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Luigi's Pizza: Consistent quality since 1955

Contributed by Dick Davis

Order a pizza from Luigi's today and you get dough, red sauce, cheese, and Italian sausage from the same family recipes used 65 years ago when started by Tony Dalessandro, says his daughter, Diane Dalessandro.

The tasty cheese topping is a Luigi's-made combination of six different provolone cheeses. Luigi's loyal customers love it; they are 90-95 percent of the business.

The red sauce pizza toppings in 1955 were provolone cheese and a few diced green peppers. Extras were sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms, more peppers or more cheese. Over the decades, extras were added to include black olives, anchovies, bacon, onions, or banana pepper rings.

Contrary to a Shenango Valley pizza myth, there are no green peppers in Luigi's red sauce.

"My dad created the recipes with the green peppers on top because of the additional flavoring," Diane says, "and it's a free topping. Today, some customers don't want the peppers, but a true pie comes with them."

As its business name implies, pizza is the sole Luigi's menu item. Added in the early 1990s were a white pizza and a vegetable pizza.

Luigi's started in rented space next to Sunset Lanes on Idaho Street, in Farrell. Luigi's numerous patrons included bowlers from Sunset, including Anna Mae Rogan. Anna Mae and Tony met in the pizza shop and married in 1965.

Luigi's moved to the Hickory Plaza in 1972 where it sold thousands of pies until the Plaza closed in 1990. After a nine-month hiatus, Luigi's reopened in the newly-built Maple Square Plaza, its current location.

Diane recalls the reopening being both overwhelming and gratifying for the family. Customers were lined out the door into the parking lot; several times Luigi's had to close after a few hours as it was simply out of dough for the day.

Diane and husband, Brett Peterson, now work fulltime with several others producing pizzas. Diane's brother, Duane, helps out several times a year, usually during holidays. Brett and Diane are Hickory High School grads and earned undergraduate degrees from Penn State University.

They maintain the Luigi's recipes and traditions with the passing of Tony and Anna Mae.

That is a family recipe for success.



Tony and Anna Mae making dough, circa 2006



Luigi's Pizza

Maple Square Plaza
2918 E. State St.
Hermitage, PA 16148

724-347-3812

Tuesday-Sunday, 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Still baking after all these years

According to national data, up to 90 percent of independent restaurants close during their first year of operation. Two shops in Hermitage, Luigi's Pizza and Plaza Pizza, smashed those odds years ago: Luigi's opened in 1955 and Plaza started in 1957. Maintaining original recipes with quality ingredients and friendly customer service are the main reasons for their longevity, according to family owners and operators.

Community Update takes a look at Plaza Pizza with its specialty sheet pizzas and Luigi's Pizza with its specialty rounds pies. Chicken wings, French fries, salads, tofu, or sushi don't appear at either—Pizza rules.



Plaza Pizza: Sicilian style sheets

Contributed by Dick Davis



Plaza Pizza owner Terry Teal

Customers return to Plaza Pizza for its Sicilian style thick crust pizza famous since 1957. New owners Terry and Jamie Teal and team use the same popular recipes baked in distinctive rectangular sheet pans implemented by founder Richard Balint.

"We keep everything consistent," says Terry, "such as the homemade dough, sauce, and cheese blends. Consistency is what we strive for and what our customers expect and enjoy."

The shop offers pizza by the slice or by the tray. Trays include the mini, of nine slices; the half tray, of 15 slices; and the whole tray, of 28 slices.

Toppings include pepperoni, ham, sausage, mushrooms, bacon, meatballs, black olives, green peppers, onions, pineapple, broccoli, cauliflower, and pepper rings.

Teal and wife, Jamie, recently took control of Plaza Pizza after discussions with Jamie's aunt, Jackie Guarino, a previous Plaza Pizza manager and friend of then-owner, Sara Balint, widow of Richard.

Richard Balint passed away in 2016. One talk led to another talk with Sara, then Terry and Jamie bought Plaza Pizza.

"I am extremely happy Terry and Jamie have the shop," says Sara. "They are continuing with the same great pizza, the same great sauce—the same everything."

"It is just a joy to me that they are doing wonderful."



Plaza Pizza

2417 E. State St.
Hermitage, PA 16148

724-981-0634

Open daily at 11 a.m.

