Wait until the symptoms are gone and you are feeling better before you call for an appointment.

United Way Erie FREE Taxes is an IRS-supervised program that provides free tax preparation service to eligible individuals and families in a variety of Erie County locations. Erie FREE Taxes also helps low to moderate wage earners claim the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Erie FREE Taxes Tax Site Locations are staffed by trained and IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers. Tax returns are electronically filed. With Direct Deposit, refunds are typically received within 10-21 days after the return is accepted by the IRS.

2021 TAX FILING SEASON OVERVIEW

Income Eligibility: If your income is less than \$57,000, you may be eligible for free tax preparation services. Volunteer tax preparers complete federal, state, and local tax returns.

Tax Sites: "By Appointment Only" unless noted otherwise.

January 25, 2021: Tax site locations begin to open.

Tax Site Safety Precautions: steps will be taken at every tax site location to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

In addition to face-to-face tax filing sessions with qualified volunteer tax preparers, Erie FREE Taxes offers 3 additional filing options: Drop Off service, free online self-preparation tax filing, and remote tax filing service.

Drop Off Service: Drop Off process allows tax filers to drop off their tax documents at a designated VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) site location and return later to review and sign their completed tax returns.

Benefits of Drop Off Service:

- No appointment needed
- Convenient for tax filers with busy schedules
- No waiting for tax returns to be completed
- Estimated length of time for completion of tax returns: 5-7 business days

To schedule a Drop Off appointment call: 1-888-829-5680

MyFreeTaxes: a free, easy-to-use, interview-based online tax prep software program that allows tax filers to prepare and transmit their own federal and state tax returns.

Benefits of MyFreeTaxes:

- No income limit
- Free, easy to use
- Convenient-prepare tax returns at home, office, or wherever a secure internet connection and computer are available
- Saves cost of purchasing commercial tax prep software programs
- Great for filers with simple returns, college students, single filers, part-time workers, individuals with disabilities, regardless of age

Visit MyFreeTaxes.com

Virtual VITA: a tax preparation option with no in-person contact between VITA volunteer tax preparer and tax filer.

Benefits of Virtual VITA:

- Provides another alternative to filers who have a computer or smartphone, and an email address
- Digital equipment that enables filers to take pictures of, or scan and save, tax documents
- · Skills needed to send or upload digital documents and forms, or pictures of the documents and forms over the internet to a secure document
- Convenient

To schedule a Virtual VITA appointment call: 1-888-829-5680

American Legion Post 237

9225 US-6, Union City, PA 16438 By Appointment: 1-888-829-5680

Booker T. Washington Center (Drop Off-Site Only)

1720 Holland Street, Erie, PA 16503 By Appointment: 1-888-829-5680

Corry Federal Credit Union (Drop Off-Site Only)

728 Worth Street, Corry, PA 16407 By Appointment: 1-814-663-3263

Corry Industrial Center

1524 Enterprise Rd., Corry, PA 16407 By Appointment: 1-888-829-5680

East Middle School (Drop Off-Site Only) 1001 Atkins St., Erie, PA 16503

By Appointment: 1-888-829-5680

2021 SITE LOCATIONS

Erie Federal Credit Union (Drop Off-Site-Members Only) 3503 Paach St. Frie PA 16508

3503 Peach St., Erie, PA 16508 814-825-2436

4 NINE Center

103 Clay Street, North East, PA 16428 By Appointment: 1-888-829-5680

Gannon University

900 State Street, Erie, PA 16501 By Appointment: 1-888-829-5680

Girard High School

1135 Lake Street, Girard, PA 16417 By Appointment: 1-888-829-5680

John E. Horan Garden Apartments (Drop Off Site-Erie Housing Authority Residents Only)

Community Center 730 Tacoma Rd., Erie, PA 16511 By Appointment: 814-454-1266

John F. Kennedy Center (Drop Off-Site Only)

2038 Buffalo Rd., Erie, PA 16510 By Appointment: 1-888-829-5680

Martin Luther King Memorial Center

312 Chestnut Street, Erie, PA 16507 By Appointment: 1-888-829-5680

Multicultural Community

Resource Center

(Drop Off Site-MCRC Clients Only) 554 E. 10 Street, Erie, PA 16503

814-455-0212

Widget Financial Credit Union (Members Only)

3 Branches:

- 2154 East Lake Rd. Erie, PA 16511
- 4268 Buffalo Rd. Erie, PA 16510
- 5543 W. Ridge Rd. Erie, PA 16506

By Appointment Only: 814-455-6231

Dear Residents,

Hope all is well. Looks like we are back to an average winter with three strong snow events to date. Please watch your speed when driving in winter conditions. Many areas do not maintain their roads as well as Summit, so watch for that when traveling. Summit is well-populated with much traffic, so we stay after road conditions. For example, I believe the last traffic study on upper Peach Street showed the average number of cars per day was 22,000.

