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*Wishing you and your family  
peace, love, and joy this  
Holiday Season  
and throughout the new year!*

Happy Holidays from your Summit Township Supervisors and Staff



## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

Summit Township will be closed on  
November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving.

In observance of Christmas, municipal offices  
will be closed December 23rd and 26th.

For the New Year holiday, our office  
will be closed January 2nd.



## 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 Hudack, 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, Chad Miller -** Systems  
Operators

**SEWER AUTHORITY:** 868-4495

**William Steff, P.E. -** Manager

**Caitlyn Haener-Schwab -**

Administrative Supervisor

**Amy McCaslin -**

Billing Clerk

**Marty McAtee -**

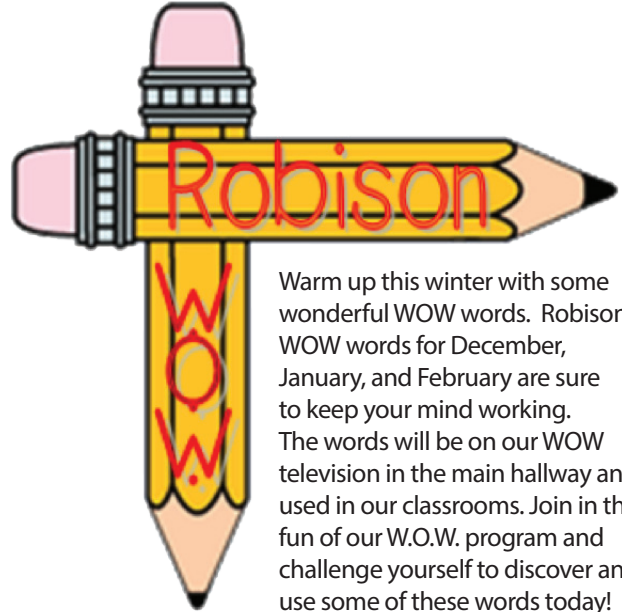
Operations Foreman

**Chris Hodge -**

GIS Specialist/Asst. Project Manager

**Andrew Larson, Scott Snyder -**

Maintenance Technicians



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**  
cognizant  
inaugurate

**January**  
habitual  
indomitable  
debonair

**February**  
grit  
obliterate  
melodious

## PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

### Board of Supervisors:

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 4:30 p.m.

### Planning Commission:

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

### Sewer Authority:

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

### Water Authority:

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

### Recreation Board:

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, 4:30 p.m.

### LeBoeuf Little League:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at Waterford American Legion

### Zoning Hearing Board:

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

As needed and advertised only

### Summit Township Industrial and Economic Development Authority (STIEDA):

4<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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!



The 2023 Summit Township  
Recycling Calendar will be  
mailed out to all residents  
by January 1st.



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **January 27**. Our next newsletter will be published in mid-February.



## SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Hello all!

I have some important driving safety tips, statistics, and links from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC).

Hopefully, all motorists take responsibility for safety on our roadways to help reduce accidents, injuries, and fatalities. I receive many complaints of reckless driving and speeders.

In 2019, traffic fatalities dropped to 1,059, the lowest since record-keeping began in 1928. In 2020, with even less roadway traffic, fatalities increased to 1,129. In 2021, we are in line with trends seen across the nation, traffic fatalities increased again, jumping by about 9% to 1,230.

Everyone should find that traffic fatalities are completely preventable. We must work together. Safe driving is everyone's responsibility. All drivers must follow these simple safety steps today; pay attention when you are behind the wheel, never drive impaired, slow down, and buckle up."

Troopers are trained to spot dangerous driving behaviors and take a zero-tolerance approach, but they need the public's help, to stop unnecessary accidents.

If you believe you're sharing the road with an aggressive, distracted, or impaired driver, do not hesitate to pull over on the side of the road and call 911. You must be able to ID the vehicle and hopefully a license plate number.

Driving over the posted speed limit or too fast for conditions is among the leading causes of accidents that can also become injuries and fatalities. As drivers, we must take ownership of unsafe driving habits by paying attention and slowing down behind the wheel.

Whether walking, riding, or biking, all pedestrians, and motorists must share equal respect. Drivers should slow down when approaching a crosswalk or intersection, watch for pedestrians, and be prepared to yield to them. Pedestrians should cross only at a crosswalk and make eye contact with approaching drivers to ensure they will stop before entering the roadway. Both pedestrians and motorists should obey traffic control devices, which help identify who must yield at an intersection. We live in a very busy township with many distractions for motorists.

