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CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION

Residents may opt to have their leaves collected curbside during the week of May 4 through 8. To participate, you must register in advance by calling the Township Office at 814-868-9686, ext. 222.

Guidelines:

- All leaf waste must be placed in clear/transparent bags.
- Bags should be set out at the curb during the scheduled collection week.
- Clear bags can be purchased from any retailer.
- Bags must be kept separate from regular trash and recycling.
- Do not include grass clippings in leaf bags.

As an eco-friendly alternative, consider mulching your leaves into your lawn rather than bagging them.

Mark your spring and summer calendars!

MAY 9 Summer Rec Meet & Greet

MAY 15-16 Spring Clean-Up (See Page 14)

MAY 25 Memorial Day
(Township Offices Closed)

MAY 30 Rec Program Registration
Deadline (See Page 9)

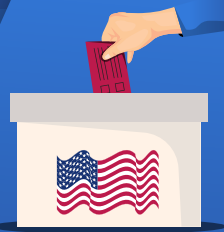
JULY 4 Independence Day
(Township Offices Closed)

AUG 4 National Night Out (See page 2)

AUG 6 Summit Senior Citizens'
Picnic (See Page 13)

May 19, 2026 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 4, 2026
- Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot: May 12, 2026



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



SUMMER REC PROGRAM MEET & GREET

PICNICANA PARK
SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026 • 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/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, 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



*"A nationwide event designed to strengthen
neighborhood spirit and police/fire/
community partnerships."*

During National Night Out, residents are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors, and spend the evening outside with their neighbors, police officers, firefighters, and other Township and County personnel. Events such as cookouts, block parties, and neighborhood walks all occur simultaneously across the nation.

The Township will sponsor a community event on Tuesday, August 4, from 5:00–8:00 PM at Community Park. Please join us as we put the UNITY in community. This will be a picnic-style event with hot dogs and popcorn. Bring a blanket or chairs and join us for a township-wide block party.

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 **July 31**. Our next newsletter will be published at the end of August or early September.



SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Hello, all! Hopefully, everyone has survived the challenges of winter. As of April 5th, spring hasn't been much friendlier with high winds and heavy rain. It creates havoc on the roads and power lines, when trees get blown down; it's a part of life in NW PA.

I wanted to talk a little about zoning. Most of it's all good, and most of the public appreciates that. I can also tell you that most of the problems that arise with zoning are caused by public complaints; that's okay.

Summit Township is very busy, and I certainly understand. I live in a subdivision where I would not appreciate piles of construction garbage, equipment, used pallets, etc., laying in a yard. I would not want a contractor or business beside me in my residential neighborhood. Then you have employees parking in the streets and strange visitors. That is why it is zoned residential.

I am fortunate to live in a nice neighborhood with good people around me. I would absolutely flip on a neighbor if they left their property a mess. Not the place for it. So, I can appreciate anybody else that has a complaint. Some subdivisions have HOAs to help control problems. We can also appreciate some nurseries, green space, and well-kept businesses.

Our township has very few rural areas left and not much agriculture either. If public water and public sewer ever hit those agricultural areas, they will be doomed to development. We all know the almighty dollar speaks, so evolution and time change everything.

Over the years, I have seen many people say "we will never sell", but time goes on, and things do change.

We have many different zoning districts in this township. If you have a problem, see something going on, or have a question, please call our zoning office to get an answer. If that is wrong, then please file a complaint. At least it will be on record. Summit has paid staff in the zoning office to handle this business.

Sometimes I get upset and frustrated, because in many cases, government does not move or progress like private industry does. Most things we deal with are not urgent, but must be addressed. When elected officials, employees, or the public ignores a problem, it only gets worse. I was employed in the private sector for 37 years, and the customer was king. Get it done or move on. We are here to serve the public, not to serve ourselves.

We have a couple problem areas now. I continue to hear excuses, and do not like it. If you see a business open, please report it. Even a small business needs some sort of office, utilities, and service, like a restroom, driveway, and parking, to keep customers from parking along the street or highway. If not, we could have a "free for all". Once again, Summit Township is not the place for that nonsense. Too many people, too much traffic, too much congestion, which calls for being organized and fair to all.

