

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP

News

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2024 SUMMER REC PROGRAM

June 10th – July 26th

Day Program
(Ages 6–14)

Monday – Friday
11:00am – 3:30pm

Pre-School Program
(Ages 3–5)

Tuesday & Thursday
11:00am – 1:00pm

**NOW HIRING
CAMP COUNSELORS!**
HOW TO APPLY:

Go to
www.summittownship.com/applications
and fill out/print an Employment
Application or pick up an application at the
Municipal Building front desk.

Submit applications and/or resumes to:

Michelle Nesselhauf, HR Director
1230 Townhall Road West
Erie, PA 16509
or
mness@summitpa.us

Must Be 16 or Older
To Apply

**Help
Wanted**



TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED:

February 19th – President's Day

March 29th – Good Friday

REMINDER:



Time to renew DOG LICENSES for 2024

Summit Township has Erie County dog licenses available at the Municipal Office Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Licenses must be renewed for the current calendar year.

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.

MEET THE STAFF

TOWNSHIP: 814-868-9686

Jack Lee, Jr. –

Supervisor/Chairman/Treasurer/
Dir. Land Development

Mark A. Welka –

Supervisor/Roadmaster

Tony Davis –

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

Lisa Vallimont –

Municipal Secretary

Michelle Nesselhauf –

HR Director/Recycling Coordinator/
Newsletter Editor

Tamara Cass –

Zoning Administrator

Debra Jageman –

Zoning Administrative Assistant

Kip Hayford – Code Enforcement

Matthew Jonas –

Township Engineer

Joe Whitmer – GIS/MS-4 Technician

Gina Erbin – Receptionist

THE ROAD CREW:

Mike Hanas – Road Foreman

Darrell Sayers – Garage Foreman

**Joe Passerotti, Larry Hudacky,
Jeff Matheis, Andrew Fox,
Joe Malinowski, Dan Wilder
& Tim Eliason**

WATER AUTHORITY: 814-864-2323

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: 814-868-4495

William Steff, P.E. – Manager

Wendy Burbules –

Administrative Supervisor

Amy McCaslin –

Billing Clerk

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.**

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, 9:00 a.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):

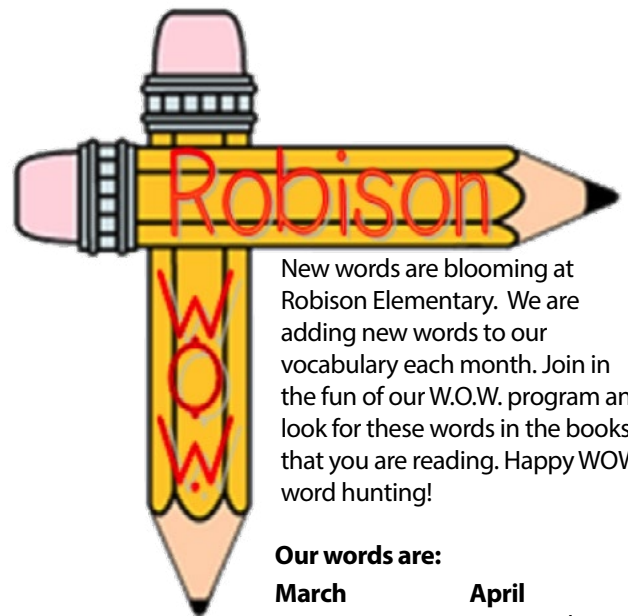
4th Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. as needed.

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



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
repertoire
jocular
lucid

April
perpetual
exuberant

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **April 5th**. Our next newsletter will be published in early May.



SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Hello all,

We ran into a bad stretch of weather early in January. Those windstorms left many people without power. At the same time, the whole country was dealing with storms, cold, and some tornadoes. None of us can control the forces of Mother Nature. Therefore, we all must do the best we can to deal with it. The power company had many employees out working around the clock, even in those high winds, replacing poles and repairing wires from downed trees. I hope everyone recovered with minimal damage and stress. My wife and I had friends staying at our house for a few days because their electricity was out for several days. We must improvise, adapt, and overcome.

I'd like to address an important issue for Summit residents to keep an eye on. The Fort LeBoeuf School District has commissioned a feasibility study to investigate the idea of combining all three elementary schools in the district. That would mean building a new elementary school behind the High School in Waterford and closing Robison Elementary.

I don't believe most parents with young children would care to have them bused to Waterford instead of Robison Elementary School on Robison Road. Robison Elementary has been ranked the number one public elementary school in the Erie area. I do not feel that would be in the best interests of the local Summit grade school students.

Summit Township is also the only municipality of five in the FLB school district that has grown in population, with an 11.2% increase from 2010 to 2020, per the most recent census. The population of Summit is approximately half of the population of all the other municipalities in the school district. Robison Elementary is a sound, modernized school on a 26-acre lot.

The preliminary timeline for the project would include study, planning, preparation, and community relations 2023–2024, with possible construction of a new elementary school beginning in April of 2027. No final decisions have been made regarding this plan. The Fort LeBoeuf School Board meets once a month at the High School Library. If you are concerned, you may attend the monthly school board meetings to voice your opinion. I tell you this as it is my responsibility to report to Summit residents.

Let's have a happy, healthy, prosperous 2024. I have a friend who does motivational minutes on his Facebook and YouTube blogs, so I would like to pass on a line of his. "Remember to stay positive and never give up trying. If what you have been doing is not working, try something else. You have the ability to change your future".

Thank you, *Supervisor Jack Lee*

Hello Summit residents,

I hope all is well with you and your family. Winter has kept our road crew busy.

We do our best to keep the roads free from snow and ice. The garage crew have been working on the new Mack plow truck and it should be on the road the end of January.

