

**2021 Hermitage  
Arts Festival  
July 31-August 1**  
Details enclosed.

## Spotlight Business

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Hermitage Arts Festival Marketplace Application  
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## spotlight business



# HOTRODS Sub Shop celebrates 27 years while offering a variety of 50 sandwiches

Contributed by Dick Davis



Rod Murray and Jodi Shealy preparing one of many sandwiches at HOTRODS.

### HOTRODS Sub Shop

2923 E. State St.  
Hermitage, PA 16148

**724-346-6420**

Hours:

**Monday-Friday:** 11 a.m.- 5:45 p.m.

**Saturday:** 11 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Hotrods is on Facebook

"People have to eat," says Rod Murray, reflecting on opening his sub shop 27 years ago. "Give people a great product at a fair price and treat everyone like you would want to be treated is what I do every day. I enjoy talking with people so this has been a great fit."

April 4 was Hotrods' 27th anniversary in Hermitage at 2923 E. State St. The main entrance faces Dutch Lane in the strip plaza owned by The Nugent Group. It also has parking in the back and a back entrance to

the restaurant with seating for 32 plus take-out and delivery.

"Most of my customers come here very often," Rod adds. "I have enjoyed talking and getting to know them over the years. The only downfall is that time goes so fast—I can't believe it's been 27 years."

The steak supreme sub is a customer favorite with its chipped steaks, coleslaw, French fries, cherry peppers, lettuce, tomatoes, provolone cheese, mayo, and Hotrods' own Italian dressing. This is Rod's favorite while the pepperoni and honey ham sub is the favorite of employee Jodi Shealy.

In addition to subs of various sizes, HOTRODS offers gyros, wedgies, salads, French Fries, fried mushrooms, onion rings, macaroni salad, nachos, cheese sticks, various seasonal soups and chili, potato chips, and soda. Party trays, party subs, party rings, deli trays and special trays for school fundraising activities are available with one-day notice.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Rod says adjustments have been made to accommodate the needs of customers and employees.

**"If you've tried the rest,  
go with the best"**



## Hermitage Arts Festival July 31-August 1, 2021

A free event featuring an artist marketplace, OH WOW's Mr. Ralph, a pet costume contest, Hermitage Recognition Day Celebration, fireworks, Saturday concert featuring "Menagerie" and other local bands, and so much more!



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



## Buhl Park Community Pool Passes

### Pool Opens May 29, 2021

- **Family Pass \$75.00** – Includes 4 passes per household. Children 3 and under are free.
- **Single Pass \$37.50** – All ages. Children 3 and under are free.
- **Add-On passes** – Families of 4 or more in the same household are available for \$25 per person.

**Purchase a Pass Online** (credit card only):  
<https://buhlpark.typeform.com/to/ui4xXPYw>

**Pass Pick up:** Pool passes can be picked up at Buhl Park's Pool House during opening weekend (May 29-31, or your first visit).

**Please note the Pool will be closed June 1-4 and will open for the season on Saturday, June 5th.**

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



## Hermitage School District Summer Academy 2021



The Hermitage School District will be holding our 12th annual Summer Academy with a variety of course offerings for many grade levels. Each year our district teachers develop innovative and engaging courses centered on a variety of academic topics including Camp Invention, computer programming, math

challenges, the arts, science, and reading. Course information and online enrollment is available on our district website, [www.hermitage.k12.pa.us](http://www.hermitage.k12.pa.us). Be sure to register soon, as courses will fill up quickly. We hope your child will be able to take advantage of this wonderful and exciting learning opportunity!

### Success by Six™ 2021

The United Way and Hermitage School District are proud to offer the Success by Six™ summer program for incoming Kindergarten students for the 18th straight year! This program provides students the opportunity

to familiarize themselves with our staff, building, and daily procedures before the start of the school year at no cost to the families and transportation is provided daily. Each day, students participate in academic and social skill lessons and activities to build a strong foundation prior to the first day of school. If you are interested in having your incoming Kindergarten attend Success by Six™, please be sure your child is fully registered for Kindergarten and contact the Artman Office at 724-981-8750, ext. 5001.



# Summer Rec Programs

The City of Hermitage and the Hermitage School District are proud sponsors of this program.

