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Philadelphia Candies®

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Philadelphia Candies going on 100 years in business

Contributed by Dick Davis

A few minutes into a visit to Philadelphia Candies and you realize you're in chocolate heaven. The pungent, aromatic aroma of chocolate tempts shoppers with candies including chocolate covered nuts, chocolate covered fruits, chocolate covered potato chips, dark chocolates, chocolate bark, Croquettes, and the list goes on with dozens of varieties.

Philadelphia Candies, which started in 1919 in downtown Sharon by three Macris brothers, has been at its 1546 E. State St., Hermitage, location in the Philadelphia Candies Plaza since the 1960s. Its business name comes from the Greek word "philadelphia" and translates to candies "made with brotherly love."

Philadelphia's most popular item remains its Croquettes filled with either butter cream or peanut butter. The filled, chocolate-covered goodies are hand rolled with chopped peanuts.

"Fundamentally, we haven't changed any of our original recipes or the high quality of our products," says John Macris, director of business development. John, a great nephew of the company

founders, is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University and Hickory High School.

John is proud not only of his quality chocolates but of Philadelphia's 50 employees, many

of whom have long periods of service. For example, head candy maker, Michael Kifer, has 35 years with the company.

"We are very fortunate to have a lot of generational expertise in many departments," John adds.

A matcha green tea truffle is a new item resulting from John's candy-making interest. The matcha green tea, a popular item in the health food market, is imported from Japan.



In addition to the fine chocolates, Philadelphia also has a well-stocked gift shop with greeting cards and merchandise. It is the only store in the region offering Taylor Swift greeting cards. This spring it will offer Star Wars cards. Philadelphia works with numerous local organizations on fund raising projects through the year.

Coming Saturday, March 17 is its 29th Annual Chocolate Factory Tour. From 9 a.m.-4 p.m., patrons can tour production facilities on a self-guided basis at their own pace.

Along with its Hermitage facility, Philadelphia has stores in Boardman, OH, and Harrisburg. The Harrisburg store is owned and operated by Elena Macris, a sister of John.



Mike Kifer prepares a tray of freshly roasted cashews used for chocolate coating.

An Exciting 2017: We Dreamed Hard & Worked Harder

First Venture Investment Accelerator Competition

For the first time ever, the eCenter organized a regional competition for startups, in partnership with Ben Franklin Technology Partners, where the winning team received \$25,000 in grant funding.



A Community Demo Day Featuring Six Local Companies

At the end of the year, six companies presented their work in a Demo Day style pitch to the community. The companies spent 20+ weeks in the eCenter's pilot accelerator program. The eCenter is grateful to all the speakers and mentors who guided them.

Support for Entrepreneurial Skill Development in our Region

The eCenter's Entrepreneurship Academy program received \$90,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission, which was matched by local high schools and Daffin's Candies.



New Partnerships and Opportunities for Community Engagement

The eCenter started new partnerships, engaged with the community at networking events, held open coffees, free workshops and consulting sessions, traveled to Denmark for an international innovation lab, and so much more! The eCenter also welcomed three new board members - Kit Mueller, Bob Evans and John Rose. The eCenter thanks their sponsors and the community for a fantastic year and looks forward to continuing to foster entrepreneurship and innovation in the region in 2018.

The eCenter is hosting the second Startup Weekend in Shenango Valley, March 2-4 2018, to support ALL kinds of innovative ideas. In just 54 hours, participants will experience the highs, lows, fun and pressure that make up life at a startup, connecting with other startup enthusiasts, mentors, investors, cofounders, and sponsors. For more information, call (724) 981-1829. Early bird tickets available now: Students \$25, Regular \$50.

