



# News

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## Happy Holidays!

With Thanksgiving fast approaching, we would like to extend to all of our Summit Township residents warmest wishes for a joyous holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year. May the message of this heavenly season touch your hearts with everlasting joy!

*Supervisors and Staff of Summit Township.*



The Summit Township office will be closed the following days in observance of the Holiday Season:

- **November 25th & 26th**
- **December 24th**
- **December 31st**

### **EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011, GARBAGE PICK-UP AND RECYCLING ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES!**

On September 20, 2010, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Solid Waste Ordinance as Ordinance 2010-03. The intent and purpose of this Ordinance is to promote public health, safety and welfare, and to eliminate public health hazards, environmental pollution and economic loss associated with solid waste accumulated or stored upon any property within Summit Township.

Beginning on January 1st (unless otherwise exempted) "every owner and/or occupant of developed residential property must contract with a licensed hauler, shall pay for garbage collection service and shall utilize the recycling collection service contracted by the Township."

There are only two exemptions: 1. Occupants of a working farm property. 2. Residential property owners that have a written agreement with a commercial, industrial or institutional property that maintains a contract for services by a licensed hauler. In other words, if you own a company or work for a company that allows you to properly dispose of your residential waste in their dumpster (and you can prove this via a written document) you are exempt from having a private waste collector for your home.

Without a Solid Waste Ordinance in place, Summit Township would not be eligible for grant funds distributed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to help offset the costs of our recycling program. In the past, these funds have been in excess of \$30,000 per year.

If you have any questions regarding the Solid Waste Ordinance, garbage collection or curbside recycling in Summit Township, please call Nancy or Marj at 868-9686.

## MEET THE STAFF

Supervisor/Chairperson

**Christopher Gradler**

Supervisor/Treasurer

**Marlin Coon**

Supervisor

**Thomas Church, Jr.**

Township Engineer

**David Sterrett, P.E.**

Zoning, Land Development

& Public Relations

**Nancy Agostine -**

**Zoning Officer/Director**

**Marj Hudak -**

**Administrative Asst.**

**Kip Hayford -**

**Code Enforcement**

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**Christene Yeast**

Receptionist

**Linda Odom**

Road Crew:

**Gary Haupt - Foreman,**  
**Steve Skelly, Joe Passerotti,**  
**Larry Hudacky, Jeff Matheis**  
**Gary Pace & Mike Hanas**

Water Authority:

**John Troutman - Manager**

**Laura Taylor -**

**Administrative Secretary**

**Gretchen Hayford - Secretary**

Water Authority Systems Operators:

**Brian Clark, Brian Hiles,**

**Bob Mitchell**

Sewer Authority:

**William Steff, P.E. - Manager**

**Cheryl Feeney - Board Secretary**

**Carol Gradler, Kathy Pfister**

Clerical Asst.

**Marty McAtee -**

**Operations Foreman**

**Chris Hodge -**

**Operations Technician**

*From The Office Of  
District Judge Dwyer*

## Following too Closely

Most everyone who has ever driven a motor vehicle has experienced - TAILGATERS. You know them, they're your fellow motorists who are in a hurry or who are just plain aggressive drivers. Studies show that tailgating does not save time. The laws of physics and common sense dictate that you cannot go faster than the slowest car ahead of you anyway. However, you cannot count on someone using common sense. Some even employ tactics to try to bully you into driving faster than your comfort level. Don't be intimidated into speeding up. Move into another lane or turn off the road and allow the tailgater to pass. Avoid making eye contact and do not make or return rude gestures. Focus instead on your safety and that of your passengers and your vehicle. Tailgating may be fun at football games, but it's no picnic when you're driving down the road.

*- AAA Motorist*

## PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

### Board of Supervisors:

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

### Planning Commission:

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m.

### Sewer Authority:

Last Thursday of each month, 9:00 a.m.

### Water Authority:

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

### Recreation Board:

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 5:15 p.m.

### LeBoeuf Little League:

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at Waterford Boro Building

### Zoning Hearing Board:

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

As needed and advertised only

### Summit Township Industrial and Economic Development Authority (STIEDA):

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. as needed.

All meetings are held in the meeting room at the Municipal Building with the exception of the Sewer Authority, which is held at the Sewer Building next to the Township Garage.

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE FLO FABRIZIO OPERATES AN OUTREACH OFFICE

Located at the Summit Township Municipal Building

Most Tuesdays from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

(Call Township before coming)

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **January 25th!** Our next newsletter will be published by mid February.



## Summit Trivia:

What year did our newsletter, "News from the Summit", begin?

Answer on Page 11.

## DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.summittownship.com](http://www.summittownship.com)

With upcoming events, meeting minutes, ordinances and more, it's a convenient source of information on your community.

# SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

WOW! What a great summer! WOW! What a great fall! WOW! What a huge to do list to get done to be ready for what's coming next!

I know there is a child labor law and abusing that law can get you into a lot of trouble. I wonder?????? Is there an old man labor law that maybe I should make my 'never tiring wife' aware of? I wouldn't want her arrested. Just give me twice as long to do the same jobs 'cause it takes longer than it used to. Just kidding, she gets tired too. It's h\_\_l to get old but I think right now it's better than the alternative. I just say thanks every

morning and then wonder what I'll learn today.

Life is great, God is good.

I'm proud to be an American, your supervisor, my wife's husband and soul mate and very proud parent of a great and wonderful family.

Evelyn and I wish each and every one of you a great holiday season. May you and your family have a great day today and an even better tomorrow!