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

## Adult Summer Rec Program



**Starting July 19**

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>

The following activities will be offered beginning Monday, June 14 through Friday, July 30, 2021

## Summer Rec

Day Camp (previously Playground)

(Grades 2 - 7)

Arts & Crafts (Grades 2 - 6)

Swimming Buhl Park Pool

Tennis Lessons (Grades 2 - Adult)

## Track & Field

Cross Country & Distance Running

(Grades 7 - 12)

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

Sprinting & Hurdling (Grades 7 - 12)

## Basketball

Girls Basketball (Grades 3 - 12)

Boys Basketball (Grades 3 - 12)

## Wrestling

## Elementary Summer Camp

Nature Summer Camp

There is a \$50 fee for this program.

(Ages 3 up to entering 1st grade)

## Youth Sports Program

Start Smart Baseball (Ages 3-5)

Begins July 12

There is a \$65 fee for this program.

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

## Top End Soccer Training (TEST)

**Presented by:** Stephen Morimando

Dribbling-Shooting-Passing-Positions-Skill Moves

**Dates:** June 14-16

**Ages 5-7:** 6-7:00 p.m.

**Ages 8-10:** 7:15-8:15 p.m.

**Cost:** \$30 for all three days

**Location:** TBD

**Questions:** 724-355-3166

**Register Online:**

[www.topendsoccer.com](http://www.topendsoccer.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:

### SUMMER T-BALL/COACHES PITCH:

Co-ed instructional league for ages 3-7  
Register today-May 31st.

### 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.

**YOUTH PERSONAL TRAINING:** One-on-one personalized workouts designed to help kids achieve their health, wellness and/or athletic goals. Individuals will work out under the supervision of a nationally certified personal trainer. Ages: 8 and up.

### WORKOUT INSTRUCTION FOR TEENS

**(W.I.T.):** 4 fun, stimulating, and educational sessions. Kids learn how to eat healthier and to execute proper exercise techniques. Once completed, kids 12-13 can use the fitness center on their own. Ages: 12 and up.

### 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.

**KID START:** Co-ed program geared to kick start a lifetime of healthy habits. Classes run 6-weeks and are packed full of fun. Includes physical activities, interactive wellness lessons, and weekly challenges. Ages 3-7 and 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 are offered weekly.
- FREE FOR ALL MEMBERS.
- Huge variety of classes: times, types and intensities for anyone.

**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.



## Buhl Community Recreation Center

[www.fhbuhlclub.org](http://www.fhbuhlclub.org) • 724-981-3700



### Spring/Summer Swim Lessons:

Ages 6 months and up. Registration begins May 3rd.  
The 6 week session begins May 17th.

**Fee:** Free for family memberships,  
\$30 youth members, \$65 non members.

For more information please call 724-981-3700 ext. 102  
or visit our website at [www.buhlclub.org](http://www.buhlclub.org)

### Buhl Club Summer Day Camp:

June 7th - August 27th

Monday-Friday: 9:00am - 4:00pm (Free early/late care available)

**Includes:** new curriculum, weekly themes, swimming, field trips, free lunch/  
snack daily, CCIS accepted, discounts for Buhl Club members.

For more information please call our Buhl Club Child Development  
Center: 724-981-3700 ext. 121 or visit our website. [www.buhlclub.org](http://www.buhlclub.org)

# Buhl Farm Park – Spring 2021

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

## Summer Youth Program (SYP)



Camp counselors lead engaging activities on subjects such as environmental

education, team building, creative arts, sports and recreation. This program not only offers children outdoor play while learning in a safe outdoor environment, but it also provides them the opportunities to meet children from other schools. **Pre-Registration is REQUIRED.**

### NEW FOR 2021: REGISTER FOR INDIVIDUAL WEEKS

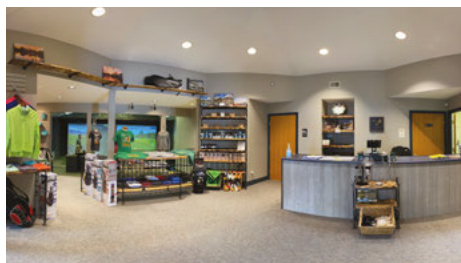
**Week 1:** June 14-18 • **Week 2:** June 21-25

**Week 3:** June 28-July 2 • **Week 4:** July 5-9

**Week 5:** July 12-16 • **Week 6:** July 19-23

**Per Week:** \$50 • **All 6 weeks:** \$250

For more information or to register online, visit [www.buhlpark.org/syp](http://www.buhlpark.org/syp)



