



## Lower Your Trash Bill—Recycle!



The Borough Recycling Center, located behind the Perkasio Police Department, 311 South Ninth Street, is for the convenience of Borough residents. Contrary to what some may think, the Borough does not always make money on recycling sales— it depends on the market. But the Borough does save money by avoiding the costs of taking the material to a landfill, which is why the Borough only accepts recycling from residents.

Recycling Center hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 8:30 pm and Saturdays from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. It will be closed Sundays and holidays.

Please adhere to the guidelines, separating recyclables into the proper containers. Trash, bulky items, brush and leaves are not accepted at the Recycling Center. **Please do not place materials in plastic bags.**

## Recycling is Easy with Curbside Pick-Up!

Glass, aluminum, plastics and steel are collected curbside on Fridays. Please adhere to the following guidelines when placing recyclables curbside:

**GLASS (all colors):** Remove lids and neckbands from bottles or jars, and rinse. No need to remove labels. (No ceramics, light bulbs, or plate glass please).

**ALUMINUM CANS (beverage cans):** Flatten all cans if possible. Do not include steel/metal cans or aluminum foil.

**PLASTICS:** Please remove caps from bottles and rinse the containers, removing all contents. Crush the plastic containers to reduce the size as much as possible, but keep them intact.

**STEEL CANS:** Please rinse the cans, flatten them and remove the labels when possible.

Recyclables should be combined in open buckets with drainage holes near the bottom (available at the Borough Office). Please Do Not Break Glass. No plastic bags.

### NEWSPAPER AND CARDBOARD:

Newspaper and cardboard will be collected on the third Wednesday of each month. Newspaper is to be bundled and tied securely or inserted into a durable paper bag. Junk mail, magazines and chip board (such as cereal boxes) may be included with newsprint. Please keep newsprint clean and free of soil, garbage, etc. Cardboard must be separated from newsprint, flattened and securely tied for pickup. Wax coated cardboard, freezer boxes, wood, nails, Styrofoam and plastic are not recyclable and must be disposed of in a Borough disposal bag.

*"A typical family consumes 182 gallons of soda, 29 gallons of juice, 104 gallons of milk, and 26 gallons of bottled water a year. That's a lot of containers -- make sure they're recycled! ."*



## Dispose of Hazardous Materials the Right Way

Bring your household hazardous wastes and old computers to a scheduled drop-off event!

Household products containing toxic chemicals, like pesticides, oil-based paints, solvents, cleaning products, weed killers and automotive batteries can be a threat to people and the environment if improperly discarded. Never throw these materials into the

trash, as the toxic chemicals may harm sanitation workers, or result in fires in collection vehicles. It is also not safe to pour them into a sink or storm drain as they can end up in the environment polluting the air, water, or soil.

Bring them to a Bucks County collection event. The 2009 schedule will be ready in March and posted on the Borough website. Each event will take place from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm rain or shine.

For more information, go to [www.buckscounty.org](http://www.buckscounty.org).

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electric over the next five years. The competitive bid for wholesale electric was awarded to AMP-Ohio, the lowest bidder, in August. The wholesale rate that the Borough is charged will go up over 81% from 2003 rates. Fortunately, the Borough will not pass all of this increase on to its customers.

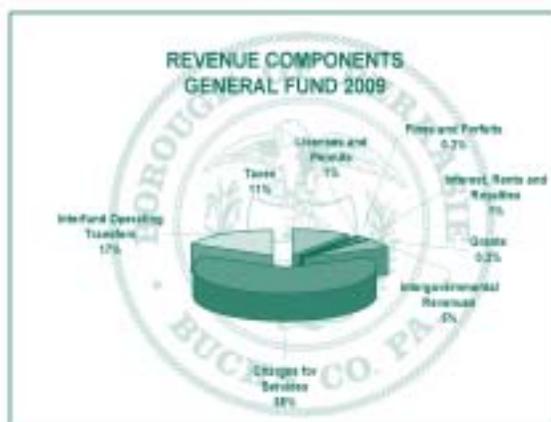
Over the last five years, the Borough has passed on lower rates than most of our neighbors, including municipal-owned utilities and public utility companies. With the Borough's new wholesale rates increasing drastically, it is anticipated that the Borough's rates will be temporarily higher than our neighbors. With the final rate caps set to expire on public utility companies in 2009 and 2010, the rates paid by their customers are expected to exceed Perkaspie Borough rates at that time.

The Borough relies on its electric fund to supplement its

general operating fund and its capital reserve fund, which helps pay for projects like road improvements, public works and police vehicles, and infrastructure improvements.

Typically around 20% of our operating budget (general fund) and our entire capital fund is funded by electric sales.

"Perkasie Borough has operated the electric system with the goal of providing our residents and businesses with reliable service and low-cost energy," said Dan Olpere, Borough Manager. "Owning and operating an electric utility enables us to meet both of these goals." During 2009, Council and staff has made it a priority to revisit the budget and watch for cost-savings opportunities.



For more information on the 2009 budget, visit [www.perkasieborough.org](http://www.perkasieborough.org).

## Contact Your Council Member!

Do you have a question or comment for your local representative? Here is the contact information for Perkaspie Borough Council Members:

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## New Building Attracts Many New Members!

The Pennridge Community Senior Center, a non-profit corporation, is located on Route 113 in Silverdale, Pa. The Center serves all senior citizens age 55 and over. The mission of the Center has been expanded to include nutritional meals, educational activities, health and insurance information, community outreach, volunteer opportunities and other relevant services and information necessary to assure aging with health, independence and dignity.

The new facility includes a billiard room, computer room, ceramics and arts and crafts rooms, conference room, and offices. Also available is a state-of-the-art kitchen and a community room, both of which are available for use by the public.

A variety of activities are available including several exercise programs as well as billiards, arts and crafts, ceramics, card and board games, computer/internet usage, personal health, and tax assistance. Social events such as card parties, bingo, luncheons, and dances are also offered. Many activities are available to residents of all ages. The Center is open from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Monday through Friday. For information regarding programs and services, call (215)453-7027.

Over the years, Perkaspie Borough Council has significantly supported the Center's programs and activities through both financial contributions and in-kind services. Perkaspie residents Eadie Burke, Patricia Guth, Durrell Hollenbach, Nancy Keenan, and Marge Bryant Mason are members of the Pennridge Community Senior Center Advisory Board.



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## Let It Snow!

Do you need help shoveling snow or are you interested in shoveling snow this winter?

Perkasie Borough keeps a list of people interested in shoveling snow. This helps the residents of the Borough find the help they need to maintain their driveways and sidewalks and helps those interested in doing this work find customers. Borough staff does their best to match people up in the areas where they live to avoid travel for the people providing the service.

Call the Borough at (215) 257-5065 to be added to the list or to request names and phone numbers to call for service.

## Easy Bill Pay!

Perkasie Borough offers automatic transactions where, once a month, your checking or savings account is automatically debited for the amount of your electric bill.

Signing up for this service will eliminate any chance of paying the late fee imposed after the due date. Payments will always be made on time!

Let us handle the transaction each month. All you need to do is sign up using the agreement found on the Borough website. An electric bill will be mailed to you each month. But it will not necessary for you to make a payment. Just use it for your records, making the proper deduction from your checking or savings register. Payment will be made automatically on or before the due date.

To receive the E-Newsletter, e-mail the Borough at [admin@perkasieborough.org](mailto:admin@perkasieborough.org). In the subject line, insert "Please add me to Perkasie Borough's e-mail distribution list".