I am a lifelong resident of Summit and would like to talk a little about Summit Township's history and the expansion of our township. I do not believe any one person has caused this growth or can even take credit or blame, except for location. We are in the center of Erie County with I-90 and I-79 giving us easy access from Cleveland, Pittsburgh, and Buffalo. We also have Presque Isle, the Bay, and Lake Erie, which are big attractions to visit Erie.

I can remember when the commercial sprawl started moving south in 1975 when the Millcreek Mall was built. When I was in high school, upper Peach Street, north of I-90, was a two-lane blacktop highway. There was mostly woods on both sides of the road, a gas station, and a Howard Johnson's Motel with a restaurant beside I-90. There were a few houses which are long gone. Look at it now - hundreds of acres of blacktop and roofs. For the most part loaded with every store, hotel, and restaurant imaginable.

This has all been 45 years in the making. Waste Management and Lord are both located on Robison Road. We have Perry Highway Hose Company with two locations to serve our Township. Routes 97 and 99 have filled in. We have Presque Isle Downs on Route 97 and many auto dealers on Routes 19 and 99.

Recently we have heard an accusation that we are having secret meetings to change zoning regulations. That is the furthest thing from the truth. All our meetings are posted on our website

including water and sewer authorities. All the meeting dates are on our township calendar and that is mailed out to every resident. The public is welcome to attend the meetings and if you really want to make a difference, you can volunteer to be on a board, or even run for office. I did not like what I had seen going on, so I gave it a try myself. We only approve or disapprove, of any topic, purchases, or zoning changes at a public meeting and they are also advertised.

Summit had worked hard on updating our comprehensive plan in 2018 which was 17 years old at that time. Our zoning ordinance updates are being reviewed at Erie County now.

All of the proposed zoning changes are a fair compromise for everyone. We are trying to protect all residential neighborhoods while supporting businesses at the same time. That can be a very hard juggling act. One thing for sure is, you will never make 100% of residents or developers happy. One person loves change and the next hates it.

We are not pressured by economic development to promote businesses, so we will not be squeezing out existing neighborhoods. Summit's real estate values are high, so if our location does not fit any outsiders' budgets for investing, they will have to try a different location or municipality. Real Estate values are considered by location, location, location.

With all of Summit's prosperity, we have the second-lowest property tax out of 38 municipalities in Erie County. All the development in Summit over the past 45 years has helped keep it that way. Also, Summit has not raised its property tax in 21 years. We cannot speak for county or school tax, but I for one, want to be frugal and watch our finances to keep it this way. If you have any questions, please call our zoning office at 814-868-9686.

Please be safe and take care.

Thank you, Supervisor Jack Lee

Welcome, 2021!

I would like to wish our Road Foreman Gary Haupt a happy and healthy retirement. Gary spent over 40 years at the township, and his knowledge was endless. A lot of changes had come to our township over those years. Gary was most proud of making our roads the best that they could be, whether they were one-lane dirt roads or four-lane paved roads. Take care Gary!

We have been working with Erie County and applying for grant money for broadband expansion throughout our township. We are hoping additional grant money will become available. We have been communicating with VNet, Spectrum, and Armstrong to provide services throughout Summit. In this day and age, to not have WiFi is unacceptable. We will continue to work with State and Local Representatives to expand coverage throughout our municipality. We do need your help with figuring out where coverage is lacking, as coverage maps are not available. If you currently do not have access to broadband internet, please call the township and provide us with your name and address.

Snowplow season is upon us and our road crew has been doing an awesome job of keeping up during each snow event. We do run two shifts throughout the winter. The early crew comes in at 4:00 am and works until noon, while the other crew comes in at 7:00 am and works until 3:00 pm. It is very important that vehicles are not parked on the roads especially during any snow event.

Stay warm out there! **Supervisor Mark Welka**

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Hello Summit Residents,

Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the holiday season as best you could considering the circumstances. It would appear we are moving towards a resolution to the pandemic with the vaccines becoming available to the US population. It will take time, but we will get there.

I'm being optimistic with regards to the summer season this year. I do hope it will be a bit more normal than last. We are currently accepting applications for summer help with the parks and other grounds the township maintains. The candidate must be able to work with little or no supervision. The job is 40 hours per week with every other weekend to open and clean the parks. If interested, please submit your application/resume to Summit Township, Attn: Michelle Nesselhauf, HR Director, 1230 Townhall Rd. W., Erie, PA 16509 or email to mness@summitpa.us.

Until next time, take care and God Bless,

Supervisor Tony Davis



The Kiwanis Club of Fort LeBoeuf was thrilled to add 11 new members in December/January. These members are ready to begin serving the community! At this writing, we are hoping to hold our first Snowman Day this coming Saturday. We invited any FLB student and their family to join us in the park in Waterford to compete for local restaurant gift cards, by making an award-winning snowman. Hopefully, the weather will be snowy for us.

In February, we are collecting items to make up Foster Care Placement Bags. These bags have the essentials a child would need if they are suddenly placed into Foster Care. We are collecting clothing, pajamas, diaper bags, book bags, books, and toiletries. If you would like to contribute, contact Val Rose at valarose63@gmail. com for information.

If you care to know more about Kiwanis, see our Facebook page: Kiwanis Club of Fort LeBoeuf, or contact Val at the email above.