## Golf Course Update

Recently remodeled and opened to the public, The Shop at Buhl Park is located at the Buhl Park Golf Course and Driving Range. Home to all of your Buhl Park merchandise needs: drinkware, apparel, art pieces and many other accessories. The Shop at Buhl Park is also home to golf and pickleball equipment all available for sale. There are two state-of-the-art Trackman Indoor Golf Simulators. Tee times are available daily, along with leagues, clinics and private lessons. We are excited to introduce some NEW features for the upcoming 2021 season:

- Driving Range signage and targets
- Full-service Golf Shop: club fittings, re-gripping and re-shafting
- Apparel and golf accessories



- Short game practice area: bunker and chipping green (late 2021)

Along with these additions, we are also asking ALL players to check-in inside the Golf Shop PRIOR to play. This will allow us to better track the amount of golfers and also gives everyone a chance to check out the new shop.

## Together is a Beautiful Place To Be

Spring is a beautiful time of year when the sun starts to shine, everything is blossoming, and wedding season is just around the corner. A Buhl Park Wedding is the perfect setting to capture the natural views that are tucked away in our valley. From lush trees to the flowing Lake, the Park creates a romantic scene that transcends time. With four different outdoor ceremony locations and options for a reception, the Park offers a wide variety of spaces to choose from. Even with last minute planning, we will be sure to find the perfect location for your event in beautiful Buhl Park.

For more information on booking your event, contact [annie@buhlfarmpark.com](mailto:annie@buhlfarmpark.com)



## Save the Date

**May 8:** Early Bird Open Disc Golf Tournament, SV Disc Golf Association.

**May 15:** Spring Bird Walk, 9AM. Meet at the Buhl Casino parking lot.

**May 28:** Outdoor Pool and Julia's Cafe opens for the season.

**May 28:** Buhl Park Golf Scramble (Joe Val): Buhl and Avalon Golf Course.

**June 18:** Free Movie Under the Stars: begins at dusk, PAC Outdoor Stage.

**June 20:** Summer Concert Series begins: PAC Outdoor Stage.



## Community Library of the Shenango Valley

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

**Story Time:** Kids come down to the library the 12, 19, 26 of May at 10:30 AM and have fun with Miss Vikkie as she reads books, makes a craft and, has fun! Registration required, please call to register.

**Music and Movement:** Join Miss Jess May 7 at 10:30 AM for fun with music! Registration is required, please call to register.

**Fine Arts Painting:** Welcome back Don Gold as he joins the library once more for his painting class. May 8 and 22 at 10:30!

**Odd Holiday and Month Facebook Video Series:** Tune in every Tuesday and see Charissa make something new to go along with an odd holiday or month celebration!

**Summer Reading:** Summer Reading starts this year on June 14! This year will be a mix of in person programs and activities through the library's Beanstack in the app and online. The theme this year is Tails and Tales focusing on animals. Keep watching the library's website for more details the closer to summer we get.

**As always keep an eye on the Library Facebook page and website for more details and programs to come!**

**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



# Hermitage Recycling, Yard Waste, Garbage

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

## 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 [tricountyind.com](http://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.



## Bulk Cleanup

The bulk cleanup days have been scheduled for the week of **May 3, 2021** (on regular collection day) and the week of **September 27, 2021** (on regular collection day).

## 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 is a contributor to stormwater pollution, contaminating water bodies with bacteria, parasites, and viruses. One gram of dog waste can contain as much as 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, which can cause cramps, intestinal illness, and kidney issues in humans, which can leach into the water if dog waste is not properly disposed of.

Please make sure to pick up after your pet!

[www.stormwaterpa.org](http://www.stormwaterpa.org)

[www.dcnr.pa.gov](http://www.dcnr.pa.gov)

## NOTICE

### CITY OF HERMITAGE RESIDENTS WEEKLY YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGAN THE WEEK OF MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021

Yard waste collection will take place as part of your normal curbside collection on a weekly basis starting the week of April 12th and ending the 2nd week in December.

### Green Lid = YARD WASTE



(Green-lid) yard waste carts or biodegradable bags may be placed at the curb on a weekly basis on your regular collection day, the week of April 12th through the 2nd week in December. There is no limit to the amount of biodegradable bags a household can place at the curb.

