



Community Update

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17th Annual Holiday Light Parade

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The 17th Annual Hermitage Holiday Light Parade is scheduled for Saturday, November 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. As in previous years, 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 based on: originality, creativity, the use of lights & music, and a holiday theme. Results will be posted on www.hermitage.net. You may pick up your prizes at the Hermitage Municipal Building starting Monday, November 24th.

This widely anticipated 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 before November 22, 2014.

If you would like to enter a float or decorated vehicle in the parade, or just would like more information about this event, please contact Amy Gargiulo at (724) 983-0900. Space is limited, so interested parties are encouraged to register early.

Joan Andrusky, Parade Chairperson



Hermitage Trick or Treat

Friday • October 31st
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



Hey Kids!

Hermitage Holiday Light Parade Junior Parade Marshal!

One boy and one girl between the ages of 5 and 12 will be randomly selected from the entries to serve as Junior Parade Marshal and ride along in the 17th Annual Hermitage Holiday Light Parade Saturday, November 22, 2014.

The winners will receive a prize package donated by the Shenango Valley Professionals. Entry forms can be dropped off or mailed to the Shenango Valley Chamber of Commerce, 41 Chestnut Avenue, Sharon, PA 16146 or placed in entry form collection boxes located at the Hermitage Municipal Building, Kraynak's, Shenango Valley Mall, or The Herald by October 31, 2014.



17th Annual
Hermitage Holiday Light Parade
Junior Parade Marshal
November 22, 2014

Age (5-12) _____ boy _____ girl

Name: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____



Holiday Food Drive

The Shenango Valley YMCA is conducting a Holiday Food Drive in conjunction with the 2014 Hermitage Holiday Light Parade on November 22, 2014.

Please help us collect food for the Community Food Warehouse to help them support the needy families in Mercer County. The Community Food Warehouse provides food to over 3000 households in Mercer County and the need continues to grow. Your generosity during this holiday season is greatly appreciated!

HELP US LINE THE PARADE ROUTE WITH BAGS OF FOOD!!!!

1. Fill a shopping bag with non-perishable food items (especially canned meats, canned tuna, canned fruits, canned stew, cereal and oatmeal).
2. Bring the bag to the Holiday Light Parade and place it on the side of the road along the parade route.
3. When the YMCA float comes by, volunteers will collect the bags and deliver them to the Community Food Warehouse.

Additional drop-off location prior to the parade is the YMCA.

Youth Sports ~ Winter Hitting League



WINTER HITTING LEAGUE

Players compete on 4 man teams and games are 3 innings, (approximately 45 minutes long). Players will bat off a pitching machine and point totals are awarded for balls hit during their 12 pitch at bat. Players are encouraged to register as a team, but you can register separately and you will be placed on a team.

Dates: Saturdays: Jan. 10 thru Feb. 28

Divisions: (9-10), (11-12), (13-15) and (16-18)
*2014 playing age

Time: To be announced.

Cost: \$100.00 per team or \$25.00 per player

Location: Hickory High School Auxiliary Gym

Winter Hitting League Registration Form

PARTICIPANT'S NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

PHONE NO. _____

WORK NO. _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

TEAM MEMBERS:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

In case of a medical emergency I, _____ authorize the director, instructor, aide, or supervisor of the Parks and Recreation Program to seek medical treatment for _____.

I voluntarily choose to participate in this athletic activity and I realize the risk that injury could occur and release the City of Hermitage and the Hermitage School District from any liability regarding such injury or emergency.

Parent/Guardian or Participant's signature: _____

(Students under age of 18 must have their parent/guardian sign here)

Hermitage Arts Festival Thank You!

A Special Thanks To: The Hermitage Board of Commissioners
The Community Library of the Shenango Valley
Hermitage School District • Hermitage Street Department
Tim Hepner, Mgr. and Hermitage Home Depot • Pat Catan's
Avalon Golf and Country Club • City of Hermitage Employees
Shenango Valley Performing Arts Council • Valley Silk Screening
Lori Haney • Dana O'Hare • Quota of Hermitage
Farrell Court #120 Order of the Amaranth
The Silver Cords Program
The Hermitage Arts Festival Committee
And All the Countless Volunteers

