



**SUMMIT
TOWNSHIP**

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**GREAT
NEWS!**



THE SUMMER REC PROGRAM IS BACK!!

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday • June 12th – July 28th

Day Program – Ages 6-14

Monday – Friday

11:00am-3:30pm

Pre-School Program – Ages 3-5

(fully potty-trained)

Tuesday & Thursday

11:00am-1:00pm

More information will be in the next newsletter!

We are currently accepting applications for camp counselors.

Please mail your resume or application to:

Michelle Nesselhauf, HR Director
1230 Townhall Rd. W., Ste 100, Erie, PA 16509

-or-

email to mness@summitpa.us.

(For an application, please visit www.summittownship.com
or contact Gina at the Municipal Office at 814-868-9686 ext. 222)

**TOWNSHIP
OFFICES CLOSED:**

February 20th – President's Day

April 7th – Good Friday

MEET THE STAFF

TOWNSHIP: 868-9686

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

Mark A. Welka -
Supervisor/Roadmaster

Tony Davis -
Supervisor/Chairman/Director of
Parks/Equipment Maint. Supervisor/
Assistant Roadmaster

Lisa Vallimont -
Municipal Secretary

Michelle Nesselhauf -
HR Director/Recycling Coordinator/
Newsletter Editor

Tamara Cass -
Zoning Administrator

Debra Jageman -
Zoning Administrative Assistant

Kip Hayford - Code Enforcement

Matthew Jonas -
Township Engineer

Joe Whitmer - GIS/MS-4 Technician

Gina Erbin - Receptionist

THE ROAD CREW:

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, 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

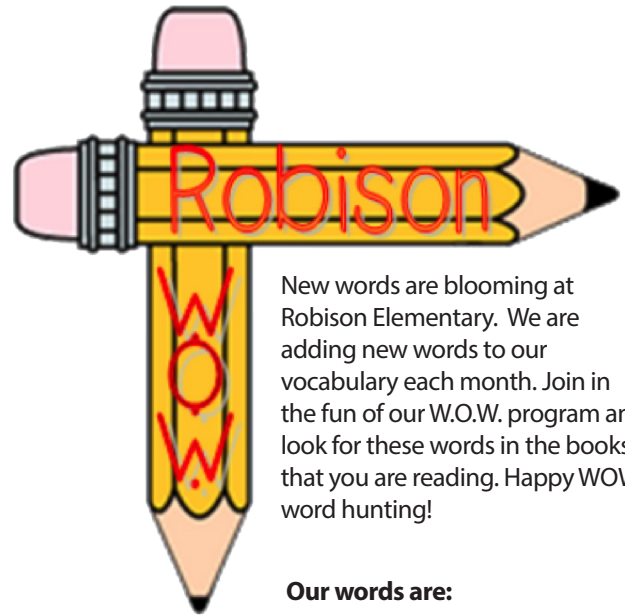
Chris Hodge -
GIS Specialist/Asst. Project Manager

Andrew Larson, Scott Snyder -
Maintenance Technicians

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

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

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



New words are blooming at Robison Elementary. We are adding new words to our vocabulary each month. Join in the fun of our W.O.W. program and look for these words in the books that you are reading. Happy WOW word hunting!

Our words are:

March
melodious
vernal
skylark
arboreal

April
culminate

May
accolades

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **April 6**.

Our next newsletter will be published in May.



SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Hello all!

As Treasurer I would like to discuss Summit Townships' budget. A whole year has passed since we relaxed on Covid restrictions. Hard to believe how quickly time goes by. It was a very interesting and scary worldwide pandemic to witness.

I bring this up because all the shutdowns caused by Covid and stay-at-home directives have created a lot of financial problems and inflation for everyone including families, businesses, and the government.

I was not really fond of the stimulus checks because again, in my opinion, money does not grow on trees, and we will all pay for the financial stress and debt for a long time. However, I do understand that the stimulus checks were to help keep the country from shutting down and to buy the economy time to help folks get past Covid. I bring up the financial woes of COVID because it has caused Summit some financial distress too. So, you must watch your budget to spend money wisely.

A few years ago, the Summit Supervisors agreed to increase the Local Service Tax, (LST) for all employees working in Summit. That was because we earmarked that money for the Perry Hi-Way MOU (Memorandum of Understanding), or the agreement to help support the EMS-paid service. The amount is \$52 a year per employee if they earn \$12,000 or more in the calendar year. We have just under 7,400 residents and 14,000 people employed in Summit. Five dollars of the LST goes to the school district each year. So, \$47 a year goes to PHHC EMS. We felt one dollar a week is very cheap to help support a 24/7 EMS service where they travel to work and that it was not fair for the residents and businesses to cover all of this public service. When we had all the closing and shutdowns of covid, it also affected the amount of LST tax we had been counting on to help subsidize the paid EMS service. That amount was approximately \$350,000 annually.

