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*The Summit Township Supervisors and the entire
Summit Township staff wish you and your family
a very happy holiday season!*



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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Summit Township will be closed on
November 25th and **26th** for Thanksgiving.

In observance of Christmas, municipal offices
will be closed **December 23rd** and **24th**.

For the New Year holiday, our offices will be
closed **December 30th** and **December 31st**.

MEET THE STAFF

TOWNSHIP: 868-9686

Jack Lee, Jr. -

Supervisor/Chairman/Treasurer/
Dir. Land Development

Mark A. Welka -

Supervisor/Roadmaster

Tony Davis -

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

Lisa Vallimont -

Municipal Secretary

Michelle Nesselhauf -

HR Director/Recycling Coordinator/
Newsletter Editor

Tamara Cass -

Zoning Administrator

Debra Jageman -

Zoning Administrative Assistant

Kip Hayford - Code Enforcement

Matthew Jonas -

Township Engineer

Joe Whitmer - GIS/MS-4 Technician

Gina Erbin - Receptionist

THE ROAD CREW:

Mike Hanas - Road Foreman

Darrell Sayers - Garage Foreman

Steve Skelly, Joe Passerotti,

Larry Hudacky, Jeff Matheis,
Andrew Fox & Joe Malinowski

WATER AUTHORITY: 864-2323

Bob Mitchell - Manager

Brian Hiles - Assistant Manager

Sean Miller - Foreman

Laura Taylor

Gretchen Hayford -

Office Manager

Kathy Hiles - Administrative
Secretary

Brian Clark, Lisa Culbertson and

Adam Wilps - Water Authority
Systems Operators

SEWER AUTHORITY: 868-4495

William Steff, P.E. - Manager

Caitlyn Haener-Schwab -

Administrative Supervisor

Amy McCaslin -

Billing Clerk

Marty McAtee -

Operations Foreman

Chris Hodge -

GIS Specialist/Asst. Project Manager

Andrew Larson, Scott Snyder -

Maintenance Technicians

From The Office Of District Judge McGowan

FLB High School Panel Discussion

I'm glad to report that the Fort LeBoeuf High School Sophomore panel discussions were back, live in person this year. On October 14, 2021, I had the privilege of participating in the panel discussion at the Fort LeBoeuf High School. The panel discussions are 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.

Additionally, students can take advantage of job shadowing a professional while they work. Contact the guidance counselor or front office at the high school for additional questions about this program. In the past, I have hosted students for a job shadow experience at the district court. If any student is interested in the law, they are more than welcome to job shadow at my court or I can find an attorney who would be willing to take a student on for a half-day.

Brian M. McGowan, MDJ

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:

1st Wednesday of each month, 4:30 p.m.

LeBoeuf Little League:

2nd Sunday 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.

**The 2021 Summit Township
Recycling Calendar will be
mailed out to all residents
by January 1st.**



PHONEBOOK RECYCLING FOR SECOND HARVEST

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **January 21st!** Our next newsletter will be published in mid to late February.



SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Hello residents!

As I write my newsletter, we are nearing the end of 2021. Hard to believe, but true.

We have taken on more projects at the township this year and recently poured more than 60 yards of concrete behind the municipal garage, to give us a little more work area and help keep the garage cleaner with these new outdoor aprons. The road crew did a great job helping me pour and we unloaded 8 concrete trucks to complete this project. The concrete turned out very nice and will give us many years of service.

Our Veterans Memorial and Monument are in place at the Courtyard of the Summit Municipal Building on Townhall Road, and it looks very nice. We have 21 engraved bricks in place and approximately another 50 ordered. If you need the order form and directions for the engraved bricks, you can email our receptionist at gerbin@summitpa.us. What a great way to honor our Veterans -with an engraved brick. At this time, we are asking for only veterans or relatives of summit township residents and they should also have served at least one term with an honorable discharge. If not, they can wait until they completed a term.

I would like to remind everyone that we live in a busy township so be patient with people, neighbors, and traffic. Thank you for that.

If you know of anyone with health, mental, financial, domestic, utility, and/or housing problems, or any other crisis, you can dial "211" for free confidential help and advice on resources for you to contact. This is sponsored by the United Way.

I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays. Enjoy your friends, neighbors, and relatives during the Thanksgiving and



Christmas seasons. According to the covid aftermath, please do your Christmas shopping early, because they are predicting delays on shipping, inventory, and deliveries.

Until the next newsletter, be safe and take care.

Thank you, *Supervisor Jack Lee*

Hello Summit Township Residents,

Well, summer has definitely come to a close and fall is here. We have closed both parks for the year and will be looking forward to spring when they will open once again.

A few updates to pass along. The sliding gate at Community Park on Ball Park Road closer to Old French Road has been installed and is functioning as planned. Since its completion at the end of September, there have been no new tire tracks on our fields or other mischief taking place after dark. The gate will be locked until the parks open in the spring except when special access is needed.

The ADA swing for Picnicana, which had been on order most of the summer, finally arrived a few weeks ago. We will install it in the early spring, weather permitting, to be ready for the 2022 park season.

Dear Summit Residents,

I hope everyone had a nice summer.

Broadband has become an infrastructure that every household must have. We continue to work with Erie County and Fort LeBoeuf School District to extend broadband to 71 residents on 5.5 miles of road along Langdon, Little Creek, Shunpike, and Jackson Station that are currently not serviced.

Our road crew has been busy setting up the trucks for another winter. It is time to get out the plows and spreaders to be certain everything is ready for that first snowstorm. Our fleet of vehicles is serviced regularly, and the crew takes pride in keeping them clean,

We also took delivery of 25 high impact poly green trash can lids to match the trash cans. These lids have a 50-year guarantee not to fade or crack. Most of the old steel lids were rusted, dented, and in rather poor condition. They required sanding and painting periodically and yet did not look the best.

