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## spotlight business



### Toss'd Italian Bar & Grille and Trendy open in the former Jess's building

Contributed by Dick Davis

The owners of Toss'd Italian Bar & Grille will make it a popular gathering place at its new location of 3640 East State Street. Toss'd was first established on South Hermitage Road (Rt. 18) in 2016 to provide the Valley with new, fresh food options. The business thrived and planning for expansion in the new location started in early 2018.

Owners Summer Wise and Jeff Layman saw an opportunity to redevelop an existing landmark in the community with a new industrial, urban feel. Constructed in 1952, the original structure previously housed a craft supply shop and beer distributor prior to Jess's.

The new café not only has an eye-catching look and inviting atmosphere, but a new and expanded menu to accommodate a wide variety of appetites. The menu has 35 new choices from small bites at the bar and entrees of steaks and fresh seafood, to vegan and gluten-free selections. Toss'd Italian Bar & Grille has options for all tastes.

Toss'd opened April 17 while a women's boutique, Trendy, opened in January. Wise combined other Trendy stores in Hermitage and Boardman, OH, into the new location of about 1,000 sq. ft.

The restaurant's larger dining areas, bar and welcoming patio seating make it an exciting gathering location. Toss'd increased in size to 4,000 sq. ft. Employees total 30, up from 12.



Women-business-owners is a group Summer hopes to promote and work with in the new ventures. She also plans to host a Team Danielle event on May 7.

The City of Hermitage Community and Economic Development Commission provided assistance from the City's Revolving Loan Program towards the renovations.

"Jeff and I give a huge thank you to Gary Hinkson and Gary Gulla for their continued support of the project," said Summer. "They played a crucial role in getting the project complete. Not only did they offer the economic development loan, they helped each step of the way to move the project along."

Summer and Jeff envisioned the potential of the property and now get to see it with their own eyes and share it with the community.

If indeed it's true that good things come to those who wait, the new venture for Summer and Jeff will be a raging success.



#### Toss'd Italian Bar & Grille

724-981-8677

Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Sunday 12 noon-9 p.m.

[www.tossdfood.com](http://www.tossdfood.com)

#### Trendy

877-408-8361

Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

closed Sunday

[www.sosotrendy.com](http://www.sosotrendy.com)



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, ext. 1210 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](http://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.

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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.

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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 14, 2019; 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 June 14, 2019.
- 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 13, and 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 14.
- 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](http://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 Monday, June 10 through Friday, July 26, 2019**

(\*Programs not offered the week of July 1-5)

## Adult Summer Rec Program



**Starting July 15**

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

Go to [hermitage.net](http://hermitage.net),  
click on Parks & Rec to find  
a YouTube 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 p.m.,  
7 p.m., 8 p.m., or 9 p.m. under the  
lights. Each team will have  
a double header.

### Location:

Hermitage Athletic Complex  
750 North Darby Road

### Register:

[https://apm.activecommunities.com/  
cityofhermitage](https://apm.activecommunities.com/cityofhermitage)

## 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)

## Wrestling

## Soccer

Clinics & Camps (Grades K - 12)

## Elementary Summer Camp

\*Nature Summer Camp

(Ages 3 up to entering 1st grade)

## Youth Sports Program

Start Smart Baseball (Ages 3-5)

July 9 thru August 13



## Buhl Community Band



Many of us have fond memories of our time in band. Here's your chance to create new memories with the Buhl Community Band. The band is directed by Judy L. Mindicino and is welcoming new members. The ensemble is composed of recreational and professional musicians of all ages from Mercer, Lawrence, Trumbull and Butler counties. The band rehearses at Kennedy Catholic High School band room from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on May 8, 15, 22 and June 5. Dress rehearsal is Monday, June 24. The first concert of the summer season will be at Buhl Park on Wednesday, June 26 with the downbeat at 6:30 p.m. The band will be performing at the 2019 Hermitage Arts Festival on July 14 at 2:00 p.m..

If you are interested in playing in the Buhl Community Band, you are more than welcome to come to the first rehearsal with your instrument. If you have any questions, contact Judy Mindicino at 724-301-1112.

## 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.***



Pet waste, pesticides & fertilizers, detergents, motor oil, and cigarette butts – all these contribute to pollution of our streams, rivers and lakes.

Let's all do our part to keep our water and environment clean.

