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MARK YOUR SPRING AND SUMMER CALENDARS!

May 11 – Spring Clean-Up
(See Page 12)

May 24 – Rec Program Registration
Deadline (See Page 19)

May 27 – Memorial Day
(Offices Closed)

July 4 – Independence Day
(Offices Closed)

July 27 – Summit Resident's Day
(See Page 8)


August 8 – Summit Senior Citizens'
Picnic (See Page 14)



SUMMER REC PROGRAM MEET & GREET

Picnicana Park
Saturday, May 4th, 2024
10am – 12pm

- * Meet staff
- * Learn about the program
- * On-site registration available



Senior Picnic!

Thursday
August 8, 2024
Picnicana Park

See details on page 14!



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www.facebook.com/summittownshiperiecountypa
or @summittownshiperiecountypa



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

Hello Summit residents,

Our weather is starting to make the swing, and we are in the process of servicing the trucks and getting them ready for summer. We had a light winter but still went through our fair share of salt and anti-skid. We have reduced the amount of anti-skid that we are applying to the roads. Hopefully, there was not as much anti-skid dragged into your garages.

Below is a list of projects we will be doing this summer, and we are hopeful we can start working on them in mid-April.

- Install approximately 1000' storm sewer on New Road. We will be working on the north and south sides of the road towards the east end of the road (Peach St).
- Install storm sewer on Old Perry Highway from Harold Road 800' south.
- Remove and replace storm sewer on the east side of Nies Drive.
- Install underdrains along the north side of Zwilling Rd.

If you have any concerns or questions about your road, please call me.

Supervisor Mark Welka

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



Kiwaniis
CLUB OF FORT LeBOEUF

Our club members are looking forward to some upcoming service opportunities and always welcome volunteers. We are partnering with Millcreek Kiwanians on April 29 to make Trauma Dolls for local fire departments & police. We will be conducting a road cleanup April 26 & 27 and will be answering phones at the WQLN Auction May 18.

Our popular "Spring Fling" will be held for all FLB students on June 8th at Waterford Elementary. Children will have a chance to participate in many learning & craft stations and will even get a chance to use some power tools to make a wooden creation. Sign-up sheets will be going home through school, and you can also check our Facebook page for more information: "Kiwaniis Club of Fort LeBoeuf". If you are looking to make a difference in your community, consider joining us.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **July 26th**. Our next newsletter will be published in late August/early September.



SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Recycling costs and budget update, April 2024.

Please read this to better understand. With the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) regulations, we are mandated to provide curbside recycling. In accordance with the 2020 census, Summit Township's population exceeds the minimum thresholds contained in the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling, and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101), passed by the General Assembly in 1988 (35 years old) and is obligated by law to implement a recycling program for its citizens. This state mandate needs to be looked at and updated.

First, residents who filled out the Homestead Act form do not pay Summit Township tax at their owner-occupied home. That does not include businesses or rentals. In 2009, the Supervisors approved Ordinance #2009-01, which provides real property tax relief to owner-occupied residential property. However, we all pay Erie County and School taxes.

The Supervisors continue to keep the Homestead Act intact. We are the only township in Erie County that has the Homestead Act. I want to bring this up because some have accused us of costing residents too much money and even someone putting money in their back pocket. Absolutely not! I am a lifelong resident and pay the same living expenses as everyone else. I believe we all feel this way.

Just as we are experiencing at home, the costs for the Township have increased, including refuse, recycling, gasoline, diesel, vehicles, equipment, electricity, food, insurance, and public utilities. Paving materials, sealcoat, and petroleum products have increased significantly. For example, sealcoat in 2020 = \$1.15 sq yd; 2023 = \$1.70 sq yd. Stone is up from \$7.50/ton in 2021 to \$12.00/ton in 2023. Bank gravel \$6.25 vs \$10.75. Our utility prices are up, our fuel prices are up, and health insurance costs at the township went from \$342,000 in 2021 to \$410,000 in 2023.

The supervisors agreed to increase the PHHC funding agreement from \$840,000.00 in 2020 to \$1,000,000 in 2024.

PHHC runs and manages their 24/7 paid EMS service with that money, including contributions that are well needed. We must support our volunteer Fire Department in our busy and popular township. We are fortunate because PHHC is one of the best volunteer fire departments in Erie County.

Our revenue is down from two years of trickledown effect of COVID-19. The casino, retail stores, restaurants, and other businesses closing during Covid means less people working. With people not working, that means we collect less earned income tax, from \$1.1M in 2021 to \$882,600 in 2023. With the casino being closed, it means gambling proceeds are down -\$838,100 in 2022 to \$316,000 in 2023. Home sales fell, so transfer tax went from \$461,000 in 2021 to \$160,000 in 2023. Local services tax (LST) \$411,500 in 2022 to \$287,600 in 2023. That is \$52 a year or \$1 per week contribution from each employee who works in Summit Township. We have 14,000 people employed in Summit, and we have 7,400 residents. The LST helps take some of the financial burdens from Summit residents.

We had to close our park (no rental income at all), and then we reduced Picnicana rates because the kitchens were closed -\$28,000 income realized in 2019, \$700 loss in 2020, \$5,600 income in 2021 — yet we still had to clean, maintain, mow, etc. COVID-19 included more expenses because of sanitizing restrooms, playground equipment, etc. Summit also owns fifteen multiple-lane traffic lights and takes care of them 24/7.

