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OCTOBER 2026

NEWS FROM MERCER COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS' CORNER:



RADIO PROJECT UPDATE

Mercer County's first responder radio project continues to make steady progress, with significant work taking place on the infrastructure needed to support the new system. Tower construction is moving forward and crews are continuing work on the sites that will provide the coverage and reliability needed by police, fire, EMS and other first responders throughout the county.

At the same time, testing of the radio system is underway. County representatives and project partners recently traveled to Harrisburg to test the system and evaluate its performance under a variety of conditions. The testing is an important step in identifying and addressing any issues before the system moves further toward implementation and ensuring that the equipment performs as expected before it is installed.

Work is also continuing on fleet mapping for the radio channels. This process involves determining how channels will be organized and programmed for the county's various departments and emergency response agencies so that users can communicate effectively while maintaining appropriate interoperability. Together, the tower construction, system testing and fleet mapping represent important milestones as Mercer County moves toward a modernized radio system designed to provide first responders with dependable communications when they need them most.

Mercer County Long Range Transportation Plan Adopted

What is a Long Range Transportation Plan?

- The LRTP is a blueprint for how we'll utilize federal transportation funding to **improve infrastructure and travel in Mercer County over the next 20 years.**
- It helps guide decisions about which transportation projects to prioritize, like **fixing roads and bridges, improving safety, and making travel more accessible for everyone.**
- It is required for our region to receive federal funding, and it makes sure that **resources are used efficiently and fairly.**
- The plan is **updated every five years** to reflect new data, community input, and changing needs, so it stays relevant and responsive to the people it serves.



Critical Feedback Diagram

The Moving Mercer Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was officially adopted on September 15, 2026, by the Shenango Valley Area Transportation Study (SVATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

The LRTP provides a long-term transportation framework for Mercer County, identifying transportation needs, opportunities, projects, and strategies to help guide investment through 2050. The plan addresses highways, bridges, transit, bicycle and pedestrian connections, safety, freight, and other transportation priorities.

Residents and community partners can view the Executive Summary and interactive StoryMap here: [Moving Mercer LRTP – Executive Summary & StoryMap](#)

The full Long Range Transportation Plan is available on the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission website under Transportation Plans.

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Mercer County Department of Public Safety is made up of two county departments, the Mercer County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and Mercer County 9-1-1. The department is under the supervision of one director, two deputy directors (one for EMA and one for 9-1-1) and numerous other employees and support staff.

Mercer County 9-1-1 is a 24/7/365 agency that answers and processes all emergency calls for the citizens and visitors of Mercer County. Between calls processed, dispatched and non-emergency calls for service, the center handles approximately 200,000 calls/dispatches per year. We dispatch calls for 24 fire departments, 22 law enforcement agencies, 5 transporting ambulance companies and other federal, state and local support agencies. All telecommunicators are nationally certified in APCO and emergency police, fire and medical dispatch through the National Priority Dispatch Association. New telecommunicators receive approximately 16 weeks of full-time training before they can answer and process calls. In addition to the director and deputy director, there is one quality assurance and training coordinator, 5 full-time shift supervisors, 20 full-time dispatchers, a GIS Coordinator, a CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) administrator, and varying numbers of part-time dispatchers.

The Mercer County Emergency Management Agency is the strategic planning arm of the Department of Public Safety. It provides hazardous materials response resources and assets, participates in counter terrorism activities, and planning and training functions. The principal role of Emergency Management is planning, response, recovery and mitigation. Hazardous weather, hazard mitigation, LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee), radiological, response to hazardous materials incidents, communications and the liaison with all municipalities of Mercer County, and outside agencies, are just a few of the responsibilities of Emergency Management. The agency has many assets that are available to the field responders of Mercer County, including but not limited to, a mobile incident command post, traffic control trailers, light towers, a drone and numerous other related support functions. The agency is on call 24/7 and is available to assist any requesting agency.

Mercer County Commissioners to Host Middle School Civics Summit at Grove City College

The Mercer County Board of Commissioners will host the 2nd Annual Middle School Civics Summit on Fri., Nov. 20, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to noon at Grove City College bringing together fifth- and sixth-grade students from across the county for a morning focused on civic education, leadership, and active citizenship.

The summit is designed to give young students an engaging introduction to how government works and how they can become involved in their communities. Through discussions, guest speakers and interactive activities, students will learn about government structure, voting, civic responsibility, community service, and the role citizens play in shaping their communities.

