



THE CITY OF HERMITAGE

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# Community Update

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Spring / Summer 2016

13th  
Year!

## HERMITAGE ARTS Festival

July 9 & 10, 2016

Saturday  
Fireworks  
9:30 pm

Summer  
Parks & Rec  
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## Community Activities & Programs

FUN THINGS FOR  
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IMPORTANT FACTS &  
CITY INFORMATION

The Hermitage Arts Festival Committee is seeking talented individuals to participate in our Summer Arts Festival.  
**ARTISTS, MUSICIANS, DANCERS, PERFORMERS  
OF ALL TALENTS ARE INVITED TO APPLY!**  
 Contact MaryEllen McKendry at (724) 981-0800 for more information.

**Call for Artists**



## Artists' Marketplace Application

Artist's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (daytime) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening/cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

### Fees

\$50.00 for 10' x 10' booth space  
 Number of spaces requested: \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 for electricity per space (if needed)

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to City of Hermitage. Return completed application with fees and photos of artwork to:

**Hermitage Arts Festival** | Attention: MaryEllen McKendry  
 800 N. Hermitage Road, Hermitage, PA 16148

### Art Categories

Please indicate the category in which you will be displaying and selling artwork.

#### Two-Dimensional Fine Arts

Painting  Photography  Mixed Media  
 Drawing (including pastels)  Printmaking  Computer Generated

#### Three-Dimensional Fine Arts

Sculpture  Clay (non-functional)  Mixed Media

#### Fine Crafts

<input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry	<input type="checkbox"/> Clay (functional)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood (functional)
<input type="checkbox"/> Metalsmithing	<input type="checkbox"/> Glass	<input type="checkbox"/> Fibers/Textiles
<input type="checkbox"/> Leather	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

Please indicate if your art does not fit the major categories listed here. The Hermitage Arts Festival committee will make the final decision. The committee will evaluate art on the basis of uniqueness, quality, and excellence of conception and execution. All work must be original and designed and executed by the artist applicant. Only work of the type and quality shown in submitted photos may be displayed and sold.

This application also available online at  
[www.hermitage.net](http://www.hermitage.net)

### Artist's Brief

Please describe the work that you will display and sell at the Festival. This information may be used for promotional purposes.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Artwork Description

Please submit at least three photos (no slides) of the work to be displayed and sold. If possible, at least one photo should represent the overall look of your display booth. Photos will be returned to you. Please list below the photos submitted and describe the artwork shown.

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Would you like to demonstrate your art talent during the festival?

Yes  No

### Artist Release

The undersigned and all persons in the booth agree to all the terms of the Hermitage Arts Festival. Any injury or damage to persons or property caused by either items for sale or display is the sole responsibility of the artisan and his/her representative. Property owners and/or agents of Hermitage Arts Festival shall be held blameless from any liability thereof. Because space is being reserved for the undersigned, the undersigned understands that the application fee is fully refundable only until June 10, 2016; after that date, refunds for cancellations are at the discretion of the festival organizers. Hermitage Arts Festival reserves the right to accept/reject any application at its discretion without explanation.

Your signature on this application is an agreement to these terms.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Terms & Conditions

- Applications must include fee. Please make checks payable to City of Hermitage.
- Application fee is \$50 per 10'x10' display space. Electricity fee is an additional \$10.
- All Artists must exhibit their own, original work; all items must be handcrafted. Only the types of items indicated on the application form may be sold.
- No flea market or commercially produced items will be permitted.
- At least three photos (no slides) of work to be displayed must be submitted. Acceptance is up to the committee's discretion. If possible, at least one photo should represent the overall look of your display booth.
- Space will be assigned according to art category, variety of artwork sold, and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Application fee is non-refundable for cancellations received after May 30, 2016.
- Exhibitors must furnish their own displays and must furnish their own tables, table coverings, chairs, and any extension cords for electricity.
- All exhibitors must be set up for the two days of the event. Set up is 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, and 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 10.
- No early breakdowns permitted. Teardown permitted only after show hours.
- Instructions for unloading and parking area designation for exhibitors will be available at the registration booth.
- Proper insurance and protection of work and displays are the responsibility of the artist. Hermitage Arts Festival will not be responsible for damage to work or display due to weather or unrelated incidents. Security will be provided overnight.
- No more than two artists may share a regular 10'x10' space. Each artist must submit photos of work to be displayed and sold.

# Summer Rec Programs

New online registration will be available starting May 1st.

The City of Hermitage and the Hermitage School District are proud sponsors of this program.  
(Miscellaneous Fun, Track & Field, Volleyball, Basketball, and Football programs are free to all Hermitage residents.)

