



# Community Update

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## Renovation and Reinvestment by Hermitage Businesses

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The City of Hermitage is pleased to highlight business and property owners who have chosen to renovate and reuse older existing buildings within our business district. The featured businesses have upgraded and improved their properties, removing blight and preserving the integrity of the City - one property at a time. Not only have the exterior and interiors of the older buildings been greatly improved, but many of these properties have added pedestrian facilities and landscaping to further improve public safety

and the beauty and environmental quality of the area.

These small businesses continue to be vital participants in our community, and their renovation projects have created short-term construction jobs and long-term employment opportunities.

Thank you to those featured – and to all our local businesses – for your investment in the City of Hermitage and for your contributions to the local economy!

### Ristvey Investment Group 1000 North Hermitage Road

Ristvey Investment Group is an independent investment firm offering stocks, bonds, mutual funds, annuities, options and ETFs, as well as life insurance, purchased the building in the summer of 2010. Renovation included re-bricking the exterior, renovating the entire 4000 sq. ft. first floor with a lobby cathedral ceiling. Lower level includes an additional 2000 sq. ft. for rent.

Pictured left to right: Matt Ristvey CRPC, president and branch manager; Lew Rosa CRPC, vice president



### McGonigle Ambulance Service • 1615 East State Street

The latest example of an ongoing commitment to our community, is the purchase of a new ambulance station, located at E. State Street. The inside of the current building is in the process of being renovated, with scheduled completion by Fall 2011. This new home is geographically located in the center of McGonigle's emergency response area, allowing for continued timely response for those in need of emergency and non-emergency ambulance and wheelchair van transport. The new location will allow placement of vehicles, emergency medical staff, billing office and dispatch all under one roof.

Pictured left to right: Pat McGonigle, Tim McGonigle, Karen Murphy, Vince Alfieri, Bill McKendry, Brad McGonigle

# Hermitage's 14th Annual Holiday Light Parade

The 14th Annual Hermitage Holiday Light Parade is scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. As in previous years, the route for the parade begins at the intersection of East State Street and North Kerrwood Drive (Kraynak's and Hermitage Town Plaza), travels east on State Street to the intersection of Route 18, turns left and proceeds to the entrance of the Shenango Valley Mall. Entries are judged based on: originality, creativity, the use of lights & music, and a holiday theme. Results will be posted on [www.hermitage.net](http://www.hermitage.net). You may pick up your prizes at the Hermitage Municipal Building starting Monday, November 21st.

This widely anticipated community event draws over 15,000 people to our Central Business District, and we are asking all businesses along East State Street (especially those along the parade route) to participate by decorating with holiday lights before November 19, 2011.

If you would like to enter a float or decorated vehicle in the parade, or just would like more information about this event, please contact Amy Gargiulo at (724) 983-0900. Space is limited, so interested parties are encouraged to register early.

Joan Andrusky, Parade Chairperson



## Hey Kids!

### Hermitage Holiday Light Parade Junior Parade Marshal!

One boy and one girl between the ages of 5 and 12 will be randomly selected from the entries to serve as Junior Parade Marshal and ride along in the 14th Annual Hermitage Holiday Light Parade Saturday, November 19, 2011.

The winners will also receive a prize package with gifts from our Junior Parade Marshal sponsors (available at the time of printing). For additions and/or changes please reference our website at [www.hermitage.net](http://www.hermitage.net):

**Shenango Valley Cinemas, Hermitage DQ Grill & Chill  
Ten Pin Alley, La Isla, Game Stop at Shenango Valley Mall,  
Chiccarino's Italian Restaurant, Hot Head Burritos**



### 14th Annual Hermitage Holiday Light Parade Junior Parade Marshal November 19, 2011

\_\_\_\_\_ Age (5-12) \_\_\_\_\_ boy \_\_\_\_\_ girl

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

To register, bring this coupon to any of our sponsor's businesses by October 31, 2011. Additional coupons available at sponsor locations.

## Holiday Food Drive

The Shenango Valley YMCA is conducting a Holiday Food Drive in conjunction with the 2011 Hermitage Holiday Light Parade on November 19, 2011.



Please help us collect food for the Community Food Warehouse to help them support the needy families in Mercer County. The Community Food Warehouse provides food to over 3000 households in Mercer County and the need continues to grow. Your generosity during this holiday season is greatly appreciated!