The 2026 summit will feature five sessions:

- "Rock the Vote" — Exploring the importance of voting and civic participation
- Community Service — Learning how individuals can make a difference through service
- Local Government — Understanding the role of local government and its impact on residents
- County Government — Learning about the responsibilities and services provided by county government
- Mercer County: Past, Present & Future — Exploring Mercer County's history while looking toward its future



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Middle School Civics Summit (con't)

Students will also have the opportunity to interact directly with elected officials, community leaders, and civic professionals, providing them with a firsthand look at public service and civic engagement.

"The Civics Summit is an opportunity to introduce students to the importance of being informed and involved members of their communities," said Commissioner Ann Coleman. "We want students to leave with a better understanding of how government works, but also with the knowledge that they can play an important role in the future of Mercer County."

Each Mercer County school is invited to select five students from fifth and/or sixth grade to participate. Schools are responsible for providing transportation to and from Grove City College. Homeschooled students are encouraged to register. Contact Ann Coleman at acoleman@mercercountypa.gov for registration information.

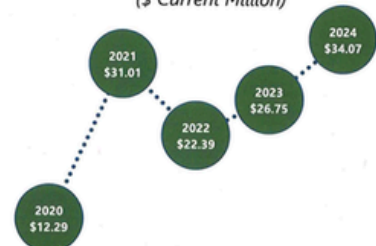
The summit is coordinated by Ann Coleman, Frank Gargiulo, and John Inman.

Mercer County Agriculture & Conservation Center Update



Agriculture Economic Contribution to Mercer County

Mercer County's Agricultural Gross Domestic Product (GDP), 2020 to 2025¹
(\$ Current Million)



**1,023
Farms²**



**146,865 Acre
Farmland²**



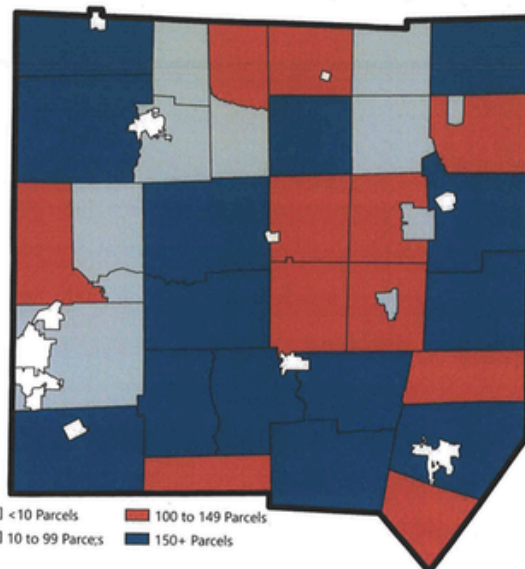
**\$89.2 Million
in Ag Sales²**



Ag. Businesses with Paid Employees, 2025³

	Employment	Establishments	Total Wages
Crop Production	98	13	\$4,914,258
Dairy Cattle and Milk Production	61	6	\$1,972,237
Other Animal Production	8	2	\$180,724
Other Ag. Production	10	6	\$877,247
Food Manufacturing	1,394	19	\$85,819,246
Farm and Garden Machinery and Equipment Merchant Wholesalers	53	5	\$3,434,925
Total	1,624	51	\$97,198,637

Mercer County's 4,723 Agricultural Parcels by Municipality, 2025⁴



□ <10 Parcels ■ 100 to 149 Parcels
■ 10 to 99 Parcels ■ 150+ Parcels

Ag Land Preservation in Mercer County, 2025



**114,051 Acres
Ag. Security⁵**



**10,964 Acres
Ag. Easement⁵**



**11
Century Farms⁵**

1. U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
 2. 2022 Census of Agriculture, NASS
 3. 2025 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages
 4. PA State Tax Equalization Board
 5. Bureau of Farmland Preservation 2025 Report, PA Dept. of Agriculture



PennState Extension

Mercer County's 4-H highlights impact throughout the County this year.

We are proud of the continued growth and success of the Mercer County 4-H program. During the 2025–2026-year, Mercer County 4-H supported 222 club members through 15 organized clubs, led by 53 screened and trained volunteers. These numbers reflect notable growth compared to previous years and demonstrate the ongoing interest in positive youth development opportunities across the county.

