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NO BAGGED ITEMS ALLOWED

****IMPORTANT RECYCLING UPDATE****

Summit Township received an email notification on Monday, August 15th that Raccoon Refuse has permanently closed. The Township has attempted to find a temporary recycling service to collect our curbside recycling until a contract is rebid. Unfortunately, the businesses that offer these services did not have the manpower or equipment to be able to help us out at this time.

Therefore, for the remainder of 2022, recycling dumpsters have been placed near the glass recycling bins located on Old French Road along the south side of the Township Garage. Residents will be able to drop off their accepted recyclable items Monday-Friday between the hours of 7 am-6 pm. The accepted items are listed below, and all items must be loose, no bagged items are allowed. Please make sure that you only put acceptable items in the dumpsters. If unacceptable items or bags are put in the dumpsters or left at the drop site, then the Township will have no choice but to remove the dumpsters and require residents to take their recycling elsewhere.

The Township will be going out to bid for a new contract for 2023 and we will inform residents when curbside pickup will resume. We apologize for any inconvenience, and we appreciate your patience.



ACCEPTED RECYCLABLE ITEMS

- Newspaper
- Full-size office paper
- Cardboard
- Paperboard Boxes
- Plastic bottles
- Plastic jugs
- Plastic jars
- Aluminum drink cans
- Metal food cans

NO BAGGED ITEMS ALLOWED

MEET THE STAFF

TOWNSHIP: 868-9686

Jack Lee, Jr. -
Supervisor/Treasurer/
Dir. Land Development

Mark A. Welka -
Supervisor/Chairman/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,
Dan Wilder & Tim Eliason

WATER AUTHORITY: 864-2323

Brian Hiles - Manager

Sean Miller - Foreman

Gretchen Hayford -
Office Manager

Kathy Hiles - Administrative
Secretary

Brian Clark, Lisa Culbertson,
Adam Wilps - 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



GENERAL ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 8, 2022

- Polls are open on election day from 7 A.M. - 8 P.M.
- Last day to register to vote: October 24, 2022
- Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot: November 1, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| September 5th | Labor Day (Township Offices closed) |
| September 15th | Picnicana 2023 Reservations Open
for Residents Only |
| November 8th | Election Day
(Township Offices closed) |
| November 11th | Veteran's Day
(Township Offices closed) |

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, 6:30 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, 6:00 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 May, September, and November 1 - March 1

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

Just a reminder that there are still plenty of bricks available for residents and relatives of residents to purchase in honor or memory of family and friends who have served or are serving our beautiful country. With Veteran's Day coming up within the next few months, it would be nice to have a few more bricks in place at the memorial in front of the Township Building. Forms can be obtained by calling the Township Office at 814-868-9686, extension 0 or by emailing Gina at gerbin@summitpa.us. Let's get closer to finishing the memorial site.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **October 21st**. Our next newsletter will be published in mid-November.



SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Hello residents, I would like to explain the status with recycles. Please do not get upset with me. I will explain the truth. Unfortunately, it's turned into an expensive program and a tremendous amount of money invested for all parties involved. Most of us want to be green, but when you recognize the short comings, you begin to understand the challenges.

Summit Township pays our recycling contractor, \$7,500 a month to pick up the residents' recycles. This company has had trouble hiring employees and some bad luck like many other businesses. They are the only company that bid on the recycle pickup for Summit Township. As I wrote this article, Raccoon officially announced they went out of business on August 15, 2022.

Apparently, not many companies want anything to do with recycling, because it is very expensive and hard to be cost effective. We have a call in to the DEP, asking how anyone is supposed to handle this task if we cannot find a vendor or even a welcome drop off location.

It's so expensive that many of the municipalities in Erie County have dropped their own recycle pickup program and decided to provide a recycle bin at their garage or different locations for recycle drop off to help save money and try to balance an affordable budget. Then, if anyone deposits trash in the recycle box, more than likely the whole box will be dumped at the landfill.

On the green side of things, you must also figure all the diesel fuel, oils, tires, and diesel exhaust from trucks driving around to haul the recycles. That generates pollution itself.

Summit Township is mandated by the State to provide a pickup recycle program per our population total, from the census totals. We have a letter from the DEP on file from 02-09-2022 that states, Act 101, passed by the General Assembly in 1988 says that we must provide curbside pickup for recycles.

I also wonder sometimes how much of the recycles are going into the landfill because no one polices this and it's cheaper to dump as trash. Even businesses and many homes put all their

recycles into the trash. Some businesses have removed their recycle dumpsters because they will not pay someone to police, sort, or clean containers from group events, where the incorrect materials are being disposed of. When I drive to work in the morning, I see many empty driveways on recycle day, with no recycles out. Not my opinion, but fact.

I recently was at the Erie County Council of Governments meeting and glass recycling representatives were there. In the future, they will be asking municipalities to make a monetary contribution, to help cover the glass recyclables. The company representatives said the hauling cost is twice as much as what the glass value is worth. They cannot work in the red either.

Summit does have a free glass drop off site at our municipal garage on Old French Road.