Roads that we will be milling and paving this year will be as follows:

- Old French Road (from Robison Road to Old Perry Highway)
- Old Perry Highway (from the Millcreek Twp line to Bloomfield Pkwy)

- Johnson Rd (from Old French Road to Cherry St Extension)

Seal coating projects are as follows:

- Hamot Road (from Dunn Valley Road to Dorn Road)
- New Road (from Hamot Road to Peach Street)
- Elkcreek Road (from Hamot Road to the township line)

Spring is right around the corner and the days are getting longer.

Get out and enjoy,

Supervisor Mark Welka

Hello Summit Township residents,

So far, this winter has been similar to the last several, quite mild by our standards. As spring gets closer, it's time to start thinking about the parks again. There have been a few projects planned for Picnicana this year. The restrooms will receive a complete makeover. They have served their purpose well over the years, but time has taken its toll on them. Plans are currently in the works for completely gutting both the men's and women's restrooms and replacing everything with more modern materials. The ceilings will be replaced with new, more efficient LED lighting. The toilet partitions will be replaced with HDPE plastic panels and stainless-steel hardware to resist corrosion and scratching. The toilets will be replaced with a more modern design using less water with a more robust flush system. The hand sinks will be upgraded with no-touch automatic controls, and the walls and floors will have a new finished look that should

be pleasing to the eye and durable for years to come.

The water fountain and the sign near the road will both be refinished to give them a fresh new look and help protect them from the elements. Some doors and frames will be painted where needed, and pavilion number one will have its ceiling cleaned and sealed.

There are always projects to do when you want to maintain a park to the standard that we do. The staff plays a vital role in that upkeep and maintenance, and I very much appreciate the help I get from everyone to keep our park one of the nicest around.

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

Best regards, *Supervisor Tony Davis*

Here We Grow Again

ARBY'S recently completed renovations to their restaurant located at 7521 Perry Highway. Arby's was founded in 1964 and has more than 3500 restaurants in nine countries.

PLASTIKOS recently completed renovations to their existing facility located at 8165 Hawthorne Drive. At Micro Mold & Plastikos, they have more than 400 collective years of experience in the precision mold manufacturing industry, providing advanced mold-making and custom injection molding services for highly engineered, complex, tight-tolerance plastic components.

IN THE WORKS:

7541 PEACH STREET has started the process of establishing an oil change facility.

FRITO LAY has started the process of adding an addition to their existing facility at 8170 Oliver Road

DELTA SONIC has started the process of updating the carwash queue lines & facilities at their 6900 Peach Street location.

FALCONE'S has started the process of establishing a new restaurant in the Copperleaf community at 2901 Copperleaf Drive

FAMILY FARM & HOME has started the process of establishing a new location at 7200 Peach Street Unit 180

Answer for Water Authority Trivia: L-R Township Supervisors Ron Peterson, Rich Hessinger, and Kevin Lenz, Water Authority Board members Jim Kupetz, Art Kurtz, John Spaulding, and Carl Buetikofer

Summit Community Food Pantry

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. There are so many people/groups that make not only the holiday seasons special, but every day of the year a blessing. There are a lot of people to thank, whether through monetary donations or food. So here goes. Many, many thanks to the following:



All Saints Church for their continued support, Summit United Methodist Church, Summit Lions Club, Country Side Condo Association, Erie Custom Mill Works, Robison Elementary, District Justice Brian McGowan, Tom Trott family, James Kehl family, Tom McArw family, Mark Bennett and the John Davis family. The FLB H.S. National Honor Society, FLB M.S. Junior Honor Society, and the Mill Village Elementary participated in the Erie News Food Drive — thank you! The FLB Boys Basketball team, along with their families and boosters, made a generous monetary donation along with canned goods and supplies. What a great way to give back to the community! If anyone was left out, it was not intentional.

As always, our volunteers are the backbone of the SCFP. Deepest thanks. A special nod to the Summit Supervisors, Jack, Mark, and Tony, for continuing to "host" the SCFP!!

We continue to have curbside pickup. Distribution days are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 2:30–4pm. Follow us on FaceBook — just type in Summit Community Food Pantry and look for upcoming events, recipes, and more! Winter is crockpot weather — share your favorite!

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

ADOPT-A-HYDRANT

We had one nomination for our quarterly Adopt-A-Hydrant contest. Brian Manning was nominated by neighbor Mike Dombkowski.

As a special thank you for his hard work, Brian will receive a \$50 pre-paid Visa gift card.

If you know of anyone doing an outstanding job keeping their hydrant clear of snow, let us know by contacting our office. We'll award another winner next quarter.



Summit Lions Club News



Summit Lions are getting ready for our 27th Annual Golf Outting at the Venango Valley Golf Course on June 7th. The cost for golfers is \$95.00. We do a shotgun start at 8 am. For this, you will get 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, donuts, assorted beverages, trophies, and a steak for lunch! If you aren't currently on our golfer's list, please contact Lion Bob Mitchell at 814-450-9483 or daddiepop@aol.com; you can also email MitchellHRC@aol.com for more information. This event is our only fundraiser, so we need everyone's help. We always need new golfers and sponsors. Our sponsors get an ad in our program, and 100% of the sponsor money goes back into the community. So far in 2024, we have helped two families who

have had house fires, gave out scholarship money to 3 college freshmen, purchased books to give to Robison Elementary students, and more. This Fall we are planning a Fun Event for students at Sunview Golf. 18 holes of miniature golf, a hot dog, drink, and a cookie. This event will be held on September 15th from 1 pm to 6 pm. To order tickets, please visit the Summit Township Lions Club Facebook page or the Summit Township Facebook page to print off a flier or pick up a flier at the Summit Township Municipal Building. For more information, you can call Lion Janet Mitchell or email her at MitchellHRC@aol.com. Thank you for your continued support of our Lions Club. We would love to see you at one of our meetings if you would be interested in seeing just what all we do. To come to a meeting please contact our President Lion Steve Sample at 814-440-7857 or email him at louisqzer@gmail.com.

