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Festival

July 8 & 9, 2017

Saturday
Fireworks
9:30 pm



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D'Onofrio's going strong after more than 100 years

Story contributed by Dick Davis

August D'Onofrio would recognize the sausage and maybe a few other items from the grocery business he founded in 1916. The famous D'Onofrio sausage is still made from its original recipe, which current managers Joe D'Onofrio and his son, Al D'Onofrio, say includes very lean pork butts and a well-balanced mix of spices.

"The sausage is our best seller," says Joe, owner and president. "All our 'Certified Angus Beef®' meats go well, especially New York strip steaks. We are very proud of the 'Certified Angus Beef®' designation that we've had for almost 30 years."

The Certified Angus Beef® brand is a label from the Certified Angus Beef LLC, a nonprofit entity owned by the American Angus Association® and its farmer members. The label recognizes what it calls "exceptional Angus beef that is tasty, tender and juicy."

Joe, 57, and Al, 30, vice president and manager of the meat department, have groceries in their blood. (Well, not literally. That would be a medical anomaly.) As it was with August and his son Albert, (Joe's dad), the family store is their professional lives.

Joe graduated from The Kiski School and attended Kent State and Penn State universities, while Al graduated from Kennedy Christian High School and Edinboro University. Both were drawn back to the family business where they carry on the family tradition and spend a good part of each day chatting with loyal customers among the store aisles.

"It has been a very, very positive experience," reflects Joe. "We offer a large variety of items and try to make it family friendly. We have friendly relationships with multiple generations of families week after week and year after year."



Joe (left) and Al D'Onofrio and their impressive certified angus beef display.

D'Onofrio's under the direction of Albert moved from Farrell in 1964 to its current location of 1749 N. Hermitage Rd., Hermitage, and was remodeled and enlarged in 1989 to 40,000 sq. ft. It has about 100 full- and part-time employees.

"Those employees are the key to our success," Al says. "We have very good employees with many here 30 years of service or more. It is a pleasure to come to work every day."

August and Albert would recognize many of D'Onofrio's deli products such as sausage and peppers, rigatoni and sauce, chicken cooked several ways, and party trays with dried meats and a variety of cheeses produced much the same as in the old days. The bakery still cranks out dozens of fresh pastries, rolls and buns, and special occasion cakes every day.

The two D'Onofrio grocery men would need introduced to olive oils, pastas, and a variety of sauces from around the world. The new section of organic fruits, vegetables and herbs might raise their eyebrows.

One can imagine Joe and Al strolling the bountiful aisles with August and Albert, proudly explaining updates of 21st century items. To supplement their tour, August and Albert could be directed to more information via the D'Onofrio website and D'Onofrio pages on Facebook. [Imagine that conversation.](#)



Al D'Onofrio shows off the organic produce department.

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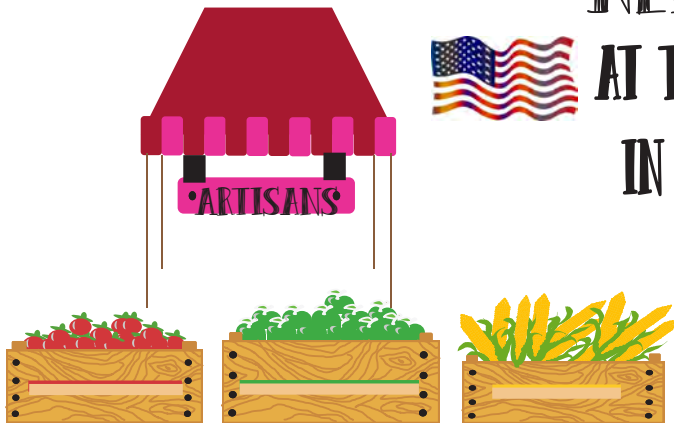


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*DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER AND COMMUNITY EVENTS.

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.



Artists' Marketplace Application

Artist's Name _____

Company (if any) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (daytime) _____ (evening/cell) _____

E-Mail _____ Fax _____

Fees

☐ \$50.00 for 10' x 10' booth space
 Number of spaces requested: _____

☐ \$10.00 for electricity per space (if needed)

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to City of Hermitage. Return completed application with fees and photos of artwork 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

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 at 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 June 9, 2017; 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 30, 2017.
- 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 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 8, and 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 9.
- 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.

Summer Rec Programs

Online registration @ www.hermitage.net or
<https://apm.activecommunities.com/cityofhermitage>

The City of Hermitage and the Hermitage School District are proud sponsors of this program.
(Miscellaneous Fun, Track & Field, Volleyball, Basketball, and Football programs are free to all Hermitage residents.)