Hello Summit residents,

It is that time of the year when we prepare our equipment for the plowing season.

It's very important that we keep all vehicles and trailers off of the roadways (November 1-April 30). Plowing snow across the roads is not permissible and created quite a mess last winter. I know it can be difficult and frustrating to deal with the snow but keep in mind that your plow drivers have been doing this for many years and do everything in their power to keep the roads safe.

In 2022, PA crash data includes pedestrian and motorcyclist fatalities caused by distracted drivers. I ride a motorcycle and it is very concerning to me while riding in traffic.

Riders and drivers must also work together to keep everyone safe. Motorcyclists should always use common sense by riding sober, obeying speed limits, and allowing enough time to react. Remember to wear a helmet and riding gear, and reflective clothing to make you visible. Motorcyclists can be hard to see because of their smaller size. Drivers should watch for motorcycles and check mirrors and blind spots before changing lanes. Following too closely is a major factor in crashes involving motorcycles. Vehicles should allow at least four seconds of following distance when following a motorcycle.

Drivers are urged to always pay attention when behind the wheel. Studies show that distraction from cell phone use while driving, either hand-held or hands-free, delays a driver's reactions as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of .08 percent.

Anything that causes a motorist to take their attention away from driving, take their eyes off of the road or take their hands off of the wheel is a distraction, including, eating, drinking, smoking, changing the radio station, talking on the phone, texting, or emailing, reading, writing, doing your hair or makeup, and dozing or staring off at something along the side of the road.

So please leave early and drive safe. Do not be in a rush because you are late.

Happy Holidays to all,

*Supervisor Jack Lee*

For more information, go to PennDOT's safety initiatives, visit [www.PennDOT.pa.gov/Safety](http://www.PennDOT.pa.gov/Safety).

or, PA Turnpike safety visit: [www.PATurnpike.com/rampup/safety-keys](http://www.PATurnpike.com/rampup/safety-keys).

or, PennDOT's media center offers social-media-sized graphics highlighting topics.

Please check your mailboxes and make sure they are built to township specifications as outlined in the newsletter. We need to be able to plow the snow back off the road so that the mail can be delivered.

We ask that you keep a safe distance from the back of the plow trucks as they are spreading salt and cinders from the back of the trucks as they plow.

Please feel free to call me if you have any concerns,

*Supervisor Mark A. Welka*



Hello Summit Township Residents,

Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the nice summer we had as it appears that fall is upon us. The last time I wrote we had just applied a new coat of asphalt to the volleyball courts at Picniana in preparation for the color coating. The courts



are now completed, and they turned out wonderful. I must commend the guys for a fantastic job, especially since none of them had ever done anything like this before. I have included an aerial photograph taken from our drone flown by Joe Whitmer our GIS technician. It worked out best where the volleyball courts are on either side and the pickleball court is in the center. I look forward to them being used extensively next season.

The parks are now closed for the season, but walk-ins are always welcome. We are transitioning over to winter mode getting ready for the snow that will certainly come, as it always does. Please remember to allow extra time while traveling during the snowy months and drive safely. Until next time, take care of one another and enjoy time spent with family and friends.

Best regards,

*Supervisor Tony Davis*

## Summit Community Food Pantry

Fall Blessings!

We are closing in on another successful year at the SCFP! Soon it will be time for the Holiday Season. Distribution dates are as follows: November 10th and 17th (Thanksgiving) and December 8th and 15th (Christmas). We will continue to have curbside pickup and times remain the same from 2-4 PM.

Regular distribution days are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 2-4 PM at the Summit Municipal Building, 1230 Townhall Rd., West, Erie, PA.

If you are new to Summit and would like to sign up, please bring proof of residency to any regular distribution time.

From all the board members, staff, and volunteers at the Summit Community Food Pantry, we wish all a Happy Holiday Season filled with many blessings, the camaraderie of friends, and the love of family.



**Summit Community Food Pantry (SCFP)**

1230 Townhall Rd., West, Basement, Erie, PA 16509

# Here We Grow Again

**HOLIDAY INN** recently opened an 81,216 sq. ft. hotel located at 2260 Downs Drive. Amenities include free Wi-Fi and parking, ample workspace for those traveling on business, an indoor pool, and a fitness center, and is also one of the newest pet-friendly hotels in Erie. Holiday Inn is an American chain of hotels based in Atlanta. Founded as a U.S. motel chain, it has grown to be one of the world's largest hotel chains, with 1,173 active hotels and over 214,000 rentable rooms.