**The following activities will be offered beginning  
Tuesday, June 7 through Friday, July 22, 2016**

(\*Programs not offered the week of July 4-8)

## Miscellaneous Fun

**Playground** (Grades 2 - 6)

**\*Arts & Crafts** (Grades 2 - 6)

**Swimming** Buhl Park Pool

**Cheerleading** (Grades 2 - 6)

**Tennis Lessons** (Grades 2 - Adult)

**\*Music Lessons** (Grades 6 - 12)

## Track & Field

**Cross Country & Distance Running** (Grades 7 - 12)

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

## Volleyball

**\*Girls Volleyball** (Grades 5 - 12)

## Basketball

**\*Girls Basketball** (Grades 3 - 12)

**\*Boys Basketball** (Grades 3 - 12)

## Football

**Hickory Hornet Varsity & Freshmen Summer Football Program** (Grades 7 - 12)

## Soccer

**Clinics & Camps** (Grades K - 12)

## Elementary Summer Camp

**\*Nature Summer Camp**

(Ages 3 up to entering 1st grade)

## Youth Sports Program

**Start Smart Baseball** (Ages 3-5)

July 18 thru August 22

(Soccer, Elementary Summer Camp and Start Smart Baseball are not traditional Summer Rec Programs, and have a fee.)



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Now accepting applications for the following Summer Rec Program volunteer instructors:

**PLAYGROUND • ARTS & CRAFTS**

Visit [hermitage.net](http://hermitage.net) to download application.

## HERMITAGE PARKS & RECREATION BUS TRIPS

### Crocker Park Westlake, OH

**Saturday, April 23, 2016**



### CROCKER PARK

Shop from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Plenty of great shops and restaurants to choose from! Outdoor farmer's market! Visit [crockermarket.com](http://crockermarket.com) to see all they have to offer!

**Cost:** \$30.00 per person, includes deluxe motor coach transportation. On your own for meals.

**Time:** Leave Hermitage Municipal Building @ 7:30 am  
Return to Hermitage around 6:30 p.m.

**Register by:** Thursday, March 3

Payment due at time of registration.

**More Information:** 724-981-0800 ext. 1330

### Strip District/ Pittsburgh Arts Festival

**Saturday, June 11, 2016**



First stop the Strip District, spend a few hours exploring the shops and great food marts before heading to the Pittsburgh Arts Festival.

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person, includes deluxe motor coach transportation. On your own for meals.

**Time:** Depart Hermitage Municipal Building @ 8:00 am  
Return to Hermitage around 6:30 p.m.

**Register by:** Wednesday, May 25

Payment due at time of registration.

**More Information:** 724-981-0800 ext. 1330

## HERMITAGE PARKS & RECREATION CLASSES

### Knitting 101



In this course you will learn basic knitting terminology and techniques – cast on, knit, purl, bind off, increase and decrease. At the end of the class you will have five dishcloths? They are small projects that give you enough time to get familiar with the various techniques, without being too overwhelming. And you can use them when you are done! (min. 3, max. 8)

**Materials needed:**

- Knitting needles, size 8. These can be circular (24") or straight (wooden, bamboo, metal - not larger than 9-10").
- Sugar 'n Cream yarn (100% cotton). Solid color or variegated. You will need one ball for the first class.
- Small notebook and pen/pencil.
- Large-eyed blunt yarn needle.

**Schedule:** Mondays from 6:30-8:00 pm (6 weeks)

- April 4, 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 9

**Location:** Hermitage Municipal Building

**Cost:** \$60.00 per person

**Instructor:** Judy Mindicino

**Register by:** March 26

**Call to register:** 724-981-0800 ext. 1330

### Cork & Canvas Class



Join us for a fun night with Alane Jewel to create a masterpiece of your own! Alane encourages her guests to bring their own ideas to create custom pieces they are excited about, with her help. She will also have samples on hand to use if you choose. She works with everyone individually. All art supplies are included. Bring your own beverage, we'll provide the snacks! (min. 10)

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 11, 2016 @ 5:30 pm

**Location:** Training Center @ LindenPointe

**Cost:** \$30.00 per person includes all art supplies

**Register by:** May 4

**Call to register:** 724-981-0800 ext. 1330

# Hermitage School District Upcoming Programs

**Kindergarten Registration** – Registered your child for Kindergarten for the upcoming 2016/2017 school year on **March 31st at 9:15 am in the Artman Elementary Community Room**. You may visit our website, [www.hermitage.k12.pa.us](http://www.hermitage.k12.pa.us) to view the necessary documents for student registration or call our office at 724.981.8750 ext. 5001.