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2017 Hermitage Holiday Light Parade Wrap-up

School

- 1st – Penn State Shenango
- 2nd – West Middlesex Area School District

Bands

- 1st – Hickory High School Marching Band
- 2nd – Reynolds High School Marching Band

Entertainment

- 1st – Kennedy Catholic Danceline
- 2nd – MissElaineous Dance Studio
- 3rd – Spirit Baton
- 4th – TTB Network

Clubs & Organizations

- 1st – Cub Scout Pack 52 & Boy Scout Troop 52
- 2nd – Troop 45 & Pack 45
- 3rd – House of Jeeps Fellowship
- 4th – Rachel's Tumbling

Corporate A Over 30'

- 1st – Hermitage Agway
- 2nd – Lowe's Home Improvements
- 3rd – G.W. Becker

Corporate B Under 30'

- 1st – Elite EMS
- 2nd – Sharon Regional Medical Center
- 3rd – Dean Dairy

Municipal Officials / Fire Depts.

- 1st – West Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department
- 2nd – Hermitage Volunteer Fire Department
- 3rd – PennDOT Mercer County

Non-Profit

- 1st – Lighthouse Baptist Church
- 2nd – Hillcrest-Flynn Pet Care Foundation
- 3rd – The Buhl Club

Twinkle Award – House of Jeeps Fellowship

Santa's Choice – Penn State Shenango

Most Unique – TTB Network

Most Entertaining – Elite EMS

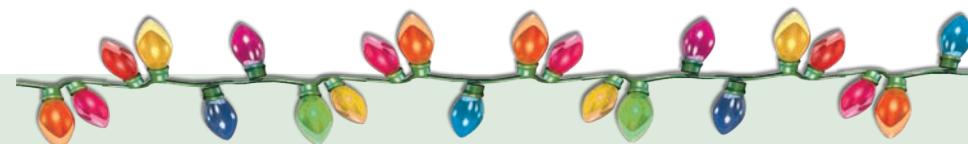
William Scanlon Award – Hermitage Agway

Community Award – West Middlesex Borough

Rudolph Award – Lowe's Home Improvements

Judge's Choice

- Shenango Valley Animal Shelter
- Faith Presbyterian Church / Community Food Warehouse
- TJ Maxx
- Georgia's City Lights
- MC A.B.A.T.E.
- Colossal Construction
- Hermitage Kiwanis
- Redick's Family Martial Arts



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The Bake Shoppe – Hermitage Fire Dept.
Hermitage Police Dept. – Hermitage Street Dept.
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Scheidemantle Motors – Sears Auto Center
Mercer County Community Transit
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Hickory XC Boosters – Valley Silk Screening –
Every Business, organization, family and volunteer

who participated and everyone who contributed to the Faith Presbyterian Church & Community Food Warehouse Food Drive, McGonigle's Toys for Tots Drive, Hillcrest-Flynn Pet Food Drive and Penn State Shenango's "Operation Warm Hands"

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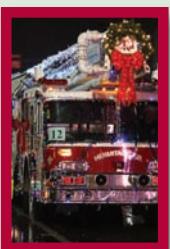
Dave's Towing – Jones Performance

Carpenter's Towing

And Our Committee Members

City of Hermitage Staff; Joan Andrusky, PNC Bank; Jim Rust, Record Argus; Kelley Thompson, Sharon Herald; Karen Reed, Ad Specs; Summer Wise, Toss'd; Carlee Webb, Webb Winery; Stacey Cox, Presbyterian Church of West Middlesex; Sherris Moreira, SV Chamber of Commerce

Holiday Light Parade Festival Fun



From the Chief of Police

Eric Jewell, City of Hermitage Chief of Police



Canine Program Update

Officer Frampton and his K-9 partner Willem completed training and are on patrol and doing great. Despite the rainy weather, Officer Frampton showed off Willem during the Hermitage Holiday Light-Up Parade in November to thank all for their support. Willem has already sniffed out drugs in a number of cases and has tracked a few criminals too.

Did you Know . . .

