

Unique Gifts of Harborcreek

Commemorative Throw (\$45)

48"x70" blanket with photographs of nine historic Harborcreek landmarks.



Set of Six Harborcreek History Booklets (\$5)

Central School Print (\$8): 11" x 14"

Journal of Erie Studies (\$5)

The 2008 issue features several articles about east Erie County.

Walking Tour of Harborcreek Village (FREE) Brochure

Township Trivia

- 1** *Name that building!* After a destructive fire in 1917, this building was built using the standing walls and bricks from an abandoned building owned by the Cole Brothers Circus.
- 2** *Who am I?* More than 100 years ago I started the myth that Harborcreek was once named Millcreek, and Millcreek was once named Harborcreek.
- 3** *Name that decade!* The underpass, or "subway," that motorists traveling Route 20 use to either enter or exit Harborcreek Village was built in what decade?
- 4** *Where was this?* In 1916, the first fair was held on the 85-acre fairgrounds. The grounds featured an exhibition hall, a 3,000-seat grandstand, a half mile track, and at least 10 barns and stables.

Find the answers at www.harborcreekhistory.org

Harborcreek's Yesteryears (\$15)

200 years of Harborcreek history; 150 pages.

1865 Reproduction Map (\$5): 19"x25"

Cherie Harger Prints of Erie Landmarks

Various prints, various sizes, varying costs.

To purchase any of these great gift ideas, visit us during our regular office hours. All proceeds generated from gift shop sales directly benefit the Harborcreek Historical Society. (Prices do not include shipping and handling costs.)



Directions

From the North

Travel south on the Bayfront Connector/ Station Road, turning right onto Hannon Road/Knowledge Parkway. After driving 0.7 miles, turn left at Merwin Lane. The Society is located on the first floor of the industrial complex.

From the South

Take exit 32 off of I-90, travel north on Station Road, turning left onto Hannon Road/Knowledge Parkway. After driving 0.7 miles, turn left at Merwin Lane. The Society is located on the first floor of the industrial complex.

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Office Hours:

Wednesday 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Or by Appointment

(No Admission Fee)



*Giving Our
Past a Future*

Mission Statement

The purposes of the Society are to promote awareness of the history and heritage of the Harborcreek area and its environs and to encourage the identification, collection and preservation of material for those purposes.

Archives & Reading Room

The Society's collection includes journals, cemetery records, tax records, yearbooks, photographs, letters, documents and an assortment of artifacts relating to Harborcreek Township, Erie County. For ease of access and use, much of our archival collection has been reproduced, and our trained volunteers can assist you in your quest for information. Walk-ins are welcome during our regular hours. If our office hours do not fit your schedule, please contact us to schedule an appointment.



Ongoing Documentation Projects

The Society continually seeks further documentation materials relating to anything Harborcreek, including veterans, businesses, schools, roads, family histories/genealogies, churches, clubs and organizations, fire departments, community celebrations...and YOU. Yes! We consider photographs of your family escapades a part of Harborcreek's history. If you do not wish to part with your materials, we will gladly photocopy or scan any archival materials you bring to us and return the originals to you.

Research Requests

If research is simply "not your thing," or you live too far away to access the Society's collections, let our skilled volunteers do the research for you. For a nominal fee, the Society will respond to your research request in a timely and professional manner.



Special Presentations

The Society welcomes groups of all ages, including scouts, schools, clubs, organizations, and businesses. Our volunteers will share with you the history of Harborcreek Township and introduce you to the resources available in the archives and reading room. We can accommodate groups of 5 to 30 people, and our facility offers a conference room and kitchen. To schedule a group visit, contact us at 814.899.4447.



Guided Tours of Harborcreek Township

Are you looking for something different for your class reunion, family gathering, church outing or employee appreciation day? Society volunteers are available to guide a bus, van or trolley tour of Harborcreek Township. The tour includes historic buildings and sites, and may be customized to suit your group's needs. To discuss tour details or scheduling information, contact us at 814.899.4447.

Public Programs

The Society regularly hosts open houses and special presentations that are open to the public. We welcome your curiosity and look forward to speaking with you. Visit our website at www.harborcreekhistory.org for event details.

Community Involvement

The Society is active in the Harborcreek Community. We participate in various events sponsored by the Harborcreek Chamber of Commerce, the Harborcreek Supervisors and the Harbor Creek School District, as well as other local organizations.



Gospel Hill Burial Ground

Restoration and care of the Gospel Hill Burial Ground became our signature project in 1996. Gospel Hill Burial Ground was founded in 1827, and is the final resting place for many of Harborcreek's pioneer settlers. The cemetery is approximately half an acre in size, and is located on Station Road at the northern edge of The Behrend College (Penn State Erie) campus. The Society is responsible for the ongoing preservation and maintenance of the property.



Harborcreek Historical Society Membership Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

NEW MEMBERSHIP

- Individual \$10.00 Lifetime \$200.00
 Patron \$50.00

BUSINESS SPONSOR

- \$20.00

MEMORIAL DONATION

I would like to donation an additional \$ _____ in memory of _____.

Please make check payable to Harborcreek Historical Society and return form and check to Harborcreek Historical Society, Knowledge Park, 5451 Merwin Lane, Erie, PA 16510.

- Yes, I am a GE employee and will inform GE of my donation for the matching gift program.