Plaza Pizza is also on Facebook

2019 Hermitage Holiday Light Parade Wrap-up

School

1st place - Hickory Little Hornets Youth Football

2nd place - Penn State Shenango

3rd place - Kennedy Catholic Schools

Bands

1st place - Jamestown HS Marching Band

2nd place - Reynolds Jr/Sr HS Marching Band

3rd place - Greenville Trojan Marching Band

4th place - Farrell HS Marching Band

Entertainment

1st place - Twirling Angels

2nd place - Alessandra's Dance Academy

3rd place - Miss Elaineous Dance Studio

4th place - Kennedy Catholic HS Dance Line

Clubs and Organizations

1st place - Scout Troop 52 Cub Scout Pack

2nd place - Shiloh Ministries

3rd place - The Lehman Family

4th place - The Women of FNB

Corporate A, over 30'

1st place - McGonigle Funeral Home and Ambulance Service

2nd place - Watson's

3rd place - The Canine Campus

Corporate B, under 30'

1st place - Dream Builder's Child Care

2nd place - Lowe's

3rd place - Sharon Regional Medical Center

Municipal Officials / Fire

Departments

1st place - US Army Corps of Engineers

2nd place - Sharon Fire Department

3rd place - South Py Fire Department

Nonprofit

1st place - Lighthouse Baptist Church of the Valley

2nd place - Mercer County A.B.A.T.E.

3rd place - Buhl Community Recreation Center

Twinkle Award

Penn State Shenango

Santa's Choice

Agway

Most Unique

McGonigle Funeral Home and Ambulance Service

Most Entertaining

Spirit Baron

William Scanlon Award

Buhl Community Recreation Center

Community Award

Sharon Regional Medical Center

Rudolph Award

Northstar Power Sports

Judge's Choice Awards

Mercer County PennDot

Styling One Salon and Spa

TJ Maxx

G.W. Becker

Reynolds Jr Girl Scout Troop 46801

Eastgate Christian Church



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Hermitage Police Dept.

Hermitage Street Dept.

Hickory VFW Honor Guard & Women's Auxiliary

Parade Judges

Mercer County Community Transit

Lou Ann Nassar

Hermitage School District

Hickory XC Boosters

Every Business, organization, family

and volunteer who participated and

everyone who contributed to the Penn State

Shenango and Community Food Warehouse

Food Drive.



Holiday Light Parade Fun

Thanks to members of the community who posted these fun pictures of the parade and festival on our Facebook page.



Buhl Farm Park – Winter 2020

www.buhlfarmpark.com • 724-981-5522



February 9

Winter Bird Show: Tamarack

Wildlife Free program for the whole family! Join us in the Casino Ballroom for a live bird show by the Tamarack Wildlife Center. Learn about a variety of different bird species and get up close and personal with some of their very own rehab birds! The event begins promptly at 2:00 p.m., pre-registration is not required.



March 7

Buhl Bridal Show Last year, our First Annual Buhl Bridal Show welcomed over 200 guests including almost 100 brides to be. This year we are looking to attract even more potential clients with unique vendors who have 'all things wedding'. From accessories to photographers, bachelorette party ideas to entertainment and everything in between. All spouses-to-be and their entourage are invited to visit our show for \$10 per person at the door that includes a sheet of tickets for our raffle baskets. Once signed in, the spouse-to-be will receive a

"Swag Bag" filled with goodies to get started but also useful for information picked up along the way including business cards, flyers, samples, and trinkets provided by our vendors.



April 18

Annual Clean Up Day It's that time of year again, when we all are getting ready to enjoy the warmer weather. At Buhl Park, that means there is much to do to prepare for all of the visitors that will come throughout the summer to enjoy all the park has to offer. Volunteers are needed to help with our annual Spring Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are assigned to a specific area within the park and are asked to bring gloves and a rake if possible. FREE lunch is available to all those who register. Individuals, families, schools, and organizations are encouraged to participate. Community service hours are available upon request. Please contact Ryan at 724-981-5522, ext. 104 or ryan@buhlfarmpark.com pre-registering a group.

Upcoming Events:

March 21st – Mentored Youth Fishing Day: PA Fish & Boat Commission

March 28th – First Day of Trout Fishing on Lake Julia

April 4th – Daffin's Easter Egg Hunt at Buhl Park: This event is hosted by Daffin's Candies and is free to the public. The hunt begins promptly @ NOON. It is recommended to arrive at least 25 minutes early.

May 2nd – Spring Bird Walk @ 9 a.m., Meet at the Buhl Casino Parking Lot

DATE	PROJECT	COST
JAN 16	WINTER WIND CHIME	\$7
FEB 12	VALENTINES DAY STRING ART	\$7
MARCH 26	RECYCLED T-SHIRT CRAFT	\$7
APRIL 22	EARTH DAY CRAFT	\$7
MAY 7	MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT	\$7

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. Four Shelters, the Casino, and the Activities Building all have unique character and qualities. Each facility offers different scenery throughout the Park. Weddings, receptions, showers, birthday parties, graduation parties, conferences, family gatherings...the list goes on and on. Reservations can be made online at www.buhlfarmpark.com OR by stopping at the Park Casino during office hours.