Please do not beat up the messenger. I'm only speaking the truth. We all need to think about recycling at home, rather than expecting the government to pretend, or pay for it, because that is all of our tax dollars, and could be put to much better use in other areas. So, whatever we all can do to help cut back on waste will help.

As for myself, I use a reusable water bottle or a thermos mug for my coffee everyday rather than styrofoam, cups, or plastic bottles. I try to avoid the throw aways all I can.

This is a huge problem with no easy fix other than the public making our best effort to start at home by using less throw away products.

With all that being said, I even go out to pick up trash at times, that someone has tossed out of a vehicle, or they have dumped a trailer of trash along the side of the road. That is ridiculous, but we must deal with it too. We can't change everyone's mind on being green, but I think most are willing to try.

Thank you for your time,

Supervisor Jack Lee

Hello Summit Residents,

I hope everyone has been enjoying this beautiful summer!

Your road crew has been busy preparing roads for pavement and they have begun paving as we speak. The costs have increased as you all know, and we had to put the brakes on some of the projects that we had originally planned to do. The dollar does not go as far as it used to.

Our two new hires, Dan and Tim have been a great addition to your road crew and have filled some tough shoes of recent retirees. Both bring a lot of experience and work ethic.

Take Care,

Supervisor Mark Welka

Hello Summit Residents,

Hopefully, everyone is enjoying this summer weather. It has been one of the best I can remember in recent history.

We have been able to accomplish several planned projects since mother nature has been cooperative. The new ADA wheelchair swing has been installed at Picnicana and I have to say the road crew did an awesome job getting it set up and useable. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Fralo Industries for providing the powder coat for the swing legs and crossbar at no charge.

As I write this letter, the road crew is applying a fresh coat of asphalt to the volleyball court at Picnicana. This is being done in preparation for the color coating which will provide line marking for volleyball as well as pickleball, which recently has become the latest craze in outdoor sports for all age groups. I look forward to seeing these courts used more often than they are currently.

In closing, I would like to mention that the availability of some products prevented the purchase of the new picnic tables for Picnicana. Hopefully, if the supply chain issues get resolved we will be able to purchase them for next year.

Until next time, enjoy the nice weather and time spent with family and friends.

Best Regards, *Supervisor Tony Davis*

PENNSYLVANIA PEDESTRIAN LAW

Right-of-way of pedestrians in crosswalks

- The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.
- No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute a hazard.
- Whenever any vehicle is stopped at any crosswalk at an intersection or at any marked crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.



Pedestrians crossing at locations other than crosswalks

Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a crosswalk at an intersection or any marked crosswalk shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

Pedestrians walking along or on roadway

- Where a sidewalk is provided and its use is practicable, it is unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.
- Where a sidewalk is not available, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk only on a shoulder as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway.
- Where neither a sidewalk nor a shoulder is available, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk as near as practicable to an outside edge of the roadway and, if on a two-way roadway, shall walk only on the left side of the roadway.
- Any pedestrian upon a roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.



Perry Hi-Way Hose Company

RESIDENTIAL FUND DRIVE 2022 IN PROGRESS

Just a reminder, the 2022 residential fund drive is still in progress. **To date, we have received contributions from just 29% of our residents.** The cost for emergency services should be shared by all residents and not just the 1/3 that have donated. For those who have given, we thank you. For those who have not yet sent in their donation, we ask you to send that donation today. We ask for just \$75 per home for an entire year of emergency service protection or less than \$0.21 per day. For those who have a tighter budget, please send in what you can afford and for those with a little more generous budget, we say **THANK YOU!** Your donations are used to help meet our operational expenses. Just as you are experiencing higher expenses due to inflation and higher fuel prices, so are we. Your donation is needed more this year due to the increased operational expenses. If you have not made your donation for 2022 **PLEASE** Send your donation today. Checks can be made out to Perry Hi-Way Hose Company and sent to the Oliver Road Fire station at 8281 Oliver Road, Erie PA 16509. By working together, we can make sure emergency services in Summit Township are available when needed!

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Fall Indoor Flea Market

Sunday, September 25th

At the social hall Oliver Road Station

Load in 7:30 am – 9 am

Sales 9 am – 2 pm

Call 814-864-0680 to register for table space

PURSE BINGO

Sunday, November 13th

Doors open 12 noon

BINGO starts @ 2pm

TICKETS TO GO ON SALE AUGUST 15st

(Tickets will be on Facebook or

in person at the Oliver Road Station)

FALL CRAFT FAIR

Sunday, December 4th

Load in 7:30 am – 9 am

Open to the public for sales 9 am – 3 pm

Call 814-864-0680 to sign up for a table to sell

Watch for updates on our website www.perryhiway.org or follow us on Facebook at Perry Hi-Way Hose Company.



ROBISON ELEMENTARY

The summer has been filled with excitement here at Robison Elementary School. We have been busy preparing for the arrival of our students and the new 2022-2023 school year.