***Thank You!!***



## Hermitage Parks & Recreation Bus Trip

### Vintage Market Days / Crocker Park Shopping

**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019**



Join us for a fun day searching treasures. Anyone into re-purposed, home decorating and great craft ideas will get their fix at this event! Vintage Market Days is an upscale vintage-inspired indoor/outdoor market featuring original art, antiques, clothing, jewelry, handmade treasures, home décor, outdoor furnishings, consumable yummys, seasonal plantings and a little more. We will also be making a stop at Crocker Park for some great shopping and lunch/dinner.

**Cost:** \$35.00 per person, includes round trip deluxe motor coach transportation and admission to the show. All meals on your own. No refunds without valid reason.

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

**Register Online:** [www.hermitage.net](http://www.hermitage.net)

## Hermitage Parks & Recreation Bus Trip

### Walnut Creek Vintage Fair

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019**



Join us in Walnut Creek for our annual Vintage Fair! If you like garage sales and the TV show "American Pickers," this is the event for you. You never know what you'll find. Find your next project or take home a finished one. This maker's fair features re-purposed and reused items, refurbished furniture, rustic signage, antique and "junk" items, candies and more. We will be spending time in beautiful Berlin, Ohio exploring all the great shopping they have to offer.

**Cost:** \$35.00 per person, includes round trip deluxe motor coach transportation and admission to the show. All meals on your own. No refunds without valid reason.

**Time:** Leave Hermitage Municipal Building @ 7:30 a.m. Return to Hermitage around 7:30 p.m.

**Register Online:** [www.hermitage.net](http://www.hermitage.net) by June 21



# Hermitage School District Summer Academy

## "Educating Minds, Inspiring Lives"

This summer, the Hermitage School District is providing currently-enrolled students the opportunity to enrich and extend classroom learning throughout the summer months.

The Summer Academy is being planned in coordination with the Hermitage City Summer Recreation program. It is our hope that your family is able to take advantage of the opportunities both programs offer throughout the summer.

The courses that are offered this summer

will provide students the opportunity to continue their learning throughout the summer in preparation for a successful school year.

Each course is taught by a Hermitage School District teacher and is focused on providing hands-on enrichment activities that allow your child to discover and explore a variety of topics.

The Summer Academy courses will take place at various locations throughout the

Hermitage School District campus as well as some off-site locations. Space is limited so enrollment will be on a "first come, first serve" basis.

There is a link on the home page of the Hermitage School District Website. Please log on to [www.hermitage.k12.pa.us](http://www.hermitage.k12.pa.us) and click on the Summer Academy 2019 Registration link which will be located in the News and Announcement Section on the home page.



## Hickory Hornet Youth Soccer Camp

The Hickory girls' soccer program will be holding a soccer camp for all students (boys and girls) entering grades K thru 6th. This camp is designed to help provide instruction on the fundamentals of soccer with a fun environment. The highlight of the camp will be a showcase game on Wednesday evening at the high school stadium where their names will be announced over the PA system.

**Dates:** July 8-10 • **Times:** 6-7:30 p.m. • **Cost:** \$25 includes t-shirt

**Location:** Hickory Hornet Stadium • **Questions:** 724-355-3166

**Please fill out the form below and mail with check to:**

Cindy Robinson, 215 Coolidge Dr., Hermitage, PA 16148

**Checks payable to:** Hermitage Soccer Boosters



## Hickory Hornet Youth Soccer Camp

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (upcoming year) \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size (please circle one)    YS    YM    YL    AS    AM    AL

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Any Known Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTAL WAIVER:** I hereby understand that the Hermitage School District and its employees are not responsible for any accidental injuries that may occur during the camp. I authorize the camp authorities to act for me according to their best judgment using reasonable and prudent care in any emergency. Any pre-existing conditions will be shared with camp directors in advance.

## Hermitage Parks & Recreation Brainstorm Summer Program



### Summer Storytellers: Fairy Tale Engineers

How could you change the fate of a fairy tale or nursery rhyme by engineering the story differently? Throughout the week we will work in groups to rework classic fairy tales and nursery rhymes through STEM activities. Campers will identify the major problem in the stories, brainstorm ideas to solve/prevent the problems, use materials to experiment with ideas, and then retell the improved story through puppet shows, inventive play, and handmade storybooks!

**Ages:** 5-7 **Min:** 8 **Max:** 16

**Dates:** July 8-12 **Time:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Cost:** \$150 \*bring a packed lunch

**Location:** Delahunty Middle School

### Summer Storytellers: Modern Mythology

What would the legends of Ancient Greece and Egypt look like now? At the start of the week we will explore fantastical myths of Ancient Civilizations. Campers will then decide on a story they want to adapt to modern times. We will rewrite the story and brainstorm the best medium through which to tell it. This experience will be an all hands on deck process that will end in a performance the final afternoon!

