



# SUMMIT TOWNSHIP

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*Wishing you and your family peace,  
love, and joy this Holiday Season  
and throughout the new year!*

*Happy Holidays from your  
Summit Township Supervisors and Staff*



## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Summit Township will be closed on  
**November 28th and 29th** for Thanksgiving.

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

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

## MINOR CHANGE IN MUNICIPAL BUILDING OFFICE HOURS

Beginning with the start of 2020, the Summit Township  
Municipal Building will be closed from noon to 12:30 p.m. This  
gives staff the opportunity for an uninterrupted lunch and to  
secure the building when it is short-staffed.

The 2020 Summit Township  
Recycling Calendar will be mailed  
out to all residents by January 1st.





## MEET THE STAFF

**TOWNSHIP:** 868-9686

**Jack Lee, Jr. -**

Supervisor/Treasurer/  
Dir. Land Development

**Mark A. Welka -**

Supervisor/Chariman/Roadmaster

**Tony Davis -**

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

**Christene Yeast -**

Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

**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

**Gina Erbin -** Receptionist

**THE ROAD CREW:**

**Gary Haupt -** Foreman

**Steve Skelly, Joe Passerotti,  
Larry Hudacky, Jeff Matheis,  
Gary Pace, Mike Hanas,  
Andrew Fox, Darrell Sayers  
& Joe Malinowski**

**WATER AUTHORITY:** 864-2323

**Laura Taylor -**

Administrative Secretary

**Gretchen Hayford -**

Administrative Assistant

**Brian Clark, Brian Hiles,**

**Sean Miller -** Water Authority  
Systems Operators

**SEWER AUTHORITY:** 868-4495

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

**Caitlyn Haener-Schwab -**

Administrative Secretary

**Amy McCaslin -**

Clerical Assistant

**Marty McAtee -**

Operations Foreman

**Chris Hodge -**

Operations Technician

**Bryan Banko -**

Maintenance Technician

## Water Authority mourns sudden loss of John Troutman a life-long employee of Summit Township.



The Summit Township Water Authority grieves the sudden loss of our Manager for the past 23 years, John Troutman.

As a teenager, John started working with his father caring for the maintenance of Picnicana Park. In 1983 he was hired to work for the Township in the streets department prior to becoming the Manager of the Water Authority in 1996.

John was also on the Summit Township Industrial and Economic Development Authority Board for 14 years.

He belonged to the Summit Lions for over 15 years and was a member of the East Moose Lodge. John enjoyed golfing, camping, watching sports and following his favorite teams, the Cincinnati Reds and Bengals.

John will be missed by the employees and board members along with his wife Joanne, sons Johnny and Jacob and dog Chico.

### A special note from Vice Chairman Jack Lacey.

We are deeply saddened by the recent passing of John F. Troutman. This loss to John's family, Summit Water Authority and frankly Summit Township is profound. The employees, staff, board of directors, engineer and solicitor offer our deepest condolences to John's wife and family. We are grateful for the time we had to work with and get to know John and the wonderful work he did on behalf of the Water Authority. We will keep him in our prayers.

## PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

### Board of Supervisors:

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

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

### Planning Commission:

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

### Sewer Authority:

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

### Water Authority:

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

### Recreation Board:

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 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



## PHONEBOOK RECYCLING FOR SECOND HARVEST

Please recycle your phonebooks and help raise money for the Second Harvest Food Bank. A drop-off bin is located at the Municipal Office at 1230 Townhall Road West. **The bin will remain in place until January 31st.**

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **January 24th!** Our next newsletter will be published in mid to late February.



## SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

The Road Crew has been busy keeping our roads in good condition. We are looking to budget more money into asphalt for road paving for 2020. Tar & chip roads from 2018 did not hold up and the contractor is standing behind his work and is going to redo many of those roads. Townhall Village will be getting a fog seal which is a sealcoat without the stone. This is similar to sealing your asphalt driveway. This practice is being done more and more in our region and extends the life of the roads.

We are getting prices on a new plow truck for 2020 which will give us four reliable trucks for the coming years.

Have a great Holiday season!

*Mark Welka*

Hello Summit Residents,

After a nice summer, fall is upon us. With that, the parks have been cleaned up and closed for the season. Thanks to all who helped out putting things away preparing for the long winter ahead.

Speaking of winter, the trucks have been set up for plowing and salting our roads and parking lots to ensure safe travel throughout Summit Township.

We have stockpiled 900 tons of salt mixed with anti-skid in preparation for treating the roads to prevent ice build-up that can cause dangerous driving conditions. Our new salt storage building has made it possible to house this larger quantity of salt which should last the better part of an average Erie winter.

Happy Holidays and safe travels!

Best Regards, *Tony Davis*

Hello all, another season has passed. As I write this letter, fall has been pretty mild so far and I hope it continues right through the winter. Remember to drive carefully when we do get that first snowfall to get used to winter road conditions. Check your tires for tread quality and tire pressures.

We did get many things accomplished at the township this year - cleaned out our stormwater pond behind the municipal building, cleaned up another field at Community Park, planted a long row of oak trees at Community Park that we received through a grant, took care of the annual road work such as signs, ditches, and painting line detail work, paving jobs, and one more sidewalk project completed.

