



# Community Update

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# HERMITAGE – WHEATLAND MERGER

On November 8, voters in the City of Hermitage and the Borough of Wheatland will have an opportunity to decide whether or not the Borough will become part of the City with the boundaries of Hermitage expanded to include what is now the Borough of Wheatland. The following question will appear on the ballot in the general election **"Shall the Borough of Wheatland be merged into the City of Hermitage, effective January 1, 2024?"** An affirmative vote in both municipalities would put the merger into effect on January 1, 2024. Hermitage would continue to be governed as a Home Rule City in accordance with the Hermitage Home Rule Charter, the Hermitage Code of Ordinances, and all other legislation previously adopted by Hermitage, and all fees and charges for government services will be uniform throughout the merged municipality and based upon the rates in effect in Hermitage.

As background, Hermitage has been providing, under contract, full police services to Wheatland since 2016. Also, since 2017, the City has provided basic street maintenance services to the Borough.

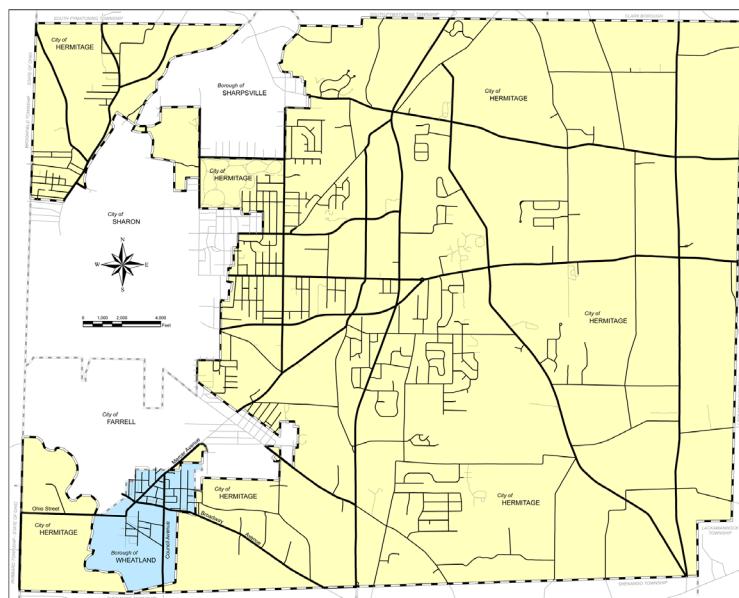
In October 2019, Wheatland elected officials inquired if Hermitage would be interested in discussing a potential merger of the two municipalities. After discussions with state officials, in February 2020, both municipalities adopted resolutions authorizing the process to move forward with Wheatland making application for funding for a study. After receiving notice of a Department of Community &

Economic Development grant award, in January 2021, the Pennsylvania Economy League (PEL) was chosen to conduct a study of a possible merger between Hermitage and Wheatland. That study, presented to each of the municipalities governing bodies in November 2021, concluded that constituents in both municipalities would benefit from improved long term financial health. In July 2022, both Hermitage and Wheatland adopted identical ordinances electing to enter

Hermitage along with a considerable amount of vacant industrial property that would be available for future development. Wheatland property owners would see a significant reduction in municipal property taxes and, as part of Hermitage, would be eligible to participate in City programs such as offerings through the Parks & Recreation Dept., free library cards and reduced pool passes at Buhl Park.

Finally, this merger would apply solely to the municipal governments. It would not affect the boundaries of school districts. Wheatland is currently part of the Farrell Area School District and that would not change if this merger is approved.

More information, including the full PEL study, Joint Agreement and adopting ordinance can be found on the City website at [www.hermitage.net](http://www.hermitage.net).



into a Joint Agreement with each other providing for the merger of Wheatland into Hermitage, authorizing the referendum for the voters to approve or reject a merger, and setting the effective date of January 1, 2024, if approved.

A merger would provide Hermitage with increased annual revenues in addition to a significant cash reserve that would come to the City from the Borough to be placed in the City's Capital Improvement Reserve Fund. All Borough property and equipment would become property of Hermitage. Wheatland residents and several successful businesses and industries would become part of

## Other facts:

- Hermitage has a land area of 29.56 square miles, Wheatland 0.87 square miles
- Hermitage population is 16,230, Wheatland population is 585 (2020 census)
- Hermitage has 97 full-time employees and 3 part-time employees, Wheatland has 1 part-time employee
- Hermitage real estate tax is 5 mills, Wheatland real estate tax is 24.75 mills
- Hermitage earned income tax is 1.75%, Wheatland earned income tax is 1.0%
- Hermitage must travel through Wheatland to get to parts of Hermitage.



