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*May the simple joys of the holiday season fill your heart with love,
your life with laughter, and bring happiness to your home knowing
2020 soon will be gone.*

Happy Holidays from your Summit Township Supervisors and Staff



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Summit Township will be closed on
November 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving.

In observance of Christmas, municipal offices
will be closed **December 24th and 25th**.

For the New Year holiday, our offices will be
closed **December 31st and January 1st**.

The 2021 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/Roadmaster

Tony Davis -

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

Lisa Vallimont -

Municipal Secretary

Michelle Nesselhauf -

HR Director/Recycling
Coordinator/Newsletter Editor

Tamara Cass -

Zoning Administrator

Debra Jageman -

Zoning Administrative Assistant

Kip Hayford - Code Enforcement

Matthew Jonas -

Township Engineer

Joe Whitmer - GIS/MS-4

Technician

Gina Erbin - Receptionist

THE ROAD CREW:

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

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



Summit Township would like to congratulate Christene Yeast on her upcoming retirement. Christene started her career with Summit Township in 1998 as a receptionist and eventually moved into her current role as the Municipal Secretary. We would like to thank Christene for her many years of service and for her "squawking" that has kept the township in line. But in all seriousness, we will forever remember your dedication, accomplishments, and personal integrity. We wish you the best in the adventures that await you in the future. You will truly be missed.

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

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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 29th.**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **January 22nd!** Our next newsletter will be published in mid to late February.



SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Hello Summit Residents!

I hope this letter finds everyone well during these trying times. Hopefully, things will get back to normal soon and we can all stop thinking about Covid-19.

Each quarter I struggle with a topic for my newsletter article, usually because I have so many ideas that it's difficult to decide which one to cover. This time, however, it was easy because my letter is about something no one has ever written about because it has never happened before.

After 23 years, Christene Yeast, our Municipal Secretary has decided to retire to spend more time with her husband and enjoy life. For the 3 years that I have been here, I can say she has kept us moving forward while making it all look so easy. Christene is always willing to help when we have questions about township business and usually some good history as well. She will be missed here by all of us but I know her replacement, Lisa Vallimont, will do a great job with all her township experience and some helpful preparation from Christene. Good Luck as you start the next phase of your life adventure and I'm sure we will still see you around.

Until next time, stay safe, stay warm, and enjoy the holidays!

Best regards, *Supervisor Tony Davis*

Hello Summit Residents,

Our paving project on Commons Drive went well and we will continue to improve the roads in our business corridor as well as our residential district. The road crew did an awesome job this year (All things considered).

Our new Mack dump truck has arrived at our garage and our crew have been outfitting it with a new plow and salt spreader. It will be ready for the first snowfall.

We have been approved for a CARES grant for broadband expansion along Route 97 from Marsh Road to the Waterford Township line. It will bring 43 Summit Township residents into the 21st century.

Please take a look at your mailboxes and make sure they are ready for another winter. If they are installed to our specifications we should not have any casualties. Mailbox details are on our website and in this newsletter.

Let's hope for another mild winter,

Have a great summer, *Supervisor Mark Welka*

Hello residents! By the time you get this, Halloween will have passed and Thanksgiving will be on its way. We did decide in late September to have Halloween for the kids from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm on October 31st. That was in the minutes of our last meeting in September and also was on the Summit Township's website. Our thoughts were that most all of the other large townships decided to not wait till the final hour to say yes. We did too. So hopefully, if you didn't want to participate, you turned off your lights and closed the door. We asked parents to make sure the kids are wearing a mask and following social distancing safety precautions. We heard very few complaints or interests, so I assume this was a good call.

Big election year and I know that many people are burned out on all the election marketing, advertising, and mailings. Hope all went well with the best candidates winning their elected position. I'm sure everyone including myself, may be relieved that it's over.

We are still working on continuous improvements in our township, garage, senior center, parks, and roads. One project I would like to start in the spring is a veteran's memorial in our Courtyard. Nothing exotic, but I think it will be very

impressive and long overdue. Something for all of us to be proud of, especially veterans, past and present, their friends, and family. We are finalizing design ideas and pricing now.

Summit is prepared for winter as far as snowplows, salt, and antiskid. Please remember to drive carefully and watch your speed as the weather turns, so you will have an opportunity to get used to slippery roads. Early season snow can usually be a bugger for many and even dangerous.

Let's all hope for the best to find a vaccine or medication to get past this Covid-19 and back to a normal social life. It has caused much stress and financial problems for everyone including businesses.

