



# News **FROM THE SUMMIT**

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## *Summit mourns sudden loss of William R. Andrus a life-long resident and outstanding volunteer.*

The Summit Township Sewer Authority meets the New Year with an unexpected loss of our Chairman, William R. Andrus. I can remember Bill as a freshman at Fort LeBoeuf High School in 1976. He had a presence even then. While I could not imagine working for him then, I was genuinely glad that he volunteered to serve on the Board of the Sewer Authority.

Bill Andrus started on the sewer Board in March 2003 and was voted Chairman in July of 2006. Bill followed his father Ray Andrus's legacy as Ray was also Board Chairman from the Authority's inception in 1968 until he resigned in January 1981.

Bill had integrity and could handle a meeting full of differing opinions with a voice of reason. He was involved in many complex issues with the Authority; from Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection mandates to law suits over gaming money. He also served during the construction of the \$1.8 million South Hill Road Area Project where he strove to keep tapping fees reasonable for the residents of Summit Township.

He was a great person to work for and was viewed as intelligent and mature, with a down to earth style. His persona only grew stronger along these lines in the 30 plus years that I knew him. He will be missed by employees and Board members alike.



*Bill Steff, Manager*  
Summit Township Sewer Authority  
8890 Old French Road  
Erie, PA 16509

Township Offices will be closed on:  
**February 21st – President's Day**  
**April 22nd – Good Friday**

2011 Spring Clean-up will be held:  
**May 18-21st Info in NEXT Newsletter**

## **MANDATORY RECYCLING AND GARBAGE PICK-UP NOW IN EFFECT FOR ALL SUMMIT RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES.**

As of January 1, 2011 the new Summit Township Solid Waste Ordinance became effective. It is now required that every resident contract privately for trash disposal and participate in the Township provided (free) curbside recycling program. Information about the residential recycling program can be found in the 2011 Summit Calendar.

We received numerous phone calls from residents concerned about meeting the requirements for trash disposal, particularly very small households with limited waste.

Households that currently contract with either Welka Disposal or Waste Management are already meeting our requirement. Households that have authorization to properly dispose of trash via their employer or business are also meeting the requirement so long as, **if it is requested by the Township**, they could provide proof of this authorization.

For small households, Welka Disposal offers a "bag program" where individual stickers are purchased in advance and placed on a single bag of trash, as needed. This avoids a monthly fee for those who only have an occasional bag of trash. Simply having a prepaid sticker on hand meets the Township's requirements. Call Welka Disposal at 866-0111 for more information on their bag program.

Summit businesses must privately contract and pay for both trash disposal and recycling. For more information on commercial requirements contact Nancy Agostine.

## MEET THE STAFF

Supervisor/Chairperson

**Christopher Gradler**

Supervisor/Treasurer

**Thomas Church, Jr.**

Supervisor/Roadmaster

**Marlin Coon**

Township Engineer

**David Sterrett, P.E.**

Zoning, Land Development  
& Public Relations

**Nancy Agostine -**

**Zoning Officer/Director**

**Marj Hudak -**

**Administrative Asst.**

**Kip Hayford -**

**Code Enforcement**

Secretary/Asst. Treasurer

**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*

## Be Prepared for the Worst Case Scenario

Winter driving can be very treacherous and even cautious drivers can find themselves in a distress. When this happens, motorists should be prepared to help themselves and/or be prepared to wait a considerable time for assistance. You can be ready by simply putting together an emergency kit and having it in your vehicle at all times. Kit should include a basic toolkit (screwdrivers, pliers, adjustable wrench), warning devices (flares or triangles), a bag of abrasive material (sand, salt, cat litter), jumper cables, a flashlight, hats and gloves, a warm blanket, hand/foot warmers, first aid supplies, high energy snacks and bottled water, and a mobile phone and car charger with important numbers programmed in it. Don't chance it - be prepared!

## 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 **April 18th!** Our next newsletter will be published in early May.



## Summit Trivia:

What is the longest single roadway that is serviced by Summit Township?

Answer on Page 11.

**DON'T FORGET TO  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE:  
www.summittownship.com**

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

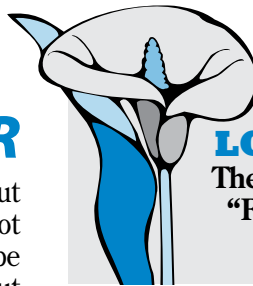


## RECYCLING CORNER

The 2011 Summit Township Calendars were mailed out at the end of December to all of our residents. If you did not receive one, please contact the Township office. We hope you will use the Township Calendar to learn everything about recycling in our community, which is now mandatory and no longer optional.

Bi-weekly curbside information is clearly detailed, as well as information for the drop-off center operated by Lakeview Landfill on Robison Road, and the Erie County Recycling Convenience Center. If you're looking to recycle oil, CFL light bulbs ("Curly Q"), rechargeable batteries, eye glasses, electronics and other items; local recycling opportunities for these items are also provided for you.

Over the last few months, Summit Township residents helped Second Harvest raise \$900 to feed the hungry by recycling over 900 pounds of phone books. Thanks to all who participated!!



**ATTENTION ALL LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS:**  
The theme for our 2012 Calendar will be "Flowers of Summit" so start snapping those photos today!



