

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP

News

SECOND QUARTER 2025
814/868-9686

VOLUME 35, NUMBER 2
www.summittownship.com

In lieu of Resident's Day, Summit Township will participate in National Night Out. Stay tuned for more information on our Facebook page and website.



May 20, 2025, is the Primary Election

- Polls are open on Election Day from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
- Last day to register to vote: May 5, 2025
- Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot: May 13, 2025



Be sure to like and follow the official **Summit Township Facebook Page** for up-to-date news and information.

You can find us at

www.facebook.com/summittownshiperiecountypa
or @summittownshiperiecountypa



MARK YOUR SPRING AND SUMMER CALENDARS!

May 9 & 10 – Spring Clean-Up
(See Page 19)

May 10 – Summer Rec Meet & Greet

May 30 – Rec Program Registration
Deadline (See Page 9)

May 26 – Memorial Day
(Offices Closed)

July 4 – Independence Day
(Offices Closed)

August 5 – National Night Out

August 7 – Summit Senior Citizens'
Picnic (See Page 13)

SUMMER REC PROGRAM MEET & GREET

PICNICANA PARK • SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025 • 10AM – 12PM

* MEET STAFF

* LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRAM

* ON-SITE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

MEET THE STAFF

TOWNSHIP: 814-868-9686

Jack Lee, Jr. –

Supervisor/Treasurer/Dir. Land Development

Mark A. Welka –

Supervisor/Chairman/Roadmaster

Tony Davis –

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

Lisa Vallimont –

Municipal Secretary

Michelle Nesselhauf –

HR Director/Recycling Coordinator/Newsletter Editor

Tamara Cass –

Zoning Administrator

Debra Jageman –

Zoning Administrative Assistant

Matthew Jonas –

Township Engineer

Joe Whitmer – Code Enforcement/

GIS/MS-4 Technician

Gina Erbin – Receptionist

THE ROAD CREW:

Mike Hanas – Road Foreman

Darrell Sayers – Garage Foreman

JD Chase, Joe Passerotti, 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



Swing into Summer Food and Craft show

5TH ANNUAL LEBOEUF LITTLE LEAGUE FUNDRAISER
HOSTED BY:
LOMBARDOS CONCESSIONS
AND
LEGACY HYDROPONICS LLC

FRIDAY MAY 16, 11-8
SATURDAY MAY 17, 11-8
SUNDAY MAY 18, 11-5

LOCATED IN THE PARK IN WATERFORD

PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Supervisors:

1st Monday of each month, 6:00 pm

3rd Monday of each month, 4:30 pm

Planning Commission:

2nd Monday of each month, 6:30 pm

Sewer Authority:

Last Thursday of each month, 9:00 am

Water Authority:

1st Tuesday of each month, 9:00 am

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 pm

As needed and advertised only

Summit Township Industrial and Economic Development Authority (STIEDA):

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

Debra Cameron, Summit Township Tax Collector

1754 Townhall Rd. West, Erie, PA 16509 | (814) 866-2653

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday, 10 am–2 pm | Monday evening 5–7 pm

By appointment: May, September, and November 1–March 1

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **August 1**. Our next newsletter will be published at the end of August or early September.



Picnicana Men's Volleyball



Seeking a team interested in participating in a men's recreational volleyball league.

The league runs from June to mid-August, with games scheduled every Tuesday from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

The cost per team is \$150. Teams interested in joining can contact John at 814-969-9600 by May 25, 2025.

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Hello All.

As I am writing this, it is 33° out, with another inch of snow. Hopefully, spring is coming sooner than later. This has been a longer winter than I care for. Things are going well with the Township, and I hope they are going well for all our Summit citizens. We are planning more projects for this year. Keeping up on the township properties, maintenance, and upgrades; more brick and roof work to come.

Message on REAL ID. With only a few weeks left until the May 7, 2025, federal enforcement deadline, PennDOT continues to offer REAL ID Days events across PA to give residents additional opportunities to get a REAL ID. The events so far have been popular, with over 7,000 residents who have attended. I have not done this myself. PennDOT's Driver License Centers are now equipped to verify these documents for customers who want a REAL ID. All documents MUST be original versions or certified copies (if applicable) — no photocopies will be accepted. Try this link, <https://www.pa.gov>, for more information and type 'REAL ID' in the search line.

Recently, I put together a 10-hour OSHA class for eleven of our road crew members. They had never had any formal training on safety.

Hello Summit residents,

Our road crew has been working on yard damage and fixing potholes throughout the township. The new and improved plows did not work out as well as we had hoped and are being reengineered as we speak. They did not work well for our narrow roadways and soft berms. Please be patient as we have two backhoes out working on our 50 miles of roadways.

Jumping ahead to our Capital Improvements for this year:

We intend on paving the Trails at Five Points, Hamot Road from I-90 to the roundabout, Footmill Road from the Millcreek

Hello Summit Township residents,

As I write in this newsletter, the weather has certainly changed from the last time. It is 50° and sunny. The buds are on the trees, and the flowers are starting to pop out of the ground. Hopefully, winter is over.