I am explaining all of this because I want residents to know about the elevated expenses Summit Township incurs yearly, and we still provide the Homestead Act. We examine every possible outcome before making any decisions. Summit Township residents elected all of us into office to do what's best for Summit Township, and that's what we do every single day.

Thank you for your time, *Supervisor Jack Lee*

Hello Summit Township residents,

Hopefully, everyone is doing well and looking forward to nice weather once again. We have been fortunate so far with the weather. It seems winter does not set in like it did years ago. There is a little snow here and there, and then sunny and nice seems to be the trend.

I mentioned in my previous newsletter that the restrooms at Picnicana would be remodeled this year, and with the weather favorable for the project, they are coming along well. They should be finished before the May 1 opening day.

The water fountain and sign near the road have been cleaned, painted, and ready to go. The sign has already been installed and the fountain will be shortly. Thanks to Darrell Sayers for all his efforts in restoring both to their original appearance and then some.

We recently applied for a grant from the DCNR to help fund an upgrade to the playground at Picnicana Park. There are always projects to keep our parks as modern and attractive as possible, and lately, there seem to be many grants available for almost anything imaginable. By utilizing the grant process and hopefully receiving some of them, we will be able to continue the upkeep of our parks and the township infrastructure with less impact on tax dollars.

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

Best regards, *Supervisor Tony Davis*

FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Happy Spring!

Even after a mild winter, the sweet season of spring is welcome!

The 2024 County/Township tax bills were mailed March 1. Bills are sent out one per envelope, so if you have multiple parcels, please check to make sure you received all your bills. You are responsible for your bill even if you do not receive it. If you recently purchased new property, home, or mobile home and have not yet received a tax bill, please contact the office. April 30 is the last day to pay the County/Township bill at 2% discount. If sending through USPS, the envelope must be postmarked no later than April 30. Postmark date of May 1 is too late and payable at Face. I suggest using the lockbox to the right of the office door to ensure payment is received on time. If you enclose both copies and a SASE or provide an email address, you will be provided with a receipt. If you file for the PA 1000 (Property Rent Rebate), this is how you should be obtaining your receipt. If you are escrowed, I can send you a receipt via email. IF YOUR CHECK HAS NOT CLEARED IN 5 BUSINESS DAYS, CONTACT THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY!

Interim tax bills issued and mailed January 1, 2024, and marked B23-2023 (highlighted in yellow) and/or D22-2022 (highlighted in orange) become subject to 10% penalty after May 2. Contact the office if you are unsure if they are paid.

More information regarding the 2024/2025 school bills in the future. The budget is set in May. See you soon!

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Here We Grow Again

SALONCENTRIC recently opened its new location at 6714 Peach Street (formerly Payless ShoeSource). SalonCentric, headquartered in St. Petersburg, Fla., was created by L'Oréal USA in 2008 and operates in 48 states. They are a wholesale beauty supply distributor and offer a variety of salon-centric classes, including look and learn, digital, and hands-on classes.

IN THE WORKS:

SHAFER LAW FIRM has started the process of establishing an office at 2890 Copperleaf Drive, Suite 100

FORE SEASONS INDOOR GOLF has started through the process of establishing a restaurant/indoor golf facility located at 8186 Perry Highway between Dollar General and Sheetz

LeBoeuf Little League

LeBoeuf Little League's season is in full swing for the Spring season! Please mark your calendars for LeBoeuf Little League's Annual Fundraiser May 17-19 at the park in downtown Waterford. There will be food trucks, craft vendors, bounce houses, and more! Your support is appreciated!



Summit Community Food Pantry

Good-Bye Winter!

We have successfully distributed through yet another winter! Time to put away the crockpot and pull out the grill! Visit the Summit Community Food Pantry's Facebook page for meal ideas. If you are planting a garden this year, consider adding another couple of rows to share at harvest time. Nothing like fresh fruit and veggies to enjoy during the hot summer. Thank you again to the staff and volunteers who braved the inclement weather to distribute food and needy items to the community.

We continue to have curbside pickup. Distribution days are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 2:30 – 4pm.

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



Fort LeBoeuf School District Robison, Mill Village, Waterford Elementary Schools

2024-2025 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Kindergarten registration for all children living in the Fort LeBoeuf School District will be held in the gymnasium at Waterford Elementary School located at 323 Cherry Street, Waterford, Pa. (814-796-4833).

Please park in the rear of the building by the gymnasium entrance. Kindergarten is a full-day program at Fort LeBoeuf and children entering in the fall of 2024 must be five years of age before **June 1, 2024**. Registration will be held during the following dates and times.

Registration will be held during the following dates and times.

You will need to sign-up for a registration time slot at <https://ptcfast.com/schools/FLB>

Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 11:00 AM – 6:30 PM

Thursday, May 16, 2024, 11:00 AM – 6:30 PM

Registration will not be complete until the office has a copy of the child's birth certificate and immunization record. Please be aware students must have the state-mandated immunizations within the first 5 days of school, or they will not be eligible to attend. Please bring a "baby book" with the required data or a doctor's written statement regarding immunization history. If your child's immunization record is not updated, please come to registration with the information you have and an updated immunization record may be given to the school before classes begin.

