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

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

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

LeBoeuf Little League



Little League registration is open through March 15 at fbl.com. Please Save The Date for our Annual Community

Fundraiser on the weekend of May 15 in downtown Waterford! Please email info@fbl.com with any questions.

Time to renew DOG LICENSES for 2026

Licenses must be renewed for the current calendar year.

Summit Township has Erie County dog licenses available at the Municipal Office Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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

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

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



**TOWNSHIP OFFICES
CLOSED:**

April 3 – Good Friday

Sorry, We're
CLOSED

MEET THE STAFF

TOWNSHIP: 814-868-9686

Jack Lee, Jr. –

Supervisor/Treasurer/Dir. Land Development

Mark A. Welka –

Supervisor/Director of Parks/Assistant Roadmaster

Tony Davis –

Supervisor/Chairman/Roadmaster/Equipment Maint. Supervisor

Lisa Vallimont –

Municipal Secretary

Michelle Nesselhauf –

HR Director/Recycling Coordinator/Newsletter Editor

Debra Jageman –

Purchasing/Media Coordinator

Tamara Cass –

Zoning Administrator

Sarah Kavinski –

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,

Andrew Fox, Joe Malinowski,

Dan Wilder, Tim Eliason,

Garrett Coburn

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, Brad Wokulich – Systems Operators

SEWER AUTHORITY: 814-868-4495

William Steff, P.E. – Manager

Wendy Burbules – Administrative Supervisor

Amy McCaslin –

Billing Clerk

Andrew Larsen – Assistant Project Manager

Scott Snyder – System Operator

Hello Summit residents,

The days are getting longer, and we officially put a very long January behind us.

The road crew has been doing an incredible job at keeping our roads safe for travel.

We have been informed of a salt shortage, with the lake being frozen over. We have been salting hills and intersections and cutting back on areas to get us through this winter. Please drive carefully as there will be areas of snow-packed roads.

My fellow supervisor, Tony Davis, will be taking over as Roadmaster, and I will be taking over as Director of Parks and Recreation and assisting Tony with the roads. Looking forward to the new playground area coming in August 2026.

Take care,

Supervisor Mark Welka

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

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.

*Here We
Grow
Again*

CC NAILS & SPA at 7200 Peach Street, Unit 485 opened its doors to serve the Erie community. This locally owned salon delivers a luxurious, calming experience with a wide range of services, including classic manicures and pedicures, professional waxing, and rejuvenating chair massages.

IN THE WORKS

FALCONE'S KITCHEN located at 2906 Copperleaf Drive Suite 100 received their Temporary Certificate of Occupancy and is finishing up construction on their upper floor.

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Hello everyone,

I hope you're all staying warm and safe. January has been one of the coldest on record in Erie County. We certainly endured an extended period of bitter temperatures; a little different from the winters we've grown accustomed to in recent years. Thankfully, the early January thaw helped melt much of the early-season snow.

Those of us who have lived in Northwest Pennsylvania for a long time know how to handle our winters. While the snow and cold can test anyone's patience, it's simply a part of the climate we live in. Our snowplow crews work tirelessly to keep the roads clear, and I truly believe our township roads are maintained as well, if not better than anywhere else in Erie County. We owe our road crew a sincere thank you for their continued efforts through challenging conditions.

For those who find it difficult to cope with the snow and cold, you must understand that winters in the snow belt, from Cleveland to Buffalo, can be brutal. We receive angry complaints at times. It is always easier to criticize than work on positive solutions. No one controls the climate, and it's important to show patience and understanding toward one another.

This past fall's election season certainly made things interesting. It's always enlightening to meet residents who are engaged in local matters. However, a few individuals, who rarely attend public meetings or read the online meeting minutes, were quick to make incorrect assumptions about township spending. Some even accused me of overspending, which could not be further from the truth.

For anyone curious, I encourage you to review the meeting minutes from the past two years, all available online and on YouTube, which clearly reflect my fiscally responsible decisions. I was encouraged to run for office out of a genuine desire to be a public servant, and I left a stable career to do so. I remain committed to making good decisions for all the

residents and businesses, and not for special interests. I am frugal to help protect our future. The local economy could change.

Coming from a long career in the private construction industry since 1977, I understand the value of efficiency and smart spending. Contractors know how to do more with less. I believe municipalities can learn from that mindset. Summit Township is fortunate to have reliable staff, equipment, and resources. I believe we can continue to deliver great results for Summit's taxpayers and more.

I'd also like to recognize and thank our outstanding Volunteer Fire Department, PHHC. They provide essential services to Summit Township, saving us significant costs while ensuring the safety of our residents and businesses. With 7,400 residents, 14,000 employees, and an average of 25,000 vehicles traveling Upper Peach Street daily, PHHC stays very busy responding to calls.

Beyond serving Summit Township, PHHC also aids Erie County through mutual aid agreements with the State. In December 2025 alone, they responded to 51 calls outside our township when other departments were unavailable. Their dedication and professionalism make a tremendous difference. Thank you, PHHC, for your unwavering service.

As we look forward to spring and the warmer months ahead, I encourage everyone to stay patient, drive safely, and allow extra time when traveling. Summit Township continues to grow and thrive, and I'm confident better days are just around the corner.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm Regards,

Supervisor Jack Lee

Greetings Summit residents,

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season and is making it through this winter weather. So far, this year has turned out to be a good old-fashioned winter with plenty of snow and cold temperatures. This has kept the road crew quite busy keeping the roads clear to provide safe travel, and they do an excellent job.

