

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP

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ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS: 2021 CALENDAR PHOTOS NEEDED!

Don't forget our 2021 Calendar is titled "Quarantine Days" so please send us your pictures that show you, your family, and/or your pets making the most of an unexpected situation. You can email your photos in .jpeg format only to mness@summitpa.us. You can also submit your photos on a CD or USB to Summit Township, Attn: Michelle Nesselhauf, 1230 Townhall Rd. W., Suite 100, Erie, PA 16509. Please make sure to include photographer's name and contact information. Submission deadline is November 13th, 2020.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 7th – Labor Day (Township Offices closed)

September 15th – Picnicana 2021 Reservations Open
for **Residents Only**

November 3rd – Election Day (Township Offices closed)

November 11th – Veteran's Day (Township Offices closed)

NEW ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM

For the safety of our employees and residents, the Summit Township Municipal Building will have a new access control system installed on the front door. This system will be similar to systems in place at our local schools. You will press a button that will notify the receptionist and then she can unlock the door from her desk. Please be advised that zoning will no longer be accepting walk-ins. You must have a scheduled appointment to gain access to the municipal building for zoning purposes. Please contact the Zoning Department at 814-868-9686 to schedule an appointment.



GENERAL ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3, 2020.

- Polls are open on election day from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.
- Last day to register to vote: October 19, 2020
- The deadline to register to vote is now 15 days prior to an election, rather than 30 days.

MEET THE STAFF

TOWNSHIP: 868-9686

Jack Lee, Jr. -

Supervisor/Treasurer/
Dir. Land Development

Mark A. Welka -

Supervisor/Roadmaster

Tony Davis -

Supervisor/Chairman/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 Hudack, Jeff Matheis,

Gary Pace, Mike Hanas,

**Andrew Fox, Darrell Sayers
& Joe Malinowski**

WATER AUTHORITY: 864-2323

Bob Mitchell - Manager

Brian Hiles - Assistant Manager

Sean Miller - Foreman

Laura Taylor - Office Manager

Gretchen Hayford -

Administrative Assistant

Brian Clark, Lisa Culbertson

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

Hello Summit Residents,

It sure has been a great summer. The weather has been perfect for the road crew as they have been working on many different projects around our township.

The storm sewer project along Hamot Road is complete and paving along that stretch will begin soon. The Lee Road and Old French Road Intersection storm sewer has been completed.

Fog sealing at Townhall Village subdivision and Shunpike Estates subdivision was completed and this is something new that we are trying. This was done by the contractor as part of a warranty, free of charge to the township.

We have a new Mack dump truck that is being built and will be outfitted with a new plow and wing. We are anticipating its arrival prior to our first snow event.

Have a great summer, *Mark Welka*

Hello Summit Township Residents!

It has been a challenging summer season with everything going on. Hopefully everyone is safe and doing well. With a late start to the summer season the parks have not been very busy, as such, we are taking advantage of this to take care of long overdue maintenance projects. One of the biggest projects going on at this time is the cleaning and restoration of the pavilion ceilings. We are in the process of power washing and sanding after which a clear coat of water-based polyurethane will be applied, keeping them in good condition for years to come.

Another large project that was recently completed was the modification of the millings shaker plant. It was previously powered by an electric motor which also required the use of a large generator that had to be moved on site since there was no electricity available at its location in our construction yard. The electric motor was replaced with a 23 HP gasoline engine which uses a battery starting system. The legs were also extended to allow for clearance of the front loader to remove processed material and a set of dual wheels with an axle were added for mobility. I would like to thank Darrell and Bruno for their hard work and excellent craftsmen skills making this project possible.

When I first took office almost three years ago, I would never have imagined that I would be working during a pandemic. These trying times have really brought out the best and sometimes the worst in people. I have learned much about communication and leadership while ensuring everyone's safety almost on a daily basis. I enjoy working with the public and have always seemed to have a knack dealing with others and their challenges.

Until next time be safe and enjoy the nice weather while it's here

Tony Davis

PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Supervisors:

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

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

Planning Commission:

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

Sewer Authority:

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

Water Authority:

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

Recreation Board:

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

LeBoeuf Little League:

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

Zoning Hearing Board:

4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

As needed and advertised only

Summit Township Industrial and Economic Development Authority (STIEDA):

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

Debra Cameron, Summit Township Tax Collector

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

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

By appointment November 1 - March 1

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **October 23rd!**

Our next newsletter will be published in early November.



SUPERVISOR'S CORNER



Hello all, it has been a very weird 2020, to say the least. Try to be patient and kind because we are all dealing with this nonsense. Take care of your friends, neighbors, and family. If you know of anyone with health, mental, financial, or housing problems, or any crisis, you can dial "211" for free confidential, help, or be advised of resources for you to contact.

Work continues in the township with signs, traffic lights, roadwork, patching, ADA walks, and cleaning ditches. We continually take on projects to maintain and upgrade township parks, buildings, and properties.

We have recently replaced a 60-year-old garage floor where the plow trucks are parked and we poured a new apron all the way across the front of it. The road crew removed the old concrete and did all the grading. They also worked with me pouring the apron. It looks great and should give us many years of service.

We also added a new ADA sidewalk at the rear of Summit's Erie County Court Room, to better help foot traffic flow at the District Justice office.

I recently built a brick flag pole monument near the concession stand at Community Park. It turned out very well. Two road crew employees helped me set a 3' deep concrete

riser as a footer. I laid the bricks and poured a concrete cap on it.

With that, I would like to say a little bit about the American Flag's history as we recently have passed Flag Day and July 4th, Independence Day.