The following activities will be offered beginning Tuesday, June 6 through Friday, July 21, 2017

(*Programs not offered the week of July 3-7)

Summer Rec

Day Camp (previously Playground) (Grades 2 - 7)

***Arts & Crafts** (Grades 2 - 6)

Swimming Buhl Park Pool

Cheerleading (Grades 2 - 6)

Tennis Lessons (Grades 2 - Adult)

***Music Lessons** (Grades 6 - 12)

Track & Field

Cross Country & Distance Running (Grades 7 - 12)

Shot Put, Discus & Javelin (Grades 7 - 12)

Sprinting & Hurdling (Grades 7 - 12)

Volleyball

***Girls Volleyball** (Grades 5 - 12)

Basketball

***Girls Basketball** (Grades 3 - 12)

***Boys Basketball** (Grades 3 - 12)

Football

Hickory Hornet Varsity & Freshmen

Summer Football Program (Grades 7 - 12)

Soccer

Clinics & Camps (Grades K - 12)

Wrestling

Elementary Summer Camp

***Nature Summer Camp** (Ages 3 up to entering 1st grade)

Youth Sports Program

Start Smart Baseball (Ages 3-5) July 17 thru August 21

(Soccer, Elementary Summer Camp and Start Smart Baseball are not traditional Summer Rec Programs, and have a fee.)



Adult Summer Rec Program



Kickball

July 17 - August 26

For adults who are looking for a fun way to compete.

Go to hermitage.net, click on Parks & Rec to find a You Tube video. Check out the fun for yourself!

Cost: \$300 per team, includes shirt.

Details: Min. of 10 on a roster, max. of 18. At least 4 women must be on the field. Games Tues., Wed., or Thurs. at 6 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm, or 9 pm under the lights. Each team will have a double header.

Location: Hermitage Athletic Complex, 750 North Darby Road

Register: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/cityofhermitage>

Hermitage Parks & Recreation Bus Trip



Strip District/ Phipps Conservatory

Saturday, June 10, 2017

First stop the Strip District. Spend a few hours exploring the shops and great food marts, before heading to the Phipps Conservatory.

SUPER. NATURAL. Glass Art Exhibit
by Jason Gamrath at Phipps

Cost: \$45.00 per person, includes deluxe motor coach transportation and admission to Phipps On your own for meals.

Time: Depart Hermitage Municipal Building @ 8:00 am
Return to Hermitage around 6:30 p.m.

Register by: Deadline for registration is May 26.
Payment due at time of registration.

More Information: 724-981-0800 ext. 1210

Hermitage School District Summer Academy

Hermitage School District Summer Academy 2017 – The Hermitage School District Summer Academy provides our students with the opportunity to extend and enrich classroom learning experiences throughout the summer months. This is the **8th year** for the Summer Academy and we are **offering 55 courses** covering a variety of academic areas. Every summer our teaching staff plan and prepare new and exciting courses allowing students the opportunity to learn and discover together in our community as well as on a variety of field trips. This year's course highlights include computer animation,



financial literacy, book clubs, science exploration, ceramics, and field trips to Falling Water, Akron Zoo, Niagara Falls, Washington D.C., Gettysburg, the Benedum Theater, and many more! Additionally, many grade levels offer summer courses that provide a "sneak peek" into the upcoming grade level, allowing students an opportunity to preview classroom curriculum and expectations for the upcoming school year.

This year we are bringing Camp Invention back to the Hermitage School District! In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Hermitage School District is pleased to offer the nationally-acclaimed Camp Invention program to children **entering grades 1st-6th**. It's an exciting, weeklong summer adventure with lessons that explore connections between science, technology, engineering and innovation. Children will work together to seek solutions to real-world problems and sharpen critical 21st century learning skills while rotating through several fascinating modules.



Course brochures were sent home to all Hermitage School District students with their 3rd Marking Period report cards on March 31, 2017. Course information and online enrollment is available on our district website, www.hermitage.k12.pa.us. Be sure to register soon as courses will fill up quickly. We hope your child will be able to take advantage of this wonderful and exciting learning opportunity!

Hickory High School Silver Cords Program

Focuses on Students' Community Service Experience

The Hickory High School administration and faculty have developed a unique volunteer program, Silver Cords, to instill students with the importance of community service and to encourage students to be accountable for investing in the community and their own education.