Like I said in the last newsletter, it has been a crazy year, to say the least. If you know of anyone having mental, health, financial, addiction, or any problems, you can call 211 for confidential advice for direction and options.

You are welcome to call the township with questions at any time or come to a public meeting. We hold two public meetings a month. Much easier than listening to rumors. You have the opportunity to voice your opinions and receive a straight answer.

Thank you for your time, *Supervisor Jack Lee*

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.

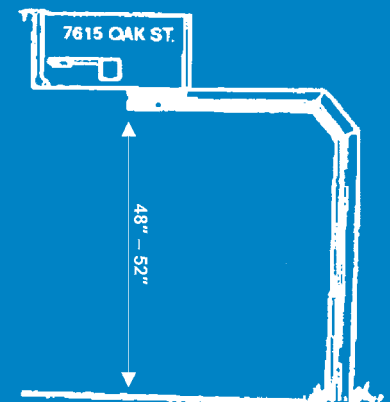
IF NO DITCH EXISTS IN FRONT OF YOUR PROPERTY:

- 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

The Kiwanis Club of Fort LeBoeuf has been hard at work during the pandemic, meeting the needs of our community members while safely providing service. We headed up an effort that produced over 2500 masks that have been distributed to local businesses and individuals. Since we had them in production before they were readily available in stores, they were greatly appreciated.

We recognized the loss of activities for the children this past summer and came up with a Scavenger Hunt throughout Waterford. We opened this up to children from Summit, Waterford, and Mill Village. The participants and their parents provided great feedback and have asked us to continue it next summer. The families truly enjoyed exploring and learning about local history.

When Kiwanians learned that the Waterford Food Pantry was in need, we headed up an online food drive and were able to collect much-needed funds to purchase products for local clients.

With school back in session, we knew there would be lots of changes. We have donated spare masks for students or staff that may have an emergency need. We also sent out the word that we were in need of spare water bottles for the water filling stations now being used at school. Thank you to Elle's Hair Studio, Swiss Aero, Lowes, and Staples for their donations. Each school was able to have enough for students that may not have one or may have forgotten theirs.

Our other service in the past few months included a road cleanup, making greeting cards for Abington Crest residents, delivering flower bouquets to Edinboro Manor residents, answering phones at the WQLN Auction, and making blankets for children in the Foster Care system. We will be collecting items for Foster Care bags in December and would welcome your donations. You can find us on Facebook - Kiwanis Club of Fort LeBoeuf. If you would like to learn more about us or would like to join us in service, please contact Val Rose at 602-9175.



Kiwanis
CLUB OF FORT LeBOEUF

Erie County Department of Planning
and Community Development.....



Snow Removal the Environmentally Conscious Way

As we anticipate mountains of snow and ice in the coming months, it's important to consider how we manage them. Snowmelt and stormwater are one and the same! The pollution and ponding issues that we often experience during warmer months remain—even when stormwater takes a different form. As snow melts, it collects pollutants on its way to nearby waterways, just like stormwater. During winter, these pollutants are most commonly deicers and other traction-gaining materials such as rock salt, sand, and cat litter. While these are critical to winter safety, they present their own environmental challenges. These materials are known pollutants and should be used sparingly to reduce stress on our creeks and streams. Alternatively, consider these practices:

- Start shoveling early! Less snow means less salt or sand.
- Pile snow in areas that don't pond, allowing snowmelt a chance to infiltrate into the ground.
- Avoid piling snow on storm drains, as this can prevent snowmelt from draining from your property.
- Be aware of the temperature when using rock salt, as it becomes less effective the colder it gets, especially below 20° F.
- Sweep up any excess! After the snow and ice have melted, remove excess material to reduce its impact as runoff.

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



Deicers should be used tactfully to maximize effectiveness and avoid overuse. (Image source: <http://kiefercreekwatershed.weebly.com/>)

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

Here We Grow Again

SPLASH LAGOON... located at 8091 Peach Street recently completed construction of a 2,820 sq. ft. addition housing their "Flowrider" attraction and also a 2,540 sq. ft. addition to the 2nd story arcade. Opened in March 2003, more than three million guests have enjoyed Splash Lagoon, which includes seven water slides, pools, hot tubs, a 12-level interactive Tree House, a Tree Tops Ropes Course, 6,500 square foot Arcade with over 100 games, and Wild Waters Wave Pool.