# HERMITAGE NIGHT MARKET



## Hermitage Athletic Complex (HAC)



The City of Hermitage recently acquired eighteen (18) acres of land abutting the Hermitage Athletic Complex (HAC) located on South Darby Road through funding from the PA Commonwealth Finance Authority (CFA) because of the efforts of State Senator Michele Brooks and Representative Mark Longietti. The Senator and Representative were key supporters of the CFA grant to purchase the additional property adjoining the complex. Gary Hinkson, City Manager, commented: "The receipt of these funds was made possible through a strong working partnership with Senator Michele Brooks and Representative Mark Longietti."

The City now owns and operates the 72-acre HAC, which is located adjacent to the Hermitage Little League and is unparalleled in

the region. The vision of the complex has developed over the past 15 years. In 2007, an ad hoc Recreation Facilities Advisory Committee appointed by the Board of Commissioners to provide input and make recommendations on recreational facilities to address identified needs in the city, supported the purchase of the South Darby Road property to construct a multi-use recreational facility. The committee represented various youth sports organizations and community volunteers from city boards and commissions.

The original construction was completed in 2010 and various phases were made possible due in large part to a series of state grants totaling nearly \$700,000. In addition to the most recent \$183,000 site acquisition grant from the CFA, Senator Brooks and Representative Longietti were instrumental in securing a \$175,000 CFA grant to build a second multi-purpose playfield and an extension of the recreational trail and a \$150,000 CFA grant to construct a maintenance and youth sports storage facility, along with two (2) Pennsylvania

The City hosted its inaugural monthly night market this summer, revamping its weekly farmers market into a monthly fun and family friendly night out featuring local artisans, farmers, food trucks and entertainers. Being the first of its kind in the area and being a first time event for The City, the Night Market was met with an enormous outpouring of support from attendees and vendors.

The Night Market featured over 64 different vendors and sought to provide an assortment of various goods from local and surrounding communities. A big thank you to those who came out to support the market. We are already looking forward to next season!



*Jessica Gotch, incoming Director of Recreation and Community Events, State Representative Mark Longietti, and State Senator Michele Brooks*

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grants totaling \$180,000 to renovate the Hermitage Little League "American Field" and to add lights and trail around the HAC youth softball field #2.

Planning is underway for the construction of an internal trail system, a trail head parking area adjacent to South Darby Road, and a DEK hockey facility.

The City of Hermitage Board of Commissioners is committed to continuing a strategic, phased site development of the athletic complex to meet identified community recreational needs.



## Hermitage

# Holiday Light Parade

The 24th Annual Hermitage Holiday Light Parade is scheduled for **Saturday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m.** The route for the parade begins at the intersection of East State Street and North Kerrwood Drive (Kraynak's and Hermitage Town Plaza), travels east on State Street to the intersection of Route 18, turns left and proceeds to the entrance of the Shenango Valley Mall. Entries are judged on: originality, creativity, the use of lights & music, and a holiday theme. Results will be posted on [www.hermitage.net](http://www.hermitage.net).

This yearly community event draws over 15,000 people to our Central Business District, and we are asking all businesses along East State Street (*especially those along the parade route*) to participate by decorating with holiday lights.

**To enter a float or decorated vehicle, or for more information, contact Amy Gargiulo at 724-981-0800. Space is limited, so please register early.**



## Annual Merry Christmas Mile

**Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022 - 5:50pm Sharp** - No delay on start time

**Runners and walkers are welcome!** Benefits the Hickory Cross Country Team

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Age on Race Day: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Gender (Circle One):

Male or Female

T-shirt Size: **YM YL S M L XL XXL**

I hereby certify that I am in good physical condition and hereby assume all risks and liabilities related to my participation. I understand the race course is on public roads and could include uneven surfaces. I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, release the Hermitage School District, All Race Sponsors, any municipalities or other public entities (and their respective agents and employees) and all volunteers from all claims for injury suffered by me while participating in this event. I understand that the entry fee is non-refundable. I also give permission for free use of my name, picture, or likeness for any purposes related to the race.

\*Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Signature of Parent/Guardian  
if age 18 or under: \_\_\_\_\_

**Course description:** 1-mile race for runners, as well as walkers, that starts 10 minutes before the Hermitage Light Up Parade. This "miracle mile" will be run on the parade route where 8,000 to 10,000 spectators line the entire distance. We encourage participants to dress in costume! Come prepared to run your PR in the mile! The start will be on Kerrwood Drive near Kraynaks, proceed down East State Street hill towards the Shenango Valley Mall, finishing on Rt. 18 by Hickory United Methodist Church.