### Acceptable yard waste includes:

Leaves, Grass clippings, Plants and flowers, Roots, Sawdust, Shrubbery and pruning, Branches, tree limbs under 3" in diameter, Brush up to 3' in length.

# news and updates

## LindenPointe

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



The eAcademy@LindenPointe looked a little different this year offering hybrid learning through a generous grant from First Energy Foundation Gifts of the Season. Thirty senior high school students from area school districts were accepted into the seventh year of the dual enrollment program. The collaborative program teaches business, entrepreneurial, and leadership skills while exposing students to real-world business operations. The LindenPointe Development Corporation operates the program and also oversees the eCenter@LindenPointe, a business incubator.

During the academic year startup teams progressed through three main curriculum

resources:

1. MITs 23 Steps to a Successful Startup by Bill Aulet from Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2. Entrepreneurship: The Practice and Mindset by Heidi Neck from Babson College
3. Corporate teambuilding and training workshops designed to increase workforce development and soft skills

The three main resources supported the students through the processes of ideation, customer development, product design, and group dynamics. Eight startup teams produced investment pitches, lean business plans, and prototypes for their ideas. One of the

teams, Full Access, placed first at a local idea competition and was approached by a leading economic development agency to further their startup.

Tours of regional businesses, and guest speakers throughout the year added tangible value to the program. This year some of the guest speakers included: Cyber Security expert Jonathan Steenland, Penn Northwest Executive Director Rod Wilt, Leadership Shenango Cohort, and Cloud Wars Top 10 Founder Bob Evans.

Student tours of area businesses started with Buhl Farm Park and boating on Lake Julia, the Food Waste to Energy Facility, and then small businesses in downtown Sharon. Students also toured the Grove City Airport, speaking with the Skydive Pennsylvania Team, visited the Shenango River Lake and Dam with the US Army Corps of Engineers, and toured the BRITE Energy Innovators Labs in Warren Ohio. The year ended with an outdoor teambuilding activity at Go Ape Ropes Course in Pittsburgh.

All in all this was a difficult and challenging year as everyone lived through a pandemic and students adjusted to hybrid learning, despite that eAcademy still demonstrated the grit and determination of startup businesses and what can be accomplished even in times of adversity.

## 27th Hermitage Fraternal Order of Police 4-Person Golf Scramble

**Saturday, June 5, 2021**

Shotgun start at 8:00 am

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

**No Refunds. Entry Fee Must Accompany Entry.**

**Appropriate COVID-19 safety measures are being taken into consideration for the event.**

**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, 2021

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



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

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

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

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

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



# Hermitage Historical Society

5465 East State Street • 724-346-0419



The Hermitage Historical Society is open and ready for a great spring/summer full of activities. We would like to thank all of those who made generous donations towards our window replacement project. Keeping our beautiful 1869 Stewart House in great shape is truly a community-led effort. The historical society is seeking old photos with captions/identifiers.

## Upcoming Events:

*(masks required for indoor events please)*

## OPEN TO PUBLIC MEETINGS WITH GUEST SPEAKERS:

**April 20:** Annette Selenchik speaking on the Allegheny Bike Trails

**May 18:** Connie White speaking on cemetery memorial gravestone cleaning

## OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET

**JUNE 11-12** (8:00am-3:00pm):

**Vendors:** \$10/day (setup 7:00am)  
15' space (bring own tables)

We are seeking donations of saleable items for the flea market; anyone interested, please contact Rod at 724-877-7996.

## 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 per 4 hours (no alcohol permitted)

## HERMITAGE GROWERS & ARTISANS MARKET

STARTING JULY 9  
FRIDAYS • 3-6 PM

Vendors will be a minimum of 10 feet apart, patrons should observe physical distancing, masks and gloves for all. One customer per family at a time.

## NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

740 N Hermitage Rd, Hermitage, PA 16148

Applications available @hermitage.net



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FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

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# From the Chief of Police . . . . .