Lion Steve Sample, President

FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a nice holiday season. Now we can look forward to spring. The 2024 County/Twp tax bills will be issued and mailed March 1st. If you do not receive your tax bill in two weeks, please contact me for a duplicate. I can send you a copy of the bill via the email listed below. Whatever address you last provided to Erie County Assessment is the address your bill will be sent to. It is your responsibility to update any address changes. The tax collector cannot update any information regarding the tax roll. You are responsible for the tax bill whether or not you receive the bill. This is stated in the Local Tax Collection Law. You can find out information on your parcel by going to the Erie County website eriecountypa.gov. Choose Property, and then you can put in your address. It will not show the name of the owner, but all the other information is there. This tells your assessed value, if you are receiving the homestead exclusion, any delinquent taxes, and even a photo. You can also download an application for the Homestead Exclusion if you are not already signed up. March 1st is the deadline to apply for it to be in effect this year. If you already are receiving the homestead exclusion, you do not need to reapply each year. If you move from your current residence, then you would need to apply at your next residence.

The County mills have increased from 5.96 to 6.61, an increase of .65 mills. The Township mills have increased from .59 to 1.09, an increase of .50 mills. A mill is \$100.00 for every \$100,000.00 assessed value. The Township taxes have not changed since 2013, when both the County and Township mills went down because of the County-wide reassessment. No news on the next County-wide reassessment.

If you need a paid, stamped copy of your taxes for the PA 1000 (AKA Property-Rent Rebate) or for tax purposes, please remember to enclose or bring in both copies of the tax bill. If sending through USPS or using the lockbox, please enclose a SASE for a receipt. I highly encourage the use of the lockbox. This ensures that your payment is received on time. You can use the lockbox 24/7. I check this multiple times a day. If you put your phone number on the check, I can call you if there is an error. Otherwise, an incorrect payment will be sent back via USPS. Once again, a reminder that a check sent postdated (a date in the future) cannot be deposited and is not considered paid. These checks will be returned to ensure they are not lost in my office. Regular office hours begin on March 4th. Until that time, if you send an email (you will get a quicker response) or leave a message on the office phone, I will answer you as soon as possible.

See you soon!

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

Office Hours:

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



Perry Hi-Way News

Simple Tasks to HELP Perry Hi-Way Hose Company HELP YOU!

There are some simple things you can do to help us in responding to an emergency at your home or business in the cold and snowy winter we experience in Erie, Pennsylvania. First, make sure the numbers for your address are not covered by the snow. It could be deep snow or the blowing snow covering the number on the side of the house. The snowplow could have the numbers on your mailbox covered. Please take time to make sure your numbers are visible. Second, if there is a hydrant near your home or business, please take a moment and clear a path to the hydrant and a 24–36" space all around the hydrant. Try to keep your plow driver from plowing in the hydrant near your home/ business. Third, make sure your driveways are clear of trees and bushes. Our big trucks need clearance of 12' high and 10' wide. There are several drives in the area that could use some trimming to make sure we can reach you should you have an emergency. Finally, try to keep the steps and path to your home shoveled and clear. We ask that you do the best you can to keep the path open. While we hope not to need to respond to your home or business for an emergency, following these simple tips will allow us to get help to you as fast as possible.

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO RESPOND TO OUR EXPECTATIONS SURVEY

The Township Supervisors have engaged the Department of Community and Economic Development to conduct an analysis of Perry Hi-Way Hose Company. The goal is to gain insight on the operations of the Fire Company and plan for the future of emergency services in Perry Hi-Way Hose Company. We need more input to our survey in order to make short and long range plans for the department. We want to know what our residents want from their fire department and ambulance service. If you have not completed the survey, we ask that you take the 10 min to complete it as soon as possible. Please go to the link below and answer the questions.

<https://forms.office.com/r/vb12tNUPCb>

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

SPRING CRAFT FAIR

Saturday & Sunday March 16 & 17
(Vendor Load in 7 am–9 am / open for sales 9 am–4 pm)

SPRING INDOOR FLEA MARKET

Sunday, April 28
(Vendor Load in 7 am–9 am / open for sales 9 am–3 pm)

PURSE BINGO

Sunday, November 10
(Doors open 12 noon, Bingo at 2 pm)

FALL CRAFT FAIR

Saturday & Sunday December 7 & 8
(Vendor Load in 7 am–9 am / open for sales 9 am–4 pm)

PERRY HI-WAY HOSE COMPANY Emergency responses for 2023

TOTAL of 2059

EMS.....	1586
• AMBULANCE.....	1530
• EMS STAND BY.....	3
• ALS / PARAMEDIC ASSIST	53
RESCUES.....	131
• MVA	112 (4 PIN IN)
• MVA PEDESTRIAN.....	8
• LOCK IN.....	6
• ELEVATOR.....	2
• ROPE / HIGH ANGLE	1
• EXTRICATION ASSISTS	2
FIRE RELATED	104
• STRUCTURE FIRES.....	53
• VEHICLE FIRES	15
• RUBBISH / TRASH FIRE	10
• GRASS / BRUSH FIRES.....	13
• COOKING FIRE CONTAINED	3
• SMOKE INVESTIGATION.....	10
AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS	160
HAZARDOUS CALLS.....	40
• GASOLINE / FLAMMABLE LIQUID SPILL	2
• NATURAL GAS / PROPANE LEAK	12
• CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM	17
• POWER LINES DOWN	7
• TRANSFORMER / ELECTRICAL ARCHING	2
SERVICE / MISC CALL.....	38
• FIRE POLICE / TRAFFIC CONTROL	10
• DISPATCH AND CANCEL ENROUTE.....	4
• WRONG LOCATION (DIFFERENT TWP)	2
• FOG OR STEAM MISTAKEN FOR SMOKE.....	4
• AUTHORIZED BURNING.....	3
• COVER ASSIGNMENT	4
• GOOD INTENT OTHER.....	11