**Awards:** Awards will be given to the top 3 Open Male and Female finishers and the top male/female masters. Plus, awards for the best 3 costumes! Awards will also be given to the top finishers in the following age categories: Men and women 10 and under 11-14/15-19/20-29/30-39/40-49/50-59/60-69/70 and up

Register by mail or for an additional fee there is online registration at [www.runhigh.com](http://www.runhigh.com).



### Early Registration:

\$12 without T-shirt or \$24 includes T-shirt  
(postmarked by Saturday, November 12th)

*\*Availability of race shirts only guaranteed to those pre-registered by November 12th.*

### Race day Registration:

\$14 without T-shirt  
Both pre-registration packet pick up and race day registration will be from 4:30pm-5:40pm in the Kraynaks parking lot (side facing Kerrwood Drive)

### Mail the form and check payable to:

Hickory Cross Country Boosters

**Attention:** Tiffany Wolf, 1600 Idaho

Street, Hermitage, PA 16148

Registration Fees are Not Refundable

For more information email inquiries to: [tiffwolf81@gmail.com](mailto:tiffwolf81@gmail.com)

## Community Food Warehouse Holiday Food Drive

The Community Food Warehouse continues to serve over 4,000 households throughout Mercer County.

Help us Starve Hunger.

Feed Hope during this holiday season.

### Hermitage Holiday Light Parade

November 19th

Parade goers may also bring their food donations to the parade to be collected, as in previous years!

### Truck-Full of Hope Food Drive

November 1st - December 17th

Bring your food donations to Diehl Chevrolet of Hermitage to fill the truck.



#### Much needed items:

canned meats, tuna, fruits, peanut butter, vegetables and cereals. No glass items please.

## Hermitage Historical Society

5465 East State Street • 724-346-0419 • Follow Us on Facebook

The Hermitage Historical Society is busy preparing our beautiful 1869 Stewart mansion for fall and Christmas activities! If you choose to contact the Hermitage Historical Society for any of the following, please contact us at: 724-877-7996.

A huge thank you to all who attended or participated in our flea markets this summer. Along with our Christmas tours, this is our primary source of revenue to keep the Hermitage Historical Society Stewart House maintained and updated with repairs that are ever more costly. If any community member would like to make a donation to the historical society to help with maintenance costs, we would be greatly appreciative!

We are always seeking pictures of our community or events from

our local past, artifacts, Hickory/Hermitage yearbooks, and more. If you have any interest in donating an item, or even allowing us to make copies of old pictures of the community we would be very thankful.

We were just donated an antique sleigh from a local barn that was just torn down. If anyone has any interest or knowledge of how to restore the sleigh for display at the historical society, please contact us.

Christmas tree tours begin the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Help us celebrate our 20th year of Christmas decorations for an unforgettable experience! If you or your organization are interested in decorating a tree or would like to volunteer at the house during our tours, please call 724-854-0712.



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**UPCOMING SPEAKER:**  
*Open to public at the Stewart House*

**October 18** - Tom Darby from Hermitage Waste Recycling Plant

**Stewart House Rentals**  
*(showers, weddings, meetings, etc.):*  
\$150 per 4 hours

Family=\$25 per year  
Lifetime=\$150 once

**New Members  
Are Always Welcome:**

Students=\$5 per year  
Individuals=\$10 per year

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## Old Hickory Craft Show

Saturday, October 15  
9am - 3pm

**TRICK OR Treat**

**City of Hermitage**  
**October 31, 2022**  
**4:30-6:30 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.

## Community Library of the Shenango Valley

11 N. Sharpsville Ave., Sharon, PA 16146



Book sale will be held October 12-15.

#### WEEKLY KIDS PROGRAMS:

Lego Club Tuesdays @ 4:00  
Ooey-Gooey Art Fridays @ 10:30

#### STORYTIME SCHEDULE:

Oct 12, and 19 @ 10:30  
Nov 2, 9, 16, and 29 @ 10:30  
Dec 14 and 21 @ 10:30

#### MONTHLY KIDS PROGRAMS:

Music with Ms. Jess Oct 14, Nov 11, and Dec 16 @ 10:30

Afterschool STEM Oct 13, and Nov 10 @ 4:30

DIY Crafts Oct 18 @ 4:30

Therapy Dogs Oct 20 @ 6:00

#### INTERACTIVE MOVIE NIGHTS:

*This program requires preregistration.  
Stop in or call to reserve your spot.*

**Hocus Pocus:** Oct 27 @ 5:45

**Elf:** Dec 8 @ 5:45

**Kids 12 Crafts of Christmas:** Nov 15- Dec 22,  
check out our website [www.csv.net](http://www.csv.net) for exact dates and  
times for the programs.

