



# News *FROM THE SUMMIT*

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## SIDEWALK REGULATIONS NOW IN EFFECT FOR SUMMIT TOWNSHIP

Ordinance 2013-01 was adopted on November 18, 2013. The Ordinance provides all of the rules and regulations for the installation and maintenance of sidewalks. While a large portion of our Township does not have or require sidewalks at this time; the more recently developed portions are required to install sidewalks in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and must keep them properly maintained.

The nuts and bolts of the new regulations include where and why sidewalks are required:

- In all new commercial developments.
- In all new major residential developments where the lot width is 80' or less; if sidewalks exist in adjacent developments; or, are needed to provide access to community facilities like schools, shopping areas and recreation areas.

The Ordinance also provides for the proper location of sidewalks and how the sidewalks are to be constructed (i.e. sub-base, thickness, width, slope, etc.). To insure the sidewalks get installed correctly, the Township requires a bond that is held until the sidewalk inspected and found to be in compliance with the Ordinance.

**MOST IMPORTANT FOR SUMMIT PROPERTY OWNERS ...** the Ordinance requires that you (not the Township) are responsible for keeping the existing sidewalks in good repair and **FREE OF ALL OBSTRUCTIONS, INCLUDING SNOW, ICE AND DEBRIS**. What does this mean? Do you have to be out there shoveling continuously? In a word – NO! The ordinance states that all accumulation of snow and ice of a depth in excess of two (2) inches must be removed with 24 hours after the precipitation stops. This does not mean that every time the snow gets to 2 inches you have to be out there. It means that after the snow stops (even if it doesn't stop until there is a foot or more!) **you must clear the snow within 24 hours**. When you clear the walk it must be **cleared to a width of 36"** so that a wheelchair can pass.

If a property owner fails to comply with the Ordinance, the Township will notify the owner and, if proper repair or maintenance does not occur, the Township can perform the task and the property owner will be liable for any cost.

These new requirements are necessary to protect all existing property owners from paying for the cost of keeping Summit Township compliant with ADA requirements. We want to insure Summit doesn't find itself in the same situation as the City of Erie and Millcreek Township. Their residents were recently forced to pay for millions of dollars in improvements along Peach Street to bring sidewalks into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

### **TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED:**

**February 17**  
**President's Day**

**April 18**  
**Good Friday**



**HELP SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!**  
**See information on Page 7**

## MEET THE STAFF

TOWNSHIP: 868-9686

Supervisor/Chairperson/  
Asst. Roadmaster -  
**Thomas Church, Jr.**

Supervisor/Treasurer/  
Dir. Land Development -  
**Nancy Agostine**

Supervisor/Roadmaster/  
Dir. of Parks - **Jack Lee, Jr.**  
**Christene Yeast** -

Sec/Asst. Treasurer  
**Michelle Nesselhauf** -  
Administrative Secretary

**Marj Hudak** -  
Zoning Administrator

**Kip Hayford** -  
Code Enforcement

**Gina Erbin** - Receptionist

THE ROAD CREW:

**Gary Haupt** - Foreman

**Steve Skelly, Joe Passerotti,**

**Larry Hudacky, Jeff Matheis,**

**Gary Pace, Mike Hanas &  
Andrew Fox**

WATER AUTHORITY: 864-2323

**John Troutman** - Manager

**Laura Taylor** - Administrative  
Secretary

**Gretchen Hayford** - Secretary  
Water Authority Systems Operators -

**Brian Clark, Brian Hiles,  
Bob Mitchell**

SEWER AUTHORITY: 868-4495

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

**Caitlyn Haener** -  
Administrative Secretary

**Carol Gradler, Kathy Pfister** -  
Clerical Assistants

**Marty McAtee** - Operations  
Foreman

**Chris Hodge** - Operations  
Technician

## From The Office Of District Judge McGowan

### Winter Driving.

For this issue of the newsletter, we were going to write about the increase in traffic fines, primarily to help pay for roads and bridges. However, that seems a bit depressing and not very useful. With the weather we've been having, we decided to write about safe winter driving. Severe weather can be both frightening and dangerous for automobile travel. Please drive with caution in this extreme weather we've been having. The following tips are offered for winter driving.

#### General winter driving tips:

- Avoid driving while you're fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Never mix radial tires with other tire types.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.
- If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
- Always look and steer where you want to go.
- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.

Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can.

Don't tempt fate: If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.

## 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.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline for submission of newsletter articles is **April 21st!** Our next newsletter will be published in early May.



## Summit Trivia: TOWNSHIP

How many pounds of gear does the average fire-fighter wear when responding to a fire?

Answer on Page 6.

# SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Hello friends in our growing Township!

This is my first article in Summit Township's newsletter and there is so much to say. First of all, I am already enjoying working with our residents and township employees. As we all know, it is very hard to keep everyone happy in large groups of people, some will never be happy. I can assure you we will all work together, stay positive, and do our best. My plans are the same, that is, to do the best I can for all of Summit Township's residents. I grew up in Summit, have lived in my current home for 31 years, and can't think of any other place I would rather live. I went to school at Fort LeBoeuf and have been a long time fan of our school district.