**PLASTIKOS, INC** located at 8121 Hawthorne Drive recently completed construction of a 28,000 sq. ft. industrial addition. Plastikos was founded in 1989 and began to diversify its core offerings from solely designing and building molds to a full suite of mold design, engineering, & fabrication along with sampling, advanced qualification, and production services. Today, Plastikos is a world-class custom injection molder that continues to push the technical boundaries of the plastics industry.

**KUNCO LANDSCAPE, INC.** recently completed construction of their new 5,750 sq. ft. commercial building with offices located at 8099 Johnson Road. Founded in 1999 and with over 40 years of combined landscape design & management experience, Kunco Landscape Inc. has strived to become Erie's premier full-service landscaping contractor, specializing in all outdoor living needs.

## IN THE WORKS:

**TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY** has started the process of interior renovations and construction of a 3,450 sq. ft. greenhouse addition to their location at 2275 Downs Drive.

**BSI (BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC.)** has started the process of adding a 1,000 sq. ft. addition to their existing commercial building located at 7335 Old Perry Highway.





The Township and Water Authority employees enjoyed another year of pumpkin carving. This year's festivities also included a "souper" bowl contest. The Supervisors once again had a difficult time choosing the winners, but in the end chose the following:

#### **Pumpkin Carving Winners**

- 1st place – Tammy Cass
- 2nd place – Joe Passerotti
- 3rd place – Debra Jageman

#### **"Souper" Bowl Winners**

- 1st place – Lisa Vallimont; French Onion Soup
- 2nd place – Mike (Sawyer) Hanas; Tortilla-less Soup
- 3rd place – Gina Erbin; Tortilla Soup



**1st place winner  
Tammy Cass**

**2nd place winner  
Joe Passerotti**

**3rd place winner  
Debra Jageman**



*Debra Jageman, Mike Hanas, Adam Wilps, Gina Erbin, Kathy Hiles, Joe Malinowski, Dan Wilder, Gretchen Hayford, Joe Whitmer, Tammy Cass, Matt Jonas, Michelle Nesselhauf, Rebecca Spencer, Joe Passerotti*



## **LeBoeuf Little League**

Little League had a fantastic summer filled with post-season success. Our 12u baseball team won the district tournament and finished as runner-up in the regional tournament. Our 11u baseball, 10u baseball, 8u baseball, and 8u softball all finished as runner-up in the district tournament. A special thank you to all the volunteers,

particularly those that keep our complex on Rt. 97 as one of the best baseball/softball complexes in the region. Finally, early bird registration for the 2023 season will begin in December. Please visit <http://www.flbll.com> in early December for details.



# Perry Hi-Way Hose Company

## PERRY HI-WAY PUTS NEW FIRE ENGINE IN SERVICE

August 2022 was an exciting month for the members of Perry Hi-Way Hose Company with the arrival of the new pumper truck. This truck was ordered back in March 2021. Supply chain issues delayed the construction of the new apparatus by several months. This new pumper truck replaces a 22-year-old unit that had surpassed the NFPA-suggested replacement age of 20 years. The new truck was purchased from 4 Guys Fire Trucks in Meyersdale PA.

The primary job of this new truck will be to extinguish fires. The new pumper truck will pump at least 1750 gallons per minute of water or foam solution to extinguish fires. The truck has a 1000-gallon onboard water tank and carries 30 gallons of Class B foam for gasoline/ethanol fires and 20 gallons of class A foam for building fires. The truck also carries various-sized attack hoses from 1 ½" for trash fires and vehicle fires up to 3" hoses for use with ground monitors that flow up to 500 gallons of water per minute for large fires. We also carry 1500' of 5" supply hose to get water from a fire hydrant to the fire scene. The truck also carries our SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) for the firefighters to wear to avoid breathing the smoke as well as equipment for building ventilation, forcible entry tools, hooks,

and pike poles for pulling down ceilings and opening up walls, saws for cutting open roofs for ventilation and tarps for salvage of contents.

This truck also has lighting to light up the emergency scene on nighttime events as well as portable lighting to be used inside buildings when extinguishing fires. The truck carries 3 portable ladders (28' extension and 16' roof & 10' attic) to use for climbing to the roof or making a rescue of trapped occupants from a window. The truck also carries a combination spreader/cutter HURST Jaws of Life tool for accidents and also vehicle fires and building entry when needed.

