



# SUMMIT TOWNSHIP

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## ZONING UPDATES

Summit Township is updating the Future Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Appendices. This proposed map may impact your property. Please refer to the township website, [www.summittownship.com](http://www.summittownship.com), where you can view the current and proposed Zoning Map with the permitted use tables for each zoning district by clicking on the link below the map. If you would like to view the map in the Zoning Office, please call 814-868-9686 to set up an appointment.

To provide more clarification to the proposed updates, public work sessions have been scheduled. Below is a list of those sessions with their scheduled dates and times. Please contact the Zoning Office if you plan on attending any or all of these sessions by emailing [djageman@summitpa.us](mailto:djageman@summitpa.us) or [tcass@summitpa.us](mailto:tcass@summitpa.us). The work sessions will be held at the Summit Township Municipal Building.

April 27: 5:00 pm – Resources Rural, Resources Natural (RR, RN)

April 29: 5:00 pm – Residential Multi-Family, Residential Medium Density, Residential Low Density (RMF, RMD, RLD)

May 4: 1:00 pm – Mixed Use Regional (MUR)

May 4: 5:00 pm – Mixed Use Neighborhood (MUN)

May 6: 5:00 pm – Commercial Corridor (CC)

May 20: 1:00 pm – Industrial and Industrial Park (I – IP)

May 20: 5:00 pm – Commercial Local (CL)

Due to these work sessions, the proposed Zoning Ordinance, Map, and Appendices which was scheduled to be on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors Meeting on May 3rd has been postponed until June 7th at 6:00 pm.

### \*\*IMPORTANT MESSAGE\*\*

The Summit Township Supervisors have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 Summer Recreation Program, Resident's Weekend, and Senior Picnic due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Please continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing to contain the spread.



## PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS MAY 18, 2021.

- Polls are open on election day from 7 A.M. - 8 P.M.
- Last day to register to vote: May 3, 2021
- Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot: May 11, 2021

## Senator Laughlin Pop-Up Office

A representative from Senator Dan Laughlin's office will be available Tuesday, May 25th at the Summit Township Municipal Building from 10:00 A.M. to Noon. Information will be available on state-related programs including, but not limited to: property tax/rent rebates, PennDOT-related issues, unemployment compensation, veterans' affairs, and helpful information for senior citizens. Stop by and say "Hello"!

## TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED:

May 31st – Memorial Day  
July 5th – Independence Day (observed)

## 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

## From The Office Of District Judge McGowan

### Mock Trial

Friday, March 26, 2021, Mrs. Dahn's 5th-grade gifted class participated in a mock trial. I presided as the judge and the students participated as jurors, witnesses, and attorneys in the case of the *Commonwealth v. Hansel Schmidt and Gretel Schmidt*.

This year was a little different than most. With the COVID19 restrictions, the trial was held virtually. The exercise was designed with no clear winner in mind. There were facts that supported both the prosecution and the defense. The mock trial was conducted as close to the real thing as you can get, with the students presenting opening statements, direct testimony, cross-examination, and closing arguments. After receiving instructions from the court, the jury deliberated.

I would like to congratulate Mrs. Dahn on all the hard work and preparation she put into the exercise. It all came together and was evident in the excellent job the students did in presenting their cases. It was truly a pleasure and honor to conduct the trial. I hope the students acquired a greater appreciation for our jury system. I enjoyed presiding over the trial and Mrs. Dahn and her students are welcome back anytime.

*Brian M. McGowan, MDJ*

## 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:

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, 4:30 p.m.

### LeBoeuf Little League:

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 6:00 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

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

## SUMMIT WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEE

Summit Township is pleased to welcome Lisa Vallimont to the Township Staff as our new Municipal Secretary. Lisa brings with her 23 years of experience in municipal government which includes roles as Municipal Secretary, Zoning Administrator, and Township Supervisor. Lisa resides in Greene Township with her husband of 39 years. They have three daughters and 4 grandbabies. Lisa enjoys going to their family camp, riding four-wheelers, reading, traveling, spending time with her grandbabies, and watching their sporting events. Please join us in welcoming Lisa to our team!



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **July 30th!** Our next newsletter will be published in early September.



## SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Hello all. I am very glad to see spring upon us. Most everything is going well in the township. The Covid pandemic still lingers and like everyone else, I really hope to see it gone later this year. It would be wonderful to get our parks back to normal where people can have picnics, parties, and reunions without all the limitations. Most of us sure do miss all the community events that have been canceled for the past year.

As a municipality, we have to be very careful of our choices because there are many critics on both sides of the fence. We must be sure nothing goes wrong and cover our actions by being cautious.

We are responsible for everyone's well-being on township property. So the only logical thing we can do is use common sense and follow the CDC regulations so that we are not challenged by people who do or do not believe, one way or the other. Zoning has been a big issue because our township is very popular and busy. We cannot stop or control expansion that has already happened. It's very hard to tell people what they can or can't do with their property within reason, while still trying to respect others and keep everyone happy. That is why we have rules and regulations. I have said before that our expansion started shortly after the Millcreek

Mall was built in 1975. So, we are far from a rural area today. I realize some do not like that, but it is here and we have to deal with what we have the best we can. We have spent much time trying to update our ordinances and the process seems to be going well. We have considered all ideas and complaints.

Another project I have been working on is a Veteran's Memorial in Summit Township. It has been talked about for years, but no one has ever stepped up to push the issue. I have even offered people to start a committee to develop a memorial. I have not found any takers, so with the support of my fellow supervisors and engineer, we will have a Veteran's Memorial this summer and I have some other very unique ideas for personal recognition. I will bring those up in the next newsletter. I think it will look very nice and be appreciated by all.