Proof that you reside in the Fort LeBoeuf School District is required at time of registration. Please have two proofs of residency, and one should be your driver's license. Due to our updated security policies, please be prepared to show your ID before entering the school building. Your child must be with you so that vision and academic screenings can be carried out on the day you register. If your child wears glasses, please have her/him wear them on registration day. If you have not received information about registration, please call any of our three elementary schools. If you are not planning to register your child in the Fort LeBoeuf School District or have questions regarding registration, please call an elementary school office

Sincerely,

Mr. Brent Holt, Principal Mill Village Elementary 814-796-2060
Mrs. Jenna Hopkins, Principal Robison Elementary 814-796-3742
Mrs. Yvonne Best-Proctor, Principal Waterford Elementary
814-796-4833
Dr. Sean Wolfrom, Assistant Superintendent 814-796-2638





Perry Hi-Way News

Greetings Summit residents. As this publication reaches your mailbox, we hope to be well past the snow and cold and into the warmer, sunnier days of spring. The past winter was quite sparse on snow – not a bad thing for most. For the fire department, the arrival of spring signals the start of grass/brush fire season, the potential for motorcycle accidents, and the start of our yearly residential fund drive campaign. Just as in years past, the residential fund drive kicks off May 1.

We expect the fund drive mailer to go out for delivery to your home around May 1. This is the fire department’s biggest and **most important fundraising event**. The residential fund drive has been done by mail for many years now. Years ago, when we had more volunteers and less homes to visit, the fund drive was completed by the volunteers going door to door. This is no longer possible with our small membership and ever-expanding residential population. We are asking for **every household** to send in a donation of \$75.00 (Less than \$0.21 per day) this year. The support rate last year was only 32% of households making a **tax-deductible donation** to Perry Hi-Way Hose Company.

Our small group of volunteers, currently 16 emergency responders, continue to train for and answer the emergency calls in combination with the paid staff members on duty every day. Our goal is to have 4 people on shift in the station from 9 am to 9 pm and 2 people in the station from 9 pm to 9 am. This is not always possible with call-offs and a lack of people to fill the schedule. As more and more departments shift to

having a small paid crew in the station, the pool of emergency responders to hire from has become used up. People are not going into the emergency services as they did 20 years ago. As always, we are looking for new volunteer members to respond to fire and rescue calls as well as Ambulance calls when we are short on paid staff. Stop in any Monday night to the Oliver Road station after 6pm if interested in joining our ranks. All training and safety equipment is provided at no cost.

The number of emergency calls for last year totaled 2060. 1414 of these calls were in Summit Township, and 646 were to surrounding Townships on mutual aid. A full breakdown of the types and numbers of emergencies we responded to in 2023 is on our web page at www.perryhiway.org.

Perry Hi-Way has reached 75 years of service to the Summit Community. The fall of 2023 marked the 75-year milestone. To celebrate, we will be hosting a 75-year anniversary celebration on Sunday, September 22, 2024, at the Oliver Road station. There will be activities for both young and old as well as refreshments including an anniversary cake. Put the date on your calendar to stop in and see the trucks and members and help us celebrate 75 years of service.

In closing, I am asking for **all residents** of the Summit Community to support **your** emergency services provider. Send in your donation once you receive our fund drive letter, attend our various fundraising events, or stop in the fire station to see what your donations pay for. Let us work together to make the emergency services in Summit Township the best they can be. While we hope you don’t need us, we stand ready to help in your time of need.

Let us get out there and enjoy the warmer, sunny weather that spring has delivered and chase away those winter blues. More next Quarter.

PARAMEDICS NEEDED

Perry Hi-Way Hose Company has openings for 4 paramedics/firefighters to fill openings we have in our paid staffing. If you know of any firefighters/paramedics looking to work in Summit, have them contact the Oliver Road station at 814-864-0680.

The starting rate is \$24.50 per hour with medical benefits and a 401k retirement plan. We have open 24 hr. on/72 hr. off shifts and 9 am to 9 pm Pitman schedule. Any FF/Medic under contract for training reimbursement, Perry Hi-Way may buy out your contract. Look forward to seeing you soon.



UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS
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)

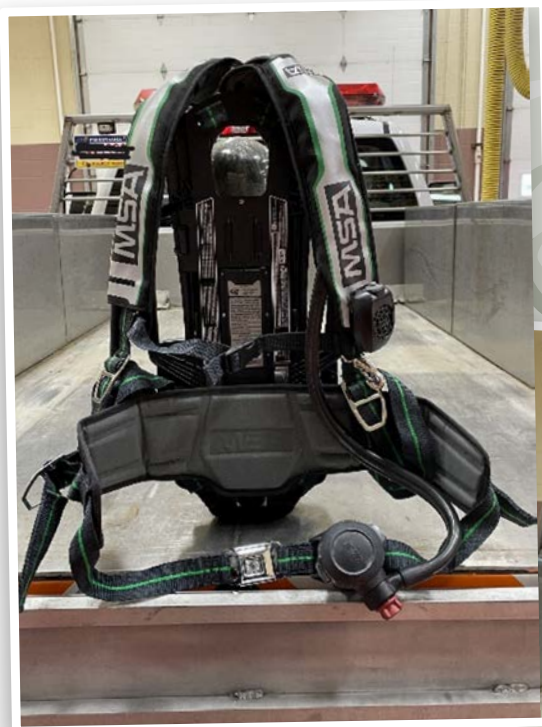
MORE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS NEEDED

