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2016 Hermitage Holiday Light Parade Wrapup

School

- 1st - PSU Shenango
- 2nd - Mercer County Career Center, LPN Students

Bands

- 1st - Reynolds HS
- 2nd - Hickory HS
- 3rd - Brookfield HS

Entertainment

- 1st - Hickory Little Hornets
- 2nd - MissElaineous Dance
- 3rd - Spirit Baton
- 4th - Shining Stars

Clubs & Organizations

- 1st - House of Jeeps Followship
- 2nd - Cub Scouts Troop 52
- 3rd - Support Our Troops
- 4th - Redick's Family Martial Arts

Iceberg Awards

Corporate (Division A) -

- Over 30 feet in length
- 1st - Hermitage Agway

- 2nd - TJ Maxx
 - 3rd - Yumberries
- ### Corporate (Division B) -

- Under 30 feet in length
- 1st - Elite Ambulance
- 2nd - Lowes
- 3rd - Warehouse Sales

Municipal

Local & County Officials, Fire Departments

- 1st - Hermitage Fire
- 2nd - Sharon Fire
- 3rd - Farrell Fire

Non-Profit Floats

- 1st - Grace Chapel
- 2nd - Mercer County A.B.A.T.E.
- 3rd - UPMC

Special Recognition

Iceberg Awards

"Twinkle" - The entry with the brightest lights.

- Elite Ambulance

"Santa's Choice" - The entry exhibiting the most holiday spirit.

- Hermitage Agway

"Most Unique" - The entry

demonstrating a creative and unique float design

- Warehouse Sales

"Most Entertaining" - The entry with the best holiday music or entertainment theme.

- PSU Shenango

"William E. Scanlon" - The entry with the best community spirit.

- Mercer County A.B.A.T.E.

"Community"

- Wheatland Fire

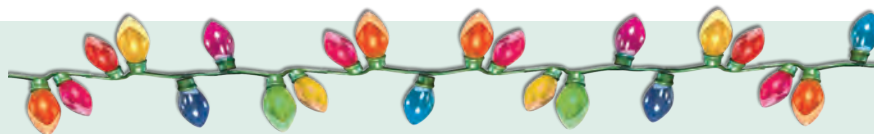
"Judges' Choice" - The judges choice for special recognition to entries that creatively combined bright lights & holiday spirit.

- Twirling Angels
- Sports Clips
- Georgia City Lights
- Army Corps of Engineers
- South Pymatuning Fire Dept.
- Hillcrest-Flynn Pet Care Foundation
- "Rudolph"** - The entry escorting Santa.
- TJ Maxx

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- Nick's Inn 62

A special thank you to the

Shenango Valley Professionals for their sponsorship of the Junior Marshals

- Hermitage Volunteer Fire Dept. • Hermitage Police Dept. • Hermitage Street Department • Hickory V.F.W. Honor Guard & Women's Auxiliary
- Parade Judging Committee • D'Onofrio's • Scheidmantle Motors • IC Electric • Mercer County Community Transit • Lou Ann Nassar • Hermitage School District • Sunny 1470 • Every business, organization, family and volunteer who participated

A special thank you to John Durisko and Satin Sounds.

Thank you to everyone who donated to Faith Presbyterian Church & Community Food Warehouse food drive, McGonigle's Toys for Tots drive, Hillcrest-Flynn pet food drive and Penn State Shenango's "Operation Warm Hands"

A Special "Thank You" to:

- PI&I Motor Express
- Strimbu Trucking, Inc. • Reiter's Towing
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50-Year Time Capsule Opening



On December 15, 2016 a time capsule placed in the wall of the then Hickory Township Municipal Building in 1966 to be opened in 50 years was opened. City officials were joined by Rod McAdams of the Hermitage Historical Society and a special guest, John Leali. Mr. Leali was one of the Hickory Township Commissioners when the building was constructed in 1966. Items contained in the capsule, which were in relatively good condition, included a January 31, 1966 edition of the Sharon Herald, the Hickory Township budget for 1966, an employee roster, photographs, Shenango Valley street map, construction details for the new building and the program from the building dedication ceremony.