The cost of this new truck was \$697,000 and will serve the department for the next 20 years. The new truck is housed at the Oliver Road fire station. Stop in on a Monday night, our training night, and take a look at this new truck designed to handle the challenges within Summit Township.



**Reminder: we are still accepting donations for our 2022 fund drive.**

**Please send in your donation today if you have not yet donated!**



**WINTER  
CRAFT FAIR REMINDER**

SUNDAY, December 4, 2022  
9 am to 4 pm

Social Hall @ 8281 Oliver Road  
Free Admission with  
40+ vendors at 52 tables





It is hard to believe but old man winter is knocking on our door and we may have even experienced a few snowflakes in the air before the arrival of this newsletter. With the winter weather, we want to remind residents of a few things to help keep them safe.

1. Make sure you have working smoke detectors on each level of your home. The addition of a carbon monoxide detector also helps ensure there is no buildup of Carbon monoxide (CO). CO cannot be smelled, tasted, or detected by the human senses. Smoke detectors are available at the Township building and the Oliver Road fire station free of charge (one per household, if you haven't already received one in the past). We do not have CO monitors at this time.
2. Have your chimney inspected and cleaned as needed for those burning wood or coal.

# 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 1st to April 30th**. 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 owner's 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*



## WINTERTIME REMINDERS FOR RESIDENTS

3. After snowfalls make sure you take a few moments to brush off the house numbers and your mailbox numbers so we can find your address in the event of an emergency.

4. Remember our trucks are wider and taller than most regular vehicles. When clearing your driveways we need 10ft wide spaces to drive and work in with our fire trucks. We also like to have 12 ft height clearance from tree branches, wires, or any other overhead obstructions.

5. Those who live near a fire hydrant, please take the time to clear a path to and around the fire hydrant after a snowfall. This will save us valuable time in getting water on the fire and hopefully lessen the damage. We ask for a clear area around the fire hydrant to be 36".

6. Drivers, Make sure you have an emergency kit in your car when you travel. Jumper cables, a blanket, a fold-up shovel, tow strap, 2 bottles of water per person, a couple of non-perishable snacks, matches, a flashlight with fresh batteries, and even a bag of kitty litter or oil dry to help out in a slippery situation. Other items to have in your vehicle are a winter hat and a warm pair of water-resistant gloves and a spare set of warm clothes in case you get wet and need to change.

Let's all be safe out there!

**Perry Hi-Way Hose Company members wish a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to all!**





# Kiwanis®

## CLUB OF FORT LeBOEUF

If you are looking for ways to give service to your community, consider joining us. We are an active group trying to make a difference in the lives of children. We had a fun evening at the FLB Homecoming game. We had a bean bag toss game for kids and gave out a free book to all who participated. So many of the little ones were so proud to receive their own book!

Kiwanians had a busy October with lots of service for kids. We started the month by participating in Kiwanis One Day of Service by making 40 fleece-tied blankets for children in the foster care system. Within the next few months, we will put together placement bags to go with the blankets.

It was the month to pass out candy! Kiwanians got to greet trick-or-treaters at Zoo Boo, Robison Elem. Trunk or Treat, and FLB High School's Haunted Halls. It's always fun to see the excitement of the kids at these events.

We also held our 2nd Annual Pumpkin Painting contest at Stancliff Hose Co. for all local children. This proved to be a popular event again and we enjoyed seeing what the kids created.

In December, we are gathering items to give to all of the school nurses at FLB schools. Each school has a wish list and we will be shopping for sweatpants, shorts, sneakers, and feminine products. The nurses are truly thankful for the help.

Families can mark their calendars for our 3rd Snowman Day on January 14th. FLB families will get the chance to create their best snowman for a chance to win prizes. Refreshments will be given at this free event. Look for more information soon on our Facebook page.

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](mailto:kiwanisflb@gmail.com).



*Pumpkin Painting Event*



*Trunk or Treat at Robison Elementary School*

The Summit Township Scavenger Hunt finished on September 30th. We appreciate everyone's hard work in making this happen. We hope those of you that participated learned something new about Summit and enjoyed getting out to see the areas of the township you may not see every day. We will see you all next summer for Residents' Weekend!