The best project this year is the replacement of the Old French Road bridge just south of Townhall Road. There was no record of when the old bridge was built, and no stamped dates in the concrete. The edges were deteriorating and falling apart. This old bridge was very narrow with poor guide rails on it. The new bridge should be open before Halloween and before this newsletter is out. It is much wider with solid guide rails - a well overdue project completed.

We also added a small natural gas generator to our garage so if the electric goes out the road crew can easily turn the lights on and open the large overhead doors. If the electric does go out, this generator has its own breaker panel and switch that transfers over and automatically starts. That is very convenient at 4 a.m. when the plow crews come in. Otherwise you have to pull out a large step ladder to manually lift the overhead doors high enough to get the Mack plow trucks out of the garage.

We recently poured a 50' x 50' concrete pad beside the salt storage building. The whole road crew and I took on that project

which used 48 yards of concrete. This will be a good staging and mixing area for our salt and anti-skid which was always a gravel area. We also installed new fuel pumps with key fobs to record which vehicles and how much fuel was used. Then we poured a new concrete pad in front of the pumps, with a safety catch basin to retain fuel if there is a spill or accident.

Our Township has seen more growth this year. The U-Haul building on Downs Drive is still coming along and another developer has started to build a Holiday Inn on Downs Drive. This has been a great year as far as demolition. We helped encourage property owners to remove all the old abandoned buildings on Route 97 just south of I-90 and a few other places too. Those would have been considered to be blighted properties. This makes the land more appealing and look much better. I can only imagine what all the travelers who come off of I-90 used to think when they saw all those abandoned buildings there, but they won't see them anymore. Many people do not realize that it's fairly cheap to have old abandoned buildings demolished and removed especially one-story structures. There are no future land development plans at this time but it looks so much better.

Every year we chip away at something to keep upgrading our buildings and parks. We prioritize just like someone would do with their own homes. You take care of things that need to be fixed, renovated, or repaired now, and schedule other things further out in the future to keep a balanced sensible budget, and still maintain all your property, home, and buildings.

Have a great Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

Thank you, *Jack Lee*

# Perry Hi-Way Hose Company

## PERRY HI-WAY RECEIVES GRANT FOR NEW "JAWS of LIFE"

Perry Hi-Way has been awarded a grant through the FEMA Firefighter assistance grant program to purchase new vehicle extrication tools, commonly called "The Jaws of Life". The new tools will be the next generation of tools by HURST that runs on Lithium-ion batteries and does not require a separate motor and hoses like our current system. The new tools are also designed to cut and spread the new high strength steels used in today's new vehicles to make the passenger compartments safer in the event of a crash. The new tools will be faster to put into operation and also be much quieter to use making the rescue scene less chaotic. The grant totaled \$61,000 and will allow us to purchase a new spreader, cutter, ram and combination tool (both cut & spread) for our rescue truck and a combination tool for each ambulance. The rescue truck will have the new battery system as well as the traditional hydraulic system.

The older tools removed to make room for the new battery tools have been donated to the Venango Volunteer Fire Department in Crawford County and the Union City Fire Department. The motor, cutters, and spreader donated to Venango will be the first set of "Jaws of Life" equipment their department has ever owned. The combination tool donated to Union City will add to their HURST Jaws of Life equipment as they have not had the combination tool before. We felt that donating this equipment to another department that could use it was the right thing to do since we were fortunate to receive federal funds for our new tools. We will have pictures on the web site [www.perryhiway.org](http://www.perryhiway.org) to show the tools purchased.

## PERRY HI-WAY MEMBERS RECEIVE CERTIFICATIONS

Members, both paid and volunteer, have received certifications this year. Certifications require the member to show proficiency in practical exercises as well as pass a written test of knowledge. This is a national level test and not just a local or state level test.

Firefighter 1 certification - Krissy Serafin, Bruce Shearer

Haz-Mat Operations level - Billy Manross, Drew Himes, Bruce Shearer, Jill Anderson

Fire Inspector 1 - Steve Roney

Trench Rescue level 1 & level 2 - James Manross, Branden Schultz, Charles Ramsey, Chris Pace, Jason Powell, and Riley Colvin.

**Congratulations to these members  
on receiving their certifications!**

## Upcoming Fundraising Events for Perry Hi-Way

**\*\*CHRISTMAS AUCTIONS\*\***

**NOVEMBER 29TH 5PM**

**DECEMBER 13TH 6PM**

KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN WITH FULL MENU

## SUMMIT TOWNSHIP and PERRY HI-WAY HOSE CO. REACH FUNDING AGREEMENT

Addressing the unique requirements of volunteer emergency services has challenged the Board of Supervisors who are not only responsible for the health, safety and welfare of Summit residents, but also for weighing costs to those same residents.

After months of discussions, research, and education regarding the status of volunteer fire companies across the United States, the Summit Township Board of Supervisors has negotiated a new funding agreement with Perry Hi-Way Hose Company (PHHC). While Summit Township has always attempted to generously provide funding to PHHC, this agreement will ensure funds to PHHC through June 30, 2022. The agreement outline is below:

Calendar Year	Amt given to PHHC
2019-2020	\$831,651.00
2020-2021	\$848,920.00
2021-2022	\$866,708.00

Revenue generated from various sources including Presque Isle Downs, the Landfill, Employee Local Services Tax, and our commercial and retail developments will enable Summit Township to contribute this funding which will allow PHHC to continue operating and providing fire, ambulance, and rescue services for our citizens with full-time paid emergency responders along with volunteers.