This should be a wonderful addition to honor all Summit Township Veterans. Their commitment and sacrifice to America is a huge part of why we can appreciate our freedom in the United States and all the good things we have to be thankful for.

Thank you for your time, , *Supervisor Jack Lee*

Hello Summit residents,

I hope all is well. Who would have thought our weather in early April would be more like that of July. The weather has prompted us to begin preparations for opening the parks a month earlier than usual and hopefully this will be a great summer season after all we have been through the last year or so.

There are several projects planned this year and one of them will be cleaning and sealing pavilion number one and the exposed wood around the kitchens. Pavilion number two was done last year and it looks great.

We are planning to install a handicap swing at Picnicana in the near future. There are several groups that visit the park regularly who could make use of a swing designed to accommodate a wheelchair.

I will have more updates in the next newsletter. Until then, enjoy the nice weather and stay safe. I hope to see everyone around this summer enjoying our parks.

Best regards,

*Supervisor Tony Davis*

Hello Summit residents,

Spring is here and what a beautiful spring it has been! We have been able to get a jump start on our yard clean-ups and street sweeping. We took delivery of our new sweeper on April 8th and immediately put it to work. We have an agility program with PaDot where we sweep state highways and bridges in exchange for line painting done for Summit roads. If you should see our sweeper in neighboring townships it is part of the agreement.

We are continuing work on sidewalk projects creating safe passage throughout our residential subdivisions. Oliver Road from Chelsie south will be installed connecting Valley View subdivision to its adjoining subdivisions. There will also be a raised crosswalk which will also work as a speed hump with the hopes of keeping traffic from speeding through this area.

Storm sewer projects have already begun and we plan to continue throughout April. Some of the areas will be Pennbriar Drive, Donation Road, Hamot Road, and Old French Road.

Work resumed at Community Park with the installation of the rain garden and we anticipate the earth disturbance to be completed by the beginning of May. The rain garden is part of the Township's pollution reduction plan that is being mandated by the Commonwealth.

We continue to work on broadband expansion throughout our township with the help of Erie County stimulus monies. We have identified a few locations that are without internet such as Shunpike Road, Jackson Station Road, and Little Creek Road. If you do not have internet on your road, please call the Township office at 814-868-9686 and leave your address.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call. Communication is so important and we will do our best to help.

Take care, *Supervisor Mark Welka*

# New shots in the arm – literal and figurative – bringing brighter outlook for Erie

By State Rep. Bob Merski, D-Erie

Signs of life are slowly but surely returning to our pandemic-weary community. Despite a rough start marked by frustrating delays, the state's vaccination program – aided by a more abundant supply of doses – is getting more shots into residents' arms. As of early April, nearly 6 million Pennsylvanians have received at least one dose.

With vaccinations increasing, restrictions have been easing. Our bars and restaurants are opening more broadly to patrons, and residents are enjoying greater freedom to visit loved ones, gather in larger groups and hug their grandchildren. More than 112,000 teachers and school staff have been vaccinated, paving the way for a successful return to the classroom.

Legislation we passed earlier this year provided \$145 million in assistance to the state's hospitality industry. Locally, the program has provided more than \$3 million to Erie bars, restaurants, and other hospitality businesses.

There is still much more we need to do for the many small businesses that are struggling and have not yet seen meaningful pandemic assistance. For example, many breweries, distilleries, and wineries that bring billions annually to our state's economy were ineligible for relief under the existing hospitality program. To that end, I recently introduced legislation that would ensure these businesses gain access to critical funding.

I am also planning to introduce legislation that will assist our hard-hit fitness industry, including gyms, spas, and similar businesses.

Fortunately, there is another huge shot in the arm underway: billions in federal funding are headed to Pennsylvania under President Biden's American Rescue Plan, and Erie County and individual boroughs and townships are on track to receive approximately \$150 million. The funding promises to help revive local businesses, assist families, replenish critical education programs and other services, and allow for revitalizing infrastructure improvements.

Although talk of a full recovery is premature, it is time for cautious optimism, thanks to improved vaccination rates and sizable infusions of funding on the way. It's also time to appreciate how our community has stood shoulder-to-shoulder to defeat a common enemy.

Please remember that my office remains open, and my talented staff can assist with a wide variety of state-related matters, from helping address state-related questions and problems to assisting with applications for programs and services, including the Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program. Please call my office at 814-455-6319 with questions or to schedule an appointment.

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



## Summit Community Food Pantry

Hello Spring!

Distributions continue to proceed smoothly using curbside pickup. Volunteers will place items in your trunk or set them on the curb to place in your back seat. Now that the weather has rounded the corner and we are into spring, we will continue this method. The SCFP is currently serving on average, up to 40 families.

The All Saints Youth Group held a food drive at Walmart on Peach Street at the end of March. They collected food and cash that was divided between the SCFP and the Waterford Food Pantry. Thank you to all the youth that donated their time for this collection! We really appreciate your efforts!

Distribution days remain on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 2-4 pm. If you are new to Summit or you know a family or person who could use a little help providing nutritious meals, all they need to do is come during our distribution times and bring proof of residency in Summit. We are here to help.

Stay safe and well!