We have many interesting issues in front of us. Another hotel will open this year on Route 97 across the street from the Casino. Lords has already begun moving employees to their new location on Robison Road. With that being said, we must all be patient when driving because of the additional traffic. Try to not travel during their shift changes if you can avoid it. We will be working with PennDot on the timing of traffic lights (especially during shift changes) to keep traffic moving as smoothly as possible.

Our township crews have been busy trying to keep up with the cold snowy winter we have experienced. They are also continuously maintaining the equipment.

All things considered, they do a great job on our roads.

We have more plans for Picnicana this year. Keep the park in mind for your own personal events like group picnics or reunions. If you are thinking of reserving a date, please stop by the township building or call. You can also find out more information on our website.

Also consider helping out Perry Highway Hose, our volunteer fire department. Donate time, make a contribution, or join the fire department, if possible. Our volunteers do a great job, interrupt their lives every time there is a call to respond to, and spend many hours of their personal time training and taking care of the fire hall and equipment. Thank you for a job well done fire men and women!

I have been appointed Roadmaster and Director of Parks so, with the help of township employees, Supervisors Nancy Agostine and Tom Church, we will work hard together for the overall good of our township. That is what we were elected to do.

One more thing to bring up - thank you to Marlin Coon for his years of service to our township. Marlin looked out for our township's best interests through major expansion over the past 18 years. He saw many changes in that time and fought many battles to get Summit this far. Well done Marlin.

Thank You, *Jack Lee*

To my fellow frozen Summit residents –

Wow, either we have had more unbearable bitter cold days than ever before, or, I am getting old 'cause I can't stand these temperatures any more! (I'm hoping it's the first reason.) In any event, I keep telling myself that we are just about a month away from our annual St. Patrick's Day storm and things should start to warm up after that.

Looking ahead to a time when we enjoy being outdoors, the Township is partnering with the Fort LeBoeuf School District on an exciting new project. The idea came from a discussion between Supervisor Tom Church and Bruce Hordusky (Summit resident and School Board member) to create a cross-country course at Picnicana that would become the home course for the Fort LeBoeuf cross-country team. Their current home course is located at Family First which is relatively flat and not really ideal. Since we have a substantial amount

of property at Picnicana west of the creek that is not being utilized, the Township has offered its use to the School District for creation of a cross-country course. Even more exciting is the potential for dual use of the lower (less steep) portion of the course as public walking trails! Ideally, the cross-country course would be ready for use at the end of this summer, with the walking trails ready in 2015. We'll keep you posted on our progress.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish a speedy recovery to Dave Heirls, an amazing Perry Hi-Way volunteer. Dave was the PHHC top responder in 2013, answering a whopping 744 calls! Unfortunately, Dave slipped and fell on the ice while he was on an emergency call recently, breaking his shoulder in two places. We are all hoping Dave mends fast so he can get back to taking such good care of Summit's residents and visitors!

With "warm" regards, *Nancy Agostine*

# PERRY HI-WAY HOSE COMPANY UPDATE

Happy New Year!

Greetings from the members of your local volunteer fire department and ambulance service! 2013 was a record setting year with 1273 emergency calls, the most calls ever received in a single year. Our dedicated volunteers were able to answer all but 31 emergency calls for the year resulting in 97.5% of all calls being answered. We had to have mutual aide handle 28 ambulance calls, 2 fire alarms and 1 vehicle accident. The total call breakdown is listed in the chart. If you happen to see one of our members please offer a thank you for all that they do.

The members of the Hose Company have spent many hours at the fire station attending training. Of our 22 members, 18 have enhanced their knowledge and have taken at least 1 professional pro-board certification test over the last year. Pro-Board certifications are national level tests taken by both career (paid) and volunteer firefighters. The test consists of both a written exam and a practical skills test. The testing ensures that successful candidates have obtained and retained the core level of competency in the area being tested. Our 22 members hold over 90 certifications, the most of any department in Erie County. Most of our members hold multiple certifications. We put special emphasis on obtaining certification to Firefighter 1, NFPA 1006 general rescue (Core), vehicle & machinery rescue and Hazardous Material operations level certifications.

The start of 2014 has seen a return of two past members to active status and the addition of four new members. We have also lost two members to paid firefighting jobs, one civilian and one military. Today our membership stands at 26, 6 females and 20 males. We have a constant variation in members and can always use more members. We provide all training and safety equipment needed for the jobs we do. Anyone interested can stop in one of the fire stations on a Monday training night or whenever you see members at the station.

The membership will continue to do their best to provide impeccable service for the residents and visitors to Summit Township in the months and years to come. Help us to help you. Keep fire hydrants near your home cleared of snow and bushes/brush. Make sure your home has the numbers readily visible (4" in size as minimum) and keep your smoke detectors working with fresh batteries.