## In an Emergency, Every Second Counts!



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

## 11TH ANNUAL FUNNY FUNDRAISER COMEDY SHOW

**Saturday February 22, 2020**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM SHOW STARTS AT 8 PM**

Tickets will be on sale in December from  
members or at the Oliver Road station.

\$15.00 per person in advance / \$20.00 at the door

Make your plans today to get out and laugh yourself silly!

KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN FOR DINNER OR SNACKS!

# From The Office Of District Judge McGowan

## MDJ OFFICES, JUDGES AND STAFF

My staff and I have noticed an increasing number of people are coming into the office requesting advice on what to do. In some cases, they are advised by a township employee or a police officer or state trooper to “talk to the judge” or “go see the judge.” While my office can give some help in procedural matters such as advising of options for service, advising of filing fees and providing a state-approved form, we cannot give advice beyond that. My staff can never tell you what to write or what to say on the forms.

Court staff are not lawyers and cannot give legal advice. They are not permitted to give any help or advice about how to best handle your case because court employees, like judges, must remain neutral to protect the integrity and independence of our courts.

A judge is not an advocate for either side. I cannot give you legal advice about how to proceed or tell you what to do. This is in order to maintain neutrality for all cases. You can’t see the judge just to “ask a quick question.” The court system is set up as an adversarial system where both sides present their evidence to the judge in the presence of each other. Therefore, each party knows and sees everything that the judge hears, sees and considers in order to decide the case. If a party discusses the facts of his or her case with me while the other party is not present, then the rules require that I recuse myself and your case will be transferred to another court.

If you need legal advice about what your rights are, what your options are and how to proceed to what to do next, you should contact an attorney. If you do not know how to contact an attorney that practices in the area you need assistance in, you can call Lawyer’s Referral at 459-4411 and they will give you names of attorneys that could help you.

In case you are wondering what exactly it is we do in our office if we’re not available to answer questions, Magisterial District Judges are entrusted with the authority to:

- conduct trials for criminal summary matters and traffic cases;
- conduct trials for civil claims where the amount does not exceed \$12,000, in the following types of cases:
  - landlord-tenant actions
  - assumpsit actions unless they involve a contract where the title to real estate may be in question
  - trespass actions
  - fines and penalties by any government agency;
  - preside over preliminary arraignments and preliminary hearings in criminal cases;
- set and accept bail;
- issue arrest warrants;
- accept guilty pleas to the charge of Driving Under the Influence so long as:
  - it is a first offense,
  - no personal injury occurred to a third party other than the defendant’s immediate family,
  - property damage to any third party is less than \$500 and
  - the defendant is not a juvenile; and
- preside over non-jury trials involving all offenses under Title 34 (Game Commission Laws).

Many of the MDJs are active in the community that they serve. I have several programs that I participate in with students at the Fort LeBoeuf school district that I look forward to every year. They include participating in the sophomore panel discussion, a mock trial with Mrs. Dahn’s 5th-grade gifted class and every fall I present a lesson to the third graders at Robison Elementary regarding the role judges play in our government.

## Summit Community Food Pantry

Hard to believe, but we are at the end of another successful year at the Summit Community Food Pantry! A big thank you to all the volunteers and donors that make this possible. Our new location has proven more than we could have hoped for and makes distributions more accessible and streamlined.

If you would like to volunteer to pick up food on Thursdays at Second Harvest, please contact Terry at 602-9113. This does not have to be a regular commitment. We are happy for any and all volunteers for food pick up.

Please note the following holiday distribution times: Thanksgiving: **Tuesday, November 26th, 2-4 pm.** Christmas: **Thursday, December 19th, 2-4 pm.** Regular distributions are on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 2:30-4 pm. We hope all have a happy, safe and enjoyable Holiday Season.

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





# Hello from Robison Elementary School!



Our Bison To Brag About signs will be out in the community at the beginning of November! I am so proud of our students here at Robison and I want to celebrate these students outside the walls of our school. Instilling the values of being READY, RESPECTFUL, and RESPONSIBLE is very important to us. So many students have stepped up to this challenge and have been showcasing these traits in all that they do. At the end of the first quarter, teachers will nominate the student in their class that is a role model in their classroom and is a BISON every day. A Robison team will go out to place yard signs in those students' front yards to be proudly displayed. Each quarter we will honor a new set of exemplary Bison.

Being a BISON means giving back to our community. Our next opportunity to give back and show our BISON spirit is the Thanksgiving basket donations for the Erie City Mission. This year we will be collecting a variety of food items to make a complete Thanksgiving meal for families in need. If you would like to contribute to our baskets we are collecting the following items up until November 12th.

- Box of Mashed Potatoes
- Box of Stuffing Mix
- Cans of yams
- Cans of Corn, Green Beans or Peas
- Box of Brownie Mix
- Box of Jello

Our annual Christmas "Giving Tree" will be put up in the main lobby right after Thanksgiving break. We will be collecting new socks, gloves, mittens, and hats. The Pay It Forward Club will decorate our tree with the donated items and these items will be delivered to the Summit Food pantry. If you are interested in giving to this project, you may drop off items in the school office starting December 1st.

