



Community Update

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Spotlight Businesses

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The Bicycle Store shifts gears on East State Street

Contributed by Dick Davis



Kavulla family: Ava, Anna, Louis, Debbie and Mike

Lifelong cycling enthusiast Mike Kavulla enjoyed his job starting in 1988 as a bicycle mechanic at Bicycles and More in the Wick Plaza, Hermitage. Then Debbie Marshall entered the shop to buy a bike in 1995 and gave new meaning to the "and More" phrase.

Mike got the sale and three years later Debbie's hand in marriage. The bike-loving newlyweds rode away from their wedding ceremony on 1955 Schwinn Phantoms.

The couple bought the business two years later, moved it to Sharon and renamed it Bicycle & Fitness World, Inc. The business became The Bicycle Store two years later

when the Kavulla's bought the former Taco Bell building in Hermitage and moved to 1779 E. State St.

"We truly love what we do and feel very fortunate to have wonderful customers," says Debbie. "Mike puts in many hours at the shop, I'm behind the scenes with bookkeeping and marketing, we have great employees, and our three children, Anna, Ava, and Louis, help out as needed."

Mike and Debbie appreciate employees Ron Preisel, Mark Taylor, George Holinda, and Jeffry Sposito for their dedication in challenging times.

Like all other businesses, COVID-19 is an impact. But sales and repairs are brisk with customers not only local but from New Jersey and Connecticut.

About a dozen bikes populate the shop's showroom that used to offer 150-200. Delivery of ordered bikes takes four-six months. Designated "essential" it remained open through severe business restrictions in the spring.

Debbie is from Lorain, Ohio and graduated from The University of Akron. Mike is a Hermitage native and graduated from Hickory High School and Penn State University-Behrend.

The Bicycle Store is the region's only locally owned, full-service bike shop. For 15 years starting in 2005 it earned the Best of the Best Award from *The Herald*.

That truly is bicycle sales, service, and much more.

The Bicycle Store

1779 E. State St.
Hermitage, PA 16148

724-342-2031

www.thebicycleshoponline.com

Also on Facebook

"It is our mission to conduct business with honesty and integrity, glorifying our Lord."

Hermitage Parks & Recreation

STEM SAK Session

Recoup from all that Thanksgiving turkey and join Mr. Ralf from OH WOW for a fun and exciting holiday themed STEM SAK session on Friday, November 27!



Anyone who joined us for our Pioneer Virtual Summer Camp knows how fun and informative these sessions will be.

We will be conducting these via google

meeting to maintain social distancing. This program is free and open to all Hermitage students in grades K-6.

Registration is required and you must register by Wednesday, November 18. SAKS will be distributed on Monday, November 23 from 11:00 a.m. – Noon

in the rear parking lot of the Hermitage Municipal Building, 800 N. Hermitage Rd.

Register at www.hermitage.net. Class sizes are limited to 25 students per session.



THE ROGER & GLORIA JONES CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

There will be two sessions to choose from:

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. or
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

TRICK OR Treat

City of Hermitage • October 31, 2020 • 4–6 pm

PLEASE FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR TRICK OR TREAT:

TRICK OR TREATERS

- Stay home if sick.
- Trick or treat with people you live with.
- Remain 6 feet apart from people not in your household.
- Wear a face mask covering both your mouth and nose
- Hand sanitize (with sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol) frequently while out, especially during key times.

HOMEOWNERS

- Do not hand out candy if you are sick.
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and nose.
- Use duct tape to mark 6-foot lines in front of home and leading to driveway/front door-step.
- Participate in one-way trick or treating.

PARENTS

- Stay home if sick.
- Talk with your children about safety and social distancing guidelines.
- Guide children to stay on the right side and to ensure distance.
- Carry a flashlight and ensure your children have reflective clothing.
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and nose.
- Wash your hands as soon as you return home.
- Inspect candy.
- Wash hands often.



