



SUMMIT TOWNSHIP

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2020 TAX-AIDE

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

2020 AARP TAX-AIDE SITES IN ERIE COUNTY

All sites are by appointment only

HIGHLAND VILLAGE APARTMENTS

12220 YMCA Dr., Edinboro, PA
Wednesday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
814-398-8005

ERIE SALVATION ARMY CENTER

1022 Liberty St., Erie, PA
Day To Be Determined
9:00 am - 1:30 pm
814-454-6497

ERIE MERCY HILLTOP CENTER

444 E. Grandview Blvd. Erie, PA
Monday & Tuesday
8:30 am - 2:30 pm
814-824-2214

FAIRVIEW TRI-BORO

SENIOR CENTER
7555 Main St., Fairview, PA
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
814-474-2211

MILLCREEK TWP MUNICIPAL BLDG

3608 West 26th St., Erie, PA
Monday & Friday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
814-833-1111 Ext. 329

UNION CITY SENIOR CENTER

27 Johnson St., Union City, PA
Monday & Thursday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
814-438-2146



REMINDER: Time to renew DOG LICENSES for 2020

Licenses must be renewed in January for the current calendar year.

Summit Township has Erie County dog licenses available at the Municipal Office

Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm
(closed for lunch from 12pm-12:30pm)

There is a \$2.00 discount for Disabled Citizens and Senior Citizens 65 years of age or older.

To apply for a dog license online please visit www.eriecountypa.gov.

To apply for a "lifetime" license you must go to the Erie County Courthouse.

TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED:

February 17th – President's Day
April 10th – Good Friday

MEET THE STAFF

TOWNSHIP: 868-9686

Jack Lee, Jr. -

Supervisor/Treasurer/
Dir. Land Development

Mark A. Welka -

Supervisor/Chariman/Roadmaster

Tony Davis -

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

Christene Yeast -

Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

Michelle Nesselhauf -

HR Director/Recycling
Coordinator/Newsletter Editor

Tamara Cass -

Zoning Administrator

Debra Jageman -

Zoning Administrative Assistant

Kip Hayford - Code Enforcement

Matthew Jonas -

Township Engineer

Gina Erbin - Receptionist

THE ROAD CREW:

Gary Haupt - Foreman

Steve Skelly, Joe Passerotti,

Larry Hudacky, Jeff Matheis,

Gary Pace, Mike Hanas,

Andrew Fox, Darrell Sayers

& Joe Malinowski

WATER AUTHORITY: 864-2323

Bob Mitchell - Manager

Laura Taylor -

Administrative Secretary

Gretchen Hayford -

Administrative Assistant

Brian Clark, Brian Hiles,

Sean Miller, 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

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

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

We ask all residents to come out
and support our fundraisers

Slapsticks Productions Presents

Perry Hi-Way Hose Co. 11th Annual Funny Fundraiser!

Hilarious Headliner



BRAD LOWERY
Seen On CBS, A&E, BET-TV

Funny Feature



BRAD TODD
Clean, Clever, Comedian!



Host
DAVID KAYE

PLUS 50/50 Raffle!

Saturday February 22

PERRY HI-WAY HOSE Co.

8281 Oliver Road - Erie, PA 16509

\$15⁺⁺ Advance • \$20⁺⁺ Day of Show at Door
Includes Light Snacks & Beer • BYOB
Kitchen Open For Food Purchases
Doors Open 6:30pm • Showtime 8:00pm
Tickets On Sale From Members or Call 814-864-0680
Tickets Online: slapsticksproductions.com

COMEDY SHOW

Saturday, February 22nd, 2020

6:30pm to 11pm

See any member or stop in at the
Oliver Road Station to purchase tickets

INDOOR FLEA MARKET

Sunday, April 26th, 2020

\$10 per 8' table space to sell your items

Unload & Set-Up 8am - 10am

Open to public 10am - 2pm

Must remove any unsold items from the hall

Email Kip Hayford at Khayford42@gmail.com

to reserve your space

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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



Perry Hi-Way Hose Company

PERRY HI-WAY WILL NO LONGER HAVE CHRISTMAS AUCTIONS

What started as a fall fundraiser over 30 years ago has come to an end. The membership has voted to no longer hold the annual Christmas Auctions. The main reason for the decision was the drop in the monies raised for the department for the amount of time put in by the membership. The profits from the auctions have fallen in recent years as the merchandise that the auctioneer has to sell has changed. The profits from the auctions have dropped to under \$2000 a year for last year and again this year. The other factor was the low number of volunteer members. Lack of auxiliary members had emergency providers in the kitchen. The remaining members were on the floor showing and delivering the merchandise. Just as we canceled monthly dinners years ago due to low profits for the amount of work needed, the Christmas auctions have met with the same fate. We thank all the people who came to these auctions over the years to support Perry Hi-Way Hose Company and we hope to see you at our other fundraising activities in the future.

NEW AMBULANCES SET TO ARRIVE FOR MARCH 1, 2020

Two new ambulances are set to be delivered for March 1, 2020, to replace our current ambulances. The old units are 7 years old with over 4500 hours on each one. The old units have also been plagued with mechanical breakdowns and increasing maintenance costs making the decision to replace them an easy one for the Board of Directors. The goal of the fire department Board is to have reliable equipment at the ready to handle the emergencies that occur in the Township. These new ambulances have been designed to better allow our paramedics to treat the patients as well as increase the safety of the patient and crew members. We have also upgraded to a 4 wheel drive chassis for our snowy, slippery roads and driveways we experience in the winter months. The new apparatus was built by PL Custom Emergency Vehicles out of New Jersey on a Ford F550 chassis with a cost of \$254,000 per ambulance. Funds have been saved from the annual fund drive and ambulance billing for the past 6 years to pay for this purchase. We will have these new units in service by mid-March as they will need to be inspected and licensed by the PA Department of Health and get our members trained on these new trucks. The old trucks will be sold with the monies received going toward the cost of replacement.