**FROM SUMMIT TOWNSHIP TO LAKE ERIE, WHEN IT RAINS (OR THE SNOW MELTS) IT DRAINS!**

Remember to keep your vehicles in proper working order and dispose of oil and fluids properly. All of those fluids that leak onto pavement or are poured on the ground end up in our drinking water! Please do your part to help keep the Lake Erie watershed clean.



## LeBoeuf Little League

Happy New Year! Baseball and softball is just around the corner and, if you can believe it, it's time again for LeBoeuf Little League sign-ups! As always, we welcome LeBoeuf area youth, ages 4 through 16, to join the fun! This year, Little League International has lowered the starting age for boys and girls to age 4; if your child will be 4 years old by April 30, 2011, he or she will be eligible to play on a T-ball team.

LeBoeuf Little League is very excited to have the opportunity for the third year, to offer the "Challenger Division" for special needs children, ages 5 to 15 years old. The Challenger Division is open not only to kids in the LeBoeuf District, but to any special needs child who would like to participate. Registration can be completed at any one of the registration dates. Volunteers are always welcome and encouraged! Challenger Division Commissioner, Heather Johnston is available to answer any questions and can be reached at: 460-1345 or email at flbchallengers@yahoo.com.

For the 2011 Season, baseball and softball sign-ups will be held at the Summit Township Building, Waterford Firehall and Mill Village Boro Building on the following dates and times:

- Saturday, February 19, 2011, 10:00am to noon**
- Tuesday, February 22, 2011, 6:00pm to 8:00pm \*\*\*\***
- Friday, February 25, 6:00pm to 9:00pm**

**\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: THE SUMMIT TOWNSHIP BUILDING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SIGN-UPS ONLY ON FEBRUARY 19 AND FEBRUARY 25. ON FEBRUARY 22, SIGN-UPS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE AT THE WATERFORD FIREHALL OR MILL VILLAGE BORO BUILDING. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP ON FEBRUARY 22, PLEASE DO SO AT THE WATERFORD FIREHALL OR MILL VILLAGE BORO BUILDING.\*\*\*\***

- Registration is \$35.00 for a single player and \$65.00 for family
- A fundraiser will be distributed at the time of registration
- League Representatives will be available at registrations to answer any questions

Here is a breakdown of the age groups and playing levels for 2011:

<u>Age and Gender</u>	<u>Play Levels</u>
Age 4 Boys and Girls.....	T - B a 11
Age 7&8 Boys.....	Peewee (Coach pitch)
Age 7&8 Girls.....	Instructional (Coach pitch)
Age 9&10 Boys.....	Boys Minor
Age 9&10 Girls.....	Girls Minor
Age 11&12 Boys.....	Boys Major
Age 11&12 Girls.....	Girls Major
Age 13&14 Boys.....	Boys Junior
Age 13&14 Girls.....	Girls Junior
Age 15&16 Boys.....	Boys Senior
Age 15&16 Girls.....	Girls Senior

There will be free pitching clinics beginning in January 2011, as well as softball and baseball open gyms at the Waterford, Mill Village and Robison Gymnasiums, which will begin in February, 2011. Be on the look out for paperwork from your child in the upcoming weeks regarding clinic dates and times; paperwork will be dispersed to the interested players at each of the schools. You can also view the LeBoeuf Little League Website at: [www.flbll.com](http://www.flbll.com) for dates, times and locations of specific clinics.

# SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Welcome to another great year in Summit Township. This year we have a lot of improvements going on in all areas of the Township. These improvements will be in areas such as in roads, township garage, municipal complex, parks and many other areas. I will highlight topics to make it easy to read the ones that most interest you.

**TAXES:** This year Tom Church and I voted again for the third year to relieve township taxes for the residents who are in the Homestead Farmstead program. We did this with gaming monies from the Casino and this relief has been growing with more residents participating. Most eligible residents are enrolled, but if unsure call the Township and check to see.

**BUDGET:** This year we better defined the budget monies and where they will be invested back into the Township. We did this by giving a line by line item of all proposed projects and purchases planned for this year. This will give the Township and its residents a clearer picture of where tax and gaming dollars are being used. We also redefined what all invested monies the township has, making it clear what they are earmarked for. This would include the municipal complex, future buildings, major equipment, parks and many more.

**ROADS:** I started two years ago with documenting the road improvements that we do in this Township. I did this using the county liquid fuels map to mark out what roads were paved or seal coated "tar and chip" in that year. Before this we didn't have much documentation on which roads were improved over the past years. I did this with the help of Marj Hudak and Christene Yeast. I know this will be a good tool and record of the roads for future road masters.

**GARAGE:** This year we have started much needed improvements to our garage and out buildings. These improvements will better define how we use our buildings for storage and work areas. New lighting was added in the garage; this makes a safer and more energy efficient work area. We installed a rig-a-rack shelving to better store seasonal equipment and clear floor space. Then we purchased a fork-lift truck for safer handling and storage of materials. We also moved all the plow trucks into one building; making them easier to maintain and to help lower heating costs.