I would like to take this opportunity to mention the change that is taking place at the township this year. Mark Welka will be taking over the parks, and I will move into the Roadmaster position. I am really looking forward to working more closely with the road crew on different projects. Something I have not been able to do in years past due to my involvement with the parks.

I would especially like to thank Rabbecca Spencer, who, for

the past six years, has kept the parks looking like a million dollars. She has been invaluable to me, keeping the rentals up to par and just always there when you need her. Thanks again, Rabbecca.

It is hard to believe it has been eight years since I was first elected supervisor. I have really enjoyed the various aspects of the job. Working with residents, solving their problems, and keeping things moving forward is very enjoyable for me.

Until next time, be safe and hope for an early spring. Unless you enjoy winter, of course.

Best regards,

Supervisor Tony Davis

FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Happy New Year!

Believe it or not, last year when I was writing this article, it was 9 degrees and it is 9 degrees today! Hurry up Spring!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!! EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2026 OFFICE HOURS HAVE CHANGED!

NEW HOURS ARE: MARCH & APRIL, JULY & AUGUST
Mon–Thurs 10am–2pm, Monday evenings 5–7pm.

The office is closed all other months. Special arrangements can be made if needed. You can use the lockbox at any time.

*** Note that the USPS will no longer postmark your mail the day it is mailed. There could be a delay of up to 5 days. This is very important for postmark at Discount and Face. Local tax collection law states the date of postmark is the date that determines Discount and Face. Please keep this in mind when sending at the end of Discount and Face.

The 2026 County/Twp bills will be issued and mailed 3/1/26. The above insert will be included in with the bills. Please keep this for future reference. Mills for the County have gone up .33 making the new County mileage 6.94. This computes to \$33.00 for every \$100,000 of assessed value. Township mills remain the

same at 1.09. If you are in need of paid copies for 2025, please send me a SASE with your request (include your name and address please of the Summit property) and I will send you receipts.

Thank you for entrusting me to be your tax collector for the next four years. I appreciate your confidence in me and strive to provide the best service possible. See you in March!

Debra Cameron, PQMC, CPTC

Summit Twp. Tax Collector

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November 1–March 1

Summit Community Food Pantry

I'm dreaming of Spring – are you??

Once again, the holiday season was a generous and blessed one for all involved in the SCFP. We would like to take the time to thank the staff and volunteers who make this possible. The following organizations/people deserve to be recognized for going above and beyond:



All Saints Catholic Church, Summit United Methodist Church, Summit Lion's Club, Summit Senior Center, Judge Brian McGowan, Fort LeBoeuf High and Middle School, Robison Elementary, Countryside Condo Assn, Tom Trott family, John & Jennifer Davis, James & Janice Kehl, Annette Rilling, Dennis & Mary Coan and Mary Ann Smith. We appreciate you very much!!!

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

Summit Community Food Pantry (SCFP)

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



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **April 11, 2026 – Bowling Fundraiser** – The Bowling event is active on our website at www.habitaterie.org/specialevents. **Bowling for Na'real | Greater Erie Area Habitat for Humanity Inc.** You don't have to bowl, but can be a donor, sponsor, or donate a raffle basket. Or just invite people.
- **June 6, 2026 Highmark Walk** – The Highmark Walk page is active on our website at www.habitaterie.org/specialevents. We are looking for donors, walkers, and sponsors. **Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community Erie.** If you would like to create a team or join ours, once your page is created, you can invite people to Donate or join your team. See Wendy's page at secure.walkforahealthycommunity.org/p2p/fundraising/393907/team/1042885/en-CA



We have been buried in snow for most of the winter. As well as extreme cold temperatures. It's hard to imagine spring will be back in the next couple of months. With the long, drawn-out winter weather, the first thaw event can cause havoc, especially if it happens quickly. Catch basins in the roadways may be packed full of snow and ditches obstructed resulting in a reduction of runoff capture potentially leading to localized flooding on the roads. If you see a flooding issue, notify the Township, but be patient as the road crew may be dealing with other areas.

For homeowners, a little preparation can go a long way to keep your basement dry. Check that basement window wells are not packed with snow, check that your sump pump and downspout discharge points are clear, and make sure there is a flow path away from the foundation, preferably to a vegetated area. Try to avoid sending runoff to the street as this may make flooding worse.



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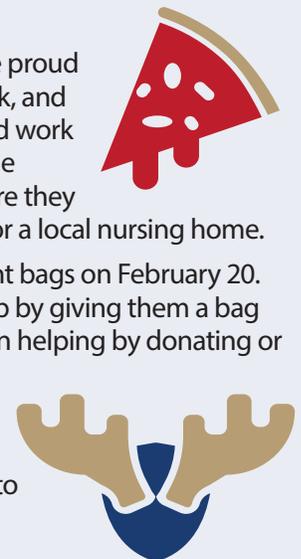
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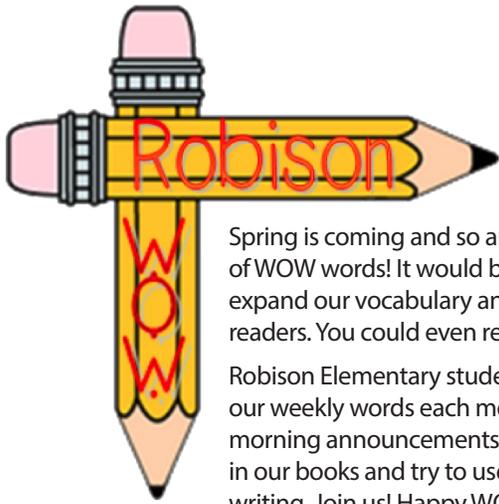
Working with and mentoring youth in our area is something our club members value. We are proud to sponsor a K-Kids service group in all three FLB elementary schools. Feb. 8–14 is K-Kids Week, and we will be celebrating by having all 3 groups meet during the school day for a pizza party and work together on several service projects. We plan to make pet toys for Because You Care and some advertising for Avery's Pawsitive Change. The kids always love helping animals and we are sure they will have fun with these projects. They will also make some decorations for a local nursing home.