Sincerely,

*Marlin and Ev*

As we approach the end of the year the supervisors are quite busy engaging in the 2011 budget process. At the time of this printing we have completed our revenue expectations, accounted for our fixed costs, prepared a preliminary budget, advertised for 20 days of public review and comment and we should be in position to approve the final version at our regularly scheduled business meeting on December 06, 2010 at 6:00 PM. I am proud to say that we have made provisions for the real estate tax credit for 2011 and, according to my figures, there is an increase of more than 10% in participation over last year. This will require board action before it becomes official.

After fixed costs are deducted from the anticipated revenues, Summit Township is fortunate enough to have a substantial amount of funds available to be allocated toward capital improvements such as; roadway maintenance, building reserves, parks and recreation department, equipment purchases and any other expense that would be generally handled with discretionary income and that would not be considered a day to day expense.

The capital improvements budget is separate and logically lags behind our general funds budget by a couple of months. This budget is more difficult to complete because how we choose to invest our capital monies is something that can be viewed with many different end results in mind. There is not much wiggle room when fixed costs are considered, but on the contrary there are many ways to look at the capital monies.

My capital improvements budget for 2011 will include the following;

- Purchase a new line striper and stripe inner and outer lanes on all through streets in Summit.
- Complete phase two of the storm water retention system at the township complex.
- Erect a new salt storage and mixing building.
- Erect new aggregate storage bins at the township complex.
- Clean up the piles of concrete at the South end of the ball fields behind the municipal complex.
- Complete the asphalt parking at the complex and install fencing around the complex to keep our young baseball and soccer players out of harm's way.
- Review existing reserves and try to allocate toward our future needs to include any new buildings, community park improvements and long term equipment purchases.

I included this information to try to communicate to you, our residents (and bosses), the direction that I would like to see the township invest for the future and to try to convey the fact that you do have a say in this process. Of all monies spent in Summit, these funds help to shape how our community is perceived not only by us, but by the many visitors to our area. Any input from the public would be appreciated. Our meetings are the first and third Mondays at 6:00 PM and all are invited. As always I can be reached at the township offices, cell phone 434-0301, or by email at thchurch@summitpa.us.

Thank-you and I hope you have a great holiday season.

*Tom*



Hello from Girls Scouts Service Area 3618 in Summit Township! As Girl Scouts prepares for its 100th anniversary in 2012, local Troops are going strong (and always seeking more volunteer leaders!). Troops in Summit are always so appreciative of all the community support they receive, especially during those cookie sales. As a Service Unit, we are also ever so appreciative of the continuing support of Summit United Methodist Church in being our "official" site for annual Investiture and Rededication Ceremonies that are so important to all girls and adults in Girl Scouting. As you read below, the Troops are especially active in various volunteer activities in addition to working on all those petals, try-its and badges. And the friendships that are forged over the years are evident as the girls continue in Scouts. We are a small but mighty Service Unit! Be sure to watch for those cookie sales in January and support your favorite Girl Scout. If you can't find a girl to order from, watch for those cookie booth sales at your favorite shopping center in late February.

~Cassie Williams, Service Area Manager

#### Update from the Troops...

**Troop 30144** is excited to have Dawn Szczesny join as an assistant leader. Dawn and I have sixteen 1st Grade girls in our Troop this year and hope we can make a positive impact on them. We enjoy the girls and hope to make this a great experience that the girls will carry forward. We hope to inspire the girls realizing the impact they make each day and can strive to make in the future. The girls have only three petals left to focus on.

The girls earned a fall fun patch by attending Port Farms on October 16. We have only had a few meetings, but have several events scheduled including: Magazine and Nut sale, Halloween party with games and treats, volunteering at the local Food Bank, donating a Thanksgiving basket with all the trimmings, Presents for Patients, Christmas Caroling and the Girl Scout cookie sale.

~Patty Nutt and Dawn Szczesny, Leaders

**Brownie Troop 31021** is off to a great start this year returning with 16 Second Grade girls who bridged from Daisies and two girls who are new to the Girl Scout experience. A fun filled year awaits our girls as we go on a Brownie "journey quest" that will be one of self discovery and community awareness. We would like to thank our family and friends and those in the community who support our adventure and we look forward to seeing you somewhere along the journey.

~Jenny Estok and Amy O'Neill, Leaders

Hello from **Robison's 3rd Grade Troop 30705!** This year has been off to a busy start. The girls are enjoying lots of crafts at our meetings. We have many events planned for the fall and winter. We attended Trail of Treats at the Mall and Kids Fest at Sparrow Pond Campground and will be participating in dancing at Spot Light Dance Studio and Christmas Caroling at the VA, and many more fun activities. Our 11 girls are growing up so fast and are a joy to be with. We are looking forward to having lots of fun this school year.

~Keri Fries and Bernadett Wilson, Leaders

**Troop 30458** is comprised of 14 girls in the Fourth Grade. Our assistant Leader is Nicole Challis who will be starting her second year

in this position. Fourth grade is a busy year for Girl Scouts. In the spring, our girls bridged from Brownie to Juniors. As Juniors, we are hopeful that we will be able to begin work on our Bronze Award. We also would like to earn the Junior Aide Award as well. We are setting our plans in motion to achieve this very impressive goal. Also this year, we plan to rededicate our troop to the mission of Girl Scouts and the Law and Promise that defines the very essence of being a Girl Scout. We will continue to work on Junior Badges as well. We will be Junior Girl Scouts for two years. This really isn't much time to meet all of our goals, so wish us well and keep our progress in your thoughts! We also hope to sneak some fun into our year. Besides the singing, crafting, talking and friendship that we experience at each of our meetings, we hope to camp this winter (bring a warm blanket!), go ice skating, and plan a Christmas party! Winter is certainly looking up - especially for 4th Grade Juniors! Look for us after Christmas selling our world famous Girl Scout cookies. Remember, proceeds from these sales go a long way in supporting our Troop and all of the community involvement we so look forward to. If you see us out, feel free to stop and say "Hello!"