AUTO EXPRESS KIA... recently opened their new dealership and service facility at 9090 Peach Street. The new KIA dealership and KIA Service Center boasts 20,000 square feet, with enough room for 400 vehicles on its 25 acres. The Service Center is also more than double

the size of the previous KIA site containing 16 service bays with all new state of the art equipment.

CHICK-FIL-A... located at 7160 Peach Street recently completed a renovation to the existing restaurant including adding an additional drive-through lane with awnings. Chick-Fil-A is one of the largest American fast-food restaurant chains, with more than 2,400 restaurants, whose specialty is chicken sandwiches.

COPPERLEAF... recently completed the construction of a 1,365 sq. ft. swimming pool with a 3,805 sq. ft. concrete patio for the apartments and townhomes at Copperleaf located at 2906 Copperleaf Drive. Copperleaf is an inclusive community offering on-site boutique shops, a fitness center, community rooms, and a town square.

IN THE WORKS:

BIANCHI HONDA... has begun construction on additional parking for their dealership located just south of Auto Row including spaces for 280 vehicles.

BSI... has started through the land development process for their proposed 2,856 sq. ft. office space and outdoor storage area located at 7421 Perry Highway.

FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of another year. What a year it has been!

I'd like to thank everyone for being so kind and cooperative during the in office face-to-face suspension due to COVID-19. While I miss seeing everyone, it was the safest course of action to protect all against the spread of COVID-19. I will post in the 1st quarter newsletter, Summit Twp. Webpage, office door and answering machine the status of face-to-face counter service that will start March 1st.

Erie County Council, Summit Supervisors and the FLB School Board all passed resolutions for 2020 to extend the Face period until the end of the year eliminating the 10% Penalty period. If payment is made in full by the end of the year, no penalty will be applied. On the pink County-Twp bills, the Face amount is found under the dates May 1 to June 30th. On the white School bills, it is found under the dates

Sept. 1- Dec. 31. Interim tax bills are paid at the payment due dates listed. Interims are not exempt from the 10% Penalty. Please check with me or your mortgage company if you sent your Interim tax bill to your mortgage company to be paid. Not all mortgage companies pay Interim tax bills.

Lastly, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by either leaving a message on the answering machine or contacting me through email. Please leave the following information so I can be prepared when I return your call or email: name, address of parcel in Summit and phone numbers for both daytime and evening.

NOTE:

- 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, 2020. 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 Thursday, December 31st 9AM-Noon 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.

Stay safe and well!!

Debra Cameron, Summit Twp. Tax Collector

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By appointment November 1 - March 1

Steer clear of coronavirus scams

By State Rep. Bob Merski, D-Erie

Scammers like to prey on our fears, and the current pandemic is no exception. You can help protect yourself from scam artists seeking to exploit concerns over COVID-19 by becoming familiar with common schemes.

A popular scam revolves around contact tracing – a scammer will call and pose as a contact tracer to obtain a payment, your Social Security number, or other personal financial information.

It's important to learn the difference between legitimate contact tracers and scam artists. According to the state Department of Health, a legitimate contract tracer may ask to verify your birth date, address, and any phone numbers you have. If you have already tested positive for COVID-19, the contact tracer may also ask the date and location of where you were tested.

A legitimate contact tracer will never ask for your Social Security number, financial/bank account information, passwords of any kind, photos, or videos of any kind, personal information, or any details not related to your potential exposure to someone with COVID-19. If you're uncertain if a contact tracer is legitimate, you can call the department at 1-877-PA-HEALTH to verify.

A common tactic involves a scammer sending you a text saying that someone you came in contact with has tested positive or has shown symptoms for COVID-19. The fake text message will have a link for you to click for more information. Don't do it: a legitimate text from the Health Department will simply let you know they'll be calling you.

Stick with a reliable phone app – COVID Alert PA

Scammers may create mobile apps designed to track the spread of COVID-19 and insert malware into that app, which will compromise users' devices and personal information. Be sure to use only trusted sources.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health recently released the **COVID Alert PA exposure notification application**, which you can download for free from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store.

The app offers an interactive COVID-19 symptom checker, an opt-in feature for alerts for potential exposures to the virus, updates on the latest public health data about COVID-19 in PA, and advice for what to do if you have potential exposure to COVID-19. You can learn more about the app by visiting www.pa.gov/covid and scrolling down to the COVID Alert link.



Summit Community Food Pantry

The Summit Community Food Pantry has had another successful year. It's hard to believe the year is wrapping up. Thanks to our staff and volunteers, we were able to continue distributions uninterrupted throughout COVID 19 by doing curbside pickup.