Silver Cords Program Goals:

- Enhance self-confidence
- Increase citizenship
- Give students the opportunity to work with people in their community
- Recognize students for their commitment to the community

The students may start earning volunteer hours beginning the summer prior to their freshman year and must acquire at least 150 volunteer hours at a minimum of four (4) eligible community organizations / locations throughout their high school career. The students are



Volunteers performing grounds maintenance at LindenPointe

responsible to ensure that the organization in which they are volunteering is on the approved provider list.

There are in excess of 100 approved organizations / locations where the students may volunteer. Approved agencies are required

to notify the HHS Silver Cords committee of changes within their agency regarding their designated program coordinator and their contacts authorized to sign off on the student volunteer's hours.

The students receive invaluable and rewarding volunteer experiences and have opportunities to learn about community service organizations and events. The approved organizations realize the value of the volunteer service and provide positive community experiences for the student volunteers.

The City of Hermitage has utilized the HHS Silver Cords Program volunteers for special events such as the Hermitage Arts Festival, the Hermitage Holiday Light Parade, the Hermitage Spikeball Tournament and the Hermitage Farmers' Market. Students have also volunteered at various city facilities including the Hermitage Athletic Complex, the eCenter@ LindenPointe and Rodney White Olympic Park. Neil Hosick, Facilities Coordinator and a Silver Cords program contact stated: "This is an amazing program introducing students to volunteerism and providing support for many city sponsored events and at various city facilities. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with these young adults and witnessing their talents."



Volunteer at Hermitage Arts Festival

For more information on the program interested and participating organizations should contact – Katie Passerotti at katie_passerotti@hermitage.k12.pa.us

Hermitage Holiday Light Festival

Mark your calendars for this year's Hermitage Holiday Light Festival November 17th & 18th, 2017! The finale of this event will be the 20th Annual Light Up Night Parade which steps off at 6 pm Saturday evening. Everyone in the community is invited to take part in this weekend of celebration and the committee is actively looking for all vendors that would like to participate. Special areas will be set up and vendors are needed for children's activities, food, crafts and any other local businesses. **Please email hermitagelightup@gmail.com to be involved.**

The committee has taken the traditional Light Up Night Parade and is now brightening up the entire weekend, beginning Friday evening with a 5k event and restaurant and bar specials throughout the night in various locations in the Hermitage

community. Saturday is packed with activities all day for adults and children, with events occurring outside and inside the Shenango Valley Mall. Tents in the mall parking lot will be set up and filled with locals displaying and selling the great tastes of the valley. Also planned for Saturday is Ice Carving in the afternoon for all to watch. Inside the mall, there will be various activities for children which will include vendors, craft tables and bounce houses set up in various areas. After a full day of activities, the day will finish with the amazing Light Up Night Parade where all the floats will take the traditional route through Hermitage to kick off the holiday season.





Buhl Farm Park www.buhlfarmpark.com

May

- May 4 – “Oldies & Funk Dance” w/ DJ Platter, 7-11 pm (Buhl Casino Ballroom)
- May 7 – “Julia’s Spring Tea”, 1-3 pm (Buhl Casino Ballroom)

- May 20 – **Armed Forces Day**, 11:30 am-6:00 pm
- May 21 – “**The BBB Featuring Bernie Dresel Concert**”, 2-3:30 pm & 4:30-6:00 pm (Buhl Casino Ballroom)
- May 27 – **Outdoor Pool OPEN** for the season!

June

- June 2 – **Joe Valentino Golf Outing** (Buhl Casino, Buhl Park & Avalon Golf Courses)
- June 3 & 4 – **Bike Buhl Park** (Kite Field and surrounding areas)
- June 4 – **Summer Concert Series** begins



Series begins

- June 6 – **Summer Youth Program Registration**, 10 am-2 pm (Activities Building)
- June 10 – **FREE Adult Tennis Lessons** begin, 11 am (Tennis Courts)
- June 16 – **FREE Junior Tennis Lessons** begin, 12 pm (Tennis Courts)
- June 24 – **Skills Challenge Golf Tournament**, 12 pm (Buhl Park Golf Course)

Summer Youth Program – NOW OPEN to students entering Kindergarten through 8th grade! The Summer Youth Program is a six-week program that combines outdoor active recreation with age appropriate educational components. Instructors concentrate on subjects such as teamwork, safety, physical fitness, environment and the arts. The program not only offers

children outdoor play while learning in a safe controlled outdoor environment, it provides them the opportunity to meet children from different school districts. Pre-registration is required.