Other budget items are the cost of equipment, material, and fuel. We lost our recycling contractor in 2022 which

brought on a tough process with no easy answers. Therefore, we currently have recycling drop-off dumpsters at the township garage on Old French Road to provide a way for our residents to continue to recycle. Summit Township has always provided and paid for a recycling contractor to provide curbside pickup for our residents even when the township was not mandated to do so. Per our population as of the 2020 census, we are now mandated by the PADEP to provide curbside pickup with the budget figures looking to be doubled from 2022. We have very few vendors interested due to their increased cost to transport the recycling and their lack of staff which will make it very difficult when we go out to bid.

Summit Township is the only township in Erie County that offers The Homestead Act. This Act allows the homeowner that resides in their home to not pay property tax to Summit Township which means this resident only pays Erie County Tax and School Tax. Most residents think some of their tax dollars comes to Summit Township, but they do not.

It's very hard to make decisions sometimes because you try to please everyone. We all have different ideas, so you make the best decisions you can for the good of all residents, businesses, and the township's financial well-being, while still trying to be as fair as possible and not just supporting someone's personal agenda. Being one of three supervisors can be trying too because the majority rules, and usually, someone is not happy. It is not always easy, so you do the best you can.

Our township has grown many times over in the past 45 years, with many changes, and more to come, but I still enjoy living in Summit. I usually avoid the busy retail areas during prime time, when traveling, unless I have to or dining at a local restaurant. Please drive carefully, leave early, and take care.

Thank you,

Supervisor Jack Lee

Hello Summit residents,

So far, our winter has been mild. We run two crews during the winter months with four employees that come in at 4:00 am and work until noon and the second shift of five employees that work from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm. We are typically able to run through the whole township in 3 hours depending on the snow event. We do spend a little more time on hills making sure that the school buses and residents have safe travel. There are snow events that often

don't play by our schedule, and we may bring the crew in at midnight to clear the roads.

Please keep in mind that we take great pride in our work when it comes to safe passage around our township. If you should ever have any concerns about the roads, please don't hesitate to call me.

Supervisor Mark A. Welka

Hello Summit Township Residents,

As I write this article for the newsletter, we have received approximately 35 inches of snow so far this winter, less than half of our usual snowfall. It is years such as this that I don't mind living in northwest Pennsylvania unlike when I was younger it seemed like we always hoped for the most snow possible, especially if it meant a day off from school.

At any rate, it does seem as though spring is right around the corner which means the parks will open once again, along with the nice weather picnics, outdoor sporting events, and work around the township to clean up anything left behind from the previous season. This year folks will be able to try out the newly renovated basketball/volleyball court that was also intended for pickleball. I am going to be getting quotes for some sort of fencing around the court to aid in keeping the balls inside the play area and hopefully deter bicycles and motorized vehicles from driving on the court which could damage the playing surface.

Also on the list will be a new camera system and Wi-Fi access at Picnicana. Internet service was installed last fall by Spectrum, which will also be a helpful tool to view remotely in real-time any activity that may be taking place at the park. We have had instances where the state police wanted to view our camera footage and could not due to the antiquated camera system currently in use which only works when it wants to.

The exterior doors to the kitchens and restrooms will be painted this spring because many of them have faded and or peeled over the years. Some of the playground equipment will also be freshened up with new paint and hardware. Some of those pieces have been around since the mid-1970s. Pavilion number one did not get refinished last year due to the drastic increase in the cost to have it blasted with glass beads. The original quote was \$5,000.00 with an increase to \$10,000.00 which we felt was not a good investment. I will be exploring other options to accomplish the refurbishment in-house this year.

Lastly, after several years of Covid restrictions, resident's weekend, the senior picnic, and the summer recreation program will be returning this year. I'm certain that everyone is looking forward to life as usual as we begin a new season of sunshine and warm weather.

Until next time, stay safe and enjoy your time with family and friends.

Best regards,

Supervisor Tony Davis

Here We Grow Again

WALMART located at 1825 Downs Drive recently completed renovations that included updates to their breakrooms, restrooms, grocery areas, and pick-up areas. Walmart operates approximately 10,500 stores and clubs under 46 banners in 24 countries and eCommerce websites. The Erie Supercenter provides many services including, but not limited to, a pharmacy, bakery, vision center, photo center, hair salon, electric vehicle charging stations, grocery delivery, and pickup and wireless services.

ROSES DISCOUNT STORE recently opened its new store located at 7200 Peach Street Unit 170. Originally known as Rose's 5¢ 10¢ 25¢ Stores, the store chain was founded in 1915, and their new Erie location is part of a 400-store chain based in Henderson, North Carolina. Roses Discount Store offers a wide selection of departments including clothing, health and beauty, pets, automotive and more.

SUNNYSIDE recently completed a build-out at 7851 Peach Street for their new dispensary. Sunnyside is the first national retail brand of Cresco Labs, whose mission is to normalize, professionalize and revolutionize cannabis. Cresco Labs is a national cannabis company operating in a dozen states and counting, with a focus on giving people access to consistent high-quality cannabis that can help improve their everyday lives.

IN THE WORKS:

IRONSTONE MEADERY has started the process of establishing a new retail location at 2890 Copperleaf Drive within the Copperleaf Community.