Hermitage Patrolman Anthony Moses is the school resource officer (SRO) for the Hermitage School District with an office at Hickory High School. Officer Moses has been serving the City of Hermitage since 1998 and has been the SRO for seven years. Officer Moses' primary duty is providing security and law and order operations in all District buildings and properties including the elementary schools. His secondary duties include, but are not limited to, serving as an immediate liaison between Hermitage



police and the District, assisting with first responder medical aid, providing instruction to students on public safety related subjects and character advice, and serving as an advisor/instructor to staff and faculty on safety and security-related matters. Officer Moses completed formal SRO training from the National Association of School Resource Officers and is a certified ALICE (Alert – Lockdown – Inform – Counter – Evacuate) instructor for active shooter and school violence incidents. Officer Moses' primary security function is helping the District to provide a safe and secure learning environment for all students through his highly visible presence and physical security checks (inspecting doors, windows, hallways, parking lots, etc.). His primary law enforcement role is the prevention, detection and enforcement/prosecution of all crimes, particularly weapon offenses, drug and alcohol possessions and assaults. Officer Moses and the District work hard to keep your children safe every school day.

Crime Prevention

Curfew is a local law found in the City of Hermitage Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6 - Conduct, Part 1 – Curfew, Sections 101 -107. Generally, curfew for minors (persons under age 18) in public places in the City of Hermitage is from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 12 midnight to 6 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. A public place is defined as any public street, alley, sidewalk, park, playground, public building or vacant lot. The curfew ordinance exists to protect the safety of minors at night, to protect the public from nocturnal mischief by minors and to reduce juvenile criminal activity during the hours of darkness. Hermitage police may take any minor into custody for violating curfew and hold them pending release to a parent or guardian. The minor may also receive a non-traffic citation, which can be up to \$600 in fines plus costs. A parent or guardian may not permit any minor to violate the curfew provisions without legal justification. Visit the Code of Ordinances at www.hermitage.net for curfew exceptions. In summary, some youth out late at night tend to cause trouble or trouble tends to find them. I ask parents and guardians to be mindful of the curfew ordinance, which helps make sure minors are where they're legally supposed to be at night, to keep our children and community safer.

Winter Safety Tips for Your Vehicle

Winter time is here. Remember to allow extra stopping time when following behind vehicles or approaching intersections plus allow extra

travel time to drive slower for winter road conditions. Brush the snow off your vehicle and give your windshield defrosters time to work before setting

out. Fill up your windshield wiper fluid reservoir and check the serviceability of your wiper blades to wipe away snow, dirt and salt. Check for good tread on your tires and keep adequate air pressure in them. Consider a new battery if yours is more than five years old as winter weather kills weak batteries in extreme cold. A little winter maintenance and prudent driving could save you time, money and your life.



From the Fire Chief's Desk

John R. Flynn, Fire Marshal-Chief, City of Hermitage Division of Fire

The Hermitage Fire Department would like to wish everyone a happy and safe New Year. 2018 is shaping up to be an exciting year for the department with many plans and changes in store to better serve our community. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding job our firefighters have done in 2017 for answering over 600 calls for help and assistance to our community. They are truly the pride of Hermitage.

The Hermitage Fire Department has mailed its annual truck fund drive letter out and encourages all of the Hermitage residences to support and donate no matter how big or small of a donation. These funds will help secure the future of the fire department with the best equipment possible.

As I travel around our community, I have noticed an alarming amount of businesses and residences without addresses on their homes or businesses. City of Hermitage Ordinance 9/8/1971; Chapter 4-103 states you must have at least a 3 inch in height number with the color contrasting with the background surface. It shall be affixed to the residence or building or structure at the assigned address and must be visible from the street. If street side mailboxes are used, the number

shall be affixed to the mailbox. Most of the time when you need some type of emergency services, time is of the most importance; why slow us down by not having an address visible. Trying to find an address in the darkness of the night can be like finding a needle in a hay stack. This year we will be addressing this issue and sending letters out to those in violation to the ordinance.



The Mercer County 911 Center is in the process of upgrading their CAD system. The new CAD system has many new features to better serve Mercer County and increase public safety. Before the CAD system can be put into service, someone has to drive around the communities and verify every address in Mercer County. If your property does not have a visible address that they can verify, this will slow down the new CAD system from being put into service and will make the process tougher. I cannot stress enough how important a visible address is for the safety and security for you and your loved ones. Please do your part as a safety advocate for our community and make sure your address is visible from the street.