Perry Hi-Way Hose Company is a combination department – meaning we have both volunteers and paid staff to respond to emergencies. The paid staff (when we can get people to work) currently is 4 people on duty from 9am to 9pm and just 2 people on duty for the hours of 9pm to 9am. While this provides for a bare-bones minimal crew for emergencies, it is not nearly enough for many fire and accident calls. Even with 2 people on duty from 9pm to 9am, it provides just 1 ambulance crew. When this ambulance crew is out on a response, the volunteers need to backfill or respond to any other emergency calls. The problem is, our volunteer staff is in need of some new members. We currently have just 15 active volunteers, 4 volunteer EMTs, 3 ambulance drivers, 2 firefighters, 4 fire police, and 2 allied members who respond with us but belong to another fire department. We have a couple of new members in training but could use several more responders.

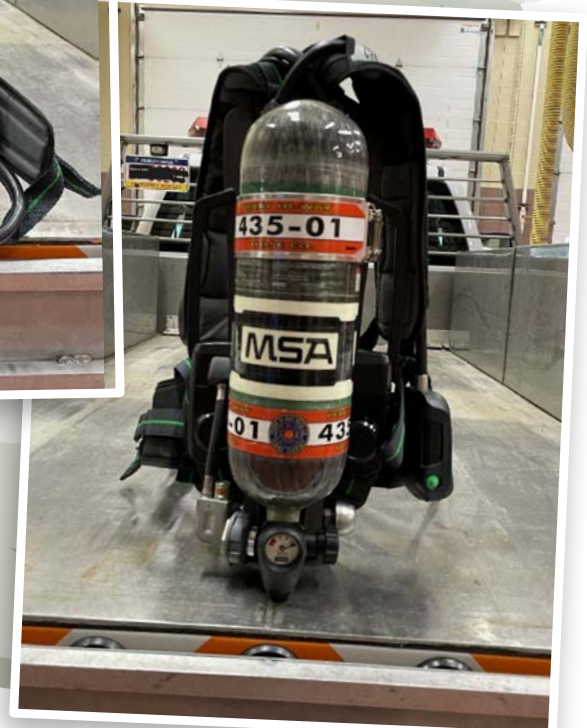
Any township residents out there age 18 to 45 looking for a way to give back to their community, the volunteer fire service is a great way to do just that. Perry Hi-Way Hose Company pays for the training required as well as all the protective clothing. You need to put in the time to get the training required. We hold weekly training nights on Monday Nights if not a holiday. Training is from 6:00 pm till approximately 9:30 pm. Training classes are held in the evenings as well as some weekends. We ask anyone interested in volunteering to stop in the Oliver Road fire station any Monday night for more information.

Perry Hi-Way Hose Company Awarded Federal Grant

Perry Hi-Way received funding from the Federal Fire Act grant in late 2023. This grant was for \$228,000 to be used for replacement of all 32 of our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (the air tanks we wear on our back). The department had to put forth match money of \$21,000 to get the \$228,000. The total cost for the 32 SCBA was \$249,000. The new equipment was delivered on December 7, 2023, and the training completed, and equipment put on the trucks in service on January 7, 2024. The new MSA G1 equipment is much more comfortable to wear and has many improved features compared with the 17-year-old units we replaced.



Water Authority Trivia answer: The photo was taken on Robison Road looking toward Peach Street. The red schoolhouse on the left was removed, and Robison Road was extended





SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RESIDENT'S DAY!

Saturday, July 27th

****Mark Your Calendar Now****

The Summit Township Rec Board would like you to enjoy the day of fun and games at Picnicana Park. Rain or Shine, the park is reserved for township residents to enjoy! This event is free to all Summit Township residents. *The Rec Board would like you to consider donating a non-perishable food or paper products to benefit the Summit Food Pantry. Some items they need are toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, personal care products, soup, canned fruit, and cereal, but any donation you can make will be greatly appreciated!



Disc golf – 3:00pm; a disc golf teaching clinic will be held on our disc golf course located on our walking trails.

Cornhole – 4:00pm; come and show off your skills and play for fun with your neighbors in a cornhole tournament.

Bingo – 5:00 pm-8:00 pm; enjoy a friendly game of Bingo with your neighbors, along with the opportunity to win prizes!

Food – Sit by the bonfire; enjoy corn-on-the-cob, hotdogs, slushies, nachos & cheese, and drinks.
Food serving begins at 5:30 pm.

Movie - At dusk, join in for a great children's movie on the big outdoor screen. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit back & relax while watching the movie under the stars! S'mores and popcorn will be served.



****The Summit Senior Center will hold a bake sale. Try some delicious treats while supporting our seniors****



Perry Hi-Way Hose Company will make an appearance! Meet your neighborhood heroes!