**Ages:** 8-10 **Min:** 8 **Max:** 16

**Dates:** July 15-19 **Time:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Cost:** \$150 \*bring a packed lunch

**Location:** Delahunty Middle School

### Fun with LEGO!

Can you position a selected set of LEGO bricks into rectangular boxes? Would you like to recreate a famous work of art like Van Gogh's "Starry Night" using LEGOS? Pick a one-minute challenge card and try to race the clock, build LEGO puppets and settings to retell famous stories, and so much more. Campers will enhance their fine motor skills, imagination, critical thinking, and ability to work together all while having FUN!

**Ages:** 5-7 **Min:** 8 **Max:** 16

**Dates:** June 24-28 **Time:** 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Cost:** \$50/child

**Location:** Delahunty Middle School

### Dr. Art: Scientific Experiments with a Twist

How can we apply the scientific method to art? Throughout the week we will follow the scientific method with art experiments: each child will record their own hypothesis, then conduct the experiment in groups. By the end of the week campers will brainstorm their very own experiment to conduct. Additionally, each child will make their own scientific journal to keep, and they will work in groups to record a video demonstration of their favorite experiment.



**Ages:**

8-10 **Min:** 8 **Max:** 16

**Dates:** June 24-28 **Time:** 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

**Cost:** \$60/child

**Location:** Delahunty Middle School TBD

### Teen Workshop Series

Each evening will be an introductory workshop into: Stop Motion Animation, Stenciling, and Monologues for Stage Acting. Attendees for the Monologue workshop must come with a memorized monologue 1-2 minutes long.

**Ages:** 13-18 **Min:** 4 **Max:** 8

**Dates:** June 27 (Stop Motion Animation)  
July 11 (Stenciling)  
July 18 (Monologue)\*

**Time:** 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$15/session

**Location:** LindenPointe

\*Campers can sign up for individual or multiple workshops \*\*Must come with a prepared monologue (can email in advance for suggestions if needed)

**Online registration @** [www.hermitage.net](http://www.hermitage.net) or <https://apm.activecommunities.com/cityofhermitage>

**Email:** [c.nassar@gobrainstorm.org](mailto:c.nassar@gobrainstorm.org)

# Buhl Farm Park – Spring 2019

[www.buhlfarmpark.com](http://www.buhlfarmpark.com) • 724-981-5522



## Buhl Park Community Pool Pass/Wellness Pass

### Pool Opens May 25, 2019

- Family Pass \$50.00 – Includes 2 Adults & Children in the same household thru high school
- Adult Pass \$40.00 – 18 Years of age and above
- Senior Pass \$30.00 – 65 Years of age or above
- Youth Pass \$25.00 – Ages 5 thru Grade 12
- Wellness Pass \$30.00 – Mornings Only
- Family Pass W/Wellness Pass \$72.50 – Only 1 Adult for Wellness
- Adult Pass W/Wellness Pass \$62.50
- Senior Pass W/Wellness Pass \$52.50

Proof of Hermitage residency required. Cash, Check (payable to Buhl Corporation), or Credit Card accepted.

## Upcoming Events:

### MAY

- **May 21st** – Kid's Craft Night, pre-registration required, Buhl Park Activities Building
- **May 31st** – Buhl Park's 27-Hole Golf Scramble, formerly known as the Joe Val Golf Scramble (Avalon at Buhl & Buhl Park Golf Courses)

### JUNE

- **June 8th** – Get Outdoors Day
- **June 10th** – Summer Youth Program begins
- **June 10th** – Jr. Golf Program begins
- **June 16th** – Summer Concert Series begins
- **June 14th** – FREE Junior Tennis Lessons begin, 12:00 p.m. (Tennis Courts)
- **June 15th** – FREE Adult Tennis Lessons begin, 11:00 a.m. (Tennis Courts)
- **June 21st** – Movie Under the Stars (PAC Outdoor Stage)
- **June 30th** – Light Up the Sky Fireworks Event, (PAC Stage and surrounding areas)

### JULY

- **July 9th** – Movie Under the Stars (PAC Outdoor Stage)

## Summer Youth Program:

### ONLINE REGISTRION NOW OPEN

Kids entering Kindergarten through 6th grade Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 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.