Everyone at Robison believes in creating a safe and supportive culture so that our students are able to learn and grow. We are blessed to have such amazing teachers and staff that are committed to our students and mission. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Miss Paula McGinnis (third-grade teacher) and Mr. Gary Dahn (PE teacher) for their 30+ years of service to the Fort LeBoeuf School District. Gary beamed with FLB pride in his gymnasium but also as a coach for many years. Paula gave children an opportunity to shine in the classroom and on the stage as she inspired so many students as director of the Robison musicals for 20 years. Mrs. Lisa Sperry also dedicated over 25 years to Fort Leboeuf in her Art room. Lisa loved teaching art but also loved building connections with her students. I would also like to recognize Reyne Hartzfeld, our building secretary, and Gary Justka, our custodian for their commitment to Robison. Reyne greeted every parent and student with a smile and Gary worked hard to keep our building clean and safe. On behalf of your Robison Family, we wish Miss McGinnis, Mr. Dahn, Mrs. Sperry, Mrs. Hartzfeld, and Mr. Justka the best in their retirement. I was honored to work with each of them.



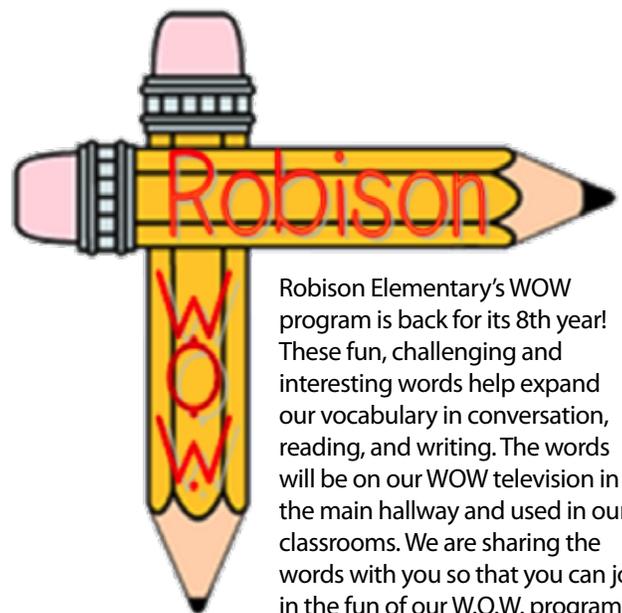
Robison is excited to welcome many new teachers and staff to the Robison family.

- Madison Weischedel: Autistic support teacher
- Amanda Grack: Physical Education teacher
- Danielle Fesenmyer: Art teacher
- Sasha Venstone: Building secretary
- Jacob Shreve: Custodian
- Katie Finn: Autistic support paraprofessional
- Catherine Vanucci: Autistic support paraprofessional

I am looking forward to welcoming back each and every one of our Robison students and staff and also welcoming our new BISON. The newest members of our Robison family, our incoming kindergarteners, along with their families, will be welcomed at our kindergarten orientation held on August 23rd. New this year, we will be hosting a fun Meet the Teachers Night at Robison on Thursday, August 25th where all students will have an opportunity to visit their classroom and meet their teacher prior to the start of the school year.

A special thank you to our Robison staff, Robison families, PTO, and community for their ongoing support of our school. We are excited to kick off another school year filled with learning and growing.

Mrs. Jenna Hopkins



Robison Elementary's WOW program is back for its 8th year! These fun, challenging and interesting words help expand our vocabulary in conversation, reading, and writing. The words will be on our WOW television in the main hallway and used in our classrooms. We are sharing the words with you so that you can join in the fun of our W.O.W. program!

Our first quarter words are:

September

cerulean
embark
magnanimous

October

morass
fortitude
surmise

November

captivate

Summit Community Food Pantry

Welcome Summer!

Hopefully, everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather. Sign-ups for the new season are taking place now so please bring your ID with you. Everyone must sign up even if you currently are. The income levels to qualify have been lowered recently to help more individuals and families.

We continue to have curbside pickup. Distribution days are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 2-4 pm. Holiday distribution days will be in the fourth quarter newsletter. If you have any extra produce from your gardens, consider sharing that with our food pantry. You can bring the produce on any distribution day and ask for Terry. Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our food pantry running!!



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

From the Water Authority. . . .

Hope you are enjoying the nice weather we have been having this summer and are able to get out and enjoy it. With the hot weather comes higher water usage so we included some **Water Conservation Facts** below.

Leaky/Running Toilets

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

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

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

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

1. **The Sound Check:** Simply walk up to your toilet and listen. If you hear an odd hiss-like noise, you may have a leak and will want to check further.

2. **The Dye Test:** For this test, you'll need some food coloring or a dye tablet. Take the lid off of your toilet's tank and put in a couple of drops of coloring (or a dye tablet). After you've put the dye in the tank, wait for 15-20 minutes and check the toilet bowl for dye. If dye is present, then there's a leak allowing tank water to flow into the bowl.