**STORM SEWERS:** What are they and what do they do? Ask ten people and you will get ten different answers. Some say it makes the roadway safer by

filling in the ditches, not always the case. By filling in the ditches you may increase vehicle speeds and add a new level of danger. I feel this makes easier access to trees, telephone poles, houses and people in their yards. I was witness to a truck on Cherry Street traveling across a storm sewer ditch, and then traveling 300-ft before coming to rest at a house's front porch. Installation of storm sewers on Old French Road, or any road without sewer and water lines, will only increase their cost in the future. I'm for storm sewers where it makes sense, and it's the right time and place to install them. This would be installing them at intersections, high erosion areas and residential areas where sewer and water are complete, this makes sense to me. Storm sewers come at a huge cost to the Township and that's why I support good planning so that they are installed in the right place.

**LINE STRIPING:** The Township is possibly looking at the idea of purchasing a line striping truck this year. This could benefit the Township and its residents in many ways. First it would be more cost effective and give the road crew the ability to stripe both the center and outside lines on all roadways. This would give a defined road edge and center line, helping vehicles stay in their lanes and adding visibility at night. This would help maintain safer speeds and aide in keeping cars out of ditches. The truck would also give us the ability to stripe every road every year at the best time needed; giving us bright center lines to help with winter travel. These lines also helpful to our road crew when plowing in winter months.

**PARKS:** Picnicana Park needs a few more small improvements to finish it off. We need to complete the lighting in the pavilions and install drinking fountains. We may also do some improvements to the ball field and add a new gate in the future. Community Park is still in the planning and funding stage, and keeping with the sports park theme. I would think this year we will get some ideas on paper and possibly start some improvements in 2012.

**MYSELF:** I, as always, can be reached at any time to discuss Township questions on the above or anything else. You can reach me at 434-1952 or email [crgradler@summitpa.us](mailto:crgradler@summitpa.us).

Keeping residents first,

*Chris Gradler*

Hi Friends & Neighbors!

Another year is upon us –does anyone have any resolutions still in tact? I'm batting 1,000! None made.... none broken! We've had a light winter so far, let's hope it continues.

As spring approaches and I look forward to summer, I am hoping to get back to the practice of installing storm-sewers to get rid of ditches, paving and improving Parson Road and many other improvements to our roads to keep them in the great condition I strive for. We are very fortunate to have the funds to make these improvements and I hope we continue to do so into the future. The welfare and safety of our residents has always been the #1 priority of every municipality in the state.

The township supervisors approved the 2011 general fund budget, as well as the capital improvements budget, at our first meeting January 03, 2011. Again, for the third year running we also approved the real estate tax forgiveness program by a majority vote resulting in a "zero municipal tax due" for any resident currently enrolled in the Homestead/Farmstead program administered by Erie County. If you are currently not enrolled, or you are not sure if you are enrolled, you can phone the township at 814-868-9686 for assistance with the process. I would encourage any resident not enrolled to do so to take advantage of our tax forgiveness as well as the benefits received from the state through reduced school taxes funded with gaming revenues at the state level.

Also at the re-organizational meeting on January 03, 2011 the board appointed me to the position of township treasurer. I had held this position for six years in the past, and am honored to hold the position again. I have been reviewing the finances of the township for months including the balances of the capital reserve fund, capital improvements fund, and the operating reserve fund. After careful consideration, and with the help of our assistant treasurer Christene Yeast, our CPA auditor Joe Sadler, and zoning assistant Marj Hudak (spreadsheet pro), we prepared multiple documents including a spreadsheet detailing each fund and the future capital projections as I see them today. The supervisors approved the projections spreadsheet at the January 03 meeting by a majority vote to be implemented into the February 2011 treasurer's report. The new look of the treasurer's report, and corresponding fund balances and investments, should present a more complete, and easier

As always, I want to thank our road crew for their willingness and desire to help make Summit Township all we can be. You are doing a great job guys!

I don't dare stop with the road crew, without also bragging about our office staff, each and everyone. I want to congratulate Nancy Agostine for taking second place in the State for our Newsletter and second place also for our Recycling Calendar. We might have to build a bigger wall to hang all the awards that she has earned in the past 16 years! Nice job and thank you Nancy!

Spring's just around the corner – HURRAY!

Sincerely,

Your Supervisor

*Marlin Coon*

to understand, financial picture of the township finances while allowing us to maximize the investment potential of our fund resources while planning for the future needs of the township, both planned and emergency expenditures.

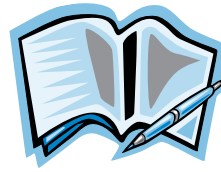
It seems as though I end too many of my newsletter articles acknowledging the passing of one of our many great residents, and this one will be no different. Bill Andrus (Hoss) quietly passed away on January 03, 2011 at the very young age of 50. Summit Township lost a man, from a longtime family of community active servants, that tirelessly, and without much recognition, most recently served as chairman of the board of the Summit Township Sewer Authority. Bill's father Ray, was a founding member of the authority, and also served as the authority's first chair. Together, along with other dedicated members, their service has helped guide the authority through many tough decisions that most of us were not aware existed. Bill was also chairman of the board of the West End Community Center, an organization that Bill led the way to re-establish after a period of in-activity and previously located at the corner of Pagan Road and Route 99. The WECC continues to support many Summit based entities including contributions to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Summit Recreation League, and a number of scholarships for area students.