For questions or additional information, please contact any Rec Board Member:

Adam Suroviec 814-460-7739

Chris Galdon 814-450-1868

Shannon Scully 814-873-2765

Lisa Schroder 814-490-0720

Heath Strasser 814-397-9484

Summit Township web page at: www.summittownship.com

The ways we are adapting to a rapidly evolving world

By State Rep. Bob Merski, D-Erie

As the rain showers of April will soon lead into the blooming, abundant flowers of May, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on several forward-thinking initiatives I and my colleagues have been working on both at home and in Harrisburg.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been dominating the news cycle and has been at the forefront of policy discussions for quite some time. AI has ushered in a new era of innovation and possibility, offering unprecedented opportunities for advancement in various fields. However, with great power comes great responsibility, and the need for ethical guardrails in AI deployment is paramount to ensure its benefits are maximized while minimizing potential harm.

That's why my colleagues and I introduced House Bill 1598, which would help individuals decipher if content was generated through AI by requiring a disclosure, thus allowing them to make more informed decisions regarding content they view, read, or hear. The rapid advancement of AI has made it increasingly difficult to discern whether content was generated via AI or by a human being. In an era where disinformation has run amok, the lack of clear protocols to decipher the origins of content is a dangerous game that could have devastating consequences, especially in our elections process.

As of this writing, House Bill 1598 has cleared the Pennsylvania House Consumer Protection, Technology & Utilities Committee and is awaiting a vote before the full House. I will be certain to update you on the status of this simple yet effective piece of legislation as it makes its journey through the legislative process.

Lake Erie Green Energy Bill Update

Another sector that is seeing rapid growth and advances in its technology is the creation of renewable, clean energy. Given the Erie region's unique geographical position, we have the opportunity to be a leader in the production of green energy. To capitalize on this, I introduced House Bill 254, which would allow for the lease of land on Lake Erie for wind, water (kinetic), and solar power generation.

This bill would continue to diversify Pennsylvania's energy portfolio and prioritize the use of clean, renewable energy to efficiently power Pennsylvania without increasing utility prices for consumers. This would be a safeguard for Erie County, ensuring profits from this endeavor are brought back home to benefit our district. The additional benefits of this legislation would be far-reaching as it would lessen our dependence on fossil fuels, thus strengthening not only key sectors of our economy but also our national security. This legislation cleared the Pennsylvania House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee and, like the AI disclosure bill, awaits consideration before the full complement of the House.

In a world as fast-paced as the one we're living in, the ability to evolve and adapt is of the utmost importance. Continuously learning about our ever-changing world will provide us with a seat at the table, helping to shape the future we want to see and live in for generations to come.

Please call our office anytime at (814) 455-6319 to get your Property Tax/Rent Rebates completed or for any other state-related needs!

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



Senior News

BINGO



Summer is coming, and we are looking forward to sun and warm temperatures. Our luncheons are on the first and third Tuesday of each month. We will now have some great food off the grill and enjoy sitting outside. We are planning a fun brunch in May.

Chair exercise will continue every Tuesday and Thursday. Bingo is twice a month. More activities are in the works. Come join us!

President Jan Birkner

Engineer's Report

As I write this, Waste Management is currently bidding for the replacement of the three culverts on Zwilling, Footmill, and Benjamin Roads. As I have discussed in the past, these culverts are being replaced to increase the hydraulic capacity to improve the stream flow in this area. Keep an eye out for updates on the Township's Facebook and website. We will post closures once we know the construction dates.

The township submitted a grant application for the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) to renovate the playgrounds at Picnicana Park. This project aims to renovate two playground areas. The area near the pavilions will have a larger playset installed with some standalone equipment where kids can run around without getting hit by the swings. The other area will be the designated swing area. Both areas will have rubberized safety surfaces, which will make it easier for wheelchairs and strollers to access the play areas and get rid of the annoying wood chips. We will find out in the fall if we get funding. Cross your fingers.



Top: Area to have larger play set with standalone equipment.

Bottom Left: Area to be converted to swings.

Bottom Right: Newly painted park sign.

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY

Water Main Flushing to Begin in May

The Summit Township Water Authority will be conducting our annual water main flushing beginning in May. This is conducted by pulling large volumes of water through fire hydrants and improves water quality by creating a higher-than-normal flow through the distribution system. The flow helps to clear the pipes of iron oxide buildup resulting from the corrosion of older pipes. During the flush, customers may notice discoloration of their water for a short period of time.

We will notify the affected areas through our Code Red system, Facebook and with a notice on our website, www.summittownshipwater.com. If you haven't already registered for Code Red, you can do so through our website.

New Meters to be Installed

In order to continually upgrade our system and ensure accurate billing, we will be contacting customers in select areas to change out their water meter. If you receive a notice from our office, we ask that you call as soon as possible to schedule an appointment. The change-out process takes approximately 10 minutes, and there is no charge.

Brian Hiles, Manager

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY

CONNECTION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

The Summit Township Sewer Authority recently completed 31 lateral stubs at various locations after recognizing varied unique circumstances surrounding the missing connections scattered throughout the Township. The project conceived in 2016 was ultimately partially funded through a Commonwealth Financing Authority \$343,710 grant via the Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Program and \$244,581 in American Recovery Plan Funds.

