

Notice:
There will be no
Hometown News in
August.
Enjoy your Summer!

MERA HOMETOWN NEWS

Items of interest to MERA Members
July 2023



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merasite.org

A Note from MERA President

We are between our picnics!! June 15 at Dietrich's was a great success. The weather was sunny but we had to contend with the wind. The next picnic will be our September chicken bake on September 21 at Dietrich's Park. Summer will almost be over by then. The year is flying by. Enjoy the weeks ahead; stay safe. Don't forget the sunscreen...Jim

FirstEnergy Launches New Online Resource for Retirees

FirstEnergy is launching a new digital resource for retirees. All retiree records will be moved to this new resource called *Empower*. Retirees can access this service through any computer or mobile device. *Empower* will help retirees access information about pension statements, contacting the HR help desk, updating direct deposit information and reviewing life insurance information. Your SAP ID will become your "Empower Person Number." Can't remember your SAP ID? (It's only been four years but I'm not sure I remember mine!) You can expect a letter with detailed instructions on using the new site as well as your "Empower Person Number."

If you have any questions, you can reach the HR Service Center at HRService@firstenergycorp.com or 800-543-4654.

Summertime

There's something about summer that brings out the kid in all of us. Even if we haven't been to school or even work for years...summer is a time to embrace fun and forget about chores. Here are some ideas for you to get the most out of this summer...

- Cook something new. There are plenty of fun recipes to try on merasite.org.
- Visit someplace new. Request a travel guide at www.visitpa.com.
- Learn something new. AARP.org has a wide variety of articles and online courses from health to money management to travel to entertainment.
- Reconnect with an Old Friend.
- Go to your local library and check out a book by an author you've never read.

- Write a letter to a family member in another state.
- Go to a Farmers Market. Visit the local food directory and map found at www.growtogetherberks.com. Whether you are looking for grass-fed beef, pick-your-own produce or specialty honey, this is the place to find local growers.
- Take a walk in a park you've never visited before.
<https://www.alltrails.com/us/pennsylvania/reading>
- Create a playlist of your favorite summer songs.
- Stay safe this summer so you can enjoy it more!
 - Drink plenty of water.
 - Stay cool.
 - Move more. Sit less.
 - Wear sunscreen and insect repellent (or cover up to avoid both the sun and bug bites).

July & August MERA Member Milestones

Happy July Anniversary!

Bob & Jean Bonneville
 Jeff & Cheryl Fick
 Maria & Kurt Frederick
 Janice & Brian Grill
 Paul & Cheryl Haring
 Richard & Marcia Laedlein
 Frederick & Garnice Leer
 Donald & Rosemary Ludwig

Larry & Carol Miller
 Beverly & Larry Moyer
 Andy & Marie Stalneckner
 Kevin & Lisa Straub
 Cindy & Jeff Thomas
 Elizabeth & Joseph Uliasz
 Nancy & Allen Wenrich
 Thomas & Barbara Witman

Happy August Anniversary!

Robert & Teresa Bates
 Stephen & Eilene Bauer
 Richard & Vivian Faust
 Dean & Jackie Fenstermaker
 Alexis & Harold Green
 Richard & Betty Harper
 Alan & Barbara Harris
 Bob & Debi Hartz
 Sharon & Paul Henry
 Bruce & Ann Jones
 Willard & Louise Lutz
 Georgine & Joe McCool
 Jay & Jane Moyer
 John & Barbara O'Brien

Edwin & Barbara Odgen
 Robert & Manice Peace
 Robert & Marion Reber
 Russell & Jane Rogers
 Henri & Mike Santoro
 Leonard & Ruth Ann Schlegel
 Paul & Marie Sensenig
 Ken & Pat Snyder
 Robert & Priscilla Steger
 David V. & Sue Topper
 Thomas & Linda Woleslagle
 Gary & Patricia Wright
 Dennis & Michelle Yerger

Happy July Milestone Birthday!

Carol Chew
Judy L. Fisher
Chris Forrer
Lily Lee
Darlene Moyer
Donald Mummert

Barbara Seidel
Earl Suchomelly
John A. Walter
Doris Wurster
Robert Zechman

Happy August Milestone Birthday!

Pauline Miller
Betty Moeller
Lisa Straub
Thomas Wolesslagle

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawnmower is broken.

James Dent



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