Buhl Park Garden Club

– Would you like to join our Garden Club in an effort to keep our Park beautiful? The club meets every Wednesday evening at 5:30 and works throughout the Park. Although the group meets every week, we only ask that you attend when you can. Paige O’Hare is the director and always welcomes new members. Please contact Julie at 724-981-5522 (ext. 103) or email at julie@buhlfarmpark.com for more information.

Buhl Park Pool Passes – Season passes can be purchased at the Park Casino, Hermitage, Sharon and Sharpsville municipal buildings. RESERVE the Casino Porch for your Pool Party today!

Golf Course and Driving Range – The Buhl Park Golf Course and Driving Range will open on April 15th, weather permitting. Driving Range passes can be purchased at the Park Casino. Pay \$60 and you’ll get \$75 worth of range balls. Or pay \$5 for a regular bucket and \$8 for a large bucket at the Range.

Buhl Park Facilities - Buhl Park offers a variety of indoor and outdoor facilities that are available to rent all year long. Four Shelters, the Casino, the Activities Building, and The First Tee Building all have unique character and qualities. Each facility offers different scenery throughout the Park. Weddings, receptions, showers, birthday parties, graduation parties, conferences, family gatherings and more! Book your event today!



The Buhl Community Recreation Center

724-981-3700 • www.buhlcommunityreccenter.com



Youth Programs Summer Registration

Thursday, May 11 • 4:30-6:30 pm
Register for: Dance, Gymnastics, Tumbling, Youth Sports, Preschool Sports, Mini Camps, Summer Day Camp

Information: Michelle Bower, Program Director
 724-981-3700 ext. 108 • mbower@fhbuhlclub.org

Mini Camp Schedule – ages 4-13

Monday-Thursday 9:30-11:30 am

Weekly Fee: \$25 member, \$50 non member

June 12 Cheerleading Camp

June 19 Gymnastics and Tumbling Camp

June 26 Science Camp

July 10 Dance Camp

July 17 Sports and Fitness Camp

July 24 Arts and Crafts Camp

Information: Michelle Bower, Program Director

724-981-3700 ext. 108 • mbower@fhbuhlclub.org

The Buhl Day Camp – ages 6-13

Give your children a summer to remember! One week or the whole summer. Indoors or out. In a group or on their own. Your children will get the most out of summer from sports to art. Each week will have a special theme. Field trips include: OH WOW!, Olympic Fun Center, Buhl Park, Pymatuning Park, Wagon Trails.

June 12-August 25 • Monday-Friday 7 am-6 pm

Camp options and pricing:

2 days \$50 member \$60 non member

3 full days \$75 member \$90 non member

4 full days \$100 member \$120 non member

5 full days \$125 member \$150 non member

Information: Kelly Caruso, M.Ed.

724-981-3700 • kcaruso@fhbuhlclub.org

Shenango Valley YMCA

Upcoming Events & Programs



Youth Sports:

SUMMER T-BALL/COACHES

PITCH – Co-ed instructional league. Ages 3-7. Register at the YMCA now - June 5.

Workout Instruction for Teens

(W.I.T.) – Ages 12-14. Designed to be fun, stimulating, educational, and act as a springboard to a healthier life. WIT teaches proper techniques in resistance training, cardio training and stretching. It also teaches the importance of healthy eating.



F.I.T. (Fun Interactive Training) 4 Kids – Ages 8-11. 4-week program to demonstrate healthy physical activities for kids. Sessions include instructional lessons and gym activities. So much fun, the kids probably won't even realize they're working out! Bonus: weekly challenges to take home.

Fitness / Wellness:

SILVER SNEAKERS AND SILVER & FIT: Our YMCA participates with both of these great programs. Through your health insurance, you may qualify for a free membership to our Y. If you are unsure, call or stop in and we can check your eligibility and get you started!

GROUP EXERCISE: So much more than a workout! Reach your goals with like-minded members and instructors who provide support and motivation! Over 60 classes offered weekly. FREE FOR ALL MEMBERS. Huge variety of classes; times, types & intensities for anyone

MASSAGE THERAPY: That's right; the Y offers massage therapy with unbelievable discounts for Y members and very reasonable rates for non-members too!

DIABETES PREVENTION: To help adults at risk of developing type-2 diabetes reduce their risk by taking steps that will improve overall health and well-being. Participants work together in a small group, facilitated by a trained lifestyle coach, to achieve the following goals: Reduce weight by 7%. Build up to 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week. Reduce risk of developing diabetes.



FALL PREVENTION Using the Six-Step Balance System Don't sit back and be a victim. This fun program is proven to reduce the risk of falling by improving your balance! These easy-to-learn steps and practical exercises will help prevent falls and related injuries.