I will be looking for new picnic tables for next year. Preferably the Trex brand material or another composite material of equal quality, to replace the very heavy wooden tables with steel frames that leave rust marks on the concrete. Also, many of the existing tables have warped and twisted tops and bench seats.

Until next time, be safe, enjoy the holidays, and we will catch up next year!

Supervisor Tony Davis

as this could be their home for eight hours or more per day come winter.

We've ordered a new Mack truck and the expected delivery is October 2022. Typically, we try to keep the big trucks on a 10-year replacement cycle, and along with continued maintenance and care, this helps to keep the resale value higher.

I would like to express my gratitude for my re-election. I appreciate the confidence and assure you I will continue to work hard for this great community.

Please do not hesitate to call if you should have any concerns.

Supervisor Mark Welka

Simple tips to lower your home heating costs

By State Rep. Bob Merski, D-Erie

Erie winters can be brutal, but with a few small adjustments, it's possible to keep your family warm and still save on home heating costs. The following tips from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission can help make a dent in your heating bill.



- **Install a programmable furnace thermostat** to lower the temperature automatically at night and raise it just before you wake up. Every degree you raise or lower your thermostat can produce a difference of 3% in energy costs.
- **Insulate properly.** Homes should have a minimum of R-30 insulation in ceilings and attics. (Visit <https://insulationinstitute.org/> to learn more about insulation.)
- **Enroll in budget billing.** The gas or electric provider will average your bills over a 12-month period, so you pay a fixed amount monthly. (The provider may adjust the amount quarterly based on usage.)
- **Circulate ceiling fans clockwise on low speed.** This creates an updraft that will help move warm air trapped near the ceiling back out and around the room.
- **Seal air leaks.** These can occur around plumbing and wiring, windows and doors, and where walls meet ceilings. **Weather-strip** doors and windows or install storm doors and windows to prevent drafts.
- **Keep furniture away from registers.** Blocking the airflow will make your system work harder. Also, keep the area around your thermostat clear: drafts from appliances can trick it into turning on the heat when it isn't needed.
- **Close your fireplace damper tightly** when not using the fireplace and consider installing glass doors to prevent air from being sucked up the chimney.
- **Check furnace ductwork** for debris that can block air and reduce efficiency and **change the filters** regularly. Consider having your furnace serviced at the start of the season.
- **Draw the drapes** after dark to cut heat loss through the windows at night.
- **Close doors leading to rooms you don't use**, and close heat registers and radiator valves in unused rooms.
- To read more, visit www.puc.gov and enter "prepare now" into the search bar.

You can find more energy-saving tips from the U.S. Department of Energy. Visit www.energy.gov and click on the "Save Energy, Save Money" tab on top.

Assistance programs

If you or someone you know is struggling with heating bills or repairs, the **Low-Income Heating Energy Assistance Program** (visit www.dhs.pa.gov) and the **Erie County Emergency Rental Assistance Program** (visit www.eccm.org/Emergency-Rental-Assistance) can help eligible households.

For help with energy-related modifications, check out the **Weatherization Assistance Program** (visit www.dced.pa.gov and enter "weatherization" into the search bar) and the **Homeowners Energy Efficiency Loan Program**. (Visit www.phfa.org/programs/ and under "Loan Programs," click on "Home Improvements.")

You can also call your utility provider to explore **customer assistance programs**. According to PUC, they benefit more than 293,000 electric customers and about 167,000 gas customers.

Please remember that our office is here to help with any state matter, including filing applications for LIHEAP, the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, and other state programs. Just give us a call at (814) 455-6319! We also no longer have office hours every Tuesday at the Township Building, but can make special appointments there to accommodate you.

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

Here We Grow Again

BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC. (BSI) recently completed interior and exterior renovations to their 4,329 sq. ft. vehicle and material storage building located at 7421 Perry Highway. BSI was founded in 1984 and is a full-service general contractor whose concentration is primarily commercial and industrial, from large-scale new construction projects to major renovation work.

PITA PIT recently opened their new location in August at 6803 Peach Street between Sports Clips and Starbucks. Pita Pit opened its first restaurant in 1995. Their pitas can be personally customized to suit your tastes. From gluten-free pitas and vegetarian choices to Mediterranean dishes and bacon-filled wraps, you can stop by your local restaurant and get your fill for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

SEPHORA recently opened their new location inside Kohl's located at 1906 Keystone Drive. Sephora operates over 2,700 stores in 35 countries worldwide, with an expanding base of over 500 stores across the Americas. Sephora was founded in France by Dominique Mandonnaud in 1970 and is defined by its unique, open-sell environment with an ever-increasing assortment of products from carefully curated brands, featuring indie darlings, emerging favorites, trusted classics, and Sephora's own line, Sephora Collection.

COPPERLEAF recently completed construction of a 10,434 sq. ft. 6-unit commercial building with 6 loft apartments on the second floor. Copperleaf Erie is the latest development by Palermo Realty with accommodations for two and three-bedroom townhouses and luxury one, two, and three-bedroom first-floor apartments.

IN THE WORKS:

MOOSE HEAD POTTERY has started the process of establishing its new location in the Cider Mill Plaza at 8270 Peach Street.

JERSEY MIKE'S has started the process of establishing their new location at 6825 Peach Street between the CUTCO Store and F&F Poke Bowl.