In case you missed it!

THANKS TO: Hermitage Lowes, Sharon American Legion Post 299, the Shenango Valley Chamber, JCL Energy, and Fisher Electric for their financial support. The light display was a community undertaking and could not have been completed without a tremendous amount of support.



Shenango Valley YMCA Events & Programs

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

www.svymca.com • 724-981-6950 • 925 N. Hermitage Rd., Hermitage



Membership:

MEMBERSHIP: Y Memberships are available for all ages and provide a variety of programs and other opportunities to get/stay active and healthy. Flexible payment plans are available, as well as financial assistance scholarships so that no one is ever turned away due to an inability to pay the fees.

BUDDY UP PROGRAM: Join the Y with a buddy and you both can save up to 20% off the monthly fee. For complete details and information, contact or visit the YMCA.

Fitness:

PERSONAL TRAINING: Get the expert guidance and support you need to reach your goals this year. Hire a Y personal trainer. Flexible packages and options available - call or stop in for more info!

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

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!

Upcoming Youth Sports & Programs:

SPRING SOCCER: Co-ed league for ages 3-15. Games are at the Shenango Valley YMCA, and the league is presented through a partnership between the YMCA and the MCAFFL. Visit mcaffl.com to register and learn more about the Mercer County Area Flag Football League. 2020 Spring Season starts April 13th.

SPRING SOCCER Co-ed instructional league for ages 3-10. Register at the YMCA February 10th – March 30th.

SUMMER T-BALL/COACHES PITCH Co-ed instructional league for ages 3-7. Register at the YMCA April 20th – June 1st.

Community Library of the Shenango Valley

www.clsv.net • 724-981-4360

Visit our new Maker Space Lab! Join us twice a month for Teen Tinkering! Design, build, and create with the latest technology— check our website for days and times!

Story Hour Tuesdays, Jan. 28 – April 14 @ 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, games, crafts, and more! Ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

Funtime Fridays Ages 5 and under every Friday @ 10:30 a.m. Enjoy music, art, and play dates at the library!

Knit, Crochet, & More Tuesdays @ 12:20 p.m. Bring any kind of needlework and join us. Get tips, ideas, new patterns, and make new friends too!

Book Club is held the third Thursday of each month @ 2 p.m. Call or visit the library to register and borrow a copy of our monthly selection.

Get a complete schedule of all the library's programs at www.clsv.net

- Read to a Therapy Dog
- Family Movie Night
- Teen Movies
- Chess Club
- Fine Arts Painting
- Adult Crafts
- Anime
- Teen Art
- Jr. Engineers
- Lego Club

**HOURS: Monday thru Thursday • 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
11 N. Sharpsville Ave., Sharon, PA 16146**



Buhl Community Recreation Center

www.fhbuhlclub.org • 724-981-3700



Parent's Night Out February 7th from 5-9 p.m. Children ages 3 and up will participate in Valentine's Day activities and watch a movie with their favorite Must be Buhl Club members.

Youth Programs Registration Spring Session 1 begins Feb. 24th Tuesday, February 11th from 5-7 p.m. (Members only) Thursday, February 13th from 5-7 p.m. (Members and Non Members) Programs include: Swim Lessons, Gymnastics, Basketball Skills and Drills, T-Ball, STEAM and Art Classes.

Dance Through The Decades Annual Buhl Club Fundraiser! Saturday, March 21st from 7-10 p.m. at the Corinthian Banquet Hall and Event Center. 21 and older only.

Easter Egg Splash Saturday, April 4th from 5-8 p.m. Come enjoy our annual Easter egg hunt in the pool!

Spring Dance Recital Sunday, April 26th, 1 p.m. at Sharon High School.

Mother's Day Tea Saturday, May 2nd from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Park Inn by Radisson

For more information on our programs and events contact Michelle Bower, Program Director 724-981-3700 ext. 108 or mbower@fhbuhlclub.org



The Hermitage Arts Festival Committee is seeking talented individuals to participate in our Summer Arts Festival. Contact MaryEllen McKendry at (724) 981-0800, ext. 1210 for more information. **This application also available online at www.hermitage.net**

ARTISTS, MUSICIANS, DANCERS, PERFORMERS OF ALL TALENTS ARE INVITED TO APPLY!

Artists' Marketplace Application

Artist's Name

Company (if any)

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone (daytime) (evening/cell)

E-Mail Fax

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

- Jewelry Clay (functional) Wood (functional) Leather
 Metalsmithing Glass Fibers/Textiles 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.

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 12, 2020; 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

Artist's Brief

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

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.

Would you like to demonstrate your art talent during the festival? Yes No

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

TERMS & CONDITIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 June 12, 2020. • 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 11, and 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 12. • 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.