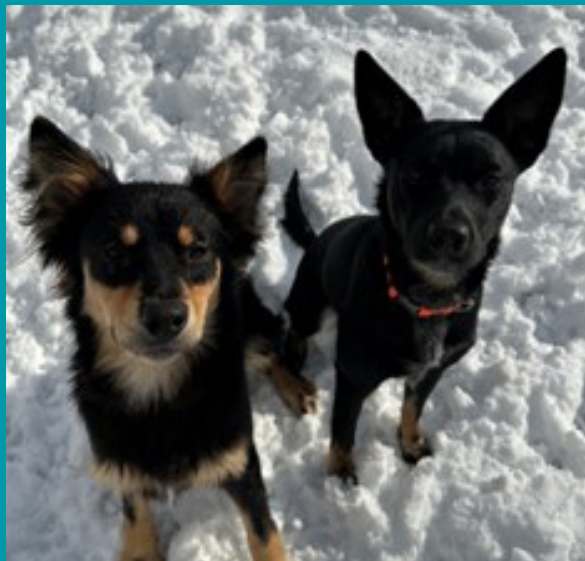
SMOKE CLUB has started the process of establishing a new retail store in the Peach Street Square Plaza located at 1901 Rotunda Drive.

QUAKER STEAK AND LUBE has started the process of relocating their restaurant to the former Hooch & Blotto's building located at 8071 Peach Street.



LeBoeuf Little League

Little League baseball and softball registration is open for the 2023 season! Families can register at www.flbll.com



REMINDER: Time to renew DOG LICENSES for 2023

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

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

Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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

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

Lifetime Licenses can only be obtained from Erie County. Please visit their website above for more information.

Senior Center News

Hi Summit Residents!

Wishing you a happy, grateful, and healthy 2023!

Our Summit senior members are saddened over the loss of our President Sue Seyboldt, wife of Ron. She was a wonderful President and cared so much for our center and everyone around her. Also, we mourn the loss of Carl Buetikofer, husband of Jean. He and Jean were pioneers of our center. They attended senior meetings at the Boy Scout building for 2 years while our current senior center was being built and they walked into our building in 1995. Carl's kind and gentle humor will not be forgotten.

The center luncheon is on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. We are not bringing dishes from home yet; hopefully in the spring. Desserts from home or store-bought are appreciated. We, seniors, love sweets!

Our shelves are full of games, puzzles, and books. We also have a pool table. We need card players for pinocle and hand and foot. Rummikub, chicken, and dominoes are being played after lunch. It's nice seeing everyone socializing, sharing ideas and news. Feel free to join us. You will be greeted at the door with a smile. Come at 11:30 am as lunch is served at noon.

We'd like to thank the Lions Club for our bench from the recycling of plastic bags. It is so nice. Thank you to Supervisor Jack Lee and his wife Denise for the gift of Christmas mugs with candy. That was a nice surprise. Also, thank you to the Summit Supervisors and staff. They are wonderful to our center members.

Dot Panitzke

Vice President



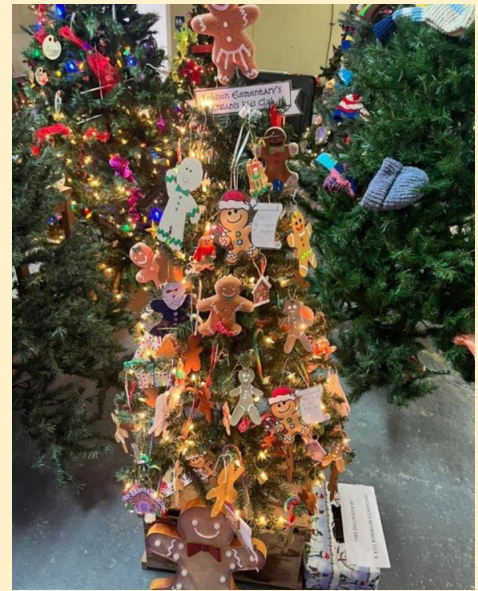
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CLUB OF FORT LeBOEUF

We have found that singing, "Let it Snow", doesn't work. At the time of this writing, we have had to postpone our annual Snowman Day two times. We are hoping to get it in within the next few weeks and see some awesome creations at the gazebo park, in Waterford.

This school year, we added a K-Kids group to Robison Elementary. This group of fifth graders looks for ways to serve their school and community. The residents at Springhill were thrilled to listen to these children singing Christmas songs. The kids did a terrific job! In this same time period, the K-Kids competed in a Christmas Tree contest during Waterford's Colonial Christmas and took top honors! Their gingerbread tree won \$50 for first prize.

We will be holding our biggest fundraiser of the year on March 19th. Our annual Purse Bingo is a great way to get together with friends and possibly win a designer bag. This fundraiser allows us to pay for our projects for children throughout the year. You can find more information on our Facebook page- Kiwanis Club of Fort LeBoeuf, or call Val at 814-602-9175



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@habitateerie.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.**

Summit Community Food Pantry

Hello to All!