This article makes me think about one of my many faults of taking people for granted while they are alive and realizing how much they meant to me after they are gone. My mother loved hugging. I think she may have had the answer.

Respectfully submitted

*Tom Church Jr.*

# Hello from Robison Elementary School!



## From Robison PTO...

As our lives wind down from the hustle and bustle of the holidays we welcome our new year. It's a new year full of surprises and expectations. As always, Robison PTO is busy planning our upcoming events. We do our best to make each year better than the last.

Over the past few months we've been gathering pictures and working hard to put together a yearbook for the students. Those will be ordered next week so they have them to enjoy this summer. They love seeing themselves with their friends, memories...

Our annual PTO sponsored Robison Science Fair is always a success. Although entries are optional, we have a tremendous turn out every year! I guess things like that keep us going. Strive and determination, if our kids can do it so can we.

We hope you all are having a wonderful start to your new year. A special thanks to, of course, our Robison families for sharing their lives with ours!

*Carrie Nearhoof &  
Kerrie Wasiulewski*

PTO Co-Presidents



## FORT LEBOEUF SCHOOL DISTRICT Announces Kindergarten Registration ROBISON, MILL VILLAGE, WATERFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS 2011-2012 Kindergarten Registration

Registration for all children living in the Fort LeBoeuf School District will be held at Waterford Elementary School located at 323 Cherry Street, Waterford, Pa. (796-4833). Children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2011 **must be five years of age before June 1, 2011.**

**Registration will be held during the following dates and times:  
Monday, March 28, 2011 from 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM and  
Tuesday, March 29, 2011 from 11:00 AM-6:30 PM**

Registration will not be complete until the office has a copy of the child's **birth certificate and immunization record.** Please bring a "baby book" with the required data or a doctor's written statement regarding immunization history. *If your immunization record is not updated, please come to registration with the information you have and an updated immunization may be given to the school before classes begin.* Proof that you reside in the Fort LeBoeuf School District is required at time of registration. Please have 2 proofs of residency and one should be your driver license.

Several forms will be included in packets that will be mailed to parents. The forms include a **personal data sheet, health history and immunization form, PIMS forms, Home Language Survey and Child Find Form** and need to be filled out completely and accurately as these records follow the child through their school years. We ask that all forms be completed and with parents at the time of registration.

We ask that the kindergarten child be with the parents so that vision testing can be done on the day of registration. If the child wears glasses, please have your child wear them on registration day.

Please share this information with a friend or relative who may have a child who is kindergarten age for the fall and lives in the Fort LeBoeuf School District. Please have them call any of our three elementary schools if they have not received a registration packet. **Packets will be mailed out to families on March 7, 2011.**

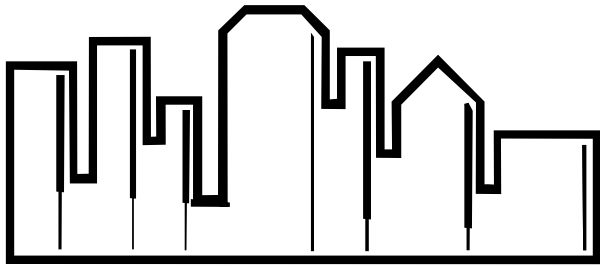
*Cindy Hargest,* Robison Principal



This holiday season, we once again enjoyed our annual "Celebrations of Light" program in the Stone Church. Our children shared songs, dance, and inspiring words about cultural traditions over the winter season. The program was followed by a reception in the elementary classroom with delicious goodies and refreshments, while families and friends enjoyed one another's conversation and company.

Our 3rd annual spring art show, Art in the Woods, will be held 4-7 pm on Sunday, May 15th, in our Stone Church Gallery. At this event you can view contributions from local, regional, and student artists, who offer their work as a fundraiser for our school. Along with a piece completed by each student, this year we will be adding a collaborative art piece created by each classroom. The creation of these special works will be guided by resident and visiting artists from the local area, and each one will be auctioned off separately. Last year we filled the gallery with over seventy beautiful pieces of art which included ceramics, fiber, painting, woodwork, jewelry, photography, and much more! During the art reception and silent auction, you can hear live jazz music, sample wine from Lakeview Wine Cellars, taste a variety of appetizers, and bid on additional select gift baskets. To purchase tickets, or if you know of anyone who might be interested in donating a piece for Art in the Woods, please contact the school at 866-3760.

We'd like to invite you to join us for one of our upcoming Open House evenings. During this time, the school and classrooms are open for exploration by children and adults. Our Open Houses are scheduled from 6-8pm on Tuesday February 15th, Monday March 21st, Wednesday April 13th, and Tuesday May 17th. As always, we look forward to seeing any of our Summit neighbors, so please stop by. Please be sure to visit our website at [www.MontessoriInTheWoods.org](http://www.MontessoriInTheWoods.org) for additional information about our school and upcoming events.



## Here We "Grow" Again

### IN THE WORKS:

**FIVE GUYS BURGERS & FRIES . . .** pulled the Zoning Permit to construct a new restaurant on January 7th. This restaurant will be located at 1940 Rotunda Drive; directly in front of Planet Fitness. Anticipated opening is in June. Look for more information on this franchise in our next newsletter.