*Keep an eye on the Library Facebook page and website for more  
details and information about all our upcoming programs!*

Monday thru Thursday 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. • Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[www.csv.net](http://www.csv.net) • 724-981-4360

## Call for Volunteers

Community is more than where we live or the name of our city. It's about meaningful interaction, fostering relationships and doing something together that makes living here matter. If you would like to be a community volunteer for some of our long-standing traditions like the Hermitage Holiday Light Parade and Arts Fest, please contact the city. [parks@hermitage.net](mailto:parks@hermitage.net) | (724)981-0800 ext: 1240



# BUHL REGIONAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Promoting a Healthy Community

## Spring 2023 Grant Cycle

Buhl Regional Health Foundation's Spring 2023 Grant Cycle will open on November 28th, accepting Letters of Interest through December 16th. LOI's approved for full application will be considered for funding in the Spring of 2023. BRHF hosts two grant cycles per year, funding local programs and projects who share our goal of achieving health equity in the community. Our Spring 2022 Grant Cycle granted over \$426,000 to local non-profits with exciting community projects within our pillars of focus. The Foundation continues to invest in the health of our community.

## NEW Rolling Grant Cycle



APPLY HERE

A brand new, rolling grant cycle has officially been implemented at BRHF, allowing local non-profits to submit LOI's for small projects and programs outside the realm of our bi-annual grant cycles.

Funding requests can be submitted at any time for grants under \$5,000, and will follow the same review and approval process as our other grant applicants. Visit our grant portal to start the process:

## Mobile Dental Clinic

BRHF, in coalition with Mercy Health – Mahoning Valley and The Hubbard Public Library, are hosting a Mobile Dental Clinic for those with limited access to dental care or insurance. The Smile Station has 3 remaining monthly clinics scheduled for 2022. Call The Hubbard Public Library to make your appointment!  
(330)534-3512

## Collaboration Workshop

In the spirit of collaboration, BRHF is inviting the community to join us for a Collaboration Workshop hosted by an expert in the field. Leaders and citizens who would like to network and are interested in learning more about how collaboration can make a difference are welcome to join us.

*The Buhl Regional Health Foundation is committed to improving the health and well-being of the neighbors we serve. We believe that through partnerships, education, and grant-making, we can creatively impact the quality of life in our communities.*

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# COMMUNITY COLLABORATION WORKSHOP

*Hone your skills for collaboration and learn how to implement and support a collaborative culture in our community!*

OCTOBER 17

Introductory Session on  
Community Collaboration  
presented by Civic  
Collaboration Consultants

10-11am | Zoom meeting

scan for link to Zoom meeting



OCTOBER 31

In-person workshop on the "how" of collaboration that will strengthen your collaboration skills and build the capacity needed to sustain effective collaborations in our community.



RSVP ONLINE BY OCTOBER 24  
[buhlregionalhealthfoundation.org/collaboration](http://buhlregionalhealthfoundation.org/collaboration)



## Primary Health Offers Vaccines at Home

The Mercer County Homebound Vaccine Program provides COVID vaccines and booster doses for persons unable to leave their homes. Eligible persons may schedule a homebound vaccine with one of three providers (UPMC, Primary Health Network, and Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy) or by calling the Health Equity Team at 724-977-3256.



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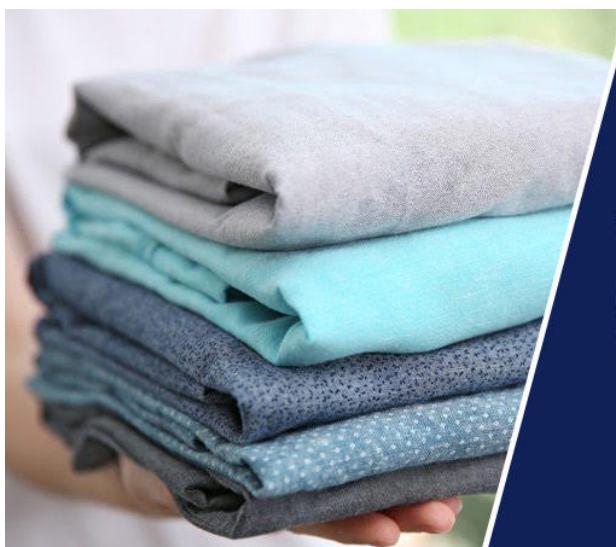
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## spotlight business



### Wheaton Dry Cleaners adds "Wash and Fold" for convenience

Contributed by Dick Davis



#### Wash & Fold SERVICES

While traditional dry cleaning remains its staple, Wheaton Dry Cleaners, 3651 E. State St., finds its recently added "wash and fold" laundry service is growing in popularity.

"People just bring in their dirty laundry and we wash and fold items within a few days," says Mike Tota, owner. "Retirees, those with washer or dryer problems and some people who just don't like washing clothes find it very worthwhile. We do the work for them."