It has been a busy winter with some upgrades made to the Senior Center, made possible by a generous \$31,684.49 donation from Presque Isle Downs & Casino. I would like to thank Gary Hendricks, the General Manager, and Matt Ennis, Senior Director of Operations, for their efforts in making this fundraiser possible. A new oven that can hold enough food to feed 70 people was installed, and the kitchen floor was replaced, thanks to the hard work of two of our road crew members, Darrell and AJ.



They do work in some dangerous conditions and must be aware of their surroundings. I have had OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 certifications and have also been an instructor. This is a great class for safety awareness that covers a broad range of construction projects, even at home. Such as Focus Four: Struck by, Electrocutation, Confined Space, and Falls. Our road crew employees do it all. They work in ditches, manholes, storm and sanitary sewers below ground, on ladders, road work, and operate heavy equipment. This education could easily make people think about their actions and help prevent injuring themselves and fellow employees, or worse. I have worked in construction since 1977 and have seen many injuries and two casualties caused by careless acts. No one needs that, and everyone deserves to go home safe and healthy at the end of a workday.

One more message: PennDOT has started on the replacement of the Jordan Road overpass bridge on I-90 just west of Station Road near Penn State Behrend. This is a nine-month project that will impact the traffic on the I-90. Please be aware of potential delays during your travels.

Thank you, *Supervisor Jack Lee*

Township line to Pennbriar Drive, sections of Robison Road west of Peach Street, and Downs Drive (see the Engineer's article for more information on Downs Drive).

Seal coat projects will take place on Pagan Road, Little Creek Road, Robison Road, Hessinger Road, Old French Road north of Robison, Johnson Road between Cherry and Old French, and Old Perry Highway.

Take care and be safe,

Supervisor Mark Welka

Spring cleaning will begin shortly, and the parks will be open for another season of picnics and sporting events. Little League will be starting their practices any day now, and soccer will resume shortly thereafter.

Here's looking to a successful summer season. Make sure you get outside and enjoy the nice weather. Until next time, take care.

Best regards, *Supervisor Tony Davis*



Here We Grow Again

CRUMBL COOKIE recently opened their new location at 6839 Peach Street. Created in 2017, Crumbl provides customers a first-hand experience watching as their cookies are mixed, balled, and baked. Every week, their menu rotates to feature an updated set of six exciting desserts.

FRITO LAY recently completed a 1,650 sq. ft. addition to their existing building at 8170 Oliver Road. Frito-Lay was established in 1961 after two companies owned by C.E. Doolin and Herman W. Lay combined. Today, they offer 29 snack brands and provide jobs for 55,000 employees.

ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL recently completed 15,791 sq. ft. of renovations to their existing school located at 8500 Oliver Road. The Erie County Technical School opened its doors on September 4, 1968, to 860 students. In their over 50 years since, they continually aim high for their partner school districts, regional employers, and surrounding universities to prepare high school graduates for their workforce and a higher education.

BIANCHI HONDA recently completed 57,000 sq. ft. in renovations to their existing car dealership located at 8430 Peach Street. Since 1968, Bianchi Honda has been committed to providing a no-pressure, easy, and enjoyable car-buying experience. Their dealership has won Honda's prestigious award 25 times, and only one dealership has surpassed their record. The award is given to dealerships with higher standards for selection, service, sales, & satisfaction.

IN THE WORKS

INTERSTATE NISSAN has started through the process of establishing a certified pre-owned center at 8931 Peach Street

SPEED CHECK has started through the process of establishing a gas station with a drive-through restaurant at 7335 Edinboro Road

COUNTRY FAIR #98 has started through the process of adding a diesel canopy and additional parking to their gas station at 7650 Old Perry Highway

OLD DOMINION has started through the process of establishing a truck terminal at 7335 Footmill Road

NOTHING BUNDT CAKES has started the process of opening a new location at 1930 Douglas Parkway, Suite 200.

SPRINGTIME STORMWATER

With spring finally upon us, stormwater will again be more noticeable in the Erie County communities along with litter, oil slicks, and other pollutants that tend to populate our streets. Because stormwater can carry these hazardous materials into our waterways and affect such resources as drinking water, it is important to consider ways we can personally improve local water quality. Even those of us with seemingly insignificant yards can make a huge impact!

As spring progresses, consider engaging in these activities to improve the water quality of stormwater where you live:

- Dispose of any wind-strewn trash from this past winter and fall, including missed organic matter like leaves and grass clippings.
- Test the soil in your lawn to better inform your fertilizer needs and minimize excess waste runoff into local waterways. If you do use fertilizers, seek out slow-release nitrogen fertilizers to further minimize harm to water quality.
- Mow high (about 2.5 inches or more) to allow your lawn to retain moisture and promote dense growth. Allow any grass clippings to decompose on your lawn. This is free fertilizer! Sweep any clippings off impervious surfaces such as a driveway onto your lawn so that they may avoid becoming runoff pollution.

For the more adventurous out there, consider reimagining your lawn altogether!

- Plant native meadow grasses instead of traditional turf, even just to replace a bare planting bed. Native plants have deeper roots and are better adapted for the local environment than turfgrass and also provide a microhabitat for insects, birds, and other wildlife.
- Planting native trees and shrubs provide further water quality improvement and doing so along the periphery of your lawn—along fences and other boundaries—reduces mowing space, saving you time and money.
- Install a rain barrel, redirect a downspout into a planting bed, or install a rain garden. There are many things we can do to create a more watershed-friendly and aesthetically pleasing green space at home.

