



Community Update

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2008 Hermitage Holiday Light Parade

Saturday, November 22, 2008 at 6:00 PM

The annual event that started in 1998 featured over 70 participants in various categories competing for over \$2,500 in awards and cash prizes.

The parade began at the intersection of East State Street and North Kerrwood Drive,

traveled east to Route 18, turned left and proceeded to the entrance of the Hermitage Middle School. For more information on the 2009 Parade, contact Amy Gargiulo at 724-983-0900 or at agargiulo@hermitage.net.

Thanks to everyone for making this year's parade a great success & see you next year!

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SHENANGO VALLEY Military Support Program

In an effort to support our deployed troops, the City of Hermitage partnered with local businesses to provide a few of our soldiers with a Holiday Care Package in a show of support for their efforts and sacrifices to protect our freedom. The City staff packaged and mailed holiday treats contributed from Daffin's Candies, Kraynak's Santa's ChristmasLand and Philadelphia Candies for 200 soldiers deployed in Iraq and around the world. George-White Properties and Penn Northwest Development Corporation provided assistance with the mailing.

**Each package contained a card wishing them
a Safe and Happy Holiday from the
Shenango Valley, Mercer County, Pennsylvania.**



Not Just Pizza 2!

ITALIAN COOKING CLASS FOR THE CITY OF HERMITAGE

Classes at Hickory High School Thursdays • 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
March 12, 19, 26 and 31, 2009 • Instructor: Ilaria Brioli

**Maximum 15 students • \$40.00/person plus \$60.00 for supplies
(paid to instructor the first night of class) Must pre-register before 1st class.**

March 12th Menu

Gnocchi al gorgonzola -
Gnocchi with blue cheese
Involtini e piselli -
Beef rolls with peas
Finocchi in insalata -
Fennel salad

March 26th Menu

Ravioli burro e salvia -
Ravioli butter and sage
Agnello e carciofi -
Lamb and artichoke
Insalata con l'avocado -
Salad with avocado

March 19th Menu

Risotto ai funghi -
Rice with mushroom
Melanzane in carrozza -
Eggplant and mozzarella
Insalata di frutta - Fruit Salad

March 31st Menu

Pizza ripiena agli spinaci -
Filled pizza with spinach
Pizza ripiena alla cipolla -
Filled pizza with onion
Crema pasticcera alle fragole -
Yellow cream and strawberry
Fiocchetti - Fried sweets

Adult Workshops and Classes

HERMITAGE CRAFTERS CLUB

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

- Dates:** First Wednesday of each month, next meeting February 4
- Time:** 10:00 am
- Cost:** Membership is free (participants pay per session for supplies)
- Location:** Hermitage Municipal Building, Room 301
800 N. Hermitage Road
Hermitage, PA

Community Bulletin Board

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Parks and Recreation Department will once again be hiring summer help for our program. Looking for the following:

- Playground Counselors**
- Arts and Crafts Instructors**
- Tennis Instructors**
- Cheerleading Instructors**

If you are interested, stop in at the City Building, 800 North Hermitage Road to pick up an application or visit our website at www.hermitage.net to download an application. All applications must be submitted by Friday, April 3, 2009.

Parks & Rec Info Line • 724-347-7600

Use this line anytime to access information on upcoming programs, current activities, cancellations and changes, or visit www.hermitage.net.

REGISTRATION FORM

Detach and mail or drop off with check to Hermitage Municipal Building, 800 N. Hermitage Road, Hermitage, PA 16148. Make checks payable to "City of Hermitage". Call Ed Chess, Parks and Recreation Director, at 724-981-0800 for more information or visit our website at www.hermitage.net.

Participant 1		
Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone (home)	(work)	
School	Homeroom	
Grade	Date of Birth	
Email		
Activity	Session/Week	
Participant's Signature		

Registration Information

- It is important to register before the first scheduled class meeting.
- We will notify you only if programs are cancelled, full, or for time or location changes.
- Most classes are limited in size. Registration will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Payment is due at the time of registration.
- The Parks and Recreation Department has the right to cancel any classes due to insufficient registration. Classes begin as scheduled unless otherwise notified.
- When school is cancelled due to inclement weather, any Parks and Recreation activities will also be cancelled. You will be notified regarding makeup dates.

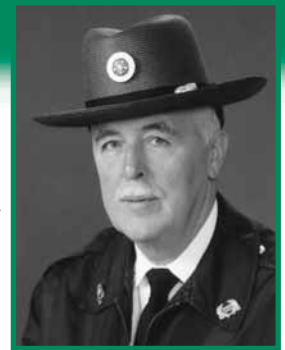
Participant 2		
Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone (home)	(work)	
School	Homeroom	
Grade	Date of Birth	
Email		
Activity	Session/Week	
Participant's Signature		

Refund Policy

- Full refunds will be issued when the class is cancelled due to lack of participation.
 - No refunds made after class begins.
- In case of 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. I release the City of Hermitage and the Hermitage School District from any liability regarding such injury or emergency.
- SIGNATURE _____

From the Fire Marshal

Robert Goeltz



False fire alarms and - the adage that history repeats itself is a realistic fact, not just a figure of speech when speaking of fire alarm systems. Specifically, when taking into consideration public safety agencies and fire department response to false alarms.