**In an Emergency,
Every Second Counts!**



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

PERRY HI-WAY TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSES NOW OVER \$1 MILLION

It may be hard for most Township residents to believe, but the cost of running the fire department has climbed to over \$1 million. The vast majority of this cost is related to the cost of the paid staff that has been added due to the lack of Volunteers. Moving from an all-volunteer system to the combination system of today did not come free. Just as the Township and the City of Erie, the biggest part of their budget is the staff or personnel cost. Below is the breakdown in the cost to maintain the fire department for 1 year of operations with the paid staff we have. The staffing is bare-bones with 2 FF/EMT and 2 FF/ Paramedic on duty 9am till 9pm and just 1 FF/EMT and 1 FF/ Paramedic on duty from 9pm till 9am. Volunteers must be used to provide additional personnel for all fires, all vehicle accidents 2nd ambulance calls from 9pm till 9am and any Hazardous Material Calls. The Township has provided funding for the paid staffing as Pennsylvania law makes them (Township Supervisors) responsible to provide fire and ambulance protection for the township. The funding for operational costs and new apparatus comes primarily from the fund drive and fee for service billing as well as fundraising activities.

EXPENSES

Ambulance Supplies	\$	9,000.00
Ambulance Billing (based on 1125 patients / bills)	\$	22,500.00
Ambulance Paramedic Assist Payments	\$	5,000.00
Ambulance Income Transfer to Paid Staffing	\$	45,000.00
Ambulance Monitors & Lucas maint. Contracts	\$	7,500.00
Banquet / For Members	\$	3,000.00
Capital Improvements	\$	25,000.00
Computer Systems / IT Services	\$	5,000.00
Engine Equipment	\$	3,000.00
Extinguisher Recharge / Repair / Service	\$	500.00
Fire Prevention	\$	1,000.00
Firefighters Museum	\$	1,000.00
Fund Drive Print & Postage	\$	2,800.00
Hall Cleaning	\$	14,000.00
Hall Cleaning Supplies	\$	4,000.00
Hall Expenses Misc	\$	5,000.00
Insurance Coverages	\$	32,000.00
Legal & Professional	\$	10,000.00
Office Supplies / Copiers / & Postage	\$	5,500.00
Office Personnel	\$	25,000.00
Radio Repairs	\$	500.00
Recruitment & Retention (\$20,000 LOSAP)	\$	24,000.00
Rescue Equipment	\$	3,000.00
Security Cameras Repair & Up-keep	\$	500.00
Station Maintenance / Up-keep	\$	34,000.00
Training	\$	10,000.00
Trash Removal	\$	4,500.00
Truck Payments (New Rescue)	\$	50,000.00
Truck Replacement Funding (to vehicle fund)	\$	20,000.00
Utilities (electric, gas, phones, internet)	\$	48,500.00
Vehicle Fuel	\$	24,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$	33,000.00
Misc. Expenses	\$	200.00
Forestry Grant (50 - 50 matching grant)	\$	6,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$	484,000.00

PAID STAFFING COSTS

Wages	\$	446,157.00
Work Comp Insurance	\$	61,512.00
Health insurance (individual only)	\$	60,000.00
Taxes / unemployment	\$	64,362.00
401 K retirement	\$	21,969.00
Total staffing expenses	\$	654,000.00

TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSES

\$ 1,138,000.00

Hello from Robison Elementary School!

Registration for all children living in the Fort LeBoeuf School District will be held at Waterford Elementary School located at 323 Cherry Street, Waterford, Pa. (796- 4833). Kindergarten is a full-day program at Fort LeBoeuf and children entering in the fall of 2020 must be five years of age before June 1, 2020.

Registration will be held during the following dates and times:

Tuesday, May 5, 2020, from 11:00 AM — 6:30 PM and
Monday, May 11, 2020, from 11:00 AM — 6:30 PM

Registration will not be complete until the office has a copy of the child's birth certificate and immunization record. Please be aware that students must have the state-mandated immunizations within the first 5 days of school or they will not be eligible to attend. Please bring a "baby book" with the required data or a doctor's written statement regarding immunization history. If your child's immunization record is not updated, please come to registration with the information you have and an updated immunization record may be given to the school before classes begin. Proof that you reside in the Fort LeBoeuf School District is required at the time of registration. Please have two proofs of residency and one should be your driver's license. Due to our updated security policies, please be prepared to show your ID to the camera before entering the school building.

The registration packet needs to be filled out completely and accurately as these records follow the child through their school years. Please have all these forms completed and with you at the time of registration.

Your child must be with you so that vision and academic screenings can be carried out on the day you register. If your child wears glasses, please have her/him wear them on registration day.

Perhaps you would be willing to share this information with a friend or relative who has a kindergarten age child. Please have them call any of our three elementary schools if they have not received this packet.

If you are not planning to register your child in the Fort LeBoeuf School District, have not received a packet, or have questions regarding registration, please call an elementary school office.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jason Vaughn, Principal Mill Village Elementary

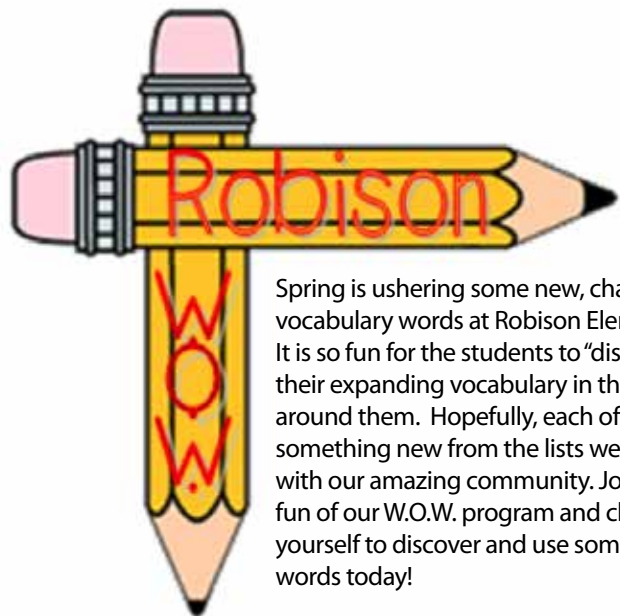
Mrs. Yvonne Best-Proctor, Principal Waterford Elementary