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

Leaky Faucets & Fixtures

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

Some Water Wasting Habits can cost you \$\$

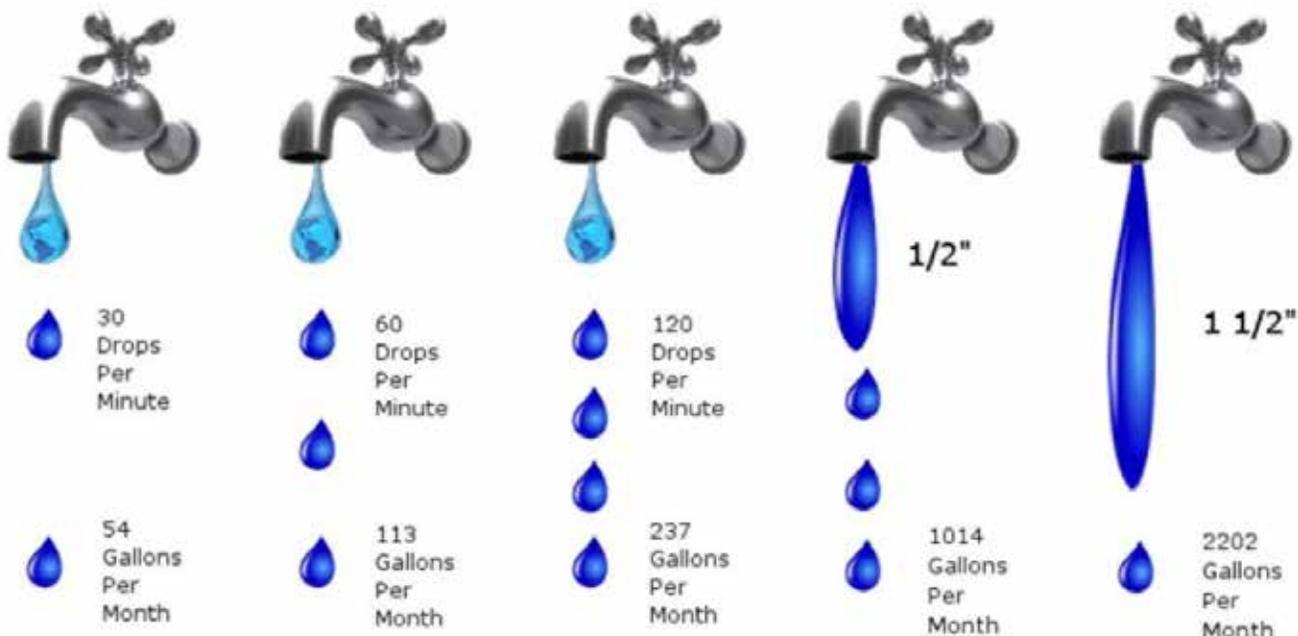
Often, a high water bill can be the result of overconsumption behaviors affiliated with appliances and home utilities. These include:

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

Uni-Directional Flushing

We started our Unidirectional Flushing Program in June and it has been going well. We are now using a portable flashing message board to notify residents of flushing in specific areas along with posting the schedule on Facebook and on the Township website www.summittownship.com.

Brian Hiles, Manager



A Budget To Build On

Another state budget is in the books, and although it isn't perfect – no budget is – the new spending plan allocates funding responsibly to help residents and bolster education while holding the line on taxes.

A highlight of the new budget is the increase to the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. This program has been helping seniors and Pennsylvanians with disabilities since 1971 but was enhanced in the 2022-23 budget.

This year, the program will feature a one-time benefit increase of 70% for recipients. For example, an applicant who receives a regular rebate of \$500 on their property taxes or rent paid in 2021 can expect to receive an additional bonus rebate of \$350. Residents do not need to do anything to get this extra rebate. It will be sent the same way the original rebate was received – either by direct deposit or check.

The deadline to apply to the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program has been extended to Dec. 31, 2022. If anyone has any questions about the program or would like to apply, feel free to contact my office, and we can help with the paperwork.

Another important aspect of the new state budget is the boost it provides to education.

Using federal and surplus funds, we were able to secure record increases in state education funding, with extra help going to underfunded school districts and pre-K programs. The new plan increases funding for basic education by \$525 million and funding for special education by \$100 million. It also provides \$225 million in level-up dollars, to help historically underfunded districts.

Here at home, schools in the Fort LeBoeuf School District will benefit from an additional \$335,800 (4.6% increase) in basic education funding and an additional \$80,000 (6.2% increase) in special education funding.

In addition to bolstering learning resources for our kids, the new budget also provides for their safety and security. The budget provides a new \$95 million appropriation for school physical safety grants and \$95 million in school mental health grants to allow schools to innovate for safety and mental health supports at the local level. Each program provides \$100,000 for each school district, plus \$15 per student enrolled.

These are just some highlights of the new budget. For more details, visit www.HouseAppropriations.com.

State Rep. Bob Merski, D-Erie, represents the 2nd Legislative District.



Kiwanis
CLUB OF FORT LeBOEUF

What is Kiwanis? We are a global organization with an emphasis on service for children. The Kiwanis Club of FLB is a very active club of 55 members who love to improve their community and help children. If you have the same interests, consider joining us in service.

We are excited to be partnering with Robison Elementary this year by sponsoring a K-Kids group for 5th graders. This after-school group will focus on volunteer work in their school and their community. We will now have a K-Kids group in all three FLB elementary buildings and look forward to working together to serve others.