PERRY PET CLINIC... opened in November and is located at 9880 Perry Highway. Perry Pet Clinic is a small animal veterinary hospital focusing on dogs and cats. They offer exams, vaccines, dental care, and many other services to help keep your pet happy and healthy.

IN THE WORKS:

LITTLE CAESARS... has started through the land development process for a proposed drive-thru location that will be located on Keystone Drive

KUNCO LANDSCAPE INC.... has started through the land development process for their proposed 5,750 sq. ft. office and storage building located at 8099 Johnson Road

ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL... located at 8500 Oliver Road has started through the land development process and are proposing additions to the existing school



LeBoeuf Little League

Registration is open for LeBoeuf Little League baseball/softball for the 2021 season! Parents can register their children at flbll.com. Practices will begin in April. Please register by March 15th.

We are also in need of umpires for the 2021 season. Umpires are paid \$25 per game. Training is provided. If you are interested, please contact Heath Strasser at hstrass08@gmail.com or 814-397-9484.

Finally, please pay attention to our website (flbll. com) for details on our annual fundraiser. We will post details as they become available.

Retire Your Old Glory This Winter

Knowing how to fly an American flag as well as how to retire the flag is equally important! The 'Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory' project is dedicated to collecting old, tattered and faded flags for proper retirement. A convenient drop box is located at the Summit Township Municipal Building. Visit www.retireyouroldglory.com for a complete address listing of all drop box locations.



Senior News

Due to circumstances surrounding the coronavirus pandemic, the Summit Senior Center will remain closed until further notice. If you really need to reach someone from the senior center, please contact the Township Building at 868-9686 and Gina will take your information and relay it to the correct party.

In the meantime, wash your hands, practice social distancing and stay well.

President Sue Seyboldt

FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Happy New Year to All!

Well, we made it through another year and what a year it was! I am hoping this article finds all well and safe.

The 2021 County-Township tax bill will be mailed by March 1, 2021. This covers the calendar year of January 1 through December 31, 2021. The color for this year CT bill will be Canary. Tax bills are sent to the address provided by the parcel owner to Erie County Assessment. If you have had a mailing address change recently, please contact me or Erie County Assessment at 814-451-6225 to change your mailing address. Otherwise, the bill will be mailed to the address they have on file. If you do not receive your tax bill by March 15th, please contact me. Mills for the Township remain the same at .59 and the County has increased a quarter of a mill from 5.71 to 5.96. This computes an increase of \$25.00 per assessed value of 100,000. Once again, Resolutions were passed by Erie County Council and the Board of Supervisors for Summit Township to waive the Penalty for 2021 and extended the Face period until December 31, 2021. As long as you pay this bill in full by December 31st, no penalty (10%) will be applied. Discount period remains the same and ends April 30th. Tax bills will reflect these changes so it should be less confusing than last year.

Any payments for 2020 not in my possession by December 31, 2020 were turned over to Erie County Tax Claim as delinquent. Payments for the 2020 County-Twp and 2020/2021 School can no longer be paid at this office. Contact Erie County Tax Claim at 814-451-6206 for instructions. If you need a receipt for any taxes paid in 2020, please contact me either via email at the email listed below or send a S.A.S.E. and your request through USPS or put in the lockbox to the right of the office door.

COVID 19 is still an issue, so please contact the office at the number listed below to see what the hours are for the office that week. I will keep this updated every week until we are back to "normal". I am hoping to have some office hours this Spring depending on the number of increased cases. When office hours are in effect, please remember a mask is required and only one person in the office at a time. I understand this may be inconvenient and sometimes just cold, but the safety of all is of primary concern. If you want to make sure your payment gets here, you can always use the lockbox and include a S.A.S.E. for a receipt or provide your email and I can email you a receipt. If you have any questions or issues, please contact me. I will try to accommodate all requests.

Stay safe and well!

Debra Cameron, Summit Twp. Tax Collector

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Brighter days ahead

By State Rep. Bob Merski, D-Erie

This time of year is always a time of hope for me. As the daylight begins to chip away at the darkness of night, and the days slowly but surely begin to grow longer, it gives me hope that brighter days are ahead.

Overcoming our challenges and looking to brighter days ahead was front and center in my mind when I took the oath of office on Jan. 5 to begin a second term representing you.

In the year ahead, the health of our community and local economy are the top priorities, and I will be doing everything in my power to help get our small businesses and working families back on their feet. That starts with bringing more money back to our district, and I have already signed on to legislation that would provide more COVID relief for small business owners.

Restoring a healthy economy is only half the battle – the other half is ensuring residents have the services and programs they need to benefit from that recovery, whether it's job and career training, services for seniors and veterans, or quality public education that does not depend on a family's ZIP code.

In some good news on the education front, we recently secured more than \$41 million in federal CARES Act dollars for Erie County schools, which have been working so hard to continue providing effective, engaging learning during the pandemic. Schools will be able to use the funding for a broad range of needs that include food service, training, technology purchases; sanitization and cleaning supplies; summer and after-school programs; and mental health supports, and more.