2017 Budgets Approved

On December 21, 2016 the Hermitage Board of Commissioners approved the City's 2017 budgets which total \$19.9M, including the General and Sewer Funds. There is no increase in taxes and staffing levels will be maintained. It is anticipated that revenues in 2017 will remain stable, enabling the City to maintain existing services and capital programs. City officials place a high priority on maintaining a sound infrastructure system. Several projects will be undertaken in 2017 including:

- **Phase IV of Block 5** of the Neighborhood Investment Program. Cohasset Dr. from Parkview Dr. to Highland Rd. will be milled with road base repairs as needed and repaved. Also, some stormwater facilities will be improved and new street signs installed. Estimated cost - \$390,000.
- **The 2017 Capital Paving Program** will consist of paving Patricia Dr., Theresa Ave. and Victoria Dr. These streets will have existing pavement milled off, necessary base repairs made and new pavement and new street signs installed. Elsewhere in the City several streets will be sealcoated and line painting done, with the exact locations yet to be determined, under the City's AGILITY agreement with PENNDOT. Estimated cost - \$325,000
- **Clarksville Rd.** will have the existing pavement milled off, necessary base repairs completed and new pavement and street signs installed using bond funds and a state grant. Estimated cost - \$954,500.
- **Stormwater projects** will be undertaken in the industrial corridor and along Baker Run between Woodside Dr. and Westerman Blvd. Preliminary engineering work will be done for possible future projects in the Pine Hollow Blvd. area. Estimated cost - \$820,000
- **Traffic signals** at Buhl Farm Dr. and E. State St. and at N. Hermitage Rd. and Indian Run Rd./SV Mall entrance will be upgraded under a state grant.

Other capital expenditures include a new large truck in the Street Department, three new police vehicles and a camera security system in the Police Department and facility upgrades at the Fire Department. Other facility maintenance projects for 2017 include power washing and painting at various buildings, and parking lot and trail sealcoating at the municipal building and athletic complex.

A summary of city budgets can be found at www.hermitage.net.

From the Street Department

We need your help...The Street Department for the City of Hermitage does our best to keep our roads clear and safe during the winter months. We are asking for a little help from our residents.



We ask you not to push your snow onto or across roads or pile it onto the sidewalks (per city ordinance). We also ask that during any heavy storms you work with us to keep your vehicles off of the roads to make plowing and salting safer.

We hope that with all of us working together we can keep our roads clear and safe.

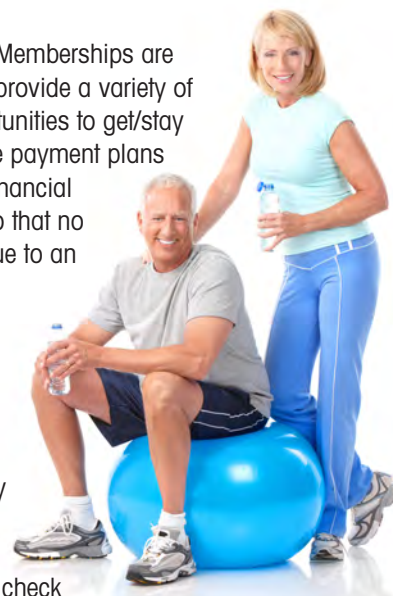
Shenango Valley YMCA Upcoming Events & Programs

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



Fitness:

- **GROUP EXERCISE CLASSES: FOR A STRONGER YOU- FOR A STRONGER US.** The YMCA Group Exercise program has something for everyone! Y classes are FREE for YMCA members! Working out with a class provides not only a great workout, but also added support, motivation and accountability! Free classes include (but are not limited to): Cycling, Boot Camp, Line Dancing, Zumba, Aquatics, Yoga, Power Pump, and HIIT. Schedules are available at the YMCA and on our website: svymca.com
- **YMCA MEMBERSHIPS:** Y Memberships are available for all ages and provide a variety of programs and other opportunities to get/stay active and healthy. Flexible payment plans are available, as well as financial assistance scholarships so that no one is ever turned away due to an inability to pay the fees.
- **SILVER SNEAKERS AND SILVER & FIT:** Our YMCA participates with both of these great programs. Through your health insurance, you may qualify for a free membership to our Y. If you are unsure, call or stop in and we can check your eligibility and get you started!