Our club members will be gathering to put together foster care placement bags on February 20. Many children that enter the system arrive with no belongings, so we help by giving them a bag with supplies to get them through a couple of days. If you are interested in helping by donating or putting them together, please message us at kiwanisflb@gmail.com.

Calling all sportsmen and women. On Saturday, March 28, we are partnering with the Waterford Lions Club to host their annual Sportsman's Raffle at Rainbow Gardens. Each \$20 ticket admits one person and includes dinner, beverages, and 26 chances to win cash or prizes. If you are interested in selling tickets, for every 10 you sell, you get 2 free! For tickets or information, please call Val at 814-602-9175.





Spring is coming and so are our next round of WOW words! It would behoove us all to expand our vocabulary and become avid readers. You could even read al fresco.

Robison Elementary students enjoy seeing our weekly words each morning on our morning announcements. We look for words in our books and try to use them in our writing. Join us! Happy WOW word hunting!

OUR WORDS ARE:

March

etiquette
monumental

April

esteem
discombobulate
agile

May

fond
rigorous
emphatic

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Everything is still on track for the Picnicana Playground project. We used the feedback from the "Pick a Playground" voting to incorporate into the final design. The playground will feature a large playset with climbing towers with multilevel slides, net bridges, monkey bars, balance beams, climbing blocks, hopping stones, gears, and levers. Around the large playset will be a ground level merry-go-round, small child swings, ADA swings, an embankment slide, and large chair for photo ops. The lower level will consist of various types of swings. Normal belt swings, another ADA swing, a nest swing, and a standing beam swing.

The project total is currently \$440,000. To date the Township has received \$200,000 from the DCNR's Keystone Recreation, Park & Conservation Fund for this project; we also applied for \$100,000 from Erie County's Greenways Program. Anticipated construction for this project is late summer and fall of 2026.



Robison Elementary Government Lesson

Last December I made my annual trip to the third grade classes at Robison Elementary for a lesson involving the 3 branches of government. The students had just finished learning about the function and purpose of the branches. As in previous years, my focus was on the courts.

After a brief overview of the role each branch plays in our system, I presented the class with a hypothetical municipality and a new law that council approved and the mayor through the police force oversaw enforcing. Simply put, the law stated: "No vehicles in the Park." The class was then broken into small groups. Each group was presented with a different fact scenario and was to act as judge on the case to decide if the defendant should be found guilty of violating the law.

After discussing the scenarios in their small groups, the students then presented their case to the class. There were no right or wrong answers. Each scenario was designed to encourage discussion and there were facts favoring conviction as well as acquittal. What I believe the students took away from the lesson was how difficult but vitally important it is to write laws that are easy to understand and interpret.

The lesson went over extremely well. I must compliment the parents and teachers at Robison, specifically Mr. Chrispen, Mrs. Devine, Mrs. McGowan and Mrs. Zimmerman.

Brian M. McGowan, MDJ





Hello from Robison Elementary School!

As we wrap up the first semester at Robison Elementary, I am filled with gratitude and pride as I reflect on what an eventful and joy-filled few months it has been. Our students,

staff, and families truly made this semester special, and the energy in our building was felt every single day. From creative celebrations to meaningful traditions, Robison has been buzzing with excitement, smiles, and unforgettable memories.

One highlight was our Annual Red Carpet Costume Runway Show, made even more special by DJ Rick Kress generously donating his time to keep the music and fun going. The runway was decorated with pumpkins designed by our very own students. Awards such as *Funniest*, *Most Unique*, *Cutest*, and *Scariest* added to the excitement and gave students a chance to shine. We also enjoyed our annual Trunk or Treat, hosted by Mrs. Hanas and the K-Kids. Families went all out decorating their trunks, and students had a blast traveling from trunk to trunk enjoying games, activities, and plenty of candy. Another heartwarming moment was Mrs. Jack's first graders hosting a Thanksgiving Play for their families. Students designed costumes, sets, and practiced lines for

an all-first-grade production of *Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving*.

As winter approached, the fun didn't slow down. Our Annual Gingerbread Day, led by Mrs. Johnson, transformed the building into a magical gingerbread wonderland. Students arrived to see the halls filled with holiday cheer and enjoyed a day full of smiles, cookies, hot cocoa, pajamas, and festive activities. To keep spirits high during the colder days, our teachers surprised students with a secret Underground Spirit Week. From vacation gear and secret spies to twin day, the daily surprises kept everyone guessing and laughing.

We are also incredibly thankful for our dedicated PTO, who continuously go above and beyond to create memorable experiences for our students. Events such as Breakfast with Santa, Santa's Shop, and ice-skating parties brought so much joy to our children and helped strengthen the sense of community that makes Robison Elementary such a special place. These moments of connection and celebration truly reflect the heart of our school, and I am grateful to everyone who helped make this first semester one to remember.