Thanks to some very generous cash donations, we were able to make the holiday season in 2022 one to remember. These include All Saints Parish, West End Community Center, Lake Erie TriState MoPars, Summit Lions, and the Ft. LeBoeuf National Honor Society. The following families also gave very generously: Kehl, McGowan, Davis, McArw (dinner), Witchey, Trott, Jaworski, Coan, and McIntyre. Receiving cash donations allows us to purchase items that may not be otherwise available. We sincerely appreciate your generosity!



The United Methodist Church also collected household and personal care products. These items along with hats and gloves collected by Robison Elementary School and the Summit Leo's gave our distributions for the holidays even more meaning to being thankful and blessed. All types of donations are greatly appreciated whether it be monetary, clothing, personal products, or food. However, please keep in mind that the SCFP cannot accept food donations with an expiration date that has already passed.

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. Stay safe and warm!

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



2023 Stormwater Resolutions

New Year's resolutions offer the promise of a new start and setting positive intentions for the months to come! Managing stormwater is a year-round practice and as we trudge through the remainder of this winter's snow, ice, and cold temperatures, there's a lot you can do to help make spring snowmelt and summer rains easier on our local waterways:

- Do you have a private well? Have you had it tested? Make sure your drinking water is fit to drink!
 - If you do have a well, is it protected from contaminants? Be careful about pet waste and fertilizers within a 100-foot radius of your well.
- Consider installing a rain barrel to collect water from your roof, or permeable pavement, and/or a rain garden to alleviate wet spots in your yard. This could save you money on watering and prevent costs associated with flooding!
- Use fertilizers and other applied chemicals sparingly as these can have adverse effects on our creeks, streams, and Lake Erie.

- Scoop the poop! Dispose of pet waste appropriately, especially in winter. Pet waste can introduce excess nutrients and bacteria into our waterways.
 - The same goes for litter and leaks; just because the snow hides it does not mean it is not a problem!
- Assess your home for water-saving devices. Are there any improvements that could be made to leaky faucets this year? This could also save you money on your water bill!

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

Off to a good start in 2023

It was exciting to take the oath of office on Jan. 3 to begin my third term representing you!

Serving Summit Township and our district is a tremendous honor for me, and I have new ideas and new energy for the year ahead.

The year is already off to a good start, as we secured nearly \$1.5 million in January to fund various projects, including ones to protect and preserve our Lake Erie watershed. I was also able to secure \$70,000 for Perry Hi-Way Hose Company for training support.

In the months to come, I'll continue working to bring more of your tax dollars back home, where they belong.

In Harrisburg, I'll be working to push for new laws that make life better for residents. I'll also continue leading the Northwest Democratic Delegation – our coalition of Democratic lawmakers from this corner of the state. In my role as chairman, I'll be focused on steering the delegation in ways that build on our region's strengths – including our expanding industrial base in the tech and advanced manufacturing fields.

New Summit Township satellite office hours

Please be aware that our satellite office at 1230 Townhall Road West has new hours!

The office is now open on Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. You can also schedule an appointment for a different time by calling my 3901 Liberty St. office at (814) 455-6319.

Please remember that my talented staff is available to assist with any state-related matter, from solving questions and problems to providing free senior bus passes to applying for state programs such as the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.

Give us a call to see how we can help – or just stop by to say hi and share what's on your mind! We would love to hear from you!

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



Perry Hi-Way Hose Company

GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we welcome in 2023 we hope all our residents had a joyous Holiday Season to close out 2022. The members of Perry Hi-Way Hose Company stand ready to respond to medical emergencies, rescues, and fires and hope that our services are needed as little as possible. For the year 2022, Perry Hi-Way responded to a record-high number of calls, with a total of 2340 responses. Perry Hi-Way was called to respond outside Summit Township a total of 849 times in 2022. Perry Hi-Way has become the safety net for much of Erie County. The majority of these calls were for Ambulance service into the areas of Millcreek Township and The City of Erie. We also provided regular coverage for Waterford, McKean, Greene, and Harborcreek Townships. The lack of volunteers all across Erie County has Mutual Aid calls up for many departments. 2022 call breakdown:

2023 FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

SPRING CRAFT FAIR

Sat March 25 & Sun March 26

Open for patrons 9am – 4pm both days

FLEA MARKET

Sun April 30

Set up 7:30am open for sales 9am to 4pm

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

Sun November 12

Doors Open at 12pm / BINGO at 2pm

FALL CRAFT FAIR

Sat Dec 2 & Sun Dec 3

Open for patrons 9am – 4pm both days

**Perry Hi-Way Hose Company
Is wishing you and your family
a safe and healthy 2023.**

EMS - 1869

- ALS 797
- BLS 966
- Paramedic assist 106

FIRES - 76

- STRUCTURE FIRES 39
- VEHICLE FIRES 15
- GRASS / BRUSH 6
- CHIMNEY 3
- COOKING FIRES 5
- TRASH / RUBBISH / DUMPSTER 4
- POLE / OTHER 4

AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS - 180

RESCUES - 123

- MVA 118 (4 PEDESTRIAN, PIN IN 5)
- LOCK IN 1
- MACHINERY 1
- ELEVATOR RESCUE 2
- ROPE RESCUE 1

HAZARDOUS ALARMS - 43

- FLAMMABLE LIQUID SPILL 3
- NATURAL GAS/ PROPANE LEAK 17
- CO ALARMS 8
- WIRE DOWN / ELECTRICAL PROBLEM 11
- OTHER 4

SERVICE CALL - 31

- FIRE POLICE / TRAFFIC 7
- WATER PROBLEM 5
- SMOKE ODOR INVESTIGATION 6
- COVER ASSIGNMENT 2
- OTHER 11

GOOD INTENT - 18

- CANCEL ENROUTE 9
- CONTROLLED BURNING 3
- WRONG LOCATION (DIFFERENT TWP) 3
- FOG CALLED IN AS SMOKE 2
- OTHER 1

2022 ZONING, SIGN & DEMOLITION PERMIT RECAP

Type of Structure	No.	Value
Single Family Dwellings	21	\$4,539,744

of which 8 are Condominiums 3 New Manufactured Homes and 1 Manufactured Home Replacement.

Home Additions	34	\$1,096,104
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including Attached Garages, Decks, and Porches

Residential Structural Renovation	1	\$15,000
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Residential Accessory Structures	52	\$1,000,650
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Agricultural Buildings	2	\$22,000
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Commercial Build-Out	5	\$2,153,425
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Erie Inn & Suites - Commercial Interior Renovations \$500,000

Rose Discount Store - Commercial Renovations/Build Out \$525,000

Bert's Bikes & Fitness - Commercial Build Out \$18,200

Sunnyside Medical Marijuana - Commercial Build Out \$1,023,225

IronStone Meadery - Commercial Build-Out \$87,000

Commercial Addition/Renovation	9	\$9,029,471
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Composiflex - Construction of a 23,081 sq.ft.

Addition attached to Existing Commercial Building \$2,257,300

New Motors, Inc - Construction of a 110'x 133' (15,612 sq. ft.) Commercial Building Addition \$2,820,437

Ryder Truck Rental Inc. - Installation of (1) 12,000 gallon

UL-2085 Diesel Above Ground Storage Tank,

(1) Master Diesel Dispenser, and (2) Satellite Diesel

Dispensers, (1) 750 Gallon DEF, (1) 280 gallon UL -142 Lube \$600,000

Delta Sonic CarWash System Inc.- Removing Existing

Outdoor Vacuums and Replacing Existing and

adding two more for a total of 12 vacuums \$25,000

Luminary Distilling - Construction of a 10' x 20' (200 sq. ft.)

stage/platform for outdoor entertainment \$1,100

Tractor Supply - Commercial Interior Renovations and

Construction of a 36' x 96' (3450 sq.ft.) Greenhouse Addition \$650,000

AAA - 78' x 68' (5400 sq. ft.) Interior Commercial Renovations

to Existing AAA Office Building \$400,000

New Motors, Inc. - Commercial Interior Renovations of VW

and BMW Showrooms, Service Write-Up, and Exterior Façade \$1,880,634

Chuck E Cheese -14,250 sq. ft of Commercial Interior

Renovations of Existing Restaurant \$395,000

Public Works - Utilities	10	\$160,000
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CROWN CASTLE USA INC - Modify Existing Wireless Facility. Remove 3 RRH's,

Install 3 Antennas, Install 3 RRH's. Install 1 Breakout Pendant, Install 1 HCS

Cable, Remove and Install 1 Cabinet

CROWN CASTLE USA INC - Cell Tower Modification to include Relocate

Existing Everstream Solutions Equipment and Install a Breaker in existing

Load Center in Utilized Shelter

CROWN CASTLE USA INC - Cell Tower Modification to Include Replacing

Antennas, and Ancillary Equipment as per Plans for an Existing Carrier on an

Existing Communication Facility

CROWN CASTLE USA INC - Modification to Existing Wireless Facility.

Replacing existing antennas and ancillary equipment.

CROWN CASTLE USA INC - Replacing Existing Antennas and Ancillary

Equipment.

Ericsson Inc. - Cell Tower Modification to include; Removing 3 Existing

Antennas, 3 Existing BandRRUS, Installation of 9 Antennas, 6 RRuS, Fiberoc

Distribution System, Fiber Trunk Cable, Upgrade Power Trunk to Gauge Trunk

Ericsson Inc. - Modification of Existing Installation to include: Removing 3

Antennas, Installation of 3 Proposed Air Antennas, Install 1 proposed fiber

Distribution System, Install 1 Fiber Trunk Cable, Install 2 Proposed 6 gauge

DC Power Trunk Cables, Install 9 proposed

JACOBS TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Modification of Existing wireless facility

through collocation replacement and/or removal of antennas and ancillary

equipment as per plans for an existing carrier.

PILLAR INNOVATIONS - Installation of a 65 ft. wood pole with an antenna in

the substation for data sharing between First Energy substations.