Special Community Event:

- **SPRING CRAFT SHOW: CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!** Free and open to the public. Join us Saturday, March 25th, from noon-4 pm. There will be food, 50/50 raffle, Chinese Auction, refreshments, lots of fun, and, of course, crafts for sale! Don't miss out! Vendor spaces are limited. Interested crafters should contact the YMCA now by calling 724-981-6950 or email at csomerset@svymca.com

Upcoming Youth Sports & Programs:

- **SPRING SOCCER**
Co-ed instructional league for ages 3-12
Register at the YMCA February 13th – April 3rd.
Season tentatively will start April 10th.
- **SUMMER T-BALL/COACHES PITCH**
Co-ed instructional league for ages 3-7
Register at the YMCA April 24th – June 5th.

Information: 724-981-6950 or svymca.com

925 N. Hermitage Rd., Hermitage, PA 16148

Buhl Farm Park

Do You Love Buhl Park?

TEXT 2 GIVE

1. Text "Give" or any amount to:
724-705-0062
2. Follow the messages
3. Register your credit or debit card
(first time only)



Upcoming Events:

February 12th – Buhl Park's Winter Fest, Chili Cook-Off

Bring on the snow, because it's all about Snowmen! Come spend the day at Buhl Park from 11am to 4 pm to enjoy everything that winter has to offer. This year's event will feature many fun outdoor activities, including dogsled demonstrations, horse-drawn wagon rides, a snow angel area, a freeze-pop scavenger hunt, the Great Snowman Challenge and Snowman stories by Miss Victoria. You can also snap a picture with our visiting Snowmen, make outdoor bird feeders or go sled riding. A free shuttle will be available from Noon to 4 pm to take you and your sleds



to the sled ride hill and back to the Casino Parking lot. You can also enjoy roasted marshmallows on an open fire or purchase hot dogs, popcorn and hot chocolate. **The Chili Cook-off** is another great feature of the Winter Fest allowing people to serve their homemade chili and compete for first place. Participants will be serving up their favorite chili recipe from 11:30 until 1:30. Anyone is able to submit their chili, but must be pre-registered by February 3rd. For more information on entering the Chili Cook-off, please call 724-981-5522, ext. 102 or e-mail marylynn@buhlfarmpark.com.



More information about the Winter Fest available on the park's website at www.buhlfarmpark.com or facebook page.

April 1st – Pancakes with the Easter Bunny (9:00 am),
Casino Ballroom

April 8th – Mentored Youth Fishing day (8:00 am), Lake Julia

April 18th, 20th, 22nd – The First Tee of Sharon Registration –
more info at www.thefirstteesharon.org

April 22nd – Early Bird Open Disc Golf Tournament (9:00 am),
Shelter 4

April 29th – Clean Up Day (9:00 am), Registration at 8:45 am
in the Casino lawn area

Looking For An Event Venue? We've Got Plenty!

Buhl Park offers a variety of indoor and outdoor facilities that are available to rent all year long. Each facility offers different scenery throughout the Park. Reservations can be made online at www.buhlfarmpark.com/reservations OR by stopping at the Park Casino during office hours.

www.buhlfarmpark.com • 724-981-5522

Community Library of the Shenango Valley



Monthly Programs @CLSV

For Kids

Story Hour

Every Tuesday at 10:30 am for ages 3-5. Join us for music, crafts and story time.

Read to Therapy Dogs

Visit with local therapy dogs in the library's children's area. Practice reading your favorite books or just have fun. Join us the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. Fun for the entire family! Sponsored by Canine Connections.