~Bernadett Wilson and Nicole Challis, Leaders

**Cadette Troop 30056** is now six girls strong representing 7th Grade girls in Summit. This troop is now in its eighth year and the girls are very ambitious. After coming off another fun summer of camping in August (very hot!), the girls learned how to sew pillowcases - one to keep and one to donate. It can be a challenge at times to avoid conflicts with school and extracurricular activities the girls are involved in outside of Scouts, but we find time to keep them moving forward as the girls are maturing. We are extremely proud that all six girls not only took a babysitting course and adult CPR course, but successfully passed both and now hold certifications in each. They already put their skills to use by volunteering to babysit at the HerTimes 5k race on Presque Isle and volunteering at the Kids Fest at Sparrow Pond in October. The girls found the tour of the U.S. Border Patrol in Fairview to be very interesting (especially those night vision goggles!) and will be completing their Law and Order badge. They also enjoy archery and will be completing that badge as well. The girls are on track as they work the requirements for the Silver Award. After participating in the Trail of Treats at the Mall, the girls are looking forward to additional scheduled events. Watch for our cookies sales in January...we have big plans we're saving up for. A very big "Thank You!" to Summit United Methodist Church for continuing to allow us to hold our meetings in the building.

~ Cassie Williams and Keri Fries, Leaders and Mary Havican, adult member

**Troop 30706** has finished up a busy year. Megan received her Silver award and Emily received her Bronze award. Along with badge work and community service, the girls had cooking classes at Super Suppers and took a trip to Cape Canaveral to tour the Kennedy Space Center. While there, they rode the space shuttle experience and got to see a space shuttle return to earth! This was a wonderful and educational experience and an end to a wonderful year!

~Karri Pacileo, Advisor

**Troop 30227** consists of two Seniors who are working toward their Gold Awards this year. We are very busy with school and extracurricular activities, but look forward to another fun year. We would like to thank all those who support Scouting and the other groups our youth are involved in, as they really appreciate the community support. They hope their Gold projects will be a benefit as well. Make sure you eat all the Girl Scout Cookies in your freezer, so you have room for the 2011 cookies! See you then!

~Heather Radel, Leader and Melody Pace, adult member

# BE PREPARED IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER

Every household should have a basic disaster kit on hand in the event a disaster should occur. After a disaster occurs, it may be impossible to gather items necessary to meet your family's needs. The list below provides excellent suggestions on what should be included. Just grab an inexpensive duffle bag to put most of the items in and keep everything in a handy spot so it's easy to grab in the event of an emergency. It's smart to keep a smaller version in your vehicle, just in case you get stranded. It's also a good idea to have a fire extinguisher in your house and vehicle. If you already have fire extinguishers, be sure to check the gages once a month to make sure they haven't lost their charge.

## CUSTOMIZING YOUR DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT TO MEET YOUR NEEDS

This kit is designed to be the basis for some of the supplies that may be needed when an emergency or disaster happens. While the materials included in this kit provide a good start, there is no standardized kit that can provide all the supplies that individuals may need for all emergencies. Your kit should be customized based on your own personal needs and the environment that you live in. Additional contents could include:

### Clothing and Bedding

- At least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person
- Sturdy shoes or work boots
- Rain gear
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Hat and gloves
- Thermal underwear

### Tools and Supplies

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Mess kit, or paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Cash, traveler's checks, change
- Non-electric can open, utility knife
- Tent
- Pliers
- Tape
- Matches in waterproof container
- Aluminum foil
- Paper, pencil
- Needles, thread
- Medicine dropper
- Shut-off wrench, (to turn off household gas and water)
- Plastic sheeting
- Map of area
- Battery operated radio and extra batteries
- Whistle
- Plastic storage containers

### Sanitation

- Toilet paper, towelettes
- Soap, liquid detergent
- Feminine supplies
- Plastic garbage bags, ties
- Plastic bucket with tight lid
- Disinfectant
- Household chlorine bleach
- Hand sanitizer

### Water

- Store one gallon of water per person per day (two quarts for drinking, two quarts for food preparation/sanitation) **Note:** Hot environments and intense physical activity can dramatically increase the amount of water that a person needs to drink.

### Food

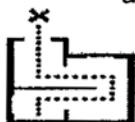
- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables
- Canned juices, milk, soup (if powdered, store extra water)
- High energy foods-peanut butter, jelly, crackers, granola bars, trail mix
- Vitamins
- Comfort/stress foods- Cookies, hard candy, sweetened cereals, instant coffee, tea bags

### Special Items

- Medications (both prescription and non-prescription) that you take, including pain relievers, stomach remedies, etc. (Ask your physician or pharmacist about storing prescription medications)
- Extra eyeglasses
- Important family documents (in a waterproof, portable container)
  - Will, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stocks and bonds
  - Passports, social security cards, immunization records
  - Bank account numbers
  - Credit card account numbers and companies
  - Inventory of valuable household goods, important telephone numbers
  - Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)
- Entertainment- games and books
- Supplies for persons with special needs, such as infant, elderly or disabled persons
- Family or workplace disaster plan

Rethink your kit and individual needs at least once a year. Replace batteries, update clothes, etc.