**John Spaulding**  
**Deputy Chief / President**  
**Perry Hi-Way Hose Company**

## 2013 CALL BREAKDOWN

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| <b>FIRE CALLS</b>                | <b>74</b>  |
| STRUCTURE FIRES                  | 25         |
| OVEN / COOKING FIRES             | 7          |
| CHIMNEY FIRES                    | 5          |
| MOBILE HOME FIRES                | 2          |
| VEHICLE FIRES                    | 12         |
| BRUSH / GRASS FIRES              | 6          |
| TRASH / RUBISH FIRES             | 13         |
| POLE FIRES                       | 4          |
| <b>AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS</b>     | <b>243</b> |
| <b>AMBULANCE</b>                 | <b>686</b> |
| <b>VEHICLE ACCIDENTS</b>         | <b>167</b> |
| <b>ACCIDENTS WITH ENTRAPMENT</b> | <b>9</b>   |
| <b>HAZARDOUS CONDITION</b>       | <b>27</b>  |
| CARBON MONOXIDE                  | 6          |
| GAS / DIESEL / CHEMICAL SPILLS   | 11         |
| ELECTRICAL HAZARDS               | 10         |
| <b>PUBLIC ASSIST</b>             | <b>35</b>  |
| FIRE POLICE                      | 13         |
| COVER ASSIGNMENT / MOVE UP       | 5          |
| MISC. ASSISTANCE                 | 17         |
| <b>GOOD INTENT CALLS</b>         | <b>18</b>  |
| <b>MISCELANEOUS</b>              | <b>5</b>   |

## From Our Emergency Management Team

Spring safety reminder: With all of the rain and snow melt coming, be sure to check your basement window wells, roof downspout drains and even the driveway pipe for debris. Removing debris from these areas will help reduce flooding potential.

Summit Emergency Management is alive and well. Our volunteers have the opportunity to acquire additional training through Erie County CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). One example would be our most recent training class, Structural Collapse Operations Level II.

Becoming a member of CERT requires 20 hours of basic training, with such things as basic disaster preparedness, etc. That being said, we are looking to revitalize our group and working with the county CERT program will help us with this goal.

**New volunteers are needed!** For more information, please contact Summit Twp. at 868-9686 or Bill First at 450-1714.

# Summit United Methodist Church

Serving, Sharing, Making Disciples  
Rev. Tom Hoeke, Pastor

1510 Townhall Road W. Erie, PA 16509  
Phone: 864-3271 / Fax: 864-3413  
E-mail: sumc-office@verizon.net

**All are Welcome!**

**Sunday Worship Service** 8:15 & 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.

## Summit Community Food Pantry



Distributions are held at the Summit United Methodist Church  
2nd & 4th Thursday of each Month 2:30 p.m - 4:00 p.m.  
\* Please bring a photo ID and proof of residency.

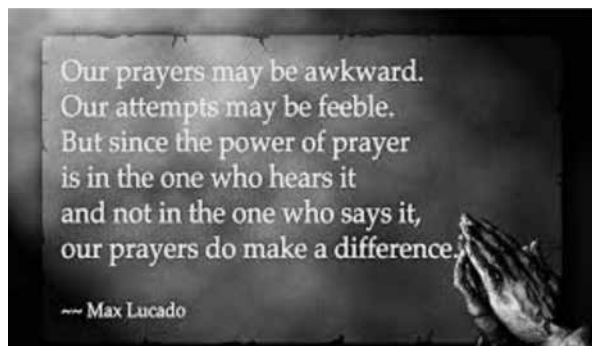
**Please join us as we observe the 2014 Lenten Season.**

**Ash Wednesday - March 5**  
Lenten Service 7:00 p.m.

**Palm Sunday - April 13**  
Worship Services 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

**Easter Sunday - April 20**  
**Celebration of the Resurrection**  
Worship Services 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Our Prayer Group meets every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM at Summit Church. Join us to pray, be prayed for, or to learn about prayer.