**Little Hornets** – All 3-5 year olds and their families are invited to attend our **Little Hornets** program on **Friday, April 29, 2016 from 11:00 am-12:15 pm at Artman Elementary Community Room**. Children and parents will have the opportunity to play, listen to a story, make a craft, and have a light lunch. To register please contact Patti Elford, Child Services Specialist at 724-981-8750, ext 5901 or [patricia\\_elford@hermitage.k12.pa.us](mailto:patricia_elford@hermitage.k12.pa.us)

## Prepare your child for Kindergarten Success for Fall of 2016

**Kindergarten Students** – Wednesdays (6:00 – 7:30 p.m.), April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016. Registration form available at

[www.hermitage.k12.pa.us](http://www.hermitage.k12.pa.us) or by calling Patti Elford, Child Services Specialist at 724-981-8750, ext. 5901 or [patricia\\_elford@hermitage.k12.pa.us](mailto:patricia_elford@hermitage.k12.pa.us) Childcare is available during the program.



**Hermitage School District Summer Academy 2016** – Each year our district teachers develop innovative and engaging courses centered on a variety of academic topics including robotics, computer programming, theater, math challenges, the arts, science, reading, as well as field trip courses to museums, zoos, national landmarks, and even Washington D.C.! Course brochures will be sent home to all Hermitage School District students with their 3rd Marking Period report cards. Course information and online enrollment will also be available on our district website, [www.hermitage.k12.pa.us](http://www.hermitage.k12.pa.us). Courses will fill up quickly so register early.

**Success by Six 2016** – Offered by the United Way and Hermitage School District, this program provides students the opportunity to familiarize themselves with our staff, building, and daily procedures before the start of the school year. There is no

cost, and transportation is provided daily! 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 Kindergartner 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.



## Eagle Scout Projects

Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program. The designation "Eagle Scout" has a long history since its founding over one hundred years ago. The requirements necessary to achieve this rank take several years to complete. Only a small percentage of Boy Scouts are granted this rank after a lengthy review process.

**The following improvement projects to Whispering Pines Park were undertaken and completed by local Eagle Scouts.**

### Enhanced Wetland Project by Stephen Petrochko

The unmowed area in the northeast section of the park is a natural wetland which has been enhanced to improve its ecological function and beauty. For his Eagle Scout project in 2014, Stephen Petrochko of Hermitage, along with the assistance of Boy Scouts, Troop 7 of Clark, PA installed the split rail fence to define the wetland boundary and birdhouses to provide shelter for Purple Martins and Bluebirds.

Stephen also planted Blackgum, Pin Oak, American Sycamore, Gray & Redosier Dogwood, Witchhazel, and

Buttonbush. A native flower and grass seed mix was also planted in the wetland. All plant material installed on this project are indigenous to Pennsylvania and will add to the biological diversity of the wetland.

### Information Kiosk by Amon Blance

Eagle Scout Amon Blance of Hermitage, with volunteer help from family, friends and fellow Scouts, managed the design and construction of an information kiosk which was installed at Whispering Pines Community Park, Route 62, Hermitage.



Amon worked in conjunction with Neil Hosick, Facilities Coordinator and Marcia Hirschmann, Director of Planning and Development for the City of Hermitage. The kiosk was installed adjacent to the parking lot in a common area

that includes tables and a historic bell. This project beautifies the park and provides a place to update the public on upcoming city activities as well as events at the Hermitage Historical Society.



## Buhl Farm Park [www.buhlfarmpark.com](http://www.buhlfarmpark.com)

### March

- March 19 – Pancakes with the **Easter Bunny** – 8:00-11:30 am (Casino Ballroom) – **Easter Egg Hunt provided by Daffin's Candies** – 12:00 pm (Casino Parking Lot)

### April

- April 9 & 16 – **Park Clean Up Day** – 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- April 9 – **Mentored Youth Fishing Day** (Lake Julia)
- April 26 & 28 – **The First Tee of Sharon Registration** – 5:00-7:00 pm (Buhl Park Golf Course)

### May

- May 1 – **Tea at Julia's** – 1:00-3:00 pm (Casino Ballroom)
- May 15 – **Bird Walk** – 9:00 am
- May 21 – **"Let's Celebrate America" Armed Forces Day** at Buhl Park (PAC and surrounding area)

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### June

- June 4 – **Health and Fitness Day, Dash to the Splash 5K run/2M walk**
- June 7 – **Summer Youth Program Registration**, 10:00 am-2:00 pm
- June 10 – **Joe Valentino 27 Hole Scramble** – 12:00 pm Shotgun Start, (Buhl Timblin Casino Driveway)
- June 12 – **Summer Concert Series** begins. Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and Sundays at 6:00 pm. Schedule TBA.

### Health and Fitness Day

**Try something new! Learn from the experts! • June 4**

This event is dedicated to getting, being and staying healthy and well! This family-fun day will be filled with activities. Always wanted to try golf or tennis – come take a swing at it! Want to test your skill at disc golf or pickle ball? Come try a new sport, speak to health and wellness experts, and learn about some of the latest products and equipment. Sign up for the Dash to the Splash 5k run/2 mile walk or the Buhl Park Grand Prix (USA Cycling Sanctioned Racing).