Hermitage Kindergarten Registration 2019-2020

When:

Wednesday, February 19
9:15 – 11:00 a.m. Last Names A-G

Wednesday, February 19
1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Last Names H-M

Thursday, February 20
9:15 – 11:00 a.m. Last Names N-S

Thursday, February 20
1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Last Names T-Z

Where: The Artman Elementary Building
Community Room

Registration Online Process:

The Hermitage School District has now implemented a new registration process. All registrations are to be completed online. Please go to our Website @ www.hermitage.k12.pa.us to access the online forms, fill in the required information, and *upload the necessary documents to complete your child's registration.

NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER, CHROMEBOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR YOUR USE; YOU

WILL NEED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO UPLOAD.

*MANDATORY FORMS TO BRING TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- ✓ 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. (Please bring the above checked forms even if you have uploaded online prior to registration.)**

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, 2020.

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



Gearing up for Kindergarten



Gearing up for Kindergarten dates are **Wednesday, February 26, Wednesday, March 4, 11, and 18, 2020.** The program runs from 6:00- 7:30 p.m. If you would

like to attend, the registration form can be found on our district website www.hermitage.k12.pa.us.

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Patti Bruzzese at 724-981-8750 ext. 5901.

Little Hornets

Artman Elementary invites all 3 -5 year olds and their families to attend our Little Hornets program.

When: Friday, February 7, 2020

Time: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Where: Artman Community Room

During this hour, 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 Bruzzese, Child Services Specialist at 724-981-8750 ext. 5901 or email patricia_bruzzese@hermitage.k12.pa.us.

Hermitage Girls Softball REGISTRATION



Where: Hermitage Municipal Building

When: February 11, 2020 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
February 19, 2020 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Who: Fast Pitch Division (Player's age as of December 31, 2018)

8U ages 6 to 8 12U ages 11 to 12

10U ages 9 to 10 14U ages 13 to 14

Registration: \$60/child \$90 (2) or more children per family

Concession Deposit: \$50/player at registration (returnable)

More Information: www.leaguelineup.com/hgsa

Questions? Call Joe White at 724-977-4329

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 21, 2020.

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.

City has Varied Infrastructure Projects in 2020

The City has multiple, and varied, infrastructure projects scheduled for construction during 2020. Included in the list of projects:

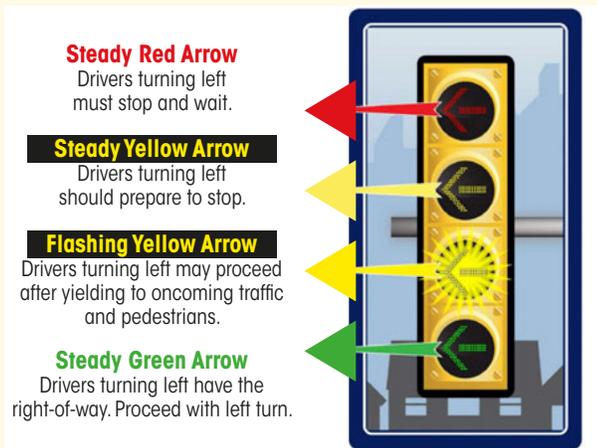
- **Neighborhood Investment Program Block 6, Phase II** – involves some stormwater facilities improvements, milling of old pavement, base repair, installation of new pavement and street signs on part of Michael Lane and all of Armand Avenue.
- **2020 Capital Paving Program** – involves milling of old pavement, base repair and installation of new pavement on Ellis Avenue and Donna Drive. Meadowbrook Avenue will be completed in 2020 if utility work can be completed and funding secured.
- **South Darby Road Stormwater/Paving Project** – involves installation of new stormwater facilities and new pavement.
- **Keel Ridge Road/E. State Street Traffic Signal Improvement Project** – involves the installation of new traffic signals, poles, mast arms and controller.
- **Forker Boulevard/Thornton Avenue Bike Lane/Intersection Improvement Project** – involves the installation of bike lanes along both sides of Thornton Avenue from the Sharon City line to Forker Boulevard and along Forker Boulevard to Hazen Road. Also the reconstruction of the intersection from a “Y” to a “T” intersection and new pavement on Thornton Avenue.
- **Hermitage Athletic Complex Storage & Maintenance Building** – involves the construction of a new 2,800 square foot building to house City parks maintenance equipment and individual storage spaces for use by organizations that use the Complex.
- **Sanitary Sewer Expansion Project** – involves the construction of a low pressure sanitary sewer system along North Neshannock Road and parts of North Darby Road and South Darby Road.

Except for the Neighborhood Investment Program work, all of the projects are funded in part, or full, with grant money. These projects continue the investment of the City into neighborhood infrastructure.