Buhl Farm Park

www.buhlfarmpark.com • 724-981-5522



New at Buhl Farm Park Snappy's Floatin' Boats

Snappy's Floatin' Boats offers a wide variety of water sport rentals on Lake Julia. Kayaks, Canoes, Paddleboards and Bud's Boats (Pedal Boats) all available to rent from the new ADA compliant dock and boat launch. Snappy's offers the freedom to explore the beautiful scenery from a different angle. There is always something to discover at Buhl Park!

OPEN DAILY Hours of Operation

MONDAY - FRIDAY

9AM-3PM (*Reservations Required*)
3PM - 7PM (*Walk-Ins Welcome*)

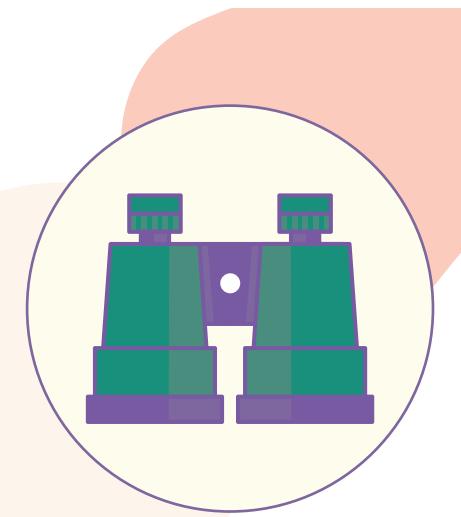
SATURDAY - SUNDAY

9AM - 7PM (*Reservations & Walk-Ins*)

724-718-8485

**PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR
UPDATED SEASONAL HOURS.**

**The dock and gangway were designed and manufactured by AccuDock® Kayak and Paddle Sport Docks. AccuDock meets current ADA (American Disabilities Act) specifications to ensure all outdoor enthusiasts are able to enjoy the water. Our ADA Transfer Platform and Safe Launch Systems for Kayaking and Canoeing offer an even further degree of safety.*



Scout Programs at Buhl Park

Bring your troop to Sandy's Place, Buhl Park's Environmental Learning Center.

Park educators can lead your troop in activities on a variety of different topics, including:

- Plants & animals
- Ecological principles
- Conservation, gardening, composting
- Orienteering skills
- Nature walks, bird walks, night hikes
- Nature crafts
- And more topics customized to meet badge requirements

Cost starts at \$4 per scout for a 90 minute program, plus any additional supply costs.

Contact Katie Nowland, Director of Environmental Education & Youth Programming at katie@buhlfarmpark.com or 724-981-5522 x105.

Sandy's Place
Buhl Park's Environmental
Outdoor Learning Center

Attention Mercer County Schools, Community Gardens, Businesses, Places of Worship, Parks, Libraries, Etc.

We are looking to provide your group with a free introductory program on water conservation and what you can do to help minimize the impacts of storm-water. You will receive a free rain barrel to use at your location.

Rain Barrel Benefits:

- Have access to clean water to utilize for outdoor use such as gardening
- Conserve water
- Helps decrease stormwater runoff and water pollution on a very local level
- Saves \$ on your water bill

These programs are made possible through the Department of Environmental Protection's Environmental Education Grants Program.



Free Rain Barrel After Completing Program



Mercer County
Conservation District



Shenango Valley YMCA Events & Programs

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

www.svymca.com • 724-981-6950 • 925 N. Hermitage Rd., Hermitage



**Don't wait for New Years to get started on your healthy resolutions...
The Y has healthy activities for all ages- stop in today for a tour!**

Membership

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:

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!

Adults and Older Adults

GROUP EXERCISE: So much more than a workout! Join a class, and reach your goals

with like-minded members and instructors who provide support and motivation!

- Over 60 classes are offered weekly.
- **FREE FOR ALL MEMBERS.**
- Huge variety of classes: times, types and intensities for anyone.

Specialized Services

Qualified, competent, caring and here to help!

PERSONAL TRAINING: Whether you're an exercise veteran, have never been to the gym or even someone in between... A Personal Trainer will keep you motivated and organized, and will make sure you perform properly. **FREE SESSION AVAILABLE FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS!**

MASSAGE THERAPY: Options are available for full-body or upper-body specific. 1 hour massages. Non-Members welcome!