In August, we cleaned and painted the Home Show #2 building at the Waterford Fair. This is the building that houses the children's art projects. In September, we will take every third-grade student from Fort LeBoeuf schools to the Fair to learn about agriculture and animals. We are eager to have the kids see the spruced-up building!

Upcoming projects include:

9/7 Waterford Fair Field Trip for 3rd graders

10/10 Blanket tying for foster kids

10/22 Pumpkin Painting Party for FLB kids

To see more about what we are doing, follow us on Facebook "Kiwanis Club of Fort LeBoeuf, or our website-7440.site.kiwanis.org. If you have any questions, contact us at kiwanisflb@gmail.com.

SUMMIT SCAVENGER HUNT HOSTED BY SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD

Attention Summit residents! We know things have been challenging with Covid and many are disappointed the Residents Weekend was canceled for 2022. We plan to return next summer with an even bigger bash for you! In the meantime, we wanted to provide an alternative activity for you to complete with family and friends. We have developed a Summit Township scavenger hunt that you can complete on your own time. Beginning September 1 and running through September 30, you will be able to complete the scavenger hunt below. Each stop that you complete gives you the opportunity to be featured in our next quarterly newsletter. This will get you out and about to see some important areas we have in our beautiful township. Remember you are visiting properties that are not your own. We ask that you visit during respectable hours and leave the location as you left it 😊

Directions:

1. Use the clues below to find the QR code with a write-up of each location.
2. Have a phone camera ready to snap pictures.
3. When you arrive at the location, scan the QR code to upload your picture in front of the site. These pictures will be compiled for our next quarterly newsletter.
4. Have fun!

Scavenger Hunt Clues:

1. We are lucky to have a set of these in the woods. They used to be owned by St. Matthews in the Woods and were maintained by members of the parish. After St. Matthews was combined with Saint Cyprian's to form All Saints Parish, this property was bought by a private citizen who still allows people to walk through.
2. When the kids want to play we know where to go! Volleyball, basketball, trails, and a baseball field make this spot a go-to for all things fun.
3. Baseball anyone? Soccer too? If you wanted to partake in those activities this stop is for you.
4. Summit Township has one volunteer fire company, Perry Hi-Way Hose Company, founded in 1948 by a group of concerned residents. Among them was George Gauthier, who transformed a used vehicle into the first fire truck which served as a combination pumper and tanker. Over the years it continues to be a very dedicated group of concerned residents that keep Perry Hi-Way Hose Company running smoothly.
 - a. Your first stop is to find the training grounds utilized by first responders throughout the area.
 - b. Your second stop is to see where the social hall and sleeping quarters for the firefighters are located.
5. When St. Matthews in the Woods built the house for the priests, there were some tombs uncovered. Those were moved to this location and are still there for anyone to pay respects to.
6. Our township was founded in 1854, out of the western part of Greene, the eastern part of McKean, and a small section from the northern part of Waterford Township. Many believe the name was derived from early settlers who journeyed from the lakeshore of Erie upwards until reaching the dividing ridge running east to west (which separates the Lake Erie Watershed from the Ohio River Basin), to the top or the "Summit". The last stop of the scavenger hunt takes you to the place you can go for anything township related.

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	 Crystal glass & Boneware
 Perfume & Cologne	 Mirrors & Flat glass	 Heat-resistant & laboratory glass
 Canning & Candle (remove wax)	 Trophies & Ashtrays	 Light bulbs & Tubes
PLEASE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rinse out food and drink• Remove caps and lids• Labels can stay on		
NO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic Bags Plastic Bottles Garbage/Trash Aluminum Cans		

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY

Ennis Sewer Rehabilitation

In September of last year, after receiving a report about a sinkhole on Greentree Drive, STSA Operators inspected a section of public sewer via closed circuit television and confirmed that the sewer main, while functionally intact, was cracked and shifted. The Authority moved to inspect the entire Ennis subdivision system since most of the sanitary sewers were installed in 1968. The inspection revealed 6 locations totaling 530 LF and 11 wye replacements. Due to the extent of the damage, the repairs have been delegated to our Engineer to meet advertising and bidding requirements. The Engineer's Estimate of Probable Cost is \$220,000. The project will consist of spot repairs to the collapsing and damaged 8" diameter vitrified clay tile sewers and will be let for bids in Spring 2023.

Oliver Road Lift Station, Force Main, and Gravity Upsizing Project

Work continues on the Oliver Road Lift Station, Force Main, and Gravity Upsizing Project Groundbreaking for the 3 contracts. There have been delays due to materials and special pipe bursting equipment.

Contract #1 - Terra Works Inc. has delayed the scheduled start for the construction of the Oliver Road Gravity Sewer Replacement portion of the project until early in August. Their contract has been extended from June 30th to September 30th.

Contract #2 - Konzel Construction Inc. has completed the pipe installation called for in the Oliver Road Force Main Replacement portion of the project. The pipe has been tested and is ready for the final connections.