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed an act establishing an official flag for the new nation. The resolution stated: "Resolved, that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." On Aug. 3, 1949, President Harry S. Truman officially declared June 14 as Flag Day.

The history of our flag is as interesting as the American Republic itself. It has survived battles, inspired songs, and evolved in response to the growth of our country it represents. The following is a collection of interesting facts and customs about the American flag and how it is to be displayed.

Today the flag consists of 13 horizontal stripes, seven red alternating with six white. The stripes represent the original 13 Colonies and the stars represent the 50 states of the Union. The colors of the flag are symbolic as well; red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence, and blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice. The flag is usually displayed from sunrise to sunset. It should be raised briskly and lowered ceremoniously. In inclement weather, the flag should not be flown.

The flag should be displayed daily and on all holidays, weather permitting, on or near the main administration buildings of all public institutions. It should also be displayed in or near every polling place on election days and in or near every schoolhouse during school days.

When displayed flat against a wall or a window, or in a vertical orientation, the "Union" field of stars should be uppermost and to the left of the observer.

When the flag is raised or lowered as part of a ceremony, and as it passes by in parade or review, everyone, except those in uniform, should face the flag with their right hand over their heart. The same as the pledge. Standing with the right hand over the heart.

I have a new project in mind. Very important to me. I have been working with our engineer. We have some very nice ideas for building a Veterans Memorial in the courtyard near our flag poles. Possibly building a cobblestone brick walk that would allow families to own an engraved brick with their Summit Township veteran's "armed service, date, and name" on the brick. More information to come.

Thank you for your time, *Jack Lee*

2020 Census



Make Sure Townships Count

NEW DEADLINE: September 30



Townships are a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family.

- › **Count every resident:** It's important to make sure every township resident, young and old, is counted. Critical dollars and representation are at stake.
- › **Constitution Day:** The census was mandated by the Founding Fathers in the U.S. Constitution. Let's celebrate that historical fact by making sure every township resident is counted by September 17, Constitution Day.
- › **Did you know?** This is the first time the census can be filled out online. It can also be completed by mail and phone.



How the 2020 Census helps your community

Here's why responding to the 2020 Census is important:

Federal and state funding

Federal, state, and municipal officials make decisions about how billions of dollars in public funds are allocated for schools, roads and bridges, fire and emergency services, health care, and more based on census statistics. Programs include those for:

Municipalities:

- › Liquid fuels funds for roads and bridges
- › Natural gas impact fees
- › Grants targeted to municipalities

College students:

- › Federal Pell Grants
- › Career and technical education grants
- › Adult education grants



Older people and low-income populations:

- › Medicare
- › Medicaid
- › Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)
- › Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

Young Children:

- › Head Start
- › National School Lunch Program
- › Title IX Funding

PLUS, many more community programs!



Congressional representation

2020 Census results will determine the number of seats each state receives in the U.S. House of Representatives and, in turn, the number of Electoral College votes. Results also impact congressional and state legislative districts.

Business decisions

Business owners use census statistics to create economic and employment opportunities. The statistics help determine where to hire new employees, open new locations, and more.

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2020CENSUS.GOV



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Here We Grow Again

F&F Poke Bowl... opened in June at 6831 Peach Street. F&F Poke Bowl offers many eclectic menu options including DIY poke bowls and house poke bowls (Hawaiian), ramen noodles (Japanese) and bubble teas (Taiwanese). You can dine in or place your order online for pickup or delivery.

McDonald's... located at 7200 Peach Street recently completed a renovation to the existing restaurant including a modernized exterior, new signage, new drive thru menu boards, installation of a self-serve beverage bar in the dining area, and new equipment in the play-place. McDonald's is the world's largest restaurant chain by revenue, serving over 69 million customers daily in over 100 countries across 37,855 outlets.

IN THE WORKS:

Southland Investments... (also known as Humes Chrysler Jeep Dodge and Ram) is starting through the land development process for their proposed automobile sales lot located at 8375 Peach Street (the former Evelyn's Antiques building). They are proposing to use 1,880 sq. ft. of the existing building as an office area and will be adding parking spaces to display vehicles.



Got Drugs?

SAFELY DISPOSE of unused prescription & over-the-counter medications

Accepted:

Prescription Medications/ Patches
Prescription Ointments
Cough Syrups
Over the Counter Medication
Vitamins/ Medication Samples
Pet Medications

NOT Accepted:

Needles/ Lancets/ Syringes
Aerosol Cans/ Inhalers
Alcohol/ Peroxide
Clinic or Medical Waste
Personal Care Products

Locations:

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| 1. CVS- 410 E. 12 th St. | 9. Girard Police Department |
| 2. CVS- 38 th & Pine Ave | 10. Lake City Police Department |
| 3. Giant Eagle Pharmacy- W. 12 th St. | 11. CVS- Erie St in Edinboro |
| 4. Erie County Courthouse Lobby | 12. Edinboro Borough Police Department |
| 5. Mercyhurst University Main Police | 13. Edinboro University Campus Police |
| 6. State Police-Troop E / Erie | 14. North East Borough Police |
| 7. Albion Boro Police Department | 15. Wesleyville Borough Police |
| 8. Corry City Police Department | 16. Lawrence Park Police Department |

Questions: Contact the Erie County Department of Health, Injury Prevention Coordinator at (814) 451-6543

HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF FROM COVID-19?

WASH YOUR HANDS!