Mrs. Hopkins

Principal, Robison Elementary



SAVE THE DATE!
FORT LeBOEUF
2026
Kindergarten Registration
MAY 13TH & MAY 14TH
Held at
Waterford Elementary School



Perry Hi-Way News

SIMPLE TASKS TO HELP PERRY HI-WAY HOSE COMPANY HELP YOU!

There are some simple things you can do to help us in responding to an emergency at your home or business in the cold and snowy winter we experience in Erie, Pennsylvania.

1. Make sure the numbers for your address are not covered by the snow. It could be deep snow or the blowing snow covering the number on the side of the house. The snowplow could have the numbers on your mailbox covered. Please take time to make sure your numbers are visible.
2. If there is a hydrant near your home or business, please take a moment and clear a path to the hydrant and a 24–36" space all around the hydrant. Try to keep your plow driver from plowing in the hydrant near your home/business.
3. Make sure your driveways are clear of trees and bushes. Our big trucks need clearance of 12' high and 10' wide. There are several drives in the area that could use some trimming to make sure we can reach you should you have an emergency.
4. Try to keep the steps and path to your home shoveled and clear. We ask that you do the best you can to keep the path open.

While we hope not to need to respond to your home or business for an emergency, following these simple tips will allow us to get help to you as fast as possible.

SAFETY REMINDER

Make sure to check your smoke detectors monthly
Have at least 1 carbon monoxide detector in your home on main level

Residents that need a new smoke detector please pick one up at the township building or the Oliver Road fire station.

No charge to Summit Residents

We do not have carbon monoxide monitors to give out.



PERRY HI-WAY HOSE COMPANY Emergency responses for 2025

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE 2171

Apparatus responses:

• Engine-432	42
• Engine-434	159
• Ladder-429	94
• Tanker-435	27
• Brush 439	18
• Utility-438	58
• Rescue-428	42
• Ambulance-427	845
• Ambulance-437	1080
• Ambulance-42 (reserve)	46
• Medic-42	137
• Chief truck	73
• POV (Mostly fire police)	208

CALL BREAKDOWN FOR 2025

EMS (1621 EMS, 85 Medic assist) 1706

Rescues 159

• MVA	131 (1pin ins)
• General MVA cleanup	2
• MVA pedestrian	12
• Elevator	6
• Child lock in car	7

Fire Related 226

• Structure Fires	26
• Cooking fires	4
• Pole fire	4
• Vehicle Fires	8
• Brush / Grass	12
• Trash/ rubbish	4
• Unauthorized Burning	2
• Fire Alarms	164

Hazardous Calls 26

• Natural Gas / propane leak	7
• Gasoline / chemical spill	1
• CO alarms	6
• Wire overheat	2
• Power line down	10

Service Calls 35

• Lock Out	1
• Lift assist / Person in distress	11
• Smoke Investigation	6
• Fire police / traffic	14
• Lock Out	1
• Animal rescue	2
• Miscellaneous	4

Good Intent. 19

• Canceled en-route	9
• Dispatched wrong location (same road different township)	2
• Smoke scare	5
• Haz Mat release nothing on investigation	1
• Stand by / move up cover	2

HOURS OF TRAINING BY MEMBERS IN 2025: 4,696

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

SPRING CRAFT FAIR

Saturday & Sunday, March 7 & 8 (Kitchen open)
Open for sales 9am – 6pm Saturday
Open for sales 10am – 3pm Sunday

PURSE BINGO

Sunday November 8
(Doors open 12 noon, Bingo at 2pm)

FALL CRAFT FAIR

Sat & Sun December 5 & 6 (Kitchen open)
Open for sales 9am – 6pm Saturday
Open for sales 10am – 3pm Sunday

Business fund drive starts 1-1-2026

Residential fund drive starts 5-1-2026

ELECTION DAY for PERRY HI-WAY HOSE COMPANY

Sunday, December 14, 2025, was Election Day for the officers and directors for Perry Hi-Way Hose Company. After lunch from The Oakwood catering, the meeting and elections were completed. Results for 2026 leadership:

Line officers:

- Fire Chief, Kip Hayford
- Fire Lieutenant 1, Steve Sample
- Fire Lieutenant 2, Jason Goodwill
- Fire Police Captain, Richard Smith
- Fire Police Lieutenant, Erin Smith

Board of Directors:

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

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

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE
VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ANSWER
EMERGENCY CALLS.**

**STOP IN TO THE OLIVER ROAD FIRE
STATION MONDAY NIGHTS 6:00 PM TO
9:00 PM FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

PROPER USE OF 911 / EMS SYSTEM

The EMS system (ambulance system) in Erie County and across the Commonwealth is experiencing problems with providing care in a timely manner. With fewer people choosing to become EMTs and paramedics and declining volunteer members, the ambulance system can be overburdened quite easily. One of the reasons for this is the use of the ambulance and the 911 system for non-emergent type responses. Calls for stubbed toes, small cuts, dental pain, sore throats, colds, and chronic conditions do not need the ambulance to transport you to the hospital. Many of these ailments can be treated at an urgent care facility or by your family doctor / PCP. Last year in Erie County, there were over 10,000 calls for an ambulance for these types of non-emergent ailments. Use of the ambulance for these “non-emergency events” ties up the ambulance so it is not available to respond to heart attacks, Strokes, Traumatic injuries (car/motorcycle crashes, stabbings, and shootings), or overdoses and respiratory/cardiac arrest. Emergencies where time can mean the difference between Life and death.