The connection notices were mailed August 1, 2023, and the homeowners were given just over a year to complete their connections on their property. The deadline for connection is August 15, 2024. So far, 13 permits have been issued, and 12 connections completed. Now that spring has arrived, reminder notices have been recently sent out for the remaining 18 unconnected homeowners. Residents included in the project should contact the authority with any questions regarding the project.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (USPS)

Our Billing Clerk reports there are increasing issues with common mail delivery. Customers are advised to pay their quarterly bill even if they do not receive a bill from the authority. The facts are that every effort is made to provide an invoice, and eventually, a quarterly bill will get through. However, if your mail delivery is errant, missed, or otherwise does not arrive at your mailbox, penalties and interest can surprise sewer customers. These additional charges are valid because the service was still rendered. Quarterly residential bills are always due by the 10th of January, April, July, and October. If your payment is ignored long enough, water service can be interrupted and eventually liens placed. While it only happens a few times a year, it is an interruption that is easily avoided.

Any sewer customer with questions pertaining to the sewer system or billing concerns is invited 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

In 1998, part of our water main had to be relocated in order to make way for a major overhaul of this intersection. Can you identify it?





Saturday
May 11, 2024
8:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.
8900 Old French Road

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY

Freon Item Pickup



Optional pickup service is available for appliances containing Freon (Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners & Dehumidifiers)

- Residents must register at the Municipal Building NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, MAY 9th
- \$10 non-refundable fee for each item
- Items must be placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Friday, May 10th
- Items will be picked up on either Friday, May 10th or Saturday, May 11th

Drop Off Information

Residents may bring allowable items for drop off. Township personnel will be on hand to accept items, which must be generated solely from your household and not brought in from elsewhere.

All visitors will be required to show a photo driver's license for proof of residency.

Residents are to remain in their vehicle and a township employee will unload allowable items.



Allowable Drop Off Items

\$ = FEE REQUIRED PER ITEM. CASH OR CHECK ONLY.



- **Appliances:** Limit of TWO (2) appliances per household. No duplicates of same appliance
 - \$Air Conditioners - \$10
 - \$Refrigerators/Freezers doors removed - \$10
 - \$Dehumidifiers - \$10
 - Washing Machines
 - Clothes Dryers
 - Dish Washers
 - Stoves
 - Hot Water Tanks
- **Auto Parts (NO GAS TANKS)**
- **Automotive Batteries**
- **Demolition Waste**
Bathtubs, Sinks, Toilets, House Doors, Windows
- **Electronics (without glass)**
Computers, Keyboards, etc.
- **Furniture**
Mattresses, Box Springs, Couches, Chairs, Dressers, Tables, etc.
- **Lawn Mowers/Rototillers/Snow blowers**
- **Metal Items (unlimited)**
- **Televisions & Monitors - \$10** (no broken glass)
- **Tires:** Limit of TWELVE (12) tires per household
\$3 per tire OFF rim
\$5 per tire ON rim
- **Paper Shredding by Shred-it**

Items NOT Accepted

- NO household garbage
- NO paint or oil cans
- NO shingles, demolition wood, or blocks (see allowable demolition waste)
- NO gasoline or propane tanks
- NO hazardous waste
- NO vehicles
- NO bagged material



Call (814) 868-9686 if you have any questions



PennState Extension

MASTER GARDENERS TO HOST 17TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Extension Master Gardeners of Erie County will host a plant sale on Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 9 AM until 12 PM at the Wilson Picnic Grove on Penn State Behrend Campus. The event will take place rain or shine. All sales are cash or check only. Interested gardeners can purchase herb and vegetable seedlings, including many heirloom varieties, native and pollinator plants, annual bedding plants, perennials, small trees, shrubs, and grasses.

While shopping, learn more about Pollinator Gardening and the Spotted Lanternfly. Certified Penn State Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your gardening questions. Arrive early to get the best selection of the hundreds of plants from the beautiful gardens of Erie County's own Master Gardeners.

This event supports Master Gardener educational outreach programs throughout Erie County. Penn State Extension trains Master Gardener volunteers to serve the community and educate the public on a wide variety of gardening topics. They are available to provide hands-on training through demonstrations and seminars for home gardeners, clubs, and other organizations.

Please contact Penn State Extension Erie County for details or further information at 814-825-0900 or Lisa Rand, Master Gardener Coordinator, at Ima161@psu.edu. This publication is available in alternative media on request.

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Summit Lions Club News



Hi everyone, this is a reminder that the Summit Lions are getting ready for our 27th Annual Golf Outing at the Venango Valley Golf Course on June 7th. The cost for golfers is \$95.00. Remember, we do a shotgun start at 8 a.m. 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. Or check out our Facebook (FB) page for more information on golfers and sponsorships. Our events are also listed on FB. Our page is <https://www.facebook.com/summitlionscluberiepa>.

This event is our only fundraiser, so we do need everyone's help. We always need new golfers and sponsors. Our sponsors get an ad in our program, and 100% of the sponsor's **money goes back to the community**. So far in 2024, we have helped three families who have had house fires, given out scholarship money to 4 college freshmen, purchased books to give to Robison Elementary students and more. **We could not have done this without your help!**

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 what we do. To come to a meeting, please contact our President Lion Steve Sample, at 814-440-7857 or email at louisqzer@gmail.com.