Mrs. Jenna Hopkins, Principal Robison Elementary



Retire Your Old Glory This Winter

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



Spring is ushering some new, challenging vocabulary words at Robison Elementary. It is so fun for the students to "discover" their expanding vocabulary in the world around them. Hopefully, each of you learn something new from the lists we share with our amazing community. Join 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
emphatic
stalwart
accouterments
segue

January
avid

February
behoove
al fresco

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Hello Summit Residents,

It is hard to believe it's the year 2020! We will be investing in a new Mack Dump Truck this year to replace our 15-year-old Mack Tandem.

One of our paving projects this year will be Commons and Rotunda Drive. Engineer Jonas explains this in more detail in his newsletter article on page 9. This project will be contracted out which will be determined through the bidding process. Our road crew's paving projects will include Ponderosa Drive, Washington Avenue, and Wild Cherry Lane. We will also be scratch coat paving Langdon, Marsh, and Hamot Roads.

Storm Sewer projects will include Donation, Lee, and Old French Roads as well as Meridian Drive. Please keep in mind that we will not be doing these roads in their entirety, just the areas where the roads are narrow.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely, *Mark Welka*

Hello Summit Residents, I hope all is well. So far our winter has been quite mild which has enabled us to get some other projects going. One of the projects that I have been involved with is the LED lighting upgrade of the municipal garage and office building.

The garage was completed around the end of December and the office is still in progress. We compared the 2018 electric bills with the 2019 bills and calculated a savings of over \$15,000.

Since the office building upgrade is still in progress it will be very exciting to see what the savings will be once it's completed.

As we all look forward to spring and warmer weather, enjoy the remainder of the winter.

Until next time, *Tony Davis*

Hello residents and neighbors. So far we have experienced a mild winter. That always helps to make most of the public happy, including myself. I realize many people like snowmobiling and ice fishing but we can't count on that every year. We receive very few complaints about plowing during a light winter just because snowbanks don't build up and the plows don't fill everybody's driveway as they unload snow going down the street.

Hard to believe 2020 is upon us. It is another New Year and before you know it, it's going to be spring. Things have been going well and we continue to make upgrades at our garages, Senior Center, and parks. When you keep building maintenance up, you can protect yourself from expensive repairs later on down the road.

We have new cameras at our municipal building for safety reasons and security. The security company we hired used the existing wires for the new high-def cameras, so it was fairly inexpensive. The cameras are very nice because we already witnessed a vehicle almost run into another car as it was speeding during snow and icy conditions and lost control trying to slow down. This happened in front of the municipal building at midnight and they took out a telephone pole. Luckily, the reckless driver never hit the car in front of them. The wrecked car continued back onto Townhall Road and left the scene.

It is a shame that we have to do this in our society today, but the good thing is, security systems are getting better. They record every minute and are much more affordable. This security system also includes smoke and heat sensors to hopefully identify a fire before it's too late.

We are still in meetings and discussions with Erie County and the City of Erie about Recruitment and Retention for the volunteer fire departments and EMS service. You may have seen on the news that Conneaut Lake Fire Department in Crawford

County has closed because of financial distress and lack of volunteers. I see more of that coming. That is why Summit Township has partnered with Perry Highway Hose Company, "PHHC", to help support them and their paid 24/7 EMS service. Summit is far from a rural township today and that puts much demand on PHHC. We have very busy roads, businesses of all sorts, and many subdivisions. For all of these reasons, PHHC is very busy and receives calls and responds 24/7. The bad thing is the rest of Erie County seems to be abusing them with too many "Long Distance" mutual aid calls. That's why this is such an important issue. I have brought it up before in our newsletter, and it's not being selfish, it's just being realistic.

Perry Highway Hose Company EMS service should not be driving to Union City, Corry, Northeast, Girard, or downtown Erie because someone needs an ambulance. That is proof of urgency in Erie County when PHHC is driving through four townships to answer the 911 call. That should tell you how desperate Erie County is becoming with failed EMS service, dropped calls, and response time.

Perry Highway gets called because they are available and per state law, Erie County 911 calls the closest available department to respond. But it cannot continue like this forever. In the past 19 months, PHHC has averaged about 45 mutual aid calls per month. Those are calls out of the township which is way too many.

Well, we are still working on solutions. One thing is county-wide marketing recruitment for volunteers. It probably needs more money incentives, in many ways, to attract volunteers. Another possibility is regionalization to best use your resources of available firefighters, equipment, and apparatus. Hopefully, all of us can come up with some county-wide solutions.

Thank you for your time, *Jack Lee*

Summit Township Emergency Management

Are you ready? Winter Storms



- ❄️ **Follow local area radio, NOAA radio, PA 511, TV stations and media for the latest information and emergency alerts.**



- ❄️ **Review your emergency kit and replenish items in short supply, especially medications and medical supplies. Gather food, water and supplies to be able to stay home for several days without power.**



- ❄️ **Be sure you have ample heating fuel. Consider secondary or emergency heating types such as wood burning stoves or portable heaters. Only use them if it can be done properly and safely. Consider installing a portable generator.**



- ❄️ **Bring your companion animals inside and ensure that your horses and livestock have blankets if appropriate and access to shelter, food, and non-frozen water.**



- ❄️ **Check on relatives, neighbors, and friends, particularly if they are elderly, live alone or have special needs.**



- ❄️ **Be smart when working outside. Strain from the cold and overexertion may cause a heart attack. Sweating could lead to a chill and hypothermia.**



- ❄️ **Be prepared to evacuate if you lose power or heat. Know your routes and destinations. Find a local emergency shelter. Tell someone your plan.**

AMERICAN RED CROSS WINTER STORM PREPAREDNESS

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winter-storm.html>

From The Office Of District Judge McGowan



FLB High School Panel Discussion

On Wednesday, October 23, 2019, I had the privilege of participating in the sophomore panel discussion at the Fort LeBoeuf High School. The High School has this event every year, and I've been attending since the inception. It is a chance for students interested in careers in various fields to listen to and ask questions of professionals in those fields. It's a great opportunity for students to explore their interest in various occupations and every year I am pleased to participate.