### 2013 ZONING/DEMOLITION PERMIT RECAP

| Type of Structure   | No.        | Value               |
|---|------------|---------------------|
| <b>Single Family Dwellings</b>  | <b>53</b>  | <b>\$8,075,377</b>  |
| of which 11 are Mobile Hms<br>[all replacements] and 14 are Condominiums  |            |                     |
| <b>Duplexes</b>   | <b>9</b>   | <b>\$1,206,000</b>  |
| Cherry Hill Crossing [18 Units]   |            |                     |
| <b>Hotels</b>   | <b>2</b>   | <b>\$6,758,600</b>  |
| Home 2 by Hilton  |            | \$2,400,000         |
| Baymont Inn & Suites  |            | \$4,358,600         |
| <b>Service Station &amp; Repair Garages</b>   | <b>1</b>   | <b>\$550,000</b>    |
| Crosby Station/Subway (8024 Peach)  |            |                     |
| <b>Public Works - Utilities</b>   | <b>7</b>   | <b>\$1,788,700</b>  |
| AT&T (dish co-location - Edinboro Rd)   |            | \$25,000            |
| Verizon (antenna co-location - Pennbriar Dr)  |            | \$25,000            |
| Verizon (antenna co-location - Edinboro Rd)   |            | \$25,000            |
| Verizon (antenna co-location - Curtis Rd)   |            | \$73,700            |
| AT&T (antenna co-location - Old French Rd)  |            | \$15,000            |
| Waste Management<br>(CNG Equip Compound & K Rail)   |            | \$1,600,000         |
| Crown Comm.<br>(antenna co-location - Edinboro Rd)  |            | \$25,000            |
| <b>Stores &amp; Customer Service</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>\$739,219</b>    |
| Dwyer Plumbing & Excavating   |            | \$50,000            |
| 6801 Peach Plaza (shell only)   |            | \$360,000           |
| Game On Cuts - Interior Build-out Unit #103   |            | \$73,000            |
| Cellular Phone Repair - Interior Build-out  |            | \$60,719            |
| Starbucks - Interior Build-out  |            | \$192,000           |
| 8795 Peach Street -<br>Conversion 1st floor to Retail Space   |            | \$3,500             |
| <b>Accessory Buildings (Residential)</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>\$49,573</b>     |
| <b>Other Structures</b>   | <b>1</b>   | <b>\$2,000</b>      |
| Windmill (completion of)  |            |                     |
| <b>Home Additions</b>   | <b>18</b>  | <b>\$234,370</b>    |
| <b>Non-Residential Renovations/Additions</b>  | <b>10</b>  | <b>\$45,037,179</b> |
| Lord's - Ph II (Infrastructure) Interior Renovations  |            | \$5,522,000         |
| Texas Roadhouse - Interior Remodel for Waiting Area   |            | \$100,000           |
| Target - Interior Remodel for Food Section with coolers   |            | \$900,000           |
| Chuck-E-Cheese - Expansion into 1/2 next unit   |            | \$386,179           |
| Lord's - Ph III - Waste Bldg & Final Interior   |            | \$37,350,000        |
| Brooklyn Pizza - Interior Renovations   |            | \$11,000            |
| Bob Evans - Interior Renovations  |            | \$130,000           |
| Frito Lay - Addition  |            | \$290,000           |
| Gabriel Brothers - Interior Renovations of Ste #100   |            | \$170,000           |
| Country Fair #98 - Fuel Island Expansion  |            | \$178,000           |
| <b>Residential Garages</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>\$122,535</b>    |
| <b>Demolitions</b>  | <b>10</b>  | <b>\$0</b>          |
| <b>Residential: -- 10 (Single-Family Dwellings)</b>   |            |                     |
| 31, 65 & 81 Jefferson Ave., 8145 Glenmar Ave., 8771 Peach St.,<br>8080 Curtis Rd., 951 Lee Rd., 7260 Perry Hwy., 831 Townhall Rd.<br>W. (in-part), 8840 Honeysuckle Dr. |            |                     |
| <b>TOTAL .....</b>  | <b>137</b> | <b>\$64,563,533</b> |

## SUMMIT LIONS CLUB HAS JOINED WITH JR'S



### For an evening of fun in celebrating our Past President Lion Loretta Franz "60" Birthday!

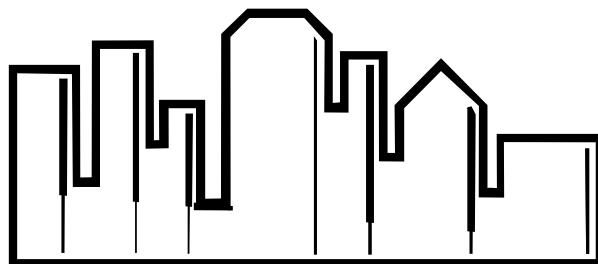
MC for the evening:  
Summit's Very Own: Lion John Dubowski  
**Headliner: Mike Green**  
**Thursday, March 6, 2014 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
1402 State Street, Erie, PA  
Tickets - \$12.50

\*For Reservations call JR's directly at 814-461-0911

\*You **MUST** mention the Summit Lions Club when ordering tickets, advance reservations required.

\*Doors open at 5:00 p.m./Pick up tickets at 6:00 p.m.

\*Must be 21 or older to attend.



## Here We "Grow" Again

**STARBUCKS** . . . is now open at 6801 Peach Street, in the small plaza just south of TGI Friday's. Starbucks, founded back in 1971, serves both hot and cold beverages along with pastries, snacks, pre-packaged sandwiches and Starbuck's merchandise. Also offered at our Summit location is free Wi-Fi, Mobile Payment, Digital Rewards and the convenience of a drive-thru. Hours are 6AM to 10PM. seven days a week.

**ZOOM TAN** . . . has opened at 6803 Peach Street, also in the small plaza just south of TGI Friday's. Zoom Tan offers clients their choice between a 45 second spray tan or UV tanning in their stand up tanning booths. The Summit location is open seven days a week; Sun. Noon to 6pm; M-F 9-9 & Sat. 9-6pm. No appointments are taken, just come in at your convenience; no package contracts are required. Visit [www.zoomtan.com](http://www.zoomtan.com) to receive a "Try for free" coupon or to learn more about their services.



