



# Borough of Perkasie



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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 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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## Bucks Co. Opportunity Council Offers Help

The winter may be behind us, but the increased cost of fuel and electricity is here to stay. In fact, the cost of electricity typically increases with higher electrical demand during the summer months. A properly weatherized home will keep the occupants cooler in the summer, warmer in the winter, and reduce their energy usage all year round.

The Bucks Co. Opportunity Council's Home Energy Conservation Department provides weatherization to eligible low-income households. This is a FREE service—no debt, lien, or expense of any kind will be

asked from eligible clients.

If your application is accepted, a trained Energy Auditor will analyze the entire home to determine the best method of weatherization. The most common areas that are tackled include sealing gaps, installing insulation, repairing duct work, maximizing the efficiency of the heating system, and improving the effectiveness of household appliances, but each home may be different. And above everything else, **the service is free!** Call the Bucks Co. Opportunity Council at (215) 529-1663 or visit [www.bcoc.org](http://www.bcoc.org).

## Perkasie DOG Opens New Dog Park!

Because of the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers, the new dog park is now open. The park was proposed by the Perkasie Dog Owners Group (DOG) and is located on Borough land in Lenape Park near the wind turbine. Lenape Park is conveniently located off of Constitution Avenue across from the Perkasie Square Shopping Center. The Borough hopes that this new addition to the community park will be well accepted and enjoyed. With that being said, here are a few things to remember before visiting the park with your four-legged friend.

**Dog Parks are not a place for young puppies (less than 6 months in age).**

Socializing your puppy is one of the most important things you will ever do, but the dog park is not the place for it. Dog parks can be dangerous, scary, and overwhelming for very

young dogs, potentially giving your puppy a life-long problem with other dogs. Please socialize your puppy safely among peers in a supervised "puppy kindergarten" setting.

**Make your first visit without your dog.**

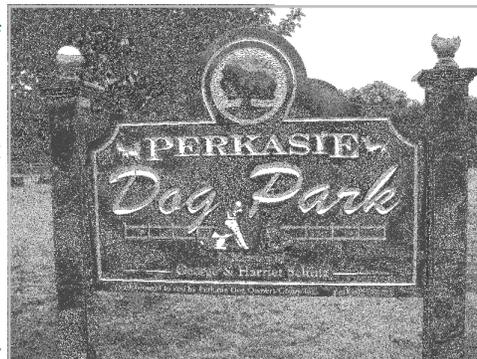
Familiarize yourself with the posted rules and how the park works.

**Know your dog.**

Not all dogs like meeting new dogs. If your dog has not regularly interacted with other dogs, find out how they will react. Invite a few mellow dogs over to play in a controlled setting. Check for obedience schools that

offer socialization classes for adult dogs. Be sure to socialize puppies (8-16 weeks of age) at a puppy kindergarten class. Early socialization is one of the most important things you will ever do for

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your dog.



**The first few times you take your dog to a site, choose a time that is not busy.**

Weekday evenings are peak times. Weekends and holidays tend to be busy all day long. The first visit can be a little stressful for both you and your dog, so keep it short and happy. Gradually work your way to longer visits.

**Observe the posted park rules.**

Complaints about you or your dog threaten the success of the site. Remember, dogs must be leashed upon entering and leaving the off-leash area. Please know and follow the rules!

**Let your dog off leash as soon as you arrive at the site.**

Mixing leashed and unleashed dogs can be an explosive situation. Leashed dogs, and their humans, often display body language and behavior that is threatening to the free dogs and may provoke them to be defensive in return.



**Keep walking.**

Walking defuses defensive behaviors and keeps the off-leash area neutral territory. This means your dog is more likely to pass by another dog with a "sniff" rather than a "stare down". Avoid the temptation to stand around and chat or to sit down at the tables. When folks congregate, many dogs may become protective of their people and their space, making scuffles more likely to occur.

**Be aware that dogs have different play styles.**

Educate yourself about dog behavior. Behavior that concerns some dog owners may simply be a rambunctious style of play. Always respect another dog owner's wishes if they are not comfortable with how your dog is interacting with theirs. Simply move to another part of the park for awhile. Leash up and leave if your dog is acting aggressively or is having a bad day.



**Prevent injuries.**

Closely supervise your dog. Do not reach in to break up fighting dogs. Instead, try squirting the dogs in the face with some water or distract the dogs by throwing a jacket on them. Parents should keep children within reach. Many dogs do not live with kids and have not been socialized to children. Teach children not to run, scream or ride their bikes near dogs. Train your children always to ask permission from the dog owner before approaching an unfamiliar dog.

**You are responsible for injuries inflicted by your dog.**

Under Pennsylvania law, a dog owner is liable for injuries and damage caused by their dog. Watch your dog carefully! If your dog injures a person or a dog, give your name and phone number to the injured party. Report to law enforcement authorities any handlers who refuse to take responsibility for damages/injuries and who are endangering the safety of others. Record their license plate number if possible.