**The Summit Township Rec Board**







# FALL INTO WINTER, PROTECT YOUR WATERSHED

The beauty of fall foliage is upon us yet the falling leaves 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, being mindful of our water quality is still

important because snowmelt and stormwater are one and the same! As snow melts, it can cause ponding issues and collects pollutants on its way to nearby waterways, just like stormwater. During winter, these pollutants are most commonly deicers and other traction-gaining materials such as rock salt, sand, and cat litter. While these are critical to winter safety, they can also threaten our water quality. These materials should be used sparingly to reduce stress on our creeks and streams. 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/>).



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



## SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY

### Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Ends

The STSA received notification that the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) program assisting households in arrears with their water/sewer bills, due to hardships caused by Covid-19, is nearly depleted. The program officially ended on October 3, 2022.

### New Pandemic Assistance Program—Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund, (PAHAF)

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania applied to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for funding to provide relief to Pennsylvania homeowners financially impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The program includes relief for mortgage reinstatement, future mortgage payments, property charges such as taxes, mortgage insurance premiums, condominium fees, and other common charges, and utility payments including electric, heating fuel, water, and sewer. If your family makes less than 150% of the area median income, (which varies by family size), and experienced a financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic since January 21, 2020, you may be eligible. Contact the Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund at 888-987-2423 or visit their website at [www.pahaf.org](http://www.pahaf.org) for more information.

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

Work continues on the Oliver Road Lift Station, and Gravity Upsizing Project. The work of Contract #2 - Konzal Construction Inc. was completed on time and within the Engineers Estimate of probable cost.

**Contract #1** - Terra Works Inc. has experienced a significant setback in the construction of the Oliver Road Gravity Sewer Replacement portion of the project. Portions of the pipe installed using pipe bursting methods will have to be re-worked and the balance of the construction will be performed using open-cut methods. The STSA is currently negotiating change orders and a timeline for completion.

**Contract #3** - Ray Showman Junior Excavating, Inc. for the installation of a prefabricated, skid-mounted, weatherproof, wastewater lift station has been delayed again. The lift station, provided by W.C. Weil Company of Allison Park, PA is not expected to ship until sometime in January 2023. The contractor requested and was granted an extension in time until July 31, 2023.

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

## From The Office Of District Judge McGowan FLB High School Panel Discussion

Once again I was happy to participate in the Fort LeBoeuf Sophomore Panel Discussion. On October 19, 2022, I was in person with the panel and students at 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*



# SUMMIT TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## WINTER SAFETY

*Old man winter will be here soon and who knows what he will bring. Let's take a quick look at a few things that can help prepare us for when winter hits us hard.*



**Home Safety:** Have a minimum of 7 days worth of food, water, and necessities on hand in the event of a power outage or a storm that keeps you housebound. Have a bag of ice melt or salt for icy stairs and walkways to help save from slips and falls. If you shovel your drive or walkways take your time, drink water, take breaks often, and stop if you feel out of breath, strained, or sore. Use a smaller shovel when the snow is wet. Also, have wood stoves or fireplaces inspected and cleaned.



**Auto Safety:** Install snow tires and have a snow brush/scrapper to keep windows clear for 360-degree vision. Be sure to clear off your headlights and taillights so others can see you. Leave a little early so you are not rushed. Have an extra blanket, winter coat, boots, and gloves in the car in case you become stranded.



**Driving Safety:** Keep a safe following distance. Only use cruise control on dry roads. Stay out of other vehicles' blind spots. Limit abrupt steering and braking.

### From the Water Authority. . . .



Please join us in welcoming Chad Miller as the newest member of the Water Authority team. As part of our field crew, he will be assisting with overall system maintenance including GIS mapping, inspections, and meter readings.

Chad lives in the area with his wife and 2 children and loves spending as much time as possible enjoying the great outdoors.

#### Adopt-A-Hydrant Program

With winter fast approaching, we've decided to continue the Adopt-A Hydrant program this year. We all know that quick access to a reliable source of water is critical when there is a fire. Unfortunately, so many fire hydrants are not accessible this time of year forcing firefighters to spend valuable time shoveling them out during an emergency. If you, or someone you know, do an outstanding job of keeping the fire hydrants clear of snow, we'd like to recognize you for your efforts. Nominations can be submitted to our office via email at [ghayford@stwa.us](mailto:ghayford@stwa.us). Tell us the person's name, and location of the fire hydrant, and if possible, include a picture of them clearing the snow. (If you don't have email, call us at 814-864-2323 and we'll give you another option to submit). At the end of the quarter, we'll award



10 \$25 gift cards to the Cakery Café (2900 Copperleaf Drive) as our way of saying thanks while supporting local small businesses.

