

Perkasie Historical Society Museum Open House!

Come & see the newly renovated Perkasie Museum located in the former Lehigh Valley Transit (LVT) Station. The renovation has revealed many characteristics that help communicate the function and history of the building.

Make it a Train & Trolley Day!

Sellersville Museum will be hosting their Train & Trolley Day Display on the same dates and times. Get on board, visit both locations!

Date: Saturday, November 10th & Sunday, November 11th

Time: Noon to 4:00 PM

Location: Perkasie Historical Society Museum, 513 W. Walnut Street, Perkasie



Perkasie Historical Society to Host Transit Events!

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary!

Doug Peters, author of the Lehigh Valley Transit in Color, will speak in the renovated former LVT Perkasie Station. The station serves another purpose these days, housing the Perkasie Historical Society Museum. Mr. Peters' presentation will feature the Liberty Bell Line, which ran through Perkasie & Sellersville.

Tickets are limited, so buy them early!

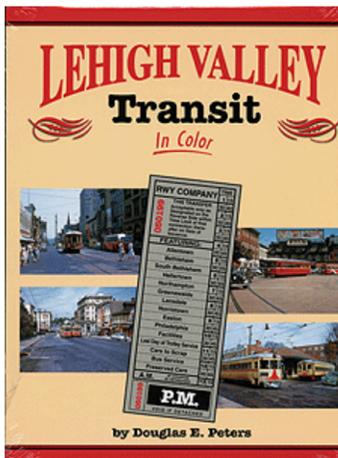
Date: Saturday, November 10, 2012

Times: *Two Shows*—6:00 PM & 8:00 PM

Place: Perkasie Historical Society Museum, 513 W. Walnut Street, Perkasie

Cost: \$5.00 donation per person

Contact: Rick Doll @ (215)453-1062 or doll@comcast.net



Did you know that the old Liberty Bell trolley car 1030 that ran through Perkasie from 1900-1951 is currently on display at the Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport, Maine?



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New Fence Installed in Kulp Park

The Borough was contacted by a group consisting of the head coaches from the Pennridge High School, Legion Baseball and Connie Mack Baseball teams' concerning improvements to the outfield fence at Kulp Field on 2nd Street. Mayor John Hollenbach was also involved and acted as a liaison between the teams and the Borough. All of these teams are perennial playoff contenders and they were interested in the improvements to the historic field which they all consider their home field. Kulp Field is a standout facility because of its grandstands, most new fields do not have this and it lends a bit of nostalgia to the ball park. Borough Council approved the funding to make the needed improvements. The fence that was there originally had been washed away during heavy flooding and, because this area is prone to



flooding, the center field fence was never replaced. In its place a temporary nylon fence was installed annually by the Public Works Department. After some research by the PW Director, a flood resistant fence was chosen as the best option. This fence system consists of 6'X10" chain link panels which are hung on hinges along the top rail. This system would allow any flood debris that washes against the fence to push the panel up and out of the way, thereby allowing the fence to stay in place. As the water recedes, the fence will 'float' back down to its original position. Along with this installation, the left field fence was also moved back 15' to allow the center field distance to 380'. The job was completed by Landis Fence of Dublin. The job was completed in 4 days for a cost of \$8,950. The improvements are a worthwhile investment in the park system that our residents enjoy and it also shows the commitment the Borough has to our youth organizations.



Public Works Department Builds Bluebird Boxes. Just in time for winter! Recently, the Borough's Public Works Department built and installed six new bluebird houses along the bike path in the open space along Callowhill Street. The ones that were there had fallen into disrepair. Eastern bluebird nest boxes are placed in open grassy areas that are accompanied by widely scattered trees and shrubs. Boxes are placed 4 to 6 feet above the ground on a metal or wooden post to attempt to accommodate the natural nesting instincts and requirements of the birds.



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MEETING SCHEDULE:

Borough Council:
1st & 3rd Monday at 7 p.m.
Zoning Hearing Board:
4th Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Perkasie Regional Authority:
1st Mon. & 3rd Tues. at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission:
4th Wed. at 7 p.m.

Park & Recreation Board
1st Wednesday 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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LED Street Lights Save \$, Improve Safety

A Light-Emitting Diode (LED) is a semiconductor diode that emits light when conducting current. It is used in lighting, is very energy efficient, and produces very little heat. Most households are familiar with LED's for home lighting uses. In Perkasie, Borough crews successfully replaced the incandescent bulbs in the Borough's seven traffic signals and six flashing lights. The fixture and bulb switch cost the Borough around \$14,000. It took less than two years for the Borough to re-coop that from the savings in electricity. It is estimated that the Borough saves about \$8,000 a year as a result of installing the energy efficient LED lights. Replacing the Borough's street lights is in progress. With close to a 1,000 street lights in Perkasie, the Borough's Electric Department is replacing the

lights by neighborhood as allowed by the yearly budget. To-date, 14 streets have received the energy efficient bulbs: Hunters Run, Chestnut Court, Sugarbush Drive, South 12th Street, Stoneycrest Drive, Strausburger Drive, Souder Lane, Milliken Court, Wyckford Drive, Essex Court, Wyckford Way, Branford Terrace, Hampton Circle, and Country Point.