Summit Community Food Pantry (SCFP)

1230 Townhall Rd., West, Basement, Erie, PA 16509





# SPRING CLEAN-UP 2021

## FOR SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY!

Spring clean-up will be handled as a **DROP-OFF PROGRAM** again this year. Township crews will only pick up appliances containing Freon (i.e. refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers) for residents who have registered and paid for the Freon removal in advance (**No later than May 12th**). Residents may bring all other eligible items to the Township garage during the time period detailed below. Township personnel will be on hand to accept items, which must be generated solely from your household and not brought in from elsewhere.

All residents will be required to show proof of residency (photo driver's license).

### **DROP-OFF PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

**DATES:** Thursday, May 13th through Saturday, May 15th  
**HOURS:** 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday & Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday  
**SITE:** Township Garage – 8900 Old French Road

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Please read this information carefully! Only those items listed will be accepted, all others will be turned away. **ALL WORKERS AND RESIDENTS MUST WEAR A MASK AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING OF AT LEAST 6 FEET. RESIDENTS ARE TO REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLE AND A TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE WILL UNLOAD ALLOWABLE ITEMS.**

### **ALLOWABLE ITEMS FOR THIS YEAR'S COLLECTION**

- Air Conditioners (required freon removal fee paid\*\*)
  - Appliances – Limited to **two** appliances per household. Duplicates of same appliance not accepted (i.e. two dryers). Refrigerators/Freezers (doors removed and required Freon removal fee paid\*\*)
  - Dehumidifiers (required Freon removal fee paid\*\*)
  - Washers (clothes and dish), Dryers, Stoves, Hot Water Tanks
  - Auto Parts (**NO GAS TANKS**)
  - Demolition Waste – bathtubs, sinks, toilets, house doors and windows **ONLY** (no other building demolition waste such as shingles, wood, or blocks will be accepted)
  - Electronics – TVs, computers, keyboards, monitors, etc. (TV's @ nominal fee-see below \*\*)
  - Furniture - mattresses, box springs, couch, chairs, dressers, tables
  - Lawn Mowers/Roto-tillers/Snowblowers
  - Metal Items (unlimited)
  - Tires (@ nominal fee-see cost breakdown listed below \*\*)
- LIMIT 12 TIRES PER HOUSEHOLD.**
- Automotive Batteries

### **ITEMS NOT ALLOWED – THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:**

- No Bagged Material - OF ANY KIND
- No Demolition Waste - other than items specifically listed above
- No Gasoline or Propane Tanks
- No Hazardous Waste – OF ANY KIND
- No Household Garbage
- No Paint or Oil Cans
- No Junk Vehicles

**If you are unsure about a specific item, please call the Township at 868-9686.**

### **\*\* FREON REMOVAL FEE @ \$10.00 each (Non-Refundable)**

– Appliances that use Freon require this fee payment to defray the cost of having Freon removed. **Payment must be made** at the Township Building **by WEDNESDAY, MAY 12th**. Crews will only pick up items with Freon if the resident's name/address appears on a pre-paid list. **Freon items must be placed CURBSIDE BY 8 a.m., THURSDAY, MAY 13th, and will be picked up either the 13th or 14th.**

**\*\* TIRE FEE** – Tires will be accepted during drop-off hours with payment of the nominal per tire fee as follows:

**\$3 – Tire OFF Rim      \$5 – Tire ON Rim**  
**LIMIT 12 TIRES PER HOUSEHOLD**


The nominal fee will help defray costs (per ton) associated with the recycling of the tires. (**Note: Fee for tires is to be paid at the drop-off site, not in advance**)

**\*\* TV FEE** – Televisions and computer monitors will be accepted during drop-off hours with payment of the nominal fee as follows: **\$10 – All sizes Televisions (TV'S WITH BROKEN GLASS NOT ACCEPTED)**

### **VEHICLES**

Summit Township **CANNOT** take vehicles as part of spring clean-up!  
**Vehicles that are unregistered/uninspected and visible on your property are in violation of Township Ordinances.**  
**Avoid prosecution by having them removed.**

### **CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION WASTE ACCEPTED:**

Must be in good condition for resale through   
Household items needed: light fixtures, cabinets, doors, furniture (without upholstery), tools, toilets, vanities, etc.

# Here We Grow Again

**BOOT BARN...** opened in March and is located at 7451 Peach Street. They offer quality western and work gear including more than 8,000 styles of boots, jeans, shirts, hats, belts, jewelry, and more. All the latest styles from brands like Wrangler, Ariat, Justin, Carhartt, Dan Post, Resistol, Montana Silversmith, and many, many more.

**JOHN RUSSELL BREWING COMPANY...** recently completed an interior and exterior renovation to U Pick 6 located at 7520 Peach Street, and is now John Russell Brewing Co. Brew House & Restaurant. The U Pick 6 family of craft beer pubs & restaurants in Erie, PA specializes in a large selection of craft beers on tap & in the bottle with a full menu, wood-fired brick oven & casual pub dining.

**GULF...** opened in March and is located at 8228 Peach Street. Gulf is offering all the conveniences of a gasoline service station and also houses "Almost Italian Pizzeria" with a full menu including salads, pizza, subs, and appetizers.

## IN THE WORKS:

**R. H. RUTKOWSKI INSURANCE...** will soon be located within the community of Copperleaf at 2900 Copperleaf Drive Suite 100.

**PITA PIT...** has started the build-out process and will be located at 6803 Peach Street between Sports Clips and Starbucks

**BIG WOODY'S FIREWORKS...** will soon be relocating from 7891 Peach Street to 7541 Peach Street

**PLASTIKOS MEDICAL...** is beginning construction of Phase II of an expansion and will be doubling the size of their cleanroom facilities in order to house an additional 15 medical injection molding machines, bringing the total to 25 machines.