Thank you, *Supervisor Jack Lee*

Hello Summit residents,

I'm really looking forward to working with everyone on our beautiful parks and recreation facilities. I started in the parks many years ago and am looking forward to taking on some great projects. We sent out a survey on our Facebook page regarding improvements over the next couple of years. Thank you to all who participated. Baseball season is starting up, and Fort Leboeuf Little League has been using the ball fields and batting cages. The parks will be officially open on Friday, May 1st, and we look forward to seeing everyone enjoying them. There is still some availability at Picnicana to rent, but the days are getting limited. Feel free to call the office and check availability with Gina.

Hopefully, Community Park will soon be going through a transformation with the help of some grant money we are applying for. We're hoping to add parking and develop walking trails that will meander through the woods and fields.

In addition, the playground equipment from Picnicana is scheduled to be removed in August and relocated to Community Park, where it will be incorporated into the existing playground area.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions,

Supervisor Mark Welka

Greetings Summit residents,

Well, it looks like Spring is finally near, and with the nice weather comes all the road projects for this year. The primary objectives for the 2026 construction season regarding Summit's streets are as follows: crack seal and sealcoat several roads, and Mill and pave the older roads in worse condition. Also, we will be adding storm sewer pipes in preselected areas to enhance safety and security for motorists.

to make their lives better by fixing what I am able to fix or explaining why we cannot. Most people understand the reason why things are the way they are; the public sector is quite different from the private sector.

Until next time, enjoy family and friends as the weather becomes warmer and hopefully drier.

Regards,

Best regards, *Supervisor Tony Davis*

Here We Grow Again

Adler Industrial Solutions Inc. at 8251 Hamot Road completed interior renovations to include the addition of a restroom and a mezzanine. Adler Industrial Solutions Inc. is an international network of tool and die companies. They provide many services from new product tooling, reverse engineering, mold designing, and even prototyping, just to name a few.

A&J's Inc. at 8405 Old French Road recently completed construction of an addition to include office space and a warehouse. A&J's Inc. is a garden center and tree nursery with 4 generations and over 25 years of experience in the tree/garden business. Their garden center offers flowers, hanging baskets, vegetable plants—all great finds for the upcoming season—while their retail store offers an eclectic variety of finds. It doesn't stop there as they sell mulch, stone, and firewood. Stop by and see how they can help you!

IN THE WORKS

Move Up Movers has started the process of renovating to include automobile rental services at their location at 8325 Peach St.

Garver's Barbers & More has begun the build-out at their new location at 2890 Copperleaf Drive, Suite 110.

Summit Seniors

The sun is up, and the snow is gone, time to get outside. We will fire up the grill for hamburgers and hot dogs. We can sit on the patio talking with friends or join the cornhole and bocce competition for bragging rights. If we don't feel like we want to be outside, we can enjoy bingo, game time, or chair exercises. Come on and join in the fun at the senior center.

President Jan Birkner



Summit Lions Club News



Our Loyal Golfers and sponsors, what attracts you to the Summit Lions Golf tournament year after year? Is it the sizzling steaks? Or is it getting to see your friends and challenging yourself against each other once a year, knowing that your efforts are going to a good cause in helping Summit Township residents? Whether it be a child getting a book of their own, a teenager getting a scholarship, an adult getting specialty glasses, and let's not forget our help with Summit Food Pantry.

Playing year after year for 28 years paid off for Mary Buckner, who won the women's longest drive last year for the first time. Mary never gave up on her golf game or got discouraged in playing and not winning, and in the end, it paid off.

So if you enjoy fresh air, really good donuts, laughing, 50/50, golfing, skins, chance at the lottery ticket basket, grilled steak, more laughing, and awards, we have a special day for you on June 5. If you are new to our event, email Mitchellhrc@aol.com for paperwork on the details for our 29th event, or find us on Facebook. Come challenge our regulars. Our community wins when you play.

Thank you, *Lion Janet Mitchell*





Kiwaniis

CLUB OF FORT LeBOEUF

Every year, hundreds of children enter the Foster Care system in Erie County. Recently, club members made placement bags containing an outfit, pajamas, toiletries, and a comfort item to go with new placements. We were able to purchase enough items for over 80 bags. We are grateful for all of the families that bring these children into their homes.