In addition to our club programming, we expanded our in-school education efforts by introducing two new programs, Health Rocks! and Kitchen Chemistry. Through our school-based programs, Mercer County 4-H reached a total of 978 students, providing hands-on learning experiences that build life skills, encourage healthy decision-making, and spark interest in science and agriculture.

We are grateful for your continued support of Penn State Extension and Mercer County 4-H. Together, we are helping young people develop the skills, confidence, and leadership abilities needed to become engaged and successful members of our communities.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the youth and families of Mercer County.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS OCTOBER IN MERCER COUNTY

Vintage Pumpkin Spice & Everything Nice Fall Crafternoon Floral Event Oct. 25

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Date: Sunday, Oct. 25
Place: Prince of Peace Center,
502 Darr Ave., Farrell, PA
\$75 ticket includes:
Fresh Cut Flowers & Decorations,
Fall Centerpiece Creation & Instruction,
and other Fall Activities.
Plus Light Refreshments & Giveaways,
Take Home Vintage Cups & Plates

A Prince of Peace Center Fundraiser

Presented by:

Register today!

SERVICES OFFERED BY AWARE

Volunteer Services

VICTIM ADVOCATES

Working with victims by hotline, online response, and emergency housing.

COURT NAVIGATOR

Helping adult victims with PFA and court accompaniment via Mercer County courts.

INTERSHIPS

- Available on a rolling basis;
- Undergraduate, graduate, professional.

BOARD LEADERSHIP

- Advocate for victims/mission;
- Public policy, fiscal/program oversight strategic planning.

GENERAL SERVICE

- Outreach and special events;
- Office support;
- High school community service.

Education and Training

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Seminars online or in-person; www.merceraware.org offers sessions on victim related topics.

SCHOOL-BASED EDUCATION

Single session and primary prevention Series for public, charter, and parochial schools.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Sessions for community, youth-serving, and faith organizations.

OUTREACH

Exhibits and special events about domestic, emotional and sexual violence.

Find us on the web!

[Merceraware](https://www.merceraware.org)
[Merceraware](https://www.merceraware.org)
[mercercountyawareinc](https://www.mercercountyawareinc.org)

Our Mission

To advocate, educate, and support all people in Mercer County impacted by Domestic, Emotional and Sexual Violence

24/7
888-981-1457
Administrative Office
109 S. Sharpsville Ave., Suite D
Sharon, PA 16146
(724) 342-4934

Thriving With Vision Loss Expo

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
10am - 2pm
Free and open to all members of the community

3056 East State Street,
Hermitage, PA 16148

Emergency Services

FIRST CONTACT

Support, information/referral 24/7;
Phone, chat, or direct messaging idm.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

An Emergency Response Advocate (ERA) is available 24/7:

- Assists victims at Emergency Departments; UPMC-Horizon (Greenville/Farrell); Allegheny Health Network; Grove City Sharon Regional Medical Center.
- Transport to emergency housing;
- Assists with emergency protection order;
- Support local police response.

EMERGENCY HOUSING

- Individual advocacy, support groups;
- Regional housing sites located in Sharon, Greenville and Grove City areas;
- PAWS program available.

Non-Residential Services

ADULT PROGRAM

- Individual advocacy;
- Support groups;
- Life Skills;
- After hours appointments available.

ELDER VICTIM ADVOCACY

A partnership between AWARE and Mercer Area Agency on Aging to meet the needs of senior victims who are age 60 years and older.

- Individual advocacy;
- Legal advocacy and court accompaniment;
- Case management;
- Care coordination.

YOUTH PROGRAM

- Services for male/female victims of domestic/sexual violence who are under 18 years old.
- Individual and support groups;
- Child Advocacy Center support.

Legal Advocacy Program

Our Legal advocate helps the victim navigate both the civil and criminal court process.

Services include:

- Court accompaniment for different protection orders:
 - Domestic violence (PFA);
 - Sexual violence order (SMFO);
 - Intimidation order (PFI).
- Court accompaniment to criminal proceedings, when charges are filed against an offender.
- Mobile Legal Advocate travels Mercer County to support victims living in rural and remote communities.

NO ENTRY FEE!

Charity
BINGO NIGHT
to benefit
Tails of Hope
TailsOfHopeWPA.org

Hosted by:
WEST END GRILLE
WWW.WEST-END-GRILLE.COM

8399 SHARON MERCER RD
MERCER, PA 16137

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026

7:00PM - 9:00PM

22 OCT

Join us!