First Use of Flashing Yellow Signals in Mercer County

Oil City, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has activated a new type of left turn signal at two intersections along East State Street (Route 3008) in the City of Hermitage, Mercer County. Flashing Yellow Arrow signals, which have been proven to improve left turn safety, are at the intersections of East State Street and Ellis Avenue, East State Street and North Kerrwood Drive/ South Kerrwood Drive, and Longview Road and Route 18.



More information on Flashing Yellow Arrow signals and more is available at www.penndot.gov in the traffic signals section of “Travel In PA”.

Water Quality Corner

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

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

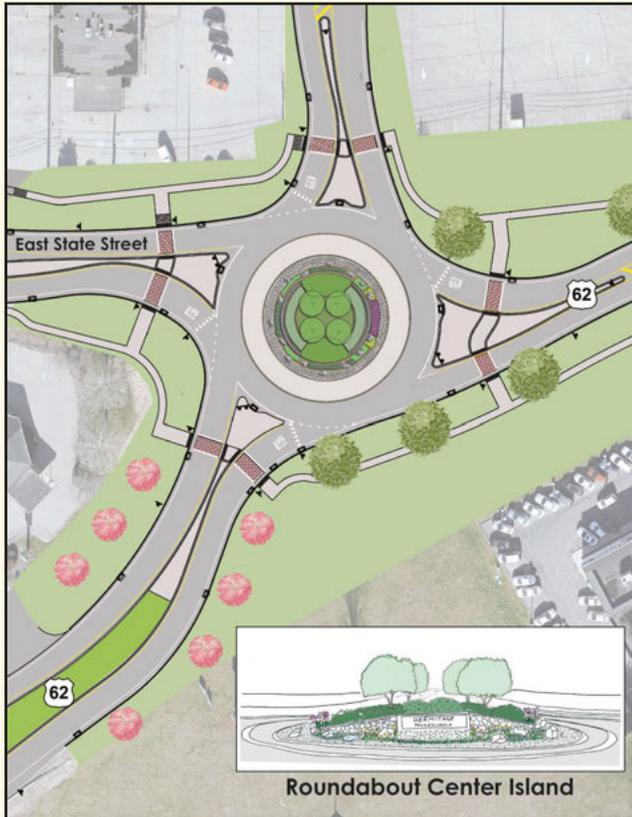


Consider using Pennsylvania native plants in your landscaping. Native plants are important for the environment, and will attract native pollinators such as bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

www.stormwaterpa.org

www.dcnr.pa.gov

Roundabout Project Update



PennDOT has contracted with Kirila Contractors, Inc., Brookfield, OH, to construct the City's first modern roundabout at the intersection of East State Street and the Shenango Valley Freeway (RT 62). The project cost is \$3.9M funded by State and Federal transportation dollars. **Below is a map with detour information during the project, along with the anticipated project schedule.**