Our annual Spring Fling will be held on Saturday, May 9th, from 1–4 pm. Fort LeBoeuf kids are invited to come to put together a bird feeder using tools, plant a seed, make crafts, participate in an obstacle course, and lots of other fun activities. This free event will be held at Waterford Elementary School, and registration is required. Fliers will be going home through school, but you can also get the information on our Facebook page, "Kiwaniis Club of Fort LeBoeuf".

Summit residents Chloe and Kayla Kress put the finishing touches on packing a foster care placement bag..



FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

HAPPY SPRING!

Well, we made it through another winter! It has been nice seeing everyone again. We did lose some very special people over the winter. I don't normally put anything personal or specific in regarding this, but we lost one great man, Sam Sauer in January. I WILL MISS YOU, MY FRIEND!!!

The 2026 County/Township bills were issued and mailed March 1, 2026. If you have not received your bill, please contact the office for a copy. Please note again that the USPS no longer postmarks your envelopes the day you put them in the mail There could be a delay of up to 5 days for postmark. The USPS postmark determines the end of discount and face. If you mail your tax payment on April 30 and it is postmarked after April 30, it will be due at face. Likewise, if you mail your tax payment June 30 and it is postmarked after that date, it will be due at penalty. This will be strictly adhered to. The tax collector has no authority to accept payments in anything other than the pay period they are postmarked in. To ensure timely payment, either mail at least a week early or use the lockbox to the right of the office door. Payments should be processed within 5 days, so check to make sure your payment has cleared. If you need a receipt, please include BOTH copies and a S.A.S.E. This is the procedure to obtain a receipt — at time of payment!

If you are escrowed, you will need to contact me for a receipt.

The 2026/2027 School tax bills will be issued and mailed July 1, 2026. The budget is not passed until end of June, so I do not know if there will be a millage increase. With the mailing of the County/Twp tax bills was an insert stating my new office hours. I am open to the public for walk-ins during the months of March, April, July and August. If you have an issue that requires in person attention that cannot be done by phone or email, please contact the office for an appointment.

Enjoy the great weather coming soon!

Debra Cameron

Summit Twp. Tax Collector
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Office Hours:

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



Perry Hi-Way News

Greetings, Summit residents. As this publication reaches your mailbox, we hope the warmer sunny days of spring have blessed us with the beautiful May flowers. The warm temps are welcome after a winter of very cold temps. For the fire department, the arrival of spring signals the start of grass/brush fire season, the potential for bicycle and motorcycle accidents, and the start of our annual residential fund drive campaign. Just as in years past, the 2026 residential fund drive kicks off the first week of May.

We expect the fund drive mailer to go out for delivery to your home the first week of May. This is the fire department's biggest and most important fundraising event. The residential fund drive has been done by mail for many years now. We are asking for every household to send in a donation of \$100.00 (less than \$0.28 per day) this year. This request is a slight increase from years past, but the cost of providing services has also increased. Last year, only 31.5% of households made a tax-deductible donation to Perry Hi-Way Hose Company.

The number of emergency calls for 2025 totaled 2164 calls for service. 1685 ambulance calls, 296 fire calls, and 183 MVA, hazardous, and service calls. 543 of the ambulance calls were to areas outside Summit Township. Members have put in a total of just under 5000 man hours of training in 2025. April 1 started a new schedule for paid staffing. We will now have 3 personnel on shift from 9pm to 9am and 4 people on from 9am to 9pm. The chief is on station M-F 8am to 4pm. We made this change to try to have responders in the Township for our residents and workers, with a smaller number of volunteers able to respond.

We have been working on our social media. We have launched an updated website at www.perryhiwayhose.com. We are trying to keep our Facebook page updated with current events and information about the fire department. Check us out in your spare time.

The major project we are undertaking this year is the upgrade of our ambulances. We will be moving the ambulance boxes to new 2026 chassis for both our 2019 ambulances. As you can see by the numbers above, the ambulances get the most use by far. By just replacing the chassis and reusing the ambulance box, it is saving over \$100,000 per ambulance vs purchasing completely new ambulances. We plan to have both the 2019 ambulances upgraded and in service by the end of 2026. This project will be done locally at Kolaja Fire Equipment in Union City PA on new Dodge chassis purchased at Humes of Waterford. The total cost for the project is \$418,000. The cost to purchase 2 completely new ambulances would have been \$632,000.