As with most businesses, the COVID-19 lockdown in 2020 brought some lean months. But Wheaton has recovered with new customers every

day as well as positive reviews on social media.

A Hermitage surgeon wrote: "Excellent work on anything they clean from shirt, pants, and comforters. They can do it all. I highly recommend."

Another reviewer posted: "I took my afghan here to get cleaned and was able to pick up in a timely manner; it looked wonderful...very friendly staff and helpful."

Mike, who bought the business four years ago, commends business manager Jeannie Williams, and his daughter, Brie Tota, for their hard work at the busy shop.

#### Wheaton Dry Cleaning

3651 E. State St.  
Hermitage, PA 16146

**724-346-0111**

#### Hours:

Monday-Thursday  
8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m.- Noon

Sunday Closed



## spotlight business



### Shenango Valley Tuxedo and Suits offers men's clothing sales and rentals

Contributed by Dick Davis



It is no longer just black suits or black formal attire for men.

"Men's fashions have really grown to include many choices that just a few years back were nonexistent," says Chere Tota, owner/manager of Shenango Valley Tuxedo and Suits. "Today's customer for wedding parties and school dances are seeing the many colors available to men now, just as the women. Men should be shopping earlier, maybe three to six months out like the women, if they want a different look."

Valley Tux and Suits offers both rentals and sales of men's clothing, typically business casual to formal. Rentals are popular for many wedding parties and school dance type events. It is easy to piece

together a complete look in the rental industry, rentals offer a lower price for a one-time event.

"Purchasing is becoming popular also, as many weddings are doing a more casual look and may not need a whole formal tuxedo look," Chere says. "Purchasing allows you to really customize a one-of-a-kind look, which you won't find in any rental market."

With several large rooms and more than 1,500 sq. ft., the spacious shop displays men's apparel beyond the tuxes and suits to include shoes, socks, shirts, ties, sweaters, etc.

Owner of the business for 17 years, Chere enjoys working with wedding parties and school students.

"I get to work with happy people

**Shenango Valley  
Tuxedo & Suits**

3651 E. State St.  
Hermitage, PA 16146

**724-342-3043**

Hours:  
Monday-Thursday 1 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Friday 1 p.m.-6 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Sunday closed

planning a happy occasion," she says. "We really enjoy searching the markets and putting together the looks that people want. We represent a number of suit manufacturers and can custom order in for our customers."



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# BUHL PARK

## Indoor Winter Golf League

Buhl Park's Indoor Golf League session one will begin on Monday, November 7th. Using state-of-the-art trackman simulator software, our indoor league is truly one-of-a-kind. Call 724-308-7883 to sign up or for more details.

## The Shop

Located at the Golf Course, The Shop features your favorite Buhl Park and Golf Course gifts. Shirts, jackets, hats, postcards – we have it all. Open 7 days a week.



## OUTDOOR FALL RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES:

### Disc Golf

Fling your way into Fall at our 18-hole disc golf course. Get outside and enjoy the beautiful fall foliage while playing a TOP 10 rated PA Disc Golf Course.



(more info on facebook) and private lessons are also available for anyone looking to learn or improve their game (more info at buhlpark.org).

### Pickleball

Many locals and out-of-town friends flood our courts every morning. They welcome anyone who is interested



in joining. No membership is required, just show up and play! Recently, we held our Buhl Day Pickleball Tournament

which was a huge success. We look forward to hosting more events at our facility.

### Golf

For as long as the weather permits, our Golf Course and Driving Range will remain open. We're always here to give you the opportunity to keep your golf game strong even during the off season!



### Tennis

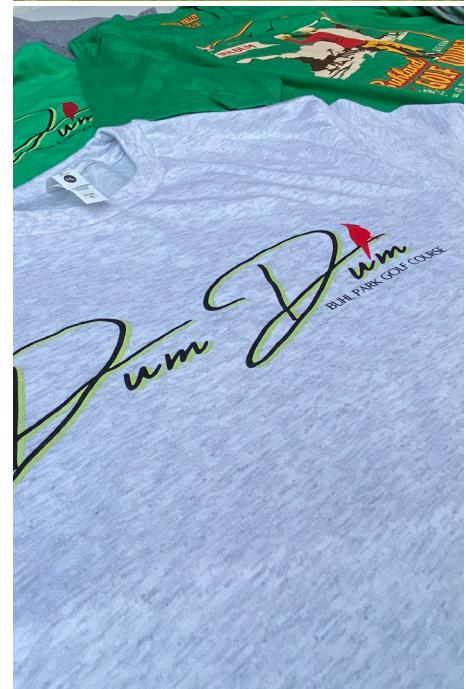
It is truly the sport of a lifetime and at Buhl Park you'll find truly one of THE BEST, newly resurfaced, 8-court tennis facility that overlooks the beautiful Lake Julia and Casino. Dust your rackets off, get outside and be active with a few games of tennis. Weekly play when available within the Shenango Valley Tennis Club