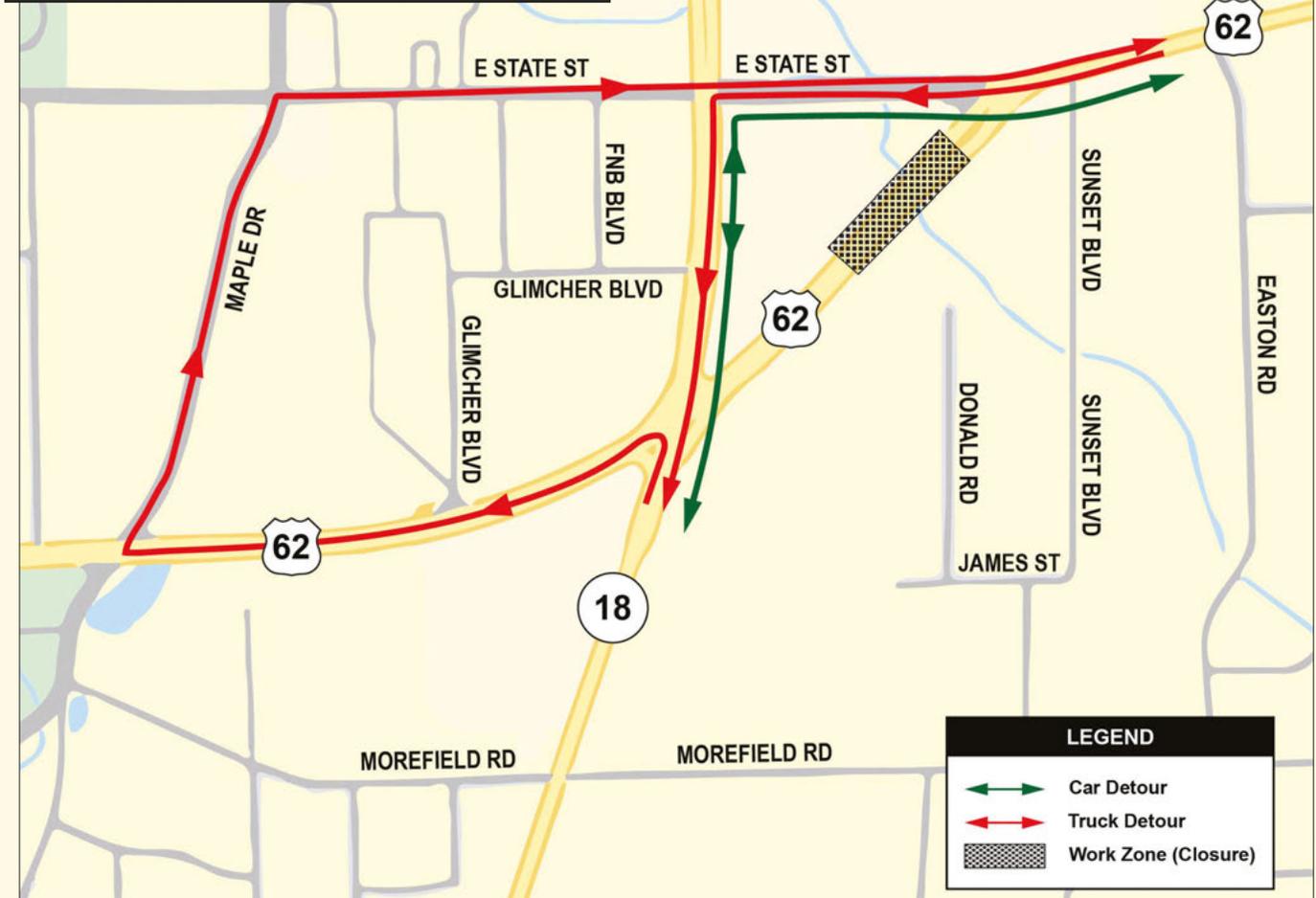
Route 62 Roundabout Project SCHEDULE

Anticipated Start Date

Early April 2020

Anticipated End Date

Late September 2020



Hermitage Recycling, Yard Waste, Garbage



Blue Lid = RECYCLING

Acceptable Materials:

- Household Plastic Bottles – #1, #2, #5 only
- Cans – aluminum & steel
- Foil Containers
- Cardboard
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Other Clean Paper – junk mail, office, paper bags



Green Lid = YARD WASTE

Acceptable Materials:

- Leaves, grass clippings, plants and flowers, roots, sawdust, shrubbery and clippings, branches, tree limbs under 3 inches in diameter, brush up to 3 feet in length
- **DO NOT use plastic bags.**



Brown Lid = GARBAGE

Acceptable Materials:

- Everything that cannot be recycled in your blue or green lid carts.
- Bag all garbage before placing it into the cart.

Hard-to-Recycle Collection (H2R)

All Events are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

February 11

Munnell Run Farm & Mercer Co. Conservation District

753 Greenville Road, Mercer, PA

March 10

Hermitage Municipal Building

800 North Hermitage Road, Hermitage, PA

April 14

Lawrence County Recycling/Solid Waste Dept.

Gettings Annex at Lawrence Co. Courthouse, New Castle, PA

Accepted Materials:

- Electronic Media – VHS tapes, CDs, DVDs, Floppy disk, 8-Tracks, Cassettes, etc.
- Compact Fluorescent Lights
- Fluorescent Tubes (less than 4' only)
- Shoes
- Christmas and Holiday Lights
- Cell Phones
- Thermostats

These collections are open to all Mercer and Lawrence County residents

Residents shall place their garbage, recycling and yard waste at the curb for collection no earlier than 24 hours before the day of the scheduled service. Carts shall be moved back away from the curb once collection service is completed.

E-Waste Recycling Program

- Year-round @ the City Garage
5250 Virginia Road
- **1st & 3rd Fridays** – 7 a.m.-noon
- \$10.00 tag / item. Purchase at the Municipal Building.

Acceptable e-waste includes:

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

Tri-County Recycling Program

Hard to Recycle Hazardous Waste & E-Waste Collection Program – Tri-County Industries is now offering a voluntary curbside HHW and E-Waste collection service for Hermitage residents. By appointment only, additional fees apply.

For more information, please visit hermitage.net or call TCI @ (724) 748-4705 or tricityind.com

Tire & Appliance Recycling

- Year-round @ the City Garage
5250 Virginia Road
- **Monday-Friday** – 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- There is no cost to residents. Proof of residency required.
- Number of tires per visit may be limited. (no tires with rims, or dirt in casings)
- All household appliances accepted without Freon.