In closing, we are asking for all residents of the Summit Community to support Perry Hi-Way Hose Company, your emergency services provider. Send in your donation once you receive our fund drive letter. Attend our various fundraising events. Stop in the fire station

to see what your donations pay for. Let us work together to make the emergency services in Summit Township the best they can be. While we hope you don't need us, we stand ready to help in your time of need.

Let's get out there and enjoy the flowers and sunny weather that spring has delivered, and chase away the cabin fever and the winter blues. More next quarter.

MORE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS NEEDED

Perry Hi-Way Hose Company is a combination department, meaning we have both volunteers and paid staff to respond to emergencies. The paid staff currently is 4 people on duty from 9am to 9pm and 3 people on duty for the hours of 9pm to 9am. While this provides for a bare bones, minimal crew for emergencies, it is not nearly enough for many fire and accident calls. Even with 3 people on duty from 9pm to 9am, it provides just 1 ambulance crew. When this ambulance crew is out on a response, the volunteers need to backfill or respond to any other emergency calls. The problem is our volunteer staff is in need of some new members. We currently have just 11 active volunteers, 3 volunteer EMTs, 3 ambulance drivers, 2 firefighters, 3 fire police only, and 2 allied members who respond with us but belong to another fire department. We have a couple new members in training but could use several more responders.

Any township residents out there age 18 to 45 looking for a way to give back to your community, the volunteer fire service is a great way to do just that. Perry Hi-Way Hose Company pays for the training required as well as all the protective clothing. You need to put in the time to get the required training. We hold weekly training nights on Monday nights if not a holiday. Training is from 600pm till approx. 930pm. Training classes are held in the evenings as well as some weekends. We ask anyone interested in volunteering to stop into the Oliver Road fire station any Monday night at 6pm for more information.

People who want to help but not in the emergency response capacity can help with yard maintenance — mowing grass with our riding mowers, and helping at our fundraising events. We currently hold a purse bingo in November and craft shows in the spring and winter. The purse bingo needs lots of help to sell tickets and keep the food table filled for the attendees. We try to find a fit for anyone who wants to help out and keep our organization running.

John Spaulding, President
Perry Hi-Way Hose Company

2026 FUND DRIVE

INCOME	BUDGET
Fund Drive	\$140,000.00
Ambulance fee for service	\$250,000.00
Hall Rental Contribution to Budget	\$40,000.00
Fund Raising Contribution to Budget	\$15,000.00
PA Recovery (Fire & Rescue Billing)	\$10,000.00
Summit Twp Contribution to General Acct	\$39,000.00
Summit Twp Contribution for Call Stipends	\$15,000.00
Misc. Income	\$1,000.00
Total Operating Income	\$510,000.00

EXPENSES	
Air Compressor Maintenance - Sta 42	\$2,000.00
Ambulance Supplies	\$12,000.00
Ambulance Billing (Based on 1,125 Transports)	\$27,000.00
Ambulance ALS Assist from Mutual Aid	\$20,000.00
Ambulance Monitors & Lucas Maintenance Contracts	\$7,500.00
Banquet / For Members	\$3,000.00
Capital Improvements	\$27,000.00
Computer System / IT Services	\$8,000.00
Engine Equipment	\$3,000.00
Extinguisher Recharge / Repair / Testing	\$500.00
Fire Prevention	\$1,000.00
Firefighters' Museum	\$1,000.00
Fund Drive Printing & Postage	\$3,000.00
Insurance Coverage	\$42,000.00
Legal & Professional	\$10,000.00
Office Supplies, Equipment & Postage	\$5,500.00
Office Personnel	\$45,500.00
Radio Repairs	\$1,500.00
Recruitment & Retention	\$10,000.00
Recruitment & Retention - LOSAP	\$30,000.00
Recruitment & Retention - Call Stipends	\$15,000.00
Rescue Equipment	\$3,000.00
Security Camera Repairs / Upkeep	\$1,000.00
Social Hall Cleaning	\$18,000.00
Social Hall Cleaning Supplies	\$4,000.00
Social Hall Miscellaneous Expenses	\$5,000.00
Station Maintenance/Upkeep	\$35,000.00
Training	\$10,000.00
Trash Removal	\$3,500.00
Truck Replacement Funding (placed in savings)	\$10,000.00
Utilities	\$60,000.00
Vehicle Fuel	\$38,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$47,000.00
Misc.	\$1,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$510,000.00

PAID STAFF EXPENSES	
WAGES	\$758,547.00
TAXES / WORK COMP	\$192,875.00
BENEFIT PACKAGE	\$113,578.00
TOTAL COST FOR YEAR	\$1,065,000.00



Exciting things are happening at Habitat!