- Just purchase Bingo cards to play
- Cash Prizes
- 50/50 Raffle
- Basket Raffle
- Drinks, Food & Fun

Bring a donation of new, unopened, unexpired cat or dog can food or dry food to help Tails of Hope feed pets of local families in need through Mercer County Food Bank, our local food distribution partner.

Dock Side Cellars

SECOND ANNUAL

DEATH ROW DINNERS

A FOUR-COURSE MEAL INSPIRED BY SERIAL KILLERS LAST MEALS

TED BUNDY "THE CAMPUS KILLER" WEDGE SALAD	AILEEN WUORNO "THE DANDEL OF DEATH" ROADSIDE HAMBURGER VEGETABLE BARLEY SOUP	GARY RIGWAY "THE GREEN MILE KILLER" SHRIMP SCAMPI LINGUINE	RICHARD RAMIREZ "THE NIGHT STALKER" CHERRY CHEESECAKE
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\$50 PER PERSON
COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED
ARE YOU BRAVE ENOUGH TO WALK THE LAST MILE?

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD 6:00 P.M.
2802 LAKE ROAD CLARK PA 16113
TICKETS: CALL 724-383-1205 OR PURCHASE ONLINE
FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

FALL Flavor FEST

TICKETS ON SALE

TASTING & COOK-OFF COMBO: \$30/ea *21 and over
 WINE | BEER | SPIRIT TASTING: \$25/ea *21 and over
 CHILI COOK-OFF: \$10/ea

Purchase at the Greenville Chamber Office or
 Purchase Online (applicable fees apply)

LIVE MUSIC

ON STAGE 3:00-4:30PM
6 String Blvd

ON STAGE 4:30-7:00PM
ELEMENTS ROCK TRIO

CHILI COOK-OFF

Deadline to Register is October 2nd

New This Year is our first Chili Cook-Off
 The contest is open to community members, businesses, and restaurants. Bring your best recipe and show off your chili-making skills! Event attendees will have the chance to taste, vote, and help crown the winner. Contest details and registration can be found on our website

WINE | BEER | SPIRIT VENDORS

MLH DISTILLERY
 THE GATEHOUSE WINERY
 LYNCHWOODS SPIRITS
 DERAILLED DISTILLERY
 GRUMPY GOAT DISTILLERY
 MORTAL KEYS BREWING COMPANY
 TWISTED VINE WINERY
 COUNTRY HAMMER MOONSHINE
 CONNEAUT CELLARS
 CORK N SCREW WINES

AND MORE TO COME...

SCAN FOR MORE INFO OR VISIT
[GREENVILLECHAMBER-PA.COM](https://www.greenvillechamber-pa.com)

GSO
 Greenville Symphony Orchestra
 of Mercer County

ACTS
 PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Celebrate 250

The Greenville Symphony performs under the direction of Michael Collins

The Greenville Symphony Orchestra and ACTS Performing Arts Center of Sharon will present "Celebrate 250"

Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 3 p.m.

William A. Passavant Center at
 Thiel College, Greenville, PA

For information or tickets, visit www.thegreenvillesymphony.org or scan the QR code

Promotional support provided by VisitMercerCountyPA

MERCER COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE
 SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

FOOD DRIVE

★ OCTOBER 1st – DECEMBER 1st ★

Help Us Make a Difference

All proceeds are going to the
MERCER COUNTY FOOD BANK

HIGH NEED ITEMS:

- Non-perishable foods
- Toiletries
- Canned foods

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT:

Mercer County Courthouse
 125 South Diamond Street
 Mercer, PA 16137
 First Floor Rotunda in the Red Wagon

QUESTIONS?
 724-662-7511 | veterans@mercercountypa.gov

Support Local. Feed Hope.

BEST DAM RIDE EVER

OCTOBER 10TH, 2026

OFF-ROAD ADVENTURES • VISIT TO EXCLUSIVE AREAS • LIVE MUSIC CONCERT
 MORE FOOD CHOICES • MORE STOPS WITH MORE ATTRACTIONS
 INSTANT ACCESS TO DAM PHOTOS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17TH 3-7PM DOWNTOWN GREENVILLE

TICKETS*

WINE | BEER | SPIRIT TASTING: \$25/ea
 CHILI COOK-OFF: \$10/ea
 TASTING & COOK-OFF: \$30/ea

*Tickets will go on sale September 1st and will be available online, at the chamber office, and day of event.