ATTENTION TOWNSHIP SNOWBIRDS

Before you fly south for the winter months, please call the township office at 814-868-9686 to be put on our snowbirds list. This way we can make sure you receive your township recycling calendar when you return. Thank you!

Perry Hi-Way News

PERRY HI-WAY HOSE COMPANY FUNDRAISERS

2021 Craft Fair

Sunday, December 5th at the social hall

Open for crafters to set up 8 am – 10 am

Open for sales to public 10 am – 3 pm

Tables are \$30.00 no electric (25) / \$40.00 with electric (20)

Call Ann at the station to reserve a table to sell your crafts

Ann is at the Oliver Road station

9:30am – 3:30pm M,T,W,F / 12pm – 6pm, Thursdays

814-864-0680

Donations accepted for entrance

Chinese auction of various craftwork will be held.

2022 FUNDRAISERS

1. March 26 Comedy Show
2. May 1 Spring Flea market
3. September 25 Fall Flea market
4. November 13 designer purse Bingo
5. December 3 Fall Craft Fair

WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

It will not be long before we see the snowflakes falling and the temperature dipping below freezing. Please make sure when the snow does arrive you keep address numbers visible and not covered with snow. Be it on the house, on the mailbox, or some other means of displaying your house number, if it is covered with snow we will not be able to see the numbers and get to you should an emergency occur.

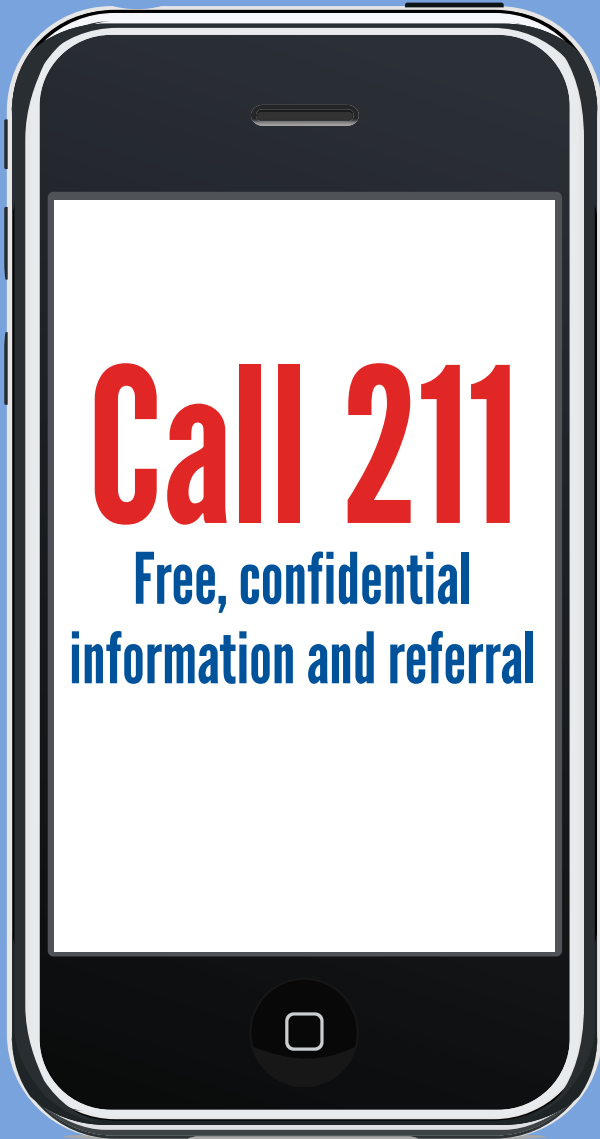
Speaking of snow, please make sure to have your snow removal people make sure your driveways are cleared to at least 8 ft in width to make sure our big trucks can get to your homes should an emergency happen. Also, make sure tree branches and bushes are trimmed back out of the driveway to prevent them from damaging our equipment.

Now is a good time for residents that burn wood or coal for heat to have their chimney checked by a chimney sweep to be sure it is clean and ready to go for the upcoming season. Chimneys that are not well maintained can have a buildup of soot and can catch on fire. The fire can get hot enough to cause the wood in the walls or roof of your home to catch fire and do significant damage.

Finally, we ask all residents to check their smoke alarms to be sure they are working and put in a fresh 9v battery to get thru the winter season. We have 9v batteries as well as replacement smoke alarms for any home in Summit Township that finds they need one. Stop in the Township Building to speak with Gina to pick up a replacement. Proof of Township residence will be required.

From our family to yours; have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a blessed New Year!

Need Help? Don't Know Where to Turn?



DIAL 211

or visit PA211NW.org

211 connects you to
information about:

- Aging Services
- Child & Youth Services
- Counseling
- Education/Training
- Food/Shelter/Clothing
- Health Services
- Parenting
- Support Groups
- Substance Abuse
- and much more!

FIND HELP. GET CONNECTED.



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United Way of Erie County

From the Water Authority. . . .

As we go into the colder months, remember to prepare for winter. Anyone living in a Mobile home or a home without a basement should wrap their water lines and meter with heat tape and make sure the heat tape is working properly. If you have a water shut-off going to an outside hose, it's best to shut off the water, disconnect the hose, drain the hose, and any other item that has water that might freeze.

Our new engineering company has finished our water model of our water system since we supply Summit Township from two water sources. They had to work harder on this water model so we would have the knowledge to serve you better. If you attended a Water Authority meeting this past year, you would have seen our representative from CT Engineering, John Zack. He has been to every meeting and if we know ahead of time of concerns that a customer may have, we make him aware, so he can address your problem with a professional answer. Our previous engineering company was never reliably present for our meetings, so that was one of the reasons why we changed engineering firms.