Lots of people think that taking the ambulance to the hospital will get them into an ER room and cared for faster. This is not true today. All ambulances arriving at the Emergency Room are screened by the complaint and vital signs provided by the EMS crew. Many times, people will be directed to the triage room for the nurse to see them and then into the waiting room until it is your turn to be seen. This can be a long or short wait, depending on the types of ailments and numbers or people being treated in the Emergency department. The Hospital will triage all people presenting to the ER, and the sickest people with the most urgent conditions/problems go first.

Before calling 911 for the ambulance for a minor problem, please ask yourself if the problem can be cared for at your Doctor’s office or an urgent care center. Ask yourself if a family member, neighbor, or an Uber or Taxi can get you to where you need to go for your minor problem. Ambulances only transport to hospital Emergency Departments. If the ambulance is being used for a non-emergency event, it will not be able to respond to a more serious emergency. Let’s try to not overtax our emergency system with non-emergency type calls.

*Help us help you, use
911 responsibly.*





Summit Lions Club News

The Summit Lions would like to thank those individuals who donated money to our club for white cane projects, which is any project dealing with vision and for memorial money sent on behalf of Lion Bob Mitchell, who passed away in December very unexpectedly from falling. The family asked in lieu of flowers to send memorial money to the Summit Lions Club so the service he was very passionate about carries on to our community.

Lion Bob had lived in Summit Township since he was three years old on Parson Road. At that point in time, Parson Road was like living in the United Nations. His grandmother was from Austria, neighbors were from Italy, Poland, etc.; his mother use to tell stories about no one speaking the same language but they learned to communicate and look out for each other and have summer picnics where neighbors would bring their national dishes to share. Those stories now will have to be told by Lion Ed Goellner and Lion Bill Farnen, who also lived on the road of United Nations known as Parson Road. Lion Bob remembered when the land was given to the Township for Robison School. In fifth grade, he attended school there and talked about the neighborhood not wanting the young children to travel all the way to Waterford and were so very grateful to King Robison for donating the land.

Lion Bob carried that ideal of helping neighbors with him everywhere he went and he had an ideal of looking out for children. Thirty years ago, the Lions wore business suits to meetings and being charged to be "Knights of the blind by Helen Keller." Eyeglasses were paid for by the Lions Club for those children in need. Now we don't get asked so much for children's glasses since there is a Chips program. We have gone on to help older adults get Eyedaptic glasses, corneal transplants, and other types of eye surgery.

Lion Bob had been instrumental in doing a community Christmas party for the children in Summit Township. With the aid of the Robison School Secretary, a gift was purchased, wrapped and presented by Santa Claus. The children were to

preregister, so toys were picked out with that child in mind. His goal was to make sure each child in the township had a Christmas gift from Santa. That first Christmas party year is when I experienced my "Ah Ha" Lions moment and I wasn't even a Lion yet. A young mom came up to my husband and thanked him for providing her family with one more moment of the magic of Christmas. Her hot water tank had quit working and the money she set aside for Christmas gifts for her children was going to have to purchase a new hot water tank. He gathered the Lions together and right there at Perry Hi-Way Hose building a hot water tank was being provided and installed with the understanding that Christmas would come to her house that year.

These are only a few things that one Lion was able to accomplish with a little help from his friends, just a couple of hours a month. Just imagine what we could do with a few more members in making a difference in someone's life.

Lion Bob's "Make a Wish" is we would get the family Christmas tree decorated and we continue to celebrate.

Hope to see you at the 29th golf Tournament on June 5, 2026.

Lion Janet Mitchell

MitchellHRC@aol.com

814-864-9194



Senior News

We had a great time celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas! Now it is 2026 and we are looking forward to what is ahead. We purchased a new TV screen. Now we have two good-sized screens to make it easier for everyone to see what is on the screen. It also should make it better

for chair exercise classes. We continue to enjoy Tuesday lunches and of course, the dessert table — so many goodies!

Thank you to all who help and make the center a great place to be!

President Jan Birkner

Springing Forward: Progress for Our Community

By State Rep. Bob Merski, D-Erie

With 2026 underway, I'm proud of the strides we've made for our neighbors and look forward to seeing those efforts bloom as we move from winter into spring. Together we've advanced projects that improve daily life, strengthen local services, and expand opportunities for our neighbors. I'm eager to keep building on this progress on your behalf.

We were pleased to learn that a \$500,000 grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority was awarded to the Summit Township Water Authority for replacement of water infrastructure along Hershey Road. This critical investment will modernize aging pipes, improve water reliability, and protect public health for residents and businesses in the area. Properly funding essential infrastructure is an investment in our community's safety and economic vitality, and this award will help ensure Summit Township can continue to grow and thrive. We appreciate the continued support that makes projects like this possible and look forward to seeing the benefits for our neighbors.

TAX SEASON REMINDERS

As part of the 2025–26 budget that I proudly supported, Pennsylvania created the Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit (WPTC) to deliver direct relief to hardworking families. Modeled on the federal Earned Income Tax Credit, the WPTC can provide up to \$805 in state tax relief, and anyone who qualifies for the federal EITC automatically qualifies for the state credit. This new program is expected to return roughly \$193 million to about 940,000 Pennsylvanians this year, putting more money back into the pockets of workers across our commonwealth. For details and an eligibility calculator, visit pa.gov/wptc.

We've also expanded the Child and Dependent Care Enhancement Tax Credit to better support working families with care expenses. The enhancement now matches 100% of the federal Child Care Tax Credit, offering meaningful help to parents and caregivers as they balance work and family responsibilities. Keep in mind the tax filing deadline of April 15, 2026, and reach out to our district office if you need assistance understanding these credits or determining your eligibility.