In an effort to showcase and highlight all the great things that are happening at Robison, we have set up our own Instagram account. Please follow us on Instagram and have a glimpse inside our walls here at Robison to see the learning, growing, and accomplishments that are happening each and every day. Scan the following Instagram nametag or search Robison elementary school.

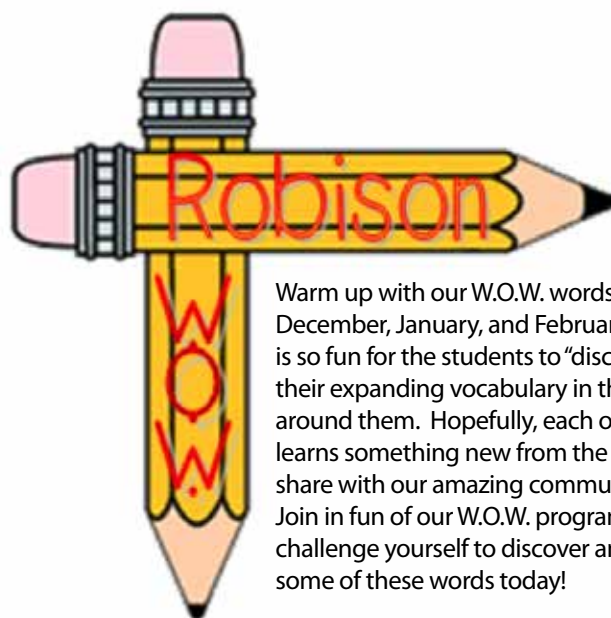


On behalf of the teachers and staff, and we wish you a wonderful holiday season. We are honored to be a part of our generous Summit Township Community.

*Jenna Hopkins*, Principal Robison Elementary

## ATTENTION TOWNSHIP SNOWBIRDS

Before you fly south for the winter months, please call the township office at 868-9686 to be put on our snowbirds list. This way we can make sure you receive your township recycling calendar when you return. Thank You!



Warm up with our W.O.W. words for December, January, and February. It is so fun for the students to "discover" their expanding vocabulary in the world around them. Hopefully, each of you learns something new from the lists we share with our amazing community. Join in fun of our W.O.W. program and challenge yourself to discover and use some of these words today!

### Our first quarter words are:

**December**  
crackerjack  
penultimate

**January**  
monumental  
esteem  
discombobulate

**February**  
agile  
fond  
rigorous

# MAILBOX REQUIREMENTS

**HOUSE NUMBERS MUST BE AFFIXED OR PAINTED ON BOX IN NUMERALS NOT LESS THAN ONE INCH, AND PLACED ON BOTH SIDES OF BOX.**

## **IF A STORM WATER DITCH FRONTS YOUR PROPERTY:**

- The post or pipe must be set in back of the ditch.
- The arm must extend over the ditch so that the face of the mailbox is between the front edge of the ditch and the edge of the pavement.
- Height (from the bottom of the box support) should measure 48" – 52" from the road surface.
- The paper box should be attached to arm or mailbox to avoid snowplow damage.
- Summit Township will not repair any mailboxes that are not built to these specifications.

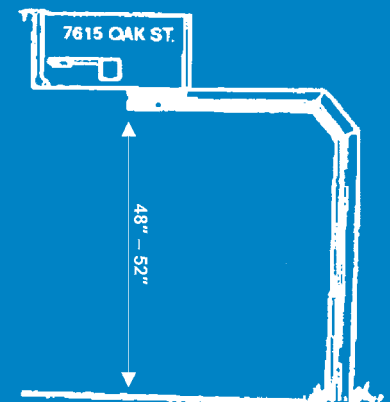
## **IF NO DITCH EXISTS IN FRONT OF YOUR PROPERTY:**

- The face of the mailbox should be a minimum of 14' from the middle of the road.
- Height (from the bottom of the box support) should measure 48" - 52" from the ground surface.
- The face of the mailbox must not extend beyond the face of the curb.

*Thank you for your cooperation,  
Summit Township Supervisors*

14' FROM CENTER OF  
STREET TO FACE OF  
MAILBOX

EDGE OF PAVEMENT



Sample Installation

## **FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:**

Well, once again another year is almost behind us! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and fall.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, you would have received a Final Notice reminder if your taxes were not paid by November 1st. If your taxes are escrowed, please check with them first to see why they were not paid. Contact me with any questions either through email or phone listed below. **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- 1) *Payments after December 15th **MUST** be in certified funds-Cash, cashier's check or money order. Please put your phone number on checks and money orders. Non-certified payments will be returned.*
- 2) **Payments must be in my possession December 31, 2019. Postmark is not accepted.**
- 3) *Office hours Nov. 1 until March 1 are by appointment only as stated on your bill.*
- 4) *The office will be open Tuesday, December 31st noon to 2 pm for cash payments. Please have exact change.*
- 5) *You may use the locked mailbox to the right of the office door marked "Tax Payments" at any time up to and including December 31st. I check this mailbox daily.*

It is very helpful to have your phone number on your checks and if you are not sending a copy of your tax bill with the payment, please make sure either the address or parcel ID# is on your check or money order. Your parcel ID# is the number that starts with 40 (40 signifies Summit Twp) under the bar code. All information listed above can be found on your tax bill.

Have a wonderful, safe and blessed Holiday Season. See you in the Spring!