Our new water well, located on Moore Road is progressing along. We have drilled this well to 140 feet and the water coming out of it is cold and clean. After our pump test is completed, we will apply to D.E.P. for a permit to operate it.

We have started to work on our Hamot Road Well Field; we have found a location, where we hope to find a new water source. Our first step is to survey the property and then clear the area where we want to drill for a well. If our test is successful, we will apply for a permit through D.E.P. to drill for two wells. We are optimistic about the possibility of getting water here since at one point and time Erie County Vo Technical School had received their water from two wells on this location. We tried to pump the water of one of their old wells down, only to have it staying almost the same depth. The success of this water Field will then go to serve the many who live in the Dorn, Hamot, and Valley View areas.

To close this article, I want to thank all the employees at Summit Township Water Authority, our vendors, and you, our customers for collaborating with me these past two years. We

have tried to improve the water quality and the way we served our customers. At times it was incredibly challenging, but everyone worked together to make it happen. I can remember when Brian Hiles and I started at the Water Authority in 1996. We were removed from the Summit Township work staff and were hired by the Board Members of the Water Authority. That year Brian Clark was hired to work with us. The three of us started putting in the water lines throughout the township plus kept the water flowing from the City of Erie. The three of us built the Rube Road well fields and then the Moore Road well Fields. As I remember back over the years, we hired a number of part-timers to lend us a hand, but no one wanted to commit because of the schooling and long hours required for those first ten years. I want to thank Brian and Brian along with Laura and Gretchen for all the good times we had together developing the Water Authority.

I retired in 2015, but due to the sudden death of John Troutman, I was asked to come back to work. This time not as a system operator, but as the manager of the Water Authority. I agreed to two years, which is up on December 31, 2021. The time went by fast, and I feel we accomplished what we set out to do at our first meeting together. I asked the Board for an Assistant Manager, Brian Hiles; an office manager, Laura Taylor (now it is Gretchen Hayford); and a Foreman, Sean Miller. We hired two new employees and moved our part-time employee to full-time. We now have four licensed operators and two employees that will be licensed at the first of the new 2022 year.

Thank you to the Summit Board Members, who gave their time to help us grow. Thank you to those I have already mentioned and to Brian Clark, Lisa Culbertson, Adam Wilps, Zack Lewis, and Kathy Hiles for helping me improve the Water Authority.

As of January 1, 2022, Brian Hiles will be the new manager of the Summit Township Water Authority. Brian will do an excellent job as a manager as he has done a super job as an assistant manager. Brian, I wish you well.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone,

H. Robert (Bob) Mitchell, Retiring Manager

GLASS RECYCLING IN SUMMIT

Summit Township has partnered with Bayfront Glass, LLC to provide glass recycling to Summit Township residents. Bins are placed next to the Township Garage on Old French Road where the old Municipal Building used to be. Please follow the attached use instructions which are also posted on the bins.



Accepted	Not Accepted
 Food & Beverage	 Ceramics, Porcelain, China
 Perfume & Cologne	 Crystal glass & Barware
 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	 Plastic Bags
	 Plastic Bottles
	 Garbage/Trash
	 Aluminum Cans

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY

OLIVER ROAD LIFT STATION, FORCE MAIN, AND GRAVITY UPSIZING PROJECT

On August 29th the Summit Township Sewer Authority awarded 3 contracts for the Oliver Road Lift Station, Force Main, and Gravity Upsizing Project. Contract #1 - Oliver Road Gravity Sewer Replacement Project was awarded to Terra Works Inc. in the amount of \$972,251. Contract #2 - Oliver Road Force Main Replacement Project was awarded to Konzal Construction Company in the amount of \$174,800. Contract #3 - Oliver Road Pump Station Replacement Project was awarded to Ray Showman Junior Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$967,657. The total of all the bids was \$2,114,708. or \$118,292 (5.3%) lower than the \$2,233,000 engineers estimate of probable cost.

The entire project is currently estimated to cost \$2.8 million and will be paid for using a combination of Sewer Authority capital reserves and a PennVest loan. The Authority will use approximately \$600,000 out of capital reserves and was successful in securing a \$2,264,000 loan from PennVest on October 14th. The loan will be repaid over 20 years with an interest rate of 1.0% for the first 5 years and 1.743% thereafter.

Homes and businesses within the project area will be disturbed as little as possible and there will be no special assessment owed by the existing customers. The construction should be completed by the fall of 2022.

On-lot Disposal

The Summit Township Sewer Authority serves approximately 6,080 of the 8,230 people living in Summit or 74% of the total population. This suggests that about 26% of the homes in Summit Township must maintain their own sewage disposal facilities on their property. Sometimes we receive questions about the on-lot disposal or septic systems that serve these homes. However, the Summit Township Sewer Authority is not the agency responsible for the on-lot systems. The official jurisdiction of the Authority is limited to the public collection system only. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection administers permitting and enforcement services through the Erie County Department of Health. In less populated counties DEP manages on-lot disposal system permits directly.

As a reminder, septic permits are needed for new construction, septic repairs and creating building lots. Applications can be obtained by going into the Erie County Department of Health office at 606 West Second Street, or by completing and returning an application by mail. This statewide program requires the county to send the homeowner a numbered application. Fees for the percolation test are \$300 and \$250 for a repair. For more information, call 814-451-6751.

SEWER BACKUPS

With almost 42 miles of pipe and 1,000 manholes the Authority needs your help. Whenever a resident observes water coming out of a manhole, they should immediately contact the Summit Township Sewer Authority. Even after hours, weekends or holidays. It is important to us that we know there is trouble in the system as soon as possible. Early detection leads to a quick response which lowers the volume discharged to the environment and makes cleanup simpler. Please let us know if you think something is wrong, we will be happy to investigate.