Information: 724-981-6950 or svymca.com

Community Library of the Shenango Valley



For Children

Summer Reading 2017: Build a Better

World Kids can earn prizes for every 5 books they read or for every 3 hours spent reading throughout the summer. Register

beginning June 5 to receive a book log or calendar.

Summer Reading Kick-off is June 13! Balloon artist and magician Steve Haberman will visit at 1 pm! Visit the library's website for list of summer reading events!

Story Hour Tuesdays @ 10:30 am. Ages 3-5. Begins June 6. Join us for stories, songs, crafts, and more through August 1.

Lego Club is held monthly! Ages 6-12. Join us one Saturday each month to build and create. Finished creations will be on display all month. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Read a Book with a Cop Ages 5-12. One Tuesday each month after school, join us for fun with Officer Adam Zazado of the Sharon Police Department.

Music & Movement One Friday each month @ 10:30 am. Ages 2-5. Join us for a musical adventure and introduce your children to singing, rhythm, and more.

Teens ages 12-18

Ani-Fan Anime/Manga Club First Wednesday each month. Join us for snacks and screenings of some of the best Anime programs.

Gaming Night Second Wednesday of each month, 5-7 pm. Join us for game playing and code learning.

Teen Movie Night Third Wednesday of each month, 5-7 pm. Ages 12-18. Join us for a night filled with cinematography, snacks, and fun.

Teen Trivia Night Fourth Wednesday of each month, 5-7 pm. Come on down to the library! There will be prizes!

Adults and Teens

Cookbook Club Fourth Wednesday of each month, 12:30-1:30 pm. Do you really want to try that new recipe, but need a taste tester? Registration required. Pick out your recipe when you register.

Knit, Crochet, & More Every Tuesday, 12:30-2 pm. Bring any kind of needlework and join us! Get tips, ideas, and new patterns.

Chess Club every Monday and Thursday @ 5 pm. Beginners welcome!

Fine Arts Painting Club One Saturday each month, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. An acrylic and watercolor painting session for adults and teens. Materials are provided by the library. Registration required. Please call the library for an upcoming schedule.

Shenango Valley Pennwriters Third Saturday of each month 1-4 pm. Learn to sharpen skills and network with other writers. For more information: contact Catherine McLean @ 814-425-7163.

Read to A Therapy Dog Last Thursday of each month @ 6 pm. Join us in the children's area to meet specially trained therapy dogs. Sponsored by Canine Connections.

Computer Classes Call the library for a schedule of upcoming classes. Space is limited and participants must pre-register.

CLSV Book Clubs are held the first Thursday evening @ 6 pm and the third Thursday afternoon @ 2 pm at CLSV.

Information: 724-981-4360 or www.clsv.net

15th Annual Strawberry FESTIVAL & AUCTION



Sunday, June 11th
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

at
The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley

*One Elston Way, Hermitage, PA
(next to UPMC Horizon)*



The event features a Live auction, a Chance auction,
a Chance PLUS auction and a 50/50 Raffle.

Specially prepared strawberry desserts are also served.

We welcome your donations for the desserts.

*Auction items include: gift baskets, gift certificates, art,
autographed sports memorabilia, golf packages, toys, and much more.*

**Proceeds from the auctions and raffles benefit the Good Samaritan Fund
at The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley and are used solely
for benevolent and unfunded care.**



Special Drawing!
Bring this coupon to the
event for a free chance
to win a
- Fitbit Charge 2 -
Limit three coupons per person.
Additional chances
may be purchased
for \$5 each.
Hermitage City Newsletter

Admission is \$1.00 or one non-expired canned food item per person.
Admission proceeds benefit the Community Food Warehouse in Sharon, PA.

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Dolphin Tank

Congratulations to Brella and Willet, first and second place winners at our annual Dolphin Tank; a friendly version of shark tank.

Thank you to our community judges: Mark Forney, Frank Rudge, Rachael



Manuel and Jake Morgan. Brella will disrupt the commercial umbrella market with their app run mechanical patio umbrella. Willet will change the lives of college students through their wearable wifi technology. Watch all of the teams compete at our end of the year competition on May 4 from 1-3 pm at the Casino at Buhl Park. The event is open to the public.



Competition Updates

Congratulations to Andrew Pavlick, founder of CAP, for being selected as one of the Top 10 Finalists for Gaming & Education Projects of 2017 at the Create Festival by the Pittsburgh Technology Council!!! His Project is titled Avenue of Flags: War on Terror Virtual Memorial.

