



Community Update

SPECIAL EDITION

ADVANCED MEMORY TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPS AT LINDENPOINTE

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Over a year ago, Novocell Semiconductor, Inc. became one of the first businesses to establish its headquarters in the LindenPointe Innovative Business Campus.

Novocell Semiconductor was founded in 2001 by President and CEO David Novosel and currently employs seven people in Hermitage. Novocell Semiconductor, formerly known as Intelligent Micro Design, was located in West Middlesex for over 10 years before moving into LindenPointe.



Novocell develops and designs advanced computer memory solutions for the rapidly-growing semiconductor industry. Novocell specializes in OTP (One-Time-Programmable) memory which is used in a wide range of electronic devices. OTP memory is a type of memory that can only be written once and can not be changed. This memory is similar to writing a letter in ink rather than in pencil, you can not erase the ink because it is permanent.

OTP memory is used in many electronic devices that are used on a daily basis by Hermitage residents. These devices include MP3 players, hard disk drives, LCD displays, cable TV and satellite receivers. The memory solutions designed by Novocell are vital to the performance and reliability of these and many other electronic devices.

Novocell is a nationally and internationally recognized company and its memory designs have been adopted by many leading semiconductor corporations. Novocell recently engaged Soliton Systems to distribute its products in Japan and has received its first order from a major Japanese company.

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Senator Robbins and Charles Buenzli, Novocell's Chief Operating Officer, standing next to a wafer probe station. Tiny Tungsten probes one-tenth the diameter of a human hair allow Novocell to connect to the internal circuits on a computer chip for testing and troubleshooting their memory designs.

"A few years ago when Hermitage City officials came to me with the concept of establishing a new high tech business park I was excited for the economic possibilities and the potential this concept would have in attracting companies with good paying jobs to the Mercer County area. That is why I fought hard to secure \$2.5 million in state assistance to match the local public-private LindenPointe site acquisition and infrastructure development partnership and recently secured a \$25,000 state grant for the City of Hermitage that was used to complete the Technology Center feasibility design project. I am pleased that their labors are bringing positive results to the Hermitage community."

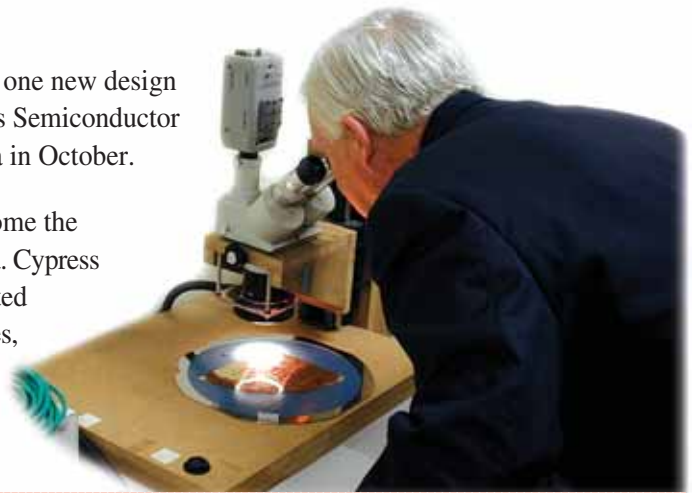


NOVOCELL

The company is currently expanding their product line at the rate of one new design per month. Novocell will introduce its products at the FSA's (Fabless Semiconductor Association) Suppliers Expo and Conference in San Jose, California in October.

Along with two other companies, Novocell Semiconductor has become the foundation of a growing semiconductor presence in the Hermitage area. Cypress Semiconductor, headquartered in San Jose, has a design center located in LindenPointe and a sister company of Novocell, Identifi Technologies, Inc., has moved their office from Pittsburgh to LindenPointe.

By Holly Mantle, Marketing & Communications



Senator Robbins inspecting computer chips containing Novocell's memory technology implemented in the state-of-the-art 90mm process technology.

CAPITAL PROJECTS - COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT

In 2005 the focus was on project development, which consisted of preliminary planning and engineering. There will be multiple projects under construction during 2006. Following is a brief summary on the status of the active projects:

City/MCAR Complex Stormwater & Roadway Improvements Project

In April the Board of Commissioners authorized the award of the construction contract to the responsive low-bidder, Horizon Construction Group, Inc., in the sum of \$415,715. This project, designed by Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, Inc., and currently under construction, includes the installation of new stormwater sewers, curbing of roadways, and roadway regrading and paving. The project is anticipated to be completed by mid-July. Please note that the main entrance and the access roads at the Municipal Building will be closed from time to time to facilitate construction.