### The First Tee

The First Tee of Sharon is a non-profit youth development organization teaching life skills, core values and healthy habits through the game of golf to children ages 7 - 17. The program operates under the umbrella of the Buhl Park Corporation. Classes are held at Buhl Farm Park Golf Course at The First Tee of Sharon training facility from May through August.

For more information visit [www.thefirstteesharon.org](http://www.thefirstteesharon.org) or "LIKE" the First Tee of Sharon facebook page!



### Adult & Child Golf Tournament

**Saturday, May 14, 2015**

9:30 am or 1:30 pm start

### Buhl Park Garden Club

Would you like to join our Garden Club in an effort to keep our Park beautiful? The club meets every Wednesday evening at 5:30 and works throughout the Park. Although the group meets every week, we only ask that you attend when you can. Paige O'Hare is the director and always welcomes new members.

Please contact Julie at 724-981-5522 (ext 103) or email at [julie@buhlfarmpark.com](mailto:julie@buhlfarmpark.com) for more information.

## The Buhl Community Recreation Center

**724-981-3700 • [www.buhlcommunityreccenter.com](http://www.buhlcommunityreccenter.com)**



**Our mission:** *"To provide quality recreational, social, wellness and educational programs for people of all ages in our surrounding communities."*

We have recently revamped our financial assistance program in order to provide memberships and programs to those facing financial hardship. If you are in need of our services but lack the resources currently, stop in and see a member of our team who will get your application started.

There is time left to register for many of the programs we offer: **Gymnastics & Tumbling:** This program is designed for youth ages 1 to 18. Classes held throughout the week (Mon-Sat)

for your convenience. Sign-ups are ongoing. Stop in or call for information.

**Group Fitness:** Our Group Fitness Instructors offer a variety of group exercise such as...Boot Camp, Aloha Yoga, Rock N Roll, Barre Fusion, Cize Live, Cycling, Zumba, and more. Come try your first class for FREE!

**NEW Senior Fit Classes:** These classes are geared to help seniors in keeping fit. However, they are open to all ages. Senior Strength, Circle of Life exercise using our Hydraulics Room. Cardio Mix, Buhl Balance Yoga Stretch, Low Impact Water Therapy at MCAR, Aqua Rock N Roll (BCRC POOL).

**Learn to Swim (Red Cross):** Ages 5 and up. Registration March 15. Mondays from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Classes Starting March 21.

**Tot Swim Lessons:** Ages 6 months to 5 years. Registration March 9. Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Classes starting March 22.

# Shenango Valley

YMCA

## Upcoming Events & Programs



### Youth Sports:

**Spring Soccer League:** Boys and girls ages 3-12. Register now - April 3. Season tentatively starts April 11.



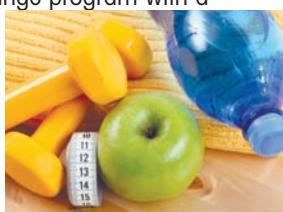
### Summer T-Ball / Coaches Pitch:

Boys and girls ages 3-7. Register April 25-June 5. Season starts in June.

### Adults and Older Adults:

**Wellness Programs:** The following evidence-based programs will help prevent/treat chronic diseases and ailments through support, expertise and measurable outcomes.

- **Enhance Fitness:** Treating arthritis through fun, laughter and friends.
- **Six Steps Balance System:** Simple Steps to prevent falls and related injuries.
- **Diabetes Prevention:** Lifestyle change program with a certified coach.
- **COMING SOON! LiveSTRONG at the Y:** Safe, physical activity and support to help cancer survivors reclaim their health and well-being following a cancer diagnosis.



**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 offered weekly.
- FREE FOR ALL MEMBERS.
- Huge variety of classes: times, types and intensities.

**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, 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, organized, and 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](http://svymca.com)**

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# Community Library of the Shenango Valley



### Friends of the Library Book Sale

April 13-16 • Something for everyone!

**Story Hour:** Tuesdays @ 10:30 am. Ages 3-5. Join us for stories, songs, crafts, and more. Registration encouraged.

**Cows, Milk, and Butter:** Tuesday, Mar. 29 @ 10:30 am. Story hour presented by The Mercer County Conservation District. Read and learn all about cows and make delicious homemade butter!

**Block Party:** Every other Thursday @ 10:30 am, Community Room. Ages 3-6 and caregivers. Fosters creativity, imagination, language development, literacy, and social skills. Includes wooden blocks, dinosaur, animal, and people toys, road signs, and more!

**Author Will Hillenbrand:** Tuesday, April 19 @ 11:30 am, Buhl Park, Shelter 2. Author of this year's Pennsylvania One Book Every Young Child selection, *Kite Day*, visits. Join us, along with Stey-Nevant Library for a fun-filled kite day with crafts, snacks, and a special reading by the author himself!