Youth Programs

F.I.T. FOR KIDS: FUN INTERACTIVE

TRAINING: Fun activities & games; nutrition & exercise tips and demonstrations; take-home challenges & more!

WORKOUT INSTRUCTION FOR TEENS

(WIT): For ages 12+ (Any beginners). 4-week instructional program designed to educate students about exercise techniques and the benefits of health and fitness.

YOUTH ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

TRAINING: Incorporates plyometrics, sport-specific, strength and agility training. Develops overall athleticism and ability in young athletes. Boosts confidence, enhances focus and aids in injury prevention. For groups of 2-6. AGES: 8 -14.



Community Library of the Shenango Valley

www.clsv.net • 724-981-4360

The library is fully opened and ready for your visit. We ask that you please wear a mask when visiting.

Download the Beanstack App and join in the following virtual challenges:

1000 Books Before Kindergarten: Launching Oct 2, 2020 in conjunction with #thebigread2020

12 "Days" of Christmas: Launching Nov 8, 2020

For all of our most up to date information on programming, both in person and virtual, please check our website, www.clsv.net.

**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 Community Recreation Center



www.fhbuhlclub.org • 724-981-3700

Fall Youth Programs

Dance Classes: Tap, Balet, Jazz, Lyrical and Hip Hop for ages 3-18.

Swim Lessons: Fall 2 lessons begin November 2. Registration begins October 12. Swim lessons are available for ages 6 months and up. Private lessons are also available.

Gymnastics: Busy Bees, Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. Ages 3 and older. Fall 2 session begins November 2. Registration begins October 12.

Basketball Skills and Drills: Fall 2 session begins November 4. Ages 3-12. Registration begins October 12.

Upcoming Event! 15th Annual Pumpkin Swim • 1:00pm-8:30pm: Event includes: 1 hour family swim, pizza party, Halloween treats and video in the gymnasium. Free for family memberships, \$5 youth members, \$10 non members. Gymnasium and pool lanes will be set up to allow proper social distancing. Registration required. Due to new safety procedures, limited spots are available in each time slot. Register now! 724-981-3700.

For more information on our programs and events contact Michelle Bower, Program Director 724-981-3700 ext. 108 or mbower@fbuhlclub.org

FREE PRC's TRAVELING GLASS RECYCLING BIN



**November 7 - November 12, 2020
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

**City of Hermitage Fire Station #3 • 541 Mercer Avenue, Hermitage
Across from Morefield Cemetery**

Look for more information on the City's website and social media.

Types of Glass Accepted:

All colors of glass bottles, jars and jugs ONLY.

- Caps, lids and labels are acceptable
- Empty all containers

NOT ACCEPTED:

cut glass • glass bakeware • mirrors • porcelain and ceramics
stemware • light bulbs • TVs • all other materials including recyclables

For a complete schedule of PRC locations, visit prc.org/glassrecycling

Hermitage Recycling, Yard Waste, Garbage



Blue Lid = RECYCLING

Acceptable Materials:

- Household Plastic Bottles – #1, #2, #5 only
- Cans – aluminum & steel
- Foil Containers
- Cardboard
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Other Clean Paper – junk mail, office, paper bags
- **DO NOT use plastic bags.**



Green Lid = YARD WASTE

Acceptable Materials:

- Leaves, grass clippings, plants and flowers, roots, sawdust, shrubbery and clippings, branches, tree limbs under 3 inches in diameter, brush up to 3 feet in length
- **DO NOT use plastic bags.**



Brown Lid = GARBAGE

Acceptable Materials:

- Everything that cannot be recycled in your blue or green lid carts.
- Bag all garbage before placing it into the cart.

Hard-to-Recycle Collection (H2R)

All Events are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

October 13

Hempfield Township Building

2785 S. Mercer Street, Greenville, PA

November 10

Lawrence County Recycling/Solid Waste Dept.