Whispering Pines Park – The Whispering Pines Park Project, designed by HHSDR Architects and Engineers, will include construction of a parking lot, trails and restroom facilities. On June 12, 2006 the City awarded construction contracts totaling \$683,000 to Wallace & Pancher, Inc. (site), Milcam Construction (general), D.J. Hannon & Sons, Inc. (plumbing) and Donatelli Electric (electrical). Construction is scheduled to begin July 1, 2006 and be completed by April 30, 2007.

Hogback Roadway Improvements Project – The City has partnered with the County to make roadway improvements to Hogback Road in conjunction with the County Bridge Department's Hogback Road Bridge Replacement Project. The County is currently in the process of obtaining the necessary Right-Of-Way to facilitate the bridge replacement and roadway realignment. The project will reduce the grade and curvature of the roadway on the west side of Hogback Run. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2006.

State Street Intersection Improvements Project – Trans Associates, Inc. is currently surveying the intersections and conducting traffic counts. Upon completion of these items the consultant will make recommendations for both vehicular and also pedestrian improvements at the intersections.

WHISPERING PINES



HOGBACK BRIDGE

CAPITAL PROJECTS

North Hermitage Road Traffic Signal Analysis – Trans Associates, Inc. has completed the traffic analysis of the SR 18 corridor and has made some recommendations for timing improvements to improve flow and reduce delays. Traffic signal retiming has to be permitted through the Department of Transportation and will likely take some time to implement.

Indian Run Stream Restoration Project – The project consists of the restoration of approximately 1,100 feet of Indian Run between Sunset Drive and the Shenango Valley Freeway. The project includes the creation of floodplains to assist in the reduction of flood waters, erosion prevention by stream bank stabilization, reduction in non-point source pollution and will enhance aquatic habitat. The City, with the assistance of the environmental consulting firm Wallace and Pancher, Inc., has applied for and received a Growing Greener II Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in the sum of \$39,051 for the construction of this project. Construction is anticipated to begin by mid-July and will likely be completed by the end of August 2006.

LindenPointe Phase II Trails – The Board of Commissioners authorized award of the construction contract to Gennaro Pavers, Inc. in the sum of \$292,175. This project is partially funded through a \$100,000 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Grant and will significantly expand the trail network at LindenPointe. Construction activity is scheduled to begin July 1, 2006 with completion set for April 30, 2007.

Buhl Park Lake Julia Bridge Improvement Project – As a part of the \$100,000 committed to the Buhl Park Capital Fund Drive, the City has been facilitating the engineering expenses for the Lake Julia Bridge Improvement Project. The consultant, Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. is in the process of developing a preliminary site plan and construction costs.

Should you have any questions or comments concerning these projects, please contact Ian Garfoli at the Municipal Building or by e-mail at igarfoli@hermitage.net.

Also of note are the PENNDOT roadway projects taking place in the area:



HIGHLAND ROAD

Highland Road - The Highland Road Widening Project is expected to take the duration of the 2006 construction season. The contractor has widened the east bound lane to maintain traffic while constructing the new westbound lane and stormwater facilities. When the westbound lane is completed the traffic pattern will be flipped and the east bound lane will be constructed. Last will be the realignment of the intersection of Highland Road and Clarksville Road. This project includes the construction of new bicycle lanes and pedestrian facilities. The City has received a \$184,000 Transportation Enhancement Grant for the installation of sidewalks for Phase I of the Highland Road Widening Project.

Lamor Road – The project was completed on schedule and the Lamor Road Bridge was opened for traffic June 10th.



LAMOR ROAD



HERMITAGE ARTS

Festival

A Celebration of the Visual and Performing Arts

Located at 800-900 North Hermitage Road, Hermitage
on the grounds of the Hermitage Municipal Building and
The Children's Center of Mercer County

JULY 22-23, 2006

Saturday
10am to 8pm

Sunday
Noon to 6pm

FREE CONCERT

featuring
the Hern Brothers
Friday, July 21 at
7:00 pm on the grounds
of Rodney White
Olympic Park

NO ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES PERMITTED

Activities Include:

Artist's Market Place
Art Show
Art Demonstrations
Live Music
Entertainment
Children's Art Fest
On Stage!



ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

How pedestrian facilities benefit communities

Countless studies have shown that regular physical activity, such as hiking or walking, leads to a healthier and longer life. Physical activity substantially reduces the risk of coronary heart disease, the nation's leading cause of death, as well as colon cancer, diabetes, and high blood pressure. Walking and hiking controls weight, contributes to healthy bones, muscles, and joints, relieves arthritis pain, reduces symptoms of anxiety and depression, and is associated with fewer hospitalizations, physician visits, and medications.

Walking is an ideal form of physical activity. It is easy to do, requires no special skills or equipment, can be done by a vast majority of the population with little risk of injury, and is functional – walking gets us places. According to the American Heart Association, it is best to walk vigorously for 30 to 60 minutes three or four times per week. Since the 1940s, community and transportation development practices have focused on increasing the efficiency of automobile use. Sidewalks, trails, bicycle paths, and crosswalks are practically nonexistent in many communities developed since the 1960s.

Active Community Environments

In an effort to bring walking back to our communities, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention came up with a strategy to help create environments that support physical activity. Part of its initiative was to sponsor a program called Active Community Environments (ACEs).

Active Community Environments are settings where people of all ages and abilities can easily enjoy walking, hiking, bicycling, and other forms of recreation within their own community. These environments:

- Support and promote physical activity.
- Have sidewalks, on-street bicycle facilities, multi-use paths and trails, open space, and recreational facilities.
- Promote mixed-use development and a connected grid of streets allowing homes, work, schools, and stores to be accessible by walking and bicycling.

Benefits of ACEs

Decrease Air Pollution

Automotive transportation is the largest single source of air pollution in the United States. The gases produced directly contribute to lung disease which claims close to 335,000 American lives every year. According to a survey by the Department of Transportation, walking accounts for only 5% of all trips made and less than 1% of miles. These statistics are partly the result of two factors:

- Transportation systems do not facilitate pedestrian travel.
- Many pedestrian walkways are unsafe.

Improving and establishing walkways and trails that connect neighborhoods and neighborhoods to schools, businesses and recreational facilities will create an environment that decreases the use of

automotive transportation, improving the quality of air we breathe and life in general.

Reduce Obesity

More than 60% of adults in the United States are overweight or obese. People who are overweight have an increased risk for heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, arthritis related disabilities and some cancers. Establishing an environment in which people are encouraged to walk, hike, and bicycle could greatly reduce these risks.

Improve Health

Beneficial exercise does not need to involve a painful and boring one-hour workout. An Active Community Environment supports the ability to walk or hike 30 minutes a day, three or four times a week. This small amount of physical activity can:

- Significantly reduce the risk of dying from heart disease.
- Decrease overall cholesterol and blood pressure levels.
- Provide a more permanent method to lose excess weight.
- Increase bone density.
- Have a positive effect on a person's mood and self-esteem.

By providing sidewalks, trails and bicycling facilities a community encourages a healthier life style, done in a safe environment, thereby increasing the overall quality of life for residents and, at the same time, can improve property values.





Business Commitments, Development Standards and Partnership Programs Produce Positive Community Results

The City recognizes the results of the commitments that many local businesses have made to expand or locate in the community and to design their facility and site improvements in concert with land development standards. Both existing and new businesses made substantial investments in quality development in the community and the City of Hermitage congratulates business owners for a job well done.

The projects range from minor additions and renovations to major construction and land developments. Many of the recent developments in the City have been assisted through the City's Landscape and Facade Loan and Sidewalk Reimbursement Programs.





FROM THE CHIEF



By Chief of Police Patrick B. McElhinny

With the spring season also comes the graduation party season and the problems associated with parents permitting underage drinking in their homes. Too many parents will look the other way when teens gather in their homes.

They'll go to bed knowing that there's drinking going on in their basement or rec room. They'll collect keys and try to keep the kids out of their cars. They may even patrol the perimeter, but it is hard for a parent to police a teenage party.

Some parents think that with them in charge it is safer for the kids to drink in the home than to be out on their own and they believe that it is inevitable that the teenagers will drink. Some think it is harmless fun. Some just don't care.

The problem is that by permitting the illegal underage alcohol consumption the parents are adding to the misconception that teenagers will drink because everyone else is doing it. Teenagers that would normally not consume alcoholic beverages, when placed in an adult hosted underage drinking party, will have less defense against peer pressure to drink and to engage in other risky behavior. Parents that host these types of parties are violating the trust that the other parents place upon them. They are permitting their child to attend the party because they know that the parents will be there to monitor the party. Most parents do not believe that it is permissible to provide alcohol to teenage children under any circumstances. If you are planning on hosting a party understand your responsibilities.