The development of the telegraph alarm system followed by the telephone and radio, brought about a series of first generation systems for the public to summon the fire department in time of emergency need. The first device was the street corner Fire Alarm Box, strategically placed in a community for public use as a means of automatic notification of public safety forces to an emergency. They were the familiar "red fire alarm box" installed virtually on every street corner in the United States. This familiar street corner icon served a timely and important purpose. The "now ancient technology" also brought about a new phenomenon - the birth of false fire alarms. They soon became branded in many communities as the major source of nuisance false fire alarms received by the fire department from the "box". For this and other supporting reasons came the demise of the

now antiquated "street corner fire alarm boxes".

Enter now, modern age technology: cell phones, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, sprinkler systems, and computer video monitoring cameras. All having a purpose, and reason in our security conscious society, by providing a means to automatically notify fire departments to respond to fire and life safety emergencies.

With this capability came the repeating of history theory. The frequency rate and seriousness of false fire alarm activations received by the department from automatic alarm systems is illustrated by the fact that twenty to twenty-five percent (20-25%) of our department's response activity is to false automatic fire alarm activations. The national rate for fire department response to false fire alarm activations is ten percent (10%). This frequency rate reflects on the increased number of homes, businesses, and commercial buildings that now have fire and security alarms installed. It also reflects on the need for individuals and property managers whose homes and facilities are equipped with automatic fire and life safety alarms to fully understand how their system

works.

False fire alarm activations are categorized as system malfunction, unintentional, malicious, and other. The two leading causes for the Hermitage Fire Department false alarm rate are system malfunction and unintentional activation.

In our effort to reduce the number of false fire alarms now being received by the department, should your home or facility be equipped with an alarm system or it activate, we ask that you abide by the following guidelines if your home, or business is equipped with a monitored alarm system.

1. Fire alarm permit requirement: The City of Hermitage requires a fire alarm permit be issued for all monitored fire alarm systems by any company. Permit information and applications may be obtained by contacting the fire department administration office at 724-342-0669.

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Patrick B. McElhinny



From the Chief of Police

The Police Department has seen a steady flow of fraud cases and the trend appears to be

expanding. Unsolicited letters, emails and phone calls are the primary means of initiating the contact with fraud victims. For example; a resident received a phone call from a person identifying himself as a representative from Life Lock and he needed to verify the person's bank account information. The Life Lock representative then proceeded to read the checking account and routing number of the victims checking account and the victim verified the information and supplied additional information. The victim later discovered money had been improperly removed from the checking account. Another example is the mystery

shopper scam. In November several residents received letters indicating they had been selected as mystery shoppers. A check in the person's name accompanies the letter and identifies the funds for training, lodging, Western Union expenses, and required funds to be sent. Part of the process requires the victim to demonstrate they know how to use Western Union so they are instructed to deposit the check into their personal checking account and then send back a portion of the money using Western Union. In the most recent case the victim sent back \$3,347.00 as instructed. The check that was deposited into the victim's account is later determined to be fraudulent making the victim responsible for the money. The travelers check scam works like this. The person signs up for a work at home job with a vague job description on an internet site. The person then receives Travelers Checks in the mail usually in the amount of \$500.00 each. The person is instructed to cash the checks

and keep ten percent as payment and return the rest using Western Union. Once the person does as instructed more checks are sent to him in larger and larger amounts. In the most recent case HPD investigated a check in the amount of \$3,800.00 was successfully cashed in addition to numerous others in various amounts from \$500.00 on up. The Traveler's checks are later found to be fraudulent. Then there is the foreign lottery winner scam that continues to come back time and again. A letter is sent to a person identifying them as a lottery winner usually from Canada but other foreign countries have been used. To claim the prize the person has to pay the taxes owed on the prize amount upfront usually by Money Gram or Western Union. In the letter is a check made out to the targeted person in a larger amount than the taxes owed. The person is instructed to deposit the check keeping the excess funds and send the amount owed for the taxes back. The check,

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From Harrisburg . . .

Serious Challenges in 2009

A Column by Senator Bob Robbins • 50th Senatorial District

The beginning of a new year always brings new challenges and 2009 will be no exception for the Pennsylvania General Assembly as we work to address the impact of the current fiscal crisis.

The signs of the Commonwealth's economic condition are crystal clear and have been for some time. We have seen revenues coming in below projections on a monthly basis to the point where they now total \$657.9 million, or 6.8 percent, below estimate.

That shortfall and the latest state labor statistics, which show Pennsylvania's statewide unemployment rate increasing and now at 5.8 percent, dramatically emphasize the need for greater fiscal responsibility and spending controls now and through the coming months.

It is essential that we not lose sight of the impact the economy is having on individuals, families and small businesses across Pennsylvania. Many people are now out-of-work and many others are struggling to make ends meet. We must remember that as we look toward addressing the revenue shortfall of the current budget and the spending that will be proposed by the Governor for the Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget.

The Governor's updated projection of a \$1.6 billion revenue shortfall by the end of the 2008-09 Fiscal Year may be extremely optimistic amid the daily news of the financial troubles across the nation that have impacted the banks, investment firms, the auto industry and many other businesses, large and small.