1 WET HANDS



2 APPLY SOAP



3 SCRUB 20 SECONDS



4 RINSE UNDER WATER



5 DRY WITH CLEAN TOWEL



CLEAN HANDS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:
HEALTH.PA.GOV



SUMMIT TOWNSHIP CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Dear Residents,

The goal of Summit Township is to make it easy for residents to recycle by providing “free” curbside pick-up. The only thing the resident has to do is recycle properly; easy, right? Unfortunately, it’s easier said than done. As I drove into work this morning, I noticed many households had their recycling at the curb and then I noticed black garbage bags sitting right by clearly marked recycle bins. We all know that recycling does not go in black garbage bags, right? If you are going to put your recycling in a bag, it needs to be a clear or see through blue bag. If those black garbage bags contain garbage then they need to be on the opposite side of your driveway so the recycling hauler knows that it’s garbage and will be picked up by a garbage hauler. Also, the recycling hauler does not have the time to sift through your recycling bin and pick out the items that are recyclable. The most important rule to recycling for all residents to remember is this: **“WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!”**. Your recycling nature may have a hard time with this but it would literally be better to throw it in your garbage. The reason is... if it’s not recyclable it could contaminate the entire truck load of recyclables and therefore, instead of that one piece ending up in the landfill, the entire truck load ends up there. So please refer to the list below to ensure you are recycling properly. Thank you!

Michelle Nesselhauf, Recycling Coordinator

9 TO KNOW

Recycling is changing! Here's what you can and can't put in the recycling bin

PUT IN THE BIN:

- 1 Newspaper
- 2 Full-size office paper
- 3 Cardboard
- 4 Paperboard boxes
- 5 Plastic bottles
- 6 Plastic jugs
- 7 Plastic jars
- 8 Aluminum drink cans
- 9 Metal food cans

STOP! DO NOT PUT IN THE BIN:

Glass • Plastic bags • Plastic cups or tubs • Styrofoam • Shredded paper
Glossy paper • Anything with food contamination

TIPS:

Skip plastic straws and silverware, and recycle plastic bags at the grocery store.

Don't forget: When in doubt, throw it out!

Get more information at ElieCountyRecycling.com

Following the lead of other recycling service providers across the nation, the Bayfront Glass public drop-off service will remain closed until further notice.

Placed outside the building at 1310 East Ave are three collection containers. Please follow the use instructions and DO NOT leave glass on the ground outside the building. Thank you!



Accepted	Not Accepted
Food & Beverage Perfume & Cologne Canning & Candle (remove wax)	Ceramics, Porcelain, China Crystal glass & Stemware Mirrors & Flat glass Heat-resistant & laboratory glass Trophies & Ashtrays Light bulbs & Tubes

PLEASE

- Rinse out food and drink
- Remove caps and lids
- Labels can stay on

NO

- Plastic Bags
- Plastic Bottles
- Garbage/Trash
- Aluminum Cans

Flattening the curve, smoothing the path

By State Rep. Bob Merski, D-Erie

One of the most gut-wrenching aspects of this pandemic is hearing about the toll it is taking on residents of long-term care facilities.

As difficult as it has been to navigate the myriad closures and restrictions in recent months, our residents have risen to the challenge, doing their best to support one another and following safety protocol. I am immensely honored to represent such a caring and responsible community.

Unfortunately, for the most vulnerable among us, self-reliance is less of an option. Instead, these thousands of Pennsylvanians living in long-term care facilities must trust and rely on caregivers to keep them safe.

Despite the best attempts by the caregivers, the statistics are sobering. Out of approximately 7,000 COVID-19-related deaths statewide, more than 4,800 – close to 70% – are among long-term care facilities and nursing homes.

There is some good news in the equation, though. A recent spending plan we passed in late May allocates \$692 million to heighten safety and protections for those in long-term care. And we are already moving to put those dollars to work, with the recent appropriation of \$175 million in CARES Act funding.

In our own area, LECOM Health and UPMC Community Provider Services will use \$13.6 million of that funding to provide comprehensive assistance.

Teams of experts and health care professionals will work with the staff of area long-term care facilities to expand COVID-19 testing of staff and residents; implement contact tracing and best practices for infection control, support clinical care through on-site and telemedicine services and provide remote monitoring and consultation with physicians.

The grant funding for the collaborative program is just one of many measures aimed at better preparing our facilities, programs and staff as they work to protect our most vulnerable residents.

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



Summit Community Food Pantry

Happy Summer!