After the initial screening round of the Venture Investment Accelerator Competition, we now have 16 teams competing in the Second Round. Teams applied from Hermitage, Greenville, Sharon, Grove City, Erie, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Youngstown, OH, Dallas, TX, as well as a few international teams. The final round will be a closed round with local judges and investors.

Every idea needs to be unlocked...

FREE ONE HOUR CONSULTING

Lisa Evans, LEAP Program Director, is now a certified coach with Wendy Kennedy's "So what? who cares? why you?" and we would like you all to take advantage of this program. If you have an idea and need preliminary guidance, sign up for an hour of consulting. Office Hours Every Friday 9am - 12noon

SIGN UP:

www.ecenterlindenpointe.com




Open Coffee

We have many new companies that have made the eCenter their home. Please stop by at the next Open Coffee sponsored by Tim Hortons on June 14 from 2-4 pm to learn more about what they are up to.

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RESOURCES

City News ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

2017 Capital Paving Project – The City of Hermitage plans to pave Victoria Drive, Theresa Avenue and Patricia Avenue this May. The work scheduled to be included in the Capital Paving Project consists of removal of existing pavement, repairs to roadway base where necessary, and repaving of the streets.

Shields Asphalt Paving from Valencia, PA has been awarded the project. This project is scheduled to begin in early May and to be completed in June.

2017 Neighborhood Investment Program – The City of Hermitage will continue work on Phase 4 of Block 5 Neighbor Investment Program in early May and will be completed by late summer. Phase 4 includes Cohasset Drive from Parkview Blvd to Highland Road.

The work scheduled to be included consists of storm water improvements, removal of existing pavement, repairs to roadway base where necessary, and the repaving of the street.

Protech Asphalt Maintenance, Inc. from New Castle, PA has been awarded the project and is expected to begin work in May.

Silver Ridge Court – In July the City of Hermitage plans to pave Silver Ridge Ct and be completed in August. Work includes milling of pavement, base repair where necessary, adjustments to driveways and paving roadway.

Clarksville Road – In June/ July the City of Hermitage, with assistance from a grant through the Mercer County MPO and PennDOT, plans to pave Clarksville Road. The project will be completed in August.

Work includes milling of pavement, base repair where necessary, adjustments to driveways, paving roadway and minor stormwater pipe work.



Adjustments will be made where necessary to assure that every driveway along the newly paved streets will transition properly to the new pavement.

During construction activities roadways will be open under traffic control measures. We will continue to provide updates as we get closer to actual construction. Information regarding this project can be found on the City website at www.hermitage.net.

Should you have any questions please contact Donald Kizak, City of Hermitage Engineering Manager at dkizak@hermitage.net or 724-981-0800.



“New” Truck in Service

Reduce-reuse-recycle, and in this case refurbish and repurpose. A previous emergency services vehicle has gotten a new life as a city road and maintenance truck. Everything old can be new again, and have a useful purpose in serving the community.

From the Chief of Police ♦ ♦ ♦

Eric Jewell, City of Hermitage Chief of Police



K-9 Fund

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation to the residents and businesses of the City of Hermitage for their generous donations made to the Hermitage Police Department K-9 fund over the past three months. Donations from local and area

individuals, businesses, groups, charity foundations, service clubs and other civic and volunteer organizations have been wonderful. There are just too many people and organizations to thank by name plus some desire to be anonymous. These donations coupled with proceeds from a very successful benefit dinner held on April 1 have allowed us to meet and exceed our fund raising goal. Additionally, we have begun the process of purchasing a police dog (not actually our specific dog), reserving a school seat in October and ordering related equipment. The Community Foundation of Western PA and Eastern Ohio and the Hermitage Police Department will continue to accept donations for use towards next year's K-9 expenses such as dog food, veterinary care, etc.

Traffic Safety Tip

As motorcycle season quickly approaches please remember to watch out for these popular two and three-wheeled motorists. Car and truck motorists should specifically double check for motorcycles before pulling out. The slim body line of motorcycles makes them more difficult to see and since there are practically no motorcycles on the road during the bad weather months, motorists are not accustomed to seeing them out and about. Motorcycle operators can make themselves more visible by always running with their head lamp(s) on, wearing highly visible and protective clothing and driving defensively at all times. If you are an experienced operator, riding two abreast but slightly staggered may make motorcycles more visible to other motorists. Motorcyclists may want to ride closer to the center of their lane to allow more reaction distance should a vehicle pull out in front of them. Also remember protective eye gear is required for all operators and passengers and approved helmets are required for certain operators and passengers. Only operators who are 21 years of age or older with at least two years of licensed motorcycle experience or completion of an approved motorcycle

rider safety course are exempt from wearing helmets. Passengers of a person exempt from wearing a helmet must also be at least 21 years of age to ride without protective headgear.