PERRY HI-WAY HOSE COMPANY

OPEN HOUSE / 75-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Sunday, September 22, 2024
Oliver Road Station 12 pm–4 pm
Come see the fire trucks, fire safety information
Refreshments will be served



ELECTION DAY for PERRY HI-WAY HOSE COMPANY

Sunday, December 10, 2023, was Election Day for the officers and directors for Perry Hi-Way Hose Company. After lunch from The Cab catering, the meeting and elections were completed. Results for 2024 leadership:

Line officers:

- Fire Chief Kip Hayford
- Rescue Captain Nate Serafin
- Fire Lieutenant Steve Sample
- Fire Police Captain Rob Trojanovich
- Fire Police Lieutenant Richard Smith

Board of Directors

- President John Spaulding
- Vice President Don Harvey
- Secretary Patty Sample
- Treasurer Gretchen Hayford
- **FF board members:** Jason Goodwill, Steve Sample, Rob Trojanovich, Richard Smith, Nate Serafin
- **Business Board:** Josh Lydic, Mark Sleppy, Jim Jageman, Jack Lee, Kip Hayford(chief), 1 opening

GOOD LUCK, AND THANK YOU TO THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO MAKE PERRY HI-WAY THE BEST IT CAN BE.

From The Summit Township Industrial Economic Development Authority

Summit Township Residents,

The Summit Township Industrial and Economic Development Authority (STIEDA) was formed to oversee revenue distribution generated by Presque Isle Downs and Casino. Since its inception, STIEDA has invested these funds in many key initiatives supporting the Summit Township Sewer and Water Authorities, the relocation of Lord Corporation, and many others. Most recently, STIEDA made funds available for township community events, including the annual spring cleanup, summer recreation program, and senior picnic.

In 2021, STIEDA realized a long-time aspiration to develop a scholarship fund for students residing in Summit Township who plan on continuing their education after high school. Interested students should see their guidance counselor to apply.

STIEDA has also partnered with the Erie County Redevelopment Authority to fund a low-interest loan program available to Summit Township businesses. Additional information is available on their website at www.ecrda.net or by phone at 814-480-0337.

Tony Krasinski, Chairperson



Putting people first through community-oriented initiatives

By State Rep. Bob Merski, D-Erie

As we prepare to say goodbye to winter and welcome the warm embrace of spring, I wanted to update you on some happenings both at home and in Harrisburg.

A prominent legislative victory from last year was expanding the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. I was proud to co-sponsor and vote for this legislation. As the calendar has turned to 2024, the expansion of this program is now in effect and will continue to help more seniors and those with disabilities remain comfortably in the homes and neighborhoods they love.

This is the first time this program has been updated in over a decade and a half, and now that the expansion has officially taken effect, 5,000 more Erie residents should be eligible to apply.

The new expansion:

- Increases the income cap from \$35,000 to \$45,000 for homeowners.
- Increases the income cap from \$15,000 to \$45,000 for renters.
- Automatically increases the cap to grow with inflation, beginning in claim year 2024.
- Increases the maximum rebate from \$650 to \$1,000.

Our office wants to see everyone that is eligible take advantage of this expansion, so come see us at 3921 Buffalo Road or at our satellite office at the Summit Township Municipal Building on Wednesdays from Noon until 4 pm and our incredibly dedicated staff will help you process the necessary paperwork to receive your rebate.

Increasing Pennsylvania's Child & Dependent Care Tax Credit

When I am out and about in the district discussing the financial burdens that families face, the most overwhelming answer is the rising cost of childcare. Childcare has become so expensive

that parents are having serious discussions about only one parent returning to the workforce due to the exponential cost of dependable, high-quality childcare.

The cost of quality childcare should never be a barrier to parents or guardians entering the workforce. That's why we made it a priority to more than triple a crucial state tax credit aimed at reducing the cost of essential child and dependent care that will help create more breathing room in a growing family's budget.

Investing in Erie

Throughout 2023, I helped bring more than \$23 million back to our legislative district. Some highlights include:

- **\$7.3 million** to help fund multiple transportation and infrastructure projects in Erie.
- **\$3.1 million** to electrify Erie's refuse collection fleet.
- **More than \$6 million** in grants and low-interest loans secured to update aging stormwater systems.
- **Nearly \$1 million** to expand affordable housing options in Erie County.
- **More than \$400,000** to expand the availability of fresh food options in Erie schools.

Additional funding included \$2 million in federal dollars to help Erie's public schools launch a student health initiative.

Since 2018, my colleagues and I helped bring back more than a quarter of a billion dollars (\$263 million+) in funding home to Erie.

These proposals are a small sample size of key initiatives and investments brought to the forefront that will continue putting Erie on the pathway to success. Erie has experienced remarkable growth in recent years, demonstrating a vision and commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all who reside in the region.