5K Sponsors: Community Counseling Center
Reali, Giampetro & Scott • Barr & Shaffer, Attorneys at Law
Best Real Estate • McGonigle Ambulance Service
William J. Moder III, Attorney at Law
Robert W. Piston, M.D., PC • Olympic Fun Center
Greenville Savings Bank • Yumberrries
HHS Class of '79 • Agway • Subway • Lems



Fifth Annual 5K/2 Mile Walk To End Hunger

Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014



**ANYONE WHO CROSSES THE FINISH
LINE IS ELIGIBLE TO WIN \$1,000**

RACE TIME : 9:00 am
STARTING AT REYERS IN DOWNTOWN SHARON
40 S. Water Ave., Sharon PA 16146



www.waterfiresharonpa.org

*In Conjunction with the
Last WaterFire Sharon
of the Season*

*Thank you to
Elite Sponsor*

UPMC HEALTH PLAN
www.upmchealthplan.com

Community Library of the Shenango Valley

Wine & Cheese Party • Thursday, Oct. 23 • 5-8 p.m.
Annual fund raiser, donation \$20.00. Tickets at the circulation desk.

Friends of the Library Book Sale • Oct. 8-11

Wednesday, Oct. 8 • 9:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 9 • 10:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 10 • 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11 • 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



Scholastic Book Sale • Nov. 29-Dec. 4

During regular Library hours.

Children's Programs

Story Hour • Wednesdays • 11:00 a.m.

Ages 3-5. Stories, songs, crafts, and more.
Evening hours offered this year. Call for schedule.

Kid's Crafts • Thursdays • 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Ages 5-up. Make and take something special each week.

Manga Book Clubs • Manga Action - 1st Tuesdays 5:00 p.m.

Manga Romance - 2nd Tuesdays 5:00 p.m. Discuss Manga plots, artwork, and create your own work.

Regular Programs

Chess Club • Mondays & Thursdays • 5:30 p.m.

Knit, Crochet & More at the Library • Tuesdays • 12:30-2:00 p.m.
Bring your favorite needlecraft. Get tips, ideas and new patterns.

Electronic Gadget Instruction • Twice a month by appointment.

Learn about borrowing library books for your devices.

Independent Film & Discussion • Third Thursday each month
6:00 p.m. • Thought provoking film and discussion.

Fine Arts Painting: Watercolor & Acrylics • Twice a month,
Saturday mornings. Taught by professional artist Don Gold. Call for
schedule and registration.

Shenango Valley Gardeners • Second Monday each month •
6:00 p.m. Lecture series during the winter months.

Shakespeare in the Stacks • Third Tues. each month • 5:30 p.m.
Read plays, watch movies, discuss the works of the Bard of Avon.

Shenango Valley Pennwriters • Third Saturday each month •
1:00-4:00 p.m. Sharpen skills and network with other writers. Call
Catherine McLean 814-425-7163 for information.

Friday Night Magic • Fridays • 3:00-5:00 p.m. Play the card
game Magic. Meet new friends and win new cool cards.

Read to a Therapy Dog • Last Thursday each month • 6:00 p.m.

Evening Book Club • First Thursday each month • 6:00 p.m.

Afternoon Book Club • Third Thursday each month • 2:00 p.m.

Computer Classes • Held monthly. Call for schedule and
registration.

Free downloadable ebooks and audio books to borrow.

Community Room available for private events and meetings.

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

Library Hours: Monday thru Thursday • 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Shenango Valley YMCA

Upcoming Events & Programs

Youth Sports / Programs

Swim Team Competitive program for ages 5-18

YMCA and USA Swimming-sanctioned team

Team meets and invitatorials

Register: Before October 31 **Season:** September-March



Basketball League

Co-ed instructional league for ages 3-12

Register: Oct. 20 - Jan. 3 **Season:** Starts in January

F.I.T. for Kids (Fun Interactive Training) Activities & games;
nutrition & exercise tips and demonstrations; take-home
challenges & more!

WIT (Workout Instruction for Teens) for ages 12+ (any

beginners. 4-week instructional program designed to educate
students about exercise techniques and the benefits of health
and fitness.

Y Self

Defense for
ages 6-adult.

Conditioning
and basic
self-defense
techniques,
based on



participant's experience. GREAT FOR BEGINNERS!

Adult / 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.

Working Together: You might have access to FREE or reduced
memberships and other services at the Y!