### HELP US LINE THE PARADE ROUTE WITH BAGS OF FOOD!!!!

1. Fill a shopping bag with non-perishable food items (especially canned meats, canned tuna, canned fruits, canned stew, cereal and oatmeal).
2. Bring the bag to the Holiday Light Parade and place it on the side of the road along the parade route.
3. When the YMCA float comes by, volunteers will collect the bags and deliver them to the Community Food Warehouse.

**Additional drop-off location prior to the parade is the YMCA.**

# Hermitage Youth Sports



<b>Spring/Summer</b>	<b>Baseball</b>	www.hermitagell.com
<b>Winter</b>	<b>Basketball (boys &amp; girls)</b>	City Intramural Grades 1-6
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Football</b>	www.hickoryyouthfootball.org rpiiso@verizon.net
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Golf</b>	www.buhlfarmpark.com First Tee of Sharon
<b>Fall &amp; Spring</b>	<b>Soccer (SAYSA)</b>	www.shenangovalleysoccer.com sec@saysa-pa.org • 724-734-1101
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Softball/Fast &amp; Slow Pitch</b>	Hermitage Girls Softball Association echess@hermitage.net
<b>Spring</b>	<b>Volleyball</b>	City intramural Grades 5-6
<b>Winter</b>	<b>Hickory Junior Wrestling K-6</b>	johnmcconnell@verizon.net

## Youth Sports ~ Winter Hitting League



### WINTER HITTING LEAGUE

Players compete on 4 man teams and games are 3 innings, (approximately 45 minutes long). Players will bat off a pitching machine and point totals are awarded for balls hit during their 12 pitch at bat. Players are encouraged to register as a team, but you can register separately and you will be placed on a team.

**Dates:** Saturdays (Baseball): January 7 thru February 25  
Sundays (Softball -Fast Pitch): Jan. 8 thru Feb. 26

**Divisions:** Baseball: (9-10), (11-12), (13-15) and (16-18)

**Softball:** (12-u), (14-u), and (18-u)  
\*2012 playing age

**Time:** To be announced.

**Cost:** \$100.00 per team or \$25.00 per player

**Location:** To be determined.

### Winter Hitting League Registration Form

PARTICIPANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

WORK NO. \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM MEMBERS:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

In case of a medical emergency I, \_\_\_\_\_  
authorize the director, instructor, aide, or supervisor of the  
Parks and Recreation Program to seek medical treatment for  
\_\_\_\_\_. I voluntarily choose to participate in  
this athletic activity and I realize the risk that injury could occur  
and release the City of Hermitage and the Hermitage School  
District from any liability regarding such injury or emergency.  
Parent/Guardian or Participant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Students under age of 18 must have their parent/guardian sign here)

**ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: City of Hermitage • MAIL TO: 800 N. Hermitage Road, Hermitage, PA 16148**

## From the Fire Marshall Robert Goeltz



### False Fire Alarms A Serious Matter

The Hermitage Fire Department has experienced an increase in numbers of false fire alarms, a serious problem for all public safety service providers. Responding to alarms that are eventually determined to be false endangers the responding firefighters and removes emergency equipment and personnel from availability to respond to actual emergencies elsewhere in the City.

It is the Fire Department's goal to reduce the number of false fire alarms, a goal that can be accomplished with cooperation by following a First Step Guidance Procedure for any fire alarm activation in a residence or business.

The first step is to immediately, upon any fire alarm activation, notify Mercer County 9-1-1 of the activation and the cause for the activation, if it is known. 9-1-1 can then provide this information to responding Fire Department personnel. DO NOT make the first call to the alarm system monitoring company or alarm service provider.

An informative guideline, outlining recommendations on how to manage and maintain a fire alarm system to prevent false activations, can be obtained from the Hermitage Fire Department by calling the Administrative Office at 724-342-0669. In addition, the Fire Department asks that those with residences and businesses equipped with monitored fire alarm security systems review the in-house emergency action plan as well as adhering to this First Step Guidance Procedure.

## From the Treasurer Bernie Harry



School and Per Capita taxes are due at the face amount until November 30, 2011. If you chose the payment plan, your remaining payments are due no later than October 15th, November 15th and December 15th. Keep in mind that if you miss any of these payment dates, you will be eliminated from the payment plan.

I would like to take a moment to give a **warning** to anyone who is eligible for the **Property Tax Rebate**. **There is not a fee to file this form! There never has been.** Recently some of our rebate recipients have received very formal letters from "The Senior Citizens Advisory Council" requesting they send a processing fee of \$39.00 by check or credit card.

**DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY OR INFORMATION.** Call your local representative for assistance.

Just remember, when you are in doubt about any mailings, check with your family members or feel free to call our office at 724-347-4472. We are always willing to assist you.

## Community Library of the Shenango Valley

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE

The sale begins at 9 a.m. on **October 12** and runs through **October 15** during regular library hours. All types of hardback and paperback books – mysteries, fiction, history, biographies, health, self-help, cookbooks, children's – and magazines are available.



**E. State St. at Sharpsville Ave. • Sharon, PA**  
**724-981-4360**

## Adult Workshops and Classes

### HERMITAGE CRAFTERS CLUB

This group meets monthly to share ideas and learn new crafting techniques. During each session the members work on different crafts.

**Dates:** First Wednesday of each month  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Cost:** Membership is free (pay per session for supplies)  
**Location:** Hermitage Municipal Building, Room 301  
800 N. Hermitage Road, Hermitage, PA

## Hermitage

# TRICK OR TREAT

**4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Monday • October 31st**

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## **DQ Grill & Chill • 1000 North Hermitage Road**

With the lease running out on the existing Dairy Queen Building on State Street, the Cookery building on N. Hermitage Road was purchased in June of 2009 for a remodel to the new Dairy Queen concept – DQ Grill & Chill (with a 9 month deadline). The Cookery was the only building which had the basics required for the move – large parking lot, drive through area and heavy duty utility services. Because of the strict requirements of International Dairy Queen it was necessary to take the building apart and put it back together. Because of the size of the building, The Hermitage DQ Grill & Chill is probably the largest Grill & Chill in the United States. If not for the Cookery building there would be no Grill & Chill in Hermitage today.

**Pictured left to right: Barb Rust, Debbie Morrison, Treisha Nerone**

## **Dallas W. Hartman, PC • 1860 East State Street**

Dallas Hartman bought the building at 1860 E. State Street to increase his presence in Mercer County, and as a convenience to his large number of Mercer County clients. In addition, he wanted to improve (both financially and aesthetically) property value along the main street in Hermitage. He has invested over \$1 million into the property which will be used as the Hermitage branch of his law firm, Dallas W. Hartman, PC. Approximately 1/2 of the building will be leased to another tenant, and 1/4 of the space will be used as an "Executive Office Leasing" arrangement for sole proprietors or businesses needing a presence in Mercer County.

**Pictured: Dallas Hartman**



## **Flynn's Tire & Auto Service • 3090 East State Street**

Remodeling and construction at the new Hermitage location (formerly L&M Tire) began in June. Changes to the service area include expanding the number of service bays, the addition of new hydraulic lifts, new tire changing equipment, wheel alignment machine and general physical improvements. The front of the building, which had been a Dairy Queen, serves as the sales area, showroom and customer lounge. It has been completely renovated and designed with customer comfort in mind. Both inside and outside have been remodeled featuring a dramatic new look.

**Pictured left to right: Jim Flynn, Anne Flynn, and Joe Flynn III. Not pictured: Tania Flynn Warminski**

# Renovation and Reinvestment CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

## MedExpress Urgent Care • 1729 East State Street

MedExpress Urgent Care is a full-service, walk-in health care center, offering treatment for everyday illness and injury to people of all ages. There is always a physician on site, supported by a full medical team. No appointment is needed, simply visit between 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week and receive *Great Care, Fast.*® With flu season approaching, MedExpress is offering \$20 flu shots. Restrictions apply. Just walk in to receive your flu shot. Visit [www.medexpress.com](http://www.medexpress.com) for more information.

Pictured left to right: Robin Devrise, Rachel Wansor, Linda Sirianni, Tammy Russell, Dr. Kathy McNutt, Dr. Valerie Smith



## Mel Grata Chevrolet Toyota Scion • 2757 East State Street

In June of this year Mel Grata Toyota Scion broke ground for a new ultra-modern showroom, complete with a service reception drive-in. The new showroom will be almost 8,000 sq. ft. and feature a new customer friendly environment. Customers will be able to drive into a completely enclosed service area to drop their vehicle off and wait in a spacious lounge complete with TV, Wi-Fi and complimentary coffee bar. Anticipated opening is January 2012. Once open, the existing Toyota facility will be staffed with personnel from the Chevrolet showroom and a new Chevy showroom complete with service reception will be constructed. Celebrating more than 26 years in business, Mel Grata Chevrolet Toyota Scion will be situated on 7 acres, and will have approximately 57,000 sq. ft. under roof.