Of course, our work is just beginning. It will be a long road to a recovery that needs to reach into every corner of our community. But our community is a pretty remarkable one, and the strength, courage, and generosity that Erie residents have shown during incredibly difficult times inspires and energizes me every new day.

On a lighter note, I want to tell you all how much my staff and I have missed our time at Summit. I hope you are staying healthy and keeping your spirits up.

Please remember that the door to my Liberty Street office remains open, and my talented and committed staff is continuing to assist residents on everything from unemployment questions to property tax and rent rebate applications. If you can't make it to our office on Liberty Street, please let us know by calling the office at 455-6318, and we can make special arrangements to serve you.

State Rep. Bob Merski represents the 2nd Legislative District.



Summit Community Food Pantry

Happy New Year!

Despite 2020 being a very difficult and trying year with COVID 19, the Summit Community Food Pantry kept going! This is due to the many people who give of their time and talents. It is not just volunteers, who without them we could not continue, but those on the "paperwork" side of our food pantry.

Meet our Board Member Officers: President, Edward Randall; Vice-President, Debra Cameron; Secretary, Colleen Osborn; and Treasurer, Douglas DelPorto. Board Members: Becky Carlson, Pastor Tom Hoeke,

Reverend Greg Passauer, Kevin Osborn, and Raeanne Craft. Our Director is Terry Lazenby and Assistant Director is Darlene Smith.

This holiday season we served 33 families at Thanksgiving and 25 families at Christmas. Many thanks to All Saints Parish for their continued financial support through their collections from their parishioners. Also, many thanks to Summit United Methodist Church for coordinating the "Giving Tree" that provides gifts at Christmas for children of families receiving assistance from the SCFP through collections from their congregation. An additional thank you and shout out to the FLB Middle School Junior National Honor Society who spearheaded a food drive at the Middle School to benefit the SCFP. Mr. & Mrs. James Kehl and Complete Marketing Inc. continue to make monetary donations as well as Mr. & Mrs. Joe Terrill. We are very grateful.

Distribution days remain on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 2-4 pm. Curbside pickup is still in effect. Volunteers will place items in your trunk or set them on the curb to place in your back seat.

Stay safe and well!

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



ENGINEER'S REPORT

We are currently on track to have Cherry Street Extension from South Hill Road to the Interstate 90 overpass repaved this Spring. This project is being completed using Federal funds being distributed by PennDOT. We have been working with PennDOT to complete this project.

The Five Points Roundabout is on schedule to have construction begin this year. The current schedule has a bulk of the work being completed this year with final completion in early 2022. Most of the construction is anticipated to take place adjacent to the existing intersection to minimize closures and detours. However, be prepared for a busy construction season in the Five Points area.

Also, as we wait for the final portion of Dorn Road to be constructed at the Trails at Five Points in order to complete Phase 2 of the Hamot Road Sidewalk Project, we will be tackling a sidewalk project on Oliver Road to fill in the gap where there is no sidewalk. This project will start at the intersection of Chelsie Drive and Hamot Road with ADA accessible curb ramps crossing Chelsie Drive and drainage improvements at the intersection to address the ponding issues at the intersection. Going south, the existing sidewalk will be extended on the east side of the road to just north of Haibach Drive. In this area, a raised crosswalk will be installed across Oliver Road and the sidewalk will continue south on the west side of the road to the existing sidewalk on that side of the road.

The raised crosswalk is being considered for two reasons. First, speeding has continued to be an issue on Oliver Road and the raised crosswalk, like a speed hump, is designed to be comfortably negotiated at speeds between 15-25 mph. So, this should slow the traffic down in this area. Second, no matter where the sidewalk crosses Oliver Road, it will be an uncontrolled crosswalk (no stop signs). So, by installing the raised crosswalk, the vehicles are forced to slow down at the crosswalk which should improve the safety of the crosswalk for pedestrians.

Finally, McLallen made a good push at Community Park to excavate the rain garden, install most of the storm sewer, and complete the rough grading before the inclement weather set in. Once the weather clears this spring, they will be back to finish the grading, complete the rain garden, and install the remaining storm sewer to direct the runoff to the rain garden. The Township is currently looking at the trees and shrubs that will be planted in the Spring to finish this project. This project is being completed as part of the Township's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.



In light of the impact of COVID-19, FirstEnergy's Pennsylvania utilities are committed to doing what's best for our customers and staff. That's why we're offering new, no-contact pickup appointments that allow us to safely collect and recycle your appliance without making physical contact with you or coming inside your home.

We're offering \$50 for each working fridge or freezer recycled. Learn how you can schedule an appointment and safely get some cash in your pocket today:



Click below to schedule your appointment online.



If your refrigerator is in the garage, driveway, porch, or outbuilding, print and sign the release form and leave it inside your unit.



Our crew will arrive and pick up the unit without any physical contact with you and without entering your home.



You will receive a check for \$50 per working fridge or freezer by mail.





The costs of energy efficiency programs are recovered through customer rates in accordance with Pennsylvania Act 129 of 2008. For a complete list of commercial, industrial, residential and low-income energy efficiency programs, please visit www.energysave/PA.com.