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE & LIHEAP PROGRAMS

Furthermore, I'm pleased to let you know that the application period for the 2026 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, covering

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2nd Legislative District*



property taxes or rent paid in 2025, is now open. This program provides important financial relief to eligible Pennsylvanians — including seniors and people with disabilities — to help offset property tax or rent costs. If you qualify, please submit your application before the June 30, 2026 deadline to ensure you receive this benefit.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is also available to help keep homes warm and safe during the coldest months. The 2025–26 LIHEAP season is open through April 10. To qualify, household income must be at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level; for example, a household of four with an annual income of \$48,225 or less meets the income requirement. Applicants must be Pennsylvania residents and responsible for paying heating costs, either directly or as part of their rent. If you are facing a heating emergency — such as broken equipment or lack of fuel — you may be eligible for additional crisis grants.

You can apply online using the COMPASS portal for health and human services, or download and submit a paper application to your local county assistance office. Don't wait — apply now to protect your household this winter.

Our team is ready to guide you through the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program application, helping determine eligibility for tax credits, and other state-related services. If you need assistance, have questions or want help with accessing resources, please call us at 814-455-6319, or check out my webpage at Rep.Merski.com. We're here to help.

You're always welcome to stop by the district office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 3921 Buffalo Road in Erie, or our Summit office at the Summit Township Building between noon and 4 p.m. on Wednesdays. Together, we will continue to build a brighter future for all.

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY

IMPORTANT CUSTOMER BILLING AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payment Processing Reminders and Common Issues

The Authority continues to work diligently to ensure customer payments are credited accurately and on time. However, several recurring payment issues have resulted in avoidable delays and, in some cases, late accounts. Customers are reminded of the following important points to help prevent payment problems:

Proper Use of Drop Boxes and Mailboxes

Payments should only be placed in the designated locked drop box, located on the south side of the Sewer Authority building or mailed directly through the U.S. Postal Service. Payments left in unsecured Township or Authority mailboxes are not guaranteed to be received and may be inadvertently removed by postal staff and be taken to the post office, resulting in lost or delayed payments.

Payments Sent to the Wrong Authority

Some customers continue to mail sewer payments to the Water Authority or make checks payable to the Water Authority without noting that the payment is intended for sewer service. These payments may be deposited to the wrong account or returned, potentially causing the sewer account to become delinquent. Customers should always verify the payee name and mailing location before submitting payment.

Missing Payment Stubs or Account Information

Payments submitted without a remittance stub or sewer account number can be difficult to process accurately, particularly when the address on the check is outside Summit Township. While staff make every effort to research and apply payments correctly, at least one payment this past quarter had to be returned due to insufficient identifying information.

Authority staff coordinate daily with the Township and Water Authority to intercept misdirected payments and routinely contact customers when issues arise.

Despite these efforts, several residential accounts became delinquent this past quarter due to the issues outlined above. In those cases, once a payment becomes late, penalty and interest will be applied in accordance with the Authority's Rules and Regulations. Customers are encouraged to use the online payment and billing options available on the Authority's website or to contact the office with any questions regarding proper payment procedures.

TO HELP ENSURE YOUR PAYMENT IS RECEIVED AND CREDITED CORRECTLY:

Please do:

- Mail your payment through the U.S. Postal Service, or
- Drop off your payment in person using the locked drop box located on the southeast corner of the Sewer Authority building.
- Include your payment stub (the top third of your bill) or clearly note your sewer account number.

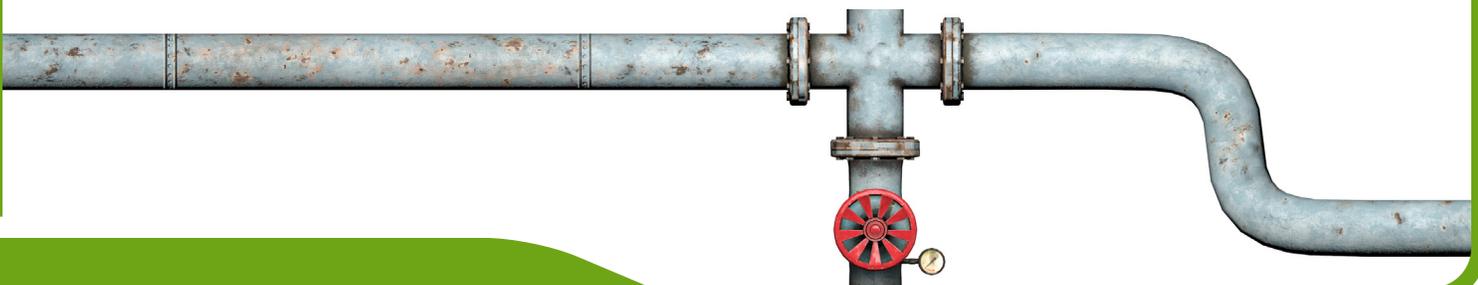
Please do not:

- Place payments in any mailbox.
- Drop off sewer payments with the Water Authority or Township.
- Submit payments without identifying account information.

The Authority thanks our customers for their cooperation and for helping us process payments accurately and efficiently.

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



PREPARING FOR POWER OUTAGES

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

- Before an event happens set up an emergency evacuation location with a friend or family member that you may be able to go to.
- When the power goes out call Penelec's call in center at 888-544-4877 or 800-545-7741 and get a confirmation number, save this number.
- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. Throw away

any food that has an unusual odor, color or texture.