LET US HOST YOUR



NEXT SPECIAL EVENT



INQUIRE TODAY

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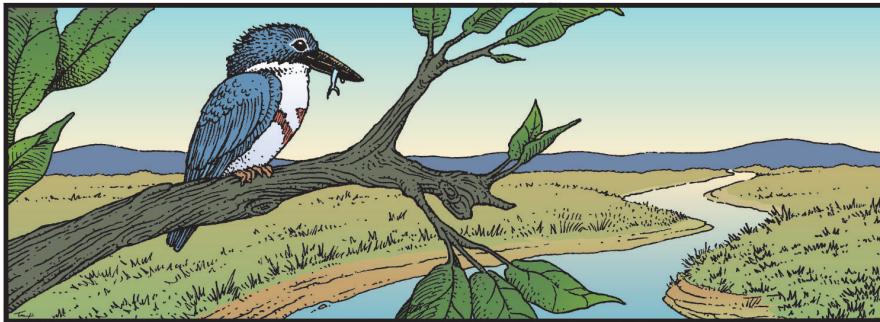
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# SHENANGO RIVER WATCHERS



730 Forker Blvd Hermitage, PA 16148  
(724)342-5453

FOUNDED 2001

Shenango River Watchers is a 501(c)(3)non-profit watershed group formed to restore and protect the environmental, scenic, and recreational attributes of the Shenango River Watershed. Working together, our members, volunteers and donors have made SRW an award-winning organization. Our projects include environmental education, river and aquatic life research, cleanup and recycling as well as creating recreational opportunities.

If you'd like to get involved, we are always looking for volunteers to help at cleanups, assist with trail maintenance, and lots more!

This August Visit Mercer County and Shenango River Watchers are hosting the first ever Lake to Lake Paddle Challenge! Paddlers can choose to do the full 30 miles from Pymatuning to the Shenango River Lake, or choose the Adventure option of 15 miles from Kidds Mill to the Shenango River Lake. If you're not sure you're up for the challenge, we are in need of lots of volunteers to make this event a success and we would love your help!

For more information about volunteer opportunities or any of our events, please visit our website. [Shenangoriverwatchers.org](http://Shenangoriverwatchers.org)



## 35TH ANNUAL GOBBLE WOBBLE ON THANKSGIVING DAY AT BUHL PARK



**REGISTER TODAY!**  
**GOBBLEWOBBLERACE.COM**

### WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

#### OCTOBER

Sunday 23rd - 1 p.m. -  
Fall Foliage Hike Big Bend

#### NOVEMBER

Sunday 13th - 10 a.m. -  
Trail Work Day River Road

Thursday 17th -  
National Take A Hike Day

Thursday 24th - 9:30 a.m. -  
Gobble Wobble Buhl Park

### FALL FOLIAGE HIKE

October 23rd. - 1 p.m.

Meet at the Big Bend parking area. Shuttle to New Hamburg provided by Carried Away Outfitters. Dress for the weather and wet/muddy trail conditions. Pre-registration required. [shenangoriverwatchers.org](http://shenangoriverwatchers.org)

### FALL PADDLE FEST

October 8th - Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Pymatuning State Park

Join us for a float down the Shenango River

\$15 per paddler via online registration  
\$20 event day registration

Bussing from Riverside Park to Pymatuning State Park. Busses run every 30 minutes from 8-11 a.m. Float to Riverside Park. (9 miles, ~3.5 hours Class 1 water

Lunch provided:  
@ Riverside Park, Greenville 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Visit [shenangoriverwatchers.org](http://shenangoriverwatchers.org) for more information and to register!



# Buhl Community Recreation Center

[www.fhbuhlclub.org](http://www.fhbuhlclub.org) • 724-981-3700 ext 121



Register now for the following fall programs:

724-981-3700 ext. 101

## Fall 2 Swim Lessons

Classes begin November 1st.

### Registration begins October 10th.

Swim lessons available for ages 6 months and up. (Starfish, Guppies, Minnows, Levels 1-3, Level 4- Junior Lifeguard School)

**Fees:** 6 week session

Free for family memberships

\$30 for youth members

\$65 non members

*For more information on swim lessons please contact:*

Brandon Cowie- Aquatics Director

724-981-3700

[bcowie@fhbuhlclub.org](mailto:bcowie@fhbuhlclub.org)

## New Program!

### Buhl Club Sharks Swim Team

Monday-Thursday 7pm-9pm  
beginning on October 1st.