It is important to remember that Pennsylvania's financial problems would be much more significant if it were not for the efforts made by the Senate over the past two years. The media, especially in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, was quick to criticize the Senate for what they saw as a 17-day budget impasse in 2007, even then forgetting that the Governor and his \$2.5 billion in proposed

tax increases were a major stumbling block to an agreement.

One can just imagine what our current economic situation would be had we allowed those tax hikes to pass and the Governor's spending increases to occur. Instead, the Senate held its ground -- despite tremendous pressure from the big cities -- and in the end not one of those tax increases made its way into the Fiscal Year 2007-08 budget.

This year, even though we passed a budget relatively quickly -- especially under the standards set during the Rendell Administration years -- the Senate was roundly criticized by several media outlets for not supporting the Governor's spending increases -- particularly for new entitlement programs. Again, it looks like time and events have proven the wisdom of our efforts.

It is essential that we use the same fiscal prudence now and take whatever steps necessary to mitigate the impact that the slowdown in revenues will have on Pennsylvania's economy, both in the short-term and the long-term.

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2. Property key holder Information: It is extremely important to maintain with the fire department, an updated listing of key holders to your alarmed property. Having a key holder available to respond in your absence permits emergency responders entry to the property without creating damage; permitting a proper investigation and cause for the alarm activation by emergency responders.

3. Alarm reset code and password: Insure all key holders, authorized individuals, and family members know your fire alarm system reset code and password; including how to reset your system after inspection of the property by emergency responders.

4. Maintenance: Alarm systems require preventive maintenance, cleaning and testing -- at a minimum annually to prevent false activations.

5. Alarm testing: Before testing your fire alarm system notify the fire department administration office; doing so prevents a false fire alarm response by the department.

6. Property maintenance and remodeling: Advise your contractor that the property is alarmed and during work hours it should be placed in the test mode to prevent false activation. The reasoning is that any disruption of the electrical system,

telephone phone system or generation of dust in the protected property will likely cause false activation.

7. City & State Ordinance -- fines and disconnects: Keep in mind the fire department by law can issue citable fines for the transmission of false fire alarms. In addition, they can order the disconnecting of monitored fire alarms when the frequency of false activations reaches a nuisance level or the response endangers our emergency service providers.

8. Fire alarm activations: Treat all fire alarm activations as an emergency and take them seriously. When the alarm activates call 911 immediately; advise them of the situation and any visible smoke or fire conditions. If the alarm activation is known to be false, advise them likewise. Do not call your alarm service provider. Notify the 911 center first so they may make responding firefighters aware of the situation. The reasoning for immediately notifying 911 on all fire alarm activations is to insure and verify that 911 has received your alarm activation and they are sending you help. It is important to reinforce this notification procedure -- Call 911 first, not your alarm monitoring company.

Remember, false fire alarm activations tax the department's operations, impact on the wear and maintenance of the fire apparatus, and most importantly jeopardize the safety of the emergency responders to any emergency alarm, specifically when it is a false alarm. It cannot be presumed the alarm response, unless otherwise notified, to be false; therefore, your fire department and firefighters must respond.

We trust after reading our concern and commentary on how to manage and reduce the false fire alarm rate of recurrence problem, we will be able to work together towards reducing it's frequency. Doing so removes our emergency responders from unwarranted response dangers and serves our citizens in a more productive manner.

We thank our citizens and community for the support given our volunteer firefighters and on behalf of the officers, members, and staff of the department we wish all a prosperous and fire safe 2009.

. . . To Hermitage

Working for the Valley

From the office of State Representative Mark Longietti

As your State Representative, I want you to be aware of programs that are available to you and your family through our state government. My local constituent service office is a great resource for you to obtain information on these programs, to answer questions and to provide help. The office is located in the upper level of the Valley Professional Center at 2213 Shenango Valley Freeway, Unit 2-E, Hermitage, which is across the Freeway from Kennedy Catholic High School. An access road is located on Buhl Farm Drive near the driveway to Reed and Reed Accounting, and you should follow that access road beyond the Solar Professional Building and to the far end of Valley Professional Center to reach the entrance to my office. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for holidays. The office can be reached by telephone at 724-981-4655. Brenda Tomko and Lori Bertolasio staff my local office and they have over 38 years of combined experience in helping constituents with their needs and concerns, and they are ready to serve you.

Perhaps the most popular program this year has been the Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program. This program provides a rebate to homeowners and renters that are either 65 years old or older; or 50 years old

and older that are widowed; or 18 years old or older that are disabled. Household income must be \$35,000 or less for home-owners and \$15,000 or less for renters, but only one-half of Social Security benefits are counted as income. Applications for the 2008 tax year will be available at my local office in late February.

Pennsylvania also has an excellent prescription drug program for lower income senior citizens. There are two levels of coverage called PACE and PACENET. A senior that is single with an income of less than \$14,500 or a married couple with a combined income of less than \$17,700 is eligible for PACE, which offers prescription benefits with a co-pay of \$6 for generic drugs and \$9 for brand name drugs. PACE also pays your monthly Medicare Part D premium and it covers you if you reach the "donut hole" for Medicare Part D. PACENET provides coverage for single seniors with total income between \$14,500 and \$23,500 and married seniors with income between \$17,700 and \$31,500. It provides prescription benefits with a co-pay of \$8 for generic drugs and \$15 for brand name drugs. You pay your monthly Medicare Part D premium each month directly to your Plan, under PACENET.