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

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

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## ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Old French Road Bridge is complete and was opened to traffic on October 25, 2019. The construction started on September 18, 2019. Showman Excavating did a wonderful job and the weather cooperated for most of the project. There were a couple delays. We lost a week due to an underground utility conflict that resulted in the whole structure being shifted upstream two feet. The second delay was due to the weather and put the paving a week behind. That said, losing two weeks in delays and still being able to complete a bridge replacement project in 6 weeks is an impressive feat.

This was all possible by the use of pre-cast concrete components from Contech Engineered Solutions and accurate and precise construction practices. The foundations were pre-cast units with hollow cavities that were later filled with concrete. These were set in about 3 hours opposed to tradition cast-in-place foundations which would have taken weeks to construct. The bridge itself was 4 precast arches and 4 precast wingwalls that were set by a crane in less than a day.

The new bridge is a major improvement over the old bridge. The new bridge does not restrict the stream channel like the old bridge did. The new bridge has streambanks under the bridge which are a result of the additional span length. This should reduce scour of the bridge foundations, and downstream erosion. On top of improved stream flow under bridge, the new bridge is wider providing safety for the motoring public.



The existing bridge and abutments are removed.



Excavation for the new precast foundations.



Precast foundations are set.



First bridge arch being lifted into place.





Backfilling the arches.



Streambanks reestablished under bridge.



BEFORE



AFTER



Year stamp forms removed. What a way to end an internship.





# CENSUS DAY

**APRIL 1, 2020**

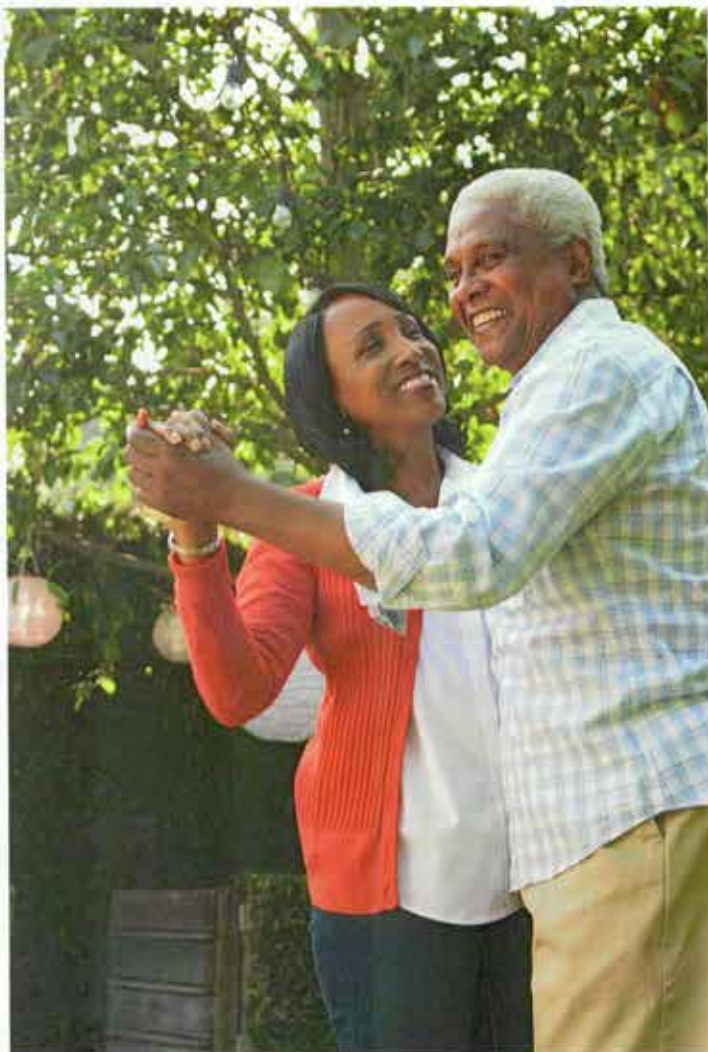


## WHY THE CENSUS IS IMPORTANT

- Determines fair representation in the democratic process
- Serves as a tool for government and business planning
- Ensures federal funding is allocated appropriately for programs such as
  - Medicare
  - Housing assistance
  - Low income energy assistance (LIHEAP)

## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

- This year, for the first time, you will be invited to complete the Census **online** or by **telephone**
- In March, you will receive an invitation in the mail to respond to the census online or via phone
- If you have not responded online or by phone by mid-April you will be sent a paper questionnaire
- Anyone who has not responded after this time will be followed up with, in person, by a Census Bureau Employee



**2020 CENSUS**

ERIE COUNTY COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE



# Summit Lions Club News



The Summit Lions would like to welcome all new residents of Summit Township and hope your life in Summit will be a long one. If you would like to join a service club in Summit Township, please think about joining us at a meeting and getting to learn about what we do. We meet the second Wednesday at 7 pm in the Summit Township building and the fourth Wednesday at the S & S Buffet at 6:30 pm.

The Summit Lions teamed up with the Kiwanis Club and the Red Cross to install smoke alarms. The Red Cross provided the smoke alarms and we installed them in the homes that responded to their letter that they sent out. It was a joy to know that those that got an alarm will now know that if a fire occurs in their house, they will be alerted to escape. Thank you Red Cross for providing this great service to the residents of Summit.