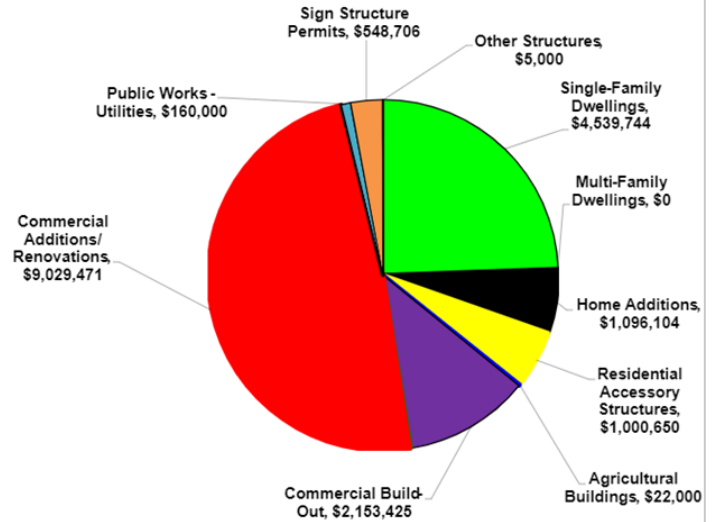
JACOBS TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Modification to Existing Structure

to include Remove 6 RRHs, Install 3 Antennas, Install 6 RRHs, Install a

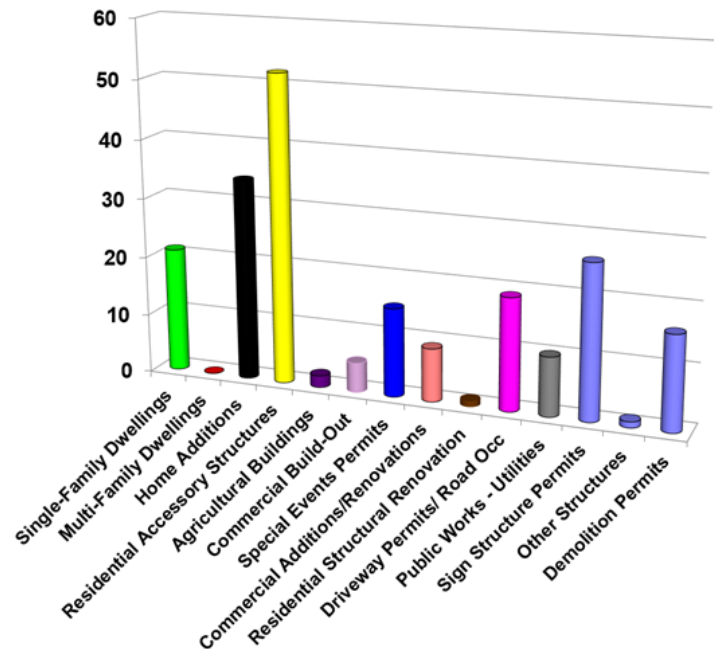
PowerShift, Replace Nokia Base Station equipment with Samsung, and Install

DC/DC Converter.

2022 CONSTRUCTION IN DOLLARS



2022 CONSTRUCTION COUNTS



Continued

2022 ZONING, SIGN & DEMOLITION PERMIT RECAP

Type of Structure	No.	Value
Industrial		
Sign Structure Permits	26	\$548,706
including Pole Signs, High-Rise Signs, Monument Signs & Building Signs		
Other Structures	1	\$5,000
Demolition Permits	16	\$0
23 Permits (including 2 Residential Structures)		
	177	\$18,570,100

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY

Old Perry Relief Sewer

At the Summit Township Sewer Authority's October 27, 2022, Regular Monthly Business Meeting, sealed bids were opened for the construction of Old Perry Relief Sewer. The project calls for the installation of approximately 1,700 feet of 14" HDPE pipe, and 350 feet of 15" PVC gravity sewers. Two qualified bids were received:

1. Konzel Construction base bid: \$770,000.00
2. Chivers Construction base bid: \$772,010.00

Konzel construction was awarded the bid and began work on January 23, 2023. The Authority received a \$367,415 grant under the Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Program with the assistance of Senator Dan Laughlin (PA-49). The project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2023. Motorists traveling on Old Perry Highway in the area between Bloomfield Parkway and Old French should exercise caution when driving through the construction site.

Connection Assistance Project

Also at the October 27, 2022, Regular Sewer Authority Meeting, bids were opened and awarded for the Connection Assistance Project general construction contract. The project consists of 31 lateral extensions comprised of the installation of 14 each, 1 ¼-inch HDPE low-pressure sewer laterals, and 16 each, 6-inch PVC gravity sewer laterals. Three qualified bids were received:

1. Konzel Construction base bid: \$714,000.00
2. XL Excavating base bid: \$815,715.00
3. Chivers Construction base bid: \$825,625.00

Konzel construction was awarded the bid and began work on January 30, 2023. The Authority is also proud of the \$343,710 grant received through the Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Program. Again, with the assistance of Senator Dan Laughlin (PA-49). The project is also expected to be completed by June 30, 2023. The locations of these connections are scattered throughout the Township. Please be cautious when driving through any construction site.

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

The work of Contract #3 - Ray Showman Junior Excavating, Inc., for the installation of a prefabricated wastewater lift station, remains paused due to continued supply chain issues. The contractor requested and was granted an extension in time until July 31, 2023.