Gettings Annex at Lawrence Co. Courthouse, New Castle, PA

December 8

Lawrence County Recycling/Solid Waste Dept.

Gettings Annex at Lawrence Co. Courthouse, New Castle, PA

Accepted Materials:

- Electronic Media – VHS tapes, CDs, DVDs, Floppy disk, 8-Tracks, Cassettes, etc.
- Compact Fluorescent Lights
- Fluorescent Tubes (less than 4' only)
- Shoes
- Christmas and Holiday Lights
- Cell Phones
- Thermostats

These collections are open to all Mercer and Lawrence County residents

Residents shall place their garbage, recycling and yard waste at the curb for collection no earlier than 24 hours before the day of the scheduled service. Carts shall be moved back away from the curb once collection service is completed.

E-Waste Recycling Program

- Year-round @ the City Garage
- 5250 Virginia Road
- **1st & 3rd Fridays** – 7 a.m.-noon
- \$10.00 tag / item. Purchase at the Municipal Building.

Acceptable e-waste includes:

- Televisions
- Cell phones
- Computers (including monitors, keyboards, mice and printers)
- 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 or call TCI @ (724) 748-4705 or tricountyind.com

From the Chief of Police

Eric Jewell, City of Hermitage Chief of Police



For Your Assurance:

If you drive or ride in a motor vehicle regularly, you may at some point in time be pulled over by police for a traffic

violation, vehicle equipment violation or some other statutory or regulatory infraction. Enforcement of traffic law by police is very necessary to keep a safe and orderly transportation system in today's well-travelled society. If no one had to follow the 'rules of the road,' there would be crashes with injuries and/or deaths everywhere. Enforcement of vehicle equipment (safety inspection) standards such as a burned out headlamp, cracked windshield, nonworking brake lights, bald tires, faulty exhaust, etc.; also helps prevent crashes.

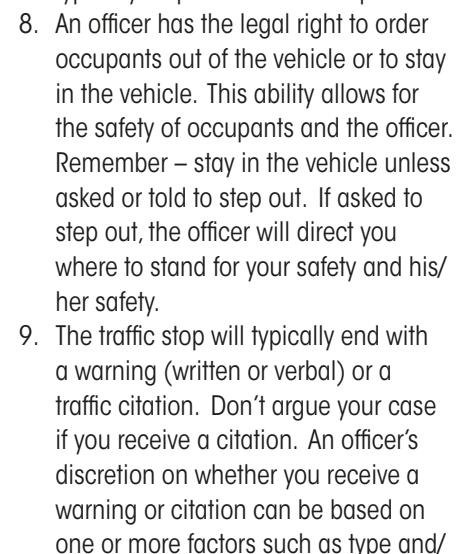
Most people get pulled over for violations, including but not limited to, speeding, failure to signal a turn or lane change, running a red light or stop sign, an expired registration plate or inspection sticker, or an equipment violation. Being pulled over can be stressful, and nearly all of us experience a certain level of anxiety with a traffic stop. Police try to make the stop as safe, brief and professional as possible. Here is some general advice on what to do if pulled over by police.

1. Pull over at a safe location and as far off the roadway as possible. Put on your four-way flashers and stay in your vehicle.
2. Avoid reaching around in your vehicle and keep your hands where police can see them. Furtive movements and unseen hands can alarm officers for safety reasons. The best place for your hands is on top of the steering wheel. If your registration is in the glovebox, tell the officer and he/she will ask you to retrieve it while he/she watches (for officer safety).
3. At night the officer may use his

spotlight or flashlight to illuminate the interior of your vehicle for his/her safety. You may turn on your interior light if you want to enable the officer to see inside your vehicle.