As always, thank you for your continued support and please be safe.

John R. Flynn, Fire Marshal-Chief

From the Desk of Treasurer

Bernie Harry, City Treasurer

Hello and Happy New Year!

All County/City tax bills will be sent on **March 1, 2018**. Remember that it is your responsibility to inform the tax office if you did not receive your bill. You will notice a small decrease on this bill due to the lowering of County mills from 24.4 in 2017 to 23.65 in 2018.

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 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 will be honored by our office through Monday, April 30.

The next tax bills go out on **August 1**. At that time you should receive both the School Tax bill and your Per Capita bill. If you annual

income falls under \$10,000.00 from all sources, with proof, there is an exoneration from part of the Per Capita.

This year, at the request of the auditors, separate checks for County/City, School and Per Capita are needed for payment, and will be noted on your bills.

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 whenever possible.



Bernie Harry, Treasurer

2018 Budgets Approved

On December 20, 2017 the Hermitage Board of Commissioners approved the City's 2018 budgets which total \$19.6M, including the General and Sewer Funds. There is no increase in taxes and staffing levels will be maintained. It is anticipated that revenues in 2018 will remain stable, enabling the City to sustain existing services and capital programs. City officials place a high priority on maintaining a sound infrastructure system. Several projects will be undertaken in 2018 including:

- **Phase V of Block 5** of the Neighborhood Investment Program. Lyle Dr. from Parkview Blvd. to Highland Rd. will have the old pavement milled off with roadway base repairs made and then repaved. Also, stormwater facilities will be improved and new street signs installed. Estimated cost - \$525,000.
- **The 2018 Capital Paving Program** will consist of paving Bonny Ln., Knapp Ave. and Baker Ave. (from E. State St. to a point 325 feet to the south). These streets will have the existing pavement milled off, necessary roadway base repairs made and new pavement and street signs installed. Elsewhere in the City several streets will be sealcoated and have line painting done, with the exact locations yet to be determined, under the City's AGILITY agreement with PENNDOT. Estimated cost - \$275,000.
- **The Valley View Rd. Culvert Replacement and Paving Project** will replace an existing culvert pipe under Valley View Rd., the roadway will have the existing pavement milled off, necessary roadway base repairs made and new street signs installed. The length of roadway to be paved will depend on bid prices and funds available. Estimated cost - \$320,000.
- **The Freedland Rd. Paving and Stormwater Improvement Project** will mill off existing pavement, make necessary roadway base repairs and pave the entire length of Freedland Rd. Also improvements will be made to the existing stormwater system and new street signs installed. Estimated cost - \$980,800.
- **Miscellaneous Stormwater Improvement Projects** will be completed on Easton Rd., Applewood Dr. and Avalon Dr. Estimated cost - \$55,000.
- **The Bobby Run MS4 Pollutant Reduction Plan** will have engineering work completed during the year with construction to occur in future years. Estimated cost - \$60,000 (engineering only).
- **The Hermitage Athletic Complex Phase III Project** will construct two additional open play fields at the complex for multiple uses and expand the trail system. Estimated cost - \$270,000 (funded through a state grant and City funds).
- **Traffic Signals** at Buhl Farm Dr. and E. State St. and at N. Hermitage Rd. and the Indian Run Rd./SV Mall entrance will be upgraded under a state grant.

Other capital expenditures include new vehicles for the Inspection/Code Enforcement Office, facility improvements at the City Garage, new police vehicles, new computers in the Finance, Street and Fire Depts. and capital facility maintenance improvements at Fire Station #1 and the Municipal Building.

A summary of city budgets can be found at www.hermitage.net.

Kindergarten Registration 2018-2019

When:

Wednesday, February 21	9:15 – 11:00 a.m.	Last Names A-E
Wednesday, February 21	1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Last Names F-J
Thursday, February 22	9:15 – 11:00 a.m.	Last Names K-O
Thursday, February 22	1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Last Names P-T
Friday, February 23	9:15 – 11:00 a.m.	Last Names U-Z

Where:

The Artman Elementary Building Community Room
All Hermitage children that will be 5 on or before September 1, 2018, are eligible for enrollment. Information is available on our district website @ www.hermitage.k12.pa.us.