Thank you, *Lion Steve Sample, President*

JOIN US FOR OUR 26th ANNUAL SUMMIT SENIOR CITIZEN'S PICNIC

This year's theme: To Infinity and Beyond...

Our twenty-sixth Annual Senior Citizen's Picnic is scheduled for August 8 at Picnicana. This event is for the enjoyment of Summit's senior citizens (55 & older). We are planning another continuous day of FUN! You are welcome to participate in any or all of the planned events or simply sit and enjoy the food, music, and friends!

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED & MUST BE RETURNED BY JULY 26!

This year's event will be catered, so instead of bringing a dish, there will be a \$10.00 fee (prepaid/non-refundable) for a Summit Township senior citizen and a \$15.00 fee (prepaid/non-refundable) for a non-resident senior guest age 55 and older. Each Summit senior will be limited to ONE non-resident senior guest.

** Regular & decaf coffee, fruit drink, and water will be provided.

Should you require another type of drink, you are welcome to bring your own.

** Please bring a lawn chair if you can. Pavilion seating is available.

Thursday, August 8, 2024 — PICNIC SCHEDULE

11:00 – Noon	Registration	2:00 – 3:00	Bingo
Noon – 1:00	Lunch	3:00 – 3:30	Build your own SUNDAE
Noon – 2:00	Musical Entertainment	3:30 – 4:00	Door Prize Drawing

Clip and return this portion to: Summit Township, 1230 Townhall Road West, Erie, PA 16509

RETURN FORM NO LATER THAN JULY 26

26th ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN'S PICNIC – RESERVATION FORM

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

Number of Senior Residents _____ @ \$10.00 per Resident = \$ _____ (Must enclose payment)

Number of Guests _____ @ \$15.00 per Guest = \$ _____ (Must enclose payment)

Guest Name(s) _____

Please write the **TOTAL NUMBER** (#) of people listed on this form who are participating in each of the following:

FOOD CHOICES: _____#/Lunch _____#/Sundae

ACTIVITY CHOICES: _____#/Bingo



12 WAYS TO PREPARE



**Sign up
for Alerts
and Warnings**



Make a Plan



**Save for a
Rainy Day**



**Practice
Emergency
Drills**



**Test Family
Communication
Plan**



**Safeguard
Documents**



**Plan with
Neighbors**



**Make Your
Home
Safer**



**Know
Evacuation
Routes**



**Assemble or
Update
Supplies**



**Get Involved in
Your Community**



**Document and
Insure Property**



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There are many ways to take action and prepare before a disaster occurs. The actions on this card include some of the most important ways to help yourself, your family, and your community increase your preparedness. Simple actions at home and in your neighborhood can make a big difference!



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WET YARDS

As members of our vibrant community, we all share the desire to maintain our properties and public spaces in the best possible condition. However, occasionally, challenges arise that require a clear understanding of responsibilities and the best approaches to address them. One such challenge that has come to the forefront is the issue of wet yards within our community.

We understand that experiencing water accumulation in your yard can be frustrating and may lead to property damage and usability concerns. While the township is committed to providing essential services and maintaining public infrastructure, it's important for all residents to be aware of the limitations of township responsibilities, especially when it comes to private property concerns such as wet yards.

Township Responsibilities: The township's responsibilities are primarily focused on the maintenance and operation of public infrastructure. This includes roads, storm drains, public parks, and community facilities. Our efforts ensure these assets are in good working condition, safe, and accessible for all residents.

Private Property Concerns: Issues that arise within the boundaries of private property, such as wet yards, typically fall under the homeowner's responsibility. This is because the solutions often require specific interventions that are unique to each property's layout, landscaping, and underlying conditions.

WHY CAN'T THE TOWNSHIP INTERVENE?

- 1. Legal Limitations:** The township must adhere to legal and regulatory constraints that prevent direct intervention on private property without due cause or authority. This ensures respect for property rights and compliance with laws that govern land use and environmental protection.
- 2. Resource Allocation:** With the responsibility to manage public resources efficiently, the township must prioritize projects and services that benefit the broader community. Addressing individual property issues would not be a sustainable use of the community's resources.
- 3. Environmental Considerations:** In some instances, wet conditions may be related to

natural watercourses, protected wetlands, or other environmental features that are crucial to preserve for ecological balance and compliance with environmental regulations.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **Professional Consultation:** We encourage residents facing wet yard issues to consult with landscape professionals, civil engineers, or drainage experts. These specialists can offer tailored advice and solutions that comply with local regulations and are designed to address the specific challenges of your property.
- **Permit Guidance:** Should any proposed solutions require modifications that involve construction or significant alteration of the land, our engineering and zoning departments are here to guide you through the necessary permits and procedures to ensure your plans comply with local ordinances.
- **Community Resources:** While the township cannot intervene directly, we are committed to supporting our residents by providing information on best practices, local experts, and potential funding sources or incentives for property improvements.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work together to maintain the quality and safety of our community.



BE WISE WHEN YOU FERTILIZE!

Preventing fertilizer loss keeps your lawn healthy, saves you money, and protects our waterways.