For more information please contact:  
Coach Jenna Weiser at 724-813-9419



## Upcoming Event!

17th Annual Pumpkin Swim

Saturday, October 22nd

5:00pm-7:00pm

Register now! 724-981-3700 ext. 101

## Dance Classes- Ages 3+

Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical, Hip Hop

## Art Club-

Art Club- Ages 5+

Monday nights at 6:30pm

## Basketball Skills and Drills-

Sundays beginning October 2nd

Ages 4-7 12:30pm-1:30pm

Ages 8-12 1:45pm-2:45pm

# 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.



## ATTENTION 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.

# News and Updates from the eAcademy @ Lindenpointe

**Are you a high school Junior residing in Mercer or Lawrence County?  
Interested in learning more about entrepreneurship?**

*We are still accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Sign up today!*



The LindenPointe Development Corporation, located at 3580 Innovation Way in Hermitage, runs three core programs with the goal to stimulate economic growth within the region. These programs include the eCenter@LindenPointe, the Pennsylvania Cybersecurity Center, and the eAcademy@LindenPointe.

The eCenter@LindenPointe, created by the City of Hermitage in 2012, is an incubator for start-up businesses in the region. The center provides a business-centric environment for new and early start-up companies to locate and receive services necessary for them to focus on the creation and growth of their business. The eCenter program's primary goals have remained the same since its inception: promote economic development and create sustainable jobs by keeping talent in our region. To date, the eCenter hosts ten companies with various focuses from services to goods. There is one office suite

and a few co-working spots remaining. For more information on the eCenter, please visit <https://ecenterlindenpointe.com/>

In keeping with the eCenter's overall economic development goal, the new Pennsylvania Cybersecurity Center (PCC) was launched in January of 2022, where regional high school and college students can take courses geared to learning cybersecurity and networking skills. The Spring and Summer cohorts consisted of 50 students that participated in courses offered by the LDC Academic partners, CompTIA and Cisco. Courses included were Network+ and Security+ from Comptia, and Cisco: Intro to Networks. Several students are in the process of taking certification tests and will begin paid apprenticeships and internships this fall with local and national companies. For more information on the PCC, please visit <https://pacybersecurity.org/>

The eCenter also runs the highly accredited program for high school seniors, the eAcademy@ LindenPointe. The eAcademy teaches students business, entrepreneurial, and leadership skills while exposing them to real-world business operations. The Class of 2023 began classes on September 6th with participation from 10 area High schools, and we are excited to see what this promising cohort does during the year. For more information on the eAcademy, please visit <https://ecenterlindenpointe.com/eacademy/>

Jeff Meier, Executive Director  
LindenPointe Development  
Corporation



# From the Desk of the Treasurer

**Bernie Harry, City Treasurer**

I'd like to remind everyone that the School Real Estate bills and the Per Capita bills were mailed on August 1, 2022. We are happy to inform you that the school taxes will remain at the face amount this year from October 1st. through December 30, 2022. The school has decided to not charge the 10% penalty this year. All taxes remaining unpaid after December 30, 2022 will be filed for collection at the penalty amount.

It is your responsibility to notify the Tax Office in the event you do not receive your bills.

Per Capita is a head tax, waged on every resident over the age of 18 and this year is \$30.00. All residents are responsible for this tax and are expected to notify the tax office in the event they do not receive one. Likewise, when moving from Hermitage, please notify the tax office to have your name removed from our tax rolls. There are exemptions (based on income from all sources) available to those who qualify. If your income is \$5,000.00 or less annually, you may be exonerated from the entire

per capita bill. If your income is between \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00, you may only be required to pay a portion of that bill. Upon receipt of your Per Capita bill, all proof of income must be brought into our office, and a form filled out and signed by the person to be exempt. This process must be followed each year.

Please remember that all homestead approved properties must be owner-occupied. This means that the name on the deed must match the name of the person or persons who live in that house. You can only receive the credit on one parcel. The 2022 Homestead/Farmstead allowance to all approved home-owner parcels, is \$133.55, which comes off your original School tax amount due.

Anyone who receives the homestead credit and does not qualify, is required by law to notify their tax collector of the necessary correction.

Also if there is any change to your deed, through selling or simply a name deletion or change, the



Homestead will not automatically follow. You will need to re-apply. Forms are available on the County website as well as in our office, for your convenience beginning October 1st. All completed forms must be received at the Mercer County Courthouse by March 1st.

County/City taxes will remain at the penalty amount until December 30th.

You still have time for the property tax rebate if you qualify, since once again it has been extended to December 31, 2022.