Contract #3 - Ray Showman Junior Excavating, Inc. involves the installation of a prefabricated, skid-mounted, weatherproof, wastewater lift station. The lift station is a walk-in design provided by W.C. Weil Company of Allison Park, PA. The lift station is expected to arrive late in August and be installed and operational by October 15th.

Sewer Authority Expands Inspection Capabilities

The Authority recently purchased a closed-circuit televising camera for use in sanitary sewers. Ques-Plus push camera includes a SONDE underground location beacon and communication option for line tracing via a receiver unit. Costing approximately \$16,600, it will be used initially to inspect the new lateral connections proposed for the Lateral Assistance Project. In addition, existing laterals could be inspected during renovations involving the sanitary sewer, during investigations of infiltration and inflow, and as a follow-up on or aid to new development.

South Hill Road and Ponderosa Drive Area – Sewer Inspection

Sewer connections on South Hill Road from Ponderosa Drive to Washington Avenue including Wild Cherry Lane are currently being inspected via closed circuit television. The purpose of this inspection is to locate all connections and inspect the condition of both the public collection system and private laterals. The Authority is posting door hangers to let residents know in advance when the inspection is going to be performed. We are using local contractors that have a limited number of employees and are often called out to perform emergency services for other clients. Therefore, the actual date when the inspection will be performed has been varying 1 to 2 weeks so, please be patient and expect delays.

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



TRICK OR TREATING

Trick-or-treating will be on Halloween, Monday, October 31, 2022, from 6:00-8:00 pm. If you wish to pass out treats, please have your home's front lights on. Please drive slowly and use extra caution to ensure the safety of our children and their families. Have a safe and fun Halloween!

PICNICANA PARK 2023 SEASON RESERVATIONS

Picnicana Park is open from May 1st to October 15th, with fully equipped kitchens and pavilions available for rental. **Reservations for the 2023 Season will be taken beginning September 15th for Summit Township Residents and on October 1st for non-residents**, starting when the Municipal Building opens at 8:00 a.m. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a number system placed at the front doors and all residents are asked to remain in their vehicles until their number is called. The Municipal Building will not be open prior to 8:00 a.m. These reservations are for Township resident picnics and do not include any company picnics or picnics being booked for non-resident relatives or friends. It should be noted that “walk-ins” at 8:00 a.m. are given priority over phone calls. There’s a 50% discount on the rent for Summit Township Residents booking an event. Each Summit household is limited to one discounted reservation per season. **Effective in 2023, there will be a \$25 price increase per rental.**

Note: The 50% discount for resident rates is based on a Summit Township resident hosting a personal function, i.e., Graduation party, family reunion, etc. That resident must be the contact, provide the deposit, and will receive any refunded deposit at their place of residence. A person who is both a Summit Resident and owner of a Summit Business may host a function for that Summit Business and is eligible for the 50% discount.



SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RECREATION FACILITY

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

RATES - RULES & REGULATIONS - GENERAL INFORMATION

	WEEKDAY				WEEKEND				
	REGULAR KITCHEN		UPGRADED KITCHEN #3		REGULAR KITCHEN		UPGRADED KITCHEN #3		
	ONE Pavilion & Regular Kitchen	TWO Pavilions & Regular Kitchen	ONE Pavilion & Upgraded Kitchen #3	TWO Pavilions & Upgraded Kitchen #3	ONE Pavilion & ONE Regular Kitchen	TWO Pavilions & Regular Kitchen	ONE Pavilion & Upgraded Kitchen #3	TWO Pavilions & Upgraded Kitchen #3	TWO Pavilions & Kitchen #1 & Kitchen #3
Rental Rate	\$375.00	\$525.00	\$475.00	\$625.00	\$525.00	\$725.00	\$625.00	\$825.00	\$875.00
Security Deposit	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Total	\$525.00	\$675.00	\$625.00	\$775.00	\$675.00	\$875.00	\$775.00	\$975.00	\$1025.00

Note: Two Pavilions and Three Kitchens Rental Amount = \$1300.00 Rent with \$200.00 deposit

Homegrown Meadows

You may have noticed in recent years less and less singing crickets, chirping birds, and other wildlife as a result of decreasing quality habitat in the northwest PA region. You may have also noticed that, as a consequence of changing climate, irregular weather patterns and increasingly intense storm events are becoming more common. But what can you do to help out?

Pennsylvania is home to more than 2 million acres of lawn, typically comprised of turf grass—shallow-rooted plants that are ecologically of little use. Turf grass takes the place of native grasses, flowers, and other native plants that are better adapted to the local climate and provide appropriate habitat for the region's wildlife. The way we manage our lawns, too, creates issues, particularly when it comes to stormwater. Turf grass is not equipped to infiltrate water, filter pollutants, or stabilize soil like native plants.

Here are some additional benefits to backyard meadows:

- Reduces stormwater runoff by better infiltration than turf grass, thus recharging groundwater and mitigating flooding
- Filters pollution by slowing stormwater, allowing pollutants to filter out into the meadow's soil substrate
- Provides habitat for pollinators (butterflies, bats, birds, etc.) and other wildlife and increases biodiversity, further strengthening its stability
- Requires less maintenance at lower costs than a traditional lawn

Even greater benefits can be experienced by backyard forests:

- Planting native trees and shrubs provide further water quality and habitat improvement and doing so along the periphery of your lawn—along fences and other boundaries—reduces mowing space, saving you time and money.