- We are completing a 5-bedroom house on a triple lot on East 26th Street. In April, we break ground on the other two lots to build 4-and 5-bedroom homes.
- On April 11, we will hold our bowling fundraiser at Greengarden lanes from 12-3 pm for a home for 4-year old Na'Rael, who has cerebral palsy.
- June 1 at noon is our golf tournament at Lawrence Park Golf Club.
- June 6 is our Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community walk at Penn State Behrend.

We have new and exciting projects coming up, and we need you. Do you have 2, 4, or 8 hours to assist with the new builds or the above-mentioned events? No prior experience needed! Visit habitaterie.org/volunteerhighlights to register. Have a business or large group that wants to volunteer together? Email admin@HabitatErie.org to schedule!

Please visit habitaterie.org/specialevents for more information on our happenings.

From the Summit Community Food Pantry



It's here! Spring has sprung, as they say! What a welcome arrival.

If you are new to Summit and would like to receive assistance from the SCFP, please come with identification showing you reside in Summit to any of the following pickup days.

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

Don't forget to visit our Facebook page, Summit Community Food Pantry, for tips, recipes, and upcoming events. If you are planting a garden this year, consider another row to share!

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



We often say that it takes a village to raise a child, and here at **Robison Elementary**, we feel incredibly fortunate to have the support of the Summit Township community. Since many of you do not always get the chance to witness the smiling faces, exciting projects, and daily successes of our students, we compiled photos and highlights from recent events and activities that build connection, foster a strong positive culture, and ultimately make Robison a place that we are so proud of.

For character development, our students, under the leadership of Elementary PE teacher Mrs. Grack, raised over \$6,880 for the American Heart Association through the annual Kids Heart Challenge, promoting physical fitness and the importance of giving back. We have also partnered with Adagio Health and Northwest Savings Bank to bring real-world education to our students, providing lessons in financial literacy, budgeting, wellness, and nutrition to prepare them for life beyond the classroom. Beloved school traditions continue to thrive, such as the Annual Pizza Bingo Night, which had an incredible turnout with over 420 participants. This event was particularly memorable as several current Robison teachers who attended it as students brought their own children, and former Robison students who are now Middle Schoolers volunteered to work the event. Read Across America week is a cherished tradition. With this year's camping theme, each student was given a book that was donated from the Lion's Club, and students participated in activities throughout the week that focused on the love of reading. Additionally, our first ever Loved Ones Dance was a success, offering students the opportunity to share a memorable night of music and dancing with a parent, relative, or special mentor. We also celebrated our annual 100th Day Celebration with engaging learning activities revolving around the number 100, and our long-standing "100 Sign" celebrated the 100th, 200th, and 300th students through the door.

In fostering a positive culture, we have focused on both staff and student wellness. Our staff's Secret Spirit Week is an essential part of our Social and Emotional Learning initiative, with staff surprising students daily with themes like "secret spy" or "vacation," which generated laughter and fun, helping students find the joy in school. The courage and growth demonstrated by the 44 students who took the stage for Madagascar Junior, overcoming shyness and stage fright, represent a measure of success that cannot be shown on academic assessments. This year's talent show was a huge success, with 80 students taking to the stage to share their unique skills. The audience was treated to an incredible range of acts, including energetic dancing, heartfelt singing, creative drawing, and impressive feats of hula hooping. Bison Barista Day was a schoolwide celebration where teachers, parent volunteers, and the principal served student-designed beverages.

Thank you, Summit Township, for your continued support of our students and staff. We look forward to sharing more successes with you soon!