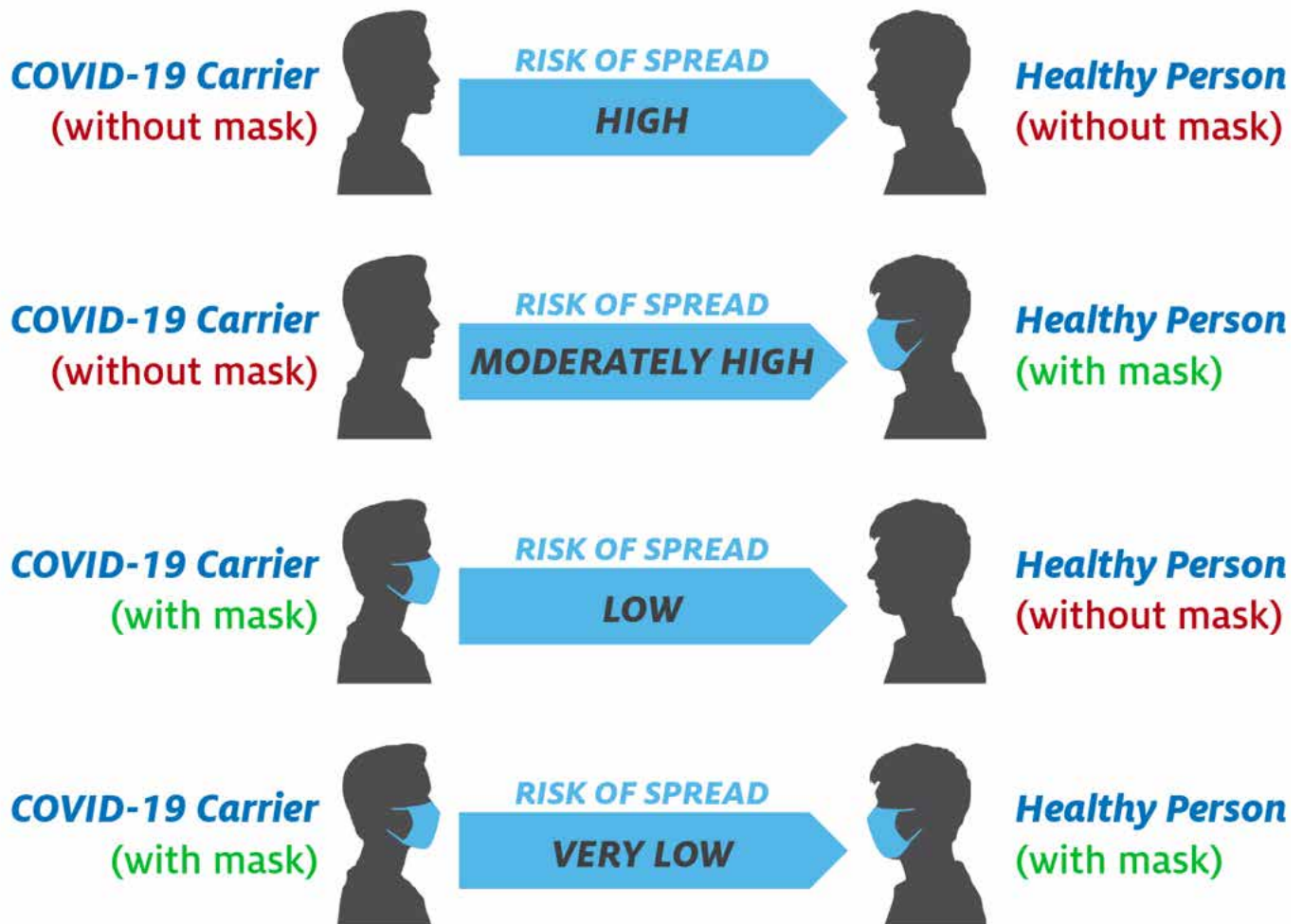
Unfortunately, the COVID 19 virus is still rearing its ugly head and we have been adapting to ensure that food distribution for those in need continues. Distribution days remain on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 2-4pm. Curbside pickup is still in effect. Volunteers will place items in your trunk or set them on the curb to place in your back seat. July 1st began new sign-ups for the year. Please be sure to bring proof of residency if signing up for the first time. We have been promised fresh produce and dairy products through the end of the year through a grant program with Second Harvest.

If you are lucky enough to have a green thumb and end up with a bumper crop, please consider donating excess produce to the SCFP. Thank you to our staff and volunteers for the tireless work that keeps the whole distribution process going. We also have many local contributors that donate food and/or money – West End Community Center led by Lou Benko, Saddlewood Development residents led by James Kehl, District Justice Brian McGowan, the Tom Trott family, the Ryan Trott family, the FLB Leo's Club, Robert & Angela Tarr and the Allen Rutter family. The Boss Squad Biker Gang from Townhall Village collected food for the Second Harvest Food Bank (they made it on TV!). And lastly, to honor those that we have lost this year, their families who were generous enough to have a memorial in their loved one's name to SCFP – the Judy Hanas family and friends.

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



WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS



TOWNSHIP RECYCLING CALENDAR – 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!

Senior News

Due to the unfortunate circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Senior Center Board has elected to keep the Senior Center closed until further notice. This decision didn't come lightly, but it came with a duty and a responsibility to keep members and visitors safe to the best of our ability. Please check back in January 2021 for further updates by calling the Township Building at 814-868-9686.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

As of writing this, we are just days out from opening bids for the Community Park Rain Garden Project. This project will fulfill the Township's MS4 requirement to reduce phosphorus pollution to the Lebeouf Creek watershed. The rain garden will act as a filter to take the phosphorus out of the stormwater runoff prior to entering the stream. The phase currently out to bid, which should occur this fall, will excavate the rain garden and use the fill material on site to reduce the slope in the area of the soccer fields. The next stage is to install the trees and shrubs that will provide the pollutant removal. We are trying to work with the Erie County Conservation District to get the trees and shrubs through their annual seedling sale in the spring.

The other big project that is on the near horizon is the paving of Rotunda Drive and Commons Drive from Peach Street to Douglas Parkway. Lindy paving will be doing this work starting in late August or September. Expect traffic delays during this project. After completion, the four lane section will be converted to a two lane road with a center turn lane.

One final question that we have been getting is what happened to Phase 2 of the Hamot Road sidewalk? The project has been designed; however, it is contingent on the completion of Dorn Road from the Trails at Five Points to verify grade. We are working with the developer to get the road complete so we can proceed with the final phase of the sidewalk. This sidewalk will connect Laurie Drive to Hamot Road and proceed south on Hamot Road to Marlee Way.

PICNICANA PARK 2021 SEASON RESERVATIONS

Reservations for the 2021 Season will be taken beginning September 15th for Summit Township Residents and October 1st for non-residents, starting when the Municipal Building opens at 8:00 a.m. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. **Please note that due to COVID-19 there will be a number system put in place and all residents are asked to remain in their vehicles until their number is called. The Municipal Building will not be open for residents to wait inside until the office opens.** These reservations are for Township resident picnics only and do not include any company picnics, church picnics or picnics being booked for non-resident relatives or friends. It should be noted that "walk-ins" at 8:00 a.m. are given priority over phone calls. There's a 50% discount for Summit Township Residents booking an event. Each Summit household is limited to one discounted reservation per season. Picnicana Park is open from May 1st to October 15th with fully equipped kitchens and pavilions available for rental.