*Brian Hiles*, Manager

# The Summit Lions News



**We Serve**

The Summit Lions are assisting Erie Independent Blind Bowlers in recruiting new members to their League. If you know of an individual that likes to bowl but has vision issues, the Erie Independent Blind Bowlers are looking for new members to join their league. They have members who are legally blind, vision impaired and friends that are sighted all come together on Tuesday evenings at Eastland Bowl, 3729 McClelland Avenue, Erie, PA 16510 at 6:30 p.m. They also hold a bowling tournament every year over Columbus Day weekend in October where they invite other blind bowling leagues to come and attend from adjacent states. For more details call Penny Ohmer at 814-825-1216 or email her at penny.ohmer@gmail.com. It is a fun, safe way for individuals who have vision problems or may anticipate that they may end up with vision problems to remain physically active.

The Summit Lions also would like to thank the community for their continued support of donating plastic for our bench project. At the present time, we have on our own or with the help of other non-profits turned in enough plastic for 10 benches. Two green benches at Picnicana Park, two gray benches by the Veteran's memorial in front of the Summit Township Municipal Building, a brown bench at the Summit Senior Center, two brown benches at Fort LeBoeuf High School collected by the Fort LeBoeuf Leo Club, and a bench at the children's garden for The Sight Center of NW PA in conjunction with the Erie Lions Club. The Fort LeBoeuf Leo Club and Perry Hi-Way Hose are in the process of ordering benches. We would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to Plastikos and Plastikos Medical for their donation of plastic bags to make many of these benches possible.

As always, Summit Lions need good men and women to come join our club. We meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month except November, December, July, and August. Our meetings last an hour, no more than two. Our objective is to serve those within our community and the world. Our service projects

deal with hunger, diabetes, vision, environment, youth, humanitarian needs, and disaster relief. Our current dues are \$60 a year or \$100 a couple, with other discounts for additional family members. We also have student discounts and discounts for former Leos up to the age of 30. We are in 210 countries and territories. We are the only Service Organization that is part of the United Nations. One Hundred percent of profits earned at fundraisers goes back out into the public.

**Thank you for your support,**

*Lion Janet Mitchell*

**Past President**



**ReStore**

**Greater Erie Area Habitat for Humanity**

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](mailto: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.**

# MAILBOX REQUIREMENTS

House numbers must be affixed or painted on box in numerals not less than one inch, and placed on both sides of box.

## IF A STORMWATER DITCH FRONTS YOUR PROPERTY:

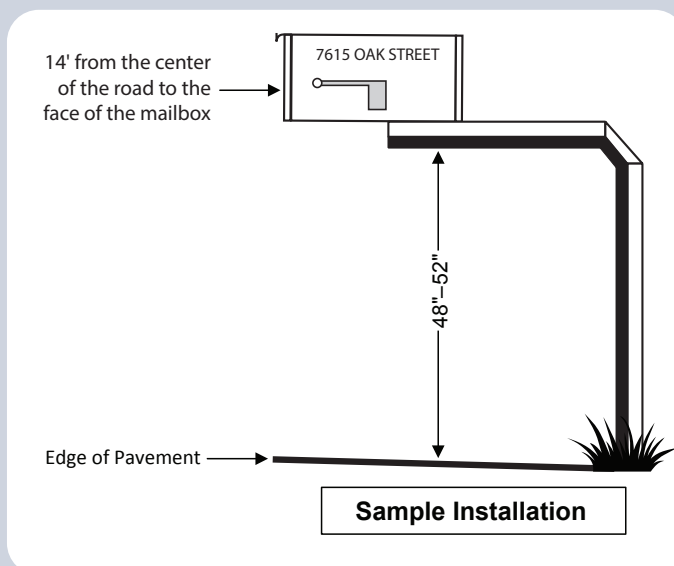
- The post or pipe must be set in back of the ditch.
- The arm must extend over the ditch so that the face of the mailbox is between the front edge of the ditch and the edge of the pavement.
- Height (from the bottom of the box support) should measure 48"-52" from the road surface.
- The paper box should be attached to arm or mailbox to avoid snowplow damage.

## IF NO DITCH EXISTS IN FRONT OF YOUR PROPERTY:

- The face of the mailbox should be a minimum of 14' from the middle of the road.
- Height (from the bottom of the box support) should measure 48"-52" from the ground surface.
- The face of the mailbox must not extend beyond the face of the curb.