FALL Flavor FEST

WINE | BEER | SPIRIT TASTING

ON STAGE 3:00-4:30PM
6 String Blvd

ON STAGE 4:30-7:00PM
RANDALL BROTHERS

BE A VENDOR

We are currently seeking Food, Artisans, Wineries, Distilleries, and Breweries to participate in our upcoming event. No fee to set up. We respectfully ask no MLMs. If interested please sign up on our website

GREENVILLECHAMBER-PA.COM

scan for more info

STRENGTHEN Families PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND YOUTH

7 WEEKS FUN FAMILY EXPERIENCE

- Free Dinner
- Strengthening Parenting Skills
- Weekly Giveaways
- Childcare on site*

Register today

October 6th through November 18th, 2026

Tuesdays: Greenville, PA
 Wednesdays: Grove City, PA

provide childcare for siblings under the age of 12 as they are

Community Counseling Center of Mercer County

BATTLE OF THE HOLIDAYS BINGO

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 16TH

DOORS OPEN AT 5PM, FIRST GAME STARTS AT 6PM
 195 WEST CONNELLY BLVD. SHARON, PA 16146

\$25 PER PERSON FOR 10 ROUNDS

Limited seating -
 Special game at the end just \$10 per card!

Tickets available at:
<https://www.cccmer.org/event-list>

Action Valley Con

\$5 ENTRY

COMICS AND COLLECTIBLES
 ARTISTS AND PROP COSTUME
 SATURDAY OCT 17TH
 SUNDAY OCT 18TH

OCT 17th 10AM-7PM
 OCT 18th 10AM-5PM

LOTS OF VENDORS
 SPECIAL GUESTS
\$5 ADMISSION

HIGHWAY 900
 2000+ TEST DRIVE CAR
 HERITAGE 12

BROUGHT TO YOU BY
 NEW HANOVER COMBAT SPORTS
 OCTOBER 17TH AND 18TH
 FAMILY FUN IN THE ACTION VALLEY

The Warrior in HER

Brunch, Bubbly & BINGO

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

WHOLE LIFE SERVICES
 1565 EAST STATE STREET
 DOORS OPEN AT 10AM
 BRUNCH AND BINGO BEGIN AT 11AM

PURCHASE TICKETS OR A TABLE

SCAN THE QR CODE OR CONTACT US:
 724-734-3918
THEWARRIORINHER@GMAIL.COM

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE WARRIOR IN HER, A 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS DIAGNOSED WITH CHRONIC MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CONDITIONS THROUGH ADVOCACY, SUPPORT, AND ESSENTIAL RESOURCES.

unarmed GUN VIOLENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

EDUCATE for SAFETY **EMPOWER** for CHANGE

UNARMED is a 12-session program designed to help youth understand the impact of gun violence and learn how to make safer, more informed choices.

WHAT YOUTH LEARN:

- The Real Effects of Gun Violence on People & Communities
- Laws & Consequences Related to Guns
- Healthy Conflict Resolution & Communication Skills
- How to Make Positive Choices in Risky Situations

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Guided Group Sessions
- Watch, Think & Share Video Series
- Team Builder & Reflection Activities
- Assigned Homework
- Pre/Post Tests
- Recognition at Completion

WHO IT'S FOR:

- Youth Ages 12+ Involved in or at Risk of Experiencing Gun Violence

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Katie S. Ettorre, MS | 484.374.3746 | kettorre@abraxasyfs.org

ABRAXAS Youth & Family Services

BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES Since 1972

Fall 2026 Nature Walk
October 3 @ 10am

Join us to check out the birds & native plants we find along the way

Meet at the back of the Casino Parking Lot
No registration required

715 Hazen Rd.
Hermitage PA 16148

Hosted by the Buhl Park
Wildlife Committee

Dress for the weather and for an approx. two hour leisurely walk on and off the path.

BUHL PARK

PEW PEWS & PurseS

A RAFFLE EVENT BENEFITTING LOCAL PREVENTION & AWARENESS PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 10, 2026
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

SHARON AMERICAN LEGION
1395 E STATE ST.
SHARON, PA 16146

Win Every 15 Minutes!
8 GUNS & 8 DESIGNER PURSES
ON MAIN RAFFLE

Plus Side Raffles & Games!

