



# Borough of Perkasio



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NEWS FROM COUNCIL

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MEETING SCHEDULE:

Borough Council:  
1st Monday at 7 p.m.  
Borough Council:  
3rd Monday at 7 p.m.  
Zoning Hearing Board:  
4th Monday at 7:30 p.m.  
PBA:  
1st Mon. & 3rd Tues. at 7 p.m.  
Planning Commission:  
4th Wed. at 7:30 p.m.  
Park & Recreation Board  
2nd Monday at 7 p.m.  
PWTA:  
4th Monday at 7:30 p.m.  
Please check  
www.perkasieborough.org for  
updates to schedule.

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## Borough Institutes Annual Trash Fee & New Yard Waste Recycling Program

One month after seeing the results of a comprehensive review and analysis of the current Borough trash and recycling program, Borough Council voted unanimously in favor of three changes to the program to encourage compliance and plug the \$119,000 budget gap.

At the February 5<sup>th</sup> Borough Council meeting, elected officials and staff hosted an informational meeting for the public to review the history of the program, the current issues, and to review various options for future funding. Dozens of residents were in attendance at the meeting where many comments and suggestions were received. The staff took the overall sentiment of that meeting to develop a resolution to amend the trash and recycling program. That resolution was passed at the March 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, with new policies going into effect on June 1, 2010.

An annual flat fee of \$35.00 will be established to offset the costs of trash

collection, bulky waste collection, and recycling. The fee will be levied on all residential properties or units. With an estimated 10% of households currently not participating in the "Pay-As-You-Throw" program but taking advantage of the free collection of bulky waste and recycling, the institution of an annual fee will help spread the cost of collecting all material to every household. All residents will now be investing in the system.

The method of collecting the annual fee and the billing date has not been finalized.

After June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Borough will continue to pick up bulky waste at no extra charge in accordance with the current rules and regulations, except that bulky waste will not be picked up from any household unless at least one bag of trash, contained in a Borough trash bag, accompanies the bulky waste.

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

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## Perkasie Borough's Menlo Aquatics Center BUY EARLY & GET READY FOR SUMMER!

There are many advantages to being a member of the pool:

- Daily access to the Aquatic Center
- \$10.00 discount on swim lessons
- Early sign-up for swim lessons
  - Early sign-up for parties
- Early lap swim for members only
- Free movie nights for members
  - Free Memorial Day party
  - Free DJ pool parties
- Free water aerobics classes
- Free admission to the 2nd Street pool



### Aquatic Center 2010 Membership Fees:

#### **Resident**

Individual | \$75.00

Senior | \$70.00

Family | \$230.00

Single Parent Family | \$160.00

#### **Non-Residents**

Individual | \$120.00

Senior | \$85.00

Family | \$385.00

Single Parent Family | \$300.00

*Membership registration begins on Thursday, April 1st at Borough Hall. Beginning Monday, May 17th, memberships can be purchased between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Menlo Aquatic Center. Please make sure to leave adequate time for purchasing memberships at the pool. Pictures and ID's will be issued at this time.*

Registration forms are available at the Perkasie Borough Office,  
620 West Chestnut Street.

For more information: (215)257-5065

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".

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The rules for the collection of yard waste were also changed with the vote. Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, all yard waste must be placed in a Borough trash bag and will no longer be collected for free in a non-Borough bag. Yard waste is defined as leaves, garden residues, shrubbery and tree trimmings, and similar material. The policy on the collection of grass clippings will remain the same- they must be bagged in Borough trash bags and placed curbside with household refuse. Yard waste and grass clippings may be disposed of in the same Borough bag when collected curbside with household refuse.

As an alternative, beginning in June the Borough will provide free disposal of all yard waste (**NO GRASS CLIPPINGS**) at the Borough's recycling center on one designated Saturday per month. Residents may take yard

waste generated at their house to the Recycling Center at that time. All yard waste deposited at the Center must be loose or in biodegradable paper bags. All yard waste delivered to the site in plastic bags must be emptied from the bag.

All material dropped off at the Borough's Recycling Center will be taken to a Department of Environmental Protection authorized composting facility to be composted and reused. The Borough will continue to collect bundled branches curbside once a month.

The resolution, passed on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, will be worked into an ordinance that will go to Borough Council for discussion at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, and then for approval at the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. For more information, please contact the Borough at (215) 257-5065 or visit [www.perkasieborough.org](http://www.perkasieborough.org).

## How Do I Properly Dispose of Plastic Bags?

The Borough would like to remind residents about proper placement methods for the disposal of commingled recyclables. Commingled recyclables include glass, aluminum, plastics (numbered 1 through 7), and steel. These recyclables should be combined in open buckets with drainage holes near the bottom (available at Borough Hall) and placed curbside on Fridays. Please do not place your recyclables curbside in plastic bags. Plastic bags (even numbered plastic bags) are not accepted curbside or at the Recycle Center. If you would like to recycle your plastic bags, please return them to the store from which you got them. Most stores are equipped to bundle and recycle plastic bags.

## Perkasie Borough Residents Are Going Green!

During August of 2009, Perkasie Borough took a big step forward in establishing and adopting technical and administrative requirements for customer owned generation. With these regulations in place, there is now a formal process for residents to follow who wish to generate their own electric.

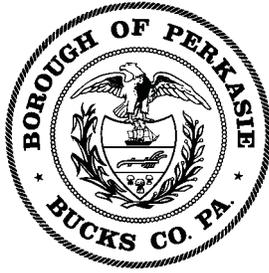
The purpose of these regulations is to promote the safe and reliable operation of distributed generation sources, encourage the use of distributed sources to provide benefits during periods of capacity constraint, and enhance efficiency.

Residents interested in generating their own electric and connecting it to the Borough grid can pick up an application for customer generated electric at Borough Hall or online at [www.perkasieborough.org](http://www.perkasieborough.org). The project must comply with all applicable building, zoning, and electric codes. The application is intended to provide the

Borough with relevant information on technical capabilities of the equipment and technical standards for interconnection with the Borough electric system.

After the application is approved by the Borough, customers will be required to obtain a "net" meter from the Borough, which measures the household usage from the Borough system and any excess generation into the Borough system. Any excess electric generation will become a credit against the next month's electric invoice, with the account being reconciled once a year.

Because the net meters are more sophisticated than a traditional meter, the Borough charges \$375 for the meter and installation. There is also a permit fee of \$50 and a required annual inspection with a fee of \$125 beginning with the first year. There may be additional charges for building and zoning permits depending on the complexity of the structure.



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Holiday Trash & Recycling Collection Days	
Holiday	New Pick-up Date
Memorial Day Monday, May 31	Tuesday, June 1
Independence Day Monday, July 5	Tuesday, July 6
Labor Day Monday, September 6	Tuesday, September 7
Thanksgiving Thursday, November 25 (Trash) Friday, November 26 (Recycling)	Monday, November 29 (Trash) Friday, December 3 (Recycling)
Christmas Friday, December 24 (Recycling) Monday, December 27 (Trash)	Friday, January 7, 2011 (Recycling) Tuesday, December 28 (Trash)
New Year's Day Friday, December 31 (Recycling)	Friday, January 7, 2011 (Recycling)