Note: The 50% discount for resident rates are based on a Summit Township resident hosting a personal function, i.e. Graduation Party, Family Reunion, etc. That resident must be the contact, must provide the deposit from their personal checking account, and will receive any refunded deposit at their place of residence. A person who is both a Summit Resident and Owner of a Summit Business may host a function for that Summit Business and is eligible for the 50% discount. Only (1) discounted picnic per household may be scheduled per year.

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RECREATION FACILITY

Contact: (814) 868-9686 or gerbin@summitpa.us

RATES - RULES & REGULATIONS - GENERAL INFORMATION

	WEEKDAY				WEEKEND				
	REGULAR KITCHEN		UPGRADED KITCHEN #3		REGULAR KITCHEN		UPGRADED KITCHEN #3		
	ONE Pavilion & Regular Kitchen	TWO Pavilions & Regular Kitchen	ONE Pavilion & Upgraded Kitchen #3	TWO Pavilions & Upgraded Kitchen #3	ONE Pavilion & ONE Regular Kitchen	TWO Pavilions & Regular Kitchen	ONE Pavilion & Upgraded Kitchen #3	TWO Pavilions & Upgraded Kitchen #3	TWO Pavilions & Kitchen #1 & Kitchen #3
Rental Rate	\$325.00	\$475.00	\$425.00	\$575.00	\$475.00	\$675.00	\$575.00	\$775.00	\$825.00
Security Deposit	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Total	\$375.00	\$575.00	\$575.00	\$725.00	\$525.00	\$775.00	\$725.00	\$925.00	\$975.00

Note: Two Pavilions and Three Kitchens Rental Amount = \$975.00 Rent with \$200.00 deposit

From the Water Authority. . . .

Hope you are enjoying the hot weather this summer and can get outside. I am proud of our employees, during the virus, as they were working keeping the water flowing to you.

We have had some personal changes in the water authority, Laura Taylor is now our office manager, Brian Hiles is now our assistant manager, and Sean Miller is our new foreman. They as the rest of our employees do a great job in running our system, with very little credit on how they do their job providing water to our customers.

Please remember we are doing our annual flushing of our water mains, and when you receive a door hanger telling you that we will be in your area flushing the water main. Flushing is necessary to wash sediment out of the water main. The sediment does not affect water quality but can cause water to become discolored. The water is safe to drink, and discoloration often disappears within a short time.

Residents are advised to not wash clothing while the lines are being flushed in their area and for motorists to slowdown and use caution if driving past a hydrant being flushed.

WATER CONSERVATION FACTS:

Leaky/Running Toilets

According to the EPA: toilets account for 26.7% of the indoor water use for the average American home.

This makes toilets the single biggest source of indoor water use.

A running or leaky toilet can waste **up to 200 gallons of water in a single day**, or 1,400 gallons of water per week.

Not sure if your toilet is leaking? You can check for a toilet leak in two ways:

1. **The Sound Check:** Simply walk up to your toilet and listen. If you hear an odd hiss-like noise, you may have a leak and will want to check further
2. **The Dye Test:** For this test, you'll need some food coloring or a dye tablet. Take the lid off from your toilet's tank and put in a couple of drops of coloring (or a dye tablet). After you've put the dye in the tank, wait for 15-20 minutes and check the toilet bowl for dye. If dye is present, then there's a leak allowing tank water to flow into the bowl

In most cases, these leaks will be caused by a faulty flapper in the toilet tank. This is a relatively easy fix that only requires a short trip to your local home improvement/hardware store and a few minutes.







Leaky Faucets & Fixtures

Leaky faucet fixtures are another all-too-common cause of high water bills. For example, a leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year.

Some Water Wasting Habits can cost you \$\$

Often, a high water bill can be the result of over consumption behaviors affiliated with appliances and home utilities. These include:

- Using top-loading laundry machines, which consume as much as 200% more water than modern, front-loading laundry machines
- Using washing machines for half or quarter loads, as opposed to waiting for full laundry loads
- Overwatering lawns and unmediated use of water-consuming recreational toys and equipment
- Lengthy and unnecessary shower times. Keeping showers less than five minutes can result in up to 1,000 gallons of water savings every month
- Running water to thaw meats and frozen foods, as opposed to taking them out of freezers at earlier, more appropriate times
- Washing dishes by hand. Running water while washing a load of dishes consumes 4-5 times more water than dishwashers
- Keeping water running while brushing teeth or shaving, which is an unnecessary waste of water flow

Leak Size		Gallons Per Day	Gallons Per Month
	A dripping leak consumes:	15 gallons	450 gallons
	A 1/32 in. leak consumes:	264 gallons	7,920 gallons
	A 1/16 in. leak consumes:	943 gallons	28,300 gallons
	A 1/8 in. leak consumes:	3,806 gallons	114,200 gallons
	A 1/4 in. leak consumes:	15,226 gallons	456,800 gallons
	A 1/2 in. leak consumes:	60,900 gallons	1,827,000 gallons

Leaks can add up quickly!

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY

OLIVER ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Authority is in the process of obtaining permits for improvements at Oliver Road Lift Station. The project should be ready to bid in Spring 2021. The improvements will benefit the Five Points area and will be able to serve over 300 additional homes.