**Flip Bingo Dice for All Ages:** First and Third Tuesdays each month @ 3:30 pm. Ages 5 up. If you love to play Bingo and Dice games you will love playing this new game invented right in the Valley!

**Parent/Child Play and Learn Workshop:** Wednesdays, March 2-30, @ 10:30 am or 6:30 pm. Ages under 3 and families. Play, grow, and learn together! Five week workshop. Registration is required.

**Ani-Fan Anime/Manga Club:** Wednesdays @ 5 pm. Enjoy snacks and screenings of some of the best anime.

**Teen Reading Lounge:** Saturdays, March 12 & 19 and April 23 & 30 @ 1:30 pm. Ages 12-18. Registrations being accepted for this interactive book club.

**Documentaries & Dips:** Second Tuesday of each month @ 6 pm. Watch an award winning PBS documentary, enjoy snacks and a discussion after the film.

**Coffee & Coloring:** Call for dates and times. Adults and teens only.

**Computer: Microsoft Word and Excel Classes:** Ongoing classes for various levels of expertise. Call for schedule and registration.

**Spring Pinterest Craft:** Saturday, May 7 @ 11 am. Call for details.

**Fine Arts Painting: Watercolor & Acrylics:** Saturday mornings twice each month @ 10:30 am. Taught by artist Don Gold. Call for schedule and to register.

**E-Reader, Device, and Laptop Help:** First and Third Wednesdays by appointment.

**Chess Club:** Every Monday & Thursday @ 5:00 pm.

**Knit, Crochet & More:** Tuesdays @12:30 pm. Bring your needlework. Get tips, ideas, and new patterns! All levels welcome.

**Shenango Valley Gardeners:** Second Monday each month @ 6 pm.

**Shenango Valley Pennwriters:** Third Saturday each month @ 1pm. More information, Catherine McLean @ 814-425-7163.

**Jobs Club:** First Thursday, each month @ 1:00 pm. More information, call 724-658-7258.

**Read to A Therapy Dog:** First Thursday, each month @ 6 pm.

**Library Book Clubs:** First Thursday, each month @ 6 pm or third Thursday 2 pm. Call the library to register.

**Information: 724-981-4360 or [www.cslv.net](http://www.cslv.net)**

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# eCenter@LindenPointe news

## White House Invite

Join us in congratulating Ron Anderson! He was nominated and accepted to a White House briefing on Climate Change and Energy Policy organized by Business Forward on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. Ron's business, Anderal Technologies is incubating at the eCenter@ LindenPointe in Hermitage, PA. His uses innovative technology for manufacturing/molding metal, and this technology has significant implications on the amount of energy that is currently being used in similar processes.

## Blissed Out Design

Mike and Linda are now eCenter graduates; they are relocating their successful business to the new facility at the old Westinghouse building in Sharon. We are sad to see them go, but excited for their incredible future! Look forward to an interview with Blissed Out Design in the Sharon Herald.

## Open Coffee

We are starting the new year with new events—Open Coffee will be a recurring event for entrepreneurs or anyone interested in entrepreneurship. There is no agenda, no speakers, pure conversations!

## New Beginnings | New Relationships

The board of the eCenter@ LindenPointe would like to congratulate their newly minted Executive Director - Ketaki Desai, Chairman of the Board - Don Morrison and Executive Assistant - Lisa O'Hara. Welcome aboard!

On January 16, the eCenter team and regional stakeholders met for a day-long Strategic Planning Meeting. They identified several areas of opportunity

for the LDC to pursue in order to further its mission of regional economic development. These include: (i) expanding the LDCs role to have more significant regional impact on small business innovation, (ii) expanding the LDCs collaboration with and support of regional stakeholders, and (iii) expanding the support services current eCenter tenants receive, including business development curricula, funding and mentoring. To further these goals, four major areas of opportunity were identified: Communications, Community, Services and Funding. Several initiatives, in each of these board categories, were then presented along with key indicators as measures of success. A copy of the Strategic Planning report will soon be available on the eCenterLindenPointe.com website.



The eCenter, along with the Entrepreneurship Academy, will be hosting an Open House for the regional community on March 15. While the details are being finalized, there is definitely going to be a "Dolphin Tank" - a friendlier version of Shark Tank where our entrepreneurs will compete to win prizes. OH-PENN for Business - our annual College Business Plan Competition will be held on April 9. If you are a college student in the Ohio - Pennsylvania region, and have an idea, send a video or summary to [ecenter@lindenpointe.com](mailto:ecenter@lindenpointe.com).

# Northwest Commission news

## Helping Connect Veterans and Their Spouses to Regional Companies Looking to Hire



developer, the Northwest Commission knows that it is critical to join with the partners in workforce development, education and government to create a system that is capable of meeting the employment needs of companies in the 21st century. In an effort to craft workforce solutions that address the needs of modern employers, the Northwest Commission has contracted with RecruitMilitary to make the #1 online military-to-civilian recruitment tool free for businesses in the 8-county region of Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango and Warren. When registered through the Northwest Commission, employers in the region can add unlimited job postings to the RecruitMilitary Job Board at no charge.