Spring Cleanup - Bulk Trash

Spring Bulk Clean Up - Week of May 4, 2020
Customers will place the bulk items out the night before their regular trash collection day.

Acceptable bulk trash items include:

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

Alumni Day

The eAcademy held its annual well-attended Alumni Day on Thursday December 19th 2019 where alumni from the past 6 years caught up with each other and gave the new class advice.



“I didn’t know that was here!?”

Cooking classes, hair styling, gaming, yummy coffee, and so much more can be found right in our own backyards as the eAcademy students found out on one of their site visits. The group traveled to Firebean Espresso, Rock Paper Shears, Thyme in Your Kitchen, and Infinite Consortium Gaming to have conversations with the owners about what it is like to operate a businesses in our area.



eAcademy Alumni Starts eSports Program at UMU



AJ Hammond, an eAcademy and Hickory High School alumni founded the eSports program at the University of Mount Union in Alliance Ohio. The current eAcademy students visited AJ at UMU to see the program that he is growing and the impact he is making.



Wendy Kennedy Podcast

Lisa Evans, Program Director for the LindenPointe Development Corporation and instructor for the eAcademy program, was invited to be a guest on Wendy Kennedy’s new “Entrepreneurial Podcast” Wendy is the author of So What? Who Cares? Why You? a business startup pre-incubation methodology.

From the Chief of Police

Eric Jewell, *City of Hermitage Chief of Police*



Traffic Safety Tips

Tragically, each year motorists are killed crossing gated and ungated railroad track crossings. Whether it's

a gated crossing in downtown Sharon or an ungated rural road crossing, here are some grade crossing safety tips that should be followed.

- Never drive around lowered crossing gates.
- Never attempt to outrun a train. A train may be travelling faster than you think it is.
- Never stop your vehicle on the tracks waiting for traffic to move.
- Never begin to drive across the tracks unless you can get all the way across.
- Slow down and stop your vehicle prior to the tracks when red lights begin to flash.
- For grade crossings with no gates and no warning lights, slow down, look and listen. Approach cautiously and thoroughly check both ways for an approaching train before you cross. Always expect a train even on seldom used tracks.
- Sometimes gates and warning lights fail so always look and listen for a train before crossing any train track. Report nonworking gates and lights to 911 or call the gate problem phone number posted at most crossings.

Per Amtrak, it can take a train a mile or more to stop and an average train is three feet wider than the track on each side.

Child Safety Tips

It's any parent's fear that his or her child might someday be missing. Here are a few tips to follow just in case.

- Keep a complete description of your child. This includes basic physical descriptors like eye and hair color, height, weight, and date of birth.

Additional descriptors should include unique information like braces, piercings, scars, glasses, etc. Children grow quickly so keep your records current.

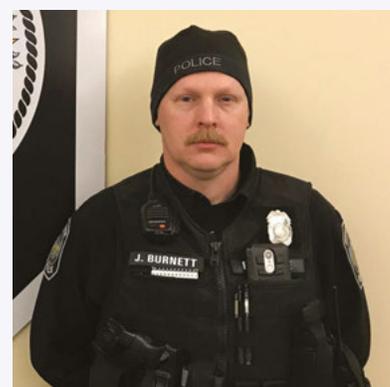
- Take a color photograph of your child every six months and keep it on file in print and electronic format. The image should be a head and shoulders close up. Different angles (sides) of "mug" shots are recommended too.
- Ask your child's dentist to provide you a copy of his or her dental chart every time it is updated.
- Know where your child's medical records are located if the need arises.
- Have local law enforcement fingerprint your child (generally toddler age and up for best fingerprinting results).
- Consider purchasing a DNA collection kit and take a buccal or cheek swab from your child.
- Have good communication with your child so they may report experiences and fears to you. Children can be more prone to abduction or exploitation if there is poor or no communication.
- Notify police immediately if you believe your child is missing. Even though you may have already searched your home for your missing child, police will want to search it again.

For further information check out websites with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Know the Law

A person is guilty of theft if he or she comes into control of property of another that he/she knows to have been lost, mislaid or delivered under mistake as to the nature or amount of the property or the identity of the recipient and with intent to deprive the owner thereof, he/she fails to take reasonable measures to restore the property to the person entitled to have it. Here are some applicable examples: 1.) If a package gets delivered to your house by mistake, it is not yours to keep – deliver it to the right address or contact the sender; 2.) If you

find a wallet with cash and a driver's license in it, you should return it to the owner or turn it over to police to return; 3.) If you find tools that fell off the back of a truck or find a wedding ring, you should turn them in to police for safekeeping or notify authorities of what you found and where. Report lost items to HPD so in the chance your lost item was reported or turned in for safekeeping, it can be returned to you. You may be eligible as the finder to lawfully keep unclaimed property you turn in.