Eric Jewell, *City of Hermitage Chief of Police*



## Community Engagement:

Part of improving community relations and building greater trust is getting to know the officers of the Hermitage Police

Department (HPD) and learning what they do and why. HPD is hosting its first ever Citizens Police Academy to introduce residents to various aspects of law enforcement and the criminal justice system as a whole. Attendees will learn interesting facts, see demonstrations and equipment, tour HPD, and meet a variety of HPD officers and members of the local criminal justice system. If you want to gain a better understanding of practical applications of the law, police procedural dynamics or are interested in police work or criminal justice in general or as a career, please apply. The Academy is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 1, 2021; from 5:30 pm to 8pm; and continue every Wednesday through November 3, 2021. There is a simple application/selection process and class size will be limited to approximately 20 attendees. Join us for an interesting, informative and enjoyable time. Please contact Officer Sam Staples, Community Engagement Officer and Citizens Police Academy Director, at [ss Staples@hermitage.net](mailto:ss Staples@hermitage.net) or 724-983-6780, Ext. 1766, or Chief Jewell at [ejewell@hermitage.net](mailto:ejewell@hermitage.net) or 724-983-6780, Ext. 1600, for an application or further information.

## Traffic Safety:

The Hermitage round-about intersection is a huge traffic safety improvement success according to Hermitage Police Department crash data to date. Since the round-about's opening last year, there have been only three reported minor crashes (accidents) as follows:

1. One crash involved an intoxicated driver who failed to maintain control around the rotary. The drunken driving issue is a no brainer so we won't further discuss the obvious fact the vehicle operator was incapable of safe driving in the first place.
2. One crash involved a vehicle striking the

rear of another motorist who was waiting to enter the circle. Every driver has a duty to bring his/her vehicle to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead to avoid rear-ending a slowing or stopped vehicle. Always watch your twelve o'clock (front) approaching a round-about.

3. One crash involved a motorist who failed to yield right of way to traffic already in the round-about. Yielding to priority traffic already in the circle is a must. Remember, you do not need to stop at the yield sign if the immediate round-about section is free of approaching traffic. Always watch your nine o'clock (left) when entering the round-about and yield if necessary.

In closing, there are three normal yield responsibilities for every driver with respect to safely negotiating a round-about intersection. These responsibilities are yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks, yielding to slowing or stopped traffic in front of your vehicle and yielding to traffic already in the circle. That said, slow down upon approach, figure your timing to safely merge, enter without stopping if clear or yield (slow down or stop) if traffic is present, and do not stop while in the round-about.

## Crime Prevention:

As the warm weather finally reaches us the yard work and outdoor recreational activities begin. At the end of the play or work day remember to put away expensive tools (chain saws, weed trimmers, ladders, lawn mowers, toolboxes, etc.) and toys (ATVs, bicycles, sports equipment, etc.) in locked sheds and garages. Keep a description (make, model, serial number, etc.) of high value tools and toys to give to police should they be stolen. Locked doors and windows, security lights and cameras, alarm systems and trusted neighbors looking out for one another all help reduce theft. Should you become the victim of theft or observe a suspicious person, vehicle or activity call Hermitage police immediately at 911 for an in-progress crime or emergency and 724-662-6110 for after the fact crime reporting or non-emergency.

## Know the Law:

Many residents have asked if owning, possessing or using a stun gun or taser is

lawful in Pennsylvania. Use or Possession of Electric or Electronic Incapacitation Device, Pennsylvania Crimes Code Section 908.1; says, in part, "A person commits an offense if the person does any of the following: (1) Uses an electric or electronic incapacitation device on another person for an unlawful purpose" and (2) possesses, with intent to violate paragraph (1), an electric or electronic incapacitation device." However, Section 908.1 lists self defense as an exception to the law by saying, in part, "A person may possess and use an electric or electronic incapacitation device in the exercise of reasonable force in the defense of the person or the person's property..." Any person who is prohibited by law from possessing a firearm may not possess or use an electric or electronic incapacitation device. Read Section 908.1 in its entirety for additional important information.

## Officer Recognitions for Recent Accomplishments:

1. **Sergeant Michael Martin** and **Officer Camillo DiLorenzo** received the Hermitage Police Department Life Saving Award for saving the life of a Hermitage resident by utilizing an AED and performing CPR.
2. Officer **John Kudelko** received the Northwestern Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association Meritorious Service Medal for exemplary service in traffic safety and enforcement.
3. Detectives **Todd Saylor** and **Derek Songer** received the Hermitage Police Department Certificate of Commendation for exemplary major case investigative work.
4. Officer **Brad Davis** received the Hermitage Police Department Certificate of Commendation for exemplary service in 2020 with the Traffic Safety Enforcement Unit.
5. Officer **Louis Lauderbaugh** received the Hermitage Police Department Certificate of Commendation for exemplary investigative follow-up on a number of fraud and theft cases.
6. Officer **Anthony Moses** received the Hermitage Police Department Certificate of Commendation for exemplary performance and humanitarian service as a school resource officer.