If any sewer customer has any questions pertaining to the sewer system or billing concerns, please feel free to call the Authority at 814-868-4495 or attend a monthly meeting. Check your Township calendar for Sewer Authority meeting dates. The Authority office hours are currently 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. If you plan to attend a meeting, please call, and let us know. We will be glad to put you on the agenda.

William C. Steff, P.E., Manager

Summit Community Food Pantry

Happy Fall Y'all!

It is hard to believe that another year is almost over. We are proud to say despite challenges created by COVID, we have been able to continue distributions uninterrupted. Unlimited thanks to those that donate their time, talents, and funds to keep the Summit Community Food Pantry thriving. This holiday season let us all be grateful for our many blessings and thank those that make our lives better. We have much to be thankful for!

We continue to do curbside pickup. Distribution days remain on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 2-4 pm.

Holiday distributions will be as follows: Thanksgiving – Tuesday, November 23rd; Christmas – Thursday, December 16th

Have a blessed and happy Holiday Season!



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

Senior News

Due to unfortunate circumstances, the Senior Center will be closed until January 4, 2022. We hope you all stay safe and well. Upon returning, if you are unvaccinated, please wear a mask to the center. We are trying to do our part in keeping everyone well. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Happy holidays to all!

President Sue Seyboldt

Pain in the Grass

We realize it's late in the season, but the following problem is becoming a more frequent occurrence as you travel the roads in the Township during the mowing season. Grass clippings strewn across the road. Not only does this look sloppy, but it can also be a safety hazard that violates Township Ordinances. Let's start with the safety aspect. Grass clippings on the road can lead to slippery conditions for motorcycles and bicycles and can cause an accident. If you are discharging grass onto the road the mower may throw a rock or other object and hit someone. Significant debris can cause storm drains to clog thereby causing localized flooding.

Now from the legal aspect. The Township has two ordinances that are violated by discharging grass clippings onto the roadway. The first is Ordinance No. 2018-08 which is the Befouling of Streets Ordinance. It states the following:

"It shall be unlawful to damage the integrity of the surface of the Township's roadways or to scatter, spill, dump, or drop, or permit to be scattered, spilled, dumped, or dropped any soil, sand, stone, dirt, debris, refuse, litter or other substance of any kind, including liquids and chemicals from any vehicle, or from the wheels, tire, or undercarriage thereof, upon streets, alleys, and roadways."

Grass clippings fall into the category of "litter or other substance of any kind" in this case.

The other ordinance this violates is Ordinance 2019-05 which is the Stormwater Management Ordinance. It states the following:

"Any drain (including indoor drains and sinks), or conveyance whether on the surface or underground, that allows any non-stormwater discharge including sewage, process wastewater, and wash water to enter the Municipality's separate storm sewer system or Waters of the Commonwealth is prohibited."

In this one, the grass clippings being mixed in with the rain runoff would be considered a "non-stormwater discharge".

Both Ordinances carry a fine of \$1,000 per day fine for violations. So, if you were cited for Ordinance 2018-08 you could be fined \$1,000 for each day there are grass clippings on the road. Then if it rains, you would be fined another \$1,000 for each day the grass clippings are washed down the drain.

Do your part to keep our community safe and clean. Please keep your grass clippings on your lawn.

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

TOWNSHIP GETS A DRONE

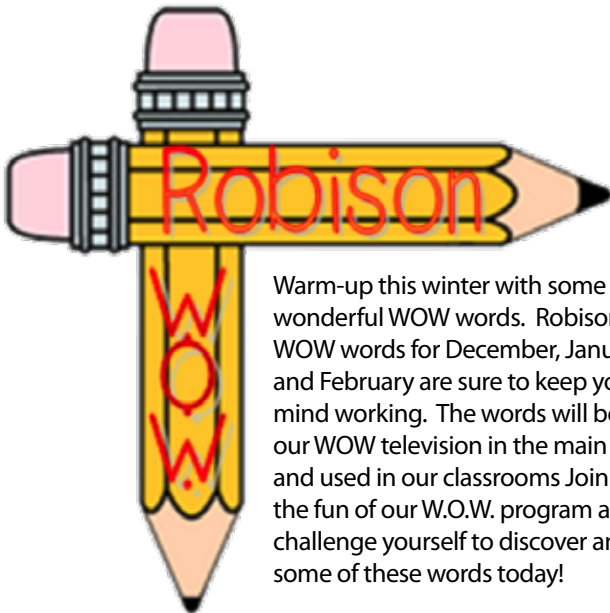
Recently, the Township purchased a drone to use for engineering and public works projects. The Township Engineer and the GIS/MS-4 Technician are FAA Part 107 certified to operate the drone. Some of the proposed uses will include the following:

1. Aerial photography for mapping and design projects. Current aerial photography is dated, and a drone can provide much greater resolution. See the Engineer's Report article. The aerial photo was created with a less than 5-minute flight and 2 hours of computing time.
2. Topographic surveys. By using a few ground control points, we should be able to generate a topographic map accurate to within a few inches. This should see significant cost savings for the Township.
3. Inspection of dangerous to access areas such as storm sewer outlets from cliff faces. Yes, we have those.
4. Road inspections and condition monitoring. We can fly the drone over roads and generate high-resolution aerial photographs which can be reviewed year to year to determine how the road is degrading and the best method for repair.
5. Construction inspections.
6. Measuring material stockpiles.