Robison Elementary Government Lesson

December 6, 2019, I had the privilege to visit Robison Elementary and address the third-grade classes. They had just finished learning about the three branches of government and the function or purpose each branch has. As in previous years, my focus was on the courts.

After a brief overview of the role each branch plays in our system, I presented the class with a hypothetical municipality and a new law that council approved and the mayor through the police force was in charge of enforcing. Simply put, the law stated: "No vehicles in the Park." The class was then broken up into small groups. Each group was presented with a different fact scenario and was to act as judge on the case to decide if the defendant should be found guilty of violating the law.

After discussing the scenarios in their small groups, the students then presented their case to the class as a whole. There were no right or wrong answers. Each scenario was designed to encourage discussion and there were facts favoring conviction as well as acquittal. What I believe the students took away from the lesson was how difficult but vitally important it is to write good laws.

This was an exceptional year for this exercise. I never get tired of the lesson and every class is different. They ask different questions, analyze the problems differently and come to different conclusions. This year was a first for me. A student mentioned a possible solution to a problem that was never mentioned in previous years. In fact, I've never thrown it out as an example. I must compliment the parents and teachers at Robison, specifically Ms. McGinnis, Mrs. Devine, Mrs. McGowan, and Mrs. Zimmerman. I look forward to visiting them again next year.



Brian M. McGowan, MDJ

FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Happy New Year to All!

All the rush of the holidays is over and now we can slow down and wait for spring. But don't forget to enjoy winter and the beautiful landscape snow provides.

Any unpaid taxes that were due by December 31, 2019, have now been turned over to Erie County Tax Claim for collection. Summit Township has an impressive rate of collection: County/Twp 97%, Street Lights 99% and School 98%. If your taxes were turned over as delinquent, you will be notified via USPS by EC Tax Claim on the amount owed. You can contact tax claim at 814-451-6206.

The 2020 County/Township tax bills will be issued and mailed March 1, 2020. The color this year is pink. Mills remain the same as last year – Township .59 and County 5.71. If you do not receive your tax bill by March 15th, please contact me. Last year showed a large uptake on undelivered mail and mail delivery issues. If you cannot come to the office during office hours, you may use the locked mailbox to the right of the office door.

Tax bills are sent to the most recent address provided to the assessment office. If you have a change in your mailing address, please contact assessment ASAP at 814-451-6225.

March and April are months that we start preparing our federal tax returns. If you are in need of a paid receipt for your tax return or to file the PA 1000 (Property/Rent Rebate), send a S.A.S.E. along with your request. You can also obtain a receipt by emailing me at dacameron@roadrunner.com. I can attach your receipts to your email for faster service. State Representative Bob Merski's office can assist you in preparing your PA 1000, 814-455-6319.

I look forward to seeing everyone in March!

Debra Cameron, *Summit Twp. Tax Collector*

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

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SCOUTING CLOTHES AND GEAR

Kiwanis and the Scouting movement have been partners since the early days of both organizations. That collaboration is now making its way to our region. The Kiwanis Club of Summit Township is kicking off a project aimed at allowing more of the youth in our area the chance to join Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Explorers with the addition of a Community Uniform & Equipment Closet.

Donated items may be dropped off at the Summit Township Municipal Building on Townhall Road, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours, 8am to 4:30pm. Summit Township will store the items in a climate-controlled dry basement and Richard Smith can pick up and distribute the items as needed. This service will allow members of the community to drop off items like tents, cookware, camp stoves, tarps, backpacks, and other equipment that can be reused by Boy Scouts of America Packs, Troops, and Crews from across Erie County. It will also enable Scout Leaders in those units a place to get good, used laundered uniforms for those Scouts who may not have the means to buy a new one off the rack.

Summit and both a Pack and Troop Leader in the BSA Program is leading this effort. "I'd hate to see a child that is interested in Scouting not join because they can't afford something like a uniform. Likewise, many units can't fundraise enough to get the equipment they need. Many people in our community have been Scouts or their children have been and they may have things just laying around that can be put to good use by units from across our region. The Kiwanis Club of Summit aims to get that stuff in the hands of those who need it so we are asking you to give generously if you have it."

Those looking to donate uniforms or equipment can contact Smith by emailing SummitTWPKiwanis@gmail.com.

The Scouting program has been building better communities for over 100 years by furthering the mission to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.



ENGINEER'S REPORT



Proposed reconfiguration of Rotunda/Commons Drive

We are working on the construction plans for the repaving of Rotunda/Commons Drive from Peach Street south to the intersection of Douglas Parkway. This is the second project of a multi-year program to make improvements to the side streets on the upper Peach Street Corridor. The project will consist of repairing damaged areas of the roadway, milling of the road surface, resurfacing the roadway, and the installation of accessible curb ramps and sidewalks. We are looking into as part of the project to convert the four-lane section of Rotunda/Commons Drive into a two-lane road with a center turn lane. This should improve left-turn movements on this section of the road. The project is anticipated to go out for bid this spring and be constructed in the summer/fall of this year.