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

# From the Chief of Police

**Eric Jewell, City of Hermitage Chief of Police**

## All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) in the City:

Riding ATVs is a popular and, for many, enjoyable pastime. Hermitage police occasionally get complaints of ATVs, which are off-road vehicles, racing on highways, trespassing on private lands, and operating with loud mufflers. Owners and operators of ATVs must be aware of laws, common courtesies, and general safety practices concerning prudent operation. There are many laws

governing ATVs, and below are but a few.

**ATVs cannot lawfully be driven on state and local highways unless said roads are designated by authorities as an ATV road (PA Vehicle Code 7721, 7722).**

Currently there are no ATV designated roads in Hermitage. ATVs are permitted to cross roadways but must first fully stop, yield the right-of-way to all traffic, and then proceed at a 90 degree angle, but only when safe



to do so. No person under the age of 16 years shall drive an ATV across any roadway unless under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older and unless he or she hold a valid safety certificate (PA Vehicle Code 7725).

**ATV operators must have owner permission to operate on private property (PA Vehicle Code 7724).**

At the request of a landowner, ATV operators must stop, identify themselves and promptly leave if directed. ATV violators could be cited with Trespass by Motor Vehicle for not having permission or not leaving when directed (PA Vehicle Code 3717).

**Operators shall not operate ATVs at a speed that is unreasonable or improper under existing conditions, in any careless manner as to endanger the person or property of another, or while under the influence of any drug or alcohol (PA Vehicle Code 7726).**

ATVs are to be registered with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania unless they are ridden only on the ATV owner's private property (PA Vehicle Code 7711.1). ATVs for which registration is required shall have liability insurance (PA Vehicle Code 7730). ATVs operated during periods of darkness shall have lighted headlamp and tail lamp (PA Vehicle Code 7741). ATVs must also have working brakes (PA Vehicle Code 7742).

**ATVs must have a muffler in good working order which blends the exhaust sound into the overall ATV sound.** The exhaust system shall not emit or produce a sharp popping or cracking sound and modified mufflers that increase the sound level are not permitted (PA Vehicle Code 7743).

ATVs are fun but can be dangerous when not following the law or operated safely following common-sense safety precautions. It is recommended that all operators take an ATV safety course, which may be offered by a local dealer or indirectly through the manufacturer. Please keep your ATV off the road, operate it safely, be respectful of property lines, and be courteous of quiet time. See Chapter 77 of



the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code for further specifics and additional laws regarding ATVs.

**Community Engagement Program Continues:**

The Hermitage Police Department's first ever community engagement program concluded at the end of August. The program was initiated in January, 2021 to help "bridge the gap" between citizens and police through positive community engagement and crime prevention and education programs. The more notable events during the 20-month program were a citizen police academy, a youth justice academy, human trafficking presentations, youth baseball camps, assistance with food distribution programs for families in need, police recruitment assistance, and various crime prevention and informational instruction on law enforcement to citizens, businesses, and students. Officer Sam Staples, who conducted the program, was commended for his stellar efforts. The Hermitage Police Department intends to continue building its professionalism through seeking out advanced training opportunities, networking with federal, state, and

local law enforcement partners, implementing technology improvements, collaborating with businesses and community groups, and applying for accreditation through the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission.

**Thank you  
for your service:**

In July, Officer Chris Morse honorably retired from the Hermitage Police Department after 20 years of service to the City of Hermitage. Officer Morse patrolled the City with professionalism, fairness, courage, compassion, and honor. Prior to his service with Hermitage, Officer Morse was a Sharon police officer. He is also an Army veteran. Officer Morse was commended for his dedicated service and we wish him well in all future endeavors.



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## City of Hermitage Board of Commissioners

From left to right: William Moder, III (Board Vice-President)  
Cameron S. Linton, Michael Muha,  
Duane Piccirilli (Board President), and Louis Squatrito

## Water Quality Corner



The City of Hermitage is committed to protecting and improving stream & river quality in our community and region.

With the leaves starting to fall, now is a good time to prepare your yard for next year. Did you know that composted leaves and other yard waste provides nutrients for gardens? Collect your fall leaves into a pile and spread them around your garden for a beautiful and healthy garden come spring!

**Every resident can help to preserve our environment and water resources.**



**Quota of Hermitage**  
is collecting new children's undergarments for school age children in Mercer County.

Socks, panties, briefs, undershirts and training bras

**Boy Sizes:** 4-20 • **Girl Sizes:** 4-16  
Adult Sizes for high school students

### Collection Sites:

Hermitage Municipal Building  
800 N Hermitage Rd.

Greenville Savings  
550 N Hermitage Rd.

Knotts Interior  
1505 N Hermitage Rd.

**NOTICE TO HERMITAGE RESIDENTS:**  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING HOURS ARE 7:30AM - 4PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY OR CALL 724-981-0800



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