**Summit Township will not repair or replace any mailbox that is not built to these specifications.**

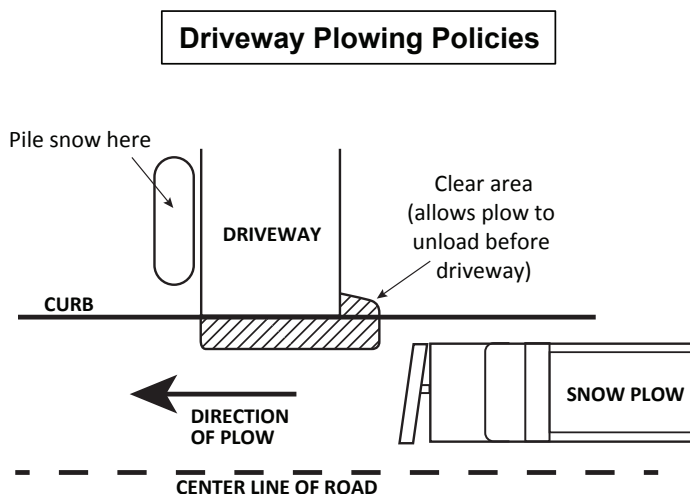
Thank you for your cooperation,  
Summit Township Supervisors



# 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 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.





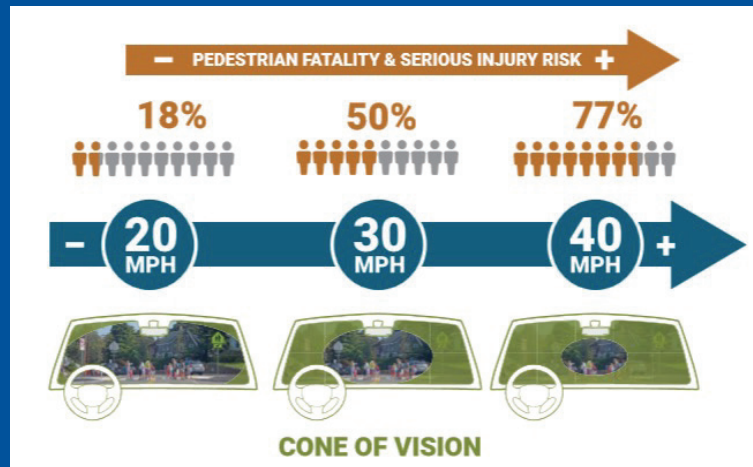
## ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Township is in the process of applying for grants for a sidewalk connectivity project along Commons Drive and Rotunda Drive. This will be the first phase of a multi-phase project to make the Peach Street area near I-90 more pedestrian-friendly. The Township is teaming up with EMTA to provide better pedestrian connectivity from the bus stops along the Township roads to the destinations.

We are also working on a traffic calming policy to allow for the Township to have a consistent process in implementing traffic calming measures to address excessive speeding on Township roadways and to protect vulnerable road users (pedestrians and bicyclists). Traffic calming measures are a combination of mainly physical measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior, and improve conditions for non-motorized street users. There is a range of measures from signage and painting to complete reconfiguration of streets and intersections.

I highly encourage everyone to follow the speed limits and drive responsibly. Just remember, every time you are going down the road, you are driving through someone's neighborhood. Please have respect for other people's neighborhoods as you are passing through.

The graphic below is the correlation between speed and pedestrian fatality and serious injury risk. This is one of the reasons we have lower speed limits in densely populated areas. It's because not only is someone more likely to be seriously injured or killed if hit, but the faster you are driving the less of your surroundings you're able to see. It's the tunnel vision effect. Because, in order to drive faster you need to focus farther down the road. Hence, you never see the hazard that is along the side of the road whether it is an animal, a ball, or a person.



## FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Happy Fall!

It is hard to believe, but another tax season is coming to an end. As always, the summer goes by way too fast!

If your taxes are unpaid as of November 1st, you will be sent a Final Notice reminder. All taxes must be paid for the current year of 2022 by December 31, 2022. If unpaid on January 1, 2023, they will be turned over to Erie County Tax Claim as delinquent. You will then be charged a turnover fee for each taxing authority that is turned over. We have three taxing authorities: County, Municipal (Township), and School. Inside your envelope with the Final Notice is the following insert. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY! If not followed, your payment will be returned and you risk having your unpaid taxes turned over as delinquent. I cannot accept taxes paid after December 31st even if you paid before but the payment was returned to you as incorrect. I must turn over all monies in the bank account when I settle with Tax Claim in January. If you have any questions, please contact the office. Email is the quickest way for a response.