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



Senior News

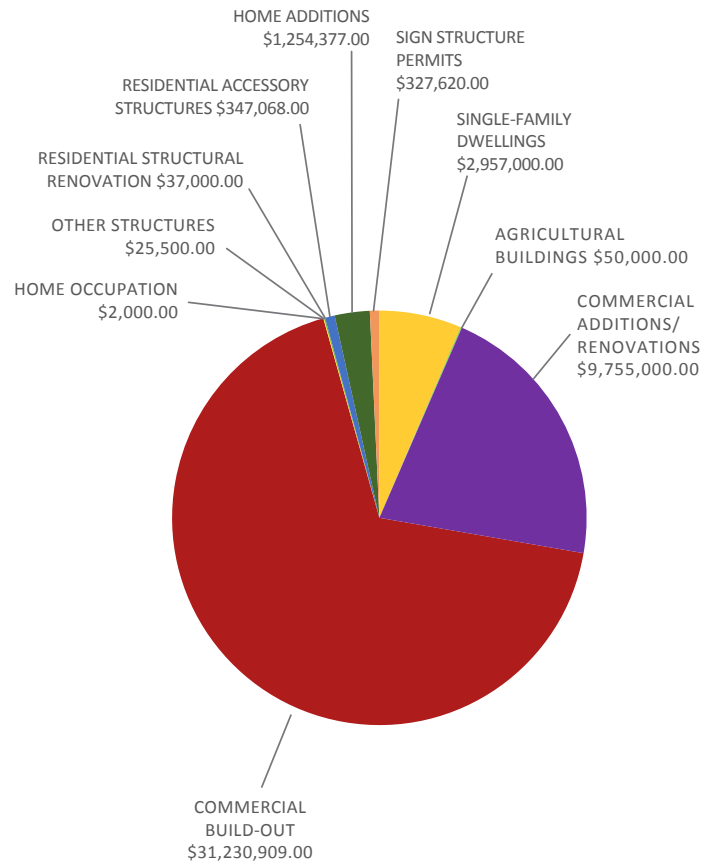
The weather has been cold and snowy, but we are going strong. Our lunch on the first and third Tuesday of the month has been well attended. We enjoy the good food and time together. It was great to have speaker Jeff Gibbons on January 16th. We continue to enjoy crafts, chair exercises, fun day, and bingo. If you have the winter blahs and want to get out of the house, please join us!

President Jan Birkner

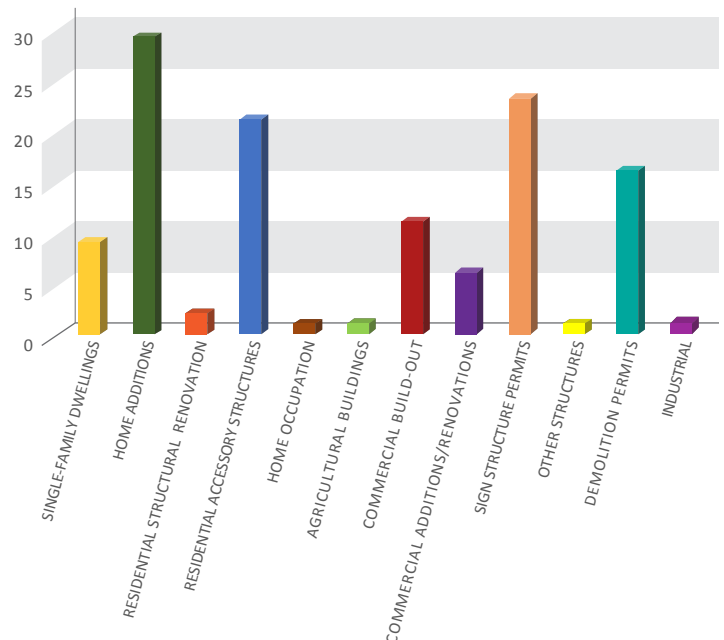
2023 ZONING, SIGN & DEMOLITION PERMIT RECAP

Type of Structure	No.	Value
Single Family Dwellings of which are 3 Manufactured Home Replacements and 1 New Manufactured Home	9	\$2,957,000
Home Additions including Attached Garages, Decks, and Porches	29	\$1,254,377.00
Residential Structural Renovation	2	\$37,000.00
Residential Accessory Structures	21	\$347,068.00
Home Occupation	1	\$2,000.00
Agricultural Buildings	1	\$50,000.00
Commercial Build-Out	11	\$31,230,909.00
SOLA SALON - Commercial Interior Renovations for a 8,769 sq. ft. Commercial Buildout		\$1,690,980.00
SMOKE SHOP - Construction of a 1,477 sq. ft. Commercial Build Out New Store Front		\$17,500.00
FALCONE RESTAURANT/ BAR - Construction of a 7,921 sq. ft. Commercial Build Out New Store Front		\$600,000.00
Construction of a 60' x 36' (2160 sq. ft.) Warehouse		\$155,000.00
SALON CENTRIC - Construction of a 38' x 78' (3,034 sq. ft.) Commercial Build Out New Store Front		\$39,700.00
SMITHS WHOLESALE APPLIANCE STORE - 7,750 sq. ft. Commercial Build Out New Store Front		\$2,000.00
FAMILY FARM AND HOME - Commercial Build Out New Store Front to include new egress door and Fenced Outdoor Merchandise Area - (27,760 sq. ft) Retail Establishment		\$500,000.00
AHN ORTHO AND SPORTS MEDICINE - Construction of a 14,100 sq. ft. Commercial Build Out New Store Front to Include 12 Exam Rooms, 2 x-ray 4 Therapy Rooms and 1 MRI Trailer		\$2,207,968.00
HANSIK ENTERPRISES, LLC - Commercial Build Out New Store Front		\$25,000.00
TOYOTA - Commercial Build Out New Store Front-To Include Sales and Showroom with associated parking		\$9,992,781.00
Commercial Renovations/Additions	6	\$9,755,000.00
BIANCHI MOTORS - Construction of a 1720 sq. ft. Addition to include two professional office spaces with a restroom and a closed delivery center at the NW corner of the building and to construct an enclosure around the existing open air delivery center at the north end of the building		\$4,500,000.00
CHICK-FIL-A - Construction of a Building Addition, Canopy, and Modifications to the Drive Thru and Commercial Renovations to Existing Building		\$2,900,000.00
SAMS CLUB - 134,843 Sq. Ft. Commercial Interior Renovations to Existing Sam's Club		\$1,100,000.00
SHOE FLY - Commercial Renovations and Upgrades to Existing Commercial Building		\$127,000.00
ARBY'S - Construction of 3185 sq. ft of Commercial Renovations to Existing Building		\$578,000.00
Industrial	1	
PLASTIKOS - Construction of 58' x 45' (2,610 sq. ft.) Commercial Renovations to Existing Facility		\$550,000.00
Sign Structure Permits including Pole Signs, High-Rise Signs, Monument Signs & Building Signs	23	\$327,620.00
Demolition Permits	16	\$0.00
TOTAL	120	\$45,986,474.00