The Hermitage School District is pleased to implement an online registration process which we hope to open on our Website in late January. This component will allow families time to begin registering their child prior to our Kindergarten Registration in February. Chromebooks will be available during our February registration for families that do not have computer access.

Registration must be done by parent/guardian accompanied by the child. All children who register will participate in a screening which includes assessment in several areas: School readiness check (reading – letter and sound recognition, rhyming; math – counting, number recognition) vision, speech and language screening.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Jeanne Mikulski at 724-981-8750, Ext. 5001.

HERMITAGE PARKS & RECREATION BUS TRIP Cleveland Great Big Home & Garden Show and The Great Northern Mall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

THE GREAT BIG
HOME
+ GARDEN
SHOW

Cost: \$37.00 per person, includes round trip deluxe motor coach transportation and admission to the Home & Garden Show. All meals on your own. Payment due at registration. Absolutely no refunds without valid reason.

Time: Leave Hermitage Municipal Building @ 8:00 am
Return to Hermitage around 7:30 p.m.

Deadline to Register: February 2, 2018 @ www.hermitage.net
More Information: 724-981-0800 ext. 1210

City Receives \$175,000 Grant for expansion at the Hermitage Athletic Complex

The City of Hermitage has received a \$175,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Finance Authority – Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program. The grant will help pay for construction of additional multi-purpose fields and trails at the Hermitage Athletic Complex on South Darby Road. The plan calls for adding two large open play fields just north of softball field #1, with trail connections to the complex and existing parking facilities. The new fields are intended to be available for use by youth sports programs in the community, like soccer & football, along with other activities and programs. These

additional facilities will enhance recreational opportunities in the community by adding more play fields to the complex that already has two softball fields, one large multi-purpose field, concession stand, parking facilities and road network. It is anticipated construction will begin later this year and the fields will be available for use by mid-2019.



Hermitage Girls Softball Assoc. Registration



All players must register every year to be eligible to play. Please bring your child's birth certificate, or copy, to registration to verify age.

Skills Sessions (try-outs): Saturday, March 17.
Parents interested in Coaching or Assisting with your child(ren)'s teams must fill out a VOLUNTEER APPLICATION and have a valid Driver's License or equivalent form of ID.

Where: Hermitage Municipal Building

When: Saturday, February 10, 2018 10 a.m. to noon
Thursday, February 22, 2018 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Who: Fast Pitch Division (Player's age as of December 31, 2017)

8U	ages 6 to 8	12U	ages 11 to 12
10U	ages 9 to 10	14U	ages 13 to 14

Registration: \$40.00 per child \$60.00 (2) or more children per family

Fundraising: \$160.00 per family (2 or more children)

Concession Fee: See Website for details.

Questions? Call Joe White at 724-977-4329

Website: www.leaguelineup.com/hgsa



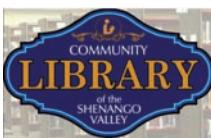
Top 10 Health Benefits of Youth Sports

Allowing your children to participate in youth sports is a fantastic way for children to explore and develop lifelong skills. Youth sports not only play an important role in exercise, but promotes mental and psychological advances as well.

Following are the top ten benefits gained through sports:

- Physical development
- Aids in weight control
- Improves endurance
- Builds character
- Boosts self-esteem
- Strengthens perseverance
- Develop teamwork skills
- Teaches discipline
- Promotes healthy competition
- Provides guidance

Community Library of the Shenango Valley



Special Events

Great Decisions

Fridays, Feb. 2 – Mar. 23 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Are you interested in current events? Join the library's 8-week current events program, and meet others who are interested in the issues facing the world today. Registration required.

Book Discussion

Saturday, Feb. 3 @ 2 p.m.

The library is proud to once again host the League of Women Voters as they have their book discussion on *The Price of Justice: A True Story of Greed and Corruption* by Laurence Leamer. Open to all who wish to attend.