The Township **WILL NOT** be using the drone for code enforcement and surveillance. The drone is not designed to do this, and the Township respects the resident's privacy.



3D Model of Garage Complex and Community Park.



Warm-up this winter with some wonderful WOW words. Robison's WOW words for December, January, and February are sure to keep your mind working. The words will be on our WOW television in the main hallway and used in our classrooms. Join in the fun of our W.O.W. program and challenge yourself to discover and use some of these words today!

Our words are:

December

infuse
pensive

January

trajectory
cacophony
frolic
eager

February

justice
cherish
creed



In 2021, LeBoeuf Little League had one of its strongest seasons yet. Baseball and softball at all levels played a full schedule in the Spring. In the summer we hosted both the 12U baseball and 8U softball district tournaments at the Waterford Township complex. Additionally, our 8U baseball team won their district tournament at the end of June.

A special thank you to our team and sign sponsors this year and to everyone who supported our Fair Food fundraiser the weekend before Memorial Day Weekend. Sponsorship and fundraising opportunities will be announced after the new year.

Finally, 2022 early bird sign-ups will start in December. Please pay attention to the league's website at www.flbll.com.

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

ARE YOU READY?

Winter Safety

Home:

Get started now, find your snow shovel & have salt for icy stairways and walkways. Slip and fall hazards are greatly increased during the winter months.

Wood stoves & Fireplaces need to be inspected and cleaned if creosote has built up.

Have a 3 day or more supply of food, water and necessities on hand in the event of a power outage or storm that keeps you homebound.

Car:

Install snow tires and have a snow brush/scrapper ready to keep windows clear for 360-degree vision. Be sure to clear off the headlights and tail lights so others can see you.

Leave a little early so you are not rushed. Have an extra blanket, winter coat & gloves in the car just in case you become stranded.

Shoveling Snow:

Don't rush, take your time, drink water and take breaks often. Use a smaller shovel when the snow is wet.

Stop if you feel out of breath, strained or sore.

HAMOT ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT PHASE 2

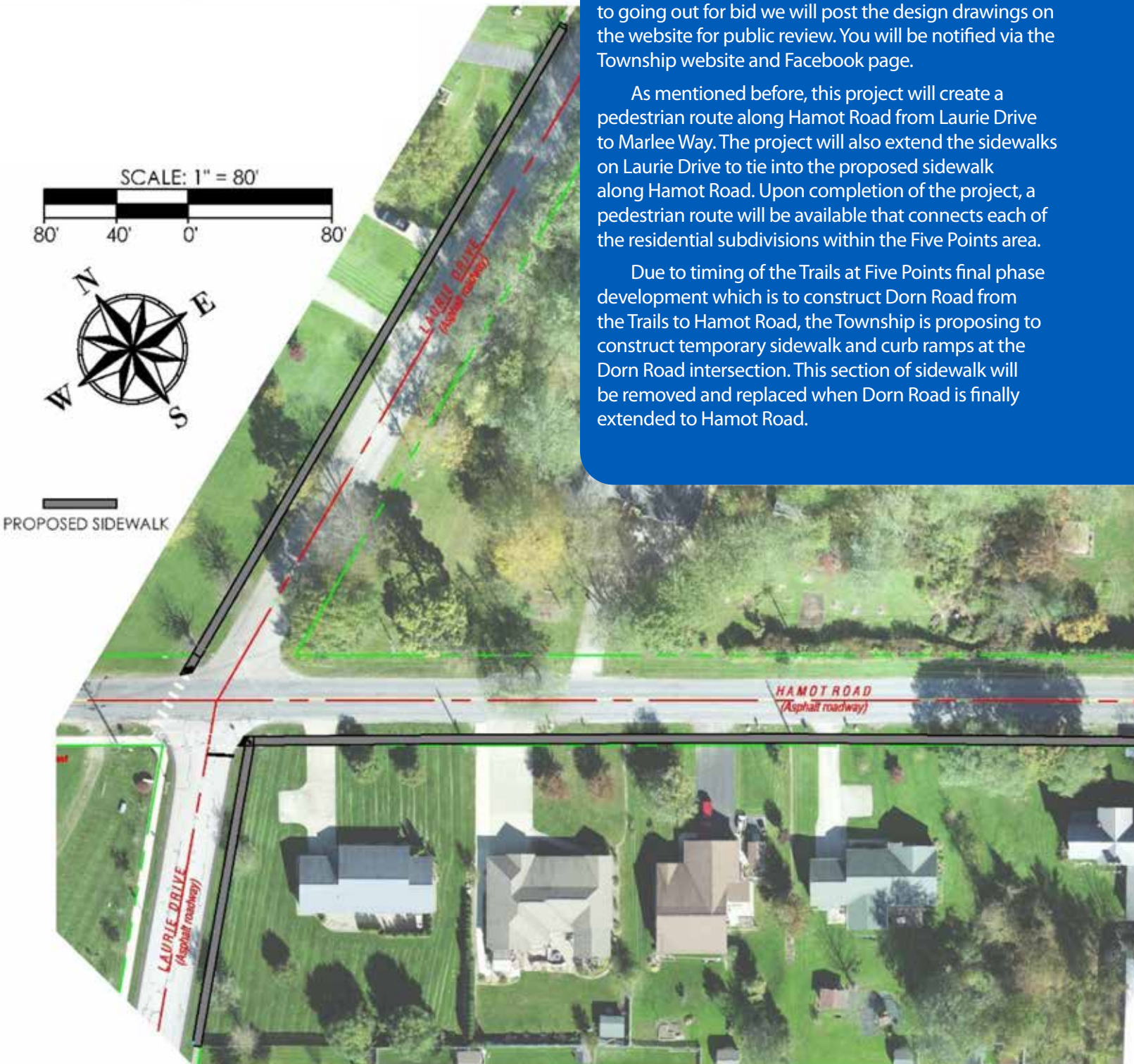
ENGINEER'S REPORT

Hamot Road Sidewalk Project Phase 2:

Phase 2 of the Hamot Road Sidewalk Project is currently in final design. We are anticipating the project will go out for bid in December or January. Construction will take place during the 2022 construction season. Prior to going out for bid we will post the design drawings on the website for public review. You will be notified via the Township website and Facebook page.