For Adults

Electronic Tablet One-on-One Computer Help

Do you have a new gadget? Would you like to learn to use your Kindle Fire, iPad, or Nook? If you have a tablet or eReader and have questions, this is the perfect opportunity to have them answered. Do you have a new laptop? Or questions about your computer? The Library also offers one on one computer help by appointment.

Computer Classes

Introduction to the Computer:

Mondays @ 6 pm January 23rd - February 13th.

Learning How to Navigate Windows 10:

Thursdays @ 6 pm January 19th - February 9th.

Chess Club

Every Monday and Thursday from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Join us if you are interested in learning to play chess or looking for an opponent. Bring your own chess set or use one of ours.

Knit & Crochet

Every Tuesday from 12:30 - 2:00 pm. Bring your favorite needlecraft. All experience levels and ages welcome.

Great Issues

Meets the third Friday of every month @ 1 pm. Join the library's current events group. Meet one Friday a month and discuss the current events of the nation and the world. Bring newspaper or journal articles to discuss with the group and learn more about the issues facing the world today.

Fine Arts Workshops with Don Gold

Two Saturdays a month, work on your painting skills in our free workshops taught by professional artist Don Gold. Registration is required as space is limited. Check our calendar for dates and times.

Book Clubs @CLSV

Evening Book Club

Our Evening Book Club meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm and is free and open to all. Patrons can register @CLSV at any time and borrow a copy of that month's book.

Afternoon Book Club

Afternoon Book Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 2:00 pm and is free and open to all. Patrons can register @CLSV at any time and borrow a copy of that month's selection.

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.

The eCenter@LindenPointe . . . A Year in Pictures



The first **Startup Weekend** – a Google powered event – in Mercer County was held on the November 4th weekend. We saw over 60 participants of all ages; our youngest was a 12 year-old girl, Cynthia Torrence, and our oldest was a 68 year-old executive, Don Morrison. The winning team, EnergyScore, plans on incorporating their idea into a business.



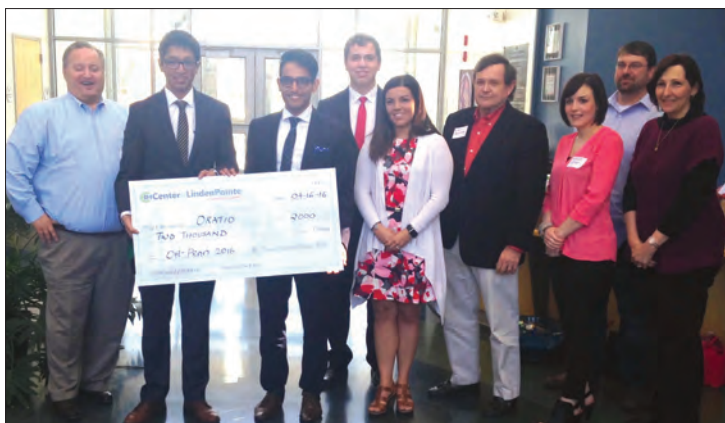
Our first **Open Coffee** in 2016



Dolphin Tank – a pitch event for our high school students



eCommerce Sessions for the public



OH-PENN for Business College **Business Plan Competition**



Annual Fall Celebration at Penn State Shenango

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LindenPointe Entrepreneurship Academy Program (L.E.A.P) ♦ ♦ ♦



Community Driven – Global Impact

– The Entrepreneurship Academy is reinventing the senior year for area high school seniors. The LindenPointe Entrepreneurship Academy Program is currently recruiting for the 2017/2018 class. For more information contact the eCenter@LindenPointe #724.981.1829 or levans@lindenpointe.com

Alumni Day

We welcomed our alumni home for the first annual celebration day. They have shaped our program, made a difference in our community and have become legends in our classroom. We told stories, enjoyed activities, and interacted with the eCenter@LindenPointe's board members and tenants. We were honored that they came to make more memories with us!