2020 ZONING, SIGN & DEMOLITION PERMIT RECAP			
Type of Structure	No.		Value
Single Family Dwellings of which 10 are Condominiums and 4 are Mobile F [2 replacements & 2 new]	20 lomes	\$4,0)23,821
Home Additions including Attached Garages, Decks, and Porches	47	\$9	32,441
Residential Accessory Structures	51	\$5	66,869
Agricultural Buildings	2	Ś	65,000
Stores & Customer Service - New Sites	1		000,000
Calamar - 117,000 sq. ft. Commerical Building with 134 Senior Living Units with Associated Parking and Construction of 6 Garages to accommodate 66 spaces with 11 spaces in each garage			
Commercial Renovations/Additions	9	\$3,0	33,840
Humes -Interior Commercial Renovations Use Change From Truck Rental to Automobile Sale Verizon- Interior Commercial Renovation Luminary Distillary - Interior Commercial Renovation Rise - Interior Commercial Renovations (20,048 sq. full remodel and demise of the exisiting Fitness Ce a new medical marijuana dispensery and separate offices for the dispensary operator. Plastikos- Constuction of a Cover Over Existing AD Summit Township - 988 sq. ft. Commercial Interior Meeting Room second floor BSI -4329 sq. ft. Interior Commercial Renovation Boot Barn Western Wear and Work Wear - Interior E Northwest Savings Bank- Interior and Exterior Commercial Renovations Industrial	on ft.) nter for regional A Ramp Renovatio Build Out	\$ \$ \$ \$ n- \$ \$ \$ \$	20,000 135,000 20,000 1,950,000 60,000 31,840 165,000 320,000 350,000
Public Works - Utilities	3	\$	90,000
Viasat - Installing a 12'x25' Fenced Compound to E Proposed Satellite Dish Equipment Platform and C Purpose of Providing Fiber Internet Services To The	abinet for	\$	50,000
Crown Castle- Co-Location of Antenna on Existing	Cell Tower	\$	20,000
Crown Castle- Co- Location on Existing Cell Tower. Upgrade of Verizon Antennas and Ancillary Equipr	nent	\$	20,000
Sign Structure Permits	18		91,833
including Pole Signs, High-Rise Signs, Monument Signs & Building Signs			
Other Structures	2		146,740
PLP X, LP-Construction of a 43 Bay 12,307sq. ft. Ga	rage	\$	140,740

WASTE MANAGEMENT PAY AS YOU GO (GREEN) GARBAGE BAGS:

16 Permits (totaling 15 Residential structures & 1 Commercials structures)

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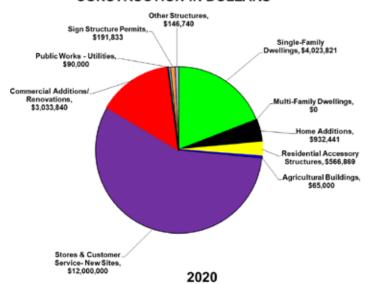
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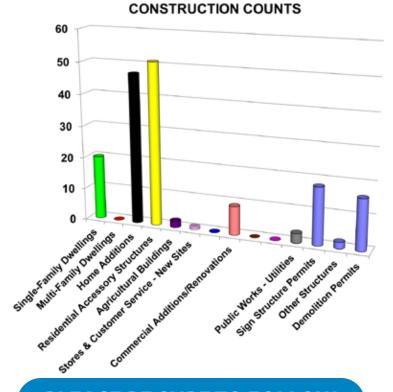
Dwyer Plumbing- 30' x 40' Top Soil Storage Dome

Demolition Permits

The price for a 5-pack of bags is \$28. Bags are available for purchase at the Summit Township Municipal Building during normal business hours.

2020 CONSTRUCTION IN DOLLARS





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.

From the Water Authority....

It's a New Year; let's forget the past year and hope this year is better.

On January 15th, Summit Township saw a large pole barn fire on Old French Rd. Along with our own fire department fighting the fire, a few neighboring fire departments were helping fight the fire. We are glad that no one was hurt in the fire and that everything was contained to one location. With fighting any fire, big or small, they use a good bit of water. When we have a large fire in Summit, the fire department calls the water authority, and we send someone out to check on the height of our towers, to make sure that they will have enough water to fight the fire. After the fire is out, the Water Authority sends at least two or three employees out to flush the fire hydrants in the area of the fire. We start where the fire was and follow the flow of water. We flush the hydrants until the water is clean, then we go to the next hydrant. Sometimes it is hard to get ahead of the discolored water, but they do it. I know you do not like to see the color of tea in your water; the water is still

good to drink, just unappealing. If your water becomes dirty, please call the office number (864-2323) any hour of the day. If the office is closed you will get the answering machine, please follow the directions, and leave a number that we can get back to you on. The person on-call will call you back, and get your address and problem, then they will try to fix the problem.