Motorists should also watch out for bicyclists and share the road with them. Remember, bicycle riders must follow the same rules of the road as automobiles such as stopping at stop signs and riding on the right side of the road to name a few. Bicyclists should also wear highly visible clothing and persons under 12 years of age must wear an approved helmet.

Crime Prevention Tip

The grass is already starting to grow and soon we will open our garages and utility sheds to prepare our tools for another working season. Keep in mind to always lock your sheds and garages after the workday to reduce the chance of theft of your power equipment. Record the make, model and serial number of all pieces of equipment. I also suggest you add a personal identification number or mark on your equipment that only you would know in case it is stolen and the serial number plate or sticker is removed. Please report all thefts to the Hermitage Police Department so we know what criminal activity is afoot and so we can try to recover your property.

Be A Responsible Dog Owner



Dog owners are reminded to clean up after your dog when it is being walked. **Chapter 2, Section 111 – Nuisance - of the Hermitage Code of Ordinances** requires the owner or person in control of a dog to remove all feces deposited on public or private property, not that of the owner, and dispose of it in a sanitary manner. Violators can have charges filed against them at the office of the District Magistrate. Hermitage parks have pet stations with bags for this purpose.

From the Fire Chief ♦ ♦ ♦

John R. Flynn, Fire Marshal-Chief

Burning Ordinance

It is that time of the year where we all want to clean our yards up for the up-and-coming spring and summer months. As a friendly reminder, the City of Hermitage has a burning ordinance with specific guidelines for burning. You are allowed to burn wood and paper only between the hours of 6 am and noon, Monday through



Saturday. You are also allowed to have a small recreational or cooking fire. You are not allowed to burn leaves, trash, construction materials or on Sunday and Holidays. Burning must be done in a burn barrel and should never be unattended. Have a hose or enough buckets of water to be able to put the fire out, in case the fire starts to get out of control. Give yourself plenty



of room from any structure or dry grass. If you are burning and the odors are offensive or are creating a lot of smoke, we will have to ask you to put it out. For a copy of the burning ordinance; stop by the city building or fire station and we will be glad to give you a copy.

Move Over Law

You may or may not be aware of a motor vehicle law to protect emergency responders on the roadways. When encountering an emergency scene or an emergency vehicle that is stopped with their warning lights on, there is a law called the "Move Over Law". When approaching or passing an emergency response area, a person, unless otherwise directed by an emergency service responder, shall: pass in a lane not adjacent to that of the emergency response area, if possible; or if passing in a nonadjacent lane is impossible, illegal or unsafe, pass the emergency response area at a careful and prudent reduced speed reasonable for safely passing the emergency response area. Please be looking for the emergency responders on the roadway, not what's going on at the emergency scene.

From the Treasurer ♦ ♦ ♦

Bernadette Harry, Treasurer

County/City Tax Bills

All County/City tax bills were sent on March 1st, 2017. Remember that it is your responsibility to inform the tax office if you did not receive your bill.

Also, keep in mind that those of you with taxes paid through escrow accounts, must forward your bills to your Mortgage Company. As a homeowner area, we are required to send tax bills directly to the homeowners and not the lenders.

The lenders must have your bill before they can forward payment to our office, or they are required to pay a \$10.00 duplicate bill fee to process your payment. The discount amounts on County/City taxes are honored in our office until Monday, May 1st due to April 30th falling on the weekend.

The next tax bills go out on August 1st. At that time you should receive both the School Tax bill and your Per Capita bill. If your annual income falls under \$10,000.00 from all sources, with proof, there is an exoneration from part of the Per Capita.

Once again we would like to let you know that our office is open to your questions and comments either in person or by phone @ 724-347-4472. We will be happy to assist you.

Our summer hours, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm will be in effect May 1st until Sept. 5th.



Water Quality Corner

The City of Hermitage is committed to protecting and improving stream & river quality in our community and region. Every resident can help to preserve our environment and water resources. www.stormwaterpa.org



Can you spot 7 ways this family is contributing to waterway pollution?

24th Hermitage Fraternal Order of Police

4-Person Golf Scramble

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Shotgun start at 8:00 am

Tam O'Shanter Golf Course • \$300/team, \$75/person

1st Place:\$1000
2nd Place:\$500
3rd Place:\$300
4th Place:\$200
5th Place:\$100



No Refunds. Entry Fee Must Accompany Entry.