Fall Gala

The eCenter@LindenPointe put on a Fall Gala in which students showcased the Entrepreneurship Academy. Keynote speaker Bob Evans, Chief Communications Officer of Oracle spoke about "Digitalizing the Human Experience".

eSpeaker Series

Brian Slawin from Ben Franklin Technology Partners was our most recent eSpeaker; he presented "What are you scared of?" and "Life Transitions".

Community Connections

Students met Michael Forney, owner of Michael Anthony's on a recent field trip to downtown Sharon. Michael Anthony's is a collaboration of cultural experiences in entertainment, arts, and education.



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If you are a startup in the Western PA region, then you should be very interested in our new competition – **VIA eCenter!** More details to come soon, stay tuned by subscribing on our website viaecenter.com



Community Service

Students are connecting to our community through on going community service at Buhl Farm Park. Students are bridging the gap between theory and practice by learning how to market products and use social media platforms for businesses.

From the Fire Chief's Desk ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

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

Once again, thank you to everyone that has sent in funds for our annual truck fund drive. Without your donations we would not have what we have today. If you haven't sent in your tax deductible donation, it is never too late. 2017 is going to be an exciting year for the Hermitage-Patagonia Fire Department. We have plans for some major projects and upgrades to our facilities and training programs to better ourselves and the community. In 2016 we increased our membership and are very excited to have the new members onboard serving their community. It is a big responsibility. I would also like to encourage anyone who would like to be a part of this growing team to stop in and fill-out an application.



In recent months, I have seen an increase of drivers not yielding to emergency responding vehicles. Article 3325(a) of the Pennsylvania Vehicle code states it is the duty of the driver to yield the right-of-way to an approaching emergency vehicle using lights and sirens. That means, a driver must immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right hand edge or curb of the roadway clear

of any intersection and come to a complete stop. You should remain in that position until the emergency vehicle has passed. This also means when the emergency vehicle is traveling in the opposite direction, you should also pull over and stop, as the emergency vehicle may need the additional space to maneuver or make a turn onto an adjacent street. Once you have pulled over, if you don't come to a complete stop and you continue to move it is very dangerous for the emergency vehicle driver. We don't know what you are going to do which might cause us to react incorrectly. If the emergency vehicle needs to make a turn or other directional change, you may be a hazard to them if you don't stop. Drivers who fail to give the right-of-way can be given fines of up to \$250.

Remember, if you encounter an emergency vehicle responding, it's for a reason; fire, medical emergency or a police incident. If it is your family, friend or relative in need, you will want us to get there as quick as possible. Do your part, pull over and stop. "Help us help the people you care about." The Hermitage-Patagonia Fire Department would like to wish you a happy, healthy and safe New Year.



Fire Marshal-Chief John R. Flynn

From the Chief of Police ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Eric Jewell, City of Hermitage Chief of Police



The Hermitage Police Department constantly seeks opportunities to improve professionalism and the level of service provided to the citizens and businesses we serve. One result of these efforts has been the determination that a police canine program is needed to supplement the department's human resources, which are limited by staffing

and budget restraints, and stretched by the City's population and geography.

A police dog's superior sense of smell and hearing are tremendously valuable in tracking missing persons, apprehending criminals and locating hidden, illegal drugs. Police K-9 teams have been successfully used for decades throughout the nation and the world. The time has come to recruit and utilize this proven, four-legged partner to help serve and protect the citizens served by the Hermitage Police Department.

I have chosen Officer Marc Frampton to serve as Hermitage's first canine officer. Officer Frampton and I strongly share in the belief that the canine will be loved and cared for like one of our very own in our police department family.