For more information and resources on stormwater, please visit the Erie County Stormwater Information webpage (<https://eriecountypa.gov/departments/planning-and-community-development/resources/stormwater-information/>) or the Erie County Planning Department's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ErieCountyPlanning/>).



The 35th Annual Golf Tournament, benefiting Greater Erie Area Habitat for Humanity, is just around the corner. On Monday, June 2, from 12–5 pm, the Lawrence Park Golf Course and our co-event sponsor, Northshore Insurance Agency, will host our charity fundraiser to support the building of four new homes for qualified Erie

families. Enjoy a great time for a great cause! It's not too late to register your foursome or become a sponsor by visiting our website, www.habitaterie.org. Multiple

sponsorship levels are available, from \$100 to \$5,000. Foursomes are \$700, and singles are \$200.

Volunteer: Even if you aren't a golfer, we can use your help at check-in, hole-in-one tees, the basket raffle table, or for general set up. Email volunteer@habitaterie.org to sign up for an hour or two. Donations for raffle baskets are still needed: food, wine, memorabilia, vacation homes, services, etc. Email vermaak@habitaterie.org if your business would like to contribute.

Every player, sponsor, and volunteer will be lending a hand in helping our Habitat families secure their forever home.

FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Welcome Spring!

The 2025 County/Township bills were mailed March 4. If you have not received a tax bill by now, please contact the office. The County/Township tax bills will be in the 10% penalty phase beginning July 1. The tax collector cannot waive the 10% penalty even if you did not receive your bill. It is your responsibility to update your mailing address with Erie County Assessment. You may stop in this office during normal business hours to obtain a Property Record Correction Card OR you can email them the change at: assessmentinfo@eriecountypa.gov. You must include your name, address of your home, property description, parcel ID number and new mailing address. Your parcel ID number is right under the barcode and starts with 40. Use this format 40-000-0000-00000. Make sure to include all period marks. A property description is found on your tax bill on the right-hand side of the bill under the notice in red at the top of the page. Most times, this will be the same as your home address. All tax bills are mailed at the same time. Once they are mailed, I have no control over their delivery. If you are having issues getting your mail, please contact your postal carrier or contact the USPS. To ensure receipt of your payment, I suggest either paying in the office or using the lockbox to the right of the office door. There is a pencil inside to mark down your phone number. Payments are processed within 5 days.

The income guidelines have been raised for the PA 1000, a.k.a. Property Rent Rebate. A stamped receipt from the tax collector showing paid is required to file. Again, unless you are escrowed, you should be obtaining your receipt when making payment. You should enclose a SASE in the lockbox or if sent through US mail. If you are escrowed or have lost your receipt, you may obtain a receipt by stopping in the office during normal business hours or request through the email stated on your tax bill: summittaxcollector@yahoo.com.

The 2025/2026 School bills will be mailed July 1. If you do not receive your bill by July 11, contact the office for a duplicate. The FLB School District budget is passed in May. I will know if there is a mill increase at that time.

One important note for those that have a mobile home... In order to transfer a title, you MUST have the current year tax receipts showing PAID and a Tax Lien Certificate from Erie County Tax Claim (814-451-6206) showing no back taxes. A title transfer cannot legally be done without these documents. An Erie County Manufactured/Mobile Home Change of Ownership Form (must be notarized) needs to be filled out and sent to Erie County Tax Assessment. You can find the address on the form. This is the ONLY way the tax roll is changed. Transferring a title does not transfer the tax roll. If a Tax Lien Certificate from Tax Claim is not produced, and later it is found that back taxes were due, they become YOUR unpaid taxes.

I hope you have a wonderful summer full of sunny skies, warm breezes, family, and friends!

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, 10:00 am–2:00 pm
Monday evening 5:00–7:00 pm
By appointment May, September
November 1–March 1



Perry Hi-Way News

HAPPY SPRING! Let's hope the snow that Mother Nature dropped on us this past winter is finally done. On the plus side, this winter was great for those who ski, ride snowmobiles, Ice Fish, and participate in other winter activities. Our plow truck, as well as the Township plow trucks, sure got their use and abuse (snowplowing is a rough use) this winter. Just as always, the sun came out to shine, and the temps rose to melt off the white blanket of snow. With that, I sure hope that the mud has dried, the grass has started to green up, and the salt is off the roads by the time this second quarter newsletter is delivered.