Finally, since it is the winter season, I



want to make families aware of a program available through the Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association. Fourth Grade Snow Pass provides a free ski or ride pass to 4th Grade students for all 22 participating areas in Pennsylvania, including Hidden Valley and Seven Springs. An application must be filled out and mailed in with a copy of the child's 4th Grade report card, a 2" x 1-1/2" color photo and a \$15 processing fee. The Snow Pass booklet includes one free learn to ski/board package (beginner lift, lesson & rental equipment) and three free lift ticket coupons. Also, program applications are available at my office.

Please know that in the case of these and other programs, my office is available to provide you with information, answer questions and assist you. Also know that you can connect with me at www.pahouse.com/longietti or e-mail me at mlongietti@pahouse.net

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while official looking, is later determined to be fraudulent. A variation of the lottery winner scam uses the Publisher's Clearing House logo and the letter identifies the person as the second prize winner in the Mega millions Game. The person has to meet the United States lottery commission and other administrative requirements in order to receive the prize. Again there is an official looking check in the letter to be used to defray these costs. The victim later discovers the check is fraudulent. Sometimes the letters used in these scams have telephone numbers with contact persons listed. Phone calls will be answered and the person will answer questions and give directions on how to proceed. They are just part of the game. Each of these scams is dependent upon the

victim seizing the opportunity to obtain some money.

Another scam that is gaining in popularity and we have seen twice in the past month is the emergency phone call from Canada. An elderly person is targeted and they receive a phone call from a person claiming to be the person's grandchild and in one case actually used the correct first name of the person's grandchild. The caller speaks rapidly and sounds desperate, states that they have been involved in an accident in Canada and need \$5,000.00 wired to them immediately. They ask that their parents not be contacted and tell the victim they will explain everything to them when they get home. The caller speeds up the transaction

by stating they are calling from a pay phone and they are out of change and are running out of call time they have just enough time to tell the elderly victim where to wire the money. Both attempts were successful in obtaining the money requested from the victims. In all of these cases the money eventually is wired or routed to Canada.

Don't give personal information to people you don't know. Just because a letter or email looks official doesn't make it so. Many of the checks used have the correct routing numbers and bank account numbers and use the company's logo but they are forgeries. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is so proceed with caution and common sense.

2008 Hermitage Holiday Light Parade...Contest Winners!

Non-Profit Category

- 1st Place (\$200) - ACS Relay for Life - Lori's Angels
- 2nd Place (\$150) - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
- 3rd Place (\$100) - Hermitage Girl Scouts Troop #48

School Category

- 1st Place (\$200) - Keystone Charter School
- 2nd Place (\$150) - Notre Dame School
- 3rd Place (\$100) - St. Joseph's School

Bands Category

- 1st Place (\$200) - Reynolds School District
- 2nd Place (\$150) - Kennedy Catholic School

Entertainment Category

- 1st Place (\$200) - Twirling Angels
- 2nd Place (\$150) - Sensations Baton Corp

Honorable Mention (\$75 each)

- Hermitage Cub Scout Pack #16
- Charryssa Gera Fund
- South Pymatuning Fire Department
- ABC Corner

Iceberg Awards

Corporate (Division A) - Over 30 feet in length

- 1st Place - Barbenders Gym
- 2nd Place - National City Bank
- 3rd Place - Bentley House Assisted Living

Corporate (Division B) - Under 30 feet in length

- 1st Place - Seven Seas Home Leisure Center
- 2nd Place - Catron Group International
- 3rd Place - Hermitage Home Depot

Municipal - Local & County Offices, Officials, Fire Departments

- 1st Place - Hermitage Fire Department
- 2nd Place - Clark Fire Department
- 3rd Place - Wheatland Fire Department

Special Recognition Awards

"Twinkle" Award - Presented to the entry with the brightest lights

- Hermitage Fire Department

"Santa's Choice" Award - Presented to the entry exhibiting the most holiday spirit

- Notre Dame School

"Most Unique" Award - Presented to the entry demonstrating a creative and unique float design

- Keystone Charter School

"Most Entertaining" Award - Presented to the entry with the best holiday music or entertainment theme

- ACS Relay for Life - Lori's Angels

"Judges' Choice" Award - Presented as the judges choice for special recognition to entries that creatively combined bright lights & holiday spirit

- Kendron Lodge #389
- Hopscotch Early Learning Child Care Center
- Shenango Valley YMCA
- McGonigle Ambulance Service
- Penn State HDFS Club / Housing Coalition
- First National Bank

"Community" Award

- Shenango Valley Cinemas / Cinema 8

"William E. Scanlon" Award

- Cannon's Golden Run Clydesdales

Fun at the Parade...