## PHHC Fundraiser Canceled

Unfortunately, due to USPS regulations, the 50/50 tickets were not able to be put in the newsletter. Therefore, we have decided to cancel the 50/50 Fundraiser at this time. Thank you!

## Perry Hi-Way Hose Company

The cost to keep Perry Hi-Way Hose Company open and operating is more than many people would expect. Below is a list of our operations expenses for the next Fiscal year. Our fiscal year is different than most and corresponds with our annual residential fund drive campaign. Our fiscal year starts May 1 and is complete on April 30. The breakdown below will show how your donations are spent and why we need donations from every household in the Township. Expenses for the Fiscal Year total \$521,500. The cost for the paid staff wages, benefits, work compensation and taxes are over and above this operational budget.

PHHC OPERATING EXPENSES 5-1-2021 thru 4-30-2022	
EXPENSES	BUDGET
Ambulance Supplies	\$ 10,000.00
Ambulance Billing (based on 1150 patients / bills)	\$ 23,000.00
Ambulance Paramedic Assist Payments (20 assists)	\$ 5,000.00
Ambulance Monitors / Lucas / cot maint. Contracts	\$ 10,000.00
Banquet / For Members	\$ 4,000.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 75,000.00
Computer Systems / IT Services	\$ 5,000.00
Engine Equipment	\$ 3,500.00
Extinguisher Recharge / Repair / Service	\$ 500.00
Fire Prevention	\$ 1,500.00
Firefighters Museum	\$ 1,000.00
Fund Drive Print & Postage	\$ 2,800.00
Hall Cleaning	\$ 7,500.00
Hall Cleaning Supplies	\$ 2,500.00
Hall Expenses Misc	\$ 4,000.00
Insurance Coverages	\$ 37,500.00
Legal & Professional	\$ 10,000.00
Office Supplies / Copiers / & Postage	\$ 5,500.00
Office Personnel	\$ 30,000.00
Radio Repairs	\$ 1,500.00
Recruitment & Retention: LOSAP Contribution	\$ 20,000.00
Call Stipends for Volunteers	\$ 15,000.00
Meeting dinners / incentives	\$ 9,000.00
Rescue Equipment / Supplies	\$ 3,500.00
Security Cameras Repair & Up-keep	\$ 1,000.00
Station Maintenance / Up-keep	\$ 32,000.00
Station 42 Breathing Air Compressor Maint. / air testing	\$ 3,000.00
Training	\$ 10,000.00
Trash Removal	\$ 2,500.00
Truck Replacement Funding (to vehicle fund)	\$ 75,000.00
Utilities (electric, gas, phones, internet)	\$ 47,000.00
Vehicle Fuel	\$ 24,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 38,000.00
Misc. Expenses	\$ 1,700.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 521,500.00</b>



## **Fort LeBoeuf**

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT**

34 East 9th Street  
P.O. Box 810  
Waterford, Pennsylvania 16441

Richard B. Emerick, Superintendent  
Sean E. Wolfrom, Assistant Superintendent  
Kimberly J. Heller, Business Manager

Phone: 814.796.2638  
Fax: 814.796.6459

April 7, 2021

Dear FLB Families:

We are preparing for Kindergarten registration and want to provide you with some information related to that process. Barring another COVID-19 surge, our hope is to hold in-person registration in the Waterford Elementary gymnasium from 11am to 6:30pm on May 18 & 19. Directions on how to sign-up for a 20 minute appointment during these days/times will be contained in the registration packet which will be mailed out later this month. If we are unable to hold in-person registration due to the virus, instructions will be contained in the registration packet on how to submit your information electronically or through the mail. Please remember that building assignments for students will be made in late July.

Please help us reach all of our families who have a child eligible for Kindergarten this fall by spreading the word about our registration. To be eligible, the child must turn 5 before June 1, 2021. If a parent or guardian is unsure about whether or not their child is on our mailing list, please have them contact Robin Roberts at 814.796.2638 to provide contact information so they receive a registration packet. We look forward to working with you and your child who will become a member of the Class of 2034!

Thank you for your continued support as we make every effort to slow the spread of the virus within our schools and local community.

Sincerely,

Sean E. Wolfrom  
Assistant Superintendent

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

It is shaping up to be a busy construction season in the Township. A map is provided showing the locations of the road and bridge projects planned for this construction season. The time frames for construction are tentative and may change as the year progresses.

### 1. Five Points Roundabout:

The roundabout project is scheduled to start this spring and will be under construction this season and tentatively slated for completion in 2022. Since the majority of the roundabout will be constructed west of the current intersection, the existing intersection should remain active for most of the construction. This will hopefully keep delays and detours to a minimum for a project of this size.

This project is being completed using Federal Highway Safety Funds which requires that the safest option be used for the intersection, which for this case is the roundabout. When completed this will be the largest single-lane roundabout in northwestern Pennsylvania.