## Recycling

The Summit Lions are still collecting used eyeglasses which we turn over so that they can be given to those in different countries. We are now receiving used hearing aids, which we send to Pittsburgh where a group of students repair them and learn how they are made, then they are given out to those in need. You can drop off either of these items at the Township Building or wherever you see a Lions eyeglass box. Thank you for helping us help others in need.

A new project that the Lions have started is the collection of plastic, plastic bags, shrink wrap and bubble wrap. After we collect so much we can turn this in and we will be getting a bench that we will install in the township. We will soon have recycling cans in different areas for you to put your plastic, or you can call me to arrange pickup. Please support us in this project and help to keep this out of the landfill. Thank you for helping us.

## For the children attending Robison school:

The Summit Lions will be holding a Christmas party for you again this year. It will be held on December 14 at 1:00 pm at the Perry Highway Hose Company on Oliver Rd. You will be receiving a notice of this in November. We would like to thank the Firemen for allowing us to have this event again at the fire hall; you are great.

The students of Robison will be receiving a book of their own to keep. The date for this will be March 3rd, so students and parents, make sure you are in school that day. As before, you will be allowed to walk around and pick out a book of your own. There will be many books to pick from, as we have bought books and have received a large donation from Hooked on Books For Kids, which we thank them for their donation.

November 14 is World Diabetes Day. Please help those that have diabetes and those of you that think you may have it. Please see a doctor and get yourself checked out with a simple blood test. Remember diabetes can cause eyesight problems and the loss of limbs. So get yourself tested now and save yourself.

I hope you can get a small feel for what your Summit Lions do to Serve Others.

*Past District Governor Bob Mitchell*

The Kiwanis Club of Fort LeBoeuf was proud to partner with other local service organizations in October to install smoke alarms in homes that needed them. Volunteers from the Red Cross, Kiwanis of Fort LeBoeuf and Summit, along with the Lions Clubs of Waterford and Summit installed alarms in 53 homes within the Fort LeBoeuf limits. Some of these homes didn't have any alarms, and others had old systems, beyond their 10-year life. If you are in need of alarms, please contact the Red Cross for free installation in your home or you can pick one up at the Township Municipal Building.

Our club continues to show positive growth because of the service we perform in the community. In the past few months, we have provided community cleanup work in Waterford, listened to elementary school readers, made blankets for a women's shelter, installed 2 laundromat libraries, and served up pancakes at breakfast! If you are service-minded and would like more information about Kiwanis, please contact Val Rose at [valarose63@gmail.com](mailto:valarose63@gmail.com).



## SUMMIT WELCOMES TWO NEW EMPLOYEES



Summit Township is pleased to welcome Debra Jageman to the Township Staff. Debra is our new Zoning Administrative Assistant who will be assisting the Zoning Administrator, Tamara Cass, in all the daily functions of the land development and zoning office. Originally from Paden City, West Virginia, Debra has resided in Summit Township for fourteen years with her husband and two children. She has been self-employed for the past 10 years and enjoys camping, hunting, crafting, and if you don't already know, has a "small" obsession with Halloween. Please join us in welcoming Debra to our team!



Summit Township is also pleased to welcome Darrell Sayers to the Township Road Crew. Darrell is a Diesel Mechanic who will be responsible for maintaining our fleet of equipment. He brings with him over 20 years of experience. Darrell resides in Millcreek with his wife and son and in his spare time loves to work on hot rods and antique cars. Please join us in welcoming Darrell to our team!

## Pennsylvania State Representative Bob Merski....

### Marking nearly a year – looking forward to the next



In a few short months, I'll be coming up on my one-year anniversary as your state representative. It has been an exciting time, to be sure, and one that has allowed me to get to know more of you personally, hear your thoughts and concerns, and be your voice in Harrisburg.

When I took the oath in January, I vowed to represent you both here at home and in Harrisburg, and the year has kept me busy with both.

In Harrisburg, I've had the opportunity to support legislation such as the Military Family Education Program. Recently signed into law, the program will allow Pennsylvania National Guard members who reenlist for a second six-year term to earn college education benefits for family members.

I've also had a chance to help shape legislation from the ground up while serving on various House committees, including the Game and Fisheries, Gaming Oversight, Local Government, and Urban Affairs committees.

Back in the district, civic-minded residents have enjoyed our outreach events, such as our summer senior tour, our millennial brunch, and our open houses. Dialogue from those events helps me keep a finger on the community's pulse and provide important information about our district's needs to bring back to Harrisburg.

When it comes to district programs and services, I have been busy working to bring your taxpayer dollars back to the region by securing more than \$17 million in grants to fund school safety, job training, affordable housing, and many other essential programs and services.

Finally, the staff is looking forward to helping with Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program rebates again this season – and any other needs you may have, from answering questions to assisting with applications and forms involving state services.

Speaking of the office, I want to alert you to a schedule change. The Summit Township office will be open once a week on Tuesdays, but the office will also serve you by appointment. Please contact my office at (814) 455-6319 to set up an appointment. In addition, the Summit Township office will be open during township supervisors' meetings.

It has been a joy representing you all, and I can't wait to continue doing so in the months ahead. Please stop by or call – you always have my ear!

## SUMMIT TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WINTER SAFETY

Old man winter will be here soon and who knows what he will bring. Let's take a quick look at a few things that can help prepare us for when winter hits us hard.