**GOLF ETC. . . .** will be opening in a few months at 7520 Peach Street, in the small plaza that currently houses Meeker Marshall Shoes and the U Pick 6 Shop.

**FAMOUS DAVE'S - QDOBA MEXICAN GRILL . . .** have been named as the two restaurants that will share space in the former Damon's building, 7165 Peach Street. Scott Enterprises has revised their initial intent for this building, and are now proposing 3 units: these two restaurants and Dunkin Donuts.

## From the Water Authority. . . .

### EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM IMPLEMENTED

The Water Authority recently joined forces with SwiftReach Networks Inc. to provide direct delivery of public notices to customers for such things as outages, "Boil Water" advisories, etc. Messages can be delivered via telephone, email, text and pager.

The majority of customers have already been entered into the system using information provided when their water account was setup. Since these records may have changed over time, we are asking all customers to update their personal data by logging onto the Township's website ([www.summittownship.com](http://www.summittownship.com)), clicking on the "Local Entities" tab on the right hand side of the page, scroll down to the Water section and click on ADD/REMOVE YOURSELF located in the Swift 911 box. You will then be redirected to a form where you can enter new data or change existing information.

### ADOPT-A-HYDRANT CONTEST REMINDER

Just a reminder of the Authority's Adopt-a-Hydrant contest. Call the office (864-2323) to nominate someone you think does an exceptional job of keeping hydrants clear of snow during the winter months. Winners receive a \$50 gift certificate to a Summit Township restaurant or business of their choice.

*John Troutman, Manager*

## FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

All tax bills issued in 2010 and not paid have been turned over to Erie County Tax Claim as delinquent effective 1-1-2011. By the time you are reading this, you should have been contacted by Tax Claim on your unpaid parcels. You will make payment to Tax Claim on all unpaid bills issued in 2010. You can reach them at 814-451-6206.

The 2011 County-Township & Street Light bills are dated 3-1-11 and will be mailed the first week of March. If you do not receive a tax bill, please contact my office. Mills for the County remain the same as in 2010 at 6.05. Township mills remain the same at .7. **Transfer of ownership that occurs after January 1 may not be in the new owner's name.** It is your responsibility to notify Erie County Assessment of any ownership changes and provide a current mailing address. **Whether or not you receive a bill, you the property owner is responsible to pay the tax bill.** If your taxes are escrowed, you must forward a copy of the tax bill to your mortgage holder. You may keep one of the copies. The mortgage holder only needs one.

Interim tax bills were issued 1-1-11. Interim bills are only issued when there is a change in assessed value due to new construction, addition, brand new mobile home etc. You are ALWAYS notified by Erie County Assessment prior to the issuance of the Interim. At that time, if you do not agree with the new assessment, you may dispute the new value. Interims issued 1-1-11 will be for either/ or 2010 County-Twp. or 2010-2011 School. County-Township bills are for a calendar year (Jan. through Dec. of the same year) and School is for a fiscal year (July 1 of one year through June 30th of the next year).

If you require a stamped receipt to file your PA-1000 (PA Property Tax or Rent Rebate Program), please either send me your unstamped copy with a S.A.S.E. or bring the copy into my office and I will stamp it for you.

Senate Resolution (SR-250) of which I've spoken many times about in previous articles will come to completion in June. If you do not want real estate property tax collection done by a private sector such as Berkheimer or consolidated to one per school district or one per County, then please contact Senator Jane Earl and let your opinion be known. Many of you have already signed a petition in my office. If you have not previously filled one out and wish to do so, I will still have plenty in my office.

I look forward to seeing everyone beginning in March. As I am writing this, it was ten below this morning. Let's hope spring is early, the sun shines, the birds chirp, the weather warms up and everyone is healthy and safe!

**Debra Cameron, Summit Twp. Tax Collector**  
By Appt. Nov. 1 – end of February  
Beginning March 1 – Monday-Thursday 10A-2P  
Monday evenings 5-7P. Closed Fridays.

# Senior News

## *Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

Welcome to the second month of the year 2011. Hardly seems possible, doesn't it?

As is our custom for this first newsletter of the year, we pause to look back at those we have lost from our humble group. While it is with sadness that we reflect on the loss of these dear people, it is with gladness that we appreciate that we had them among us. As we lose longtime members, we are grateful for all the newer folks who come to fill the vacant places.

**Amelia Johnson** was an organizer of all kinds of fun events: hay rides, Mardi Gras parties, Teddy Bear concerts, and even a pajama party! These are just a few of the many fun events, all of which she (very energetically) organized for us to enjoy.

**Verne Peasley** - while Verne found much pleasure in the outdoors, he always made sure that his wife, Carol, was at the meetings and always a bit of sunshine accompanied him.

**Irene Watkins** was a beautiful lady with boundless love for everyone. Irene was always a joy to be around at all of our meetings.

**Nancy Michaels**, a former member, who was very active and helpful during the construction of our building.

These are hard shoes to fill, that's for sure, but we welcome our new members to be just as active in our organization as those listed above were.