### ANSWER TO SUMMIT TRIVIA:

Fire-fighters wear approximately **100 pounds of gear** when responding to a fire: [Coat 15 lbs, boots & trousers 30 lbs, mask & air pack 30 lbs, helmet 3 lbs and misc. items such as bail-out ropes, flashlights, cutter tools 20 + lbs.]. **NO SMALL FEAT** in itself!



## We Serve

*Summit Lions Club*

## Summit Lions Club News

Happy New Year to All! First off, I want to bring it to your attention that I goofed a few dates when sending dates of our meetings to the township for the 2014 calendar. Please make note that in February dates are the 12th & 26th, March dates are the 12th & 26th and in May they are the 14th & 28th. Sorry if I have confused any of you.

We are continuing our work with books for the Robison School children; they will be passed out in the spring. We are in the process of getting our Annual Tool Raffle and Harley Raffle Tickets ready for your purchase. We are adding an additional raffle this year for a "Boatful of Beer". Watch for our table at local events. We are joining JR's Last Laugh for a night full of Laughter on Thursday, March 6th (see ad above). Mark your calendar for our Annual Golf Outing that will be held on June 6th. All monies raised by any of these fundraisers go right back to the Summit Community.

We recently installed two new members that I am sure most of you may know, Steve and Patty Sample. We are very happy to have them join us. If you, your college student or anyone else you know are interested in finding out more about what the Lions Club is all about, please call any Lion member or me @ 449-1391. We have many types of memberships that might suit you.

Remember that we are always collecting eyeglasses in many locations throughout the township. The Township Building, Summit United Methodist Church, Boyer RV and Walmart to name a few.

*King Lion Audrey Dick*

# EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR SUMMIT RESIDENTS TO DONATE AND HELP THANK THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY!

Our service men and women (and their families) are making remarkable personal sacrifices to ensure our country's freedom around the world. In conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Associations of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Summit Township will be participating with all other Townships across the State to create as many care packages as possible for our troops. All of the donations will be transported by Township Supervisors to Hershey, PA when they attend the PSATS annual conference in April.

**Summit Township will be collecting donations from now until April 10th in the lobby of our Municipal Building.**

What should you donate? The list features approved items that are in high demand by our troops. Keep in mind, the U.S. Department of Defense does prohibit certain donations. Therefore, be sure to choose only from the approved list.

## PLEASE DONATE:

**Dried food\*** - beef jerky, trail mix, dried fruit, granola bars, power bars and cereal bars

**Coffee\*** - ground or whole; instant or drip

**Powdered drink mixes\*** - Gatorade, Kool-Aid, Crystal Light and hot chocolate

**Snacks\*** - tuna in foil packets, sunflower seeds, plastic jars of peanut butter

**Dry soups and cereals\*** - Ramen noodles and oatmeal packs

**Candy\*** - bags of candy Twizzlers, Tootsie Rolls, Jolly Ranchers, etc.

**Game books** - crossword puzzles, word search books, math puzzle books and Sudoku

**Table games** - dominoes, new playing cards, poker chips and dice

**Sports equipment** - Nerf footballs, whiffle balls, baseball mitts, Frisbees, hacky sacks

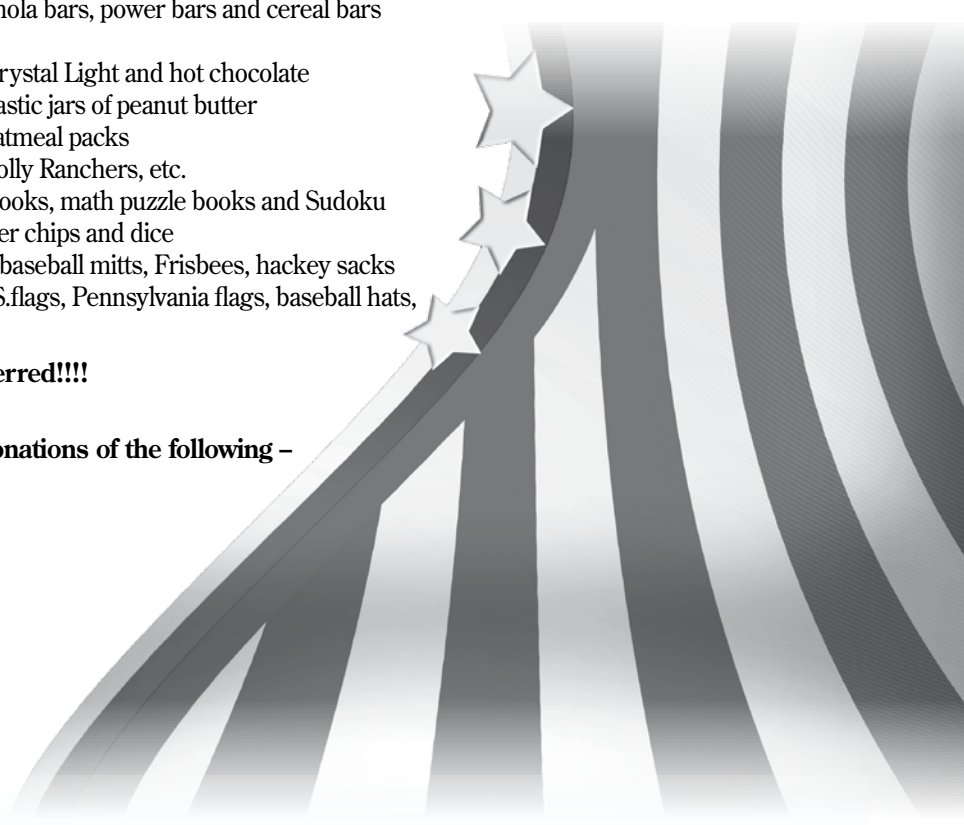
**Miscellaneous** - small patriotic knick-knacks, U.S. flags, Pennsylvania flags, baseball hats, small wind-up alarm clocks