The start of May means the start of the flowers beginning to come alive and the buds on the trees and plants to pop out. May 1st also starts the annual residential Fund Drive Campaign for the Perry Hi-Way Hose Company. The fund drive provides money to meet our operational costs, such as fuel for our emergency vehicles, utility costs, vehicle and liability insurance, vehicle maintenance, station upkeep, and ambulance supplies, just to name some of our bigger expenses. While the Township Supervisors continue to provide a large amount of funding from the LST funds and casino funds, the vast majority is used to pay for the paid staffing wages and benefits, totaling more than \$885,000 for this year. **THERE IS NO FIRE TAX LEVIED BY THE TOWNSHIP AT THIS TIME.** Your donations are needed to keep the department open and in operation. It is disappointing that less than 1/3 of the residents donated to the services that we stand ready to provide should an emergency occur. We ask for just \$75.00 per home or less than \$0.21 per day to support the emergency services for Summit Township. The fund drive mailer will be sent the first week of May, and all residents should have it in their mailbox by May 15th. Please return your donation in the small envelope provided to show your support of this vital service. If a fully tax-based fire and EMS system was put into place, the cost would be much higher than \$75.00 per year. A small force 1/5 the size of the City of Erie would cost an estimated \$4,000,000 per year or over \$3.00 per day per Summit home. Watch your mailbox for your 2025 fund drive letter.

Perry Hi-Way is adding an additional Ambulance to the fleet. This additional ambulance will be used as a reserve unit. Currently, when one of our ambulances goes out for service, this new unit will be put in service. This will ensure we maintain 2 ambulances in service from 9am to 9pm daily. These hours are our busiest times when we have 2 crews on staff. We have purchased a used ambulance and are having the ambulance box placed onto a new 2025 Dodge 5500 chassis. The new chassis replacement will save us \$175,000 vs purchasing a brand-new ambulance. We hope to have this new unit ready for use by mid-July 2025. The chassis replacement is being completed locally by Kolaja Fire Equipment Company in Union City, PA.

John Spaulding, President
Perry Hi-Way Hose Company

CARDIAC ARREST SAVES

Perry Hi-Way Hose Company would like to recognize several members for successful CPR efforts where the patient had their heart return to Spontaneous Circulation. There have been 3 cases from December 2024 till March 15, 2025. * is for our volunteers

12-27-2024 PERRY HI-WAY SOCIAL HALL

Jonathan Cerny	Jason Powell
James Mock	Andrew Norris
Jason Goodwill*	Kip Hayford
Scott Robison*	Steve Sample*
Erin Smith*	Richard Smith*

12-28-2024 SUPER 8 HOTEL

James Mock	Charlie Ramsey
Chad Hulings	Megan Mason
Kip Hayford	Richard Smith*

2-25-2025 PENNBRIAR ATHLETIC CLUB

Jonathan Cerny	Jeremy Miller
Chris Pace*	Jason Goodwill*
Ben Spaulding*	Steve Sample*
Richard Smith*	

A big thank you goes out to the staff at the club who sprang into action and had the person revived before our arrival. Staff started CPR and used their AED (automatic External Defibrillator) when the person went down. The staff provided 2 shocks from their AED, which got their heart started again. Our crew then stabilized the patient and transported them to the hospital.

This Case shows the importance of rapid application of CPR and use of the AED by the public on people who suffer from sudden cardiac arrest.

NEW HIRES FOR PERRY HI-WAY

Perry Hi-Way will have some new faces on our paid staffing crew. We have hired 5 new full-time Firefighter / EMTs to replace others who have left for various reasons. These 5 new hires will get us back to a full complement of 13 paid staff, including the Fire Chief. Welcome aboard to our new hires:

Steve Amrhein	Robert Proper
Morgan McCormick	Ethan Morehead
James Vorse Sr.	

These new members are completing their training on our equipment and procedures and will be on the schedule as full-time crew members starting April 1.

Till the next quarter, be safe. Keep smoke detectors in working order, no texting while driving, be careful not to burn yard debris on dry, windy days, and have a hose or water supply to handle any fires that get out of hand. Keep your hands/fingers away from the operating lawn mower blades.

PennDOT, Safety Partners Warn Against Distracted Driving

PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE. NEW HANDS-FREE LAW GOES INTO EFFECT JUNE 5, 2025.

Please consider not handling a cell phone while driving. Very dangerous and once you have a serious accident from a cell phone distraction, it's too late.

According to PennDOT data, there were 11,262 crashes statewide involving a distracted driver in 2023, resulting in 65 fatalities. In the northwest region, which includes Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, Venango and Warren counties, there were 540 distracted driving crashes and six fatalities.

To help combat distracted driving, Pennsylvania will soon implement "Paul Miller's Law," which prohibits, as a primary offense, any driver from using an interactive mobile device while driving. The law is named after Paul Miller, who was tragically killed in a crash with a tractor trailer in 2010 in Monroe County as the result of a distracted driver who reached for their phone.

Enforcement of the law begins on June 5, 2025, and the violations during the first 12 months will result in a written warning.

Effective June 5, 2026, the penalty for violations will be elevated to a summary offense with a \$50 fine, plus court costs and other fees. "Under this new law, we will be able to pull over drivers who are observed with a mobile device in their hand while driving," said PSP Troop E Community Services Officer Todd Bingman. "There are limited exceptions for drivers to use their phones, such as dialing 911 in an emergency or having hands-free technology integrated into the vehicle."

Currently, Pennsylvania enforces a texting-while-driving ban that prohibits drivers from using interactive mobile devices to send, read, or write text-based communications while their vehicle is in motion.