[www.buhlfarmpark.com/SYP](http://www.buhlfarmpark.com/SYP)



## 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 call 724-981-5522 or signup online at [www.buhlfarmpark.com/gardenclub](http://www.buhlfarmpark.com/gardenclub)

## Golf Course and Driving Range:

The Buhl Park Golf Course and Driving Range will open on April 7th, 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 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! Reserve online at [www.buhlfarmpark.com](http://www.buhlfarmpark.com)



# Shenango Valley YMCA Events & Programs

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

[www.svymca.com](http://www.svymca.com) • 724-981-6950 • 925 N. Hermitage Rd., Hermitage



## Upcoming Youth Sports & Programs:

- **SUMMERT-BALL/COACHES PITCH**  
Co-ed instructional league for ages 3-8  
Register at the YMCA May 1st – June 4th.
- **Workout Instruction for Teens (W.I.T.)**  
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.  
Ages 12-14
- **F.I.T. (Fun Interactive Training) 4 Kids**  
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.  
Ages 8-11



## Fitness/Wellness:

**MEMBERSHIP:** 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.

- **BUDDY UP PROGRAM:** Join the Y with a buddy and you both can save up to 20% off the monthly fee. For complete details and information, contact or visit the YMCA.
- **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.



## Community Library of the Shenango Valley

[www.clsv.net](http://www.clsv.net) • 724-981-4360

### Summer Reading begins June 10 A Universe of Stories

Something for everyone! Children can read 5 books each week or 1/2 hour each day to earn prizes and coupons. Teens and Adults can read for chances to win baskets!



**SHARON BRANCH: Mon.-Thurs. • 10 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

11 N. Sharpsville Ave., Sharon, PA 16146

**CLSV STEY-NEVANT BRANCH: Mon.-Thurs. • 11 a.m.-7 p.m.**  
1000 Roemer Blvd., Farrell, PA 16121

### Please call the library for more information on any of our many programs!

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|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| • Story Hour                                 | • Family Movie Night   | • Fine Arts Painting |
| • Lego Club                                  | • Teen Movies          | • Color Me Calm      |
| • Funtime Fridays                            | • Knit, Crochet & More | • Book Clubs         |
| • Homeschoolers and Cyber Schoolers Programs | • Computer Classes     | • Anime              |
| • Read to a Therapy Dog                      | • Chess Club           | • Teen Art           |
|  | • Teen Gaming          | • Jr. Engineer       |

## New eCenter Executive Director Takes the Reins

Contributed by Joe Pinchot



Jeff Meier has been on the cusp of technological change throughout his career and worked with many entrepreneurs.

"A number of people that were in my group over the years ventured out with the ideas that we developed inside, and they went out and started their own companies, and then we would, at times, engage with them," said Meier, the Sharon native who has taken on the duties as executive director of the eCenter@LindenPointe in Hermitage. "That's my experience with the world of incubators and accelerators."

The eCenter, located in the LindenPointe Innovative Business Campus on South Hermitage Road, was created by the city of Hermitage as a business incubator for technology-related firms. The companies rent space from the eCenter but receive mentoring and guidance from business and industry professionals, who help them develop their products and learn about bread-and-butter business practices and requirements.

The eCenter also runs an accredited program for high school seniors, the eAcademy, which teaches students business, entrepreneurial and leadership skills; exposes them to real-world business operations; and develops reasoning, problem-solving, communication and task management skills.

The city created the LindenPointe Development Corp. to run the eCenter.

When former Executive Director Ketaki Desai resigned last year, board members Frank Mindicino and Richard W. Epstein approached Meier, who also knew board member Bob Evans, Meier said.

"The LindenPointe Board of Directors' goal was to find the smartest, most innovative, experienced individual to execute its strategic plan of creating sustainable jobs and retaining talent in our region, and Jeff Meier, our new CEO, definitely fits the bill," Epstein said. "In fact, since January of this year Jeff has already made significant contributions."

Those contributions include contacting regional college presidents to talk about current and future commitments, contacting business leaders "driving new ideas and possible innovations," and extending the "College Connector" program, which seeks to match new college graduates with local businesses, Epstein said.

Meier is translating "great ideas into great results," Epstein said.

"The eCenter Board is very excited to have an individual of Jeff's talent, experience and intelligence to be our CEO and is confident that, with community support and resources, Jeff will be the catalyst for connecting our region's great colleges with our region's great businesses through educating, innovating, and transforming," Epstein said.

Meier is working as a volunteer for the eCenter on a part-time basis while he completes his duties with Fujitsu, one of the

top information technology companies in the world. Working at Fujitsu's Dallas office, Meier is senior vice president and Americas chief information officer.