Get to Know Your Police Officers. Do you know.....?

Officer Jason Burnett joined the Hermitage Police Department (HPD) in 2016 and presently serves in the Patrol Division. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Youngstown State University. Officer Burnett completed Ohio basic peace officer training in 2006 and served as a patrol officer and corporal in the State of Maryland for nearly 10 years before joining HPD's ranks.

Officer Burnett is trained in advanced crash (accident) investigation, interviewing and interrogation, crime scene forensics, crisis intervention, and tactical operations. He is a tactical operator with the Mercer County Critical Incident Response Team.

Officer Burnett's career goals are to become a crash reconstructionist and to advance to detective or patrol supervisor. Since the start of his career to present he has received numerous performance awards and certificates of excellence, merit, and commendation. Officer Burnett enjoys spending time with his family, fishing and hunting.

From the Fire Chief's Desk

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



The Hermitage Fire Department would like to wish everyone a happy and safe New Year. The Fire Department has mailed

its annual truck fund drive letter out and encourages all Hermitage residences to support and donate, no matter how big or small, to this worthwhile fundraiser. These funds will help secure the future of the fire department with the best equipment possible. We thank you in advance for your generous donations.

As cold weather starts to move-in and we start to look for supplemental heat sources, remember portable space heaters are a potential source of fire if not used properly. Here are some safety tips about using portable space heaters:

- When looking to buy a space heater make sure it has a tip over automatic shutdown feature.

- When using your space heater, keep at least 3 feet from all combustible materials e.g. couches, chairs, drapes, newspapers, desks, trash cans, paper boxes, etc.
- Do not place heaters under desks or other enclosed areas. Heaters must be monitored when in operation.
- Plug heaters directly into a wall receptacle, never plug them into an extension cord.
- Heaters missing guards, control knobs, feet, etc. must be taken out of service immediately and repaired by a competent person.
- Do not use heaters in rooms that will not be continually occupied.
- Keep space heaters away from exit ways, walkways and paths of travel.

- Do not use space heaters in wet areas like bathrooms or kitchens.
- Do not use portable space heaters if small children are expected in the area.



Another Winter Safety Tip

Always carry a jacket or warm clothing when traveling, even if you are going to the local store. If you happen to be involved in a motor vehicle accident or your vehicle breaks down, hypothermia can come on fast while you are waiting for help. Be prepared for the unexpected.

From the Desk of Treasurer

Bernie Harry, *City Treasurer*

Hello Everyone,

I hope you had a nice Holiday season and are now enjoying the daytime hours increasing as each day goes by. We have been very lucky with weather conditions thus far and hope the winter continues to be a mild one.

This is the time of year to take a break from property taxes. All unpaid taxes have been turned over to the County and the unpaid Per Capita bills have gone to Sharp Collections. Keep in mind that we only collect for current year taxes and they must be paid in our office by December 30th of each year, in order to

keep from being filed for collection.

This is a good time of year to have your receipts handy to prepare your tax rebate if eligible. Forms will be available in our office if you don't receive one by mail. Make sure that you have applied for the Homestead on your residence. This is generally a one time application unless you have a change on your deed. **Keep in mind that by law, you can only claim one Homestead on the house in which you reside and hold title to.**

I'm happy to inform you that both the County and City taxes will remain the same

this year.

These bills will be mailed to you on March 1st.

Our office is always available, should you have any questions. You can reach us at 724-3474472 or feel free to walk in anytime.





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Louis Squatrito, and Duane Piccirilli (Board Vice-President)

Hermitage Historical Society

5465 East State Street • 724-346-0419



Membership: \$10 person / year or \$25 family / year.

Meetings: Third Tuesday of each month. Guest speakers present a variety of information on history, genealogy, culture, local business, etc.

Tours: Open throughout the year.

Rentals: Available for meetings, bridal showers, wedding showers, fundraisers etc.

Annual Flea Market: May 9
Dozens of vendors available.

Annual Christmas Tours

As a historical society, we strive to make the history of the community more accessible. Through the historical house, the home of the historical society built in 1868-1869, we are able to display artifacts highlighting the history of our community and present period pieces that bring history alive. The house and the information in it include history of our local: schools, coal mines, houses, industry, the region itself, and more.

HERMITAGE PARKS & RECREATION

Yoga with Brittany ONGOING CLASSES



Cost: \$25.00 / month or \$8.00 class • **Time:** Tuesdays @ 5:30 p.m.

Location: Hermitage Municipal Building
800 N. Hermitage Road, Room 303

For More Information or to register: 724-981-0800 ext. 1210



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