## Handyman Nation • 2880 East State Street

The renovations on our building, located at 2880 East State Street, began in September of 2010. The lengthy process consisted of a wide array of improvements and renovations, that were completed in January of 2011. Upon completion, Handyman Nation formally opened its doors. Serving both residential and commercial customers throughout Hermitage, and surrounding areas. We are committed to providing services to our customers for any situation. Handyman Nation has on staff, the best craftsman for all aspects of residential and commercial construction projects. We are here to provide the best services, at the best value in the area, all while helping to improve this great community we live in.

Pictured left to right: Dan Hanna, Shaun Guthrie, Adam Heldreth, Tim Heldreth, Chris Myers



# Rivers Casino/ Festival of Lights

*This year will also include a driving tour of  
PPG Holiday Lights.*

## BUS TRIP

**Sunday, November 20, 2011**

**\$65.00 per person\***



**9:45 a.m.** Load the bus at the Hermitage Municipal Building,  
800 N. Hermitage Rd.

**10:00 a.m.** Depart Hermitage

**11:30 a.m.** Arrive Rivers Casino Pittsburgh  
Dinner at the Grand Concourse at Station Square  
Driving Tour of the PPG Holiday Lights and then  
The Hartwood Acres Festival Lights

**9:00 p.m.** Return to Hermitage

**\*Includes:** Roundtrip Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation,  
dinner, light tours and \$15.00 in coin/\$5.00 in food  
at the Casino. Make dinner selection below.

*Everyone must have their government issued photo identification in order  
to receive the player's card and incentives at Rivers Casino.*

### Registration Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DINNER CHOICE  Lemon Chicken  Salmon

#### OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ PAID: \$\_\_\_\_\_

CASH  CHECK #: \_\_\_\_\_  ENTERED

# Easton Town Center Shopping Trip

*Columbus, Ohio*

## BUS TRIP

**Saturday, November 26, 2011**

**\$35.00 per person\***



**6:45 a.m.** Load the bus at the Hermitage Municipal Building,  
800 N. Hermitage Rd.

**7:00 a.m.** Depart Hermitage

**10:30 a.m.** Arrive at Easton Town Center Shopping Trip, Columbus, OH  
On your own for a full day of Holiday Shopping

**9:00 p.m.** Load bus to return to Hermitage

**Midnight** Estimated arrival back at Hermitage

**Register by:** November 4, 2011

**\*Includes:** Roundtrip Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation  
with Anderson Coach & Travel

**For more information on this shopping center go to  
[www.eastontowncenter.com](http://www.eastontowncenter.com)**

### Registration Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

#### OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ PAID: \$\_\_\_\_\_

CASH  CHECK #: \_\_\_\_\_  ENTERED

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## The Hermitage Historical Society presents 2011 Christmas Tours at Stewart House

Victorian Christmas décor throughout each of the rooms!

November 26 & 27 • 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
December 2 • 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.    December 3 & 4 • 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
December 9 • 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.    December 10 & 11 • 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**For information, call 724-981-4843.**  
Hermitage Historical Society • 5465 East State Street • Hermitage

*Donations for the tour benefit the upkeep and renovations of the Stewart House.*  
**CHINESE AUCTION DRAWING DECEMBER 11, 2011 • 5 p.m.**



## Shenango Valley YMCA Upcoming Events

- Register now for the **Shenango Valley YMCA Sea Lions Swim Team**. The YMCA Swim Team offers a unique and exciting opportunity for children to enjoy the world of competitive swimming. For Boys and Girls 5 - 18 years old, this program is designed for the most competitive swimmer as well as a novice beginner.
- Registration begins December 10th for the **YMCA Youth Basketball League**. For Boys and Girls ages 3 years old - 6th grade, this is an instructional league where volunteer coaches teach the fundamentals of the game. Practice is one night per week with games on Saturdays.