Another project slated to be completed this year is the construction of stormwater infrastructure at Community Park. This project is required to be completed through the Township's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). An extended dry detention basin will be constructed within the material storage yard, and a rain garden will be constructed between the lower baseball field and the soccer fields. These stormwater facilities will meet the DEP's required phosphorus removal within the watershed, manage additional runoff from future parking at the park, address potential sediment from material storage yard, and help address past flooding on Old French Road. In addition, it will add to the aesthetics of the park.

Finally, we are working on updating the Township's transportation map. This map update will take the recommendations from the Township Comprehensive Plan regarding future road connections and transportation priorities and incorporate them into an official map and ordinance that will be used by the Township to take action on these priorities. There will be a 45-day comment period and a public hearing for the plan. The comment period and hearing will be advertised in the paper and announced on the Township's website (www.summittownship.com).

Summit Community Food Pantry

Hopefully, everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

We here in Summit Township have a vibrant and giving community. Without our donors, we would not be able to provide the wonderful meals, staples, and gifts for the holiday season.

Times-News boxes were distributed at Christmas along with canned goods collected by the FLB Middle School Student Council. The FLB High School National Honor Society also collected canned goods and made a monetary donation. Robison Elementary students and the Leo Club at FLB High School provided hats, gloves and socks. West End Community and District Judge Brian McGowan provided generous monetary gifts. A special thank you to All Saints R.C. Church, Summit United Methodist Church and their parishioners where through their giving trees, were able to provide gifts of clothes, books and toys for children who might otherwise not receive presents. Lord Corporation, located in Summit Township, provided a substantial cash donation through their "Good Neighbor Fund". TO ALL WE SAY THANK YOU!!!

NOTE: EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 13, 2020, NEW HOURS FOR REGULAR DISTRIBUTIONS on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month will be 2pm to 4pm. If this is your first time coming to the food pantry, please notify a staff member so they can assist you in filling out the necessary paperwork and keep the distribution streamlined.

Finally, please be conscientious of others that may have business at the township building by waiting until it is time to go downstairs for distribution to enter the building. Thank you.

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



From the Water Authority. . . .

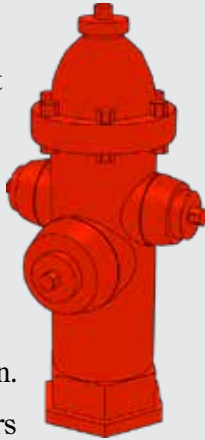
ADOPT-A-HYDRANT

We are pleased to announce that this quarter's Adopt-a-Hydrant winner is Robert Swain. Robert was nominated by his neighbor Renee for cleaning a hydrant on Hamot Road.

For his efforts, Robert will receive a \$50 gift card to a Summit Township restaurant or business of his choice. Please call the office and let us know your selection.

A special thanks to Robert and all others who help keep the hydrants clear.

Another winner will be announced next quarter. All prior nominations will automatically be entered for the next drawing. New nominations can be made by calling our office at 864-2323.



Did you know that March 22nd is Water Conservation Day? Regardless of the source of your water, here are a few ways to decrease waste and the potential for a high water bill.

Check your toilets. Even though you may not see or hear water running, it doesn't guarantee that there isn't a leak. A very common problem is water escaping over the overflow tube in the tank. A leaky flapper can also cause your toilet to run. We suggest adding food coloring to the tank and let it sit for several hours. If you notice colored water in the bowl, you may have a leak.

Malfunctioning sprinkler systems and underground leaks can also be a common area for water loss.

Newer sump pumps that rely on back up water power when the electric goes out can have a huge impact on your water bill if the float becomes stuck causing them to run continuously.

A leak as small as 1/16" in diameter can waste up to 25,000 gallons in 1 month and add over \$600 to your quarterly water bill.

No one wants a high water bill, but if it goes through the meter, it's going to affect your bill.

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to new employees Lisa Culbertson and Adam Wilps and welcome back Bob Mitchell.

Lisa comes to us with a Bachelor of Science in Biology degree and experience in the lab industry. She will oversee all of our sample collections and in-house analysis as well as work closely with our outside lab to ensure that all of the safe drinking water guidelines are met. Lisa will also be working toward obtaining her system operator license. When she's not busy at work, Lisa and her daughter Gracie love spending time on their farm with their horse, cat, dog, and bunnies.

Adam has spent the past few years working in the water industry and brings a wealth of knowledge and willingness to get involved. His focus will be maintaining our water tanks and infrastructure as well as all of the other duties involved in getting the water to you. Adam is also working toward obtaining his system operator license. A trained welder, Adam enjoys riding his trail bike on marked trails and working on cars.

You may recognize Bob Mitchell as a past employee of the Water Authority. After the sudden passing of Manager John Troutman, Bob agreed to come out of retirement to take his place. He has certainly hit the ground running and is quickly getting re-acquainted with our system. Welcome back, Bob!



Here We Grow Again

SHERWIN WILLIAMS... opened in November 2019 at 7165 Peach Street Suite 400. Sherwin Williams is a global leader in the development, manufacture, and sale of coatings and related products with more than 33,000 employees and businesses in 109 countries. As one of the leading manufacturers in the world who can provide a full range of professional coatings products and services, Sherwin-Williams coatings products provide extensive solutions for protecting and beautifying surfaces. Service facilities across the region ensure extensive product availability and consistent, accurate color matching.

PLASTIKOS... located at 8121 Hawthorne Drive recently completed construction of a 24,640 sq. ft. industrial manufacturing facility. They strive to be one of the world's leading providers of tooling and plastic products to their customers. They have more than 400 collective years of experience in the precision mold manufacturing industry. Plastikos was recently named to Plastics Technology magazines' "Top Shops" list, with only 27 plastics companies globally earning the 2019 "Top Shops" designation.

IN THE WORKS:

PERRY PET CLINIC.. has started through the land development process for their proposed Veterinary Clinic located at 9880 Perry Highway.