To help avoid distractions from cell phones while driving, PennDOT offers the following tips for motorists:

- If you are expecting a text message or need to send one, pull over and park your car in a safe location. Once you are safely off the road and parked, it is safe to text.
- Ask a passenger to serve as your "designated texter." Allow them to access your phone to respond to calls or messages.
- To resist the urge to look at your phone, place it in the trunk, the glove box, or back seat of the vehicle until you arrive at your destination.
- Put your phone in "driving mode" and enable autoreplies to text messages to inform others that you are driving and will respond when it is safe to do so.

Thank you, please be safe and think of others.

—Jack Lee

Summit Seniors

Spring is here, and it's a busy time at the Senior Center. We have a new commercial oven and floor in the kitchen, thanks to the hard work from the Township. The updates were made possible due to a \$26,000 fundraiser donation from Presque Isle Downs and Casino along with the Summit Lions Club. A huge thank you to both organizations! We are looking forward to making much-needed upgrades to our 30-year-old building.

We received a visit from PA State Representative Bob Merski's staff in March. They held a workshop on how to complete and apply for the PA property/rent rebate as well as how to apply for the PA Real ID. The presentation was both very informative and helpful. We appreciate the staff coming out to meet with us.

Summer is just around the corner, and we are looking forward to cookouts and time outside. We will continue with chair exercise sessions and lunches on the first and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

All are welcome to join us!

President Jan Birkner



BE A BISON BUS DRIVER



- ★ Starting wage range from **\$23.00/HR** to **\$31.00/HR**
- ★ Earn an EXTRA \$2 per hour with an Insurance opt-out
- ★ Defined benefit retirement plan
- ★ Health, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance Plan

We cover training & licensing fees

Join the Bison team to receive a...
\$2,000 SIGNING BONUS
& CREDIT FOR YEARS OF QUALIFIED SERVICE!

TO APPLY CALL
814-796-2638

FORT LeBOEUF SCHOOL DISTRICT

Improving Accessibility, Safety and Quality of Life

By state Rep. Bob Merski, D-Erie

As we say goodbye to the frosty embrace of winter and welcome the warmth and vibrancy of spring, I am eager to share some forward-thinking initiatives that my colleagues and I have been passionately working on—both here in Summit Township and in Harrisburg.

In a significant step toward enhancing community accessibility and safety, Summit Township has been awarded a \$400,000 state grant to improve pedestrian connectivity along Upper Peach Street. This funding, secured through the Multimodal Transportation Fund, will cover two-thirds of the project's cost, with the township contributing the remainder. The sidewalks will connect shops, restaurants, and hotels, making it safer and more convenient for residents and visitors to navigate this bustling commercial corridor.

Construction is expected to begin in 2026, following preliminary work this year. This project is part of a larger plan to enhance pedestrian access and safety throughout the township. Infrastructure improvements like these are vital for fostering economic growth and ensuring accessibility for everyone.

Another milestone is the progress of my bill, H.B. 273, which has cleared the Pennsylvania House Committee on Housing & Community Development. This legislation aims to tackle blight and revitalize neighborhoods across the commonwealth. It proposes the creation of a county property maintenance code, a Municipal Codes Enforcement Grant Program, and a municipal neighborhood mitigation fund.

These measures would provide municipalities with the resources needed to address blighted properties and promote safer, more vibrant communities. As a former city

councilman, I have seen firsthand the negative impact of blight on property values and residents' quality of life. This bill is a step toward empowering our communities to reclaim and rejuvenate their neighborhoods.



Furthermore, I want to remind residents of the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, which offers financial relief to eligible homeowners and renters. This program provides rebates ranging from \$380 to \$1,000, with supplemental rebates available for those most in need.

To qualify, applicants must meet specific age, disability, or income criteria. Applications for 2024 rebates are due by June 30, 2025, with the possibility of an extension to December 31 if funds permit. Residents can apply online via myPATH, by mail using the PA-1000 form, or in person at designated locations, with free assistance available to ensure applications are completed accurately. For additional information, visit the Department of Revenue's website or contact my office.

These efforts are just a glimpse of the meaningful progress we can achieve through collaboration and unity as a community. I am profoundly grateful to everyone contributing to making Erie County a thriving place to live, work and flourish.

My office remains committed to assisting you with any government-related needs. You are always welcome to visit the district office at 3921 Buffalo Road in Erie, call us at (814) 455-6319, or explore resources on my webpage at RepMerski.com.

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



Greater Erie Area Habitat for Humanity

Are you moving, downsizing, remodeling, or a business cleaning out your warehouse? Please keep **Greater Erie Area Habitat for Humanity & ReStore** in mind! **Now accepting donations of new & used building/construction materials, cabinetry,**

vanities, lighting, plumbing, hard furniture, home goods, appliances (10 yrs or newer), and tools in good working condition. If you have questions on acceptable items or need to schedule a pick-up for larger items, call Sara, at **814-454-7025 ext. 103** or email restore@habitaterie.org. **Donation drop-offs accepted Tues/Wed/Fri 9am-3pm.** Conveniently located at **4922 Pittsburgh Ave.**, enter the second driveway and proceed to the back of the building. **Shop the ReStore Fridays 9am-12pm & Saturdays 8am-4pm.**



2025 SUMMER REC PROGRAM

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



Registration Deadline: Friday, May 30th
No late registrations will be accepted

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.