### Special member pricing for Highmark Wellness Programs

- **FREE** for those with Highmark Health Insurance!
  - **Personal Nutrition Coaching:** One on One counseling with a Registered Dietician designed to help you make healthy lifestyle and nutrition choices for better health or to address specific concerns, such as weight management, heart health and diabetes.
- **Drop 10 'N 10:** An exciting 10-week weight management program designed to help you lose 10 pounds of your body weight through a progressive program of nutrition, exercise and meaningful behavior change. **Not a diet!!**
- **Eat Well For Life:** Lifestyle improvement program that champions optimal health, vitality and long-term weight management through the power of good nutrition.
- **Discover Relaxation Within:** Lifestyle improvement program that helps you manage everyday stress through practical relaxation techniques and innovative stress management strategies.

## Buhl Farm Park Commemorative Items



### BENCHES

- **Cost:** \$900 - portable (includes plaque with inscription) [www.buhlfarmpark.com](http://www.buhlfarmpark.com)
- **Location:** Golf Course, Performing Arts Center
- **Cost:** \$1200 - permanent (includes plaque with inscription and a flat stone base underneath the bench)
- **Location:** Performing Arts Center, Marilyn's Loop

### TREES

- **Cost:** \$500 (includes maintenance, cement marker & plaque with inscription)
- **Location:** Designated location throughout the Park

### BRICKS

- **Cost:** \$100 (4"x8") \$250 (12"x12") (includes inscription)
- **Location:** Casino, Golf Course, Performing Arts Center, Tennis Courts, Hermitage Rotary Kiosk (12"x12" only)

**For more information call 724-981-5522, ext. 103 or visit the general manager, Pat O'Mahony at the Casino.**

## Coming in 2012

### Friends of Buhl Park 5K Race/2 Mile Walk In Loving Memory of Dale Pokorney

**Saturday, June 9 • 10 a.m.**

Entry forms available at the Casino and on the web site beginning October 1, 2011.

**Keep updated on the latest events happening in Buhl Park**  
@ [www.buhlfarmpark.com](http://www.buhlfarmpark.com) and on Facebook @ Buhl Park



.....*Business. Value. Community.*.....



# First Annual Health Link Services 5K Race October 15, 2011

- Where:** LindenPointe in Hermitage, PA
- Time:** Registration @ 8:00 a.m. Run/Walk @ 9:00 a.m.
- Entry Fee:** \$15.00 (all pre-registered fees are non-refundable.)
- Purpose:** This fundraiser benefits HLS's community based Nurse Aide Training Program! This program is approved by the PA Dept. of Education and has a long history of outstanding pass rates and graduates! The program is FREE to individuals.
- Age:** 12 & under; 13-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70 & over
- Runner Awards:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for overall male and female.  
Top three places in each age group.

### Registration Form

GENDER: MALE FEMALE      AGE: \_\_\_\_\_      SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

In Consideration of the Health Link Services 5K Race Fundraiser accepting this registration, I hereby for myself, heirs, executor and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims to damages that I may have against Health Link Services, the city of Hermitage, all race sponsors, their representatives, successors and assign or any and all injuries suffered by me in this event. I further attest and certify that I am physically fit and am sufficiently trained for competition in this event. I also release any photos that my involve myself.

Signature of Runner: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (if entrant is under 18 years old): \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or fax to: Health Link Services, 2921 E. State Street, Hermitage, PA 16148 Ph: 724-981-7888 Fax: 724-981-9218

# City of Hermitage

## Parks & Recreation

800 North Hermitage Road

Hermitage, PA 16148



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## Hermitage Elected Officials

*FRONT LEFT TO RIGHT*

**Rita Ferringer** - Commissioner

**Rhonda L. Paglia** - Commissioner

**Bernadette Harry** - City Treasurer

*BACK LEFT TO RIGHT*

**William J. Moder** - Vice-President

**Duane J. Piccirilli** - President

**Raymond T. Slovesko** - Commissioner

**Hermitage Parks and Recreation & Hermitage's Own Mark DiLorenzo invite you to**



## 6th Annual Evening of Food and Wine Tasting!

***Wines presented by Majestic Wines / Brian Hartmann.***

During this relaxed wine taste, you will learn to pair 5 popular California wines and delicious cuisine. Mingle with your friends and taste the samples available at this informal event. Space for the event is limited, so get your tickets early!\* (All participants must be 21+)

***Local Entertainment by Steve Vuich***

**Saturday, October 22, 2011**

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

**DiLorenzo's Catering and Deli**

30 East Shenango Street | Sharpsville, PA

***\*Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Hermitage Municipal Building or DiLorenzo's.  
Cost for the event is \$25.00 per person. For more information please call 724-981-0800.***

Min. 40 - Max. 60