Thank You
The Hermitage Light Parade Committee would like to thank the following for helping to make the 11th annual Holiday Parade a tremendous success:

Gold Sponsors	Endless Summer Tanning, Nail & Day Spa	Silver Sponsors	Bronze Sponsors
City of Hermitage	Kraynak's, Inc.	Chiccarino's	Michael & Aileen Magnotto
Bob Evans	Rudzik Excavating, Inc.	Office Depot	
10 Pin Alley	Cannon's Golden Run Clydesdales	Sharon Commercial Printing & Mailing	Erme's, Inc.
Greenville Savings Bank	First National Bank	Black, Bashor & Porsch, LLP	Joy Cone Co.
Shenango Valley Mall	National City	Cottage Gardens	Reinhardt's Agency, Inc.
Mercer County Community Federal Credit Union	Wal-Mart	HHS DR Architect/Engineers	Best Wings USA, Inc.
KAKE Development, Inc.	Hermitage Giant Eagle	Huntington National Bank	Cadillac Gift Shop
Hudson Group, Inc.	La Isla Mexican Restaurant	JFS Wealth Advisors	
Tri-County Industries, Inc.			

 • Hermitage Towne Plaza • Hermitage Cinema 8 • Hermitage Volunteer Fire Dept. • Hermitage Police Dept.
 • Hermitage Public Works Dept. • Hickory V.F.W. Honor Guard • Cottage Gardens
 • Tom Amundson • Parade Judging Committee • Hickory Marching Band • Hickory Chamber Singers
 • Hermitage School District • O'Neill Coffee • Northstar Power Sports • Staley Communications, Inc.
 • Mercer County PennDOT • Mercer County Community Transit • Bob & Debi Englebaugh
 • Montrose Auto Group • Every business, organization and family who participated

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED FOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY FOOD WAREHOUSE. 2100 POUNDS OF FOOD WERE COLLECTED.

 • PI&I Motor Express • Strimbu Trucking, Inc.
 • Fredonia Tire • Yourga Trucking, Inc. • Dave's Towing
 • New Castle School of Trades

From the Desk of the Treasurer Bernie Harry

The County/City taxes will be mailed March 1st, 2009. As reported, there will be an increase in county taxes. They will be in a new format similar to the sealed bills used in 2008 for the School Real Estate taxes. This ensures a sense of privacy, and the look of a more professional bill. For those reasons, we will be changing the Per Capita to the same format, and that will be mailed, August 1st, as will the School bills. Keep these dates, and watch for your bills, since it is the responsibility of the taxpayer to remit their taxes, and to notify

our office if you do not receive your bills. Also, Homestead/Farmstead applications were mailed. If you have not yet returned yours to the Mercer County Courthouse, do so promptly. If you already receive the exemption, it is not necessary to re-apply. Remember this is a credit on your School Real Estate tax bill, but can only be taken on the property in which you reside. Last year all residents who had been previously approved received a credit of \$98.88. Lastly, if you are over age 65 or 50

plus widowed, perhaps you are eligible for the Pennsylvania Property Tax or Rent Rebate Program. For your convenience, we order forms, and they are available in our office at the end of February. The forms should be completed by your tax preparer and returned along with your Income tax returns. As always, our office is open to you, Monday through Friday 8:00 to 5:00 (May 1st thru Sept. 1st. 7:30 to 4:30). You may also call us direct at 724-347-4472 with any questions or concerns.

Youth Sports Programs

WINTER HITTING LEAGUE

Sponsored by Hermitage Parks and Recreation

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): Jan. 17 thru Feb. 28
Sundays (Softball-Fast Pitch): Jan. 18 thru Mar. 1

Divisions: Baseball: (9-10), (11-12), (13-15) and (16-18)
Softball: (12-u), (14-u), and (18-u)
*2009 playing age

Time: TBD (visit www.hermitage.net for schedule)

Cost: \$25.00 per player (checks to City of Hermitage)

Location: Hermitage Elementary Gym (old 3rd/4th grade gym)

GIRLS FAST PITCH SOFT-BALL SKILLS CLINICS

Sponsored by the Hermitage Girls Fast-Pitch Softball Organization

Weekly off-season skills development clinics for all Hermitage girls between the ages of 7 and 16 who are interested in playing Girls Fast-Pitch Softball. These clinics are set up as one-day skill sessions and cover basic and advanced fast-pitch skills.

Local coaches along with the Hickory and Kennedy Catholic High Schools Girls Fast-Pitch teams will assist in instruction.

Dates: Saturdays: Jan. 17 thru Feb. 28

Time: TBD (visit www.hermitage.net for schedule)

Cost: \$25.00

Location: Hermitage Middle School Gym

Please feel free to contact Ron Piso at 724-347-7562, Ed Chess at 724-981-0800, or Mark Taylor at 724-982-4151 with questions.

2009 Hermitage Parks and Recreation Softball Skills Clinic Registration Form

PLAYER'S NAME _____

BIRTH DATE _____ PLAYING AGE _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

SHIRT SIZE: (circle size) Youth (or) Adult S M L XL

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ BUS. PHONE _____

Individual to call in case of an emergency and parents can't be reached:

NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

FAMILY PHYSICIAN _____ HOSPITAL _____

HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE CARRIER _____

ID NO. _____ GROUP NO. _____

ALLERGIES _____

MEDICATIONS _____

Other specific Health Problems: (ex: diabetes, seizure disorders, and disabilities)

CONDITION _____ NORMAL TREATMENT _____

CONDITION _____ NORMAL TREATMENT _____

In case of emergency, I _____ authorize the director, instructor, aid or supervisor of the Parks & 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. I release the City of Hermitage and the Hermitage School District from any liability regarding such injury or emergency.