The program start-up costs are significant with an initial price tag of approximately \$55,000. This includes the cost of the animal, training for both the animal and Officer Frampton, a special transport vehicle, insurance and incidentals. The Hermitage Police Department is soliciting your financial assistance in supporting this valuable and perhaps life-saving addition to the department. You can make a tax deductible contribution through

a fund established at the Community Foundation of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio. Contributions can be made at the Hermitage Police Department, 800 N. Hermitage Rd., Hermitage, PA 16148 or sent to the Community Foundation of WPA/EOH, 7 West State St., Suite 301, Sharon, PA 16146. Checks are to be made payable to the Community Foundation of WPA/EOH and should include "Hermitage K-9 Fund" on the memo line. With your help we can achieve this worthwhile endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

CITY OF HERMITAGE POLICE SEEKING DONATIONS TO ESTABLISH OUR DEPARTMENT'S K-9 UNIT



**K-9 to be purchased through
SHALLOW CREEK KENNELS in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania.**

Trained in:

- NARCOTIC DETECTION
- TRACKING of person and/or articles

If you are able to support our program in any way, all donation amounts are appreciated. Donations are tax deductible and can be made in person at the Hermitage Police Department

-or-

through a fund established through
Community Foundation of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio.

Donations by checks payable to:

**Community Foundation of WPA/EOH
7 West State Street Suite 301
Sharon, Pennsylvania 16146
memo line - Hermitage K9 Fund**

For further information please contact:

Chief Eric Jewell
ejewell@hermitage.net
724-983-6780

Officer Marc Frampton
mframpton@hermitage.net
724-971-1698

DCNR Grant helps Little League Complex ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

The City partnered with the Hermitage Little League Association in 2016 to rehabilitate the American Field at the Carl Harris Little League Complex on Virginia Road. The project included new field materials, dugouts, fencing, walking trail and drainage improvements. The City received an \$80,000 grant from the

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, which was matched by local funds. The field will be ready for play in the spring. Thanks to everyone involved in the planning and construction of this community recreation project that will positively impact the youth in the community!



Hermitage Little League Registration



Important registration changes for 2017 season. Everyone must check the Hermitage Little League website for details – www.Hermitagelittleleague.Com

Parents interested in Managing, Coaching or Assisting with your child(ren)'s teams must fill out a VOLUNTEER APPLICATION and have a valid Driver's License or equivalent form of Identification. ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST PRESENT THE 2 NECESSARY BACKGROUND CHECKS BEFORE YOU ARE ALLOWED TO ASSIST IN ANY MANNER. SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.

Where: Hermitage Municipal Building

When: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Who: Any student enrolled in a school in the Hermitage district or who lives in Hermitage is eligible to play.

T-Ball	ages 4 to 6	Minors	ages 7 to 8
Farm	ages 9 to 10	Majors	ages 11 to 12
Juniors	ages 13 to 14	Senior	ages 15 to 16

*** Based on Little League age determination chart – see website for details.

Cost: \$80.00 per child (includes \$30.00 in raffle tickets)
\$160.00 per family (2 or more children)
Concession contribution: See Website for details.

Questions? Call Mike Messer at 724-699-2890.

Website: www.Hermitagelittleleague.Com

Hermitage Girls Softball Assoc. Registration



All players must register every year to be eligible to play. Please bring your child's birth certificate, or copy, to registration to verify age.

Skills Sessions (try-outs): Saturday, March 18.

Parents interested in Coaching or Assisting with your child(ren)'s teams must fill out a VOLUNTEER APPLICATION and have a valid Driver's License or equivalent form of ID.

Where: Hermitage Municipal Building

When: Saturday, February 11, 2017 10 am to noon
Tuesday, February 21, 2017 6 pm to 8 pm

Who: Fast Pitch Division (Player's age as of December 31, 2016)

8U	ages 6 to 8	12U	ages 11 to 12
10U	ages 9 to 10	14U	ages 13 to 14

Registration: \$40.00 per child \$60.00 (2) or more children per family

Fundraising: \$160.00 per family (2 or more children)

Concession Fee: See Website for details.

Questions? Call Joe White at 724-977-4329

Website: www.leaguelineup.com/hgsa

Kindergarten Registration 2017-2018

When:

Wednesday, February 22	9:15 – 11:00 AM	Last Names A-E
Wednesday, February 22	1:00 – 2:30 PM	Last Names F-J
Thursday, February 23	9:15 – 11:00 AM	Last Names K-O
Thursday, February 23	1:00 – 2:30 PM	Last Names P-T
Friday, February 24	9:15 – 11:00 AM	Last Names U-Z

Where:

The Artman Elementary Building Community Room

What to Bring:

- State Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Proof of Guardianship (if not natural parent)
- Proof of Residence
- Please note that a driver's license is not an acceptable proof of residency.