At a time that has yet to be determined, he will become a full-time eCenter director.

Meier said he has ideas to expand the eCenter's offerings, one of which is to bring universities and businesses together under the auspices of the eCenter to create a shared-services approach to cybersecurity.

"There is a major problem in all the United States," he said. "We have over 330,000 open positions for cybersecurity. Our colleges can't produce enough of these young professionals to enter that market. Some of the colleges in the nation, as soon as they graduate, they're snatched up. I see it all the time in the Dallas area."

Other colleges struggle to find the resources to offer cybersecurity programs, he said.

"We're hoping, by bringing the universities together and building this alliance, that we can share some resources and make this the hub for that, which in turn should help some of the local business, because they also are having trouble finding these critical resources for this region," Meier said.

He also would like to create a capstone program in which area university students work on real-life business problems that local businesses encounter, and receive college credit for their work.

"These programs that we're talking about, they will only enhance the ability of supporting the incubator program," Meier said.

The eCenter's incubator suites are just about full, and this aspect of the eCenter will remain the "primary drive" of the eCenter, Meier said.

Meier started transitioning into the eCenter post in November. He has a number of projects and tasks to complete at Fujitsu before his



# news and updates

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tenure there is over, and is hopping back and forth between Dallas and Sharon, where he also has a home.

"We live in a virtual world," he said. "When I have availability in Texas, I'm able to work on stuff for the eCenter."

Meier has embraced changes in the business world throughout his career. While earning a bachelor's degree in finance at Penn State, he realized that the nature of finance was evolving.

"When I saw how financial systems were being groomed and how the industry was

changing when I was at Penn State, I got very in to taking a number of information technology/computer science courses that helped me understand how finance is going to be a digitized discipline in the future," he said.

After graduation, he got work as a programmer, but did not leave his finance training behind.

"At that time, most large companies were developing in-house their own business systems," Meier said. "The age of ERP (enterprise resource planning), of the (software makers) SAPs and Oracles of the world didn't exist yet in the '80s. I got heavily involved in becoming a programmer, understanding my background was in finance, to develop those for the companies I worked for."

Being present at the creation of business systems and how technology was changing them "was very exciting," Meier said. "I moved from a programmer to programmer analyst to

systems analyst and I was able to work right with the business community on what they were looking for."

He sought additional training from Kent State University and Clemson University in South Carolina before finally earning a master's degree from Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

Meier worked for a handful of companies, large and small, before landing at Fujitsu in 1997.

Meier said he could imagine a much different career path for himself if the eCenter had existed when he was growing up.

"Maybe, I could have stayed in the area," he said. "When I graduated from high school, this area was in a transition period. It was very heavy industry. When I got out of Penn State, there was not the opportunities. I had to move away. Something like this, I would have liked to think I certainly would have taken advantage of the eAcademy opportunities. I think it could have been a big difference for me."



## eAcademy Student



eAcademy has been an experience like no other. It has given me the opportunity to go out into the community and do things that I wouldn't normally get to do in a regular high school setting. I have been fortunate enough to go to different conventions and network with respected members of our community such as senator Michele Brooks, help facilitate a Leadership Shenango workshop and be a part of the recruitment travel team to help recruit future eAcademy students. Everything starts from nothing. You just have to know what your skills are, how to network and how to find opportunities to achieve what you want.

With everything I have been taught these last few months at eAcademy, I have no doubt that I have all of the tools I need to make decisions in my life that lead me to the life that I want. I would not trade this experience for the world.

*Written by Laney Kantner Hickory Class of 2019*



**The eAcademy is a program for high school seniors only and is accepting applications for the class of 2020.**

**Contact us for more information, for an application, or to schedule a tour.**

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17th Annual  
**Strawberry**  
FESTIVAL  
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**Sunday, June 9**

**1- 4 p.m.**

The  
**RIDGEWOOD**  
AT Shenango Valley

*One Elston Way, Hermitage, PA • next to UPMC Horizon*

The event features three levels of chance auctions,  
50/50 Raffle, LIVE music & fun for kids!

Specially prepared strawberry desserts are served and we welcome your donations.