Parent or Participant's Signature: _____

(Students under age of 18 must have parent or guardian sign here) Date _____

2009 Hermitage Parks and Recreation

Winter Hitting League Registration Form

PARTICIPANT'S NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

PHONE NO. _____

CELL NO. _____

WORK NO. _____

TEAM MEMBERS

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

In case of emergency, I _____ authorize the director, instructor, aid or supervisor of the Parks & 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. I release the City of Hermitage and the Hermitage School District from any liability regarding such injury or emergency.

Parent or Participant's Signature: _____

(Students under age of 18 must have parent or guardian sign here) Date _____

Youth Sports Programs cont.

Registration

Hermitage Little League • www.hermitagell.com
Hermitage Fast Pitch Softball

Saturday, January 31 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. & Wednesday, February 4 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. • Hermitage City Building

...FUN COMMUNITY TRIPS...



Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Phoenix Suns

This is your chance to see LeBron James and the Cavaliers take on the Phoenix Suns!

February 11, 2009 • 7:00 pm Tip Off • Leaving Hermitage City Building at 4:30 pm

To order, mail this form to: City of Hermitage, Attn: Ed Chess, 800 North Hermitage Road, Hermitage, PA 16148

Or purchase in person at Recreation Department

Package Price \$55.00 (includes Game Ticket and Bus Transportation)

CAVALIERS VS. SUNS, FEBRUARY 11, 2009 • 7:00 PM	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE
# OF TICKETS _____ AT \$55.00 EACH	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$ _____

**CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:
CITY OF HERMITAGE**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Day Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Hermitage Parks & Recreation and HHS Ski & Board Club Ski Trip

Peek 'n Peak Ski Trip: Sunday, February 22, 2009

BUS MEETING TIME AT HICKORY HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT 7:30AM • RETURN AROUND 6:30-7:00PM • COSTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BUS*

\$25.00

Students not in High School must be accompanied by an adult.

Adult **Jr. (6-11)**

TICKETS

\$34.00 \$24.00

SKI RENTAL

\$21.00 \$17.00

SNOWBOARD RENTAL

\$26.00 \$22.00

GROUP LESSONS

1 hr. lesson \$20.00

*Must ride bus in order to purchase lift ticket at group rate.

We have Club room 3 for our use that day!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ GRADE: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

In case of emergency, I _____ authorize the director, instructor, aid or supervisor of the Parks & 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. I release the City of Hermitage and the Hermitage School District from any liability regarding such injury or emergency.

PARENT OR PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

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

Community Library of the Shenango Valley

FREE EVENTS

January 8, 15, 22, 29 • Yoga @ 6:00 pm, Yoga is extremely effective in increasing flexibility, lubricating body joints, ligaments and tendons, and massaging our internal organs. Come for a one hour yoga class suitable for all levels of yoga experience. Please bring a yoga mat or small blanket and wear comfortable clothing. Register at the front desk or call 724-981-4360.

January 10 • Saturday Matinee: The Dark Knight (PG-13) @ 1:00 pm, Batman continues his seemingly endless effort to bring justice to Gotham's crime syndicate. (Swank Motion Pictures) Bring a Snack.

January 13 • Kids Movie: Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) @ 3:20 pm, A scientist goes backpacking across Iceland and finds a cave that leads him deep down into the bowels of the planet, discovering a fantastic and dangerous lost world in the center of the earth filled with bizarre landscapes and terrifying creatures. (Swank Motion Pictures) Open to children of all ages. Bring a snack!

January 13 • Evening Movie: Mamma Mia! (PG-13) @ 5:30pm, In this big screen version of the stage musical featuring the songs of ABBA, Donna is the mother to Sophie, who's on a quest to discover the identity of her father on the eve of her wedding. Donna owns a small hotel on an idyllic Greek island and when three men from her past arrive unexpectedly it is a trip down memory lane that no one will ever forget. (Swank Motion Pictures) Bring a snack.

January 14 • An Evening with Dr. Dean @ 6:30pm, Dr. Dean Muscarella, a chiropractic physician and wellness practitioner will present a community workshop to help you find out how to lose weight and gain health. If you are coping with pre-diabetic symptoms or other health related problems due to your weight, don't miss out! Register at 724-342-7778 or 724-981-4360.

January 20 • "Stop Diabetes Before it Starts" 1:30 pm, Presented by Sharon Regional Health System's Diabetes Center. This program will cover: What is diabetes, who is at risk, and what steps can be taken to stop diabetes before it starts.

January 21 • Special Storyteller Presentation of The Terrible Tiger 3:30 pm, Come; share this age-old art form with local storyteller Jane Minner who will be telling a tale by children's author Jack Prelutsky entitled "The Terrible Tiger". An enjoyable program for all ages.