- **Free Memberships/Services Through Insurance:** Silver
Sneakers, Silver & Fit, Coventry Cares, Prime and More! Call
today to see if you qualify!
- **Corporate Memberships:** The Y works with several local
businesses to provide memberships and other services. Contact
the Y today to see if your business participates!

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!

Information: 724-981-6950 or svymca.com

Buhl Farm Park

Another Summer Concert Series in the books

Our series has been a long time tradition and we hope to continue it for many years to come. Special thanks to the sponsors listed below. Without their help, none of these concerts could happen. Also, thanks to all those who came out to support the concerts.

- John XXIII Home
- HHSDR Architects & Engineers
- Shenango Valley Performing Arts Council
- The Nugent Group
- Mercer County Community FCU
- City of Hermitage
- Sharon Regional Health System
- Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 1338
- Pennstar Federal Credit Union
- Greenville Savings Bank
- Dean Dairy
- Sharon American Legion Auxiliary 299
- Joy Cone Company
- Arts in the Park
- First National Bank
- UPMC Horizon
- Black, Bashor, & Porsch, LLP
- Miscellaneous Donors

Sunday, October 26th - Mountaineer Casino Trip

To benefit Buhl Park. Cost for the trip is \$30 and Includes \$25 in gaming vouchers. The bus will depart from the Park Casino parking lot at 10 am and return at 7 pm. For reservations, please contact Bud Mehalko at 724-981-5522 ext. 104

Butterfly Garden

The Butterfly Garden in Buhl Park serves as a Children's Memorial Garden with pillars for memorial names. It also provides an environmental educational tool for students. This is a project that will be worked on and improved over a period of time. It is now complete with plants, flowers, crushed limestone pathway, two benches to enjoy the scenery, a sign displaying the life cycle

of a butterfly, and pillars for displaying memorial butterflies. The Garden is located off of the fitness trail and open to the public.



Centennial Celebration

You're invited! 2015 marks Buhl Park's 100th year. Join us for a centennial celebration! Each month throughout the year, events such as a record hop, Frisbee golf, old-fashioned baseball games, Mercer County Bike Race, Tea Tasting and other great events will take place. Stay posted to our website, facebook page and other local publications for more details regarding this event.

The Buhl Community Recreation Center



Registrations: All our classes are gearing up for the 2014/15 year. There are still some openings in Dance, Gymnastics and Twirling Angels Classes. Call 724-981-3700 Ext. 108

Deluxe Fitness: Our Deluxe Fitness Instructors offer a variety of group exercise, such as...Boot Camp, Femme Fatale & Ab Addict, Pump and Tone, Barre Fusion, Zumba, Cardio Cat fight, Workout circus, Bust a Move Barre Fusion, Workout Muse, Cardio Groove, Pilates Tone, Cardio Rewind, Yoga Booty Ballet, Group Cycling, Hot Yoga, Kids Yoga, HITT the Road Cycling, and Gentle Flow Yoga. Many payment plans to choose from.

Buhl Community Recreation Center's Annual Arts, Craft and

Networking Expo: Held in our huge multi-purpose gym. Take advantage of early Christmas shopping, important information, and networking opportunities. Food and baked goods available to purchase, plus Chinese auction. Try one of our free classes that are being offered for the day. **Saturday, Nov. 1 • 9:00-3:00 pm**

Employees/Volunteers Wanted: Everyone has a talent, what's yours? Buhl Community Recreation Center is looking to expand its enrichment programs. Looking for a variety of programs to offer for all ages. If interested please give Debbie a call @ 724-981-3700 Ext. 108. Openings available: Hall Walkers, Front Desk, AM Babysitting, Gymnastics, Fitness Facility and so many more areas. Applications available in our front office.

Adult Dance Classes: Beginner adult ballet, Beginner adult tap. No previous dance experience necessary.

Mommy And Me Gymnastic Class: Ages: 2 & 3 yrs. This is a parent participation class. 6-week Rate: \$30/one day per week

Tutoring - S.A.T. Preparation: Cost: \$17/hr. 724-962-5589, 724-877-4101 or amilliard@yahoo.com

Tutoring in the ACLD room: Fees: \$17/hr. Hours and dates are subject to change based on tutors and students availability.