Complete form with check payable to: Hermitage F.O.P. #82

Mail to: Hermitage F.O.P. Attn: Golf Scramble

800 N. Hermitage Road Hermitage, PA 16148

Registration deadline: May 15, 2017

Team Captain's Name _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

Summer Adult Soccer

11v11 Open Coed Recreational League

- 18 years or older
- Males and Females
- Individual and team registrations
- Cost: \$80 per individual
- Games are on Sunday afternoons
- Season runs 6/11 to 7/30 (8 games)

035+ Recreational League (new this summer)

- Males: ages 35 and older
- Females: ages 25 and older
- 6 field + 1 goalkeeper
- Cost: \$56 per individual
- Games are on Saturday mornings
- Season runs 6/10 to 7/29 (8 games)



For More Information:

Website: www.shenangovalleysoccer.org

Phone: Mark Vance @ 216-269-6498

Email: svsc.adultrec@gmail.com

Get Up, Get Moving, Get Stronger, Live Longer!

Mercer County Senior Games

June 5 - June 17, 2017

Open to people 50 and older

Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc., and our Community Sponsors present the 22nd Annual Mercer County Senior Games. Mercer County Senior Games is a social and recreational, yet competitive, experience promoting better health and fitness of Mercer County men and women age 50 and older. The Games provide an opportunity for individual achievement in an atmosphere of friendly competition and fun.

- Horseshoes • Shuffleboard • Bowling
- Corn Hole • Golf • Baseball Darts
- Ping Pong • Pickleball
- Tennis • Basketball • Track & Field

For more information, contact MCAA, Inc., Administrative Office
at 1-800-570-6222, or 724-662-6222,
or e-mail to admin@mercercountyaging.org.

Solar Atmospheres of Western PA Awarded Rolls Royce Approval



April 11, 2017 - Solar Atmospheres of Western PA (SAWPA) announces that it has been awarded Rolls Royce Approval. We are extremely

pleased Rolls Royce has recognized our corporate commitment to quality. The adherence to strict specification requirements, process execution, and a daily commitment to quality processing is evident among all employees at Solar.

Susan Generalovich, Quality Manager says: "The successful certification of our SAWPA facility is a testament to our commitment to continual improvement, and to growing our business within the aerospace industry. We are excited about the opportunities this certification will allow and the added confidence it provides to our customers."

For additional information about Solar Atmospheres of Western PA, contact Mike Johnson at 866.982.0660, ext. 2223, or mike@solarwpa.com, and visit www.solaratm.com.

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Rita L. Ferringer - Commissioner

Back left to right: Maria A. Koledin - Commissioner

Timothy J. Ruffo - Commissioner; William J. Moder III - President

From the Water Pollution Control Department

Sewer bill payments at counter will be discontinued.

Effective July 1, 2017, the City of Hermitage will no longer accept payments for sewer bills at the Finance Department counter. We make this change, in part, due to changes in personnel and staffing and to improve the overall efficiency of our operations and accounting controls.

Payment Options For The Sewer Bill

- Online payment – Go to www.hermitage.net and choose the "Pay Your Sewer Bill Online" icon. ****IMPORTANT**** Site only works in Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome and/or Safari – The site does NOT work in Internet Explorer. Please be sure to turn off pop-up blockers to get a receipt for payment.



- Payments can be dropped off after hours in the drop-off box located on the north side of the parking lot at the Municipal Building. ***CHECKS ONLY***
****CASH PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED****
- Automatic payments of current month charges can be deducted from your checking account. Sign-up forms are available at the Municipal Building and www.hermitage.net. Payments are

deducted on the 5th of the month or the next business day after the 5th in the case of a weekend or holiday. **Past due balances will not be auto deducted and will continue to accrue penalty and interest.**

- Checks may be mailed to the lock box in the envelope provided with your bill. You **MUST** include the remit stub from your bill in order for your payment to be processed correctly. Payments without remit stubs may be delayed and late fees will accrue.
- Online bill pay through your bank. Please remember account or customer number has to be included with each payment entered. If not, payment may be delayed and late fees will accrue. **It can take up to seven days for payment to process so please allow for this additional time.**

No phone payments are accepted.

Any questions regarding these payment options, please contact Kathy Patrizi 724-981-0800, ext 1360 or email kpatrizi@hermitage.net.

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If you are interested in paying your sewer bill online, please be aware that there is a bill pay service advertising online to pay Hermitage sewer bills for a fee. **WE DO NOT CHARGE FOR SEWER BILLS PAID THROUGH OUR WEBSITE.** If you are charged a fee, this is not our website. **Our website is www.hermitage.net.**