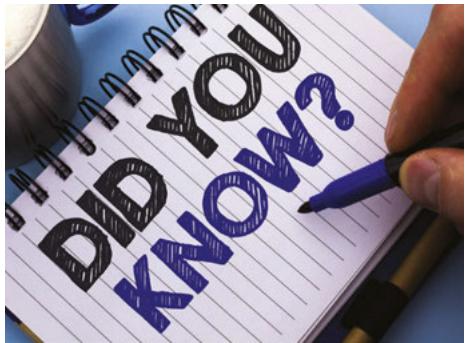
4. The officer may approach your vehicle on either side depending on highway and other safety conditions. Please put the appropriate window down so you and the officer can hear each other clearly. Sometimes a second officer will show up to help with safety.
5. If you lawfully have a firearm in the vehicle, it is requested you tell the officer so there is no misunderstanding if the gun is inadvertently observed.
6. The officer will normally give his rank, name, department name and reason for the stop. The officer will usually ask to see your driver's license, vehicle registration card and proof of insurance card. Always carry these documents when driving your vehicle and know where you keep them. If you forgot your license at home, the officer will look up your information on his/her car computer or through the dispatcher, but you may be asked additional questions or be required to take further steps to confirm your identity.
7. Always be polite and don't argue if you disagree with the reason for the stop. Of course you may explain
8. An officer has the legal right to order occupants out of the vehicle or to stay in the vehicle. This ability allows for the safety of occupants and the officer. Remember – stay in the vehicle unless asked or told to step out. If asked to step out, the officer will direct you where to stand for your safety and his/her safety.
9. The traffic stop will typically end with a warning (written or verbal) or a traffic citation. Don't argue your case if you receive a citation. An officer's discretion on whether you receive a warning or citation can be based on one or more factors such as type and/

your situation but do so courteously. Whether or not you are polite the officer will continue being respectful, but mutual respect works bests. Continued courtesy usually keeps channels of communication open allowing the officer to better explain the violation or reason for the stop and hear the motorist's explanation. Talking on a cell phone while the officer is trying to talk to you makes for poor communication. Sometimes an officer may speak loudly or ask you to repeat your reply due to traffic noises, so please be patient and understanding. Remember, two-way respect always enables good communication and typically helps shorten the stop time.



or severity of violation, number of violations, mission, prior warning(s), extenuating circumstances, and the officer's experience and training. The officer will explain your options if you receive a citation. You will be asked to sign the citation or the officer will write "Refused to Sign." Your signature is an acknowledgement of receipt only and not guilt. Instructions on what to do with the citation are also listed on the reverse side of the driver's copy. If you feel you are not guilty or wish to express special circumstances for the violation, you have a right to a summary trial in traffic court.

Obeying the rules of the road and keeping your vehicle in good repair is the best advice to avoid being pulled over. However, if you do get pulled over, following the simple tips above may help make your traffic stop experience less fraught.



Did You Know...?

During the growing seasons many trees, bushes and plants on corner lots grow out and obstruct the view of oncoming traffic at intersections controlled by a stop sign or traffic signal. PA Vehicle Code 6112 says "It is the duty of the owner of real property to remove from the property any tree, plant, shrub or other similar obstruction, or part thereof, which by obstructing the view of any driver constitutes a traffic hazard." Generally speaking there should be ten feet of sight distance for every mile per hour of the posted speed limit. If a section of road is 35 MPH, there should be 350 feet of sight distance to see approaching traffic. If you have a tree, bush, shrub or other vegetation that is reducing the required sight distance, it is your responsibility by law to remove or trim back the obstruction. Failure to remove the obstruction within ten days after receiving official notification is a summary

offense subject to a \$10 fine per day. Upon request and on a case by case basis the City may reasonably assist property owners with trimming back foliage posing such a traffic hazard even though the greenery is beyond the street right-of-way.

Traffic Safety Tip:

The single-lane Hermitage round-about at the intersection of E. State Street and the Shenango Valley Freeway will be completed before long. Roundabouts, which are becoming more popular in the United States, involve continuous traffic movement to ease congestion, reduce crashes and crash injuries and use less energy. Some drivers who have seldom or never negotiated a round-about may be apprehensive at first simply because it's not a traditional intersection. Here is some easy guidance to help you traverse these circular roadways:

1. Slow down upon approach
2. Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk
3. Yield to traffic already in the round-about
4. Find a safe gap to enter and merge in
5. All traffic entering the circle goes to the right in a counter-clockwise direction around the round-about center.
6. Maintain a low speed in the circle, do not pass and do not stop except to avoid a crash
7. Do not stop in the round-about for an emergency vehicle with activated lights and siren. Proceed to your exit, leave the circle and then yield to the emergency vehicle if it is still behind you.
8. Signal your exit and leave slowly.
9. Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.