It is pivotal that as the economy recovers, we as a region are able to meet the workforce needs of our companies. As an economic

Jill Foys, Executive Director at the Northwest Commission stated, "This is a great opportunity for our region's employers to connect to veterans who possess the skills most sought after by employers. Many of our companies have expressed interest in contracting with similar employment sites but the cost was prohibitive. The Northwest Commission's board of directors endorsed our role as the contracting partner that allows all businesses in our eight counties to post jobs to RecruitMilitary's Job Board free of charge."

With a skills gap that has been widening for decades, many companies are looking for people with technical knowledge as well as drive and dedication. Many businesses are willing to provide in-house hands-on training to the right individuals, especially the men and women who have served in our Armed Forces with identified transferable skills and a track record of successes. As of today, there are over 800,000 military men and

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# 2016 City of Hermitage Projects

## Paving and Stormwater Infrastructure, along with LED Streetlights

### Busy Year for Paving in Hermitage

The City of Hermitage and PENNDOT have multiple road paving projects planned this year. PENNDOT will pave East State Street from Keel Ridge Road through the intersection at Route 18 (Hermitage Road), the Freeway from East State Street to Route 18 and the entire length of Route 18 in the City. Also to be paved under PENNDOT contracts will be Mercer Avenue from Maple Drive to the Hermitage/Farrell city line and Forker Boulevard in the area of Buhl Park. All PENNDOT paving projects will include ADA pedestrian improvements at intersections and are state funded.

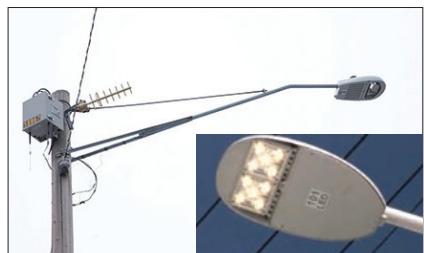
During 2016 the City will complete Phase III of Block 5 of the Neighborhood Investment Program. The streets of Woodlawn Drive, Fairfield Drive, Lillian Drive and Richmond Drive from Parkview Drive south to the Hermitage/Sharon city line will be milled and repaved with base repair as needed. Some limited stormwater facility improvements will be made as part of the project. This project is estimated to cost \$475,000. The City's capital paving program will mill, perform necessary base repair and repave Hasenflu Drive, Biscayne Drive, Monterey Lane and Theresa Avenue at a price of \$395,000 and, with the assistance of \$643,000 in state grant funds, mill and repave Clarksville Road at an estimated cost of \$955,000. In addition to the paving work, under its work exchange program with PENNDOT, named AGILITY, the City will have PENNDOT apply sealcoating to various City streets. The City will also perform crack sealing to preserve the integrity of recently paved streets where surface cracks have appeared.

### Large Stormwater Infrastructure Projects in the Works

Also this year the City will replace a large drainage culvert under Robertson Road located between Lamor Road and Schwartz Lane. The metal culvert pipe is failing and impacting the structure of the roadway. It will be replaced with a concrete box culvert at a cost estimated to be \$225,000. Also during 2016 engineering work will be completed on a major stormwater improvement project in the industrial corridor at the southern end of the City near Broadway Avenue. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2017 with an estimated cost of over \$1,000,000. Engineering work will also be done this year on a stream rehabilitation project along Baker Run between Woodside Drive

and East State Street with construction planned also in 2017.

The City will work with our contractors to minimize the inconvenience associated with completion of these projects. We ask for everyone's cooperation while construction is underway. As always, please exercise extreme caution when traveling through a construction site. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Don Kizak, Engineering Manager at [dkizak@hermitage.net](mailto:dkizak@hermitage.net) or 724-981-0800. Also [www.hermitage.net](http://www.hermitage.net) or City-of-Hermitage-PA on Facebook.



### LED Technology For Street Lights

LED technology has come to street lights and Penn Power is currently in the process of converting all of the street lights in the City of Hermitage to LED. The fixtures are more square in appearance and emit a crisp white light. The conversion, being done in phases, should be complete by the end of the year. The result will be reduced maintenance and replacement costs for Penn Power and lower operational costs for the City. Hermitage has previously converted traffic signal lights and exterior building and parking lot lighting to LED technology.

### Northwest Commission

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women registered with RecruitMilitary. On average, every day 300 new members join and job postings receive thousands of views.