For more information about disaster Preparedness please visit the American Red Cross website at: <http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared>



MAKE A PLAN



BUILD A KIT



GET TRAINED



VOLUNTEER



GIVE BLOOD

# Hello from Robison Elementary School!



## From Robison PTO...

Time is moving very quickly and the holiday season is upon us. Robison students have several service projects throughout the year. The example their parents provide and the encouragement from school allows us to focus on the importance of helping others. This holiday season, the Fort LeBoeuf Elementary schools partnered with the Erie City Mission to help with Thanksgiving baskets. Robison Elementary will be collecting Jello boxes. Our goal is to collect 400 boxes of Jello by November 12, 2010. We feel good about helping to make Thanksgiving dinner wonderful for many families around our area.

Our annual "Giving Tree" project will be starting the day we come back from Thanksgiving vacation. We will be collecting new hats, gloves, scarves, mittens and socks for area children in need. We have always done well with our giving tree project and, if you are interested in contributing, you may drop off items at our school office.

All Fort LeBoeuf classrooms are equipped with ActivBoards. ActivBoards are an electronic whiteboard that interfaces with a PC through an LCD projector and an electronic pen. These boards allow the teacher to use any application on a PC for whole class instruction. The research has shown that the use of the boards increase attendance and attention. The boards bring classroom curriculum to life. Things once read about in text books can now be viewed in real time and paused, labeled and discussed. The sky is the limit as to what we can experience in the classroom! As wonderful as technology is, please buy the child in your life a great book for Christmas!

Once again, your Fort LeBoeuf Schools have been awarded the Pennsylvania Department of Education Annual Yearly Progress Award. Each one of our schools has met or exceeded State expectations. We are proud of our school, our students and our community. We thank you for your continued support as we work each year to make each and every child a successful learner.

On behalf of my faculty and staff, I wish you peace, health and happiness this holiday season and throughout the New Year!

Congratulations to Nancy Agostine and her Summit staff on their 80th publication of this newsletter!

*Cindy Hargest*, Robison Principal

Goodbye 2010, you were good to us and have given us so many wonderful memories! We love memories and feel it is part of our job to create memories for our families to share together. Memories that last a lifetime. Fun, family memories.

What a great start we've had to this school year. With our fundraisers all wrapped up, we are looking forward to all of our winter events. We have so many elves working so hard to make this season extra special. A lot of hands go into all we do and without every last hand this would not be achievable. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Our gratitude is expressed. Every year we have so many parents willing to give their time. You are all amazing.

From all of us here serving on Robison PTO, we wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a very Merry Christmas!

*Kerrie Wasiulewski &  
Carrie Nearhoof*  
PTO Co-Presidents

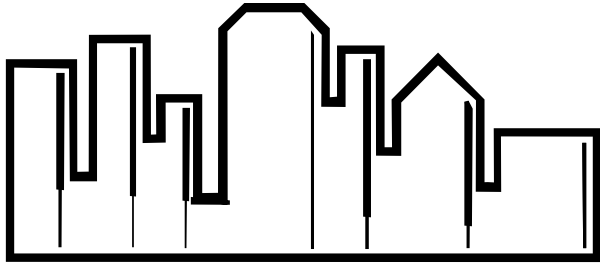


As many of you know, we recently put some finishing touches on our new Outdoor Classroom Gazebo, which was built by our parents and funded by a grant from the PA Department of Environmental Protection. Future plans for the Gazebo area include landscaping to attract native wildlife and the creation of nature trails where children and families can explore the different ecosystems available on our property.

We'd like to thank all of you for your support during our annual Fall Festival on Saturday, November 6th here at the school. Once again our families and the community enjoyed a wonderful time together making crafts, playing games, sharing great food, listening to a storyteller, and witnessing a magic show!

One of our next family and community events will take place during the week of December 6-10 when we will host a Scholastic Book Fair. All through the week, and during some evenings, you can come to browse the large book selection and make purchases. We are looking forward to our annual "Celebration of Light" program in the Stone Church on Wednesday, December 15th at 7pm. During this evening, the children will share songs, dance, and words of celebration which occur in the winter season. We will end our time together after the program by hosting a reception in the downstairs elementary classroom with refreshments. Everyone is welcome to attend this special evening, and there is no charge for the program.

If you would like to know more about any of these events, please contact the school at 866-3760. You can also join us for one of our upcoming Open House times. During an Open House the school and classrooms are open for exploration by children and adults. Our next Open House will be Saturday, January 15th from 10am - 12pm. Please be sure to visit our website at [www.montessoriinthewoods.org](http://www.montessoriinthewoods.org) for additional dates and times.



## Here We "Grow" Again

**WAL-MART SUPER STORE . . .** has finally opened at 1825 Downs Drive. Supercenters were first developed in 1988 to meet the growing demand for convenient, one-stop family shopping; saving customers' time and money by combining a full grocery and general merchandise under one roof. There are now over 2,800 Wal-Mart Supercenters nationwide. Our 184,000 square foot super store offers a full grocery section, complete with fresh bakery, deli, produce and meat departments. It also includes in house specialty shops such as a Vision Center, Hair Salon, Tire & Lube Express, Subway Restaurant, Portrait Studio and one-hour Photo Center, Pharmacy and Erie Federal Credit Union Bank. Remember to take advantage of the newly realigned Common's Drive when exiting north out of the Supercenter. Stop in to "See what the WOW is all about!"

**H.H. GREGG . . .** will introduce itself to Northwest Pennsylvania shoppers now that they have moved into the store vacated last year by Circuit City, at 7425 Peach Street. This publicly owned Indianapolis-based specialty retailer of consumer electronics and appliances was founded in 1955 and said to distinguish itself from other competitors by their well trained, commissioned sales staff. Retail products include home video products such as LED, LCD, plasma and micro-display TV's, & DVD recorders; appliances such as refrigerators, ranges, dishwashers, freezers, washers and dryers; portable electronics; and other products and services, including mattresses, audio hardware, computers, video game systems and accessories. Operating under the motto "Price and Advice – Guaranteed," they offer convenient delivery service, certified experienced technicians for all in-home or carry-in repairs, and, last but not least, a 110% price match guarantee. For more information visit their website at [www.hhgregg.com](http://www.hhgregg.com).