2023 CONSTRUCTION IN DOLLARS



2023 CONSTRUCTION COUNTS



Preparing for Power Outages

Severe storms may bring power outages that can disrupt things like communications, utilities, transportation, stores, gas stations and ATMs, and prevent your ability to use electrically powered medical devices. It's important to be prepared for power outages.

- Before an event happens set up an emergency evacuation location with a friend or family member that you may be able to go to.
- When the power goes out call Penelec's call in center at 888-544-4877 or 800-545-7741 and get a confirmation number, save this number.
- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. Throw away any food that has an unusual odor, color or texture.
- If you use a generator, ONLY use it outdoors and away from windows. And do not hook/connect it up to your power system unless you have a proper transfer switch.
- Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges.
- Have alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or using power-dependent medical devices.
- Go to a community location with power or call the Red Cross if cold is extreme and you can't heat your home.



SUMMIT TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY

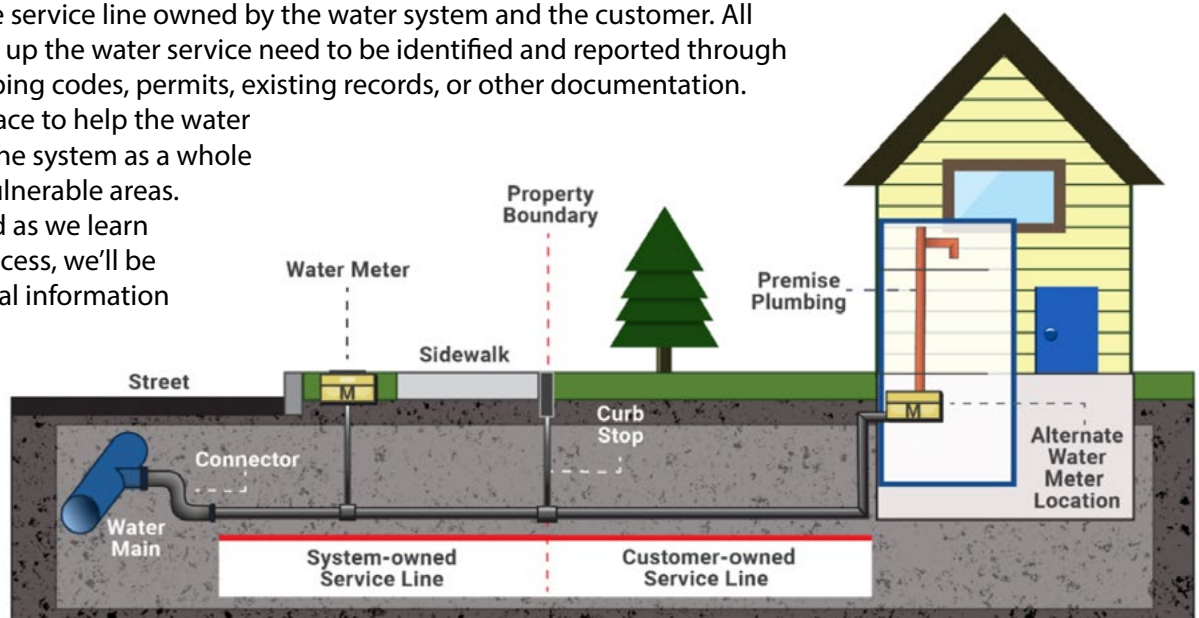
Lead and Copper Assessment

This year, the Water Authority is required by the DEP through the revised Lead and Copper Rule to take inventory of the materials that make up all service lines. This includes joint ownership, both portions of the service line owned by the water system and the customer. All materials that make up the water service need to be identified and reported through construction, plumbing codes, permits, existing records, or other documentation.

This rule is put in place to help the water purveyor evaluate the system as a whole and to target any vulnerable areas.

Moving forward and as we learn more about this process, we'll be publishing additional information in the newsletter

and include inserts in the water bills. We'd really appreciate everyone's cooperation.



SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY

LONG-TIME FOREMAN MARTIN MCATEE RETIRES

Martin McAtee, STSA Operations Foreman, retired January 5, 2024, after completing 45 years of public service to Summit Township. After starting with the Summit Township maintenance crew, he accepted a full-time position with the Summit Township Sewer Authority on July 1, 1990. Thereafter, he became the longstanding foreman in charge of maintenance of the public sewage system. Always on call, Mr. McAtee was a helpful, diligent, and patient representative of the Authority. Marty was a good team member for many years. Best wishes on your retirement!

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR CAITLYN HAENER-SCHWAB TRANSITIONS TO NEW CAREER

After 11 years, Caitlyn took a new position as a lawyer specializing in estate planning with the Quinn Law Firm. Many walk-in customers were surprised to know that she had been accepted into law school as a non-traditional student. Caitlyn continued to work full-time for the Authority and attended Mitchell Hamline School of Law in Saint Paul, Minnesota, as a remote student over the past 4 years. She completed her studies in the top 10 of her class. She then passed the Pennsylvania Bar exam in the top 10%! Congratulations, and the absolute best of luck with the new career.