January 31 • Common Threads on Learning Photography Workshop Session 1, 10:30-12:30, Bruce Kaiser will present 2 workshops focusing on the common threads of photography. Session 1 covers the fundamentals of photography, including photographic composition, observation, perspective, and operational procedures, covering techniques that will work with both digital and film photography. Space is limited! Stop at the front desk or call 724-981-4360 to register for this workshop series.

February 7 • Common Threads on Learning Photography Workshop Session 2, 10:30-12:30, Session 2 of this series covers the language of light and 10 photographic exercises you can do to become a better photographer. A follow-up workshop will be discussed where participants can share and critique their photos. Lastly, leave with a better understanding of the resources available to you through the library. Space is limited! Stop at the front desk or call 724-981-4360 to register for this workshop series.

Every Thursday • Chess Club @ 5:30 pm, Come to play or learn, open to all ages.

For more information about our programs and services, please call the Community Library of the Shenango Valley at 724-981-4360.

GET A FREE LIBRARY CARD All Hermitage residents, upon proof of residency, can get a free library card at the Shenango Valley Community Library. Over 40% of the registered borrowers at the Library are Hermitage residents. Hermitage will contribute \$100,000 to the Library in 2009.

Shenango Valley YMCA

www.svymca.com

Jan. • Feb. • Mar. • Apr.

Youth Programs/Sports

Tiny Tots Fitness: Program for children ages 2-4 years old. This class will provide fun exercises and games to get the children active. This is a great chance to get preschoolers involved in a healthy activity where they will have fun and meet new friends.

YMCA Art Class For Kids: Gives children in grades 2-6 the opportunity to learn exciting and unique types of art. This class follows the "Discovering Great Artists Curriculum" and encourages all participants to express their creativity by creating their own unique art. We also incorporate core values: Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Community Involvement and Faith. At the end of each 6 week course a YMCA youth art exhibit is held at the YMCA for all to come and see the artists' work.

Homeschool Gym Class: For children of all ages. This class will provide fun exercises and games to keep homeschool students active in a healthy and caring environment. This is a great opportunity to meet the Physical Education requirement set forth in the PA Homeschool Law.

Yoga For Children: This class for children in grades 2-6 offers simple yoga moves and games you and your kids can do together. Yoga works on the whole body and is suitable for children of all physical abilities. It promotes strength, flexibility, good coordination, posture, relaxation and concentration. Above all, it is a gentle, noncompetitive form of exercise that all children can enjoy.

2009 YMCA Spring Soccer: 8-week youth soccer league. Teams practice one evening per week and have games on Saturdays. Divisions are as follows: U13: 13, 12, 11 year olds • U10: 10, 9, 8 year olds • U7: 7, 6, 5 year olds Pre-K: Children not having attended kindergarten: 3, 4 and some 5 year olds Registration for Spring Soccer begins Saturday, February 21, 2009. "Registration Day" is Monday, March 23rd from 5:00-8:00pm, and practices begin the week of April 20th.

Year-Round Wellness

Our YMCA is proud to offer memberships that include many free services such as fitness and wellness classes, exercise program designs, coffee, WIFI hotspot and free use of our lounge, conference room, gymnasium, Nintendo Wii game, saunas, and much more. We offer programming for everyone, regardless of your past exercise experience, so stop in today for a tour of our facility and let one of our nationally certified staff members get you started on your wellness journey in a comfortable and welcoming environment.

Financial aid is available to those in need thanks to our generous sponsors, donors and the United Way of Mercer County.

For individuals with Highmark Health Insurance: be sure to stop at the YMCA to get more information on additional savings and FREE programs!

For more information, call the YMCA (724) 981-6950, or come tour the facility.

Buhl Farm Park

www.buhlfarmpark.com

Commemorative Items Available

Benches • Cost: \$700 (includes plaque with inscription)
Location: Golf Course and Performing Arts Center

Trees • Cost: \$425 (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 information call 724.981.5522 or visit the Gatehouse.



Call For Artists

The Hermitage Arts Festival Committee is seeking talented individuals to participate in our Summer Arts Festival.

ARTISTS, MUSICIANS, DANCERS, PERFORMERS OF ALL TALENTS ARE INVITED TO APPLY!

Contact MaryEllen McKendry at (724) 981-0800 for more information.

HERMITAGE ARTS Festival

July 18 & 19, 2009

Artist's Marketplace Application

Artist's Name _____

Company (if any) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (daytime) _____ (evening/cell) _____

E-Mail _____ Fax _____

Fees

\$50.00 for 10'x10' booth space.
Number of spaces requested: _____

\$10.00 for electricity per space (if needed)

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Hermitage Arts Festival. Return completed application with fees and photos of artwork no later than May 29, 2009 to:

Hermitage Arts Festival | Attention: MaryEllen McKendry
800 N. Hermitage Road, Hermitage, PA 16148

Art Categories

Please indicate the category in which you will be displaying and selling artwork.

Two-Dimensional Fine Arts

- Painting Photography Mixed Media
 Drawing (including pastels) Printmaking Computer Generated

Three-Dimensional Fine Arts

- Sculpture Clay (non-functional) Mixed Media

Fine Crafts

- Jewelry Clay (functional) Wood (functional)
 Metalsmithing Glass Fibers/Textiles
 Leather Other:

Please indicate if your art does not fit the major categories listed here. The Hermitage Arts Festival committee will make the final decision. The committee will evaluate art on the basis of uniqueness, quality, and excellence of conception and execution. All work must be original and designed and executed by the artist applicant. Only work of the type and quality shown in submitted photos may be displayed and sold.