**FUHRMAN'S . . .** has opened at the former Perry Hi-Way Hose Co. building at 8270 Peach Street. Fuhrman's has rightfully been the talk of the town since they began renovating the former fire-hall. Not only is the country style store visually appealing, but the cider that is fresh pressed in-house, the fresh brewed coffee from their coffee bar and the pastries from their in-house bakery are second to none. Also available are local fresh fruits and vegetables. If you haven't visited yet, stop in for a real visual and tasty treat; open Tuesday – Saturday 7AM to 7PM, Sunday 8AM to 4PM (closed Mondays).

**FORMER DAMON'S ...** is undergoing a full transformation at the corner of Peach and Douglas Parkway. The structure that once housed a single restaurant is being remodeled to include four new restaurants which will offer a wide variety of foods: Dunkin Donuts, Papa John's, Qdoba Mexican Grill and Famous Dave's BBQ.

### IMPORTANT WINDER ROAD REMINDERS:

- **NO PARKING ON TOWNSHIP ROADS FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO APRIL 30!**
- **NO PLOWING OF SNOW FROM PRIVATE DRIVES OR ROADS ONTO OR ACROSS TOWNSHIP ROADWAYS!**

Anyone who violates these regulations is subject to towing of vehicles, fines and costs.

We're ready! Be careful, we know what's coming and by all indications it might get a little nasty this winter.

*The Road Crew*

## From the Water Authority. . . .

### NOW ACCEPTING MASTERCARD, DISCOVER & AMERICAN EXPRESS

The Water Authority now offers the convenience of accepting credit cards for water bills and assessments. In order to accept payments without paying merchant processing fees, the Authority utilizes a convenience fee program called MuniPAY. MuniPAY is offered by Nationwide Payment Solutions, an authorized Level 1 PCI-DSS service provider, meeting all Payment Card Industry – Data Security Standard guidelines and requirements. This program eliminates any exposure to the municipality from the storage and/or transmission of cardholder data.

This fee is 2.45% (or \$1.50 minimum) of the total amount of the sale and is required to be processed as a separate transaction so that the charge is clearly identified by the cardholder.

We are working towards accepting online payments as well. This will be announced on your water bill when it becomes available.

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
(unless posted otherwise)

#### 2010 CLOSINGS

November 25, 26, 29  
December 24, 27  
December 31

#### 2011 CLOSINGS

February 21  
April 22  
May 27, 30  
July 4  
September 5  
November 24, 25, 28  
December 25

*From all of us here at the Water Authority, have a safe and happy holiday season!*

*John Troutman, Manager*

# Senior News

## *Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

Well, here we are at the end of another year. So, I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very nice Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and an equally Happy New Year - that being 2011! Wow! Time passes, doesn't it? It's been a great year out here in Summit Township and at the Summit Senior Center. As this year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to give some more detailed descriptions of what takes place at our Senior Center.

The first regular event of the week is on Tuesdays. A group called the Young at Heart has a weekly pot luck lunch. The main entrée is provided by one of the five groups at each table. Cost of the entrée is covered by a 50/50 that is taken up each week. All other attendees bring a dish, be it a dessert, a snack, soup, veggie, salad, etc. Such good cooks and such good food! The day starts about 9 AM when the pool players get together for a few rounds of pool. Then the other people start to drift in. Sometimes Jean Curley has a project for the Sunshine Group that all gather around to help her with. A puzzle is always in the process of completion and there are books for anyone to read. After lunch on the second Tuesday, there is birthday cake made by our own Dona Cuzzola which is always beautiful and delicious. The third Tuesday finds people playing crazy bingo. Each one brings a wrapped gift of nominal value (\$1-\$2) and the game begins. It's called crazy because the "bingo" word is not bingo but something different for each game. Currently, the Erie Center on health and Aging presents a program once a month on a subject specifically for seniors and their concerns. Also, once every three months nurses come to check blood pressure and address any concerns. Entertainment is occasionally provided, but it has been noted that the people who stay to play cards don't like much to interfere with that activity, so any programs are kept short.

On Wednesdays, starting at 11 AM a group meets to make ceramic objects. The session is from 11 AM to 3 PM and the cost for attending is just \$2. If you make something, the cost of your project, any equipment you need, and any additional firings are what you pay for. The teacher, Carol Bingham, supplies all the paint and advice for free. She has hundreds of items to choose from. Additionally, some people have taken objects that they currently own and have had them refurbished. Her rates are very reasonable. So, for a little work and money you can end up with some nice pieces to either display or give away. It's a very creative time and I think you'll find it worthwhile.

Every third Thursday is the monthly meeting of our governing group, the Summit Township Senior Citizens. This group is by membership and it is the only group that requires membership and dues. This group gathers before noon and eats lunch at noon. During the summer months, there is a cook-out on the grill and attendees bring picnic food to accompany the hot dogs and hamburgers. From September thru May, each person brings their own lunch and a dessert is supplied. Oh, I should mention that all eating functions have coffee and hot water for tea, hot chocolate and there is a small fridge with pop and bottled water. The coffee and tea or hot chocolate are at no cost but pop or bottled water is \$.35.