See *How to Navigate Pennsylvania's Round-abouts* on PennDOT's website for further information.



Miscellaneous Crime Prevention Tips:

Below are some simple reminders to help prevent you from becoming a victim of theft or fraud. Anyone can be a victim of property or financial crime so consider these time-proven suggestions:

1. Lock your vehicle at all times even in your driveway and do not leave valuables in plain sight inside.
2. Watch for scams on the internet – If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Always check with a friend, family member, banker or police for a second opinion prior to sending money or a credit card number to any internet or computer-related transaction that is a great deal for the price – especially one you did not initiate. Any online or telephone claims of big profits, payouts or winnings; offers to fix an infected computer; threats of being arrested and jailed for supposedly overdue taxes; warnings of immediate utility shut-offs for reportedly unpaid bills, or requests to help a hurt or jailed traveling family member are all huge red flags. Any request for payment by providing gift card numbers is always a fraud. Some scammers still defraud people via the U.S. Mail, but instruct you to call or email them.
3. Always lock up your entire house or apartment when away or asleep.
4. Don't leave high-value packages that are visible on your front porch for too long. If possible, have the delivery driver place them in a pre-arranged hiding spot or arrange for a trusted friend or neighbor to secure them until you get home.
5. Look out for your neighbor's home and report crime and suspicious activity to police right away.

From the Fire Chief's Desk

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



Let's talk fire safety. As we move into the winter months, we tend to see an increase in fires. This is a good time to make sure your smoke

detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly. Another very important fire safety tip is to close your bedroom doors at night. Research has shown, simply closing your bedroom door could save your life in the event of a fire. The UL's Firefighter Safety Research Institute found that during a fire event, rooms with an open door showed temperatures over 1000°F, while a room with a closed door had temperatures at only 100°F. Research also showed that a closed door kept room conditions survivable longer than an open door.

Years ago, on average, victims of a structure fire had 17 minutes to escape a burning home after the activation of a smoke detector. Today, that has dropped to 3 minutes or less. This big change is due to rapid spread of fire throughout the home. Today's homes are built with lightweight

construction, open floor plans, and new materials being used in furnishing. The combination of all these factors contribute to a rapidly growing and spreading fire.

A closed door gives a layer of protection

between you and a fire, especially at night when everyone in the home is sleeping. Closed doors will also help keep the fire in the room and stop the rapid spread of the fire and dangerous smoke. When the door is closed, the fire receives a limited amount of oxygen. Remember, fire needs oxygen and the more oxygen it gets the faster and bigger the fire will grow. When escaping a burning structure, closing the door behind you can help limit property damage and help others get out.

Believe it or not, we as firefighters are taught, in the event of being trapped inside a house fire to look for a bedroom or room that we can close a door to give us more time



to be rescued. If you get caught in a burning structure and your path out has been blocked by fire or thick smoke, put a door between you and the fire to give you more time for us to save you.

Finally, once you are out, Stay Out. There have been multiple people who have lost their lives because they went back into a burning structure to save property. There is no materialistic thing that is worth losing your life over. Smoke from a structure fire contains carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, different chemicals including aldehydes, acid gases, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, PAHs, benzene, and so on. One good breath of this smoke will kill you. Please be safe.

Thank you! A handwritten-style smiley face with a simple circle for a head and a curved line for a smile.

Thank you for your continued support of the Hermitage Police Department.

We take very seriously our mission, which is to serve, protect and enhance the quality of life of its citizens and all who work or visit here, through providing police services as well as the constitutional, ethical and impartial enforcement of Pennsylvania laws and City of Hermitage Ordinances with reasonableness and compassion.