AUTHORITY HIRES NEW ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR – WENDY BURBULES

The Summit Township Sewer Authority is pleased to welcome our new Administrative Supervisor, Wendy Burbules, to the Authority Staff. She began work on January 4, 2024, and is replacing Caitlyn Haener. Wendy is a graduate of Ft. LeBoeuf High School and Edinboro University. She has a strong background in Accounting and Human Resources. Wendy and her husband, Greg, are both longtime residents of Waterford. She enjoys hiking, playing with her dogs, and traveling. She has 3 children Erica, Brent, and Tristan. The Authority staff is glad she decided to join our team, and with her help, we plan to provide the very best service to our customers.



If you are a sewer customer and you have 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

Water Authority Trivia

On October 18, 1993, the Summit Township Supervisors presented a check to the Water Authority in the amount of \$49,781.18, representing a portion of a Community Development Block Grant to help fund the construction of the water tower on Robison Road. How many of the gentlemen can you identify in this picture?



AARP TAX-AIDE SITES IN ERIE COUNTY 2024

(all sites are by appointment only)

ERIE SALVATION ARMY CENTER

1022 Liberty St., Erie, PA

TUES & WED

9:00 to 1:30

814-454-6497

HARBORCREEK TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BLDG

5601 Buffalo Rd., Erie, PA

MON
TUES

9:00 TO 2:30
8:30 TO 2:30

814-824-9480

MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BLDG

3608 West 26th St., Erie, PA

MON & FRI

9:00 TO 3:00

814-833-1111

TITUSVILLE HEALTH & AGING CENTER

714 E Main St., Titusville, PA

MON
TUES

9:00 TO 2:15
9:00 TO 2:00

814-499-1186

From the Office of District Judge McGowan

Robison Elementary Government Lesson

Mid-December last year marked my annual trip to the third-grade classes at Robison Elementary for a lesson involving the 3 branches of government. The students had just finished learning about 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.

The lesson went over extremely well. I must compliment the parents and teachers at Robison, specifically Mr. Chrispen, Mrs. Devine, Mrs. McGowan and Mrs. Zimmerman. It is easy to see why Niche.com recently ranked Robison Elementary #1 in Best Public Elementary Schools in Erie Area. U.S. News and World Report recently ranked Robison Elementary in the top 1% best elementary schools in the entire state of Pennsylvania. Congratulations to the principal, teachers, and parents!

Brian M. McGowan, MDJ





PennState Extension

MASTER WATERSHED STEWARDS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Master Watershed Steward program in Warren, Erie, and Crawford counties is accepting applicants for spring training 2024. This program aims to educate and empower volunteers to carry out watershed projects and education in their communities. The deadline for applications is February 15th, 2024.

Among other projects, Master Watershed Stewards:

- Teach adults and children about water quality, wildlife habitats, and the environment.
- Develop educational materials.
- Organize and conduct educational events, stream clean-ups, and invasive plant removal projects.
- Design and maintain demonstration gardens.
- Conduct stream monitoring projects and research.
- Research and write newsletters and online articles.
- Partner with municipal officials on projects such as bioswales, rain gardens, native meadows, and other green stormwater management solutions.

More information and ways to apply can be found on the program's homepage:

<https://extension.psu.edu/programs/watershed-stewards/counties/crawford-erie-warren>

Amber Stilwell, M.S
She/Her/Hers

Tom Ridge Environmental Center

301 Peninsula Drive, Suite 3, Erie, PA
ars26@psu.edu | 814.898.7086

Pennsylvania Sea Grant

Coastal Outreach Specialist, Lake Erie Office
<http://seagrants.psu.edu/>

Penn State Extension Master Watershed Steward Coordinator

Erie, Crawford, and Warren Counties
Spring Training 2023 Info
Sponsor Penn State Extension



Kiwanis

CLUB OF FORT LeBOEUF

We have an active club of 47 members and perform many community service projects in the FLB area. If you are looking for a way to give back, consider joining us. Our main focus is providing service for children, and our next projects include packing placement bags for foster children and making Trauma Dolls for our local fire departments.

We sponsor and have club advisors for a K-Kids group in each of the three FLB elementary schools. These kids come up with some great projects to help others. Robison Elementary members recently sang Christmas carols at two local assisted living facilities. Thank you to their teacher advisors: Mrs. Hanas and Mrs. Sayers.

We will be holding our largest fundraiser, a Purse & Tool Bingo, on Saturday, March 2nd. We have moved to a new venue this year, the St. Francis Usher's Club. Come and support us at 1:00 pm and get a chance to win a beautiful designer purse or quality tool. For only \$35, BINGO and a luncheon are included. We will have a large basket raffle and side raffles as well. Reservations are suggested by calling Val at 814-602-9175. Details are on our Facebook page—Kiwanis Club of Fort LeBoeuf.

Finally, we will be assisting the Waterford Lions Club with their 29th annual Sportsman's Raffle & Monte Carlo Night on Saturday, March 23, at Rainbow Gardens. This yearly event features raffles, dinner, a grand prize of \$1,000, and more. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at www.waterfordpalionsclub.com.



Engineer's Report

2024 may be the year of the culvert in Summit Township. I have discussed in the past 3 culverts that were going to be replaced near the landfill. It now looks like that will be happening this year. The first culvert is on Zwilling Road, east of the railroad tracks, the second culvert is on Footmill Road, and the third culvert is on Benjamin Road. The three culverts are being increased in size to improve the flow characteristics of the stream, as the current culverts are undersized based on the stream flow. This project is being done by Waste Management.