**Home Safety:** Have a minimum of 3 days' worth of food, water, and necessities on hand in the event of a power outage or a storm that keeps you housebound. Have a bag of ice melt or salt for icy stairs and walkways to help save from slips and falls. If you shovel your drive or walkways take your time, drink water, take breaks often, and stop if you feel out of breath, strained, or sore. Use a smaller shovel when the snow is wet. Also, have wood stoves or fireplaces inspected and cleaned.

**Auto Safety:** Install snow tires and have a snow brush/scraper to keep windows clear for 360-degree vision. Be sure to clear off your headlights and taillights so others can see you. Leave a little early so you are not rushed. Have an extra blanket, winter coat, boots, and gloves in the car in case you become stranded.

**Driving Safety:** Keep a safe following distance. Only use cruise control on dry roads. Stay out of other vehicle's blind spots. Limit abrupt steering and braking.



## FROM THE SEWER AUTHORITY

### MEADOWS LIFT STATION

The Summit Township Sewer Authority (STSA) Board and staff are pleased to announce that our first pre-manufactured suction lift pump station was craned in place on October 25, 2019. Konzel Construction Company, Inc., Erie, submitted the low bid of \$582,000 back on January 24, 2019. Work was held up over 6 months while the station was assembled by Precision Systems in Calumet City, Illinois. The station weighs more than 26,000 pounds and features 3-30 horsepower Smith and Loveless Pumps and its own standby electrical generator.

Once the pump station was delivered it was up to Konzel Construction to place the station on the newly completed wet well. Work continues on the final electrical connections, piping, fencing, grounds and paving with the goal of turning the station on before November 30, 2019. The Meadows lift station is the first of its kind in Summit Township in terms of a pre-manufactured facility. We hope to see the station in service there for 50 years.



### COMING IN 2020 – OLIVER ROAD RELIEF

The STSA has found there is little capacity remaining in the public sanitary sewers serving Oliver Road. On September 10, 2019, the Authority's Engineer submitted preliminary information to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in accordance with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act (Act 537). Each time a new development is proposed, the Municipality is required by state law to revise this official plan through a process referred to as a "Sewage Facilities Planning Module". This process also covers upgrades and extension proposed by the municipality or its authority.

The existing 8" and 12" diameter sanitary sewers need to be replaced due to capacity constraints. The original 8" was installed by a developer in 1990 and the 12" was installed in 1994. Since 1994 over 500 new homes have been built and another 100 are planned for already, and future development could result in another 400 new homes in the area.

The authority's engineer estimates the cost of the relief sewer at \$1,420,000. The project will include 3,320 feet of 12-inch gravity sanitary sewer and 2,100 feet of 15-inch gravity sewer. Two alternatives are going to be advertised for public bid. The first option is to remove and replace the pipe in its existing location. The second option is pipe bursting. Pipe bursting is a newer technique where-in a high-pressure hydraulic ram is inserted in the existing pipe. Once inserted into the pipe, the ram is pulled along the length of the pipe fracturing and displacing broken pieces into the surrounding soil. Simultaneously, a new carrier pipe consisting of a continuous high-density polyethylene pipe is pulled in the void behind the ram. Only the existing connections are dug from the surface of the ground to the new sewer main.

The STSA is planning on advertising the contract(s) and receiving bids for the work in the spring of 2020. If everything goes according to plan, the work will begin in the summer and conclude in the fall of next year.

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 8:00 AM-Noon and 12:30-4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. If you plan to attend a meeting, please call and let us know. We will be glad to put you on the agenda.

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

# Senior News

Hello Summit Residents. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I think fall crept up too fast. Now we can anticipate the upcoming holidays and not think too badly of the white fluffy stuff that will be coming.

Our Senior Center is active and we would like to see new people join us. Every Tuesday lunch is served at noon at our facility located at 1450 Townhall Road West. There are two pool tables and numerous games. A puzzle is always on the table. It is wonderful to meet each week and enjoy each other's company and to share a meal. There's a lot of good food, especially dessert!

Just some food for thought....as the dark winter days come, every morning think of five things you are grateful for. Your day will start better; it's as beneficial as taking vitamins.

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas!

*Dot Panitzke*, Vice President

## From the Water Authority. . . .

### Holiday Closings

Thanksgiving: November 28th, 29th  
& December 2nd

Christmas: December 25th

New Year's Day: January 1st

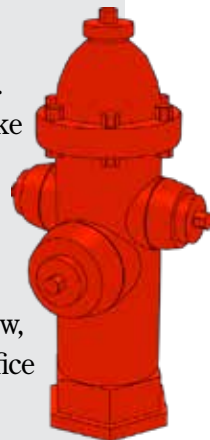
*Best wishes for a safe  
and happy holiday season.*



### ADOPT-A-HYDRANT CONTEST REMINDER

It's getting to be that time of year again. With winter just around the corner, we would like to remind residents of the Authority's Adopt-A-Hydrant contest. Winners will be selected for the fourth quarter of 2019 and the first quarter of 2020. If you know of somebody that does an exceptional job of keeping hydrants clear of snow, you may nominate that person by calling our office at 864-2323.