We will continue to do curbside as long as the weather cooperates. A special thank you to the Supervisors and employees at the Summit Municipal Building for all their support during this time.

Again, without our dedicated staff and volunteers, none of this could happen. Thank you to our Director, Terry Lazenby and Assistant Director, Darlene Smith. Another shout out to volunteers Heather Radel, Steve Colantti, Ed and Mary Randall, Ron Gromacki, Bill Farnen, Keith Vogel, and John Davis. A special thank you to Mark Bennett of Erie Custom Millwork for picking up and delivering the food from Second Harvest Food Pantry. Lakeview Landfill had a food drive that was a wonderful success and we are very grateful.

November distribution days are Thursday, November 12th, and TUESDAY, November 24th (*Thanksgiving distribution*) from 2-4 PM.

December distribution days are Thursday, December 10th and Thursday, December 17th (*Christmas distribution*) from 2-4 PM.

Happy Holidays to all and please, stay safe and well!

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



ENGINEER'S REPORT

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit Update:

The Township is on track to meet its MS4 Permit requirements by the March 15, 2023 deadline. Below is a quick summary of activities to date:

1. The Township has 178 stormwater outfalls that need to be monitored for dry weather flows. 142 of the outfalls have been monitored of which 1/3 have dry weather flow which has been attributed to groundwater.
2. The Stormwater Management Ordinance was updated on June 3, 2019, to be consistent with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations.
3. The Township has initiated a construction observation program to monitor the installation of stormwater facilities that are required by the Stormwater Management Ordinance.
4. The Township continues to prompt owners of stormwater management systems to inspect and properly maintain their systems. Out of the 126 stormwater sites in the Township, there are currently 24 that are not current on their maintenance inspection requirements.
5. Improvements have been made at the Township Garage. Projects were completed to reroute garage floor drains from the storm sewer into the sanitary sewer, and a concrete pad and isolation basin was installed at the garage fuel pumps to avoid contamination to the storm sewer in the event of a fuel spill.
6. The Township is constructing a rain garden and detention basin at Community Park to meet the Pollution Reduction Plan requirements for the Leboeuf Creek watershed.

The Township is doing its part to meet the State mandated requirements and has set the example for other municipalities in Erie County to follow.

The Commons Drive and Rotunda Drive paving project went smoothly and we were able to work with Lindy Paving to complete the project in a very short time frame. The next large paving project will be a mill and overlay of Cherry Street Extension from the Millcreek line to the I-90 overpass. This project is being administered by PennDOT and is Federally funded up to \$268,000.00 from the Local Federal Aid Route Line Item of the Erie Metropolitan Planning Organization. This project will be completed in the 2021 construction season.



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:

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

SCHEDULE NOW

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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.energywisePA.com.

Thanks to COVID-19, the Summit Township staff was unable to have their annual Halloween luncheon. So Municipal Secretary Christene Yeast had a great idea of having a pumpkin carving contest. As you can see, everyone loved the idea! We had one hour to complete our pumpkins and then the Supervisors judged and awarded first, second, and third place winners. The Supervisors said it was very difficult to choose the winners because all of the pumpkins were terrific. They ended up awarding first place to Laura Taylor, second place to Debra Jageman, and third place to Mike Hanas. Thanks to all who participated... it was a lot of fun!!



Mike Hanas, 3rd Place Laura Taylor, 1st Place Debra Jageman, 2nd Place



Michelle Nesselhauf, Gretchen Hayford, Matt Jonas, Gina Erbin, AJ Fox, Kathy Hiles, Mike Hanas, Tammy Cass, Joe Malinowski, Lisa Vallimont, Christene Yeast, Laura Taylor, Joe Whitmer, Debra Jageman.



HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF FROM COVID-19?



1 WET HANDS



2 APPLY SOAP



3 SCRUB 20 SECONDS



4 RINSE UNDER WATER



5 DRY WITH CLEAN TOWEL



CLEAN HANDS!

WASH YOUR HANDS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:
HEALTH.PA.GOV



From the Water Authority. . . .

The last newsletter for the year of 2020! We have been through a lot this year, mostly trying to change our way of doing this and that, things we took for granted before the COVID-19 pandemic hit us.

As the Water Authority was declared an essential service, everyone working in our department kept coming to work. Their temperatures are checked and masks are worn as required. We installed a glass shield so that our employees and customers would be protected. I want to thank our employees for working those months when it seemed like everyone else was staying home.