 **Monday - Friday**
(no program July 4th)
11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Ages 6-14

✓ **Must have completed Kindergarten**

✓ **Must wear socks & shoes daily**

📍 **Field Trips - Dates TBD**

Erie Zoo

Sunview Mini Golf & Bumper Boats

Playport

Waldameer

Children's Museum

💰 Fees:

Summit Township Residents

\$275 per child

OR

\$700 for 3 or more children of immediate family

Non-Residents

\$300 per child

If you have any questions about the summer recreation program, please contact:

Kelsey Vallimont
(814) 981-0584

Terrific Ticket Tuesdays Celebrate Positive Behavior at School!

At our school, students are recognized and rewarded for being Ready, Respectful, and Responsible through our BISON BRAG ticket program. These little brag tickets have a new incentive attached this quarter.

Every Tuesday, the excitement builds as we draw three tickets from each of our three BRAG categories to honor our Terrific Ticket Tuesday winners. These lucky students are invited to the office, where they get the chance to spin the dial on our famous Bison Gumball Machine!

The color of the gumball they receive determines the fun incentive they earn:

- Purple – A spot on the Bison Wall of Fame
- Green – A pick from the office prize box
- Orange – 20 bonus Bison BRAGs
- Red – A thrilling scooter race around the school
- Yellow – Flexible seating for the day
- Pink – Lunch with Officer Don and a friend of their choice
- Blue – A delicious ice cream treat

Terrific Ticket Tuesdays are more than just fun; they're a meaningful way to encourage and celebrate the great choices our students make every day. Whether it's showing kindness, following directions, or being a great friend, our Bison BRAG winners set a positive example for others to follow. Keep up the great work, Bison family!

Mrs. Hopkins
Robison Elementary, Principal





Kiwaniis[®]

CLUB OF FORT LeBOEUF



We were happy to celebrate with the elementary division of Kiwanis recently. Our K-Kids from all three elementary schools gathered at Waterford Elementary for a pizza luncheon. Then, the 73 kids tied up blankets for foster care, made cards for our bus drivers, custodians, and cafeteria workers, and also made cards for our service men and women serving overseas. We then celebrated Builders Club week with our Middle School kids. They had a “make your own pizza” party, and we also were able to make our own delicious creations. All four of these groups have done wonderful service in their schools and community. One of the photos shows some of the Robison kids helping with their project. They boxed up a cake mix and ingredients as an Easter gift for those that rely on the Summit Food Pantry.



Our adult Kiwanis club is now up to 53 members of people wanting to serve the children of the world. Our upcoming events include a “Spring Fling” where children gather at Waterford Elementary to do several hands-on projects, including making a bird whirligig using power tools, planting a seed, participating in a top spinning event and an obstacle course, and many more stations. This is May 31 from 1–4 pm.

Our biennial Bike Rodeo and Safety Day will be held at the Waterford Fairgrounds on June 21 at 10:00 am. This free event features a safety course for kids to ride their own bicycles on and many safety stations to visit, including firearms, water, sun, and fire safety.



Children in need of a bicycle helmet can receive one for free, and all children will be able to register to win a FREE BICYCLE! We have well over a dozen to give away, so make sure you look for information about this event if you have children or grandchildren.

Find our information on Facebook — Kiwanis Club of Fort LeBoeuf — or visit our website by searching for our name.

Submitted by Ual Rose



Engineer's Report

The Township received a \$400,000 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Commonwealth Financing Authority, to install sidewalks along the Peach Street Corridor. The project will install approximately 1.1 miles of sidewalk, 21 ADA-accessible curb ramps, and three bus shelters. The primary goal of the project is to fill the sidewalk gaps and make a sidewalk network in this area. We are working in collaboration with EMTA to determine the locations of the bus shelters. We will be starting design and permitting shortly. If everything goes according to plan, we anticipate starting this project in 2026.



The Downs Drive Improvements Project is currently out to bid and is expected to be completed this year. There will be lane restrictions and closures during the construction. We will post updates on the website and our Facebook page as the project progresses. As you may recall, the goals of this project are to repair and reconfigure the existing Downs Drive, west of Peach Street, into a two-lane road with dedicated left-turn lanes, and to remove excess asphalt to make the road more intuitive and user-friendly. The east side of Peach Street will be repaired and repaved. The sidewalk portion of this project was removed and included in the above project in 2026. This project is partially funded with \$250,000 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Commonwealth Financing Authority.

Robison, Mill Village, Waterford Elementary Schools 2025-2026 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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 2025 **must be five years of age before June 1, 2025.**

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>**

Monday, May 14, 2025, 11:00 AM – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, May 15, 2025, 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 are not planning to register your child in the Fort LeBoeuf School District, or have questions regarding registration, please call an elementary school office:

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



It's a
NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

at the
27th Annual Senior Citizen's Picnic
Thursday, August 7th



A catered lunch is available for
 \$10.00 per resident & \$15.00 per non-resident

Each Summit Senior is 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.