Mrs. Hopkins
Principal, Robison Elementary
Fort LeBoeuf School District



Engineer's Report

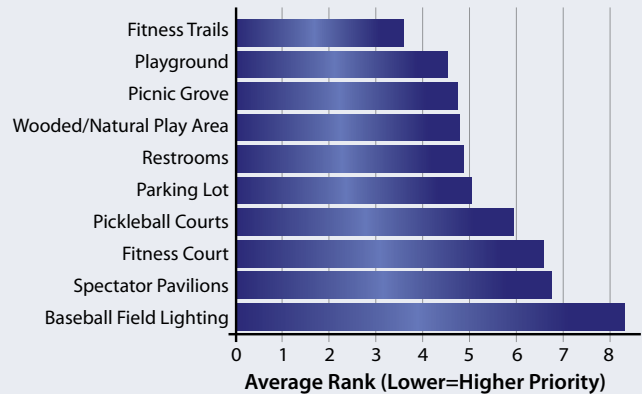
We are currently in the midst of grant writing season. We have just submitted a grant request to update traffic signals on the Perry Highway corridor and the intersection of Douglas Parkway and Commons Drive. We will be submitting grant applications for paving on Cherry Street Extension and Robison Road west of Peach Street. Also, we are preparing a grant application for improvements at Community Park.

Community Park is a clean slate in regard to upgrades. So, we prepared a concept plan with various ideas and received public input in late March and early April to see what direction we should take. We received over 50 responses, which gave us direction on where to go. The plan is to break the project into phases to keep the cost competitive and increase the likelihood of securing funding.

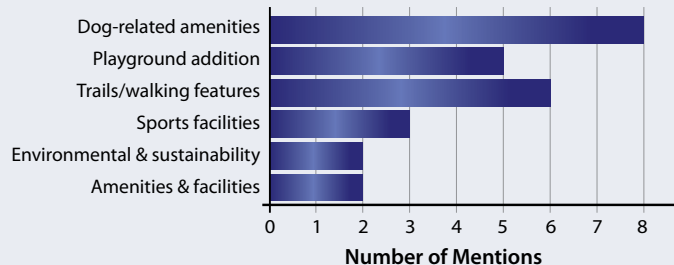
Based on the survey, the first phase will be focused on the construction of the trails. The trails will be asphalt to be ADA accessible, similar to the trails at the parks in McKean and Greene Townships. With the trails going in, it only makes sense to construct the parking lot and the stormwater management facilities at the same time. The trail construction should open the development of the picnic grove and natural play area as well. This first phase will lay the groundwork for future development of the playground and additional restrooms.

A fenced in dog park was mentioned several times in the survey. Community Park is already a dog-friendly park, and with the addition of the trail, new areas of the park will become accessible. We have researched the installation of a dog park and potential liabilities of dogs becoming territorial and injuring new dogs that show up to use the park does not make it feasible at this time.

COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES



OTHER IMPROVEMENT THEMES MENTIONED BY RESIDENTS



From the Water Authority



Brad Wokulich

Please join us in welcoming Brad Wokulich as the newest member of the Water Authority team. As part of our field crew, he will be assisting with overall system maintenance.

Brad graduated from Fort LeBoeuf and Erie County Vo-Tech in 2003 and lived in Summit most of his life. He now lives in the Waterford area with his wife and 2 children and enjoys working on his farm, camping, fishing, and hunting.

WATER MAIN FLUSHING TO BEGIN IN APRIL

The Summit Township Water Authority will be conducting our annual water main flushing beginning in April. 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 mineral 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.

Enjoy your summer!

Brian Hiles, Manager

IF YOU'RE UNDER A TORNADO WARNING SEEK SHELTER RIGHT AWAY

INDOORS

Get to a safe room, basement, or storm cellar.



If there's no basement, get to a small, interior room on the lowest level.



Use your arms to protect your head and neck.



Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls.



OUTDOORS



If you can safely get to a sturdy building, do so immediately.



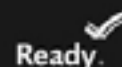
If there's no nearby shelter, take cover in a stationary vehicle & buckle up.



Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You're safer in a low, flat location.



Watch out for flying debris, which causes significant fatalities and injuries.