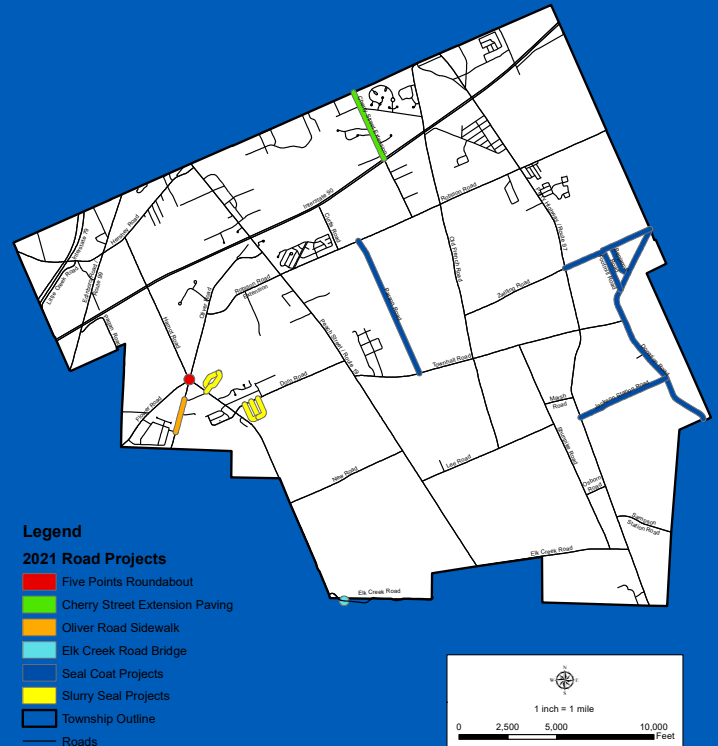
### 2. Cherry Street Extension Paving:

Cherry Street Extension from South Hill Road to the Interstate 90 overpass will be milled and repaved this May. This is a relatively straightforward project where the existing asphalt surface will be milled to a two (2) inch depth to remove the surface damage on the road. Then a thin layer of asphalt will be placed to provide a smooth even surface, and finally, an asphalt wearing course will be placed.

This project is being completed using Federal funds being distributed by PennDOT. The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of May.

### 3. Oliver Road Sidewalk Project:

The Oliver Road Sidewalk Project is being undertaken as part of the Township's annual pedestrian safety capital improvements. Due to unforeseeable delays, the second phase of the Hamot Road sidewalk cannot be completed this season. As such the sidewalk



## MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Each year during a regular Supervisors Meeting the Township holds a public input session for the MS4 Program. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions in 2020, this session was not held. The 2021 public input session will be held during the June 7, 2021, 6:00 PM Supervisors Meeting.

During the public input session, the Township will review MS4 activities that were undertaken since March 2019, go over activities that are currently being undertaken, and activities planned for the future. After the review of the program, the floor will be opened up for public input. The stormwater improvements at Community Park and future stormwater improvements to the detention basins near Target and between Advance Auto and Wegmans will be discussed.



## LeBoeuf Little League

LeBoeuf Little League is excited for the 2021 baseball and softball seasons! Registrations were up this year and we are hoping for warm and dry weather this Spring/Summer. We will be hosting our 2nd annual Fair Food Fundraiser on May 21-23. Please stay tuned to our league website ([flbll.com](http://flbll.com)) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/flbll](https://www.facebook.com/flbll)) for more information.



gap on Oliver Road is being pushed ahead to keep on track with the Township's goal for this area of providing safe pedestrian access to the various subdivisions in the Five Points area.

This project will start at the intersection of Chelsie Drive and Oliver 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. The sidewalk will then continue south on the west side of the road and be tied into the existing sidewalk on that side of the road.

The Township is pushing to have this project completed by the end of July so that residents will be able to use the sidewalk this summer and fall. Due to installation of the raised crosswalk on Oliver, there will be short-term closures of the road during the paving of the raised crosswalk.

#### 4. Elk Creek Road Bridge:

The Township is partnering with McKean Township as part of a border road agreement to replace a steel plate culvert over Elk Creek on Elk Creek Road. The existing culvert is a safety concern due to the narrow width of the road crossing. The culvert will be replaced by an aluminum arch culvert which will be longer than the existing culvert allowing for wider crossing for the road.

McKean Township is taking the lead on this project and McKean and Summit are sharing the cost of the improvements. This will be completed mid to late summer this year.

#### 5. Seal Coat (Tar and Chip) Projects:

The following roads are slated for seal coat at the end of August:

Zwilling Road (East of Perry Highway)	Donation Road	Jackson Station Road
Footmill Road (South of Zwilling Road)	Benjamin Road	Parson Road
Townhall Road (East of Perry Highway)		

#### 6. Slurry Seal Projects:

The Township will be testing a slurry seal on a few roads this year as an alternative to seal coating. Unlike a traditional seal coat where the oil is sprayed on the road and aggregate is spread and rolled into the oil, the slurry seal has sand and aggregate mixed into the oil prior to placement. The advantage of this treatment is that there is no loose stone on the road after placement.

The following roads are slated to be slurry sealed in June:

Chelsie Drive (East of Hamot Road)	North Shelby Drive
Evelyn Way	Martha Way
Carson Drive	

## Just a little Thank You...

Hello Supervisors,

We wanted to thank the township and the road crew for the adding of the blinking speed limit sign, notifying motorists of the speed limit change on Oliver Road near the McKean Township line.

As residents of Oliver Road for nearly 25 years, we have been regularly passed and tailgated by motorists in this area for years. Speeding motorists were especially worrisome when our children were little and played outside with their friends in the neighborhood.

Hopefully, the new signage will make motorists aware of the approaching speed reduction and make things safer for everyone.

Finally, we want to thank the road crew for all their hard work throughout the year. They do a great job of plowing, cleaning, and maintaining the township roadways.