As I sit here in the midst of a very cold spell in this part of the country I am so grateful for the Senior Center. It is a warm place to go in the cold winter and I'm not just referring to the inside temperature. There is nothing warmer than nice people having a good time.

And good times we did have since I last wrote to you. Our annual Thanksgiving dinner was without compare. It is a catered event, so it's one of the few times that we go to the Center and have a great meal but don't have to cook it. The other event that comes to mind where we don't have to cook is the Boy Scout Troop 71 Christmas dinner. A few years ago our local troop began to host this wonderful event for us they did it again this year. Those of us who attend just go, eat and enjoy. They provide everything including the entertainment. Thanks fellows (and the adults who are with them)!

And we can't forget the New Year's Eve party. In addition to having a wonderful way to usher in the New Year, it is also a good way to get rid of those left over holiday goodies. We feast on those prior to midnight, then we have a supper of sauerkraut and pork. It's a terrific way to start

any new year; good friends, good food - what could be better.

A few of our ladies think there should be more of these good times and have decided to get together on Thursday afternoon for a "Ladies Game Time." I believe the intent is to play pool, cards and any other games they might find interesting. Personally, I think they have been watching the fellows having such fun playing pool that they have decided to partake of it themselves. Go for it, ladies! Besides, we just had the pool tables refurbished. If you would like to have some of this fun, show up at 1 PM on Thursdays. I know they have to end their fun by 5 PM as that is when the fellows gather to start their pool playing. The tables should be good and warmed up by then. Enjoy!

### **Here's a brief review of our regularly scheduled events:**

**Tuesday** – Young at Heart luncheon. Pool playing begins about 9 AM, bring a dish for lunch at noon. Card playing follows lunch and clean up. Other activities.

**Wednesday** – ceramics begins at 11 AM and ends at 3 PM. An instructor will guide you. Also, a local Weight Watchers meeting, I believe it begins at 6 PM.

**Thursday** – seems to be game day. From 1-5 for the ladies and 5 to whenever for the men.

We are also fortunate to have regular visits from the Erie Center on Health and Aging at the Tuesday get togethers. Every 3 months a representative comes to take blood pressures, and once a month they give us an informative talk on a subject concerning our well being. We are grateful to them.

I hope your New Year has gotten off to a good start and that you are looking forward to a year filled with fun and enjoyment. We continue to offer good times for all who care to participate with us. If you have any questions about any of the events, please feel free to call me at 864-9378. I would be happy to assist you in any way I can.

Be safe, be happy,

*June Beard,*

Summit Township Senior Citizens Vice President

## **AARP Drivers Safety REFERSHER Class**

**Date:** March 29, 2011

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Place:** Summit Township Senior Center  
1450 Townhall Road

Contact Jean @ 866-5653

## AARP FREE TAX SERVICE

FEBRUARY 2nd through APRIL 13th

A.A.R.P. volunteers will once again assist Senior Citizens and low income individuals in preparing their 2010 Federal, State and Local tax returns as well as PA Tax Rebate applications. The volunteers will also be on hand to answer questions.

**REGISTRATION** - Scheduling for appointments began Monday, January 18, 2011. Make an appointment by calling the Summit Township Office at 868-9686; Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM -4:30 PM.

**DATES & TIMES** - Appointments will be available on Mondays or Wednesdays, and are scheduled hourly from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**LOCATION** - The Summit Senior Citizen's Center is located at 1450 Townhall Road.

**WHAT TO BRING** - For your scheduled appointment, bring **2009 tax returns and the stimulus payment amount you received, your 2010 tax forms/booklets and your 'Paid' Property tax bill.**



**REMINDER**

### Time to renew DOG LICENSES for 2010

Don't let your pooch be in the "dog house"!

Licenses must be renewed in January for the current calendar year. Again this year the Township has Erie County dog licenses available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Municipal Office. The cost is \$8.00 (\$6.00 for spayed/neutered dogs). There is a \$2.00 discount for Senior Citizens 65 years of age or older.

*You must apply for the "life time" licenses at the Erie County Courthouse.*

## PERRY HI-WAY HOSE COMPANY CALL VOLUME FOR 2010

**Total Calls 1145**

### FIRE CALLS; 56

- Structure fires – 22
- Vehicle fires – 8
- Grass / mulch / brush fires – 8
- Chimney fires – 6
- Lawnmower / ATV – 2
- Rubbish fires / illegal burning - 5
- Miscellaneous other fires - 5

### EMS (Ambulance) CALLS; 635

### MVA (motor vehicle accidents); 147

### RESCUE CALLS; 14

- MVA with HURST tool use – 9
- Elevator – 2
- Child lock in car – 2
- Swift Water – 1

Hazardous Material Responses – 10

CO alarms – 4

Cover assignments / standby – 13

Pump Outs – 2

Fire police only – 8

Service calls – 16

Good Intent – 36

Automatic Fire Alarms – 172

Miscellaneous – 32

*We still have several openings for men and women to volunteer. All training and safety equipment provided. No experience necessary.*

## COMEDY NIGHT FUND RAISER

Perry Hi-Way will be holding another comedy night fundraiser.