We would like to thank everyone that is going out and cleaning around the fire hydrants. The fire department and the water authority thanks you. As the weather starts to get warmer, we will get back to doing our hard flush on the water lines. As before, we will let the areas know ahead of time so you can prepare for the flush. This was started last year and was found to be working on keeping our lines clean. I would again like to thank the complete staff of the Water Authority for their dedicated time that they have put in during this Covid19 problem that everyone is having. We have been able to keep the water flowing to you, our customers.

Thank you,

H. Robert (Bob) Mitchell, Manager



SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY

40 YEARS OF SERVICE

Board member Cloyd Rose has retired from his position on the Summit Township Sewer Authority after nearly 40 years of service. Cloyd is a role model in family, work, and community. A civil engineering graduate of Penn State in 1953, he then served two years in the US Army. After Cloyd returned from being stationed in Italy, he designed and built his home in 1957. This is the same home that he and his wife, Rita, continue to live in. Cloyd worked as a structural engineer for various engineering, architectural, and construction companies in the Erie area his entire career. His last position as a structural engineer, estimator, and project manager was with H. Platt Construction for 33 years. When he retired at age 67, Cloyd had a perfect "every day is Saturday smile" whenever you saw him.

Appointed to the Sewer Authority in 1981, Cloyd's first meeting was June 25th of that year. His last meeting was December 17, 2020. Cloyd has seen the authority more than double in size and has been a valuable member of our agency for four decades. He has demonstrated a willingness to share his experience and knowledge to further the goals of the Authority as well as being a stable and reasonable influence during the many periods of rapid development.

Now 90 years old, Cloyd is still happily married, has raised 4 boys, and coached many youth sports teams, especially baseball. He says he only takes a baby aspirin and shows no signs of slowing down. He still does 20 pushups each morning! It has been great having another engineer on the Board and everyone here wants to thank you so much for your years of service. The Board, staff, and I will miss you.

Oliver Road Lift Station, Force Main, and Gravity Upsizing Project

The Summit Township Sewer Authority, (STSA) is continuing to progress with the Oliver Road Lift Station Project. The project will include demolishing and replacing the existing Oliver Road Lift Station, 2,000 feet of force main, and approximately 7,000 of gravity sewer. The new lift station will increase capacity from 180 GPM to 800 GPM. The entire project is estimated to cost \$3.1 million and will be paid for using a combination of Sewer Authority capital reserves and a PennVest loan. The Authority anticipates the estimated \$2.5 million loan will be paid over 20 years with an interest rate of 1.0% for the first 5 years and 1.743% thereafter.

Homes and businesses in the project area will be disturbed as little as possible and there will be no special assessment owed by the existing customers. The Authority's Engineer plans to submit the PennVest Funding Application in February and bidding will begin about a month after the STSA receives the PennVest loan offer. The construction is expected to take a year to complete.

If any sewer customer has any questions pertaining to the sewer system or billing 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 currently 8:00 AM to 4:00 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

HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF FROM COVID-19? 4 RINSE 5 DRY WITH LEAN HANDS! WATER TOWEL TOWEL

PERRY HI-WAY NEWS

GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we welcome in 2021, we hope it is far better than 2020. The members of Perry Hi-Way Hose Company stand ready to respond to medical emergencies, rescues, and fires and hope that our services are needed as little as possible. Last year we had a decrease in the total number of responses, mostly due to the quarantine at the start of the pandemic when our run numbers dropped by 20 % for the months of April, May, and June. Below is a breakdown of our calls for 2020. Total emergency responses in 2020 were 1679. A month by month breakdown can be found on our website www.perryhiway.org.

EMS - 1263

- ALS 820
- BLS 443

FIRES - 77

- STRUCTURE FIRES 40
- VEHICLE FIRES 10
- GRASS / BRUSH 14
- TRASH / RUBBISH / DUMPSTER 8
- POLE / OTHER 5

AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS 132

RESCUES 114

- MVA 105 (6 PEDESTRIAN, PIN IN 4)
- LOCK-IN 5
- LAND SEARCH & RESCUE 2
- ELEVATOR RESCUE 1
- WATER RESCUE 1

HAZARDOUS ALARMS 39

- FLAMMABLE LIQUID SPILL 6
- NATURAL GAS/ PROPANE LEAK 4
- CO ALARMS 16
- WIRE DOWN / ELECTRICAL PROBLEM 13

SERVICE CALL 34

- FIRE POLICE / TRAFFIC 6
- WATER PROBLEM 6
- SMOKE ODOR INVESTIGATION 11
- ANIMAL RESCUE 1
- COVER ASSIGNMENT 2
- MISC. 8

GOOD INTENT 20

- CANCEL ENROUTE 15
- CONTROLLED BURNING 3
- WRONG LOCATION (DIFFERENT TWP) 1
- FOG CALLED IN AS SMOKE 1

In an Emergency, Every Second Counts!



Place your address numbers On the House and on both sides of the Mailbox.

PERRY HI-WAY HOSE COMPANY

Reminds residents of ways you can help us to help you.