As mentioned before, this project will create a pedestrian route along Hamot Road from Laurie Drive to Marlee Way. The project will also extend the sidewalks on Laurie Drive to tie into the proposed sidewalk along Hamot Road. Upon completion of the project, a pedestrian route will be available that connects each of the residential subdivisions within the Five Points area.

Due to timing of the Trails at Five Points final phase development which is to construct Dorn Road from the Trails to Hamot Road, the Township is proposing to construct temporary sidewalk and curb ramps at the Dorn Road intersection. This section of sidewalk will be removed and replaced when Dorn Road is finally extended to Hamot Road.



Culvert Replacements:

The Township is working with Waste Management to replace 4 undersized stream culverts on Zwilling, Benjamin, and Footmill Roads. Waste Management is leading and funding the project. Currently the culverts are under permit review with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance:

We have started the process of updating the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. This Ordinance sets the requirements for subdivisions of land, commercial/industrial land developments, and large-scale residential developments.

This Ordinance complements the Zoning Ordinance in such a way that the Zoning Ordinance regulates the uses of land whereas the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance regulates how the land is developed.

Since we have updated the Zoning Ordinance, it only makes sense to update the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. The drafting process is currently underway. It is anticipated that the work on the draft will go through the winter. Then wrapping up in the Spring, by going through public review process and making revisions on the way to final adoption next Summer.



Kiwanis®

CLUB OF FORT LeBOEUF

What is Kiwanis? We are an international service organization, dedicated to improving the world, one child, and one community at a time. Our club has seen substantial growth in the past few years, as others interested in serving the community have joined us. Kiwanis International bestowed us with a Distinguished Club Award this past summer!

In October, we are hosting a Pumpkin Painting event, open to all children in the FLB District. In November we will be making blankets for children in the foster care system, and will also be collecting items for placement bags for those children, in the new year. In December, we will be organizing the Christmas gift program for the Waterford Food Pantry. Be looking for our second Snowman Day in January. We had some great entries last year!

We are always looking for ways to assist children in our area and welcome more help. If you would like more information about Kiwanis or our events, please contact Val at valarose63@gmail.com.





Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development ...

Fall into Winter, Protect Your Watershed

As unseasonably warm as it has been, winter can seem far off at times. Probably it is better to believe this, yet it lingers in the near future anyway! The issues of stormwater don't necessarily disappear when water changes physical states, so there are practices we should all keep in mind to prevent issues such as flooding and pollution.

While trees' leaves may be a little confused as to when to drop this year, they nonetheless still pose a threat to our storm drains, bluffs, and waterways. Be sure to rake leaves away from storm drains to promote proper drainage and prevent flooding, as well as to dispose of leaves properly. Leaf waste dumped over bluffs and/or near streams can threaten soil stability and introduce an overabundance of nutrients into a stream.

When the leaves gradually, or more likely suddenly, become replaced with snow, we still must think about the quality of our water! Consider these tips to keep conscious of local water quality when the snow piles up:

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

FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Happy Fall!

It's hard to believe we are in the final quarter of 2021. It was so nice to see everyone after the lost year of COVID! Any changes to office hours in response to the status of COVID 19 and variants will be posted on the office door and the answering machine.

If your taxes are still unpaid, you will by now have received a Final Notice. The County-Township bill is still at Face until December 31st. School and Interim tax bills (if applicable to you) are in the Penalty period at 10%. **PLEASE READ THE INSERT PROVIDED WITH YOUR BILL FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON PAYMENT!!!**

Any unpaid taxes as of January 1, 2022 are turned over to Erie County Tax Claim as delinquent. Beginning January 1, 2022, unpaid taxes cannot be paid to me. The tax collector deals in current year only. Erie County Tax Claim collects all unpaid taxes for the previous year. Additional fees and fines will be applied by Tax Claim if turned over to them for collection.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE INFORMATION BELOW:

- 1) Payments after December 15th MUST be in certified funds-cash, cashier's check or money order.
No personal or business checks. 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, 2021. Postmark is not accepted.**
- 3) Office hours Nov. 1 until March 1 are by appointment only as stated on your bill.
- 4) If you are paying with cash, please contact the office for an appointment.
- 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.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Debra Cameron, Summit Twp. Tax Collector

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

Email: summittwptaxcollector@yahoo.com

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

By appointment November 1 - March 1

Summit Lions Club News



It is amazing how history encourages things to occur. I talked in the third quarter 2021 volume of the Summit Township Newsletter on how WWI influenced Melvin Jones on the start of The International Association of Lions Clubs. At the Lions International Convention held in 1925 at Cedar Point, Ohio, the Lions had invited a keynote speaker, Helen Keller. During her speech to the Lions about her life being deaf and blind, she challenged the Lions to be "Knights for the Blind." She challenged them to advocate for the blind to make their lives better. This one occasion started the Lions doing Service Projects for Vision. At this point, the fame of Lions was associated with the selling of brooms (most made by the visually impaired), where all the money went for the purchasing of eyeglasses, eye appointments, braille writers, etc. for those that could not afford to purchase them for themselves. This was for the betterment of human life.