Okay, back to the governing group. The Summit Township Senior Citizens make all the rules. This is done via by-laws, policies and procedures. All who attend the Center must abide

by these rules. The officers for the group (Board of Directors) include a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. To coordinate all of the groups, a manager has been appointed by the Board. Dues to join our group are only \$10 a year and the membership year is from July to July. This is the group that has the Election Day bake sales and that is where your money goes when you buy some of their delicious baked goods. Thank you. Along the lines of the baking, they also have an annual Christmas cookies exchange. Lots of good cookies for only a minimum effort. Plus, it is such a nice time visiting with the lovely ladies. The main revenue raising event for the last couple of years has been the rummage sale. This event requires a major output of work and we want to thank all of you for your support.

The final event of each week is the Thursday evening pool playing. I understand that (at this time) there are only men participating, but you women can join in any time. I do wonder if they really gather to play pool, or, if it's for the ice cream sundaes that they make for themselves. HmMMMM.

So, you can come and enjoy yourselves at any of these events any time you would like. If you wish to have a say in the goings on of the place, then join the Summit Township Senior Citizen group for the nominal fee of only \$10 per year.

Now that you know the every day goings on, let me tell you what we have to look forward to till the end of the year:

- The Summit Township Senior Citizens will have their annual Thanksgiving dinner in November which will be catered by M&M Catering. A great meal with wonderful people.
- In December our local Boy Scout Troop 71 will provide a Christmas Dinner for the Seniors. This event has been going on for the past few years and each year gets better. All who attend sure enjoy the good food and the great company. Those boys really can put on some funny skits!
- Weather permitting; there will probably be a New Year's Eve party at the Center. People bring snacks to eat during the evening and then after the New Year has arrived and all the clamor is over, a traditional meal of sauerkraut and pork is served. The Center is then quickly cleaned up and all head home full and content. Let's hope we can do that again this year.
- The Young at Heart will also have their Christmas Party sometime near that holiday. The Center gets decorated with a tree and other appropriate decorations for all to enjoy. Speaking of decorating, Judy Curley has taken up that task for us this year and it is so nice to see the seasonal decorations in the windows and on the tables. Thanks, Judy!

So, now you know a little bit more about our Senior Center. You do not have to belong to the governing group to come and enjoy our events. In fact, if there is a senior group that would like to start their own event at a time not currently being used, please contact me. Your request will be presented to the Board of Directors to see if things can be worked out. It is your Senior Center too! It is also important to let you know that your friends from other townships are more than welcome to come and enjoy themselves. That way you can bring your friends and let them see how nice we have it out here in Summit Township. You have an open invitation to join us!

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

*June Beard,*

Summit Township Senior Citizens Vice President

## RECYCLE PHONEBOOKS TO HELP SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

Containers are in place outside the main entrances to both the Municipal Building and Senior Center to collect phonebooks which are recycled to benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank. Containers will be in place from now until the end of January.

## DON'T FORGET TO COMPOST THOSE LEAVES!

Additional composting information can be found on our website [www.summittownship.com](http://www.summittownship.com). Just click on "Recycling."

## SUMMIT TOWNSHIP PROUDLY RECOGNIZES NEWEST EAGLE SCOUT



Joshua Wilkerson, son of Jerod and Emily Wilkerson of Summit Township, received the rank of Eagle Scout on October 17, 2010. Joshua is a member of Troop 54 sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. For his Eagle project, Joshua replaced one footbridge and repaired another at Asbury Woods Nature Center. He worked on the project from March to July 2010 with the project taking over 200 man hours to complete. Joshua is currently a Freshman at Collegiate Academy.

## PERRY HI-WAY HOSE COMPANY: WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME . . . ?

Several years ago our members took part in a television campaign aimed at asking you questions about the last time you did things like give back to the community, made your family proud, and helped your neighbor. The advertisement ran on several of the local cable channels as a way to recruit volunteers.

Today the need is as tremendous as it was back then.

So, when was the last time you gave back to your community? Make that time today and call us at 864-0680 or visit our website at [www.perryhiway.com](http://www.perryhiway.com) for more information. Positions are available in all areas.

### Firefighting

Open to all men and women age 18 and older. All training and equipment provided at no cost to the members. Duties include responding to fire related alarms and other various emergencies. A junior firefighter program is available for ages 16 and 17.

### Auxiliary

Men and women over the age of 16 are welcome to join our Auxiliary. These members work in the kitchen during bingo and other fundraising events. Flexible schedules are always available. No experience necessary.

### Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services

Open to men and women 18 and older. No experience is necessary as all members are trained and equipped according to Department of Health regulations at no charge. Duties include responding to medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents and fires.

### Fire Police

If emergency services sound appealing, yet you aren't comfortable with fires or medical care, the Fire Police division may suit you. These members have the important task of providing traffic control and scene safety for the citizens and responders at motor vehicle accidents, fires and other emergencies. Men and women 18 and older are welcome.

We're also proud to announce the launch of our Live-in program where students are offered dormitory-style housing in exchange for duty shifts. This program has helped bridge the gap when other traditional responders weren't available. Give us a call for more details.

We'd like to extend special thanks to the Summit Township Supervisors who have made it possible for our volunteers to be compensated \$5 for each emergency call. This has certainly alleviated some of the personal expenses, such as fuel and vehicle wear and tear associated with driving to the station.

### Upcoming Holiday Auctions

November 26th - 5:00

December 10th - 6:00

### SAFETY REMINDER:

\*\*\* DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE THE BATTERIES  
IN YOUR SMOKE ALARMS! \*\*\*



## LeBoeuf Little League

Yet another successful season has come to an end for the LeBoeuf Little League. Congratulations to all the players for another great year!

LeBoeuf Little League has recently partnered with "Team Turf" from Waterford, who will take care of fertilization and weed control at our fields. "Team Turf"

will donate their time and talent to make LLL baseball and softball fields the best around. A huge thank you goes out to "Team Turf"!