**Debra Cameron**, Summit Twp. Tax Collector

- 1) Payments after December 15th MUST be in certified funds- Cash, cashier's check, or money order. Please put your phone number on checks and money orders. Non-certified payments will be returned.
- 2) Payments must be in my possession December 31, 2022. 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 lock box to the right of the office door at any time.

If you need receipts for 2022, please contact me before the end of the year. Again, if requested through email, I can attach your receipts right to your email. Have a wonderful Holiday Season and look for information regarding the next tax cycle which will be the County/Twp taxes issued March 1, 2023

1754 Townhall Rd., West, Erie, PA 16509

Monday evening 5-7PM

By appointment May, September, and Nov until March 1  
(814) 866-2653 Email: [summittaxcollector@yahoo.com](mailto:summittaxcollector@yahoo.com)

# Does your family have a **FIRE ESCAPE** PLAN?

By State Rep. Bob Merski

A little advance planning—having working smoke alarms and knowing what to do in the seconds after an alarm sounds—can mean the difference between life and death in a house fire.

Most families already know that it's important to have working smoke alarms. (The Office of the State Fire Commissioner advises that you should have them on every level of your home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas, and that you should test them monthly.)

Equally important, however, is making sure everyone in your household knows what to do if an alarm sounds. Fire experts say that on average, residents have just two minutes to exit safely—something that can be difficult during the smoke and stress of a fire.

To make sure your family knows what to do, the state fire commissioner recommends developing and practicing an escape plan with everyone in the household.

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach kids how to escape on their own in case adults are unable to help.
- Be sure your house number is clearly marked and easy for firefighters to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave to slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.



- Never go back inside a burning building. Once outside, stay outside.

Don't forget about carbon monoxide

This time of year, with fireplaces and furnaces going, carbon monoxide is also a danger. The fire commissioner reports that forced-air furnaces are frequently a source of carbon monoxide leaks—particularly at connections to flue pipes and components that vent fumes outside. Flue pipes and chimneys can also become blocked by birds' nests, preventing CO<sub>2</sub> from venting properly. Various appliances that use gas, oil, propane, wood, coal, or kerosene can also emit CO<sub>2</sub> if not properly vented.

Because carbon monoxide has no odor and is hard to detect, the Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends installing a CO<sub>2</sub> detector on every floor of your home and in the area of major fuel-burning appliances such as a furnace, water heater, or wood stove.

Finally, the state fire commissioner says that it's important to be aware of the symptoms of CO<sub>2</sub> poisoning, which are similar to the flu and may include nausea, fatigue, dizziness, confusion, and irritability.

For more information, visit <https://www.osfc.pa.gov/> and enter "carbon monoxide" into the search bar.



Wishing you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving and a cozy, comfortable, and safe season.

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





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**\*\*RECYCLING UPDATE\*\***

The township is still in the process of resuming curbside recycling pickup and will inform all residents of who our new hauler will be and when the program will start back up again once the bid process is complete. In the meantime, please continue to utilize the drop-off site. As a reminder, the acceptable recyclable items are listed below. We apologize for any inconvenience, and we appreciate your patience.

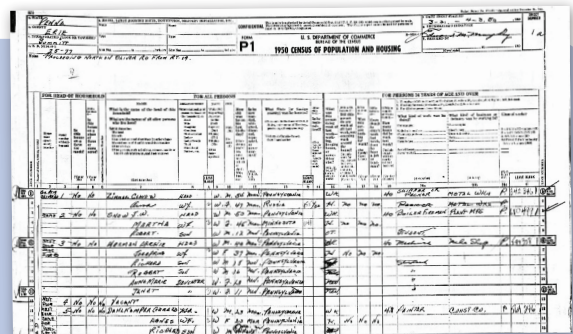
**ACCEPTED RECYCLABLE ITEMS**

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

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE LOOSE • ALL CARDBOARD MUST BE BROKEN DOWN • NO BAGGED ITEMS ALLOWED**

## Once Upon A Time...

The 1950 census was released this year. We are displaying a few pages of the Summit Twp census. Are you in this census? Please stop in to see your name. To see more pages come to the Summit History room Thursdays, 9 am to 11 am. Other times and days are available by appointment.



Is your Summit group interested in using the display case for a quarter? Call us. Also, we are accepting donations or loans of items for display. We welcome new volunteers. Please contact the Summit Township office at 868-9686 and we will return your call.