Thank you,  
Eric and Karen Seggi, Oliver Road, Erie PA 16509



### ARE YOUR DOGS BARKING? BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR...

Many Summit residents have dogs that are beloved members of their families. Unfortunately, your neighbors probably don't feel the same way. When you put your dogs outside and they start barking, quickly bring them in. PLEASE, when leaving your home, do NOT leave your dog outside. Unbeknownst to you, they may be barking non-stop and driving your neighbors crazy! Your dog may be ruining the quality of life in your neighborhood and your neighbors are helpless without your consideration.

## From the Water Authority. . . .

I hope that you are reading this with the sun shining on your head and you are living in Summit.

Our Winter was a mild winter, with only high winds, freezing rains, and on and off snow days.

The Water Authority was lucky with only a few breaks of the water lines, and only a few customers having frozen water lines.

The one break I can remember well is from a gentleman who called to say he did not have any water.

His house sat back off the road and his meter was in a meter pit down by the road. Our employees went to check out the problem and found out that his meter pit was never properly covered with soil, allowing the cold weather to freeze his meter. We informed him of the problem, and after the meter was thawed out, he covered the pit with whatever soil he could find, thus fixing his problem for the remainder of the winter season.

The Water Authority tries to let the customer know that all water lines in our area need to be buried four to five feet deep to protect them from freezing, and if you have a meter pit, the pit needs to be covered and the lid barely exposed. If you live in a mobile home, you always need to heat tape any portion of your water line that is exposed to the weather and where it enters your home. We try to keep our meters from being installed in a garage area, even if the garage is to be heated because cold air will enter your garage at different times and could freeze your pipes and meter.

Please remember that we still live in the country and our nights will become cold, so next winter, remember to protect your water lines.

This spring and summer we will again be flushing our lines to help get any sediment out of our mains.

We will be hanging door knockers, at least one week in advance of our flushing in your area. We will also post it on our Facebook account and on our web page. By doing this last year we have reduced the number of phone calls for dirty water. Please call if you are having any trouble with your water. We will have someone call you and come over to try and correct the problem.

If you live in the Five Points area, please be advised that the state is going to be moving our water line and some service connections. We will not be doing the work. The company that turns in the best bid to the state will be doing the work. We will have an inspector on the job to make sure that they are installing the water line to our specifications. We are asking them to try and not shut off the water in the area, and to keep the water flowing. At this date, we do not know who the contractor will be and how long this part of the round-a-bout will take.

We have received permission from the DEP to drill another well at our Moore Road well fields. The permit was applied for last April and we just received the okay a few weeks ago. With this new well we will be able to supply you with good water approved by the State.

Thank you,

*H. Robert (Bob) Mitchell*, Manager



## Kiwanis<sup>®</sup> CLUB OF FORT LeBOEUF

The Kiwanis Club of Fort LeBoeuf has continued to grow our membership and appreciates the extra hands for our volunteer projects. In March we collected items needed for the Foster Love Project. We filled 124 bags with items that will go with children entering the Foster Care system. Erie County currently has over 300 children in the system, so these bags were greatly appreciated.

Kiwanians also manned 2 shifts at Second Harvest Food Bank on a recent Saturday. We packed boxes of cereal and readied them for distribution to all of the local pantries.

We are looking forward to a busy spring and summer as well. Children in the FLB District will be invited to participate in several activities including our Spring Fling on Saturday, May 22, a Bike Rodeo on June 5 where they can receive a free helmet and learn bike safety rules, and can spend a day on a Scavenger Hunt in July. Adults may be interested in attending our outdoor Purse Bingo on August 1st or can nominate themselves or a friend to have some outdoor work completed at their homes, for free, courtesy of the Kiwanis Club of Fort LeBoeuf and the Waterford Lions Club. To learn more about all of these activities, visit our new website at [kiwanisflb.com](http://kiwanisflb.com) or our Facebook page-**Kiwanis Club of Fort LeBoeuf**. We always welcome enthusiastic members, so feel free to reach out through our website if you would like to learn more.

## SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY

### NEW AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER

At the Summit Township Board of Supervisors annual Reorganizational Meeting held on January 4, 2021, the Board of Supervisors appointed a new Sewer Authority Board member to replace Cloyd Rose who retired after serving 40 years. The new Sewer Authority Board member is Mike Andrus.

Mike resided in the Corry area his entire working career until he retired and moved to Summit. Mike worked for Dow-Well for 6 years, after attending Edinboro University, then started his career with the Corry School District in charge of transportation and attendance. He then served the Corry School Board as the Business Manager for another 26 years. Mike and his wife Lisa raised 2 children, a daughter who is an orthopedic physician assistant at Hamot Hospital and a son who works in the nuclear power generation field for NuScale Power. Their family also includes 5 grandchildren.

In addition to family, Mike enjoyed the outdoors by snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in the Corry area. Now he enjoys bicycling and trail walks near his home on Dorn Road. He can be seen on nice days with his Jack Russell Terrier, "Lexi" riding in the handlebar basket.

Mike is looking forward to serving on the Summit Township Sewer Authority. He believes that Summit Township is a "shining star" in the Erie area. In his words, Summit Township "is really amazing from the equipment, roads, sidewalks, streetlights, and even the Township newsletter, it's all outstanding."

The Summit Township Sewer Authority and staff are proud to introduce Mike to our community and want to welcome him to the area and to the Authority. We look forward to working with him.

### PUBLIC SEWER REPAIR - GLENMAR GARDENS AREA PROJECT

After identifying defects in the public sewer system, the Summit Township Sewer Authority, (STSA) will soon be implementing repairs. The STSA selected a local company to perform the work. Mansfield Sanitation Services, located in Edinboro, will begin the work within the next 30 to 45 days.