James Lowry, Executive Director at the Greenville Area Economic Development Corporation, states, "I believe the Veterans Initiative and RecruitMilitary program being developed and promoted in Northwestern Pennsylvania by the Northwest Commission is not only unique, but will prove to be an extremely useful resource for assisting economic development in our area. Without exception, all companies I have introduced to the program have shown strong interest in learning more about

how to engage in this process. Employee recruitment has been extremely difficult in recent times and our companies are appreciative of any assistance available which will help them find dedicated and reliable employees. In the coming weeks, I plan to promote this tool extensively and sign up as many companies as possible."

Businesses can take advantage of this opportunity by emailing [NWC@northwestpa.org](mailto:NWC@northwestpa.org) to request a registration form or learn more by visiting [www.northwestpa.org/veterans-initiative/](http://www.northwestpa.org/veterans-initiative/).

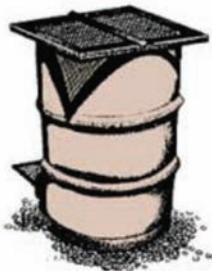
# From the Fire Chief's Desk . . . . .

John R. Flynn, Fire Marshal

## Truck Fund Drive

On behalf of myself and the entire fire department, I would to thank everyone who has supported our truck fund drive. We mailed out the truck fund newsletters at the first of the year and a lot of residents have responded to our request for support. If you have not sent in your donation, it's never too late. Anything and everything is very much appreciated. Our annual truck fund drive is our major fund-raiser which lessens the burden on our firefighters for fund-raising and lets them focus on training and making our community safer. Again, Thank You!

## City of Hermitage's Burning Ordinance



Spring is just around the corner and we are all thinking about cleaning up our yards and getting our gardens in shape for the season. I want to remind everyone about the City of Hermitage's Burning Ordinance. Burning hours are Monday thru Saturday, 6:00 a.m. until noon and materials that may be burned are limited to ordinary household Class

A debris; wood, paper, cloth, and related materials that do not create noxious odors and heavy smoke. Burning on Sundays and holidays is prohibited. Also, burning of any material that creates noxious odors or heavy smoke such as leaves, grass, shrubbery, household garbage, or creates a neighborhood

nuisance is prohibited. Remember, Tri-County Industries has a green lid yard waste cart for leaves, grass clippings, plants, sawdust, roots, etc. All burning must be accomplished in an approved burning container with at least 5 feet of clearance around the burning container and must be at least 15 feet from any structure or property line. Open flame or smoldering fires must be attended at all times and with the proper equipment to extinguisher the fire in case it gets out of hand. No fires shall be started when wind or other factors are such to cause an unsafe or hazardous condition. Recreational fires for outdoor cooking are permitted but no larger than a 5' x5'x5' area and cannot burn longer than three hours. Large bonfires will require a special permit. If you have questions or you are just unsure about whether you are allowed to burn, please call us to avoid any problems. Special burning permits may be issued by the fire department after an inspection of the material you are wishing to burn, please contact us at 724-342-0669, M-F, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

The Hermitage Fire Department is working very hard to make the city a safer place for you, your family, and your friends. With your help we can achieve this goal. Thank you for your cooperation and as always please be safe.



# A Note from the Treasurer's Office . . . . .

Bernadette Harry, Treasurer



## County/City Tax Bills

All County/City tax bills were sent on March 1st, 2016. Remember that it is your responsibility to inform the tax office if you did not receive your bill.

Also, keep in mind that those of you with taxes paid through escrow accounts, must forward your bills to your Mortgage Company. As a homeowner area, we are required to send tax bills directly to the homeowners and not the lenders. The lenders must have your

bill before they can forward payment to our office. The discount amounts on County/City taxes are honored in our office until Monday, May 2nd due to April 30th falling on the weekend.

The next tax bills go out on August 1st. At that time you should receive both the School Tax bill and your Per Capita bill. If your annual income falls under \$10,000.00 from all sources, with proof, there is an exoneration from part of the Per Capita. Once again we would like to let you know that our office is open to your questions and comments either in person or by phone @ 724-347-4472. We will be happy to assist you whenever possible.

Our summer hours, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm will be in effect May 2nd until Sept. 6th.



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## EIT Payments/Returns . . . . .

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. EIT Payments/Returns may be dropped off in the drop off box located on the north side of the building, towards the back parking lot. NO CASH PAYMENTS ACCEPTED!!!

## Sewer Bill Payment Options

### Future Sewer Bill Pay Option

Interested in receiving your sewer bill via e-mail? The City of Hermitage is looking to go paperless! If this is something you would like to see for future bill pay, please send your email and account number to Rachael Manuel at [rmanuel@hermitage.net](mailto:rmanuel@hermitage.net).