Then World War II raged. Even though The League of Nations tried to keep the peace after WWI, Lions rallied behind the idea of an international peacekeeping mechanism at their International Convention in 1943 in Cleveland, Ohio. At that convention, Lions endorsed a U.S. House of Representative resolution that this peacekeeping mechanism be formed after the fighting of WWII ended. In February 1945, Lions' founder Melvin Jones gathered with leaders of other national groups to meet with Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. and Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs Archibald MacLeish to discuss forming a United Nations. In April 1945 Lions headquarters asked clubs to hold a United Nations week to show support for the initiative. Lion Clubs International was the first nongovernmental organization invited to assist in drafting the U.N. Charter. The U.N. Charter was signed by representatives from fifty different countries for humanitarian missions. In 1947, in recognition of the importance of Lions Clubs to its mission, the United Nations gave Lions consultative status with the U.N. Economic and Social Council, committed to the welfare of people worldwide. For generations, Lions and the U.N. have shared common goals and worked together to further peace and prosperity.

There is a United Nations Lions Day each spring, where Lions go to the United Nations Building for the exploring of solutions of global needs. It is also on this Day that the Peace Poster contestant is recognized along with the Peace Essay writer. These students have their creative pieces chosen in competition from 210 plus countries and territories around the World.

Summit Lions Club would love to sponsor a local student or students to participate in this contest. The next contest starts on January 1, 2022, to October 1, 2022, which if a student would get started early, they would have time to perfect their masterpiece. The students that qualify have to be between the ages of 11 to 13 on November 15, 2022. The poster then has to be returned to the Lions Club for approval to submit to District, Multiple District, Constitutional Area, then Internationally. Those dates will be given to the student or teacher. If interested contact, Lion Janet Mitchell at 814-864-9194 or MitchellHRC@aol.com.

Sincerely,

Lion Janet Mitchell, President

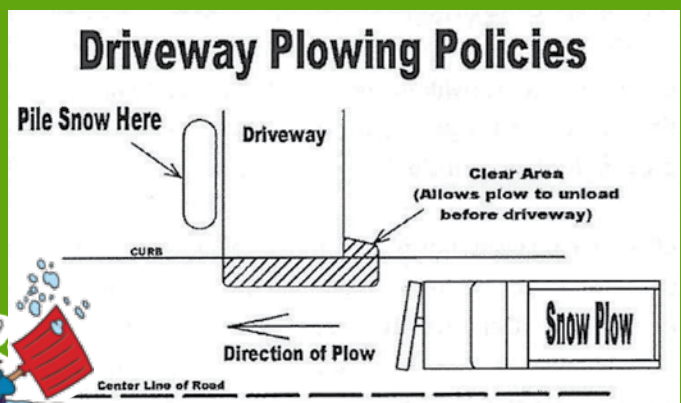


2020-21 Merit Award Winner
Leticia Coelho Viera
13 years old
Brazil

SNOWPLOW SURVIVAL: How To Keep Your Driveway Clear

Have you ever felt like the snowplow driver is hiding around the corner just waiting for you to finish clearing that last bit of snow from your driveway? Try this simple method to prevent from having to shovel again and again.

Because the front of a plow will unload snow wherever there is a cleared area, clear an area to the right side of your driveway (as seen in the diagram) so when the plow comes down your street it will push the snow into that area instead of your driveway. Just make sure it's at least five feet long and 3 feet wide to accommodate the snow. Plus, remember not to push snow into or across the roadway as this creates a safety hazard for motorists.





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ECS&R Ceasing Operations: Erie County Filmore Ave Collection Events Canceled Until Further Notice

Environmental Coordination Services and Recycling, Inc. (ECS&R) has ceased operations at the Erie County Collection Site located at 1624 Filmore Ave in Erie, PA. The Erie County HHW and Electronic Waste Collection events scheduled for 11/13/21 and 12/11/21 have been canceled. We will update you with any progress on securing another contractor for future Erie County collection events. In the meantime, here are a few alternatives for disposal of some HHW and E-Waste:

HHW:

- Latex paint: can be combined with cat litter or newspaper (1 part paint to 1 part litter or paper) until it is dry, and then thrown out with the regular trash.
- Used Oil: bring it to your local auto parts store (AutoZone, Advance Auto Parts, etc) almost all of them will take used/expired oil.

Electronic Recycling:

- Best Buy still accepts some small electronic items, though all Pennsylvania Best Buy stores no longer accept computer monitors and televisions. For specific details, check out the Best Buy Electronics and Appliances Recycling page or call Best Buy at 814-860-8487. Some items are accepted for free; others may require the purchase of a new item or a small fee.
- Goodwill has partnered with Dell to provide free drop-off recycling of any brand of used computer equipment, in any condition. Drop-offs are accepted at Goodwill's locations in Summit Towne Center, on West 26th Street, or, on Nagle Road.
- Staples will accept some electronic items, specifically those connected with computers. These items will be accepted for free, limited to seven items per person. For information, see the Staples Recycling page or call Staples at 814-868-4901. Staples does not accept televisions.
- Penelec, through the Energy Efficiency Rebate Program, will take working refrigerators and freezers when you purchase a new one. For more information, see the Appliance Turn-In Program.



Once Upon A Time...

We are featuring Summit residents who served in the military past and present, this is in conjunction with Summit's Veteran's Memorial created this summer.

Please loan or donate a photo of your veteran so we can add them to the display.

Volunteers are in the Summit History room on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 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. Other times and days are only available by appointment.

Please contact the Summit Township office at 868-9686 and we will return your call.