This application also available online at www.hermitage.net/calendar.

Artist's Brief

Please describe the work that you will display and sell at the Festival. This information may be used for promotional purposes.

Signature _____

Date _____

Artwork Description

Please submit a least three photos (no slides) of the work to be displayed and sold. If possible, at least one photo should represent the overall look of your display booth. Photos will be returned to you. Please list below the photos submitted and describe the artwork shown.

Would you like to demonstrate your art talent during the festival?

Yes No

Artist Release

The undersigned and all persons in the booth agree to all the terms of the Hermitage Arts Festival. Any injury or damage to persons or property caused by either items for sale or display is the sole responsibility of the artisan and his/her representative. Property owners and/or agents of Hermitage Arts Festival shall be held blameless from any liability thereof. Because space is being reserved for the undersigned, the undersigned understands that the application fee is fully refundable only until COB June 12, 2009; after that date, refunds for cancellations are at the discretion of the festival organizers. Hermitage Arts Festival reserves the right to accept/reject any application at its discretion without explanation.

Your signature on this application is an agreement to these terms.

Signature _____

Date _____

Terms & Conditions

- Applications must include fee. Please make checks payable to City of Hermitage.
- Application fee is \$50 per 10'x10' display space. Electricity fee is an additional \$10.
- All Artists must exhibit their own, original work; all items must be handcrafted. Only the types of items indicated on the application form may be sold.
- No flea market or commercially produced items will be permitted.
- At least three photos (no slides) of work to be displayed must be submitted. Acceptance is up to the committee's discretion. If possible, at least one photo should represent the overall look of your display booth.
- Space will be assigned according to art category, variety of artwork sold, and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Application fee is non-refundable for cancellations received after May 29, 2009.
- Exhibitors must furnish their own displays and must furnish their own tables, table coverings, chairs, and any extension cords for electricity.
- All exhibitors must be set up for the two days of the event. Set up is 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 18, and 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 19.
- No early breakdowns permitted. Teardown permitted only after show hours.
- Instructions for unloading and parking area designation for exhibitors will be available at the registration booth.
- Proper insurance and protection of work and displays are the responsibility of the artist. Hermitage Arts Festival will not be responsible for damage to work or display due to weather or unrelated incidents. Security will be provided overnight.
- No more than two artists may share a regular 10'x10' space. Each artist must submit photos of work to be displayed and sold.

Time Warner Cable Unveils \$500,000 Renovations ...During Grand Re-Opening in Hermitage

Extending a major financial commitment to Mercer County in Pennsylvania, Time Warner Cable opened its recently renovated sales and service center at 155 Snyder Road, Hermitage with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"Time Warner Cable is a local company with local employees serving our customers in Hermitage," said Steve Fry, Time Warner Cable Northeast Ohio Division President. "Our company is proud to make an investment in Hermitage and proud to offer advanced video, voice and data services to customers."

While the original building remains intact, the entire location has been renovated. The spacious design of the new sales and service center will offer three customer counters with an open layout, allowing convenient flow of customer traffic. The entire building is handicap accessible, in compliance with the state of Pennsylvania, for both customers and employees. The parking lot was repaved and striped. Everything inside and out was repainted.

As part of the renovations, Time Warner Cable utilized "green" building practices to make the location environmentally-friendly. Energy-efficient upgrades include a zoned HVAC system, programmable thermostats, a high "R" value roofing and ceiling insulation, hand dryers, glass block windows and high efficiency lighting used throughout the location.

"In addition to providing a major improvement to the look of this building, we also wanted to be environmentally-conscience during renovations," said Daryl Morrison, Area Manager, Time Warner Cable.

The building houses approximately 25 employees, from customer service representatives to technicians to warehouse staff.

For more information about Time Warner Cable, please visit www.twcneo.com.



Time Warner Cable Area Manager Daryl Morrison (center) opens the recently renovated sales and service center in Hermitage, along with officials from the Shenango Valley Chamber of Commerce and the City of Hermitage.

About Time Warner Cable Northeast Ohio Division

Time Warner Cable is the largest cable operator in Ohio, serving Northeast Ohio, Greater Columbus, Greater Cincinnati, and Western Ohio. Time Warner Cable owns and manages cable systems passing approximately 26 million homes in 33 states. Time Warner Cable is the second-largest cable operator in the U.S., with technologically advanced, well-clustered systems located mainly in five geographic areas — New York state (including New York City), the Carolinas, Ohio, southern California (including Los Angeles) and Texas. As of December 31, 2007, Time Warner Cable served approximately 14.6 million customers who subscribed to one or more of its video, high-speed data and voice services.

Visit the City of Hermitage website at www.hermitage.net



Hermitage Elected Officials LEFT TO RIGHT

FRONT ROW

City Treasurer

Bernadette Harry

Board of Commissioners

Duane J. Piccirilli • Rita L. Ferringer

BACK ROW

Timothy J. Ruffo, *Vice-President* • William E. Finzel, *President*
William J. Moder III

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