- Online payment – Go to [www.hermitage.net](http://www.hermitage.net) and choose the “Pay Your Sewer Bill Online” icon. **\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*** Site works best in Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome and/or Safari – The site does NOT work in Internet Explorer. Please be sure to turn off pop-up blockers to get a receipt for payment.
- Cash, checks, and credit/debit cards are accepted at the Municipal Building during normal business hours. **No phone payments are accepted.**
- Payments can be dropped off after hours in the drop-off box located on the north side of the parking lot at the Municipal Building. **\*CHECKS ONLY\***
- Automatic payments of current month charges can be deducted from your checking account. Sign-up forms are available at the Municipal Building. Payments are deducted on the 5th of the month or the next business day after the 5th in the case of a weekend or holiday. **Past due balances will not be auto deducted and will continue to accrue penalty and interest.**
- Checks may be mailed to the lock box in the envelope provided with your bill. You **MUST** include the remit stub from your bill in order for your payment to be processed correctly. Payments without remit stubs may be delayed and late fees will accrue.
- Online bill pay through your bank. Please remember account or customer number has to be included with each payment entered. If not, payment may be delayed and late fees will accrue. **If can take up to seven days for payment to process so please allow for this additional time.**

Any questions regarding these payment options, please contact Kathy 724-981-0800 ext 1360 or email [kpatrizi@hermitage.net](mailto:kpatrizi@hermitage.net).



## Recycling / Solid Waste

### Spring Cleanup - Bulk Trash

**Friday, April 29, 2016**

for residents with a regular collection on **MONDAY & THURSDAY**

**Friday, May 6, 2016**

for residents with a regular collection on **TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY**

#### Acceptable e-waste includes:

- White goods
- Bulk items
- Larger items (no longer than 4 ft.)
- Cell phones
- Items containing freon must have any doors disabled, freon removed and be properly tagged by a certified technician.

All items must be placed out at the curb the night before pickup. Items for bulk trash collection days do not require a tag.

**No bagged leaves** (yard waste will start April 11), **TV's or computers will be accepted on the bulk trash days.**

### E-Waste Recycling Program

- Year-round @ the City Garage, 5250 Virginia Road, **Fridays, 7 am-noon**, Call 724-342-0210 to drop off materials.

#### Acceptable e-waste includes:

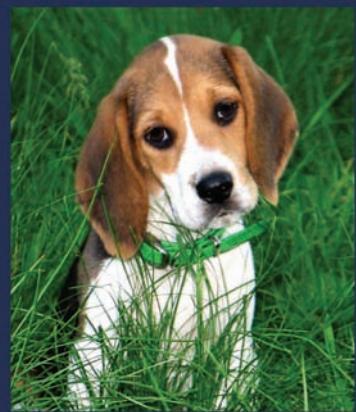
- Televisions
- Computers (including monitors keyboards, mice and printers)
- Cell phones
- Any other electronics banned in landfills in Pennsylvania

### Tire & Appliance Recycling

- Year-round @ the City Garage 5250 Virginia Road **Fridays, 7 am-noon**
- 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.
- Items containing freon must have any doors disabled, freon removed and be properly tagged by a certified technician.

## Water Quality Corner

**Please Pick Up My Poop.**



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.

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

Pet Waste Pollutes Our Streams.  
Scoop it. Bag It. Pitch It.

# City of Hermitage

## Parks & Recreation

800 North Hermitage Road  
Hermitage, PA 16148

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## Hermitage Board of Commissioners

**Front left to right:** Duane J. Piccirilli - Vice President  
Rita L. Ferringer - Commissioner

**Back left to right:** Maria A. Koledin - Commissioner  
Timothy J. Ruffo - Commissioner; William J. Moder III - President

## HERMITAGE RESIDENTS Buhl Park Community Pool Pass

Hermitage residents are now able to purchase 2016 Season Passes for the Buhl Park Outdoor Pool at a discount. Season rates are as follows:

- Family - \$45** - includes up to 2 adults and dependent children in the same household through high school
- Adult - \$30** - 18 years of age and above
- Youth - \$20** - Ages 5 through Grade 12

Residents of Hermitage must show proof of address at time of purchase. Passes are available at the Hermitage Municipal Building, 800 N. Hermitage Road, between the hours of 7:30 am and 4:30 pm daily, Monday through Friday. Pool schedules and regulations available at time of purchase.



### Buhl Park Community Pool Rules:

- All non-swimming minors must be accompanied by an adult (18 years or older) in the water and within arm's reach at all times.
- All children 9 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Complete rules and regulations are posted on the Buhl Farm Park website @ [www.buhlfarmpark.com](http://www.buhlfarmpark.com)

\* Please note: All TSS/Wraparound Workers will be required to purchase a separate individual Adult pass.

Shenango Valley Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America presents the 33rd Annual

## Father's Day Car Show '16



**Sunday, June 19, 2016  
Noon - 4 p.m.**

(Registration 8:00 am - Noon)

Rain or Shine • Free to the Public  
Door Prizes • Car Corral • Food & Drink

**Judging & Awards Trophies at 3:45 pm**

Information: 724-981-1653 or 330-534-4188