**\*NOTE: Individually wrapped items are preferred!!!!**

## PLEASE DO NOT DONATE:

**The U.S. Department of Defense prohibits donations of the following -**

- Home-baked food
- Glass bottles or jars
- Aerosol cans and sprays
- Expired or canned food
- Hotel samples
- VHS tapes
- Hardcover books and music



... and again and again and again!! This is one of those winters where it just doesn't seem to stop. Please drive carefully and give us room to work. Large trucks and equipment cannot maneuver like automobiles. We have had a few incidents and it is almost always people in a hurry on slippery roads. Give yourself more time, slow down, and be CAREFUL!

*The Road Crew*

## PUT YOUR HEADLIGHTS ON:

Just a reminder that PA Law requires that vehicle lights must be on every time a vehicle's wipers are on due to inclement weather. That includes snow! Keeping your headlights on when driving near our snowplows will help the operator see your vehicle better.

# SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY

## Sanitary Sewer Extension Project 2010: Proctor, Merle, Melvin, Dorn and New Roads

### Bill Paying

There have been a few inquiries regarding online bill paying lately. The Summit Township Sewer Authority (STSA) cannot set up your account for online payment; however, you can still pay your bills online. Call your banking institution and speak to a customer service representative. Most offer free online bill pay service. In order to set this up, you may have to go into the bank. We have quite a few customers that pay their bills online and have the checks sent to our office through this service.

### Sanitary Sewer Extension Project 2010: Proctor, Merle, Melvin, Dorn and New Roads

The sanitary sewer construction called for in Contract #1 - Proctor, Merle and Melvin Roads is complete except for the lawn restoration which will proceed this spring. Contract #2 - Dorn Road started late in the fall and work is progressing as the weather permits. Contracts #3 and #4 were held up until the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) issued the Pennsylvania Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit and an Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Permit, (called a Joint Permit). The PADEP issued the Joint Permit on October 25th. Then the STSA issued the Notices to Proceed to Amendola Construction for Contract #3 - New Road Sewer Extension and to McLallen Construction for Contract #4 New Road Lift Station on October 31, 2013. The contract documents provide Amendola Construction and McLallen Construction 270 days to complete their work. We believe they will be done much sooner. We will continue to update you via the Township Newsletter.

Connection notices will be issued after the spring thaw. The connection notice will spell out the permit requirements, methods, timing to connect (60 days typical) and cost (\$7,500 for existing homes). We are planning on waiting until all of the construction is complete so we can issue all of the connection notices at the same time. This makes the most sense because all three areas are considered one project. The mailing will depend on the progress of the other three contracts. If any of the other projects are greatly delayed we will consider mailing the connection notices as each project is finished.

If any sewer customer has any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the Authority at 868-4495 or attend a monthly meeting. Check your Township calendar for Sewer Authority meeting dates, (generally the last Thursday of the month, except November and December are one week earlier). The Authority hours are 8:00 AM - Noon and 12:30 - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. If you plan to attend a meeting, please call and let us know.

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

Summit Township Sewer Authority

## Girl Scouts in Summit - Did You Order Your Cookies?

Do you have your "cookie fix?" In case you missed placing your order for Girl Scout cookies, local Scouts are still taking orders. Deliveries will begin February 18 and booth sales will take place up until March 16. Make sure you support your local Girl Scouts in Summit Township.

Summit Township has six active troops of Scouts ranging from kindergarten Daisy Scouts up to 10th grade Senior Scouts. These six troops represent 80+ girls learning about Juliette Gordon Lowe (the founder of Girl Scouts), learning the Girl Scout Promise and Law, earning petals and badges, planning outings, providing community service and learning to be a sister to every Girl Scout while they make new friends. Troops are busy making plans for spring time camping, a weekend at the WLD Horse Ranch, and saving for even bigger trips such as New York City.