The new LED lights should save the Borough about 65% on electricity. The old bulbs were 150w, compared to the new LED's which are 55w bulbs.

On top of energy savings, the lights provide uniform and comfortable lighting. Increasing comfort, safety and security all contribute to enhancing the public's sense of well-being,

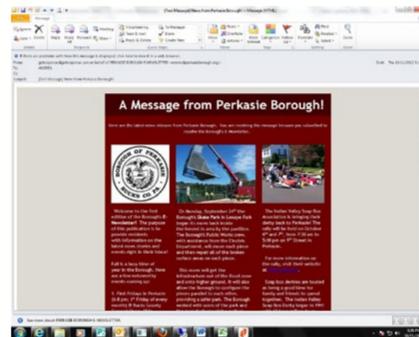
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1. White lights creates atmosphere and makes our town look more friendly and lively, and architecture more authentic.
2. White light makes streets feel safer—drivers can recognize movements on the edge of the road earlier, and from a greater distance, giving them more time to react.
3. White light contributes to a social feeling of safety and prevention of crime as it allows people to recognize faces and colors more easily. >80% feel safer with white light.

Borough Announces New Electronic Newsletter!

The first edition of the Borough's new Electronic Newsletter was distributed in the beginning of October. But don't worry—it's not too late to sign up! You can get on *the list* anytime by going to the Borough's website <http://www.perkasieborough.org> and clicking on the newsletter link on the toolbar on the right side of the screen. Just enter your name and e-mail address. An automatic confirmation e-mail will be sent to your inbox. Simple click on the link provided in the confirmation e-mail, and you'll be added!

By signing up for e-news, you will receive the most up-to-date information about the Borough, including vacancies, meeting notices, upcoming events, news stories, competitive bids, and much more!





Pictured: Miss Keystone 2012 Erin Price visited the Perkasio Historical Society's Carousel on August 19th to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network and the Save the Music Foundation.



Perkasie Resident Named Miss Keystone!

Erin Price was crowned Miss Keystone 2012 through the Miss America Organization in April. A junior at West Chester University of Pennsylvania, Price is studying Music Education-Voice and hopes to pursue a career as a music educator.

Throughout her year of service, Price will serve as an ambassador to the Children's Miracle Network and as an advocate for the VH1 Save the Music Foundation. Partnering with the Chester County Hospital, Bucks County SPCA, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and numerous other organizations, Price hopes to spend her year volunteering across eastern Pennsylvania and in her hometown of Perkasio.

Successful Program Teaches Kids to Swim—For Free.

The 2012 pool season was even more exciting for over a dozen Perkasio 3rd graders—they learned how to swim!

Through a new program titled *Everybody Swims*, qualifying children that live in the Borough could learn the valuable skill for free. The only requirements were that the child must live in the Borough and be entering the 3rd grade. The beginner lessons were to teach the child how to swim.

The Borough Council President suggested the idea to staff and then Borough Council after hearing that there are a lot of children in that age group who haven't learned to swim. It was whole-heartedly embraced by Borough Council, and lifeguards worked to design hour-long lessons for the participants. While the program may be slightly restructured for the 2013 season, the Borough does hope to again offer the free lesson program.

The Aquatics Center runs a regular summer lesson program that teaches beginner to advanced lessons all summer long. Those interested in lessons during the 2013 season should check the Borough website in early 2013 or the Borough's Community Program Guide that is mailed to residents in the Spring.

On a related note, members of the Menlo Aquatic Center are reminded about the yearly survey sent to their homes. Each year, the Borough asks members for feedback on a variety of pool-related topics. The feedback is valuable tool to the Borough, helping staff prioritize necessary improvements, events or even new ideas. The staff strives to continuously improve the experience for all at the community pool.

Say Cheese! Lifeguards @ the Menlo Aquatics Center stand with 3rd grade participants of the Borough's new *Everybody Swims* Program.