The Township building is now open allowing our customers to access our office to make payments or conduct other business. All you need to do is ring a buzzer at the front door and explain that you are coming to the Water Authority.

Our Office Manager, Laura Taylor has decided to take some time off and be a snowbird. Laura and her husband will return in the spring. I want to thank them both for all of the years they've worked. Enjoy the warm weather and we will be awaiting your return in 2021.

Now to provide some interesting information about the Summit Township Water Authority . . .

- The Summit Township Water Authority was started in 1972 to bring much-needed water to Summit Township.
- The first water line was installed in 1989 with the first customer connecting in 1990.
- We have 1,965 residential accounts and 322 commercial accounts
- Based on an average of 2.59 people per household, the Water Authority serves approximately 5,089 of Summit Township's 7,082 residents.
- The Department of Environmental Protection calculates our customer base as 12,226 people. This factors in those who live in Summit, as well as those who come to work, attend one of our many schools and daycares, and perform a variety of other activities. They also show that we serve 70% of Summit Township.
- In 1996, the Summit Township Water Authority hired a manager, 2 field employees, and 2 office staff. That year we finished the south tower and started construction of a pump station on

Waterview Lane. The Water Authority has stopped installing water lines and now puts them out to bid with an outside contractor. With the changing times, we are now concentrating on the continued maintenance of our water system.

I would like to thank our 5 board members for their continued support this past year. Thank you also to our employees, Laura Taylor, Gretchen Hayford, Kathy Hiles, Zach Lewis, Lisa Culbertson, Adam Wilps, Sean Miller, Brian Clark, and soon to be manager, Brian Hiles. Without these faithful employees and their dedicated work standards, we would not have gotten to where we are now. I know we still get a few random calls reporting sediment in the water, which we are working to resolve on a daily basis.

Please have a great holiday and hopefully an even better 2021!

Bob Mitchell, STWA Manager



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

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY RECEIVES \$710,000 GRANT FROM PENNSYLVANIA SMALL WATER AND SEWER PROGRAM

The Summit Township Sewer Authority wants to express our thanks to **Senator Dan Laughlin (PA-49)** for supporting our recent Commonwealth Financing Authorities, Small Water and Sewer Program grant applications. Since July 2016, the Sewer Authority has applied three times for four different projects. The grants were awarded for two of the projects. The Authority will have 3-years to complete the following projects:

Application Estimates

#	Project	Grant	STSA	TOTAL
1.	Sanitary Sewer Connection Compliance	\$343,710	\$101,932	\$469,347
2.	Old Perry Hwy. Sanitary Sewer Upgrades	\$367,415	\$115,807	\$483,222

INFLOW AND INFILTRATION – SYSTEM REPAIRS, VIOLATIONS, AND ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS

The Summit Township Sewer Authority has initiated a program to make repairs in the public sewer system in Route 97 Sewage Subsystem south of Interstate 90. In prior years, the Authority cataloged system deficiencies and illegal connections as part of an investigation to identify storm and groundwater that unnecessarily enters the public sanitary sewer system. When stormwater enters the sanitary sewer system it increases treatment costs for all system users, takes away from capacity that would be available for other landowners to connect to the sewer system, and may cause overflows. Overflows and backups into buildings destroy personal artifacts, jeopardize public health, and negatively impact the environment. Based on the results of the investigation the Authority authorized up to \$150,000 for improvements to the public portion of the sewer system. In addition, the Authority has begun notifying businesses and homeowners of deficiencies and violations.

If you believe you have a sump pump or footer drain connected to the sanitary sewer system serving your home and wish to correct this illegal connection before receiving a notice of violation please call the Summit Township Sewer Authority. An Authority inspector will be assigned to help you sort out the issue. No fines will be levied for voluntary corrections and the inspection is free. Your home will be removed from the catalog of known deficiencies. Otherwise, do not be surprised if you hear from the Authority sometime next year.

EMERGENCY RELIEF EXTENDED

At the August Regular Business Meeting of the Summit Township Sewer Authority, the Board agreed to continue to suspend posting penalties and interest on delinquent accounts through December 2020. The Authority will also continue to temporarily suspend the water-termination policy for delinquent accounts until year-end. Please note that the Authority's policy of placing liens on properties with delinquent balances has not been suspended. At the December regular business meeting, this policy will be reviewed and customers should be aware that the Authority plans to resume all normal policies regarding delinquent accounts as soon as it is reasonable to do so.

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 pandemic. 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.