**Saturday March 5th 2011**

**at our social hall 8281 Oliver Road**

**Doors open 6:30pm Show starts 8:00pm**

3 comics for a fun night of laughs and entertainment

Tickets \$15.00 each and include beer and light table snacks

Come on out and support your fire department  
*(This will be a PG-13 rated show!)*

## Gaming Lawsuit Settled

First, let me apologize for not writing an article in quite some time. Let me assure you, that STIEDA has been very busy looking out for the interests of Summit Township, its authorities and volunteer fire company.

I believe we have two new members since I last wrote. The additions are Dave Bartlett and Anthony Krasinski. Dave and Tony are welcome additions to STIEDA and their efforts and insight are appreciated.

Most of you have probably heard about the conclusion of the lawsuit against Erie County. I'll do my best to summarize the results.

It was apparent to STIEDA, the supervisors, Perry Hi-Way, Summit Sewer Authority and Summit Water Authority that the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was not going to approve any applications for gaming funds made on behalf of Summit Township. Because the state law was set up to protect our needs that arose due to the casino, and because it Erie County had neglected to follow it from the beginning, we felt it was necessary to file the suit to protect our interests.

Through a lot of effort put forth by the supervisors, STIEDA members and the members of Perry Hi-Way and the Water and Sewer Authorities, not to mention our solicitors, we came up with a proposed compromise. In exchange for a guaranteed payment to Summit Township and the contiguous municipalities, we all agreed not to make application for further money from the County. This freed up the bulk of the committed funds for the County to disburse and saved us time and money by freeing us from going through the application process only to get rejected.

Out of the funds going to the contiguous municipalities, Summit gets the largest share (45%) of the funds. This only made sense as we are the host municipalities and we bore the greatest burden. The other municipalities each get 11% of the funds annually. Summit will receive approximately \$650,000.00 per year.

A lump sum payment was made for the past couple years. Also, STIEDA expects to receive about \$500,000.00 per year for 2010 and 2011. STIEDA currently has about \$800,000.00, with 2010 and 2011 payments yet to be made.

Because Perry Hi-Way, Summit Sewer, Summit Water and Summit Township can no longer apply for gaming funds, STIEDA will reserve the approximately \$1,800,000.00 for a program that only Summit Township, Summit Sewer, Summit Water and Perry Hi-Way can make application for loans or grants to cover expenses/costs associated with providing services to the casino.

It is our intent to provide a revolving loan fund or some other type of loan/grant program that will be open to any business or individual. We do not have anything set up yet and will not have any funds available for another year. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments or would like to make any suggestions, feel free to contact us. We will keep you posted on our progress.

Before concluding, STIEDA would like to thank the supervisors for their personal and financial support. I'm happy to report that STIEDA has repaid the Township all of the funds they advanced to help keep us afloat. We expect to be self sufficient from this point forward. We would also like to thank the supervisors for forwarding the bulk of the settlement funds to STIEDA to administer for/on behalf of the township.

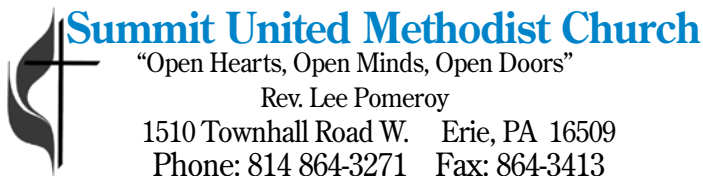
I would be remiss if I did not thank our solicitor, Dan Pastore, for all of his hard work and efforts.

It's been a heck of a last few years, but we look forward to doing a lot of great things in the future.

Very truly yours, **Brian M McGowan, Chairman STIEDA**

## 2010 ZONING/DEMOLITION PERMIT RECAP

Type of Structure	No.	Value
<b>Single Family Dwellings</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>\$6,003,979</b>
of which 17 are Mobile Hms [6 New sites, 11 MHP replacements, 0 private lot] and 11 are Condominiums		
<b>Amusement, Social &amp; Recreational</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$7,967,000</b>
Presque Isle Downs Casino Addition		\$4,467,000
Splash Lagoon Wave Pool		\$3,500,000
<b>Industrial</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$386,000</b>
Composiflex (interior/addition)		\$386,000
<b>Public Works – Utilities</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$669,696</b>
PHHC (Training Tower)		\$78,500
WSEE/FLO TV (antennas & satellites)		\$75,000
Crown Communications (antenna)		\$20,000
Summit Twp. Sewer Authority (addition)		\$496,196
<b>Stores &amp; Customer Service</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$822,000</b>
Summit Storage Center (2 mini-warehouses)		\$360,000
Chipotle Restaurant (shell)		\$186,000
Chipotle Restaurant (interior build out)		\$250,000
Erie FCU - located inside Wal-Mart (interior build out)		\$26,000
<b>Accessory Buildings (Residential)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$76,965</b>
<b>Other Structures</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$57,728</b>
6 Permits/new pad sites (Holly Acres MHP)		\$9,000
Gazebo (Glenridge Montessori)		\$6,800
In-ground Pool		\$15,000
Solar Panels (roof top/residential dwelling)		\$26,928
<b>Home Additions</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>\$581,050</b>
<b>Commercial Renovations/Additions</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$1,110,000</b>
Subway (interior remodel at Delta Sonic)		\$7,000
Fuhrman's Cider Mill (remodel of former fire station)		\$273,000
U-Pick 6 (patio addition)		\$9,000
H.H. Gregg (interior remodel of former Circuit City)		\$715,000
Dunkin Donuts (interior remodel of former Damon's)		\$106,000
<b>Residential Garages</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$123,400</b>
<b>Demolitions</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Commercial:</b> -- 1 (Brusters)		
<b>Residential:</b> -- 11 (9 Single-Family Dwellings & 2 Accessory Bldgs).		
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>\$17,797,818</b>



# Summit United Methodist Church

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

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The Methodist Faith Community of Summit Church invites you to Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

**Please join us as we observe the 2011 Lenten Season at Summit UMC.**



## LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

*Ash Wednesday - March 9*

Lenten Service 7:00 p.m.