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

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

FROM THE SEWER AUTHORITY

MEADOWS LIFT STATION

The first of its kind in terms of a pre-manufactured facility, Meadows Lift Station is now on-line. Daily operations were turned over to the Summit Township Sewer Authority (STSA) on January 7, 2020. Operators are pleased with project outcome so far. There are some minor punch-list items that will not entirely be completed until spring. Paving, landscaping and plantings will commence once temperatures warm up later this spring.

OLIVER ROAD RELIEF SEWER

Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) engineers for the STSA submitted planning documents to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for approval on January 3, 2020. Contract documents are being prepared and we hope to bid the work this year and begin construction.

While the construction will not disturb the roadway, drivers in the area will need to be mindful of the construction once it begins.

OLIVER ROAD LIFT STATION

STSA staff and engineers from GPI have begun the preliminary design to replace the lift station at 8400 Oliver Road. The existing station was built in 1992 and is rated for 180 gallons per minute. This station is deemed a critical facility in terms of large numbers of customers served, short response time due to high volume and potential future growth. The current upgrade concept is to construct a pre-manufactured suction lift pump station, rated at 600 gallons per minute, similar to the station recently constructed at the Meadows. The project will include 1,900 linear feet of larger diameter (12") incoming sanitary sewers and 2,300 feet of force main, up-sized from 4" to 8". The initial estimate of probable cost is \$1,620,000.

If any sewer customer has any questions pertaining to the sewer system or billing concerns, please feel free to call the Authority at 868-4495 or attend a monthly meeting. Check your Township calendar for Sewer Authority meeting dates. The Authority office hours are 8:00 AM - Noon and 12:30 - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. If you plan to attend a meeting, please call and let us know. We will be glad to put you on the agenda.

William C. Steff, P.E., Manager

Senior News

Hi Everyone!

Here it is 2020; it is quite amazing! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and are anticipating good thoughts for the New Year.

We missed three weeks at our Senior Center. The township crew painted and did a lot of nice renovating. The center looked so nice when we walked in. We thank the Township for all they do for us.

We have new people who joined us and would love to see new faces. Come and join us on Tuesdays. We have

lunch at 12:00 pm. It is nice to see the card players playing cards before and after lunch. There is a pool table too.

John Spaulding, President of Perry Hi-Way Hose Company offered to send two people to come to the center to check our blood pressure and blood sugar. It will be on the first Tuesday of the month from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.

It is a good time as we are snowed in to read a good book. Reading is a good and delightful way to widen your perspective on life.

"One can have knowledge without having wisdom, but one cannot have wisdom without having knowledge."

R.C. Sproul

Dot Panitzke, Vice President

Pennsylvania State Representative Bob Merski...

Applications are now available for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program!

Do you qualify?



Property taxes or rent can take a large chunk out of a household budget. For residents who qualify, the state's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program can help bring some of that money back.

According to the state Department of Revenue, which administers the program, nearly 532,000 Pennsylvania homeowners and renters received more than \$255 million in rebates on property tax and rent paid in 2017. In fact, from the time it first began in 1971, the program – funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery and revenue from slots gaming – has paid an estimated \$6.8 billion in rebates to eligible residents.

Now that application forms for the program are available for property taxes or rent paid in 2019, I want to be sure all qualified residents take advantage of it.

Who's eligible?

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

Spouses, personal representatives or estates may file rebate claims on behalf of claimants who lived at least one day in 2019 and meet all other eligibility criteria.

The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for certain qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975. The Revenue Department automatically calculates supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners.

It's free to apply, and the deadline is June 30, 2020. Please note that residents must apply every year – even those who have participated in past years – because rebates are based on annual income and property taxes or rent paid each year.

To learn more and download an application, visit www.revenue.pa.gov and scroll down to the section titled "Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program." You can also request an application by calling 1-888-222-9190.

My satellite office can help!

Please remember that my staff is here to help – with the rebate application process or any other state matter! My **Summit Township satellite office** – located in the Summit Township Municipal Building at 1230 Townhall Road W. – **is open every Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**, and staff will be helping residents apply for the program.

If you need different accommodations, please call my district office Monday through Friday at (814) 599-6319 or my satellite office during Tuesday hours at (814) 455-6319 to schedule an appointment.

Wishing everyone a healthy, prosperous year ahead!

CONVENIENTLY FREE YOUR LIFE OF WASTE

e-Waste & Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days

ACCEPTABLE E-WASTE:

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

Open to Erie County Residents only.
A \$0.40/lb fee for Electronics.
A \$0.50/lb fee for Hazardous Materials.
Recycling of tires will cost \$5.00/tire

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

To Register, simply contact ECS&R toll-free at (866) 815-0016
and inquire about County Sponsored Events.
Or register online at ecsr.net/recycling-events/

Must bring valid driver's license.
This event is still open to all Erie County Residents.

ACCEPTABLE HHW:

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

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS:

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

2020 Event 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
- December 12

EVENT LOCATION:

1624 FILMORE AVE., ERIE, PA
(in Millcreek Township)

*Apr. 18th and Oct. 10th Event Collection held at
City of Corry Garage, 650 E. Smith St, Corry, PA

** June 13th Event Collection held at
Albion Borough Maintenance, 36 Bessemer St, Albion, PA



It's your world. Don't throw it away.
[Click here to link to Erie County
Recycling Program Webpage](#)

Summit Lions Club News



Welcome to a new year! I know we are a month into the new year, but I want everyone to try and have a great new year.

We are busy trying to live up to our motto "We Serve" by helping others in our community, state, and country. Summit Lions was started in December 1956 by several men that wanted to belong to a group that wanted to help those in need. Sixty-four years later the only thing that has changed is that we now have women as members and have a club that the youth can join and learn how to serve others.