*Auction items include: gift baskets, gift certificates, art,  
golf and travel packages, seasonal items 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.**

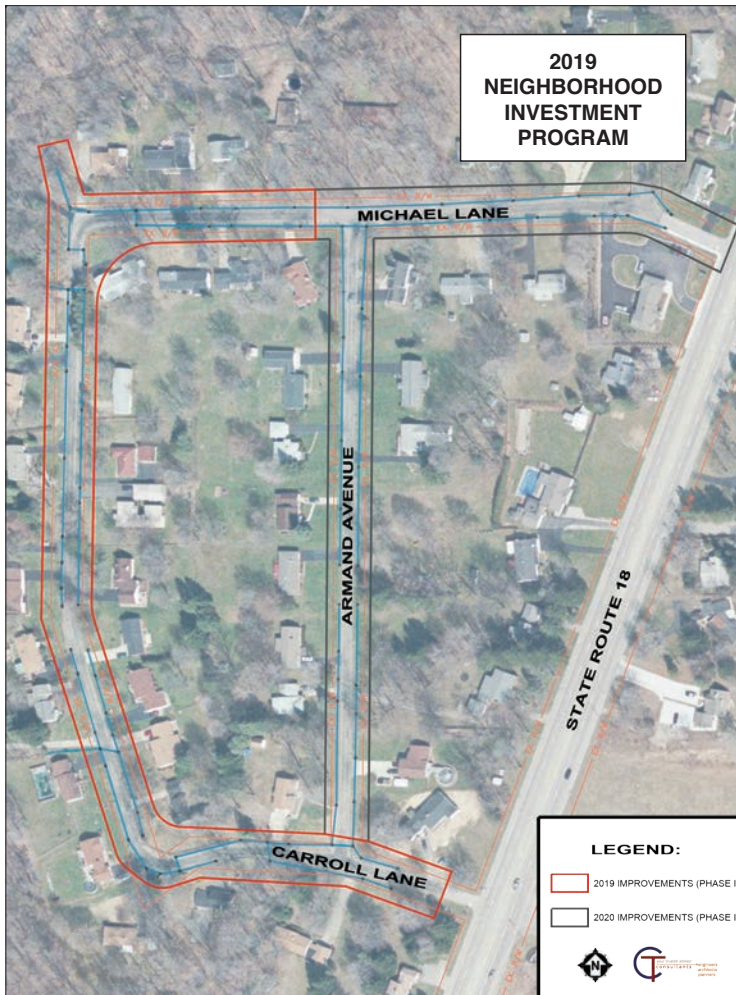
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# 2019 City of Hermitage Street/ Storm Water Projects