Free AARP Tax Help

Begins February 5 • By appointment

The AARP volunteers will file taxes for eligible persons at the library. To make an appointment, please call 211.

Free Programs

Our programs are held weekly or monthly. Please visit our website @ www.clsv.net or call 724-981-4360 for more information.

Children

- Story Hour
- Music & Movement
- Lego Club
- Preschool Block Play
- Toddler Play and Learn
- Read to a Therapy Dog
- Family Movie Night

Teens

- Anime Club
- Trivia Night
- Teen Movie Night
- Engineering Club
- Gaming Night
- Fine Arts Painting

Adults

- Computer Classes
- Phone & Device Help
- Chess Club
- Adult Crafts
- Knit, Crochet, & More
- Fine Arts Painting
- Monthly Movie Night
- Book Clubs
- "Color Me Calm"
- Adult Coloring

We offer free downloadable books and audiobooks to borrow for Kindles, Nooks, iPads, computers, and phones. No late fees – items are borrowed for two weeks and automatically expire from your device.

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

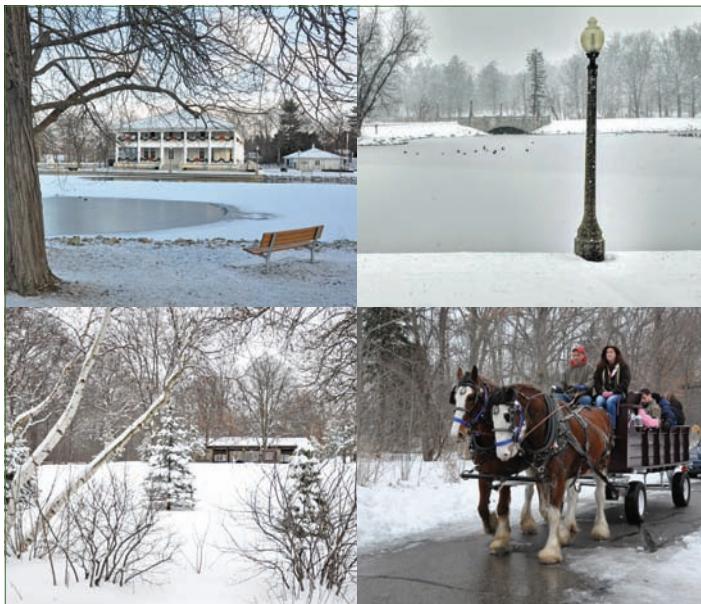
Library Hours: Monday thru Thursday • 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
11 N. Sharpsville Ave. Sharon, PA 16146

Buhl Farm Park

February 11th Buhl Park's Winter Fest

Bring on the snow! Come spend the day at Buhl Park on Sunday, February 11th from 12:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to enjoy everything that winter has to offer. This year's event will feature many fun outdoor activities, including dogsled demonstrations, horse-drawn wagon rides, a snow angel area, a freeze-pop scavenger hunt, Penguin bowling, penguin racing and so much more! Visitors to the event will also be able to enjoy roasted marshmallows on an open fire or purchase hot dogs, snacks, drinks and CHILI!!!

More information about Winter Fest will be available on our website at www.buhlfarmpark.com or on facebook.



Upcoming Events:

March 24 – Pancakes with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt
9:00 a.m. – Buhl Casino

April 14 – Annual Park Clean Up Day – 9:00 a.m.

Looking For An Event Venue? We've Got Plenty!

Buhl Park offers a variety of indoor and outdoor facilities that are available to rent all year long. Four Shelters, the Casino, and the Activities 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...the list goes on and on.

Reservations can be made online at www.buhlfarmpark.com OR by stopping at the Park Casino during office hours.

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Shenango Valley YMCA

Upcoming Events & Programs

The Y has healthy activities for all ages—stop in today for a tour!