724-962-5589 or 724-877-4101 or amilliard@yahoo.com

Guitar Lessons: Age: 8-Adult, By Appointment Only, Cost: \$8/members, \$10/non-members

6 week Cheerleading Clinics: Date: Starts October 11, Ages: 2 & 3 years, 5 to 8 years, 9 to 12 years, Cost: \$25/session

Jump Stretch: These classes help you achieve your fitness goals with large continuous loop bands. Call 724-981-3700 Ext. 105.

eCenter@LindenPointe news

High School Entrepreneurship Academy Takes Root at LindenPointe



Pictured left to right: Brianna Dzuricsko, Kate Carpenter, Megan States, T. J. Stefanak, Zack Smigel, Kyle Boyd

The City of Hermitage in partnership with the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV (MIU IV), the eCenter@LindenPointe, the Franklin Center of Beaver County, Community Connections and seven local school districts launched the Entrepreneurship Academy @LindenPointe. Through this creative initiative twenty-five high school seniors representing seven school districts in Mercer County reported to the eCenter@LindenPointe on September 2, 2014 for their first day of a new educational experience.

Participating school districts include Commodore Perry, Farrell, Greenville, Hermitage, Sharpsville, Sharon, and West Middlesex. Enrolled students will attend regular classes in their home school districts in the morning. Every Monday through Thursday they will report to the Training & Workforce Development Center and the eCenter@LindenPointe for the remainder of the school day throughout the school year. The superintendents and faculty from the school districts, along with representatives from the city, the eCenter and the Franklin Center worked diligently over a 2 year period to develop the entrepreneurship opportunities for their students. This precedent setting collaboration has resulted in an unparalleled visionary opportunity for the students and a best practice educational community partnership.

Lisa Evans, a certified teacher and experienced entrepreneur, plans to coach and guide the students through learning experiences like Twitter Tuesdays, virtual meetings with young entrepreneurs, and team building activities. Ms. Evans commented "Our students are motivated to succeed! We are presenting relevant experiences both inside and outside the classroom to support their developing skills and find their potential. Our experiences are linked to effective business

practices that focus on critical thinking, communication and collaboration. I am already delighted with the students' enthusiastic participation and look forward to an innovative year".

Dr. Cathleen Cubelic, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, overseeing the program for MIU IV added "We are thrilled to serve as a partner in providing this amazing program to the students in Mercer County. The skills and experiences students will gain, will serve them well as they prepare for the array of post-secondary opportunities they will encounter. The Entrepreneurship Academy has also created a collaborative effort across the region aimed at supporting its young people, its economic development and its future."

In addition to the hands-on experiences, students will engage in an entrepreneurship course through the Entrepreneuring Youth curriculum focusing on team building, personal inventory, goal development, public speaking, record keeping, communication, and the study of entrepreneurs. Guided by this curriculum, participating teams will have the opportunity to develop their own Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) business plan at the end of the year. The business plans will be presented to an

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Lisa Evans was hired as the teacher for the new Entrepreneurship Academy @ LindenPointe. Ms. Evans joins the MIU IV team with a wealth of education and experience as both an entrepreneur and an educator. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Westminster College and a Masters Degree in Reading Education from Clarion University of PA. She is the former owner of a Subway Restaurant Franchise and creator and director of the Building Blocks Childcare Center in Hermitage, PA. In these positions, she experienced real-life challenges and rewards that come from owning a business. In addition to her business experience, Evans has worked as a classroom teacher at Rhema Christian Academy in New Wilmington, PA and a substitute teacher in the Sharon City School District.



From the Treasurer

The School Real Estate bills and the Per Capita bills were mailed on August 1, 2014. It is your responsibility to notify the City in the event you do 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. 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, you are also to 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.

School Real Estate taxes for 2014 were set at 60.239 mills. Also, the State has allocated \$461,673.50 for the Homestead/Farmstead approved parcels. This money will be divided evenly among our 4,654 Homestead and 7 Farmstead approved properties. This equates to \$99.03 per parcel for this year. This amount will show up as a credit on your School tax bill. The Homestead/Farmstead Act also offers 3 payments to satisfy the School tax amount owed. By choosing this option, you lose the discount. Certain rules apply to these payments and they are explained on your tax bill, starting with the Sept. 1, 2014 deadline for the first payment. If you made the first payment by the deadline, then your other 2 payments are due by October 31 and December 15. If you missed the first payment date, keep in mind that you still have until September 30th to pay in full at the discount rate, and then November 30th, at the face amount. 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. Anyone who receives the homestead credit and does not qualify, is required by law to notify their tax collector of the necessary correction.