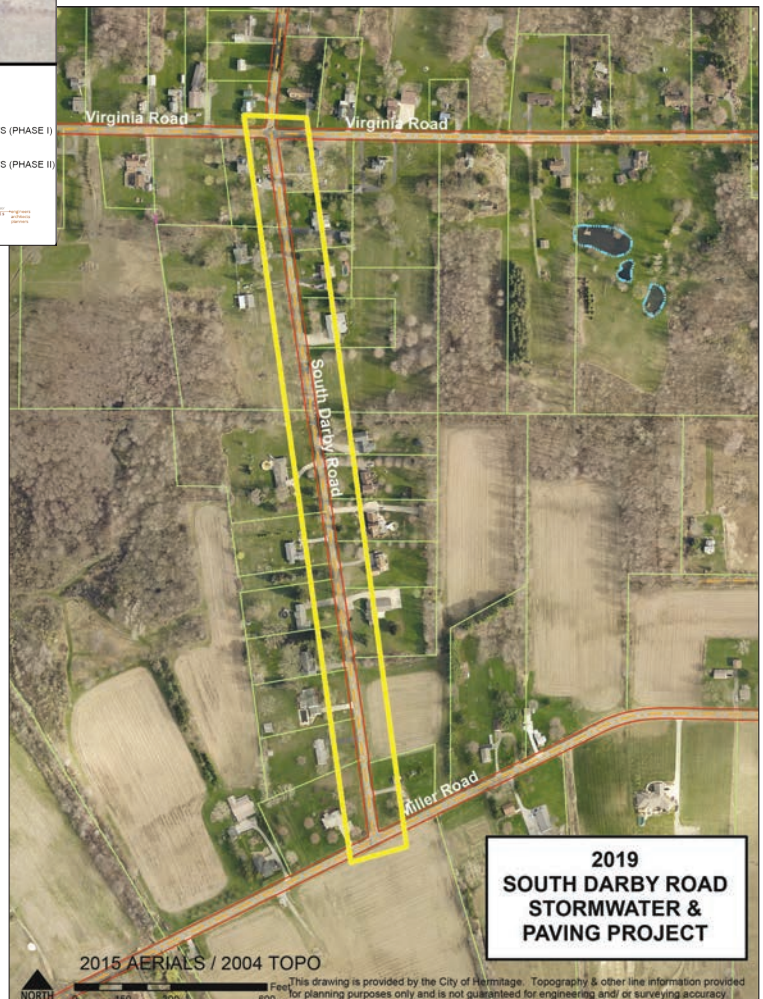


## ◀ 2019 Neighborhood Investment Program

Work will begin in late April on Block 6, Phase I of the Neighborhood Investment Program. Work is scheduled to be completed by late summer. The project includes Carroll Lane from South Hermitage Road to Michael Lane and Michael Lane from Carroll Lane to Armand Avenue. Work includes storm water improvements, limited new curbing, removal of existing pavement, repairs to the roadway base where necessary and the repaving of the streets. Also, new street signs will be installed. The construction contract has been awarded to Stateline Paving, Inc. Total cost for Phase I is estimated to be \$680,000.

## South Darby Road Improvement Project ▶

This project involves the installation of new storm water facilities, removal of existing pavement, repairs to the roadway base where necessary and repaving of the street. The work will be done between Virginia Road and Miller Road. The project is currently in final design with construction anticipated to begin in late June and the project completed by late summer. Estimated cost is \$500,000.



# From the Chief of Police . . . . .

Eric Jewell, *City of Hermitage Chief of Police*



## **Traffic Safety Tip:**

As the warmer weather quickly approaches please be extra mindful while

travelling our neighborhood streets, business highways and rural roadways as people will be out and about more enjoying the much awaited season change. Due to the increased outside activity in warm weather, please focus more of your attention on the road. Avoid distractions like casual cellphone use, looking for that lost item, grooming and of course never text while driving. Watch for children, runners, walkers, bicyclists, motorcyclists or more. Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, share the road with bicycles, look twice for motorcycles, give runners and walkers plenty of passing space, slow down for children at play and yield to blind persons with a clearly visible white cane or guide dog. In the rural areas don't forget to slow down on approach for horseback riders and slow moving farm tractors. Lastly, road construction season always comes with springtime. In construction zones turn on your headlights, obey reduced speed limits and always watch for flaggers and workers, slowing or stopped traffic, changing traffic lanes or patterns, and moving equipment.

## **Crime Prevention Tip:**

Always roll up your windows and lock your vehicle whether it's parked in your driveway, on the street or in a parking lot. Petty thieves are always looking for an easy mark – an unlocked vehicle. Thieves will walk neighborhoods or parking lots discretely checking door handles for unlocked doors or windows left rolled down. Unlocked vehicles or down car windows tempt and easily permit thieves to rummage through glove boxes, console storage locations, jackets,

shopping bags, purses, etc. looking for cash or change, credit cards, nice sunglasses, jewelry, phones, etc. Determined thieves will risk being seen or heard breaking into a locked vehicle if valuables are visible in plain sight. If you must keep valuable items in your vehicle such as purses and wallets, phones, cash, shopping bags of merchandise, etc. make sure you store them in a locked glove box or console compartment or out of sight like the trunk or hidden under a seat or under something on the back seat floor, etc. Thieves may break a window or pop a lock with a tool to get in for a guaranteed good score (valuables in plain sight). Always call police if you discover items were stolen out of your vehicle.

## **For Your Information:**

Per City Ordinance, Chapter 13, Part 3, door to door solicitation is permitted in Hermitage. For your safety all door to door solicitation can only be lawfully conducted after a license is issued by the City of Hermitage Police Department (HPD) and only between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. No Sunday or legal holiday solicitation is allowed except by prior appointment. If a salesperson knocks at your door, ask to see his/her Hermitage transient business license. The license must be in the individual's name and must be current. It is highly recommended residents not do any business with any unlicensed persons, and notify HPD of any unlawful sales activity immediately. Though applicants are screened for active arrest warrants and their names reviewed for local derogatory information, additional prudence (caution) should be exercised as to whether or not you allow any stranger into your home or provide any personal information. Don't forget the old adage of 'buyer beware' still applies. Do not rush to buy or sign up for anything. Research the company online or ask for literature to read and ponder before making any decision. Be leery of pressure, fast talk or promotional offers of big savings if you act

now. You may be asked to enter into a civil contract. As with any contract you should carefully read and understand all terms and conditions of the agreement before signing up. License issuance by the City is not a product or service endorsement by the City.