**Keep the park safe and clean.**

Pick up trash, cigarette butts, and litter. Pick up orphan poop. Don't let your dog dig holes. Leave the site better than you found it! It's the small gesture multiplied by dozens of daily visitors that makes these sites successful.

**Scoop the poop.**

Hundreds of dogs visit this site every month. Those who don't pick up ruin it for others. Dirty sites may be closed due to health concerns. Most of all, nobody likes to look at or step in poop. Be courteous and use common sense! Bring extra plastic bags to help maintain the poop bag supply. Dispose of poop in proper waste receptacles. Notify the Borough if the receptacles are filled.

**Be a responsible dog owner.**

Keep licenses and vaccinations up to date, spay or neuter your dog, train your dog in basic obedience, educate yourself about dog behavior (many books, magazines and websites are available), and be an advocate for the organization providing your dog park.



# What do I do with my yard waste?



Chipped branches can be composted & reused as mulch.

## YARD WASTE

Beginning in 2010, all yard waste 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 but not including grass clippings.

As an alternative, the Borough will provide free disposal of all yard waste (not including grass clippings) at the Borough's recycling center on the first Saturday of every 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 curbside collection of leaves in mid-October to December will not change.

## BRUSH & SHRUBBERY CLIPPINGS

Brush and shrubbery clippings will be chipped curbside throughout Perkasio by Borough crews on the first Wednesday of each month. Call for an appointment at least 48

hours in advance of the scheduled collection day. Tree branches must be cut in lengths of less than 4 feet, and then bundled with twine in bundles no larger than 18 inches in diameter. Branches over 8 inches in diameter should be placed curbside for bulk trash collection. The amount of branches picked up at each residence will be equivalent to the size of a freezer.

## GRASS CLIPPINGS

Grass clippings must be bagged in Borough trash bags and placed out with household refuse. Perkasio Borough promotes "grass-cycling" - cutting the grass before it gets too high, or using a mulching mower, and letting the grass clippings remain on the ground to nourish the soil.

**Grass clippings will not be permitted for drop-off at the Recycling Center.**

*"Yard trimmings and food residuals together constitute 26 percent of the U.S. municipal solid waste stream.*

*That's a lot of waste to send to landfills when it could become useful and environmentally beneficial compost instead!" (Environmental Protection Agency)*

## Discount Amusement Park Tickets On Sale @ Borough Hall

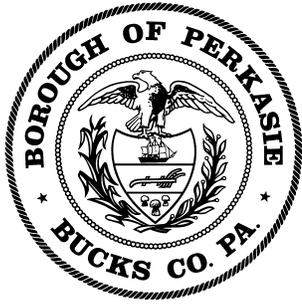
Discount theme park tickets are available at Perkasio Borough Hall from May through August each year for many local and out of state recreational facilities. The savings is significant on many of the tickets offered. Check discount prices here from April through August.

With each ticket sold, Perkasio Borough earns 50¢ or more toward local parks and recreation projects. When



purchasing your tickets at the Borough office you will save money while supporting your community.

Tickets available include: Adventure Aquarium, Baltimore Aquarium, Camelbeach, Dorney Park, Dutch Wonderland, Hersheypark, Knoebels Amusement Park, Longwood Gardens, Morey's Piers, PA Renaissance Faire, Philadelphia Zoo, Ride the Ducks Philadelphia, Sesame Place, & Six Flags.



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## Borough Reminds Residents to Mow Grass

The Borough wants to remind residents of the Property Maintenance Code, that grass or weeds or vegetation should not be permitted to grow over 10 inches in height in livable spaces. Any grass, weeds, or other vegetation growing upon any premises in the Borough in violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance is hereby declared to be a nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety, cleanliness and comfort of the inhabitants of the Borough.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

Once again, Bucks County is providing Household Hazardous Waste Collection for residents. What can you bring? As many as three old Computers and up to 25 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous products. Hazardous products will have cautionary words on the label. If there are no words indicating it is a hazardous product, it likely isn't. Do not bring Latex paints, tires, appliances or gas cylinders. For additional information check the Borough website at [www.perkasieborough.org](http://www.perkasieborough.org), contact the PADEP Recycling Hotline: 800-346-4242, or The Bucks County Planning Commission: 215-345-3400, [www.buckscounty.org](http://www.buckscounty.org). The program is for residents only; no material will be accepted from businesses, industry or institutions.

**Saturday, July 23 | CB South High School, 1100 Folly Road, Warrington Township**

**Saturday, August 6 | Quakertown High School, 600 Park Avenue, Quakertown Borough**

**Saturday, September 27 | Bucks County Technical High School, 610 Wistar Road, Bristol Township**