If you are interested in attending a Regular Business Meeting, please call the Authority office to find out the best way to attend a meeting. Whether in person, conference call, or virtual, 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

PERRY HI-WAY MEMBERS RECEIVE CERTIFICATIONS

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, members continued to excel in training. Members received various certifications this summer / early fall. Completion of a written test was required to ensure members retained the knowledge presented in their classes. The Haz-Mat operations and Firefighter 1 also required passing a physical skill test. EMT instructor had to spend several hours of teaching under a seasoned instructor who provided feedback and recommend the student for approval.

- Vince Dragulin EMT-P: Haz-Mat Awareness / Haz-Mat Operations / Firefighter 1
- Drew Himes EMT: EMT instructor
- Shawn Wroblewski EMT-P: Haz-Mat Awareness / Haz-Mat Operations
- Benjamin Spaulding - Junior FF: Haz-Mat Awareness

Congratulations to the members on their new certifications.

PERRY HI-WAY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome several new members to our team. Over the past several months we have had new members join our ranks, both volunteers and paid staff:

VOLUNTEERS:

- Ryan Didomenico - Firefighter
- Jonah Douglas - JR Firefighter
- Madison Erbin - JR Firefighter
- Steve Sample - Firefighter
- Benjamin Spaulding - JR Firefighter
- Victoria Steward - EMT

PAID STAFF:

- Robert Barbarini - EMT
- John Bosley - EMT-P
- Robert Glenn - EMT
- Joshua Smith - EMT-P
- Damien Trusty - EMT

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!

TIPS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS

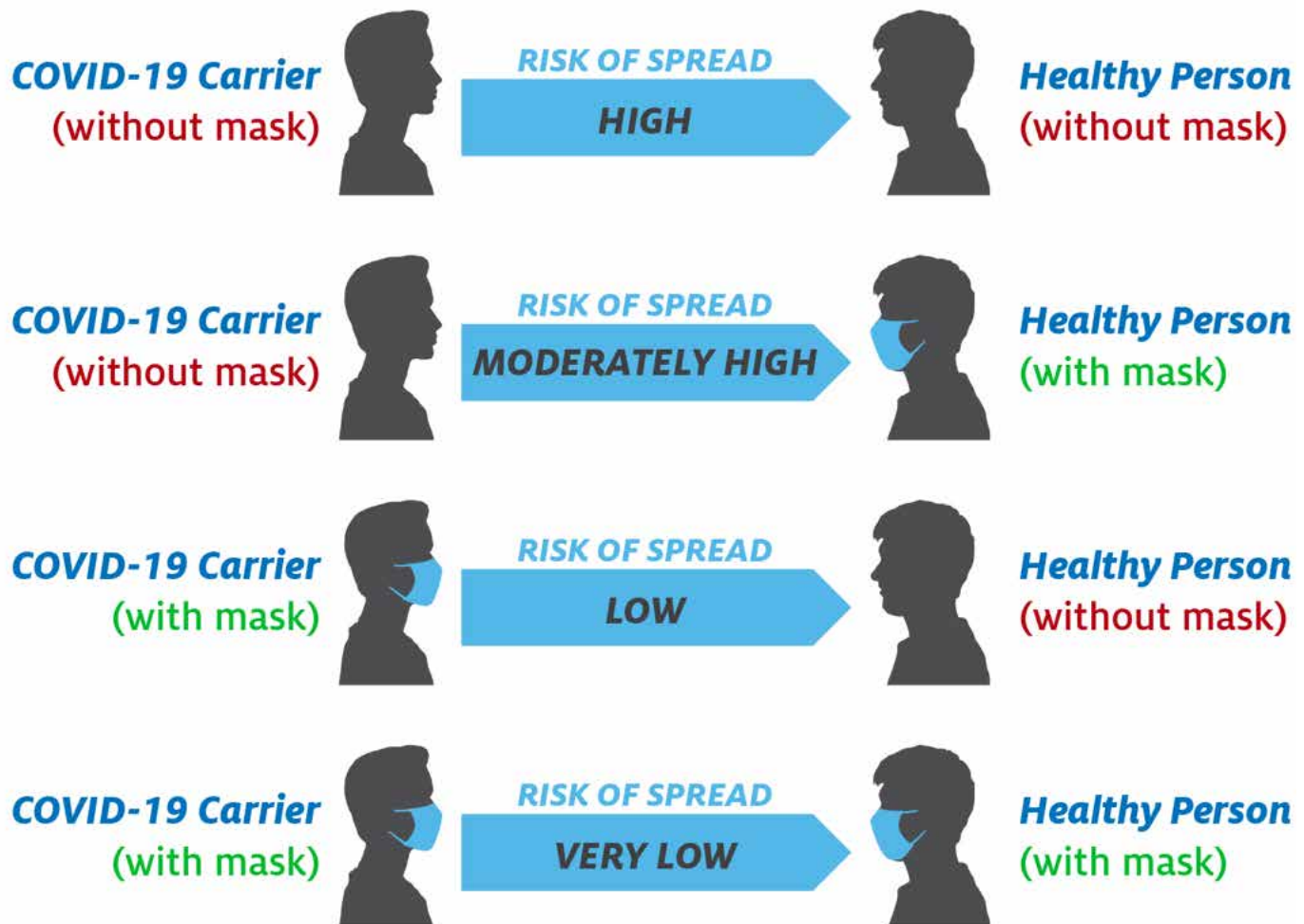
As the winter weather grows ever closer PERRY HI-WAY has some helpful tips