The Waterford Lions started a Leo's club in the Fort LeBoeuf High School several years ago. Two of the advisers, that belong to the Summit Lions, are helping the Leo's with their projects. The Leo's of Fort LeBoeuf are a caring group, helping many people in all areas of need. Every year the seniors leave and the freshman join the club; they are finding ways to help others. The Summit Lions would like to thank our Leo's and wish them well in the years to come.

On January 22, 2020, two checks for \$1000.00 each were given to two students that are going to college or trade school to help with their expenses. These students finished up their first semester with a 2.6 or higher-grade score. The two students are Emma Goellner and Cassandra Gripp. Both live in Summit Township and graduated from Fort LeBoeuf High School. Good Luck with your studies and new life.

Our new project -

The Lions of Summit are starting to collect used plastic of any kind, except bottles, and will recycle it into benches for use around the township. We need 500lbs of plastic to get one bench. Every time we get 500lbs we will get another bench and place it in the township. We can accept bubble wrap, shrink wrap, grocery bags, lunch bags (clean), newspaper bags, and any other plastic that is clean.

In February we will be placing Containers within the township. So far we have permission to place one at the township building, the senior center, the Blasco Library in Erie, and Boyers RV center. Come spring, we will have more locations to post. Please remember to help us recycle and put a bench in Summit Township.

Spring will soon be here so enjoy our winter weather as the grass will be turning green in a few months.

Past District Governor Bob Mitchell



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CLUB OF SUMMIT TOWNSHIP

The Kiwanis Club of Fort LeBoeuf is continuing to grow in number and in service to our area. Club members helped with Christmas gifts at the Waterford and Summit food pantries. Members also helped at Toys for Tots and the Erie News Now Food Drive. In March, members will be making blankets and stuffed animals for children in the Foster Care system in Erie. Approximately 40 children enter into the Foster Care system every month, so blankets and comforting stuffed animals are always needed.

Literacy is one of the big initiatives within Kiwanis, so members recently constructed and installed 2 Laundromat Libraries in Waterford. Pictured below is the library that customers can use while waiting for their laundry to finish.

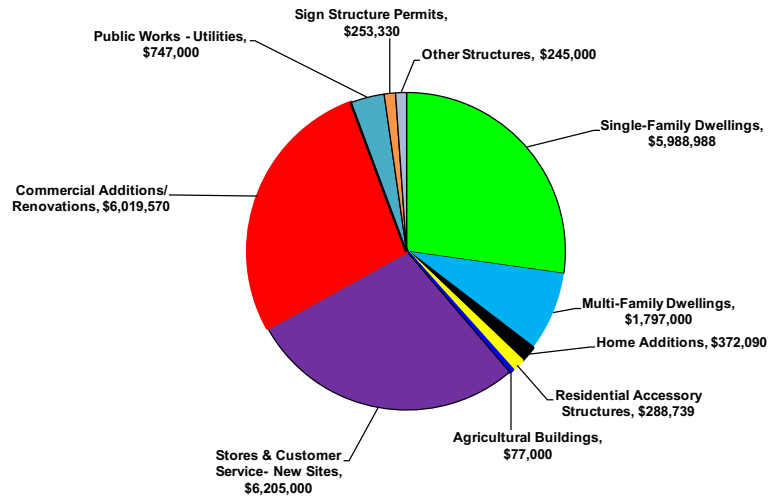
We hope you can attend our biggest fundraiser of the year on March 28th at 5:00 PM. We will hold our **2nd Annual Purse Bingo** at the American Legion, in Waterford. Tickets are only \$25. Please contact Val Rose at valarose63@gmail.com for tickets, or more information about Kiwanis.



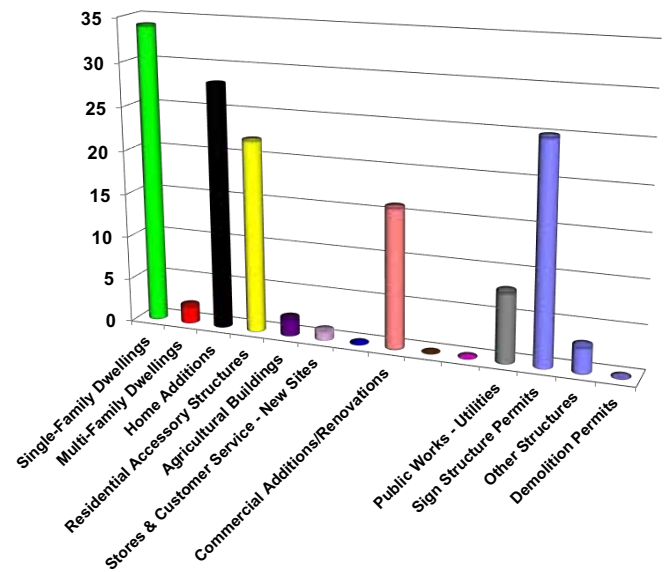
2019 ZONING, SIGN & DEMOLITION PERMIT RECAP