PICNIC SCHEDULE

11:00 – Noon	Registration	2:00 – 3:00	Bingo
Noon – 1:00	Lunch	3:00 – 3:30	Build your own Sundae
12:00 – 2:00	Musical Entertainment	3:30 – 4:00	Door Prize Drawing

RESERVATIONS MUST BE PREPAID AND ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.
THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS JULY 25TH

Clip and return the reservation form below with payment to:
 Summit Township, 1230 Townhall Road West, Erie, PA 16509



27TH ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN'S PICNIC RESERVATION - MUST BE RETURNED & PAID BY JULY 25TH

RESIDENT NAME(S): _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: (____) _____

Number of Senior Residents: _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____ **MUST ENCLOSE PAYMENT**

Number of Non-Resident Guests: _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____ **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:

_____ # for LUNCH _____ # for SUNDAE _____ # for BINGO

From the 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 STORZ FITTINGS INSTALLED ON FIRE HYDRANTS

We'd like to thank the Summit Township Industrial and Economic Development Authority (STIEDA) for funding a joint grant between the Water Authority and Perry Hi-Way Hose Company. This grant has allowed for the purchase of new adapters to be installed on the front connection to all our fire hydrants. Previously, for the fire department to use a fire hydrant, they needed to manually install an adapter to make the connection. With these in place on every hydrant, valuable time can be saved.

FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE

Do you know of a fire hydrant that needs maintenance or a fresh coat of paint? If so, give us a call at 814-864-2323 and let us know.

Enjoy your summer!

Brian Hiles, Manager



STORM PLANNING TIMELINE

A few days out

If the forecast calls for severe weather in a few days, start preparing now.



Make sure that you have emergency supplies



Know your safe places



Have a family communication plan

The day before

The day before, forecast accuracy continues to improve.



Adjust plans



Make sure your phone can receive WEAs



Ensure your shelter is clean and accessible

The day of

Remain vigilant and aware of any active Watches. A Warning may be issued at a moment's notice!



Remind your family of the communication plan



Know how to evacuate and/or get to safety from wherever you are



When a Warning is issued, you may only have seconds to take action!

weather.gov





DON'T BLOW IT!

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.



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

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY

SANITARY SEWER PROJECT UPDATES

Ennis Subdivision Sewer Repairs

Minor restoration work is scheduled in the Ennis Subdivision to address trench settling. One area of pavement near Greentree and another section along a lawn on Laural Drive will be restored. These follow-up repairs are part of a larger project that replaced approximately 530 feet of 8-inch PVC pipe in 12 separate locations and 11 lateral wyes.

If you live in the affected area and notice any new settling or issues with your sewer service, please contact the Authority promptly.

Oliver Road Gravity Sewer Replacement (Contract 2021-1)

Repairs to the newly installed sewer line were completed in November 2024 and passed all pressure testing, according to our engineer, Greenman-Pedersen Inc. (GPI).

Due to issues associated with the trenchless technology called pipe bursting, the Authority was forced to abandon proceeding further using this methodology. The EADS Group Inc. has designed a new sewer alignment to avoid the heavily traveled Peach Street corridor. The revised route will cross I-90 near Erie First Assembly, run parallel to interstate I-90, and reconnect at Peach Street near Burger King.

The Department of Environmental Protection has required an updated environmental review for the

rerouted section as a condition of Pennvest funding. This includes a public notice and 30-day comment period.

The Authority extends sincere thanks to RCR Hospitality, Scott's Development, Sister Janet Goetz, and Cracker Barrel for granting permanent easements to allow this project to move forward.

Once Pennvest approves the change orders, construction will begin. We anticipate completion of the connection from Oliver Road to Peach Street within 90 to 120 days after work starts.

Old Perry Sewer Relief – Contract 1

All sewer and flume modification work under this contract are complete, pending final restoration. A retainage of \$5,000 will be held until the restoration work is finished.

Any 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

Summit Lions Club News



If you get a chance to go to the Summit Township Municipal Building, look for the display case that holds the history of events in Summit Township.

This time, it was the Summit Lions' time to display what they do and how they are helping others. I would like to explain the meaning of each shelf.

The top shelf explains some of the community events that the Lions do to help others. If you were to be at the Township building on the second or fourth Thursday of the month, you would see people helping load someone's car with groceries that they received from the Summit Food Pantry; some of them are Summit Lions. Summit Food Pantry was originally founded by the Summit Lions.

Another event is Ramps for Hope, an All-God's Children ministry. These Lions join a group that builds ramps for those who need a ramp to get into their homes. The middle picture is our plastic recycling project. We collect



plastic, put it in bags, and weigh each bag; then, we take it to Giant Eagle to bundle up into a large cube. For each thousand pounds, we can receive an outdoor bench, which we will place in locations around the township and Erie County.

Along with our 69-year-old charter, the next shelf is our main fundraiser for the year.

This golf tournament will be our 28th year of holding a golf tournament. Our tournament started with a mission to help us assist those in our area that may need help to make their life better. If you golf or know someone who plays, please get in touch with us by calling 814- 864-9194 for information and a golf registration. The tournament is on June 6th at Venango Valley Inn and Golf Course. If you own a business, we are always looking for sponsors to help us make the tournament great. 100% of the cost of a business ad goes back into supporting the public.

The third shelf shows a few of the ways we help our youth in the township and our school system.