Softball and baseball clinics will be starting before we know it. They will begin in February, 2011. Also, mark your calendars for signs-ups for the 2011 Season, to be held February 19 (10am to noon), February 22 (6-8pm) and February 25 (6-9pm) at the Mill Village Firehall, Summit Township Building and Stancliff Hose Company in Waterford.

Again, please join us for the LeBoeuf Little League meetings the second Thursday of each month (no December meeting) at the Waterford Boro Building, 8:00pm. New attendees and new perspectives are always welcome and encouraged! You can also visit our website, [www.flbll.com](http://www.flbll.com) for any LeBoeuf Little League inquiries. Happy winter!

## FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

By the time this newsletter goes to print, we will be on our way to the Holidays. I wish you and yours the very best.

All taxes are now in the Penalty period (10%). Final Notices will be sent by the 10th of November. If your records do not match with mine, please contact me as soon as possible. Any taxes not paid by December 31, 2010 will be sent to Erie County Tax Claim as delinquent. I have a specific date that I have to "settle" with Tax Claim. Along with end of year reports, I must also provide a copy of each and every unpaid tax bill. This process is very time consuming and of course, the ultimate goal is to have the same balancing figures as the County does. Which brings me to the next item you need to know. **ANY PAYMENTS MADE AFTER DECEMBER 15, 2010, MUST BE IN EITHER CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.** This is to ensure all checks have cleared by December 31st. **PAYMENT MUST BE IN MY POSSESSION ON DECEMBER 31ST, NOT POSTMARKED.** Settlement dates can be as early as January 3rd and time is needed to prepare documents that are needed for Tax Claim. Payments made through the mail slot on December 31st (Friday) will be credited for the tax year 2010.

My office is closed to walk-ins from November 1st through the end of February and I resume normal business hours on March 1, 2011. This does not mean that I am not working and cannot be reached. Please leave a message and I will get back to you. Leave a number that you can be reached at both during the day and also in the evening. Appointments can be made that are mutually agreeable to both parties if paying by cash.

The mail slot can be utilized 24/7. I ask that you DO NOT put cash through the mail slot and if you provide a number on your envelope, I will contact you so that you know I did receive your payment.

If you will be filing for the Property Rent/Rebate program you MUST have a receipt which is stamped by me. If you do not have a stamped receipt, please send it to me with an S.A.S.E. and I will stamp it and return it to you. You may also use the mail slot for this.

I attended the PA State Tax Collector's convention in October and the winds of change are coming and you may not like those changes. Along with Senate Resolution 250 that Senator Jane Earll sponsored (she also sponsored the bill that eliminated the local tax collector collecting local earned income tax) studies are being done and proposed to eliminate your right to have local government. Once one of your rights is taken away, it seems it's like the domino effect and others soon follow. Berkheimer will most likely be the choice for the collector of real estate taxes if the study proposes outsourcing. Contact our State Senator Jane Earll (717-787-8927) or Rep. Flo Fabrizio (814-455-6319) and let them know that you want your local government left to those that live in that locale.

2011 County-Township-Street Light bills will be mailed the first week of March, 2011. If you do not receive a tax bill by the 15th, please contact me. If you have a change of address, please contact me and I will provide you with a change of mailing address card that you fill out and send to Erie County Assessment. I cannot change your mailing address, only Erie County Assessment can do that.

Again, have a happy holiday season and a safe and enjoyable winter. See you in the Spring!!

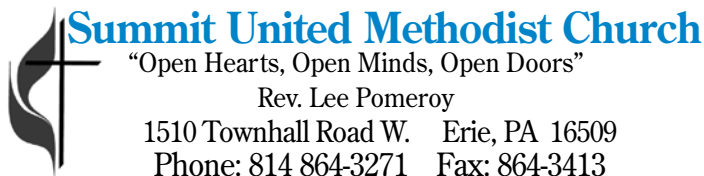
**Debra Cameron, Summit Twp. Tax Collector**

**1754 Townhall Rd., West, Erie, PA 16509**

**Phone & Fax 814-866-2653**

**Hours: March 1 – October 31, M-TH 10AM-2PM, Monday evening 5-7PM**

**November 1 – End of February, by Appt. Only**



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The Methodist Faith Community of Summit Church invites you to join us.

Sunday Worship Service 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School (children & adults) 9:30 a.m.

For more information about the church and its ministries, please contact the church office.



### "Ingathering" A Response to God's Blessings!

Please join us on Sunday, November 21st as we respond to the many blessings and gifts that God has given to us. On our "Ingathering" Sunday, worshippers are asked to bring a bag filled with groceries to the church for this special service. All food items received will be donated to the Summit Community Food Pantry for their Thanksgiving and Christmas distribution.

The following is a list of items that can be included in your

grocery bag: Boxed potatoes, Stuffing mix, Canned vegetables, Canned fruit, Canned pie filling, Pie crust mix, Cranberry sauce, Gravy mix (canned or pouches), Margarine or Butter, Jello, Pudding.

### Christmas 2010

Celebrate the Christmas season at Summit United Methodist Church! The Chancel Choir will present "Sing Choirs of Angels" on Sunday December 19th at both the 8:15 & 10:45 Worship Services. Exciting musical arrangements, soloists and drama will combine to remind us of the reasons we celebrate... mark your calendar now!



#### Christmas Eve Service

Come join us on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

**Traditional Candle Lighting Service 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday, December 24th, 2010**

### ANSWER TO SUMMIT TRIVIA:

Our very first newsletter was published in January of 1991.