2026

SUMMER REC PROGRAM

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

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 29th
No late registrations will be accepted



Registration forms are available:

- Online at www.summittownship.com
- At the Township Municipal Building
- By calling (814) 868-9686 Ext. 0 if you need them mailed 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 3rd)
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

MEET 'N GREET
MAY 9TH
10 AM - 12 PM

JUNE 8TH - JULY 24TH
11:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Pennsylvanians Find Real Relief Amid Rising Costs

By state Rep. Bob Merski, D-Erie

As we say Every day, families in our district feel the squeeze of rising costs — from groceries and gas to childcare and utility bills. That’s why I’ve been focused on practical, commonsense steps that deliver real relief where it matters most: in your wallet and in your household budget. Recently, I voted for measures designed to put more money back into Pennsylvanians’ pockets and to remove unnecessary barriers that make everyday life harder for working families, seniors, and small businesses.

The Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit, which was covered in depth in our previous newsletter, is an important step toward that goal and builds on six additional tax cuts that I voted for and that Gov. Josh Shapiro signed into law to help families and support local businesses.

The expanded Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, the largest targeted tax cut for seniors in nearly two decades, delivered nearly \$315 million in rebates to more than 513,000 Pennsylvanians last year. To help working parents, we created the Employer Child Care Contribution Tax Credit and expanded the Child and Dependent Care Enhancement Tax Credit to match 100% of the federal credit, a change that returned \$139 million to nearly 222,000 families in the last year alone. We also made it easier for borrowers by allowing a student loan interest deduction of up to \$2,500.

These measures support job creators as well. We lowered the Corporate Net Income Tax, saving businesses more than \$2.9 billion, with the rate continuing to decline, and increased Net Operating Loss deductions to help small businesses reinvest and grow. Together, these commonsense policies reduce costs for families, strengthen employers, and expand economic opportunity across our communities.

CHAMPIONING LEGISLATION THAT ENHANCES QUALITY OF LIFE

Among the bills I’m advancing in the Pennsylvania General Assembly, two deserve special attention

for their potential to improve everyday life for residents. House Bill 1961 would enable Pennsylvania to join a multistate licensure compact for physician assistants and update PA licensing to reflect today’s telehealth

realities. The measure passed the House unanimously, moved through the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee, and now proceeds to the full Senate.

House Bill 1972 would tighten oversight of public adjusters to better safeguard homeowners; it also passed the House unanimously and is now under Senate review. These practical reforms aim to broaden access to care, boost transparency, and shield families from unfair practices. I will keep working across the aisle and with local partners to turn these policy advances into real benefits for our communities.

Our staff is available to assist you with the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, PACE/PACENET, and a wide range of state services — from checking eligibility and gathering required documents to completing applications and following up with state agencies. If you need help navigating forms, locating resources, or scheduling an appointment, please call us at 814-455-6319 or visit RepMerski.com for online information and tools. We’re committed to making the process as simple and stress-free as possible.

You’re always welcome to visit our district office at 3921 Buffalo Road, Erie, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or stop by our Summit office at the Summit Township Building on Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. Together, we’ll keep working to build a brighter future for everyone in our community.

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



Celebrate
AMERICA
250
AT THE
28TH ANNUAL
SENIOR CITIZEN'S PICNIC
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH

A catered lunch will be 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 – 12:00 Registration
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
12:00 – 2:00 Musical Entertainment
2:00 – 3:00 Bingo
3:00 – 3:30 Build your own Sundae
3:30 – 4:00 Door Prize Drawing

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE PREPAID AND
ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**

**THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS
JULY 24th**

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

28TH ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN'S PICNIC RESERVATION - MUST BE RETURNED & PAID BY JULY 24TH

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



Spring Clean-Up

Friday May 15th 8am - 3pm
Saturday May 16th 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 14th
- \$10 non-refundable fee for each item
- Items must be placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Friday, May 15th
- Items will be picked up on either Friday, May 15th or Saturday, May 16th

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



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

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY



GARTNER AND HARF LIFT STATION & FAIRFIELD AVENUE MANHOLE PROJECT – CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Summit Township Sewer Authority (STSA) continues to advance infrastructure improvements with the Gartner and Harf Lift Station Upgrades at 9384 Peach Street and the Fairfield Avenue Manhole Project at the intersection with Route 97.