The Hermitage Police Department has a zero

tolerance policy on underage drinking. If a police officer has contact with an underage drinker they will be charged with the offense. If a police officer is able to determine that an adult has provided alcohol to a minor they will be charged with Furnishing Alcohol Beverages to a Minor which carries a penalty of \$1,000 fine and the possibility of a jail sentence for each violation. There is also the civil liability that comes into play for the host of an underage drinking party also known as social host liability. Social host liability refers to the imposition of civil penalties against adults who provide alcohol to minors for injuries caused by those minors.

It is not OK to host an underage drinking party. It is illegal and carries with it serious criminal and civil liability. If your child is planning on attending parties don't assume that the parents hosting the party will actively prevent alcohol consumption.

Talk with the other parents and voice your concerns and interest in ensuring that the parties will be alcohol free.

UPGRADES AND REHABILITATION TO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT

The Hermitage sanitary sewer system upgrades and rehabilitation work continue on schedule and within budget. All work that the City proposed to do three years ago under the Corrective Action Plan that was submitted to and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has been completed on time. That doesn't mean that the City has stopped making repairs and upgrades to the system. The City of Hermitage and the Hermitage Municipal Authority continue to address parts of the system that are beginning to show signs of age. On May 17th, the Authority opened bids on a contract to replace the main sanitary sewer trunk line that carries flow from the majority of the City to the wastewater treatment plant on Broadway Road. This work will begin this summer and continue for approximately six months. Other upcoming projects include a new sanitary sewer line on Daniel Drive to eliminate malfunctioning on-lot septic

systems, a new pump station on East State Street to carry flow from the proposed Jefferson Township sanitary sewer project which is scheduled for 2008, new collector lines in the North and South Neshannock Road area tributary to the proposed pump station, manhole repair work and line rehabilitation work as determined by the inflow and infiltration inspection crew.

The Authority in 2005 put into operation the new headworks and flow equalization basin at the Water Pollution Control Plant with plans to complete a second phase before 2010. Also the completion of the Sample Road pump station and Golden Run pump stations now remove any threats of overflows due to heavy flows in the Golden Run area. The City's lateral inspection program is seeing results as the flows to pump stations and ultimately the plant have been decreased. It is estimated that one third of home sewer laterals have infiltration problems of some

sort and these are being replaced through the lateral inspection process at the time of a home sale. The homeowners in the City are now assured that the sanitary sewer lateral serving their property is functioning in compliance with City and State regulations.

The City and Authority continue to work together to improve and upgrade the sanitary sewer system in the City. With 17 pump stations, close to 200 miles of sanitary sewer lines, and a 5.0 million gallon per day rated wastewater treatment plant to maintain, it is an ongoing and manpower intensive undertaking. The employees of the WPC Department are trained and dedicated employees, many having higher grade licenses for the operation and maintenance of the system than required by the state. They belong to community organizations and participate in local events by donating of their time and talents.

TEAM UP FOR FIRE SAFETY



By Fire Marshal Robert Goeltz

Today I would like to discuss a fire and life safety concern. This is a recent study by the United States Fire Administration (USFA). The study identifies the relationship between

smoking and fatal or personnel injury fires caused by careless smoking. We are educated on the health hazards regarding "personal tobacco use" but we need reminded of the fire and safety hazards of smoking materials such as cigarettes, cigars, and pipes.

Smoking continues to be the number one cause of residential fire deaths. Smoking material fire deaths are more likely to involve a fire that begins very close to the victim, and the victims are less likely than victims of other types of fires to be saved, or self-saved, even with modern technology such as smoke detectors. It is further noted in the USFA report that one in four fatal fire victims is not the smoker. To reduce the fire hazard and exposure to careless smoking, we should learn to follow and enforce the recommended guidelines for fire and life safety. These guidelines are:

Use only sturdy ashtrays designed for the intended purpose!

When discarding "butts & ashes" make sure they are out – Dowse them with water!

Never discard butts & ashes in waste receptacles. Take them outside!

Never smoke when sleepy, in bed, under medication, or not mentally alert!

Never smoke in any room or home where medical oxygen is in use or present!

It is best if you smoke to smoke outside. Both for fire safety and the health of others!

If you do smoke, choose fire-safe cigarettes, they are less likely to cause fires!