CUSTOMER SERVICE DURING COVID-19

We will continue to comply with all local and state guidelines for public health and safety during the COVID-19 emergency. We appreciate your patience as compliance may impact our customer services. In all phases, please plan ahead and expect delays. We encourage customers to pay electronically or use the drop-box to make no-contact payments. At your request, a receipt can be mailed to you. Be assured that operations staff will continue to respond to sanitary sewer emergencies in all phases.

Here are some general guidelines of what to expect as the status of Erie County may change:

Green Phase: Window service will be available in the lobby. A mask is required to enter the building. Office staff will be present at the Authority building during normal operating hours. The lobby is limited to one customer at a time. Operations staff will be available during normal hours for all routine calls and inspections.

Yellow Phase: The Authority building will not be open to the public. The physical presence of the staff at the Authority building may be limited. Administrative services, such as obtaining a permit, will require an appointment. Some routine operations services may require an appointment. To request special accommodations, please contact the office and we will do our best to assist you.

Red Phase: The Authority building will not be open to the public. The physical presence of the staff will be extremely limited. Authority staff will work remotely during normal business hours. We recommend that you contact us by email at chaener@stsaeco.net. Office staff will come to the building daily during the week to check the mail, empty the drop-box, and check voice messages. If you have an urgent issue to report to the operations staff, you can still call the office and follow the recorded instructions on how to contact them.

EMERGENCY RELIEF EXTENDED

Given that Governor Wolf has extended the COVID proclamation of disaster emergency, the Authority has suspended posting penalty and interest on delinquent accounts until September 1, 2020. During the emergency, the Authority has also temporarily suspended the water-termination policy for delinquent accounts. Please note that the Authority's policy of placing liens on properties with delinquent balances has not been suspended. Once the governor's emergency declaration expires, the Authority plans to resume all normal policies regarding delinquent accounts.

MINIMIZE MAINTENANCE (PROTECT YOUR LATERAL)

Many Americans disinfect their homes with baby wipes, antibacterial towelettes, and other sanitary products that are marketed as flushable. Yes, many things fit and are "flushable", but customers should know that they are introducing products that cannot be broken down in sewer systems and ultimately clog them. Some customers may not be aware that the maintenance of the lateral, or the pipe from the home to the public sewer, is their responsibility. According to plumbers and public officials, coast-to-coast, there has been a surge in backed-up sewer lines and overflowing toilets stemming from these types of products. To spare yourself from any untimely maintenance simply discard these used products in a plastic bag and place them in the trash with your other disposables. Be advised, if and likely when any blockage happens in your lateral, it is the customers' responsibility to restore their own lateral service, not the Authority's.

If you are interested in attending a Regular Business Meeting, please check the township website or call the Authority office to find out if the meeting will be virtual or in-person. No matter the format, we will work with you to ensure that you are able to participate. As always, 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, our staff and I will help as much as possible.

William C. Steff, P.E., Manager

PERRY HI-WAY NEWS



CARDIAC ARREST SURVIVOR VISITS CREW THAT SAVED HER

Kim, a township resident on Melvin Drive, had the opportunity to stop into the fire station to visit and say thank you to the members who saved her life from a sudden cardiac arrest just 8 days prior to the visit. On May 19, 2020 while out mowing her lawn, Kim suffered a sudden cardiac arrest; her heart stopped beating. Her neighbor Rita, who was home from work due to the Covid 19 pandemic, saw her neighbor collapse to the ground and ran to see what was wrong. Rita found Kim unresponsive with no pulse and started CPR while making sure 911 was called for help. The paid staff members Bill Manross EMT-P, Vince Dragulin EMT-P, Chris Henery EMT and Marty Quinones EMT all responded to the scene immediately after dispatch from station 42 on Robison Road. Volunteers Drew Himes EMT and Chief Kip Hayford EMT also responded to the scene from the Oliver Road Station. Once on scene, the crews took over CPR from Rita and provided lifesaving drugs and electrical shock to her heart to get it started again. The crews used our LUCAS CPR device to perform compressions until her heart started to beat on its own. Kim was transported with the crew to Saint Vincent Hospital ER where she was treated for her cardiac condition. Kim was able to walk out of the hospital just 5 days later with no loss of function. If saving her life was not enough for the day, once the staff returned to service they went back to her home and finished cutting her lawn. These are the type of emergency responders we hire to protect the Summit Residents.

This was truly a remarkable event. It can be said that Covid-19 helped save Kim's life, because if not for the pandemic, her neighbor would not have been home to see her collapse and respond to perform CPR and call for help. The EMTs and paramedics being staffed in the station and ready to respond also played a part in Kim's recovery. If not for the paid staff, help would have been longer getting on location and the paramedics would have been responding from downtown Erie or from Millcreek Township. In this instance, time made a world of difference. The use of the LUCAS CPR device for compressions also played a part as the device is designed to perform

"perfect CPR" and help get the heart restarted. Thanks to the Township supervisors providing funding that allows for staff to be in station, a life was saved. Thanks to the 2018 FEMA Grant for the \$25,000 to purchase a LUCAS device for each ambulance, a life was saved. A price cannot be placed on the life of a loved one. We are very happy that Kim was able to stop in and say thanks to our members who saved her life.

RESIDENTIAL FUND DRIVE 2020 UNDERWAY





Just a reminder the 2020 residential fund drive is still in progress.

To date we have received contributions from just 33% of our residents. For those who have given, we thank you. For those who have not yet sent in their donation, we ask you to please send in a donation. We ask for just \$75 per home for an entire year of emergency service protection or less than \$0.21 per day. For those who have a tighter budget please send in what you can afford and for those with a little more generous budget we say THANK YOU! Send your donation made out to Perry Hi-Way Hose Company to the Oliver Road Fire station at 8281 Oliver Road, Erie PA 16509. By working together, we can make emergency services in Summit Township second to None!