*Palm Sunday - April 17*

Worship Services 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

*Maundy Thursday - April 21*

Light Supper & Service 6:00 p.m.

Service immediately following the meal.

*Easter Sunday - April 24*

*Celebration of the Resurrection*

Worship Services 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

## Summit United Methodist Church 2011 Annual Spring Rummage Sale

Friday, May 20 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. &

Saturday, May 21 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Come and see the great buys!:

A great variety of Clothing and Shoes (adult, children), Purses, Household items (bedding, curtains, small appliances), Jewelry, Toys, Books, Knick-knacks and so much more.

Something for everyone!

(Saturday Bag Day \$2.00)



### ANSWER TO SUMMIT TRIVIA:

Hamot Road is the longest single roadway that Summit Township maintains. From its northern most point at Hershey, south to Elk Creek Road, the road is 4.1 miles long. Hamot Road is not entirely owned by Summit Township; for 1.16 miles it serves as a border road at which point it is co-owned with McKean Township. An agreement exists between the Townships in regards to Summit's maintenance expense associated with this section of the road.



## We Serve

*Summit Lions Club*

## Summit Lions News

The Summit Lions had a good 2010 and hopefully, with help from people like you, we'll have an even better 2011.

We ended the year by helping two families in Summit have a better Christmas. Two of our members went on a shopping trip and filled the wish list of the children of these two families. Before the gifts were delivered a resident of Summit Township, Gary Pace (Bruno), contacted me and said that he had a very good used bike, and, if we knew of anyone needing it, he would be glad to donate it to us. This was an answer to the prayers of our two members responsible for the shopping. On one of the children's list was a bicycle. Because this was a high priced present that we usually don't buy, they had dismissed the bicycle. After a few phone calls, the bicycle was delivered to the school, and given to this child. A big thank you to Bruno, who helped put a smile on a child's face this Christmas.

At our dinner meeting in January, the Summit Lions gave out 3 scholarships to two 2010 seniors from Fort LeBoeuf High School:

- Congratulations to **Tim Edmunds** for receiving a Summit Lions Scholarship. Good luck to you and keep up the good grades.
- Congratulations to **Jesse Carlson** for receiving a Summit Lions Scholarship and also the Leo's Scholarship for a Summit senior who is a member of the Fort LeBoeuf Leo's Club. Good luck to you and keep up the good grades.

The Summit Lions give out these scholarships to any Summit High School Senior that attends Fort LeBoeuf and meets our committee requirements. The scholarships given out this year were worth \$2500.00.

The profits from a gun raffle that was held last fall and monies collected from white cane days went to help many students from Robinson school. We purchased a new Vision Screener and an Audiometer for the school nurse to screen the students for vision and hearing loss.

A big thank you to everyone who supported our events this past year so we could help make someone's life a little better. We would like to list everyone that gives money to us but the list would be too big to print in one Summit newsletter.

There was a group of children, which our club sent money to support, that was part of a Union City fire wherein they lost their personal belongings. Our funds do not go to just residents of Summit, but are given to many different groups or residents of our area.

Our annual tool raffle tickets are almost ready and will be sold for \$5.00 per ticket (more of this in the next newsletter). Plus, our golf committee is planning the 14th annual golf tournament scheduled for June at the Venango Valley golf course.

Hope everyone has a good 2011!

*Lion Bob Mitchell*



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## Once Upon A Time...

This building, located at 8900 Old French Road, looks somewhat differently today. It was originally constructed in 1985 by Summit Township, following a fire that destroyed the Townhall Road Community Center. This new building initially served three purposes: as a new home for the Summit Fire Control (the Shirley Gaston family), a new Community Center for Township meetings, etc. and as second floor office space for the Township Zoning Officer and, in later years, space for the Township Water Authority.

Beginning in the early 90's this building was expanded in phases to its present day structure, which now houses the Summit Township offices, the Township Water Authority offices, District Judge Dwyer's office/court room and a larger Township meeting room.

Our 'Thanks' to Ron Dodge, John Weber, Jeff Pett, Mike Crane and Jodi Wokulich for correctly answering this month's challenge.

**CONGRATULATIONS Marge Davis**, our 2010 Once Upon A Time contest winner. Marge received a \$25.00 Gift Card to the Summit business of her choice: Kohl's.

## NEXT CHALLENGE!

What purpose did this building initially serve? Give Marj a call at the Summit Township Office: 868-9686. All those who answer correctly will be entered in our yearly contest.



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