Our troops are always very appreciative of all the support they receive. Thanks to Robison Elementary and Summit United Methodist Church for giving our troops a place to meet. And thanks for the support of the West End Board. Their continued support of Girl Scouting in Summit Township is greatly appreciated. And finally, thanks to all the leaders and adult volunteers for all their dedication and hard work in inspiring their girls and all their hours of service.

We are always looking for future volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, more information can be found at the website for Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania - [www.gswpa.org](http://www.gswpa.org).

*Cassandra K. Williams*  
Service Unit Manager, 3618





## FORT LEBOEUF SCHOOL DISTRICT Announces Kindergarten Registration ROBISON, MILL VILLAGE, WATERFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS 2014-2015 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 2014 must be five years of age before June 1, 2014.

Registration will be held during the following dates and times:

Monday, March 10, 2014 from 11:00 AM- 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 from 11:00 AM- 7:00 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 two 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 screening can be administered 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 3, 2014.**

## Read Across America Book Drive - Please Donate!

*My name is Andie O'Neill, I am in 5th grade at Robison Elementary and I LOVE to read! I would like to give books to less fortunate kids who don't have as many. Please consider dropping off gently used books (baby through young adult) at either the Summit Township Building or the Summit United Methodist Church. Robison students can ask parents permission to bring gently used children's books into Robison. Collection bins will be at the three locations from February 9th through March 9th. I will be taking all of the books to The Refuge Shelter, Hope House for Families, and the Summit Food Pantry. Why let books collect dust when they could be reused and enjoyed by kids? This is a free and easy way to make a difference in a child's life. In the spirit of Read Across America Day (March 2) and Earth Day (April 22) please consider letting children REUSE your books!*

## FROM ROBISON PTO



Hello from Robison Elementary PTO. We have been so busy this school year, with all of our Fundraising, Holiday Activities, Skating Parties, Science Fair, Book Fairs.....so many fun and wonderful memories. Now it is time for the second part of the school year: Earth Day, Fun Fair, School Musicals & more Skating Parties!

From all of us here serving on Robison PTO, we would like to thank all of our families who volunteer their time & talents and those who help with PTO sponsored activities & to the families who come and enjoy the activities. We look forward to a fun & exciting second part of the school year.

*Kerrie Wasielewski*, PTO President

# Senior News

## *Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Hard to believe a year has gone by and a new one is upon us. As always, it is time to take a moment to remember dear friends and members who left us in 2013.

Robert Donovan - Bob lived by the original creed of the organization: that was, if you see something that needs to be done, Do It. When the coat rack in the entryway broke down a new, stronger, nicer one was in place by the next meeting. This was because Bob had seen the need and had done it.

Donna Daugherty - Donna was a very talented person, who taught us various crafts. She was always one of the first to volunteer to bake for our Bake Sales.

Ethel Weimer - In spite of her health problems, Ethel was kind and gentle with a smile for everyone. Also, Ethel made the best shortbread cookies .... ever.

Marge Steffy - Marge was one of our older members. She worked in support of her husband, the late Raymond Steffy, to get the Senior Citizens Center built. While she was active, she really enjoyed being part of the ceramics group that meets weekly at the center. Unfortunately, living the last few years of her life in a nursing home ended her ability to attend activities.

Richard Vogt - Richard was a very friendly, soft spoken man. He served our Township well as Justice of the Peace and on the Board of Perry HI-Way Hose Company. In the last years, his daughter would bring him to the Center for our pot luck Tuesday lunches.

We would like to thank Boy Scout Troop 71 and their adult advisers for the Annual Holiday dinner they put on at the Center for us. Dinner is always a nice time. And it is a chance for us to see the boys as they grow and advance.

All of us, as are you, are now waiting eagerly for February 2 and Punxatawny Phil's prognostication (He better not see his shadow). Keep thinking Spring and warmer weather (and an end to shoveling).

*Chuck Steffy*

Summit Township Senior Citizens President

## AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS



Refresher Course  
Summit Senior Center  
1450 Townhall Road West

Thursday, April 17, 2014, 5:30-9:30 p.m.

For reservations, call June Beard at 864-9378

**\*SAVE AT LEAST 5% ON CAR INSURANCE**

**\* NEED DRIVERS LICENSE**

**\*NEED PROOF OF PRIOR CLASS  
WITHIN PAST 3 YEARS**

**COST: \$15 WITH CURRENT  
AARP MEMBERSHIP CARD**

**\$20 FOR NON MEMBERS**

**\*CAN TAKE COURSE ONLINE FOR  
\$20 AT WWW.AARP.ORG**



## FREE TAX SERVICE FEBRUARY 5th through APRIL 9th, 2014

A.A.R.P. volunteers will once again assist Senior Citizens and low income individuals in preparing their 2013 Federal, State and Local income tax returns as well as PA Tax Rebate applications. The volunteers will also be on hand to answer questions.

**REGISTRATION:** Scheduling for appointments will begin Monday, January 15, 2014. Make an appointment by calling the Summit Township Office at 868-9686 Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

**DATES & TIMES:** Appointments will be made on Wednesdays and scheduled hourly from 9:00 – 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. (subject to availability).