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

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

-  Click below to schedule your appointment online.
-  If your refrigerator is in the garage, driveway, porch, or outbuilding, print and sign the release form and leave it inside your unit.
-  Our crew will arrive and pick up the unit without any physical contact with you and without entering your home.
-  You will receive a check for \$50 per working fridge or freezer by mail.

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

Summit Lions Club News



What a mixed up year it has been; first the virus, then the high temperatures, then the bad storms.

We hope we have a beautiful fall here in Summit Township.

Well, the Lions have been staying in their dens and not getting out much. We have had one meeting so far in spring and summer and hope to get a few more in before fall. We are following CDC guidelines, so a location for meetings has been challenging to find a place where we can socially distance. As Lions, we respect each other's wellbeing, so wearing masks and sitting 6 feet apart shows the respect that we have for each other. We also see a beneficial side of meeting and that is the visual comfort in seeing our members in person and can see how they are handling the seclusion of the pandemic.

At our June meeting we officially inducted a new member, Lion Karen Grupp. Lion Karen had actually joined last February just as all the closures happened, but we have been in touch with her through our email meetings. So welcome Lion Karen to the Summit Lions.

Our annual Golf Tournament was postponed until August 14th at the Venago Valley Golf Course.

This will probably be our only fundraiser this year and we need community support for this event so we can continue our scholarships and our book distribution at Robison Elementary School. Golfers must wear masks when registering and in close proximity to other golfers. WE ask that you try to social distance

at each tee. Refreshments must be handed out by one Lion at each location. Since gathering together for a steak dinner this year is not permitted because of social distancing rules, the committee has opted to put packets together of prepaid 50/50 tickets and a Mulligan to equal the cost of your dinner. Two of the packets will have a golf pass in them as an added bonus. Yes, the lottery tree will also be provided for you to take a chance. This year's twenty third Golf Tournament is dedicated in the memory of Lions John Troutman, Joanie Obendorfer, and John Dubowski. If you wish to participate, please call me, Lion Janet Mitchell, at 814-864-9194 and I will gladly answer your questions or if you wish to help out as a golfer or sponsor an ad in our golf program.

Thank you to everyone who has saved their plastic for us to get a bench for the township. We have collected over 500 pounds of plastic for our first bench. It has been ordered and we are waiting for its arrival. We are close to having enough to send for another bench. We have boxes at the Summit Township Municipal Building and the senior center or you can call any local Summit Lion that you may know to ask questions where you can drop off plastic. By doing this project we are keeping the plastic out of the landfill and getting benches for the parks in Summit Township.

We are always looking for new members and new ways so that we can help others in need, if you would like to belong please email Lion Dennis Franz, membership chair, at summitlionsclub@hotmail.com or call me, Lion Janet Mitchell, at 814-864-9194 for an application. Get involved with your community. Become a Lion.

Sincerely, *Lion Janet Mitchell*
President of Summit Lions Club

Despite all of the obstacles that could have stopped the Kiwanis Club of Summit from volunteering in the community, we did not stop helping out in various ways. We certainly understand the changing needs of today's busy families and ask you only give time when you can, whether it is a service project or a meeting.

The Kiwanis Club of Summit donated over 250 children's books to Early Connections for them to hand out to the families that come in. Thank you to everyone who donated books and helped us reach our goals. No matter what was going on in the world, Summit Township took very good care of the kids by donating so many wonderful books.

Members made masks for organizations, worked on knitting hats for kids for the winter time, made cards and sent them to various places in Summit Township, such as the grocery stores thanking them for stocking shelves and keeping the stores safe, and other various places of business.

Don't forget about our Scouting clothes and gear. Contact Richard Smith at SummitTWPKiwanis@gmail.com to find out how to donate your gently used scouting gear, or if you have a need for items, we can check our supply to see if we can help out.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our coolest dog contest. Even though the Kickoff was in March, we were still able to raise \$4300.00 to donate to the Anna Shelter. We plan on doing one with cats and a local winery in the Fall; stay tuned for more information.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to join us, we have a couple of projects coming up that we will need the community's help on. We are looking at putting up Military Tribute Banners and will need the community's help to make this project come to life. Contact cathy@szy.com to find out how you can help.

Kiwanis Club of Summit Township will be teaming up with WQLN and WJET on a Family Scavenger hunt for the Erie Area. There will be prizes and a lot of fun to be had by all. Stay tuned for more information.

Follow us on facebook www.facebook.com/kiwanissummit

Stay safe, be strong and remember... if there is anything the Kiwanis Club of Summit Township can do to help you, please let us know.



Hello from Robison Elementary School!

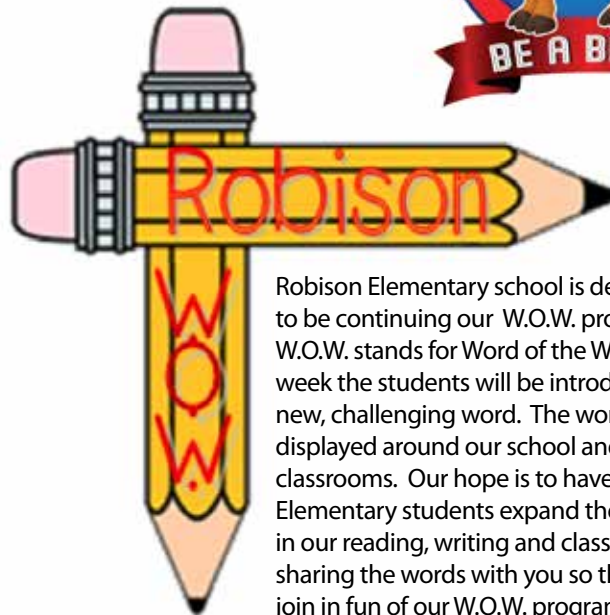
I continue to be honored to be your principal at Robison Elementary School. I know that many of my families are struggling with the idea of change and the uncertainty of the world around us. I want to let you know that yes, many things may be changing around us, but **what is at the heart of Robison will not be changing.**