1. Make sure you change your smoke detector / CO detector batteries if you did not already change them when you reset your clocks.
2. Inspect or have your chimney checked to make sure it is open and safe for use this burning season.
3. Make sure your house number is easily read from the roadway. We need to be able to find you quickly in the time of an emergency. We also recommend making sure your number is on both sides of your mailbox.
4. Trim the trees and bushes along your driveway. Our trucks are much bigger than the family car. We recommend your driveway be clear 9ft wide and 12ft high. We have had damage to our new ambulances from tree branches and bushes extending into the driveways.
5. For those living in one of our many mobile homes in the township make sure your heat tape for your water line is installed properly. Improperly installed heat tapes pose a fire hazard.
6. Make sure you have smoke detectors on every level of your home. If you need a new detector you can pick one up free of charge at the township building or either fire station (one per resident household).
7. Have an emergency kit in your car when traveling in the cold and snowy weather. Jumper cables, a small shovel, a flashlight, a blanket, and snack bars are just a few items we recommend.
8. We ask people to keep the fire hydrant near their home clear of snow when Mother Nature drops her white blanket on our area. We ask you to try and clear a 3 ft diameter circle around the hydrant and a path from the roadway to the hydrant. This will help us get hooked up to the hydrant much faster than if we need to dig out the hydrant our self before use. Also, be sure not to plow the snow so it covers or blocks access to the hydrants.

In closing I must remind those homes who have not donated to our 2020 residential fund drive, it is not too late. We are still accepting donations. The COVID-19 pandemic this year has cost us \$40,000 due to the cancellation of all our fundraisers as well as very limited social hall rentals. We are hoping to get additional donations this fall to offset our lost fundraising dollars. Donations can be sent to Perry Hi-Way Hose Company 8281 Oliver Road, Erie, PA 16509.

Thank You, *John Spaulding*
President, Perry Hi-Way Hose Company

WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS



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/scrapper 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.

Hello from Robison Elementary School!

We are determined to make our 2020-2021 school year one that is focused on learning and laughter and connection. Restrictions cannot change the way we feel about our students and have not changed the way our students feel about Robison. Though our doors are currently closed to visitors I wanted to let our community take a peek at what is happening inside our Robison Walls.

Love, *Mrs. Hopkins*, Principal Robison Elementary

Keep up with our #RESBisonAdventures on Instagram @RobisonElementarySchool



Kindergarten students are learning all about pumpkins!



First graders celebrated leaf week by conducting leaf investigations.



Fourth graders participated in an art analysis writing activity.



Fifth graders built a 3D model of a cell.



Fifth graders participated in a book tasting activity to sample new genres and authors.



All students at Robison have been given their own yoga mat that they bring outside to our outdoor learning centers. Second grade students are enjoying their outdoor learning space.



Fourth graders researched and designed a 3D zoo exhibit.

First grade students put their yoga mats to great use in a teacher instructed stretching session.



Fifth graders analyzed character traits and painted their character pumpkins to share with all of our Robison students.