- Keep your address clearly visible this winter by dusting off the snow from your mailbox and house numbers. Make sure the numbers are displayed for us to see day or night.
- For those who have a fire hydrant near their home please take a few minutes to clear a path to the hydrant and a clear space around the hydrant. Also, ask the people who plow your driveways not to plow snow into the hydrant
- 3. For medical emergencies keep a current list of medications for all the members who live at your home. Put this list on the refrigerator or place easy for our crews to find without going thru your cupboards or drawers. This can help identify medical problems and also let our ambulance crews know the meds taken on a regular basis so we do not give you medications that may not mix well with your medications.
- 4. Make sure you have working smoke detectors in your home. If you need a 9-volt battery for your home smoke detector we have them available at the Oliver Road Fire Station or at the Summit Township Building. We ask for proof of residence when picking up new batteries.
- 5. Finally, we ask for the residents to donate to our annual fund drive campaign that starts on May 1, 2021. All residents should receive a fund drive request the first week of May.

2021 FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

With the Covid-19 pandemic still seeing a steady number of Erie County residents come down with the disease, we have canceled our fundraisers for the first half of the year. We hope we can hold some fundraisers later in the year. Watch the township newsletter and the department website www.perryhiway.org for announcements of future fundraising activities.

Perry Hi-Way Hose Company is wishing you and your family a safe and healthy 2021.

CONVENIENTLY FREE YOUR LIFE OF WASTE

e-Waste & Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days

ACCEPTABLE E-WASTE:

- · Answering Machines
- CD Players
- · Copiers
- Duplicators
- Electric Typewriters
- Fax Machines
- Hard Drives
- Laptops
- · Mainframe Computer Equipment
- Mobile Phones
- Modems
- Microwaves
- · Pagers
- Personal Computer (CPU, Monitor, Keyboard, Mouse, and Peripherals)
- Printers
- Printed Circuit Boards
- · Radios
- Remote Controls
- Scanners
- Stereos
- Tape Players
- · Telephones and Telephone Equipment
- Televisions
- Testing Equipment
- Transparency Makers
- Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) systems
- · VCRs

Open to Erie County Residents only.
A \$0.50/lb fee for Electronics.
A \$0.50/lb fee for Hazardous Materials.
Recycling of tires will cost \$5.00/tire

ACCEPTABLE HHW:

- · Latex Paint
- · Oil-based paint
- · Paint products/Turpentine
- Corrosives/Caustics
- Chlorine Products
- Used Oil
- · Flammable Liquids
- Antifreeze
- Lead Acid Batteries
- · Rechargeable Batteries
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Pesticides
- Mercury Thermostats
- Mercury-Containing Devices
- · Tires, no rims, passenger vehicles only

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS:

- Ammunition
- Explosives
- · Radioactive material
- Biological/medical
- Smoke detectors

2021 Event Dates:

- January 9
- February 6
- · March 13
- . April 17 (In Corry)
- May 8
- · June 12" (In Albion)
- July 10
- August 14
- September 11
- October9* (In corry)
- November 13
- · December 11

EVENT LOCATION: 1624 FILMORE AVE, ERIE, PA

(in Millcreek Township)

REMOTE COLLECTIONS:

- * Apr. 17th & Oct. 9th Event Collection held at City of Corry Garage, 650 E. Smith St, Corry, PA
- ** June 12th Event Collection held at Albion Borough Maintenance Building, 36 Bessemer St, Albion, PA

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Erie Co

To register, simply call ECS&Rtoll-free at (866) 815-0016
Or register online at ecsr.net/recycling-events/
Must bring valid driver's license.
This event is still open to all Erie County Residents.



Due to Covid 19 regulations all participants MUST remain in their vehicles and follow social distancing procedures. Participants and staff are required to wear face masks over nose and mouth. Do not attend event if you have Covid 19, symptoms of Covid 19, or have recently been exposed to the virus.

Hello from Robison Elementary School!

Robison Elementary teachers are constantly reinventing learning this school year. The restrictions of this pandemic cannot hold these teachers back from creating a rich learning environment for our students. It may look a little different but learning and growing have not stopped.



I want to send a very special message of appreciation to our Robison Elementary families. We appreciate your flexibility and support this school year more than ever. We appreciate you adhering to all the new guidelines to help us keep our students safe. Together we will make this a successful school year.



Mrs. Hopkins, Principal Robison Elementary



Some of our kindergarteners are participating in a pen pal program with the Erie Zoo. They received their first letter from their penguin pen pal, Albert. They are learning how to write and mail letters back to their new pal.

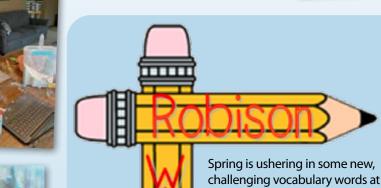
A brief shift to virtual learning never stopped Mrs. Johnson from baking ornaments virtually with her students.



We had our annual school-wide singalong virtually with all of our students.



during the first quarter.



Spring is ushering in 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 the fun of our W.O.W. program and challenge yourself to discover and use some of these words today!