Type of Structure	No.	Value
Single Family Dwellings	34	\$5,988,988.00
of which 14 are Condominiums and 9 are Mobile Homes [4 replacements & 5 new]		
Multi-Family Dwellings	2	\$1,797,000.00
Copperleaf - One, Fourteen (14) Unit Townhouse Building		\$ 1,127,000
Copperleaf - One, Six (6) Unit, Residential Loft Apartments		\$ 670,000
Home Additions	28	\$372,090.00
including Attached Garages and Decks		
Residential Accessory Structures	20	\$288,739.00
Agricultural Buildings	2	\$77,000.00
Stores & Customer Service - New Sites	2	\$6,205,000.00
Auto - Express KIA 20,485 sq. ft. Automobile Sales & Service Facility with Associated Parking, Automotive Storage Areas		\$ 1,705,000
Holiday Inn-81,216 sq. ft., 4 Story, 151 Room Hotel with Associated Parking		\$ 4,500,000
Commercial Renovations/Additions	16	\$6,019,570.00
America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses- 2,984 sq.ft. Interior Commercial Build Out of Retail space		\$ 225,000
Walmart- Interior Commercial Renovation		\$ 987,000
Game- On Cuts- Interior Commercial Renovation		\$ 35,000
WJET-WFXP TV -30'x 30' (900sq. ft.) Commercial Pole Building		\$ 118,000
Summit Township -80' x 50' (4,000 sq. ft.) Salt Storage Building		\$ -
Quality Mold, Inc.- 7,334 sq. ft. Building Addition to Existing Industrial Manufacturing Facility.		\$ 626,000
Sheetz- 433 sq. ft. Commercial Building Addition & Interior Renovations		\$ 250,000
McDonalds-Interior & Exterior Commercial Renovation to Existing Restaurant		\$ 225,000
Sherwin William -3,477 sq. ft. Interior/Build-Out for Retail Sales Establishment		\$ 198,570
Splash Lagoon -Construction of a 2,820 sq. ft. Flowrider Commercial Building Addition and a 2,540 sq. ft. Commercial Building Addition (Arcade 2nd Story) onto Existing Splash Lagoon Waterpark		\$ 2,000,000
John Russell Brewing Co.- Interior and Exterior Commercial Renovations		\$ 300,000
PLP X, LP- Interior/ Build-out for Restaurant		\$ 78,000
Chick-Fil-A- Exterior Commercial Renovations		\$ 865,000
Tim Hortons-Exterior Commercial Renovations		\$ 7,000
F & F Poke Bowl -Interior Renovations/ Build Out		\$ 30,000
Perry Pet Clinic, LLC - Commercial Renovations for Vet Clinic		\$ 75,000
Industrial		
Public Works - Utilities	7	\$747,000.00
AT & T - Co-Location of Antennae on Existing Cellular Tower-8330 Oliver Road		\$ 15,000
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At & T - Co-Location of Antennas on Existing Cell Tower and Installation of Additional On-Ground Radio Equipment within Existing Fenced Tower Pad		\$ 45,000
Dish Wireless- Co-Location of Antenna on Existing Cell Tower. Installation of Equipment Cabinet and 36 Inch Dish on Existing Building		\$ 40,000
Summit Township Sewer Authority-Wastewater Treatment Pump Station Building		\$ 582,000
Verizon- Antenna Upgrade-Co-Location on Existing Cell Tower		\$ 15,000
AT & T - Co-Location of Antennae on Existing Cellular Tower-7950 Old French Road		\$ 15,000
Crown Castle- Co-Location of Antenna on Existing Cell Tower		\$ 20,000
Sign Structure Permits	17	\$253,330.00
including Pole Signs, High-Rise Signs, Monument Signs & Building Signs		
Other Structures	3	\$245,000.00
Electrify America- Installation of Four (4) New Electric Vehicle Charging Stations		\$ 150,000
PLP X, LP-Construction of a 22 Bay 275' x 23.66' (6,506.5 sq. ft.) Detached Residential Garage		\$ 80,000
Sharp Consignments, LLC- (6) Storage Containers / one Carport		\$ 15,000
Demolition Permits	22	\$0.00
22 Permits (totaling 18 Residential, 1 Agricultural & 8 Commercial structures)		
	153	\$21,993,717

2019 CONSTRUCTION IN DOLLARS



2019 CONSTRUCTION COUNTS



PLEASE BE SURE TO FOLLOW SUMMIT TOWNSHIP'S WINTER SAFETY REGULATIONS!

Whether we like it or not, winter will be around for a while longer. Every property owner in Summit Township must adhere to the following winter safety regulations:

- No parking on Township roadways - we can't plow if your car is on the road!
- No plowing or depositing of snow across or upon Township roads.
- Sidewalks must be cleared of all snow/ice in excess of two (2") inches within 24 hours after the snow stops. A path 36" wide must be cleared.



1230 Townhall Road West
Erie, PA 16509

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Permit No.279

Supervisors:

Tony Davis, Chairperson
Jack F. Lee, Jr.
Mark A. Welka

Glass Drop-Off Every Friday 10:00AM to 3:00PM | 1310 East Avenue, Erie

○ acceptable glass

- Food and beverage containers
- Perfume and cologne bottles
- Canning jars (Ball, Atlas, Mason)
- Candle jars (i.e. Yankee Candle)
- Window glass (no frames)
- Drinking glasses & stemware

⊗ not acceptable

- Crystal & mirror glass
- Heat-resistant glass
- Tempered & laminated glass
- Glass trophies & ashtrays
- Light bulbs of any type
- Ceramics or clay of any type

Bring your glass in a tote, bucket, tub, sturdy box or other container that is easily emptied

Bring it sorted by color for a quick "dump & go"

Please do the following:

- Rinse out food residue or grime
- Remove wax from candle jars
- Labels can stay on

No plastic bags

Go to www.bayfrontglass.com for more information on our residential curbside & business collection services!

Once Upon A Time...

We would like to help Summit residents interested in researching their local family history, perhaps a study group? If you are interested please stop in the History Room on a Thursday morning between 9:00 am and 11:00 am and meet the volunteers.

To the right is a snapshot of part of the 1880 census for Summit Township.

Census records can be a good source of information when searching for your family.

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

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

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Supervisor's Dist. No. 180
Enumeration Dist. No. 180

(1880)
Schedule I.—Inhabitants in Summit, in the County of Erie, State of Pa., enumerated by me on the 1st day of June, 1880.

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Household	Name	Age	Sex	Color	Marital Status	Profession, Occupation, or Trade	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Year of Birth	Year of Immigration
1	Agnes Jones	40	F	W	Married	Wife			1840	
2	Joseph	34	M	W	Married	Working house			1846	
3	Elizabeth	28	F	W	Married	Wife			1852	
4	John S.	11	M	W	Single	Working house			1869	
5	John	10	M	W	Single	Working house			1870	