Street Light Replacement Program

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while meeting the challenge of energy efficiency and creating a unique visual identity.
Pictured Below: LED lighting examples show crisp, clear, & uniform lighting.
Why else would the Borough choose to use LED lighting? It requires less maintenance, with fewer



lamps to replace and dispose. There is less light trespass with reduced shielding and reduced wasted light. Improved visual acuity means a smoother visual transition due to uniformity and better vertical illuminance. LED features no filament failures, no cathode failures, and no glass to break. It is rugged compared to a traditional lamp and resistant to vibration.

Seeing is believing, so the Borough is encouraging residents to visit the streets listed above. Here are a few examples of LED transformations from a manufacturer of the lights.

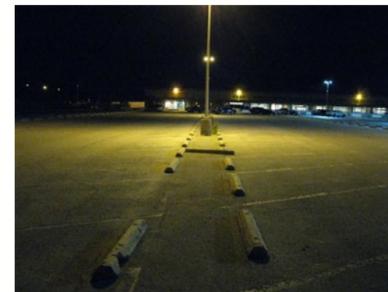
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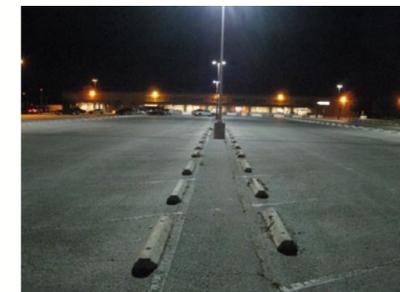
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250w Before



130w After



Prepare for New Electronics Recycling Law. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is advising consumers and businesses of new rules for recycling electronic devices that will take effect on January 24, 2013. The Pennsylvania Covered Device Recycling Act was enacted in 2010 and requires consumers to keep covered devices, such as computers, laptops, monitors, and televisions, out of the trash.

Many of these devices contain heavy metals that do not belong in the waste stream. Lead, cadmium, and mercury are just a few examples of heavy metals frequently found in these devices. But also valuable metals such as gold, silver and platinum, along with base metals such as copper, iron and aluminum that can be separated and reused in new products.

The law also requires manufacturers of devices to provide for the collection, transportation and recycling of these devices by establishing one-day events, permanent collection programs or mail-in programs. Additional information on collection of covered devices can be found on the Borough's website, under the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program provided by Bucks County. For additional information or disposal suggestions, please contact the PADEP Recycling Hotline at 1-800-346-4242 or the Bucks County Planning Commission at 215-345-3400.



Historical Society Museum Restored. Perkasio's old trolley station got a much needed face lift over the summer thanks to a local Boy Scout.

Currently the home of the Perkasio Historical Society Museum, the former Lehigh Valley Transit Co. building was once a stop on the Liberty Bell Line, which carried passengers both north to Allentown and south to Philadelphia. An Eagle Scout candidate, Brandon Lederach, with Troop 1 in Sellersville, received permission from the Historical Society to do the improvements as his Eagle Scout project.

The renovations took place over the summer and required donations from many local businesses. The plan was to restore the station to its original appearance. Once restored, the station will continue to hold items of interest related to Perkasio's history.

The renovations occurred right after the completion of a related project – the restoration of the Seventh Street Trolley Tunnel – which was once part of the Liberty Bell Lines streetcar route. For that project, Girl Scout Meghan Kennedy worked to create colorful flowerbeds, and gave the tunnel a fresh coat of paint. The tunnel was then covered with beautiful murals depicting the rich history of Perkasio. A local Boy Scout Troop aided her efforts by creating stairs up the hillside by the cemetery. And Borough Council worked with Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. to get the newly restored trail paved and handicapped accessible.



Borough Offers Discount Ski & Tubing Tickets. Discount ski & tubing tickets are available from December through March of each year for Camelback, Elk Mountain, Sno Mountain (Montage), Big-Two (Jack Frost and Big Boulder), Blue Mountain, Shawnee, and Bear Creek. With each ticket sold, Perkasio Borough Parks and Recreation 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.

ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES! Please check with the mountain, as some mountains require weekend passes for holidays that fall on weekdays.

Family Friday Events to be Held All Winter Long. Family Friday Events are held the second Friday of the month, with doors opening at 6:00 PM for dinner and entertainment running from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Family Friday runs October- April. Admission: \$3.00 for 12 years and older; \$2.00 for ages 2 to 12; free for children under 24 months. Events are held in the Pennridge High School Cafeteria.

- November 9, 2012 | FAMILY BINGO NIGHT
- December 14, 2012 | MAGICIAN ERIC DASHER: HOLIDAY MAGIC
- January 11, 2013 | LOLLY HOPWOOD: LET'S PLAY TODAY
- February 8, 2013 | MAD SCIENCE: MARVELS OF MOTION
- March 8, 2013 | FAMILY BINGO NIGHT
- April 13, 2013 | DJ DANCE PARTY