Our words are:

December moxie peruse garner **January** epic

February garner

Summit Lions Club News



We Serve

We would like to congratulate our scholarship winners, Adin Thiemann and Francesca Belluomini, that graduated from Fort LeBoeuf High School in June of 2020. Unfortunately, we could not invite them to a congratulatory dinner due to the pandemic, but their checks will be in the mail in the near future.

We canceled our meeting in December and had a zoom meeting in the month of January so we could get started planning our Annual golf outing. This will be our Twenty-Fourth Summit Lions' Club Golf Outing to be held at Venango Valley Inn and Golf Course on June 4th, 2021. If the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted by then, we will be offering a day of 18 holes of golf with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. followed by a steak dinner. You need to sign up in teams of four for this friendly day of competition.

As it is our custom, we dedicate the Golf Outing to a member that may have passed away during the past year. Last year, our golf tournament was in memory of Lion John Dubowski, Lion John Troutman, and Lion Joanie Obendorfer. Each of these Lions were valuable in their own way to the Service we can offer our community. This year our tournament will be celebrating the life of Lion Audrey Dick, whose Service touched many lives within our community. Lion Audrey had been a past President and had been the club's secretary for several years. She also was a zone chair, which means she would go and mentor other Lions clubs to see if they needed any assistance in developing new ideas in keeping their clubs strong.

Within Summit Lions club, Lion Audrey served on the following committees: community Christmas Party for our children

that attend Robison Elementary School, book give away to the students at Robison Elementary School, making arrangements for a couple of students that needed glasses, helped in the Summit Food Pantry, worked on the butterfly garden at Picnicana Park, collected used eyeglasses, and was on the committee for the scholarship recipients. She had for a while worked as a secretary at Hamot Hospital and later on, she became the secretary for the Perry Hi-Way Hose Company. But most of all Lion Audrey liked to travel and meet people. One of her most proud moments was when she



traveled to Columbus, Ohio for a Lions U.S.A./ Canadian Forum, where she had a chance to meet and have her picture taken with the first Woman Lions International President, Gudren Yngvadottir from Iceland.

All these Services that Lion Audrey was involved in cost money, which makes our Golf Outing so very essential for the health and Service of our club. If you have attended our Golf Tournaments in the past, we ask you to mark your calendars to attend on June 4th. If you have a business and would like to advertise in our program or give us door prizes to promote your business, we would be very grateful. If you are new to the area and would like to be added to our golfer's list or our sponsor list, please contact me at 814-864-9194. You can also reach out to us through our Facebook Page, Summit Lions Club, Erie, Pa. Come and meet your neighbors.

Thank you, Lion Janet Mitchell, President

MitchellHRC@aol.com

2021 STORMWATER RESOLUTIONS

With COVID-19 still hanging over our heads, New Year's resolutions may not seem to carry the same weight they have in previous years. But when it comes to stormwater, there is still much to be achieved! As we trudge through the remainder of this winter, consider the following to make spring snowmelt and summer rains easier on our local waterways:

- Do you have a private well? Have you had it tested? Make sure your drinking water is fit to drink!
 - If you do have a well, is it protected from contaminants? Be careful about pet waste and fertilizers within a 100-foot radius of your well.
- Consider installing a rain barrel to collect water off your roof, or permeable pavement and/or a rain garden to mitigate wet spots in your yard. This could save you money on watering and prevent costs associated with flooding!
- Use fertilizers and other applied chemicals sparingly as these can have adverse effects on our streams, rivers, and lake.
- Dispose of pet waste appropriately, especially in winter. Pet waste can introduce excess nutrients and bacteria into our waterways.
 - The same goes for litter and leaks; just because the snow hides it does not mean it is not a problem!
- Assess your home for water-saving devices. Are there any improvements that could be made to leaky faucets this year?

For more information and resources on stormwater in all its forms, please visit the Erie County Stormwater Information webpage (https://eriecountypa.gov/departments/planning-and-community-development/resources/stormwater-information/) or the Erie County Planning Department's Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/ErieCountyPlanning/). Credit to this list from PennState Extension.



1230 Townhall Road West Erie, PA 16509

Supervisors:

Jack F. Lee, Jr., Chairperson Mark A. Welka Tony Davis PRSRT STD U.S. Postage **PAID** Erie, PA Permit No.279

GLASS RECYCLING IN SUMMIT

Summit Township has partnered with Bayfront Glass, LLC to provide glass recycling to Summit Township residents. Bins are placed next to the Township Garage on Old French Road where the old Municipal Building used to be. Please follow the attached use instructions which are also posted on the bins.





Once Upon A Time...

Does your attic look like this? You can take advantage of this stay-at-home opportunity to clear out your attic. Please keep the History room in mind as you sort through your keepsakes. Many of you have done that, we have been fortunate in receiving donations to our collection in 2020.

History Room volunteers will meet visitors by appointment only in the Summit History room on Thursday mornings. Only two people at a time, please. Masks required; hand sanitizer available. Contact the Summit Township office at 868-9686 to make your appointment.

Is there a Summit person, family, organization, or business interested in displaying their history in the display case? Our goal is to preserve and display Summit history for everyone.