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

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



As spring is approaching, the Hermitage Fire Department has seen an up tick in grass fires and brush fires. This is mainly due to people burning during high wind conditions. As

a reminder, during windy days, you are not allowed to burn. If a hot ember blows into the dry grass, the fire could spread very rapidly which might cause damage to your property or your neighbor's property. If you cause damage to your neighbor's property, you are financially responsible for the damage. Please check the weather conditions prior to burning.

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. Here are some simple tips for safe grilling.

## **SAFETY TIPS:**

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.

- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill. Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

## **CHARCOAL GRILLS:**

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

## **GAS GRILLS:**

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately shut the grill off and get away from the grill. If the leaking gas catches fire, call the fire department. Do not move the grill while the grill is lit. If the flame goes out while cooking, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

**Have a great, safe summer and enjoy those cook outs.**



# From the Desk of the Treasurer . . . . .

Bernie Harry, *City Treasurer*

Hello everyone and Happy Spring! I hope you are enjoying our wonderful weather. Yes, we are still closed to the public, but we are here to help you in any way possible. Always feel free to call our office directly at 724-347-4472.

The County/City Real Estate bills were mailed on March 1, 2021, so if you have not received yours, please let us know. Your School Real Estate and your Per Capita bills will be mailed on Aug. 1, 2021.

The mailing dates are always the same, so mark your calendar and let us know if you need assistance.

Just reach out to us and we will send a duplicate to your address.

**I would like to once again explain**

**the memo stating separate checks...The County/City bill is one combined bill and payable in total on one check. School Bills require their own check as do County/City bills and Per Capita bills. Again, like bills may be combined but different types of bills cannot.**

**Remember, whether you own a home or rent an apartment, you are required to register all members of your household who are over the age of 18 for Per Capita billing. The amount of the head tax this year is \$30.00 per person.**

We always have Homestead forms in our office. If you have never applied or have had a deed change, give us a call and we will explain the process to you.

We also have Tax rebate forms available.

**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.**

We are available by phone for your questions or concerns and payments may be made via mail or our secure drop box located on the north side of the building.

Stay Safe.





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## The Pennsylvania Energy Efficient New Homes Program Can Help Homebuyers Find an Energy Savvy Builder in the Hermitage Market

Homebuyers in today's market desire homes that are energy-efficient and cost-effective. The Pennsylvania Energy Efficient New Homes Program, offered by FirstEnergy's Pennsylvania utilities (Met-Ed, Penelec, Penn Power and West Penn Power), connects Hermitage homebuyers with builders who achieve energy efficiency through superior construction practices.

Builders that participate in the Pennsylvania Energy Efficient New Homes Program use advanced building techniques with high-efficiency heating and cooling systems to deliver energy-efficient new homes that are both cost-effective and comfortable. New homebuyers can benefit from the many advantages of buying a new home that is built by a Pennsylvania Energy Efficient New Homes builder.

If you are currently in the market for a new home, watch this short video to learn more about energy-efficient homes built to a higher standard and verified by a certified third-party HERS Rater.

For more information on the advantages of buying an energy-efficient new home, visit Pennsylvania Energy Efficient New Homes today. FirstEnergy wants to help you find a participating builder that can put you in a desirable energy-efficient new home in the Hermitage area.

### Social Media Content

Buying a new home can seem like a grueling process with so many decisions that factor into your investment. One important element to consider is the energy performance

of your new home. The Pennsylvania Energy Efficient New Homes program, offered by FirstEnergy's Pennsylvania utilities (Met-Ed, Penelec, Penn Power and West Penn Power), can help ensure you're finding new homes that are built to a higher standard, and are designed and constructed for energy efficiency to provide you with more peace-of-mind and lower energy costs. Visit Pennsylvania Energy Efficient New Homes (<https://energysavepa-newhomes.com/home-buyers/>) today to find a builder that constructs new homes in the Hermitage area, or watch this short video to learn more about homes built for more comfort, better indoor air quality, and increased savings.



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