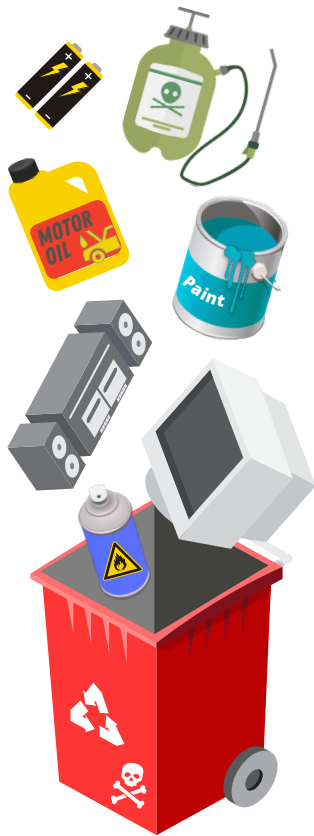
In addition, Contract #1 - Gravity Upsizing Project, being performed by Terra Works, Inc., is expected to continue in a limited fashion this winter. The Authority has determined that portions of the pipe installed using pipe bursting methods will have to be reworked. We expect the contractor to perform a comprehensive survey, cataloging the defective pipe, to be completed through the winter and early spring. The balance of the pipe installation will be performed using open-cut methods when the weather permits. The project is now expected to be completed by July 28, 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

2023

ELECTRONIC WASTE & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS



EVENT DATES & LOCATIONS:

Mar 11 @ 1001 Atkins St, Erie, PA

Apr 08 @ 9333 Tate Rd, Erie, PA

Jun 10 @ 36 Bessemer St, Albion, PA

Aug 19 @ 9333 Tate Rd, Erie, PA

Oct 21 @ 650 E. Smith St, Corry, PA

Nov 18 @ 9333 Tate Rd, Erie, PA

Open to all Erie County Residents
There is a fee of \$0.50 per pound

REGISTER AT:

nobleenviro.com/e-waste-and-hhw/



ACCEPTED HHW:

- Antifreeze
- Pesticides
- Corrosives/Caustics
- Chlorine Products
- Flammable Liquids
- Used Oil
- Lead Acid Batteries
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Oil-based Paint & Latex Paint
- Paint Products/Turpentine
- Mercury-Containing Devices

ACCEPTED E-WASTE:

- TVs & TV Equipment
- Air Conditioners
- Microwaves
- Mobile Phones & Tablets
- Phones and Phone Equipment
- Laptop & Desktop Computers
- Mouse, Keyboard, Monitors
- Modems
- Hard Drives
- Copiers/ Fax Machines/ Printers
- Electric Typewriters
- CD Players & Tape Players
- Stereos, Speakers, Radios

UNACCEPTED ITEMS:

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



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SIGN UP FOR

Summit Township Water Authority







ALERTS TODAY !

Following extensive review, and with input from our customers, the Summit Township Water Authority has implemented the CodeRed system, a notification service provided by OnSolve.



This system will allow us to quickly notify customers via phone calls, text messages and email of situations that have an effect on their water service and will replace our previous means of communication. Further, customers will also have the option of receiving notification when an emergency alert has been issued by the National Weather Service.

There is no charge to participate.

Do

-  Visit www.summittownship.com
-  Select the Departments tab at the top of the page, then chose Water
-  Click the CodeRED logo to get started
-  Enter your cell phone number and address
-  Enroll any additional contact information including emails
-  Save these numbers in your phone's contacts

Do Not

-  **Delay.** Signing up is easy and takes just a minute. As soon as you sign up, you'll immediately get alerts that impact your exact location
-  **Assume.** If you have recently moved or changed your telephone number, log in and enroll your new contact information

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 we used to. 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 hold 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 me 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.

Steve Sample
President

From The Office Of District Judge McGowan Robison Elementary Government Lesson

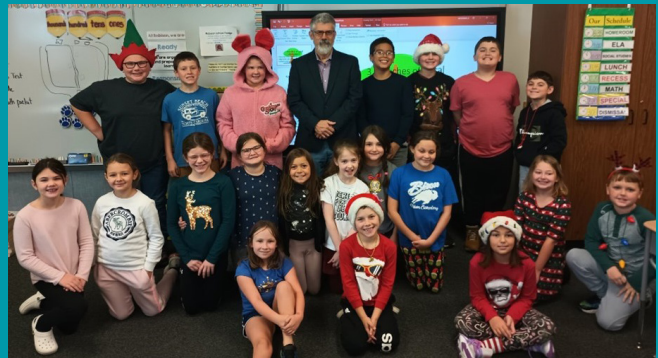
In early December 2022, I had the privilege to visit Robison Elementary and address the third-grade classes. They had just finished learning about the three branches of government and the function or purpose each branch has. As in previous years, my focus was on the courts.

After a brief overview of the role each branch plays in our system, I presented the class with a hypothetical municipality and a new law that council approved and the mayor through the police force was in charge of enforcing. Simply put, the law stated: "No vehicles in the Park." The class was then broken



up into small groups. Each group was presented with a different fact scenario and was to act as judge on the case to decide if the defendant should be found guilty of violating the law.