From the Desk of Treasurer

Bernie Harry, City Treasurer

Hello, I hope you are doing well, and I'd like to welcome any new residents to Hermitage.

School Real Estate and **Per Capita** bills were mailed August 1, 2020, and I'd like to remind you that it is your responsibility to notify the Tax Office in the event you did not receive them.

Per Capita is a head tax, waged on every resident over the age of 18 and this year remains at \$35.00.

Please let us know when you move into or out of the City so we can adjust your bill accordingly.

There are exemptions (based on total income) available to those who meet certain requirements, which are \$5,000.00 or less for a total exoneration and \$10,000.00 or less for a partial exoneration. Currently we **are closed to the public, so if you meet the income requirements above, kindly call us and we will instruct you by phone as to how we can accommodate your request.**

The Homestead/Farmstead Act this year gives each approved homeowner a \$105.32 credit on their School Bill. **Remember that**

all approved properties must be owner-occupied. This means the name on the deed must match the person living in the house. You can only receive this credit on one parcel, so if you have a second home, with a Homestead credit, by law you must notify your taxing body to remove one.

Also if there is any change to your deed, through selling or simply a name deletion or change, the Homestead credit will not automatically follow. You will need to re-apply. Forms are available on the County website as well as in our office.

County/City taxes will remain due at the penalty amount through December 31, 2020.

As you may have noticed on your School bill, penalties have been waived and they will remain due at the face amount until December 31, 2020.

All bills will be turned over to the County for collection beginning January 1, 2021.

I'd like once more to clarify "SEPARATE CHECKS". This means that different kinds of tax bills require their own checks. So,

if you have 2 or more School bills, they can be combined to one check and the same for your Per Capita or County/City.

You CANNOT however combine Per Capita with School or County/City payments. They are 3 separate kinds of bills, all requiring their own check.

There is still time to apply for the Property Tax Rebate which has been extended through December. Forms are available on the County website or through our office.

As always, and especially during these unusual circumstances, feel free to call this office at 724-347-4472 and we will be happy to assist you or answer your questions.



Solar Atmospheres Preferred Aerospace Supplier



September 23, 2020 – In August, 2020, Solar Atmospheres of Western Pennsylvania (SAWPA) participated in a Boeing Supplier Assessment. The on-site, preventative engagement resulted in zero findings and Solar, once again, achieving preferred status for Heat Treating, Hardness, and Non-Destructive Liquid Penetrant Testing.

Notably, SAWPA added a state-of-the-art metallurgy lab, since Boeing's last visit, and will be seeking D1-4426 approval for process codes 802 and 803 by end of 2020.

Quality Manager, Melissa Gruszka states, "Adding a full-time metallurgist, technicians, and in-house lab capabilities gives us many significant advantages. We can provide more expertise, better quality, and shorter lead times; enabling us to better serve Boeing and all others."



City of Hermitage

Parks & Recreation

800 North Hermitage Road
Hermitage, PA 16148

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STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Sharon, PA
PERMIT No. 83



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 Historical Society

5465 East State Street • 724-346-0419



The Hermitage Historical Society is cancelling its member meetings throughout the remainder of 2020. We hope to resume meetings in February/March of 2021 on the third Tuesday of the month. We will notify the community when our meetings resume.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we are postponing our Christmas tree tours this year. We are saddened by this as it is a great way to bring the community into our beautiful historic house, but it will be back next year!

We are in search of members for our Accession Committee and anyone interested in Website Design.

New members are always welcome:

- Students = \$5 per year
- Individuals = \$10 per year
- Family = \$25 per year
- Lifetime = \$150 once

Stewart house rentals (showers, weddings, meetings, etc.)
- \$150/4 hours (no alcohol permitted)

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.



Try mulching leaves in place (on the lawn) with your mower. It's good for the grass and good for the environment. If you must rake, please compost leaves on your property or use the green-lid yard waste bins or biodegradable leaf bags for pick-up by Tri-County. Don't rake leaves into streams or ditches or onto the road.



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