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



**Due to a shortage of volunteers, the AARP Tax-Aide site at the Summit Township Municipal Building will not be open in 2020. Below is a list of the 2020 locations.**

### 2020 AARP TAX-AIDE SITES IN ERIE COUNTY

All sites are by appointment only

SITE LOCATION	DAY	TIME	PHONE NUMBER
HIGHLAND VILLAGE APARTMENTS 12220 YMCA Dr., Edinboro, PA	Wednesday	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	814-398-8005
ERIE SALVATION ARMY CENTER 1022 Liberty St., Erie, PA	To Be Determined	9:00 am - 1:30 pm	814-454-6497
ERIE MERCY HILLTOP CENTER 444 E. Grandview Blvd. Erie, PA	Monday & Tuesday	8:30 am - 2:30 pm	814-824-2214
FAIRVIEW TRI-BORO SENIOR CENTER 7555 Main St., Fairview, PA	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	814-474-2211
MILLCREEK TWP MUNICIPAL BLDG 3608 West 226th St., Erie, PA	Monday & Friday	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	814-833-1111 Ext. 329
UNION CITY SENIOR CENTER 27 Johnson St., Union City, PA	Monday & Thursday	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	814-438-2146

If you would be interested in volunteering to help your neighbors, tax preparing classes are going on now. Contact Rick at 814-824-9480.



# Here We Grow Again

**WALMART...** located at 1825 Downs Drive recently completed an interior and exterior renovation. Projects included painting the exterior of the building, remodeling the customer service area, installing a customer order pickup tower, and painting and updating various other locations throughout the store. What started small, with a single discount store and the simple idea of selling more for less, has grown over the last 50 years into the largest retailer in the world. Each week, nearly 265 million customers and members visit our more than 11,200 stores under 55 banners in 27 countries and eCommerce websites in 10 countries. With fiscal year 2018 revenue of \$500.3 billion, Walmart employs over 2.2 million associates worldwide. Walmart continues to be a leader in sustainability, corporate philanthropy, and employment opportunity.

**COPPERLEAF...** located at 2906 Copperleaf Drive recently built a 22 bay garage to be used by their residents. Copperleaf is a modern living complex with apartments available that include ample parking for residents and guests, large closets, luxury plank flooring in kitchen and baths, integral garages, second level decks with storage room, easy-care stainless steel appliances, extended cable, custom-built kitchen cabinets and granite countertops, wireless fiberoptic internet, laundry rooms and private entrances.

**GOLDEN CORRAL...** located at 7500 Peach Street recently completed interior and exterior renovations to their restaurant. Golden Corral's legendary endless buffet features an abundant variety of delicious all-time favorites and new menu offerings for breakfast, brunch, lunch, and dinner. Guests can choose from over 150 items including USDA grilled to order sirloin steaks, pork, seafood and shrimp alongside traditional favorites like pot roast, fried chicken, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, Bourbon Street Chicken, fresh salads, their famous yeast rolls, the ALL NEW Smokehouse and more.

## IN THE WORKS:

**QUALITY MOLD INC...** located at 8130 Hawthorne Drive has started through the land development process for the construction of a 7,334 sq. ft. addition to their existing manufacturing facility.

**CALAMAR...** RM67 Holdings is starting through the land development process of Calamar Independent Senior Living. The 47,500 sq. ft. multi-family dwelling with detached garages will be located on Robison Road.

## On the Roads Again!



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

Roads are a public right-of-way. Township standards are to clear the road from edge to edge or curb to curb to provide safe travel conditions and provide storage space for subsequent snowfalls. To do this sometimes requires multiple passes. We move the snow from the centerline to the edge of the road. This means that, until the street is completely clear, the plow will come back again. The plows are not lifted at driveways because this would leave snow on the street; creating a hazard for drivers. Residents should be advised to wait as long as possible to shovel or clear at the end of their driveway. Also, **when removing your snow, deposit the snow to the right of your driveway as you face the street**. By doing this, when the plow returns, it will carry the snow you moved away from the driveway. Snow placed on the left side will probably end up back in your driveway the next time the plow makes a pass.

Not all of the streets or roads in the township are public. Some are private drives that are maintained by owners, homeowners associations, or developers. We also have many state roads in our Township which are maintained by PennDOT. We are not supposed to plow any part of the state roads, even if we think we are doing a favor. If we plowed a portion of a state road and then turned off onto one of our township roads, a motorist could be driving down the road on that plowed portion (thinking the road has just been plowed) then suddenly hit deep snow, causing them to have an accident where we turned off and did not finish.

**Property owners and/or occupants are responsible for clearing snow and ice from adjacent sidewalks within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall.** Owners or occupants failing to clear sidewalks may receive a citation, be fined and/or be responsible to reimburse the township for the cost of clearing the sidewalk.

Please drive safely, slow down, and allow extra time to reach your destination during winter weather events. This is the most effective way to prevent an accident. Thank you for your cooperation and happy holidays!

*The Road Crew*



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## Once Upon A Time...

This quarter's display is about the one-room schools in Summit Township. We need your help. We are looking for a photo of the Robison one-room school from just before it was demolished. The school stood at the intersection of Robison Rd. and Peach St. You do not have to give up your original photo, we will make a copy.

We need a display for the first quarter of 2020; is there another group interested? Please contact the Summit Township office at 868-9686 if you are willing to loan or donate any items. Our goal is to display Summit history for everyone. Other Summit organizations are encouraged to provide a display.

Volunteers are in the Summit History room on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. If anyone is interested in researching their Summit history or creating a family tree please stop in, we would like to help you if possible.