Registration Day:

- Registration must be done by PARENT accompanied by the child.
- Please allow approximately one hour for the registration process.
- All children who register will participate in a screening, which includes assessment in several areas: School readiness check (reading – letter and sound recognition, rhyming; math – counting, number recognition) vision, speech and language screening.

Other Requirements:

Your child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2017.

Forms on Website:

For your convenience, you may go to the following website, print out all of the Kindergarten registration forms, fill them out and bring with you on registration day: www.hermitage.k12.pa.us (Click on Forms → Select Enrollment → Select Kindergarten Registration Forms)

Kindergarten Registration Make-up:

When:

Thursday, March 30, 2017 9:15-11:00 am and 1:00-2:30 pm

This date is scheduled for those families that are unable to attend our February sessions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Jeanne Mikulski at 724-981-8750, Ext. 5001.

From the Treasurer



Bernie Harry

With the start of the New Year, there are a few reminders I would like to share with you. Our tax bills are mailed twice a year. The County/City portion of your real estate bill goes out on March 1 of each year. This year there will be a slight decrease in the amount due since the County has lowered their millage from 24.4 to 24.15. The school bill along with the per capita bills are mailed on August 1.

If you have not ever applied for the Homestead exemption, you should do so as soon as possible. You can download the form from the county website or pick one up in our office at your convenience.

You only apply one time unless you change your deed or purchase a new house. Remember you may only collect the discount once. Your name must be on the deed and that parcel must be your residence. For example, if you have a home here and a vacation home or rental property also, you cannot receive the exemption on anything except your main residence.

If you are new to the area, whether you rent or own your home, you must register with the City for per capita tax billing. Per Capita tax is a \$35.00 head tax levied on anyone over the age of 18, living in the City of Hermitage.

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

Bernie Harry, Hermitage Treasurer

From the Sewer Department

The City of Hermitage is now offering an email copy of your sewer utility bill. If you are interested, send an email to Kathy at kpatrizi@hermitage.net. Please include name, account# and service address.

Also, we offer direct debit from your checking or savings account. Authorization forms available for download online at www.hermitage.net or at the Hermitage Municipal Building.

Hermitage Recycling / Solid Waste / Bulk Trash Information

E-Waste Recycling Program

- Year-round @ the City Garage
5250 Virginia Road, **Fridays**, 7 am-noon
- There is no cost to residents. Proof of residency required.

Acceptable e-waste includes:

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

Spring Cleanup - Bulk Trash

April 14 (Mon. & Thurs. customers)
April 21 (Tues. & Wed. customers)

Fall Cleanup - Bulk Trash

Sept. 22 (Mon. & Thurs. customers)
Sept. 29 (Tues. & Wed. customers)

Acceptable bulk trash items include:

- White goods
- Bulk items
- Larger items
- Properly tagged freon-free items with any doors disabled

Tire & Appliance Recycling

- Year-round @ the City Garage
5250 Virginia Road, **Mon.-Fri.**
8 am-3 pm
- 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.

Yard Waste collection will begin the week of April 17th and run through the end of November.

City of Hermitage

Parks & Recreation

800 North Hermitage Road
Hermitage, PA 16148



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Water Quality Corner www.stormwaterpa.org

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.

Native Plant Gardening

Do you have areas in your yard where grass doesn't want to grow? A native plant garden may be the solution! Plant a variety of native plant species – or just a few. Then enjoy your beautiful, low-maintenance garden, knowing that you're saving water, reducing air and stream pollution, and providing habitat for birds, beetles, bees and butterflies.

Helpful resources:

- www.blue-thumb.org/native-gardens
- www.plantnative.org
- extension.psu.edu/plants/master-gardener/counties/mercer