16 AMAZING PRIZES!

TICKETS \$50

INCLUDES MEAL AND ENTRY INTO MAIN RAFFLE

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT:
ROAR CENTER
GUN & GUN
ANY BOARD MEMBER

CASH BAR AVAILABLE

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT ROAR CENTER PROGRAMMING

Monroe County Coalition for Drug Awareness (MCCDA)

WIN #2026075

THREE WILL

A TRIBUTE TO RUSH

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

APOLLO MAENNERCHOR CLUB

FESTHALLE

DOORS 5:30 PM SHOW 6:30 PM

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

391 S. DOCK
SHARON, PA

ADVANCE GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS \$25

TICKET INFO
724.866.7036

GET YOUR TICKETS HERE

QR CODE

APOLLO MAENNERCHOR

SUN. OCT. 4

JAZZ

FESTHALLE CONCERT SERIES

6:30 PM

TICKETS \$35

FEAT. JAZZ LEGEND
GREG ABATE
AND HIS QUARTET

PLUS, A BONUS OPENING SET! BY THE YSU JAZZ COMBO DIRECTED BY GLENN SCHAFF

FOR TICKET INFO, CALL (724) 866-7036

Skating LESSONS!

Learn. Improve. Have Fun!

WHEN:
SATURDAY 11:15 - 12:00

COST:
\$8 PER LESSON

ATTEND LESSONS AND RECEIVE **FREE** SKATE ADMISSION FOR THE FOLLOWING SESSION!

NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED AFTER 11:15.
LESSONS WILL BE HELD FROM SEPT 12TH TO NOV 21ST.

ATTEND 3 LESSONS AND GET **20% OFF** THE PURCHASE OF A PAIR OF SKATES!

OLYMPIC FUN CENTER

4070 East State Street
Hermitage, PA
(724) 981-3374

HALLOWEEN IN GREENVILLE

HALLOWEEN PARADE
SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST
2:00PM
MAIN STREET

PA GREENVILLE
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
GROWING BUSINESS. GROWING COMMUNITY.

TRICK OR TREAT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
4-6PM

SCARECROWS IN THE PARK
OCTOBER 12TH THRU OCTOBER 31ST
CENTRAL PARK

GREENVILLECHAMBER-PA.COM

OCTOBER 12TH THRU OCTOBER 31ST

SCARECROWS IN THE PARK

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY!

SUPPORT LOCAL. SHOP LOCAL. LIVE LOCAL.

GREENVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Scarecrows in the Park is open to any business, organization, or individual. Scarecrows are set up in Central Park and put on display for the public to vote on from October 12th through October 31st.

Entry Fee: \$15

Prizes: Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place

Entry Deadline: Friday, October 9th

Judging: Judging will take place on the chamber website. The community will vote for their favorite scarecrow

NEW THIS YEAR: We are opening up the contest to include Main Street businesses. Businesses with a store front on Main Street may enter the contest and securely display their scarecrow in front of their store front.

SHENANGO RIVER WATCHERS



FOUNDED 2001

Tire Recycling - October 10, 2026

In partnership with FedEx, we will once again hold our popular Tire Recycling event on October 10th from 9-4 at the FedEx complex on route 18. This is a FREE event but we do accept donations. In order to try to accommodate more folks in line, there will be a 10 minute limit per vehicle at the drop off area. If you have more tires, you can get back in line. We accept tires until the semi-truck is full. A big thank you to FedEx for sponsoring this important event that helps SRW keep the Shenango River tire free!

History Hike - Sunday, October 25, 2026

Our annual Fall History Hike will be Sunday October 25th, meeting at the Big Bend trailhead on N. Bend Road near the intersection with Valley Road in Mercer. This guided hike will explore the history of the Shenango Trail as part of the Erie Extension Canal system. We'll hike an approximate 4 mile loop that includes the Towpath Trail and the Shenango Trail, and we'll see remnants of the Canal as well as the natural beauty of our trail along the River. Our guides will explain the history of the Canal and the Trail, and help identify wildflowers and plants along the trail. The trail is somewhat rugged so we strongly recommend long pants, boots with good tread, and bug spray. Watch our Facebook page for updates in case heavy rain or flooding forces us to change location.

Gobble Wobble - Thanksgiving Day - November 26, 2026

Join us Thanksgiving Day for this annual Shenango Valley tradition! The 39th annual Gobble Wobble will be held November 26th, 2026 at 9:30am in Buhl Park. We will need volunteers to help on race day and for bib and t-shirt pick up the day before the race. See our website for all the event information, participant registration, and volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer Committee

Volunteers are essential to our work throughout the year, and most tell us they enjoy the chance to contribute in meaningful, hands-on ways—from registering event participants and supporting cleanups to creating environmental children's activities and directing runners at Gobble Wobble. We are also looking for individuals interested in serving on committees. If you would like to volunteer, please email your name, contact information, and the area where you would like to help, and a team member will follow up to discuss the next steps. Our email address is info@shenangoriverwatchers.org.