Interested in reimagining your lawn? Check out the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources Lawn Conversion program (dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/Water/LawnConversion) for planning assistance and potential reimbursement. Reach out to ReLeaf Erie (releaferie.org; ReLeafErie@gmail.com; (814) 453-5323) to participate in their mission to plant one tree for every citizen in Erie County!

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/>).



Are you moving, downsizing, remodeling, or a business cleaning out your warehouse? Please keep **Greater Erie Area Habitat for Humanity & ReStore** in mind! **Now accepting donations of new & used building/construction materials, cabinetry, vanities, lighting, plumbing, hard furniture, home goods, appliances (10 yrs or newer), and tools** in good working condition. If you have questions on acceptable items or need to schedule a pick-up for larger items, call Sara, at **814-454-7025 ext. 103** or email restore@habitaterie.org. **Donation drop-offs accepted Tues/Wed/Fri 9am-3pm.** Conveniently located at **4922 Pittsburgh Ave.**, enter the second driveway and proceed to the back of the building. **Shop the ReStore Fridays 9am-12pm & Saturdays 8am-4pm.**

Picnicana Park

The Township takes pride in all of our parks, especially Picnicana Park. While it is a public park, the Township reserves the right to rent out the kitchens and shelters to help with maintenance costs. The park is available first-come, first-served on Mondays and Tuesdays for shelter usage only. There are charcoal grills at each shelter and there are also picnic tables on the grounds. If you choose to use the facility, please pick up after yourselves and your families and friends. The township rents out the facilities Wednesday thru Sunday of each week from May 1st thru October 15th each season. Each year we start taking reservations for residents on September 15th for the next season and on October 1st for non-residents.

We have had a few issues this year with groups coming to the park and posting "reserved" signs on our shelters or trying to use shelters while we have booked events. Please respect the party that reserved and paid for the use of the shelter and kitchen. If you'd like to reserve a space for your event, you can call the Township at 814-868-9686, extension 0, and make a reservation with Gina.

Let's all do our part in keeping Picnicana Park clean and beautiful.

Here We Grow Again

AAA recently completed a 5,400 sq. ft. renovation to their location at 6660 Peach Street Suite C3. Established in 1902 by nine motor clubs with fewer than 1,500 members, today AAA provides more than 61 million members with automotive, travel, insurance, and financial services through its federation of 32 motor clubs and more than 1,000 branch offices across North America. For more than 115 years, AAA has been a leader and advocate for safe mobility.

BERT'S BIKES & FITNESS recently opened their new location at 7200 Peach Street Unit 460. Bert's Bikes & Fitness is a multi-generational family business that has been in operation since 1972. From a small family shop in Bert's garage, they've since grown to eight stores serving the Buffalo, Rochester, and now Erie areas and are committed to supporting your journey in cycling and fitness.

BOB'S DISCOUNT FURNITURE recently held a grand opening for their new location at 6680 Peach Street. Bob Kaufman opened his first Bob's Discount Furniture store in Newington, Connecticut in 1991 on the principle of providing unsurpassed value with honesty and integrity. Today there are 164 locations nationwide.

CURALEAF recently opened its new location at 7891 Peach Street. Curaleaf is dedicated to providing premium, safe and reliable medical marijuana products to their patients with products that are cultivated and produced with the highest standards.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE recently completed a 1,116 sq. ft. addition to their restaurant located at 7475 Peach Street. The first Texas Roadhouse opened in Clarksville, Indiana in 1993. Since then, the company has grown to three concepts. As of March 29, 2022, the company and its franchisees operate 672 restaurants system-wide in 49 states and 10 foreign countries, including 632 Texas Roadhouse restaurants, 36 Bubba's 33 restaurants, and 4 Jagers restaurants.

IN THE WORKS:

CHUCK E. CHEESE has started the process of interior renovations to their location at 7200 Peach Street Unit 320

COMPOSIFLEX has begun construction of a 23,081 sq. ft. addition to their location at 8100 Hawthorne Drive

ROSES DISCOUNT STORE has started the process of opening a new location at 7200 Peach Street Unit 170

SUNNYSIDE MEDICAL MARIJUANA has started the process of opening a new location at 7851 Peach Street

Senior News

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful summer. I am happy to announce our Summit Senior Center is now open. We are welcoming seniors on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. You can come around 11 am and stay into the afternoon. Lunch is served at noon. There has been a change in how the food is served. With COVID still in effect, we have someone bring a main and a side dish premade from a store. People can bring in cookies or cupcakes but must be store-bought. We certainly miss everyone bringing a dish to share since there are so many great cooks and bakers in our group. Hopefully, we can get back to that soon and enjoy the fantastic homemade dishes and delightful desserts.

We have a puzzle table, a shelf with games (Dominoes, Rummikub, cards), many books, and two pool tables all ready for action! It is nice to see people talking and laughing with friends they haven't seen. Newcomers, please feel free to visit. As you come into the doorway we will greet you with a welcoming smile.