**This is our 80th issue!**



## We Serve

*Summit Lions Club*

# Summit Lions News

The Lions of Summit would like to welcome everyone. We hope you are enjoying this nice fall season. Warm weather in the fall makes everyone feel good.

This past month we were able to help a student at Robison Elementary purchase a pair of glasses and have their eyes examined by an eye doctor. We are also in the process of purchasing a vision machine for the school. This will help the school nurse examine the students throughout the school year. It was nine years ago that the Summit Lions purchased the last vision machine for Robison.

The purchase of the eyeglasses and the vision machine was made possible by you, the residents of Summit Township and Erie County, who supported our White Cane Days, the tool raffle and who golfed or were sponsors in our annual Golf Tournament. Without your help this would not be possible.

The members of the Summit Lions are proud to work these events, sell tickets and stand outside of one or more of the stores in Summit asking everyone if they could help the Lions help the vision impaired. Our only issue is that we have a number of members, due to health problems, that are not able to help us when we do these activities. That is why we need new members, men or women, age 21 or above, to join the Summit Lions. With new members we would have more contact in the community making it possible to hear about more people that are in need of our help and possibly raising more money to help others.

Thank you to all that have helped to fill our used eyeglass boxes. We are always in need of used eyeglasses, which can be repaired and given to individuals through the Lions eyeglass program.

Eyes are not the only thing that Lions throughout the world donate to. Here is a brief list of some of the programs that the Lions are involved in: Diabetes Awareness, Environmental Protection, and Hearing Research.

Our Gun Raffle that many of you purchased tickets for was held Wednesday, October 27th. I will list the names of all winners in the next newsletter.

Thank you for reading this newsletter and remember, if you would like to join the Summit Lions, you can call me, Bob Mitchell, at 864-9194.

Happy fall and enjoy the green grass, soon it may turn w\_\_\_e.

*Lion Bob Mitchell*



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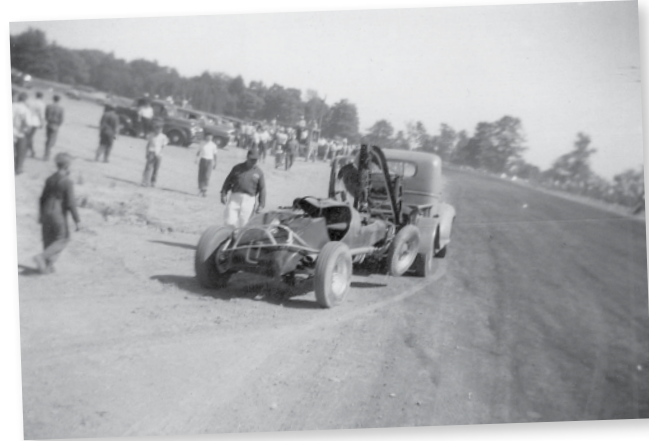
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## Once Upon A Time...

Back in the late 1940's, before there was Splash Lagoon, Tinseltown or Presque Isle Downs, people came to Summit Township on Sunday afternoons to be entertained at the "Race Jennings Race Track", near the top of the hill on Robison Road East. As seen in the photo, it was a very dangerous dirt track where drivers would come off the track completely covered in dust, with only the whites of their eyes showing. Race Jennings was a shrewd business man. To ensure receipt of all admissions, the only entrance to the track was through his barn; driving in the front door, paying and driving out through the back door. Once inside the track, patrons, drivers and pit crews alike were permitted to stand right alongside the track. For those who choose to have a seat, makeshift bleachers, fabricated by Race from 6 wooden planks, were also available. The children especially liked to sit on the top plank, from which they could get a glimpse of Lake Erie. It was understood by everyone that other tracks in the area paid more prize money and had nicer, safer facilities. Nonetheless, the Race Jennings Race Track lasted for approximately 6 years. Following a fatal accident, where a car rolled over and the driver was killed, the track closed.



Race Jennings has been referred to as an 'interesting character', a 'hillbilly' and quite an 'entrepreneur' who really knew how to make a dollar. With Race it was always a cash deal, which explained the large wad of money that he always flashed for everyone to see. Besides the race track, the 90 acres on Robison Road that Race and his wife Genevieve owned included: their private house, a garbage dump, a goat farm where the goats were fed from the incoming garbage and 8 'stick' houses that he built out of material salvaged from his dump. Race had many other assets as well and was instrumental in the development of Glenmar Gardens, referred to as 'Jennings-Ville' at the time. While the Jennings were surely not considered to be the best of neighbors between the dusty track and frequent fires at the rat infested dump; the neighbors did enjoy listening to the sounds of Genevieve's Pipe Organ that could be heard throughout the neighborhood on warm summer days. Some residents still fondly recall her lovely renditions to this day. In 1969, everything came to an end when Erie Disposal bought the Jennings property. Race and Genevieve moved to Florida, never to return to Summit Township. Waste Management brought the property from Erie Disposal in 1971 and is still operating Lakeview Landfill.

We cannot thank enough the fourteen residents who called in to share their personal recollections of one of Summit's most notable characters. This article could not have been written without help from John Weber, Marge Anderson, Gertrude Brown, Tom Church Sr., Jodi Wokulich, Tim Haaf, Keith Carlson, George Wurst, Ruth Brooks, Gary Gradler, Ed Suroviec, Doug Brown, Ben Gradler and Betty Dahn. They all will be entered into our year-end prize drawing. GOOD LUCK and THANKS again for sharing with the rest of us!

### NEXT CHALLENGE:

What purpose did this building initially serve and when was it converted to its present use? Give Marj a call at the Summit Township Office: 868-9686. All those who answer correctly will be entered in our yearly contest.