**LOCATION:** Summit Township Townhall Municipal Building located at 1230 Townhall Road, West.

**WHAT TO BRING:** For your scheduled appointment, bring 2012 tax returns, your 2013 tax forms/booklets and your "PAID" Property tax bill as well as photo ID of you (and your spouse, if filing a joint return).

## FROM YOUR SUMMIT TAX COLLECTOR:

Happy New Year!

It is well past the beginning of 2014, but this is the first newsletter of the year.

I hope everyone is well and enduring and possibly enjoying the winter.

All tax bills issued in 2013 and not paid by December 31, 2013 were delinquent and turned over to Erie County Tax Claim on January 1, 2014. I can no longer accept payment for any of these taxes. You will be notified by Erie County Tax Claim as to the status of your delinquency and instructions on how to make payment for these taxes. You can contact them at (814) 451-6206.

The 2014 County-Township (and Street Light if applicable) tax bills will be issued March 1st and should arrive the week of March 3rd. These are for the calendar year January 1 through December 31, 2014. Mills have remained the same as last year for County (4.93) and Summit Township (.59). If you do not receive a tax bill by the 15th of the month, please contact me. PLEASE NOTE: THE LAST ADDRESS OF RECORD THAT THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE HAS, IS WHERE YOUR BILL WILL BE MAILED. If you have an address or ownership change (for a mobile home), you MUST contact the Erie County Assessment office at (814) 451-6225. I cannot make these changes for you. If your forwarding time has expired and you have not changed your mailing address at Assessment, it will eventually be returned to me. I then check the Erie County Website and if it still shows the same mailing address as on your bill, I have nowhere to send your bill. Local Tax Collection Law specifically states "*The failure to receive the tax notice shall not relieve any taxpayer from the payment of any taxes imposed by any taxing district, and such taxpayer shall be charged with his taxes as though he had received his notice.*" The only entity that is permitted to make changes to the tax roll is Erie County Assessment.

The Summit Township Tax Collector collects real estate taxes. This constitutes the County/Township and School tax bills. Berkheimer collects School per capita and Summit LST tax. The School per capita tax is \$10.00 per resident from the age of 18 through 64. If you are 65 on January 1st, you are exempt from the per capita tax. Likewise, if you are a FULL time student you are also exempt. These are the only two exemptions for per capita tax. The per capita list to Berkheimer is maintained by the FLB School District. If you are exempt due to either being over the age of 65 or over 18 but a full time student, you may email your name, address, date of birth and the Bill# or Account# stated on your Berkheimer bill to Kim Heller, Business Manager, FLB School District at [hellerk@fortleboeuf.net](mailto:hellerk@fortleboeuf.net). If you do not have computer access, you may send the information to: FLB School District, Attn: Kim Heller, Business Manager, 34 East 9th St., PO Box 810, Waterford, PA 16441.

*Debra Cameron*, Summit Twp. Tax Collector

1754 Townhall Rd., West, Erie, PA 16509, Phone & Fax 814-866-2653

Hours until November 1st M-T-W-TH, 10AM-2PM, Monday Evening 5-7PM, November 1- until March 1, By Appointment



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

On Saturday April 5th, 10:30AM to 12:30PM we will be hosting a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Come and join us for a morning of games, crafts, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. You can purchase tickets in the school office starting March 17th.

Our 3rd annual spring art show, Art in the Woods, will be held on Saturday, May 14th, 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, the primary and elementary classes will also create a collaborative art piece. 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 one hundred 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 music, sample wine, 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 afternoons. During this time, the school and classrooms are open for exploration by children and adults. Our Open Houses are scheduled from 1-3pm on Sundays March 16th, April 6th, and May 18th. 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) or like us on Facebook for additional information about our school and upcoming events.



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Thomas H. Church, Jr., *Chairperson*  
Nancy A. Agostine  
Jack F. Lee, Jr.

# Once Upon A Time...

This 1958 photo shows one of the two Summit Township 6th grade classes that were held in Waterford, in the small church in front of the Waterford Elementary school. Back then, Summit elementary students grades 1-5 went to Summit Central, but that school was not big enough to accommodate the 6th grade classrooms. The 6th grade students continued to be bused to the church in Waterford until Robison Elementary School was built and could accommodate Summit elementary school students grades 1-6. Many of the children in the photo were identified by both Ted Rastetter, shown 2 seats up from the teacher, Mrs. Klein, and Bob Amon, shown in the last seat by the wall. These photos, along with the names of all identified, will now become a treasured piece of Summit Township's history archive.

Thank you Ted & Bob, your names will be entered into our yearly contest.

## NEXT CHALLENGE!

Can you name the children shown in this 1963 photo? If so, give Regina a call at 868-9686. All those providing correct answers will be entered into our yearly contest drawing, with a chance to win a gift certificate from a Summit business of their choice.

**2013 CONTEST WINNER** was **David Mayle**. David chose to receive a \$50 Gift Certificate from Cracker Barrel. Congratulations David!