No matter what platform you choose, your child will still be greeted, educated, and cared for by our committed FLB staff. Your child will have a teacher whose heart is focused on the health, relationships, emotions, and education of your child. They are determined to meet the individual needs of each of their students. Our school counselors are hard at work planning social and emotional lessons and are prepared to help support your child through the transition back to school. Our nurse is keeping up with the latest CDC and PDE guidance and protocols for schools. She has been working closely with our administrative team to plan for the fall. Finally, I want you to know that *I am here for all of you.* I will be focused on making sure that your children feel **connected** under either platform, that they feel **supported** and loved, and that they **enjoy success.**

Yes, things will have to look different, but our mission and commitment to you remains the same. I miss you all and can't wait to see you all back in whichever avenue is right for your family. We may be spread amongst different platforms for learning, but we are still One Herd One Family.

Love, *Mrs. Hopkins*, Principal Robison Elementary

Keep up with our #RESBisonAdventures on Instagram @RobisonElementarySchool



Robison Elementary school is delighted to be continuing our W.O.W. program. W.O.W. stands for Word of the Week. Each week the students will be introduced to a new, challenging word. The words will be displayed around our school and used in our classrooms. Our hope is to have Robison Elementary students expand their vocabulary in our reading, writing and class work. We are sharing the words with you so that you can join in fun of our W.O.W. program!

Our first quarter words are:

September

infuse
sterling
hebdomad

October

tawny
sojourn
ambiance

November

tapestry
succulent
prominent

FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

As I am writing this, the COVID 19 pandemic continues and is increasing at a higher rate than even in April. Unfortunately, that means the office remains closed to pedestrian traffic. Please continue to use the lockbox to the right of the office door or through USPS. If you are paying with cash, please call the office for an appointment.

Note that this will be in effect until further notice. I continue to provide all the same services as before the pandemic, just not walk-in traffic. As this is an ever-evolving situation, please call the office before heading over to the office. I will provide the latest information you will need to make sure your payments are processed in a timely manner. If you leave a message during what would be normal business hours, you will receive a phone call back from me that day.

The 2020 County-Twp and 2020/2021 School bills have the Face period extended to December 31, 2020. As long as payment is made before the end of the year, no Penalty (10%) will be applied.

Feel free to email me or leave a message on my answering machine if you should have any questions or concerns. You can always reach me at the office number and through email.

Please stay safe and hopefully we will be able to see each other soon.

Debra Cameron, Summit Twp. Tax Collector

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

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP CANCELED

After careful consideration, the Summit Township Supervisors have decided to cancel the 2020 annual township clean-up scheduled for September 11th & 12th. This event was originally scheduled for May but was rescheduled to September due to the COVID-19 virus. Unfortunately, with continued concerns about the COVID-19 virus, the Supervisors felt this was the best way to proceed. We anticipate continuing this event in May 2021. Below is a list of Recycling Collection Events held at the Erie County Recycling Convenience Center if you need to dispose of something before next spring. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

ERIE COUNTY RECYCLING CONVENIENCE CENTER

The Erie County Recycling Convenience Center located at 1624 Filmore Avenue will have Recycling Collection Events on select days in 2020 to handle Consumer Electronics (e-waste) and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW).

Pre-registration is required. You can register online at www.ecsr.net; click on Collection Events, scroll down to Erie County Events and click on Schedule an Appointment. You can also register by calling 1-866-815-0016, then press 1 for assistance with registration.

2020 Collection Dates:

January 11, February 8, March 7, April 18 (remote collection), May 9, June 13 (remote collection), July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10 (remote collection), November 14 and December 12

What's Accepted at the Recycling Events?

- TVs
- Computer Monitors/Laptops
- Any electronics with a circuit board or cord
- Peripherals
- Printers
- Microwaves
- Stereos/CD & Tape Players
- Copiers
- Fax Machines
- Phones
- Dehumidifiers
- Air Conditioning Units
- Batteries
- Light Bulbs
- Paint
- Household Cleaning Products
- Aerosols
- Pool Chemicals
- Wood/Metal Cleaners & Polish
- Gasoline/Kerosene/Diesel Fuels
- Propane Tanks/Compressed Gas Cylinders
- Driveway Sealer
- Stains/Finishes
- Paint Strippers
- Waste Oils/Motor Oils

- Fuel Additives
- Transmission/Brake/Starter Fluid
- Antifreeze
- Degreaser
- Car Wax and Polishes
- Bleach
- Lye
- Indoor Pesticides
- Flea Repellents/Shampoo
- Bug Spray
- Strychnine
- Mouse/Rat Poisons
- Fuel Additives

What's NOT Accepted at the Recycling Events?

- Explosives
- Radioactive Materials
- Elemental Mercury
- Ammunition
- Medical Waste
- Large Appliances
- Tires (except for Erie County Events)
- Fire Extinguishers
- Smoke Detectors
- Syringes
- Compressed Gas



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Once Upon A Time...

Due to the Covid-19 closing you were not able to view the display on loan from the VanDyke family of Summit Township so we will keep it in place so everyone has time to see it. We are grateful for their willingness to share their collection with us.

We need a display for the fourth quarter of 2020, is there a Summit person, family, organization, or business interested? Our goal is to display Summit history for everyone.

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