During the first quarter, the project progressed through final design and bidding. Construction drawings were approved, and the project was publicly bid, resulting in five competitive proposals. The apparent low bidder, Ray Showman Junior Excavating, Inc., submitted a bid of \$298,607.67 to complete both projects.

The lift station project is a targeted investment in system reliability and future capacity. The improvements will address deterioration associated with the lift station, which was constructed in 1989.

With bidding complete, the projects will move into the construction phase. As work progresses, residents may notice contractor activity within the project areas.

Please note “Construction Ahead” signage on Route 19, Route 97, and Fairfield Avenue when construction begins and drive accordingly. There are no planned service disruptions during construction, and the Authority expects the work to be completed by October 1, 2026.

FAIRFIELD AVENUE MANHOLE PROJECT – REDUCING INFLOW & INFILTRATION (I&I)

The Fairfield Avenue Manhole Project represents an important step in STSA’s ongoing effort to reduce inflow and infiltration (I&I) within the public sewer system.

At the Fairfield location, the original drop assembly had failed and was allowing groundwater into the system. The manhole was required to connect the existing sewer on Fairfield Avenue, and the new piping was installed to avoid a conflict with a water line.

The Fairfield Avenue project will focus on constructing a manhole, reconstructing a drop assembly, and relaying approximately 25 feet of 8-inch PVC sewer main.

SPRING RAINS AND YOUR SEWER SYSTEM: WHY INFLOW & INFILTRATION MATTERS

When rainwater and groundwater enter sanitary sewer lines, it is known as Inflow and Infiltration (I&I). Inflow is typically associated with direct connections to the sewer system. Infiltration occurs when groundwater seeps into sewer pipes through cracks, joints, and aging infrastructure. It is important to note that STSA is actively addressing I&I on the public side of the system, namely mains and manholes. These efforts, like the Fairfield Project, are essential to maintain system capacity and control conveyance and treatment costs.

Because the Authority does not own a wastewater treatment plant, all sewage is transported through a regional system to the Erie Wastewater Treatment Plant. STSA owns limited capacity within this system, meaning excess groundwater and stormwater consume capacity that would otherwise be available for customers.

While the Authority continues its work, reducing I&I is a shared responsibility. Private sources such as sump pumps, foundation

drains, and downspouts can also contribute significant volumes of water to the system. On the public side, inflow occurs via manholes and pipes. Additional common sources of inflow during wet weather events include water entering through pick holes, shifted frames and covers, or compromised chimney seals. Once inside the system, this water consumes capacity and increases pumping and treatment costs. Eliminating these connections is one of the most effective ways to preserve capacity and reduce costs.

As spring arrives, melting snow and frequent rain showers are a welcome sign of warmer days ahead. However, all that extra water can create challenges for the township’s sewer system.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Excess water in the system can:

- Overload pipes and pumping stations
- Increase the risk of backups and overflows
- Drive up treatment costs by processing clean water unnecessarily
- Accelerate wear on infrastructure like lift stations

WHAT RESIDENTS CAN DO

Residents can help reduce I&I by:

- Ensuring downspouts discharge onto lawns or storm drainage—not into sewer lines
- Confirming sump pumps discharge outside the home
- Inspecting basement plumbing for improper connections
- Sealing visible foundation cracks
- Reporting wet areas or suspected sewer issues

WHY IT MATTERS

Reducing I&I helps:

- Protect homes from sewer backups
- Control operating costs
- Extend the life of infrastructure
- Safeguard local waterways

The Sewer Authority continues to monitor flows and invest in system improvements throughout the township. With continued effort on both the public and private sides of the system, we can avoid unnecessary costs associated with pumping and treating clean water.

The Authority thanks our customers for their cooperation and continued support in maintaining the sewer system.

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



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Erie, PA 16509

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Tony Davis, Chairperson
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DON'T BLOW IT!

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

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

Once Upon A Time...

This quarter, we are featuring one of the long-time families of Summit Township, Frank and Katherine Surovic, on Jackson Station Rd. The family will celebrate 100 years in Summit next year. Third, fourth, and fifth generations still live in Summit. Has your family lived in Summit Township for a long time? We would like to feature their story. We accept donations or loan 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 on Thursdays, 9 am to 11 am. Other times and days are available by appointment.