- If you use a generator, ONLY use it outdoors and away from windows. And do not hook/connect it up to your power system unless you have a proper transfer switch.
- Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges.
- Have alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or using power-dependent medical devices.
- Go to a community location with power or call the Red Cross if cold is extreme and you can't heat your home.

From the Water Authority

ADOPT-A-HYDRANT PROGRAM

In the dead of winter, with record amounts of snowfall and sub-zero temperatures, small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Clearing snow from fire hydrants may seem minor, but it can save lives in an emergency.

We want to extend our thanks to everyone who has gone the extra mile to keep the fire



hydrants accessible, especially to the following residents who have been nominated for our adopt-a-hydrant program. Each will receive a \$50 Visa gift card.

Jason Blackford

Chris Ransom

Jim Brozell

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

HERSHEY ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT

We will be replacing the aging water line along Hershey Road from the pump station at the end of Old Hershey, west to the I-79 overpass.

The new water line will be class 52 ductile iron, a more durable material that will improve long-term reliability and service. As part of this project, the water line will also be relocated away from the berm of the road to enhance safety.

Currently, we are wrapping up the project's design work and hope to begin work this summer/fall.

There will be no cost for existing customers.

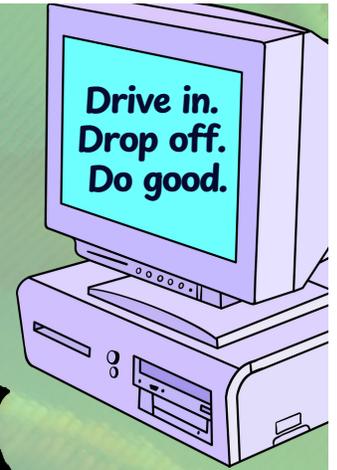
For project updates, please visit our website, www.summittownshipwater.com or contact our office at 814-864-2323.

H. ROBERT MITCHELL (BOB)

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Bob Mitchell, who worked as an operator for 20 years and then as manager for 2 years before retiring.

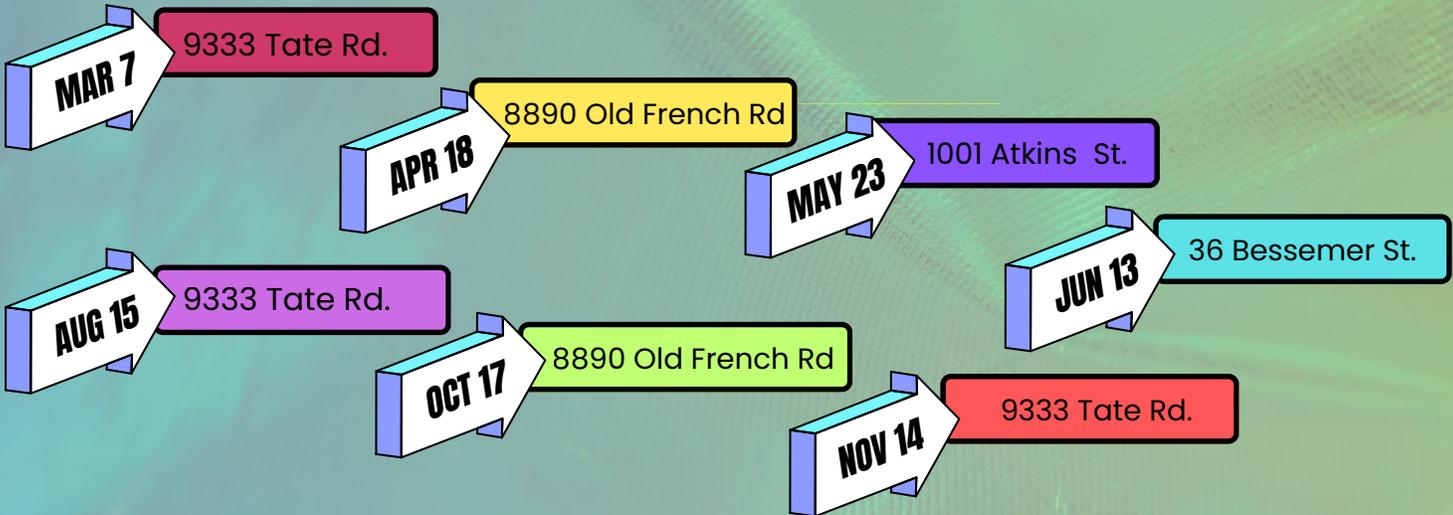
He was known for his hard work and dedication, and he had a positive impact on those who worked with him. He will be remembered fondly, and our thoughts are with his loved ones during this difficult time.





DRIVE THRU RECYCLING EVENTS

9:00 Am - 1:00 Pm



\$5.00/unit for All Sizes of Propane Tanks

\$0.50/lb. for All Electronics, Household Chemicals, Bulbs & Batteries

(window AC units, mini fridges, dehumidifiers, computers, laptops, printers, phones, tablets, gaming devices, microwaves, cords, paint, stains, automotive products, workshop products, flammables, cleaning products, lawn & pool products, all types of bulbs & batteries)



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2025 Land Development and Zoning Recap

9 SUBDIVISION PLANS
1 PLANNING MODULE
2 REPLOTS
2 AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

6 GREENSPACE PLANS
10 LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS/AMENDED LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS

1 PRELIMINARY LDP PLAN

Commercial Additions/Renovations - 10

Commercial Business	Value
DWYER PLUMBING	\$50,000
PILOT	\$2,200,000
UPMC URGENT CARE	\$29,300
BURLINGTON	\$900,000
DUNKIN DONUTS	\$20,000
BURGER KING	\$233,000
AUTO EXPRESS - FIAT	\$612,796
KIA	\$724,797
BIANCHI HONDA	\$244,000
WANDER LANDSCAPING	\$9,000
TOTAL VALUE	=\$4,568,893.00

Sign Permits
 Est. Cost = \$145,347

26 permits

High Rise Pole
Pylon Monument Wall

Commercial Build Out- 3

Commercial Business	VALUE
SKECHERS	\$450,000
NOTHING BUNDT CAKES	\$200,000
MOVEUP MOVERS	\$0
TOTAL VALUE	=\$650,000

Zoning Hearing Board Requests

	Request	Approved	Denied	Withdrawn
Variance	13	13	0	
Special Exception	0	0	0	
Appeal	1			1

5 PERMITS
\$134,000

AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES

Wireless Communications / Co-Location
2 CO-LOCATION PERMITS
\$45,0000.00

Commercial Accessory Structures - 2

COMMERCIAL BUSINESS	Value
DWYER PLUMBING	\$50,000
COUNTRY FAIR	\$72,000
TOTAL VALUE	=\$122,000

Miscellaneous Permits Issued

Burning	Operations	Portable Sign	Driveway	Junkyard	Floodplain	Road Occupancy	Special Event	Short-Term Rental Renewal
97	1	8	6	1	0	18	21	14

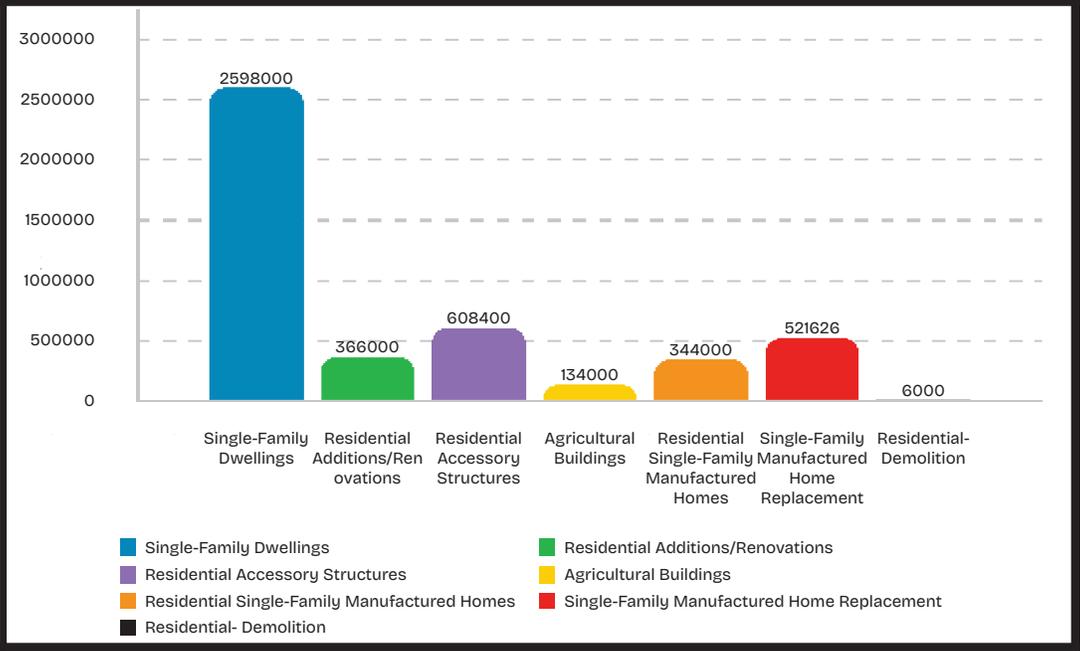
Commercial Demolition - 5

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS - 5
 ESTIMATE COST OF DEMOLITION \$188,700.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS = \$5,529,593.00

80 RESIDENTIAL ZONING & DEMO PERMITS EST. COST OF CONSTRUCTION = \$4,578,026.00

- ACCESSORY STRUCTURES**
- SHEDS (8)
 - DETACHED GARAGES (5)
 - POLE BARNs (6)
 - IN-GROUND POOLS (2)
 - CARPORT (1)
 - PAVILION(1)
- ADDITIONS/RENOVATIONS**
- ADDITIONS (5)
 - DECKS (9)
 - ATTACHED GARAGES (1)
 - PORCHES (2)
 - ROOF OVER EXISTING DECK/PORCHES (8)
- NEW DWELLINGS**
- SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS (6)
 - SINGLE-FAMILY MANUFACTURED HOME NEW (2)
 - SINGLE-FAMILY MANUFACTURED HOME REPLACEMENT (4)
- DEMOLITION PERMITS**
- DECKS (9)
 - SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS (7)
 - MOBILE HOMES (2)





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www.facebook.com/summittownshiperiecountypa
or @summittownshiperiecountypa

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is April 6. Our next newsletter will be published at the end of April or early May.



Once Upon A Time...

We have continued the Summit Senior Center display for another quarter. They have much more to offer. Please stop in and see more activities offered by the Senior Center.

Is your Summit group interested in using the display case? Is anyone interested in displaying their crafts? Please call us.

We accept donations or loans of items for display and welcome new volunteers. We have many donated items, photos, and other information.

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

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

The Summit History room is open Thursdays, 9 am to 11 am. Other times and days are available by appointment. Information on various topics within the township have been donated.