We are still giving the students at Robison Elementary School a choice of a book for them to read and keep. Some of the students tell us that this will be their first book, that will be theirs to keep and read at home. The middle display on this shelf is the Lion's Lego Wall Club that is in our middle school. Summit Lions were able to help fund this project, so the students have a fun, creative way to be in a club building with Legos.

The next picture shows the Summit Seniors at Fort LeBoeuf High School receiving a scholarship so they can extend their education after high school.

The last shelf is how our club honors those who have helped the club achieve some of the projects that we do. It also shows how our lions get involved in the state and international workings of our organization by becoming a District Governor. Our district's name is Multiple District 14F. Our District Governor has 7 counties, and they then visit each club in that county to see how they are doing and to share the International President's theme for the year. Then, the District Governor goes to a state meeting and reports their progress in carrying out our motto, "We Serve."

If you would like to be part of this organization, please pick up a brochure in the lobby of the Township building or call 814-864-9194 for more information.

Thank you, *PDG Bob Mitchell*

Welcome Sunshine!

After a very snowy winter, let's hope our spring and summer are spectacular!

Robison Elementary school children had a unique fundraiser that benefited the SFCF. They assembled "Birthday Kits," which included an aluminum cake pan, cake mix, frosting, sprinkles, and a can of soda (soda can be used in place of vegetable oil...who knew?!) The children had a lot of fun, and in addition to that, they created handmade Easter cards. Kudos to all that have imaginative minds that continue to come up with great fundraising ideas! Maybe it will be an annual thing???

It's nice to see our community come together to help others that need a little help. I know I say it every newsletter, but our volunteers are the backbone of the SFCF. We thank all who are involved in any capacity who do not expect recognition but simply want to give back to our community. From the Summit Community Food Pantry, we wish all a Happy Easter filled with the blessings of family, friends, and good food!

We continue curbside pickup, and the hours remain the same, 2:30pm-4pm on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. A gentle reminder not to line up until 2pm to ensure business can be conducted at the township building uninterrupted.

Summit Community Food Pantry (SCFP)

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



Do you qualify for SNAP benefits?

If your household has a gross monthly income below or equal to the numbers in the chart below, you may qualify for the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**. SNAP provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budget of families in need.

Second Harvest Food Bank can help you sign up!

For more information, contact

Bonnie Rearick

(814) 459-3663 x118

brearick@nwpafoodbank.org

Household Size	1 Person	2 People	3 People	4 People
Monthly Income	\$2,510	\$3,408	\$4,304	\$5,200

Valid from 10/1/2024 - 9/30/2025



Are you in need of food?

YOUR LOCAL FOOD BANK CAN HELP!

Call Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania's food help line at (814) 459-3663 ext.117.

Our friendly staff will help you find one of our partnered food pantries, soup kitchens, or other feeding programs near you. We can also guide you through any of your questions or concerns.

NEED HELP APPLYING FOR SNAP?

If you or someone you know needs help applying for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), please call Second Harvest's SNAP Outreach Coordinator at (814) 459-3663 ext.118.

Scan here for an agency closest to you.



1507 Grimm Drive Erie, PA 16501 | (814) 459-3663
www.nwpafoodbank.org



NOW HIRING

2025 SEASONAL STAFF

Summit Township is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

SEASONAL PARK MAINTENANCE

Duties include but are not limited to, opening and cleaning the parks daily, as well as mowing and landscaping at multiple township locations. Applicants must have a valid driver's license.



SUMMER DAY CAMP COUNSELOR

Duties include supervising and engaging with summer camp children throughout the day in games, sports, arts & crafts, and various outings. Applicants must be 16 years old or older.



HOW TO APPLY:

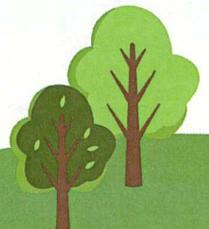
Complete the Summit Township Employment Application found online at www.summittownship.com/2025seasonal

Send the completed application to Michelle Nesselhauf, HR Director:

Email: mness@summitpa.us

or Mail to:

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





Friday May 9th 8am - 3pm
Saturday May 10th 8am - 12pm
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 8th
- \$10 non-refundable fee for each item
- Items must be placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Friday, May 9th
- Items will be picked up on either Friday, May 9th or Saturday, May 10th

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 each
\$Refrigerators/Freezers doors removed - \$10 each
\$Dehumidifiers - \$10 each
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** \$20 each
(no broken glass)
- **Monitors** \$10 each
(no broken glass)
- **Tires** \$5 each
(on or off rim)
Limit of TWELVE (12) tires per household

✗ 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



1230 Townhall Road West
Erie, PA 16509

PRSR STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Erie, PA
Permit No.279

Supervisors:

Mark A. Welka, *Chairperson*

Jack F. Lee, Jr.

Tony Davis

Once Upon A Time...

This quarter, we are featuring the Summit Lions Club. Please come in to see all the activities they sponsor and the projects they support.

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

If anyone is interested in researching their ancestors or creating a family tree, please stop in; we could help with your personal genealogy or give tips to help in developing a plan of action. We would like to help you if possible.

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

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