25th Anniversary Membership Drive

In order to celebrate our 25th year, we have set a goal for ourselves and we would like you to help us. We'd like to increase our current membership by 25% before the end of 2026. A membership to Shenango River Watchers is a great deal. Individual membership is \$15.00. Family membership is \$25.00, and a Business membership is \$35.00. Your membership helps us to further our mission.

Shenango River Watchers is a 501(c)(3) non-profit watershed group formed to restore and protect the environmental, scenic, and recreational attributes of the Shenango River Watershed.

CALLING SPOOKY CAMPERs

We're hosting Trick-or-Treating on 10/31 at the campground! 5:00-9:00 PM with S'mores.

Ray of Sunshine Camping & Glamping will give you 50% off your Halloween night stay & provide one bag of candy! Message me to sign up. 12 spots available. CABINS INCLUDED

MERCER COUNTY FACE-TO-FACE NETWORK GROUP

Presents:

Senior Wellness Expo 2026

Friday, October 9

Valley YMCA

925 N. Hermitage Rd.,
Hermitage, PA 16148

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**FREE ADMISSION
& Gift Basket Raffle**

- Meet local healthcare and senior service providers •
- Learn about programs that support independence and well-being •
- Explore senior living, home care, and community resources •
- Enjoy wellness tips, information, and giveaways •



FREDONIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ATV ROAD RALLY

SIDE BY SIDE RIDE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

REGISTRATION: 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
IN THE FREDONIA BOROUGH PARK SQUARE
46 1ST STREET, FREDONIA, PA 16124

PRE-REGISTRATION:
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, FROM 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

\$20.00 PER PERSON (UNDER 12 FREE)
RAFFLE DRAWING AT 3:30 P.M.

T-SHIRTS
FREDONIA LADIES AUXILIARY CHINESE AUCTION
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FOOD TRUCKS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
NO ALCOHOL - NO DIRT BIKES
PARKING ONLY PERMITTED IN DESIGNATED AREAS
ALL PENNSYLVANIA STATE LAWS MUST BE FOLLOWED
FOR INFORMATION - 724-372-2441

RAFFLE HALF A BEEF AND A FREEZER - TICKETS: \$10 EACH OR 3 FOR \$20 DONATED BY KING'S FARM

CASH PRIZES

FIN RIDE GREAT CAUSE SUPPORT YOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT!

SIZZLER FOR SIGHT

ANNUAL BBQ/SMOKE EVENT



BBQ cuisine | Cigars | Chinese Auction
50/50 Raffle | Reverse Raffles

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026

5:00 - 9:00 PM

TICKETS: \$50

(\$60 AT THE DOOR)



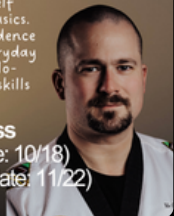
The Shriner Picnic Grounds,
4201 Lamor Rd. Hermitage, PA
Must be 21+

Outdoor Self Defense Classes

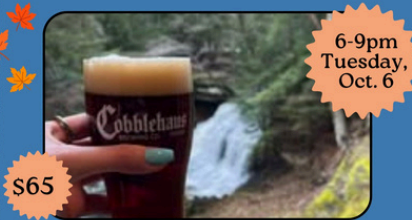


Learn self defense basics. Gain confidence in your everyday life & solo-adventure skills

15 spots only | \$20 per person per class
October 4th | 12:00PM-2:00PM (Rain date: 10/18)
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Tuesday,
Oct. 6

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Raffles
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NEON MOON Spooktacular

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EXPLORE
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 2026
3 PM - 9 PM

DOWNTOWN SHARON
Green Space Along the Shenango River

THE GREAT PUMPKIN GLOW-OFF
NEON NIGHT MARKET
SPOOKY KIDS ZONE
HAUNTED FOOD COURT
MOONLIGHT STAGE

EXPERIENCE THE RIVER OF LIGHT

Join Us for a Night of Spooky Fun!

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!

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TRUNK OR TREAT

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED COMMUNITY EVENT!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

ROAR Center
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