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.



Bernie Harry

Entrepreneurship CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

eSTEAM panel of experts to be judged for potential startup. The judged business plans presented by team members will compete for cash awards totaling \$3,750.

Along with business planning, the students will gain invaluable, real world experiences through carefully planned bi-monthly group excursions. Visits to InventionLand, TechShop, Google, LaunchHouse, and the Energy Innovation Center are scheduled. In addition, a variety of guest speakers representing Western Pennsylvania businesses have been invited to address the Academy students.

The program is funded in part by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Discovered in PA, Developed in PA (D2PA) program. D2PA was established by the Corbett administration in 2011 to better support Pennsylvania businesses and to spur creativity and innovation in economic development services. D2PA funds are used to promote entrepreneurship, encourage technology transfer, build capacity for regional economic development, and proactively reach out to and help businesses. The participating school districts, along with the City of Hermitage, provided matching support for the state funding.

Local, private contributions from Gilbert's Risk Solutions, Winner International and Ekker, Kuster, McCall & Epstein are also supporting Entrepreneurship Academy.

Voter ID

PA's voter ID law requires all voters to present photo ID when voting at the polls, but those **photo ID requirements are NOT currently in effect**. All voters will be asked to present photo ID when they appear at the polls to vote, but they will be allowed to cast a regular ballot without a photo ID. Voters who are voting for the first time in a polling place are still required under existing law to present a form of ID.

If you are a registered voter and do not have one of the IDs listed, and you need one for voting purposes, you are entitled to get either a secure PennDOT non-driver's license photo ID or a DOS ID free of charge at a PennDOT Driver License Center (DLC).

Acceptable IDs include:

- Photo IDs issued by the Commonwealth of PA or the US Government (including a U.S. Passport)
- PA driver's license or non-driver's license photo ID
- PA Department of State Voter ID Card (DOS ID) available at a DLC
- Photo ID from an accredited PA public or private college, university or seminary
- Photo ID issued by a PA care facility, including long-term care facilities, assisted living residences and personal care homes
- U.S. military ID - active duty and retired military
- Employee photo ID issued by U.S., PA, PA County or PA Municipal government.

More information @ www.VotesPA.com or call 1-877-VotesPA.

Hickory Band Booster Organization presents Old Hickory Craft Show

Saturday, October 25, 2014 • 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Hickory High School • 640 N. Hermitage Rd. • Rte. 18



- Quality Crafts
- Over 100 Exhibitors
- Delicious Homemade Lunches
- Chinese Auction

Admission \$2.00 • Free Parking

City of Hermitage

Parks & Recreation

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Hermitage, PA 16148

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Hermitage Elected Officials



Front left to right: Rita L. Ferringer, Commissioner;

Duane J. Piccirilli, President; Bernadette Harry, City Treasurer

Back left to right: William J. Moder, III, Commissioner;

Maria A. Koledin, Commissioner; Timothy J. Ruffo, Vice President

Hermitage Parks and Recreation & Hermitage's Own Mark DiLorenzo *invite you to* **9th Annual Evening of Food and Wine Tasting!**



Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.



**DiLorenzo's
Catering and Deli**
30 East Shenango Street
Sharpsville, PA

Wines presented by Majestic Wines / Brian Hartmann.

During this relaxed wine taste, you will learn to pair 5 popular California wines and delicious cuisine. Mingle with your friends and taste the samples available at this informal event.

Space for the event is limited, so get your tickets early!*

(All participants must be 21+) **Local Entertainment by Steve Vuich**

***Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Hermitage Municipal Building or DiLorenzo's. Cost for the event is \$25.00 per person. For more information please call 724-981-0800 or 724-962-7880.** Min. 40 - Max. 60

The Hermitage Historical Society presents 13th Annual Festival of Trees Christmas Tour **"Wonders of Christmas"**

Hermitage Historical Society • 5465 East State St. • Hermitage

Nov. 29, 30 • 1-5 p.m.

Dec. 5, 12 • 5-8 p.m. Dec. 6, 7, 13, 14 • 1-5 p.m.



If you are interested in volunteering for Christmas tour preparation, or want to decorate a tree call 724-962-2791. If you would like to donated cookies or a Chinese Auction basket for the tours, please call 724-981-4843.