Fitness:

- **GROUP EXERCISE CLASSES: FOR A STRONGER YOU- FOR A STRONGER US.** The YMCA Group Exercise program has something for everyone! Y classes are FREE for YMCA members! Working out with a class provides not only a great workout, but also added support, motivation and accountability! Free classes include (but are not limited to): Cycling, Boot Camp, Line Dancing, Zumba, Aquatics, Yoga, Power Pump, and HIIT. Schedules are available at the YMCA and on our website: svymca.com

- **YMCA MEMBERSHIPS:** Y Memberships are available for all ages and provide a variety of programs and other opportunities to get/stay active and healthy. Flexible payment plans are available, as well as financial assistance scholarships so that no one is ever turned away due to an inability to pay the fees.



- **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!

Upcoming Youth Sports & Programs:



- **SPRING SOCCER:** Co-ed instructional league for ages 3-12. Register at the YMCA February 12th – April 2nd. Season tentatively will start April 9th.
- **SUMMER T-BALL/COACHES PITCH:** Co-ed instructional league for ages 3-7. Register at the YMCA April 23rd – June 4th.

Information: 724-981-6950 or svymca.com

925 N. Hermitage Rd., Hermitage, PA 16148

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Shenango Valley Senior Center

- Interested in learning how to play **Pickleball?** We have instructors ready to teach you on Friday afternoons.
- Beginning January 12th come play **Bid 500.** Friday mornings, twice a month,
- Shenango Valley Senior Center is hosting a **Casino Bus Trip** to Hard Rock Rocksino on Tuesday, February 13th. Angie from The Lakes at Jefferson is sponsoring this trip with a Mardi Gras flair. Trip fee is \$30 with \$25 Free play. You must be 50+. All seats first come, first served. Let the Good Times Roll.

To register for any of these events, or to get more information, call the Senior Center at 724-981-7950 or stop in at 220 N. Buhl Farm Drive, Hermitage. Lunch is served daily. Stop in for a menu and program schedule to see all the Center offers!



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.



Trees in your yard and community protect water and soil resources. Trees reduce the amount of runoff and pollutants in creeks, ponds and other receiving waters in three primary ways:

- Surfaces of leaves, branches and trunks intercept and store rainfall, thereby reducing the amount of runoff, soil erosion, and delaying the onset of peak flowers.
- Root growth and decomposition of organic matter increase the capacity and rate of infiltration of rainfall into the soil and reduce surface flow.
- The tree's system recycles rainfall back into the atmosphere as evaporation.

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City of Hermitage

Parks & Recreation

800 North Hermitage Road
Hermitage, PA 16148

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City of Hermitage Board of Commissioners and City Treasurer

From left to right: William Moder, III (Board President), William McConnell, Michael Muha, Bernie Harry (City Treasurer), Louis Squatrito, and Duane Piccirilli (Board Vice-President).

Hermitage Recycling / Solid Waste / Bulk Trash Information

E-Waste Recycling Program

- Year-round @ the City Garage
5250 Virginia Road
- **Change: 1st & 3rd Fridays** – 7 a.m.-noon
- There is no cost to residents. Proof of residency required.

Acceptable e-waste includes:

- Televisions
- Computers (including monitors, keyboards, mice and printers)
- Cell phones
- Other electronics banned in landfills in Pennsylvania

NEW Tri-County Recycling Program

Hard to Recycle Hazardous Waste & E-Waste Collection Program – Tri-County Industries is now offering a voluntary curbside HHW and E-Waste collection service for Hermitage residents. By appointment only, additional fees apply.

For more information, please visit hermitage.net or call TCI @ (724) 748-4705 or tricountyind.com

Tire & Appliance Recycling

- Year-round @ the City Garage
5250 Virginia Road
- **Monday-Friday** – 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- There is no cost to residents. Proof of residency required.
- Number of tires per visit may be limited. (no tires with rims, or dirt in casings)
- All household appliances accepted without Freon.



Spring Cleanup - Bulk Trash

Spring Bulk Clean Up - Week of Apr. 1, 2018

Fall Bulk Clean Up - Week of Sept. 16, 2018

Customers will place the bulk items out the night before their regular trash collection day.

Acceptable bulk trash items include:

- White goods
- Bulk items
- Larger items
- Properly tagged freon-free items with any doors disabled



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