After discussing the scenarios in their small groups, the students then presented their case to the class as a whole. There were no right or wrong answers. Each scenario was designed to encourage discussion and there were facts favoring conviction as well as acquittal. What I believe the



students took away from the lesson was how difficult but vitally important it is to write good laws.

I was pleased to return to the school after 2 years of absence due to Covid19. The students asked insightful questions. I must compliment the parents and teachers at Robison, specifically Mr. Chrispen, Mrs. Devine, Mrs. McGowan, and Mrs. Zimmerman. I look forward to visiting them again next year.

Brian M. McGowan, MDJ





BE PREPARED FOR A WINTER STORM

Winter storms create a higher risk of car accidents, hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning, and heart attacks from overexertion.



FEMA V-1014/June 2018

Winter storms and blizzards can bring extreme cold, freezing rain, snow, ice, and high winds.



Greater risk



Can last a few hours or several days



Can knock out heat, power, and communication services

IF YOU ARE UNDER A WINTER STORM WARNING, FIND SHELTER RIGHT AWAY

Stay off roads.



Use generators outside only.

Stay indoors and dress warmly.



Listen for emergency information and alerts.

Prepare for power outages.



Look for signs of hypothermia and frostbite.



Check on neighbors.

Source: Be prepared for a winter storm (ready.gov)

www.liro.com

FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Greetings to All!

I hope everyone had a nice holiday season and now we either get out and enjoy the snow and cold or cozy down and wait for Spring!

In 2022, collections were at the highest in my 17 years collecting Summit Township real estate taxes! A round of applause to you, the taxpayers. Sometimes I know it isn't easy as we never know what life throws at us in any given moment, but you did it! To those residents we have lost over last year, I will miss you.

The 2023 County-Township tax bills are issued and mailed March 1st. March 1st is also when regular office hours resume. Erie County has a new contract with our printer and now part of the contract is that the tax bills are inserted into envelopes right after printing at their facility. This is to ensure that all of Erie County is mailed in a timely manner with the least amount of wasted steps. Therefore, you might receive multiple bills separately. Those that have ten or more parcels mailed to the same address should be received in one envelope. Please make sure you receive all your tax bills. Although mailed the same day, some bills may be received on another day. We mail via the United States Postal Service and have no control on the delivery. You can always contact me and I can provide you with any bill you may be missing. On the same note, sometimes I do not receive your payments through the mail for whatever reason. **I highly encourage using the lockbox next to the office door at any time for your payments.** This ensures the bill is received and can be dropped off anytime day or night. The lockbox is checked several times a day. I can either email you a receipt when your email is provided or enclose a S.A.S.E.

You can pay multiple bills with one check if you desire. All checks/money orders should be payable to "Summit Twp. Tax Collector." Mills remain the same in 2023 with County at 5.96 and Township at .59. If you write your phone number on your check, I can contact you if there is a problem. Otherwise, I must mail the incorrect payment back to you and you could lose the Discount or Face period, whichever we are in.

If you are in need of a receipt for filing the PA 1000 (Property Rent Rebate), please either email me your request (this has the quickest response time), send a request with a SASE, or stop in the office during regular office hours. If you obtain a receipt for 2023 when paying your taxes, this eliminates having to contact me for the previous year.

As always, I look forward to seeing everyone March 1st. Please contact me with any questions or problems you might have. If you leave a message on the answering machine and it is Monday through Thursday, I will return your call no later than the next day. Messages left on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday will be returned on Monday.

Debra Cameron
Summit Twp. Tax Collector
1754 Townhall Rd., West
Erie, PA 16509
(814) 866-2653
Email: summittaxcollector@yahoo.com

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 10AM-2PM, Monday evening 5-7PM
By appointment May, September
November 1 - March 1

AARP Tax-aid sites in Erie County 2023

EDINBORO

Venango VFW

20628 Gospel Hill Rd., Venango, PA
CLOSED

HARBORCREEK TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BLDG

5601 Buffalo Rd., Erie PA
MON & TUES 8:30 to 2:30
814-824-9480 (Rick)

MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BLDG

3608 West 26th St., Erie, PA
MON & FRI 9:00 to 3:00
814-833-1111 EXT 329

ERIE SALVATION ARMY CENTER

1022 Liberty St., Erie, PA
TUES & WED 9:00 to 1:30
814-454-6497



UNION CITY SENIOR CENTER

27 Johson St., Union City, PA
WED & THUR 9:00 to 3:00
814-438-2146

You can also call 211 for United Way in Erie County to find out their locations for tax preparations.



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Erie, PA 16509

Supervisors:

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

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PICNIC
Thursday,
August 10, 2023**

Picnicana Park

***More information
will be in
the next newsletter!***

Once Upon A Time...

The 1950 census was released this year. We are displaying a few pages of the Summit Twp census. Using this collection, you can find a lot of information about everyone in 1950. Some examples are; age, marital status, occupation, nationality, residence, family members, and even how much they earned.

Please stop in to see your name. We can help you research your family. 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.