HBA-DEVELOPING A UNIFIED BUSINESS COMMUNITY

By Laura Blaire, President
Hermitage Business Association



2006 finds the Hermitage Business Association reenergized and committed to pursuing our

mission: *To promote the Hermitage area by developing a unified business community, organizing cooperative marketing programs and supporting growth of the business members.* Since 1983, the HBA has received invaluable support and commitment from the City of Hermitage, which has enabled us to promote both the City and Hermitage businesses through the sponsorship of community events, advertising opportunities, our monthly radio show, and our annual membership mixer.

The HBA is an annual sponsor of the Father's Day Car Show, the Hermitage Arts Festival and the Hermitage Holiday Light Parade, which are all important and well attended events in our area. By sponsoring these and other events, we are able to add value to our community while also drawing visitors to patronize our local businesses. For many in our community, these events have become family traditions. This year's Father's Day car show will be held on Sunday, June 18 and is sure to provide as much family fun and classic cars as in years past. The Hermitage Arts Festival features music,

entertainment, and exposure to the arts and will be held July 22-23.

The Hermitage Holiday Light Parade, a holiday favorite attended by thousands and boasting hundreds of beautiful, lighted floats will be held on November 18. We are excited to be a part of these wonderful events.

However, we must never become content with only repeating what has worked in the past. The HBA is constantly looking for new opportunities to promote and foster the growth of our community and local businesses. In 2005, we established a \$500 scholarship to be awarded to a Hermitage resident planning to attend a post secondary or continuing education program in business and demonstrating specific academic, leadership and community service accomplishments. We were honored to receive several qualified applications in both 2005 and 2006.

Our congratulations to Matthew Mikulski, the 2006 Hermitage Business Association Scholarship Award winner. Matthew was proudly presented his award on May 16 at our annual membership mixer. Matthew was selected for his outstanding academic accomplishments, community service, leadership qualities and commitment to Hermitage business growth. His hard work, effort and dedication were reflected in his well written essay and superior credentials.

We congratulate Matthew once again on all his achievements.

A benefit to members of the HBA is the opportunity to be featured on our monthly radio program on WPIC. The show allows us to spotlight Hermitage businesses and provides members with 30-60 minutes of free airtime to promote their business. The show airs on the second Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. For more information or to be scheduled on the program, contact Craig Fenton at 724-699-4921.

Other new ideas we are exploring include implementing a Business of the Month program, establishing a high school mentoring program and promoting a 4th of July fireworks display.

Of course, we aren't limiting ourselves to only these suggestions and always welcome the input and feedback of our members who remain our front line to this wonderful city and its residents.

The Hermitage Business Association is always open to new members. Annual membership dues are \$50 and meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at noon. The current HBA members invite you to attend a meeting and consider joining our organization. For more information regarding the HBA and upcoming meetings, please contact Amy Gargiulo at 724-983-0900 or Laura Blaire at 724-962-3200. Our next meeting is June 20 at Red Lobster. We hope to see you there!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



William J. Moder, III, President
Hermitage Board of Commissioners

CITY USES GRANT DOLLARS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, RECREATION AND HOUSING PROJECTS

The city has taken an active role to identify and promote projects and programs which support the diverse needs of its residents. Funding these eligible uses has been provided by grants and other sources through the efforts of the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED), which administers the City's community and economic development projects and programs.

Its role includes coordination and participation with available community and economic development resources and organizations to promote business development and opportunities in our city and region.

Equally important is the continued effort to initiate and enhance quality-of-life opportunities through community programs and assistance.

Through the use of grants, including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, revolving loan programs, and other sources, the office coordinates applications and identifies available funding guidelines to support these ongoing efforts.

The Office has recently assisted with programs and support in the following eligible projects to benefit the CDBG Target Area:

Street Improvement and Repairs-

Paving and road improvements were completed this past year on Superior Street and West Park Street; improvements will be constructed on Grove, Walnut, East, and Emmett Streets this summer; and funding approval for the Adelaide Street and Crawford Drive project has been requested.

Shenango Park Recreation Project-

In 2006 improvements were made to the community room to accommodate onsite recreational and learning programs.

Orange Village Recreation Project-

Through CDBG funding, in 2006 the City partnered with the private owner to construct a community recreation facility to accommodate activities.

Patagonia Fire Station-

The 2006 CDBG program includes improvements to the Patagonia public safety and emergency shelter.

Senior Housing Project-

The City utilized CDBG funds for site acquisition, clearance and

preparation for the Senior Housing Planned Residential Development, working in partnership with Mercer County Housing Authority.