## **Get to Know Your Hermitage Police Department:**

Officer Brian Johnston joined the Hermitage Police Department (HPD) in 2014 and serves in the Patrol Division. Prior to HPD, Officer Johnston served as a patrolman with Sharpsville Police and the Pennsylvania State Capitol Police, Harrisburg. Before Officer Johnston began his career in police work, he honorably served as an infantryman in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard including a tour of duty in Iraq. Officer Johnston attended Butler County Community College and Clarion University and graduated from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Police Academy. Officer Johnston has advanced training in DUI enforcement and crash (traffic accident) investigation. He has earned several commendations since his employment with HPD and aspires to further his crash investigation skills and/or become a criminal investigator.



# From the Fire Chief's Desk .....

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



It's that time of the year again when everyone wants to clean-up their yards from last fall and winter. As a reminder, the

City of Hermitage has a burning ordinance. You are only allowed to burn between 6 a.m. and noon Monday through Saturday. Burning is not allowed on Sundays or holidays. You are also not allowed to burn leaves or trash, only Class A materials such as sticks, paper or cloth. The burning must be contained in a burn barrel and the fire must always be attended by an adult. You are also not allowed to burn during windy days. This is the major cause of out-of-control brush and grass fires. For a copy of the burning ordinance contact the Hermitage Fire Station:

724-342-0669 or go to the city website [www.hermitage.net](http://www.hermitage.net).

Many of our residences have noticed and commented seeing the Fire Marshals at different business around our community and asking us "Why?". Part of our job as a Fire Marshal is to conduct life and safety inspections at commercial businesses within the City of Hermitage. The major goals of fire inspections include the following: to raise the owner's awareness of fire safety considerations in their place of business, to identify fire hazards that must be eliminated for a safer environment, and to verify the proper functioning/maintenance of installed fire protection systems and other building fire protection equipment/features. We check things like means of egress, fire extinguishers, sprinkler systems, fire suppression systems, electrical systems, storage areas, emergency exit signs, emergency lighting, etc.

Our fire inspections are geared toward motivating owners and tenants to correct



detected violations, protect against future violations, and most importantly maintain fire-safe premises. The City of Hermitage adopted the International Fire Code which is a comprehensive fire prevention code used throughout the United States.

It is the mission of the Fire Marshal's Office to prevent and/or reduce the incidence of fire by increasing the awareness and knowledge of fire safety to the residents and businesses of our community. The Fire Marshal's office is working hand in hand with our local businesses, "partnering up", to create a safer environment for your family and friends. Please thank our business owners for doing their part in making their facilities safer.

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# From the Desk of Treasurer .....

**Bernie Harry, *City Treasurer***

It looks like Spring has sprung! Welcome to all the new residents of Hermitage. Just a reminder that tax bills are mailed twice a year. The County/City portion of your real estate bill goes out on March 1st of each year. There is no change for 2019 in your County/City bill. County remains at 23.65 mills and the City holds at 5 mills. The school bill along with the per capita bills are mailed on August 1st. I'd like to explain the note on your bills stating that we need separate checks for each bill.

Your County/City bill is one combined bill requiring only one check for the entire total amount due. Should you own more than one parcel, all of those County/City bills may be made payable with one check if you so choose.

School bills require a separate check as do your County/City, and Per Capita bills. Again,

like bills may be combined but different bills cannot!

If you have never applied for the Homestead exemption, you should do so as soon as possible. You can download the form from the county website or pick one up in our office at your convenience.

You only apply one time unless you change your deed or purchase a new house. Remember you may only collect the discount once. Your name must be on the deed and that parcel must be your residence. For example if you have a home here and a vacation home or rental property, you cannot receive the exemption on anything except your main residence. So if this pertains to you, please contact our office.

If you are new to the area, whether you rent or own your home, you must register with

the City for per capita billing. Per Capita tax is a \$35.00 head tax levied on anyone over the age of 18, living in the City Hermitage.



Also, we are asking all rentals to register with our office even if a family member is living in that house. This information is necessary to update our City census.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call my office at 724-347-4472 and we will be happy to assist you.

# City of Hermitage

## Parks & Recreation

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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

### E-Waste Recycling Program

- Year-round @ the City Garage  
5250 Virginia Road
- **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

### 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.

### 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](http://hermitage.net) or call TCI @ (724) 748-4705 or [tricityind.com](http://tricityind.com)**

### 26th Hermitage Fraternal Order of Police 4-Person Golf Scramble

**Saturday, June 1, 2019**

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, 2019

Team Captain's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_



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