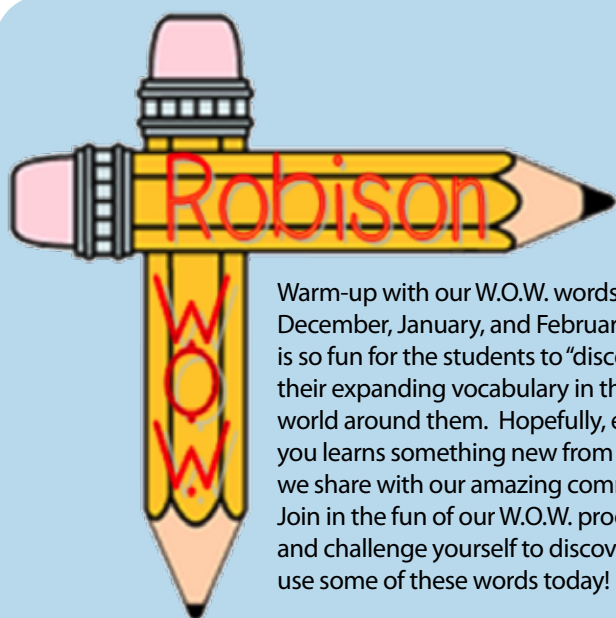
Summit Lions Club News



We Serve

The Lions motto is "WE SERVE". You might wonder how do we live up to that motto going through the pandemic and we need to be socially distant from each other, so we do not contract the Covid-19 virus. I can honestly say the Summit Lions are serving our community and beyond and we come together in a safe manner.

We have several Lions that assist at the Summit Food Pantry. The Summit Lions have a vested interest in keeping the Summit Food Pantry a success because it was originally organized by the Summit Lions Club. We also have a Lion that assists with the packing of the backpacks for school-age children, so children get the proper nutrition over the weekends.



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 the 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

queue
reprise

January

vista
frivolity
volition

February

precept
sentiment
paraqon

We are collecting plastic bags and recycling them so one day, they get turned into an outside bench to be used around our community. At the present time, we would like to thank those individuals that have been dropping off their plastic bags at the Summit Township Municipal Building. The Summit Lions have already met our quota for one bench and presently we are assisting the Fort LeBoeuf Leos in recycling more bags so they can also receive a bench. We are only accepting plastic bags, shrink wrap, bubble wrap, etc. We do not recycle disposable food containers or plastic bottles.

Our greatest Service project is our Pennsylvania Lions Alert providing relief to those in Louisiana. Our state office received a request for help from a Lions group in Louisiana for supplies that can no longer be purchased because of all the hurricane damage they have sustained. The request and the list of the needed items were sent out to 18,000 Lions all over Pennsylvania. Summit Lions stepped up and provided 200 items such as work gloves, Gatorade, toilet paper, paper towels, bleach, cleaning supplies, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. These donations were then taken to Jamestown, PA to the Jamestown Lions Club Community building where they could be packed in 12" x 12" boxes. At this destination point, more items were the same as what our club donated along with, pillows, blankets, towels and washcloths, first aid supplies. Lion Bob Mitchell and I stayed to help five other Lions to pack up all the donations. We ended up with 110 12" x 12" boxes, 5 large cases of toilet paper, and 15 construction size bags that were filled with toilet paper, paper towels, and tissues. This was then loaded on to a cargo truck donated by another Lion to be hauled to Cranberry Township to be loaded onto the Lions Disaster Relief Semi, where it made its way to Louisiana. This semi was greeted by some very excited Lions including two former Pennsylvania Lions that knew they could count on us to fulfill their need. Their joy was overwhelmed when they discovered that several Lions clubs went beyond their list and had purchased chain saws and generators to help with the cleanup effort. As I write this article, that Service is still being expanded and the story of providing HOPE to a group of people that not only have to fight Covid-19 but the elements of a hurricane; not just once but multiple times.

For those of you that were inspired by the Service that the Lions are doing, but say I do not have the time, I would like to point out; it is not one person providing help, but the helping hands of multiple people doing what they can, when they can. Lions Serve.

Thank you, *Lion Janet Mitchell, President*

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GLASS RECYCLING COMING TO SUMMIT

Summit Township is excited to announce they have partnered with Bayfront Glass, LLC to provide glass recycling to Summit Township residents. Bins will be placed next to the Township Garage on Old French Road where the old Municipal Building used to be. Please follow the attached use instructions which will also be posted on the bins. Bins will be in place by the end of November.



Accepted	Not Accepted
Food & Beverage	Ceramics, Porcelain, China
Perfume & Cologne	Crystal glass & Stemware
Canning & Candle (remove wax)	Mirrors & Flat glass
PLEASE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rinse out food and drink• Remove caps and lids• Labels can stay on	Heat-resistant & laboratory glass
	Trophies & Ashtrays
	Light bulbs & Tubes
NO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic Bags Plastic Bottles Garbage/Trash Aluminum Cans	

Once Upon A Time...

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.

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