Housing Rehabilitation-

Currently, 6 homes are participating in the program with a waiting list of 28 applicants. In the past 22 years, hundreds of qualified homeowners have benefited from the housing rehabilitation program. The City's housing program has delivered in excess of \$3.4 million in grant funds to assist eligible homeowners to make needed, affordable repairs to their properties.

Since 1996 the City has maximized use of \$6,000,000 in CDBG funding of which 36% has been in grants for individual residence improvements through the Housing Rehabilitation program. An almost equal amount has been used to construct improvements and complete barrier removal to public and community/recreation facilities.

The grants have also supported several economic development activities, and the balance used for program administration, which is funded within the grant allocation. Advising and assisting the Department and the Board, the Hermitage Community and Economic Development Commission (CEDC) provides valuable contributions to these activities.

In 2006, the former Economic Development Commission was

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

renamed and re-designated in recognition of the scope of its advisory role in both economic and community interests.

The Board utilizes the CEDC to review, evaluate and recommend the annual CDBG program as well as to advise on other significant and beneficial community and economic development projects and programs.

The Planning and Development Department and Office of Community and Economic Development continue to access and use available resources and capitalize on partnership opportunities to promote community improvements which enhance and improve the quality of life for its residents and the area.

Through the strategic use of grants, incentives and programs, the City has supplemented its annual budgets, enabling expanded street paving, housing preservation, upgrading and expanding of public infrastructure, and the enhancement of community and public facilities that could not otherwise have been provided.



ORANGE VILLAGE RECREATION PROJECT



CDBG STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



SHENANGO PARK RECREATION PROJECT

GATEWAY GARDEN



Last year, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy planted a "Gateway Garden" at the intersection of Shenango Valley Freeway and East State Street. The Conservancy creates gardens to enhance open spaces at major entranceways to communities in Western Pennsylvania. Sites are selected for their potential visual impact and ability to improve the local landscape. Most sites have a combination of perennial plantings along with beds for annual flowers that are planted and cared for each year by local volunteers. The flowers and shrubs at each site beautify a piece of the community, and also can assist with rainwater management, temperature modulation and pollution control.

In partnership with PennDOT, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy has established

Gateway Gardens in more than two dozen locations in the last few years. Each site is a joint venture with the local municipality, a community volunteer group and in many cases a partner that provides in-kind landscaping services and site maintenance after planting. The City of Hermitage, Hirschmann Construction Services of Hermitage and the Hermitage Rotary are the partners who make our garden possible.



Hirschmann Construction Services



HERMITAGE ELECTED OFFICIALS

(Left-Right)

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Hermitage Community and Economic Development Commission Landscape and Facade Improvement - Loan Program

"The Commission is interested in assisting Hermitage businesses in the improvement of their sites and facilities. The low interest loan program and the sidewalk reimbursement program are designed partnership efforts to create an attractive pedestrian friendly business setting in the community."

Rex Knisley, Chairman Hermitage Community & Economic Development Commission



"The assistance from Hermitage provided me an opportunity to upgrade our facility appearance and to improve the image of our business. The City Economic Development Commission and staff made the application and approval process simple and quick. I would encourage community businesses to take advantage of this excellent program."

*Dave Hersh, Manager
Hersh Exterminating Service, Inc.*

The City of Hermitage developed the Hermitage Landscape and Facade Improvement Program in 2001 to assist Hermitage businesses and industries making landscaping, facade and site improvements. The program gives existing businesses a financing tool to make improvements such as: signage, building facade improvements, landscaping, sidewalks and site lighting.

The program is administered by the Office of Community and Economic Development in much the same manner as the City's

Revolving Loan Programs for industrial development. Eligible applicants can apply for loans between \$2,500 and \$20,000 with a maximum term of five (5) years. The interest rate will be fixed at the time of application and will be equal to 50% of the Wall Street Journal prime rate.

Projects funded through the Landscape and Facade Improvement Program include Hickory VFW Banquet Center, Hickory VFW Golf Course, Pro Auto Glass & Mirror,

Hersh Exterminating Services, Inc., At The Beach Tanning, Zacklon LLC and The Engraving Place. The Sidewalk Reimbursement Program has provided twenty-two (22) participating businesses \$83,000 for pedestrian facilities.

Any Hermitage business interested in applying or learning more about the loan program should contact Lynn Brest at 724-981-0800 ext 210 or e-mail: lbrest@hermitage.net or the sidewalk reimbursement program should contact Marcia Hirschmann at 724-981-0800 ext. 240 or e-mail: mhirschmann@hermitage.net.

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