We have recently added a 30-ton weight limit to the culvert on Old Zuck Road. A field review of the culvert in December noted additional deterioration on the underside of the deck. The deterioration is in line with the expected age of the structure. The weight limit is intended to prolong the service life of the culvert until it can be replaced. We currently have a grant application submitted for the replacement of the culvert. The culvert will be reviewed again in June to monitor whether deterioration is advancing or stabilized.

Also, late last year, we learned that the Hamot Road culvert over Elk Creek has gone from a satisfactory rating to a poor rating. So, we will be performing maintenance to slow the deterioration and will be working with the County to secure funding using the Local Use Fee to make the needed repairs. The Local Use Fee is the additional \$5 that we pay when registering our vehicles each year. This money has been going to repair and replace poor condition bridges all over Erie County. For the time being, the culvert capacity is still high enough not to warrant a weight limit.



Top Left: Zwilling Road Culvert, Top Right: Old Zuck Road Culvert, Bottom: Hamot Road Culvert.



Pennsylvania Urban Nutrient Management—Be Green While Protecting Our Streams

Protecting Pennsylvania's Waterways Starts at Home.

Turfgrass has become a major component of Pennsylvania's flora. In fact, according to DCNR, Pennsylvania now contains over 2 million acres of lawn. Selecting a proper turfgrass management program, whether it is on a private lawn, sports field, public park, or golf course, is essential to protecting our local waterways.

KNOW WHAT YOUR LAWN NEEDS

When looking to apply nutrients to your lawn, make sure you are aware of what your lawn needs and what the Pennsylvania Fertilizer Law allows. To determine your lawn's nutrient needs, it is best to first soil test. Soil tests provide specific recommendations for nitrogen, phosphate, and potassium. Following the soil test recommendations ensures that you are applying only what your lawn needs, thus reducing nutrient loss and fertilizer cost. Test kits can be purchased for a nominal fee from your local Penn State extension office.

THE PENNSYLVANIA FERTILIZER LAW

In July 2022, Pennsylvania adopted a new fertilizer law designed to minimize the movement of nutrients into our waterways. Anyone who applies fertilizers should be aware of the following nutrient limitations.

- Nitrogen is limited to 0.9 pounds of total nitrogen and 0.7 pounds of available nitrogen per 1000 ft² per application.
- No phosphorus can be applied unless establishing or repairing turf.
- Both the nitrogen and phosphorus rates can be adjusted based on soil test recommendations and/or if using an enhanced efficiency fertilizer. o Enhanced efficiency fertilizers are specifically designed to reduce nutrient losses to the environment while increasing availability to plants.

In addition, when applying fertilizer, applicators must follow specific environmental conditions to prevent direct movement of fertilizer nutrients into our streams.

- Do not apply if a heavy rain is expected.
- Keep fertilizer away from drainage ditches, storm drains, or water.
- Maintain a 15-foot buffer from the banks of all waterways.
- Remove fertilizer that lands on impervious surfaces (i.e. driveways, sidewalks, roads) back onto the application area.
- Do not use as a snow or ice melt.
- Do not spread fertilizer on snow-covered or frozen ground.
- Fertilizer application between December 15 and March 1 is restricted to 0.50 lbs of total nitrogen per 1000 ft² per application.

READ THE LABEL

Manufacturers of fertilizer products must include detailed labels that provide the nutrient content and instructions for use. As a fertilizer applicator, you are strongly encouraged to read and follow

all directions and apply your fertilizer using a properly calibrated spreader.

LAWN CARE CONSIDERATIONS

Nutrient management is not the only tool that can be used for limiting nutrient loss. There are many additional lawn care considerations that can be used to promote a healthy lawn while protecting our local waterways. A few examples are listed below.

Fertilizer may not be the solution. If your lawn is not looking as healthy and green as you would like, sometimes fertilizer is not the answer. Applying fertilizer without understanding the underlying soil can result in a waste of money and nutrients. There are many soil health factors that play a critical role in maintaining your lawn. Reducing soil compaction can improve root growth and water infiltration. Maintaining an appropriate soil pH is essential to promoting proper nutrient availability. Soil texture and organic matter content influence water movement, nutrient availability, and the microbial ecosystem of the soil. A healthy soil supports a healthy lawn.

Raise your mower deck. Set your mower deck to 3-inches or higher. A taller lawn provides shade that discourages weed growth and promotes strong root development helping lawns to withstand environmental stress. Alternatively, you can use low mow turf species, such as fine fescue blends, that do best when mowing is limited. A taller, healthier lawn slows water movement and increases infiltration keeping moisture, soil, and nutrients where they are needed most.

Mulch your grass clippings. Keeping your clippings in place returns valuable organic matter and nutrients to your lawn.

Provide a buffer. Do not mow up to the banks of streams. Maintaining vegetative buffers along waterways provides wildlife habitat while slowing and filtering water before it enters the stream.

Convert your lawn. Replacing turf with native vegetation not only increases water infiltration, but also promotes biodiversity and creates habitats for pollinators and other wildlife. For more information on Lawn Conversion visit DCNR's website.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR CLEAN WATER.

Environmental stewardship requires teamwork. Help protect Pennsylvania's waterways by being wise when you fertilize!

For more information on the Pennsylvania Fertilizer Law, visit the Department of Agriculture's website at www.agriculture.pa.gov/fertilizer or contact Denise Uzupis at duzupispa.gov.



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Once Upon A Time...

Did you know? Summit Township was formed out of Greene, McKean, and Waterford townships, and before they were created, the larger area was called Beaverdam. Your ancestors may have lived here before it was called Summit. Maybe we can help you find them.

The Summit History room is open Thursdays 9 am to 11 am. Other times and days are available by appointment.

We are accepting donations or loans of items for display. Is your Summit group interested in using the display case?

We welcome new volunteers. Please contact the Summit Township office at 814-868-9686, and we will return your call.