Please lift our President Sue Seyboldt in prayer as she is fighting another battle with her health. She is a strong gal and we know she will get through this.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the township office, Sue, or me.

Sincerely,

Dorothy

Sue Seyboldt, President

(814) 969-8542

Dorothy Panitzke, Vice President

(814) 868-2865

The Scavenger Hunt Locations Key:

1. Stations of the Cross on Townhall Road
2. Picnicana
3. Community Park on Old French Road
4. a-Perry Highway Hose Company (fire station) on Robison Rd
4. b-Perry Highway Hose Company (fire station) on Oliver Rd
5. Stone church at Montessori in the Woods
6. Township Building

ENGINEER'S REPORT

This has been a great year for getting projects done. Typically, this time of year I would be in the thick of trying to get the capital improvement projects underway. Not this year. Phase 2 of the Hamot Road Sidewalk Project was completed in April and the Douglas Parkway repaving project was completed in early June.

So, the focus can get back to planning and design. We are currently working on the next capital paving project which is slated to be Downs Drive. This is a continuation of a seven-year plan to repair and improve the side streets off Peach Street North of I-90. We are also working on a drainage study for New Road which is looking at the feasibility of drainage improvements for the roadway.

We have been able to plan and identify projects a few years out. By doing this, we can get the projects designed ahead of schedule which permits us the ability to put projects out to bid in the winter thus securing a better price and getting pushed earlier into the construction season. So, we can have the summer to enjoy the finished product.



Douglas Parkway Repaving Project



Phase 2-Hamot Road Sidewalk Project

FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather. This is what we waited all winter for. There isn't a better place to be during summer than right here!

The 2022/2023 School tax bills were mailed July 1st. This covers the fiscal year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Interim A22-2022 and C21-2021 (if applicable) were mailed July 1st also. Please check with your mortgage company if they will be paying your Interim tax bill. Any unpaid County/Twp, Interim and School bills not paid by November 1 will be sent a Final Notice. The mills for the school increased from 12.81 to 13.34. However, the Homestead Exclusion amount increased from \$173.61 to \$220.15 which helped mitigate the increase and in some cases, your amount may have decreased from last year.

If you do not have the Homestead Exclusion, you can obtain one online at eriecountypa.gov. The calendar for County Council meetings can be found there also. School board meetings are open to the public and the dates can be accessed at fortleboeuf.net.

I collect real estate tax only. Questions regarding taxes collected for Summit Township by Berkheimer (Earned Income Tax 1% of gross income, Local Service Tax \$52.00 for employees working in Summit Township) and FLB Per Capita Tax (\$10.00 for those over 18) should be directed to Berkheimer. There is a local Berkheimer office at the Millcreek Township Building at 3608 West 26th St. The local number is 814-833-4870.

Please note the office is closed the month of September. This is stated on your tax bill and was on an insert with the County/Twp. tax bills in March. You can use the lockbox to the right of the office door at any time. You can also leave me a message via phone or send an email to: summittaxcollector@yahoo.com. A reminder that if you require a receipt, you must include BOTH copies of the tax bill and a S.A.S.E.

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 May, September, and Nov until March 1

LeBoeuf Little League



LeBoeuf Little League 12U Baseball All-Stars after District Championship Game

LeBoeuf Little League just wrapped up an extraordinarily successful season on the field. After fighting through an extremely rainy start to the season, we wrapped up the year with several placements in the All-Star Tournaments:

- 12U Baseball District Champions and Sectional / Runner-Up
- 11U Baseball District Runner-Up
- 10U Baseball District Runner-Up
- 8U Softball District Runner-Up
- 8U Baseball District Runner-Up

A huge thank you to our coaches, parents, and sponsors that made this year possible. Additionally, thank you to the hundreds that showed up at our annual Fair Food Fundraiser to support our little league program.

Early sign-ups for the 2023 season will begin in December.

The Summit Lions News



We Serve



I'd like to thank all that supported our 25th Summit Lions Club Golf Outing. It was held at the Venango Valley Golf Course. We provided a steak dinner for all golfers and a good time was had by all who attended. Please remember we do this every year on the first Friday in June. In 2023 it will be held on June 2nd. We would love to have more golfers!

I would also like to thank both divisions of Plastikos for all the plastic they have given us for recycling. It is enabling us to get the benches that are at Picnicana and the Veteran's Memorial in front of the Summit Township building a bit faster than normal. Also, Airborne in Lake City has delivered plastic to us; thank you to Airborne. We are still collecting plastic bags; a collection box is located at the Township building and also at the Senior Center. Arrangements can be made for an alternate drop-off if you cannot get there before the building is closed for the day.

We held our summer picnic at Picnicana Park in July, and we will have another picnic in August there. September will start our regular schedule.

We are always looking for new members. If you think you would like to see what we are about, contact any member of

our club or call Steve Sample at 814 440-7857. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Our meeting on the 2nd Wednesday is at the Summit Senior Center at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to drop in if you are interested.

Sincerely,
Steve Sample

President



Second place team in Golf Tournament



First place team in Golf Tournament



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