It is important to properly assess your lawn's nutrient needs prior to selecting and applying fertilizer.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is working with homeowners and businesses to promote best practices and educational opportunities for understanding how to best meet our shared goals.

Fertilizer Law

On July 11, 2022, Pennsylvania enacted a new fertilizer law that updated requirements for both manufacturers and applicators of fertilizer.

- 📄 label modifications
- 📄 fee updates
- 📄 turf nutrient limitations
- 📄 application restrictions

Who is a Fertilizer Applicator?

The term "applicator" refers to anyone who applies fertilizer, including lawn care professionals, farmers, and homeowners.

Calibrate

Follow the directions on the fertilizer label and use a fertilizer spreader that is properly calibrated.

Know The Rate

Select a fertilizer that is appropriate for the lawn's needs.

Phosphorus cannot be applied unless: establishing or repairing turf OR a soil test indicates a phosphorus deficiency.

Nitrogen is limited to:

- 0.7 pounds available N per 1000 ft² per application
- 0.9 pounds total N per 1000 ft² per application

Environmental Conditions

- Do not apply near water, storm drains, or drainage ditches.
- Maintain a 15-foot buffer from waterways.
- Do not apply if heavy rain is expected.
- Do not apply if ground is snow-covered or frozen.
- Apply product using a properly calibrated fertilizer spreader.
- Apply only to intended application site.
- Fertilizer that lands on an impervious surface (like roads, sidewalks, driveways) must be swept back onto turf.

Follow the 4Rs of Nutrient Management:

Right Source, Right Rate,

Right Time, Right Place.



Scan the QR Code to learn more!



2024 Household Hazardous & Electronic Waste

Collection Days

Starting at 9:00am

March 23	9333 Tate Rd, Erie, PA 16503
May 25	1001 Atkins St, Erie, PA 16503
June 15	36 Bessemer St, Albion, PA 16401
August 17	9333 Tate Road, Erie, PA 16503
October 19	1230 Townhall Rd. Erie, PA 16509
November 16	9333 Tate Road, Erie, PA 16503

ACCEPTED CHEMICALS



- Paint/workshop products
- Automotive products
- Cleaning products
- Lawn & garden products
- Pesticides
- Every type of battery
- Every type of light bulb/tube
- Flammables
- Pool chemicals
- Mostly any other chemical under your sink or in your garage

ACCEPTED ELECTRONICS / FREON



- TVs
- Computers, & Laptops
- Printers
- Phones
- Window AC Units
- Dehumidifiers
- Mini Fridges
- Microwaves
- Gaming Devices
- Any device with a cord, screen or circuit board

\$0.50/LB FOR ALL ELECTRONICS AND CHEMICALS
\$5.00/LB FOR PROPANE CYLINDERS

REGISTER

www.nobleenviro.com

Call: 412-567-6566





2024 SUMMER REC PROGRAM

Picnicana Park • 9150 Old French Road • Waterford, PA 16441

MEET 'N GREET
MAY 4TH
10 AM - 12 PM

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 24th
No late registrations will be accepted

JUNE 10TH
THROUGH
JULY 26TH

Registration

- Registration forms are available on the Township Website at www.summittownship.com and at the Township Municipal Building. Please call the township office at (814) 868-9686 Ext. 0 if you need them mailed directly to your home.

Free Lunch

- Free lunch will be provided by the Fort LeBoeuf School District for all registered children.
- Refrigerators are available to store lunches for those not interested in the free lunch.

Day Program

- Ages 6-14
- Monday - Friday (no program July 4th)
- 11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Must have completed Kindergarten
- Must wear socks & shoes daily

Day Program Fees:

<u>Summit Township Residents</u>	<u>Non-Residents</u>
\$275 per child	\$300 per child
OR	
\$700 for 3 or more children of immediate family	

DAY PROGRAM FIELD TRIPS

June 17th - Erie Zoo
 June 24th - Sunview Mini Golf & Bumper Boats
 July 8th - Playport
 July 15th - Waldameer

Preschool Program

- Ages 3-5
- Tuesday & Thursday (no program July 4th)
- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Must be fully potty-trained
- Must wear socks & shoes daily

Preschool Program Fees:

<u>Summit Township Residents</u>	<u>Non-Residents</u>
\$225 per child	\$275 per child

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FIELD EVENTS

June 17th - Erie Zoo
 Also planned are relay races, playing games, singing songs, and making crafts. Please dress children in OLD CLOTHES

If you have any questions about the summer recreation program, please contact:
Kelsey Vallimont
(814) 981-0584



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Erie, PA 16509

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Mark A. Welka
Tony Davis



DON'T BLOW IT!

Help maintain safe roads by keeping grass and leaves on your property.

Friendly Reminder! Please be sure to keep your grass clippings in your yard when you mow. They are not only hazardous to motorists but can also back up the storm drains and cause flooding.

Once Upon A Time...

Have you seen any of these things in your grandparents' homes? Do you know what they are? Stop in, bring your oldest family members to help identify them.

Do you have some old items to loan that we can add to the display? Please contact the History Room.

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

Is your Summit group interested in using the display case? Also, we are accepting donations or loans of items for display. We welcome new volunteers. Please contact the Summit Township office at 814-868-9686 and we will return your call.