The defect targeted in this round of repairs is located at the connection between the private lateral and the public sewer main. The STSA is repairing these defects at no cost to the homeowner. The purpose of the repairs is to prevent groundwater from entering the public sanitary sewer system. Groundwater entering the sewer system takes up capacity and does not need to be treated. Furthermore, it increases both transportation and treatment costs.

Mansfield Sanitation Services will be using trenchless technology to facilitate the repairs with the least amount of disruption. Letters were sent to affected homes. Homeowners should now look for a green door hanger that will serve as final notice a few days before the work is performed. All work will be done inside the pipe without digging. The contractor will gain access to the pipe via existing manholes. In addition, the workers must insert cleaning and televising equipment into the lateral through the home's clean-out, usually found outside at the front of the house. The lateral pipes must be cleaned thoroughly with water jetting equipment before the installation of an epoxy patch. There will be box trucks, vans, and pickup trucks in the area. Please be aware and kindly slow down if you happen to drive by during the repair work.

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

## KNOW HOW AND WHEN TO BURN BEFORE YOU START A FIRE!

The only items allowed to be burned are tree limbs, brush, leaves, and other NATURAL vegetative matter. All other items (papers, newspapers, cardboard) must be recycled and cannot (by state law) be burned. Everything else that can't be recycled is trash and must be disposed of properly. This includes lumber and all other types of home or demolition waste.

If you are burning natural vegetation in a barrel or container, no permit is needed. If you are burning out in the open, a PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED FROM SUMMIT TOWNSHIP PRIOR TO BURNING! There is no fee for this permit and we keep permits on file for easy renewal via phone. Call the Township at 868-9686 for more information.



If you're under a  
**TORNADO WARNING**  
**SEEK SHELTER RIGHT AWAY**

**INDOORS**

Get to a safe room, basement, or storm cellar.



If there's no basement, get to a small, interior room on the lowest level.



Use your arms to protect your head and neck.



Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls.



**OUTDOORS**

If you can safely get to a sturdy building, do so immediately.



If there's no nearby shelter, take cover in a stationary vehicle & buckle up.



Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You're safer in a low, flat location.



Watch out for flying debris, which causes significant fatalities and injuries.







**meals on wheels erie**

## **Meals on Wheels Erie Announces Opportunity For Disabled Adults Who Are Homebound and In Need of Nutritious Meals Delivered Safely to Their Doorsteps**

**75 CLIENT OPENINGS FOR UNDER THE AGE 60 INDIVIDUALS WITH A PERMANENT DISABILITY HOME DELIVERED MEALS AT NO COST**

**2 meals delivered per day Monday - Friday.  
Program is funded through 12/31/2022 unless noted below  
Must live in a geographically specific area:**

- 15 openings Millcreek Township (funded through 12/31/2021)
- 16 openings in Edinboro Borough
- 5 openings in Harborcreek Township
- 5 openings in Lawrence Park Township
- 6 openings in Wesleyville Borough
- 5 openings in North East Township
- 5 openings in Waterford Township
- 2 openings in Waterford Borough
- 4 openings in Girard Borough
- 4 openings in Fairview Township
- 4 openings in Lake City Borough
- 4 openings in Summit Township



### **Program Eligibility Guidelines:**

1. Aged 18-59
2. Physically and/or mentally disabled (temp. medical conditions excluded)
3. Income below \$1,300 per month and/or has Access Card
4. Unable to prepare adequate meals for self
5. Lives alone or with someone also unable to prepare meals and grocery shop
6. Homebound (to be assessed and to the discretion of the Executive Director)

**MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE COUNTY OF ERIE PLANNING DEPARTMENT/CDBG-CV FUNDS**

**MEALS ON WHEELS ERIE  
452-6930**

## Springtime Stormwater

With spring upon us, stormwater will again be a more conspicuous feature on the Erie County landscape along with litter, oil slicks, and other pollutants that tend to populate our streets. Because stormwater can carry these hazardous materials into our waterways and affect such resources as drinking water, it is important to consider ways we can personally improve local water quality. Even those of us with seemingly insignificant yards can make a huge impact!

As spring progresses, consider engaging in these activities to improve the water quality of stormwater where you live:

- Dispose of any wind-strewn trash from this past winter and fall, including missed organic matter like leaves and grass clippings.
- Test the soil in your lawn to better inform your fertilizer needs and minimize excess waste runoff into local waterways. If you do use fertilizers, seek out slow-release nitrogen fertilizers to further minimize harm to water quality.
- Mow high (about 2.5 inches or more) to allow your lawn to retain moisture and promote dense growth. Allow any grass clippings to decompose on your lawn. This is free fertilizer! Sweep any clippings off impervious surfaces such as a driveway onto your lawn so that they may avoid becoming runoff pollution.

For the more adventurous out there, consider reimagining your lawn altogether!

- Plant native meadow grasses instead of traditional turf, even just to replace a bare planting bed. Native plants have deeper roots and are better adapted for the local environment than turfgrass and also provide a microhabitat for insects, birds, and other wildlife.
- Planting native trees and shrubs provide further water quality improvement and doing so along the periphery of your lawn—along fences and other boundaries—reduces mowing space, saving you time and money. **Reach out to ReLeaf Erie (releaferie.org; ReLeafErie@gmail.com; (814) 453-5323) to participate in their mission to plant one tree for every citizen in Erie County!**
- Install a rain barrel, redirect a downspout into a planting bed, or install a rain garden. There are many things we can do to create a more watershed-friendly and aesthetically pleasing green space at home.

For more information and resources on stormwater, 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/>).

## FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Happy Spring! We made it!

I'm happy to report I am back to normal in-person business hours. I'm excited to see my "regular" taxpayers I missed last year. All I ask is you wear a mask and one person at a time. I have had both vaccine shots but continue to wear a mask, have an air purifier in my office, and practice social distancing. Hopefully soon, most everyone will be vaccinated and our lives will return to some form of normalcy. I thank everyone immensely for your understanding and cooperation during last year. It is greatly appreciated.

The 2021 County/Township bills were sent out on March 1st. If by some chance you did not receive yours, please call or email me and I can send you a duplicate bill. If you require a receipt, please remember to bring or send BOTH copies and a S.A.S.E. or email address for a receipt. As always, you can use the lockbox to the right of the office door at any time. If you file the PA 1000 (Property Rent Rebate) you must have a stamped copy to file. Just like your federal tax return, you file this year for 2020. If you received an Interim B20-2020 tax bill in January and sent it to your mortgage company, please check to make sure they are paying it. Not all mortgage companies pay Interim bills.

As last year, you will notice on your bill that the Face period has been extended to December 31, 2021. No Penalty is added as long as you pay your bill in full by December 31st. If you do not and it is turned over to Erie County Tax Claim as delinquent, the penalty plus turn-over fees and interest will apply.

The tax roll for the 2021/2022 School tax year will be pulled in May. The FLB School Board will pass the budget in June. Until that time, I cannot tell you if there will be a mil increase. Look for the next newsletter article for any updated information.

Stay safe and well!

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

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summittaxcollector@yahoo.com

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

By appointment November 1 - March 1

# Summit Lions Club News



## Summit Lions Club 24th Golf Tournament

Summit Lions are in the process of planning their 24th Golf Tournament on June 4th at Venango Valley Golf Course. This is our major fundraiser each year and we could use your support in making it a success this year, so we can continue providing Service to our Summit Community and other projects around the world. We need business sponsors and golf teams.

We would like you to help us prepare for a new and exciting year. Lions have accomplished many service projects that were set before us such as measles, hunger, vision, environment, youth, diabetes, pediatric cancer, and now the Coronavirus that is paralyzing the world.

Business sponsors - 100% of the money we receive from you to advertise at our tournament goes back to the public. Your ad could not only appear in our Golf program but as additional signs upon the golf course depending on what advertising package you pick. The money we use for our tournament comes from what the golfers pay to play in our tournament. That is why our sponsors are important to us. Locally we contribute to the Summit Food Pantry, provide scholarships, books for kids, glasses for youth, a butterfly

garden at Picnicana Park, and 900 individually wrapped children's disposable Facemasks to Robison Elementary School.

As is our custom, we dedicate our golf Outings to members that have passed away during the past year. This year we are dedicating the golf outing to Lion Audrey Dick, who touched many lives within our community.



The golf tournament is being held on June 4, 2021, at Venango Valley Golf Course. Starting time will be at 8:00 a.m. with a shotgun start. Please arrive between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. to sign in your team. The cost is \$80 per person or \$320 for a foursome. This includes 18 holes of golf, cart, refreshments, and a steak dinner. Anyone interested in playing in our golf tournament is asked to complete a registration form along with the entry fee by May 25, 2021. Covid - 19 restrictions will be used throughout the tournament.

For more information, contact any Summit Lion that you may personally know or contact Lion Bob or Lion Janet Mitchell at 814-864-9194

Thank you for your support,

*Lion Janet Mitchell, President*



## Organize a Clean UP as part of The Great American Clean-Up & Pick Up Pennsylvania

Your help is needed more than ever. Community and civic associations, schools and youth groups, families and friends, business employees, hunting and fishing clubs, conservation organizations, sports teams, and others can organize their members and participate in The Great American Clean-Up & Pick Up Pennsylvania in Erie County.

**Register at [gacofpa.org](http://gacofpa.org).** Questions can be answered by Michelle Dunn, PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA Program Coordinator, at 877-772-3673 ext. 113 or [mdunn@keeppebeautiful.org](mailto:mdunn@keeppebeautiful.org).

From **March 1 through May 31**, thousands of Pennsylvania families and friends will participate in litter and illegal dump cleanups, community greening and beautification projects, tree and flower plantings, recycling collections and public education programs, and more. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful partners with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) and PennDOT provide free trash bags, gloves, and safety vests to registered participants, as supplies last.



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## 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.



Accepted	Not Accepted
<p>Food &amp; Beverage</p>	<p>Ceramics, Porcelain, China</p>
<p>Perfume &amp; Cologne</p>	<p>Crystal glass &amp; Stereeware</p>
<p>Canning &amp; Candle (remove wax)</p>	<p>Mirrors &amp; Flat glass</p>
<p><b>PLEASE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rinse out food and drink</li> <li>Remove caps and lids</li> <li>Labels can stay on</li> </ul>	<p>Heat-resistant &amp; laboratory glass</p>
	<p>Trophies &amp; Ashtrays</p>
	<p>Light bulbs &amp; Tubes</p>

**NO**

Plastic Bags	Plastic Bottles	Garbage/Trash	Aluminum Cans

## Once Upon A Time...

The display is courtesy of Dennis Mead and Al Notarione who have graciously loaned the Summit History Room these items to tell the story of the railroad in Summit. The Sunbury and Erie Railroad started construction in 1859, the name was changed to the Philadelphia and Erie in 1861. The main line was completed to Erie in October 1864. Langdon Station, Sampson Station, and Jackson Station were all stops in Summit.

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.

