



# Borough of Perkasio



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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.

#### PRA:

- 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  
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## Spotlight on Our Volunteers

# NEWS

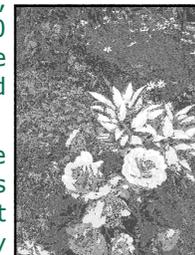
In Perkasio, the last few years have brought out dozens of individuals who dedicate their time, talents, and energy to making a difference for the entire community. From cleaning up parks to improving accessibility, volunteers are valuable.



It is very difficult to put a dollar value on volunteer time. Volunteers provide many intangibles that can not be easily quantified. Here we will shine the spotlight on a few of the most recent accomplishments of volunteers.

The Borough crews do their best to help keep the Borough parks clean. They spend hours picking up trash, cleaning up graffiti, mowing the grass, and raking up the leaves. But if it weren't for the silent work of a handful of others, they would have more to clean in the parks. Three members of our community have been working silently through the years, picking up trash as they walked through the Borough's extensive park system. Working as the sun rises, these helping hands clean up the litter left by others. Jim Pritchard and Tom & Jerri Connoly were recognized for their service this Fall at a Borough Council meeting.

The Garden Club maintains the Cannon Gardens at Menlo Park and the beautiful planters in front of many Borough businesses. This group also sponsors a garden tour and holds a yearly plant swap. They are a group of people that love making the Borough beautiful, and they do a fantastic job at it! In addition to beautifying the community, the club has also donated gardening books and magazines to several local libraries. The club also brings in gardening experts and speakers for special events. The Garden Club was formed in 1992, starting in Perkasio, but now contains 60 to 70 members, from Green Lane to Bedminster, from Hatfield to Harleysville.



The Borough has nine different Boards, Authorities and Commissions that meet on a monthly or quarterly basis. With terms ranging from three to five years long, the dedicated folks that are appointed to these positions play a large role in shaping our community. It takes almost 50 residents to fill every

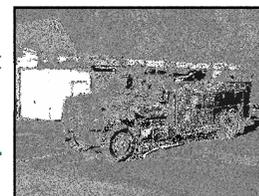
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## In Perkasio, Lights Stay On

This year's "white Halloween" left much of PA in the dark. Snow fell on trees that were often still in leaf, adding extra weight. Trees and branches that collapsed under it caused considerable damage, particularly to power lines. Several million customers in several states suffered outages that lasted into the next week. In some areas the downed trees and black-outs broke records set just two months earlier by Hurricane Irene.

In Perkasio, only 55 people lost power as a result of the storm. While the majority were only without power for 2 hours, two households on the Ridge lost power for a total of 10 hours while Borough crews repaired a primary line. In comparison, PPL reported nearly 400,000 without power and Met-Ed numbers were around 270,000.

The Borough's Electric & Public Works Departments worked with the Police Department to keep service connected and the roads safe. *(See Tree Trimming Page 4)*



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seat on each committee. Their backgrounds, skills, hobbies and experiences all lend a unique perspective to their respective position. The Borough even holds two spots for community-minded youth to fill. A non-voting position on the Borough Council gives a Pennridge teen a real-life perspective on how their local government works. The second spot is on the Borough's Park & Recreation Board, where a youth voice can help the Board understand how the youth view the future of recreation in the Borough.

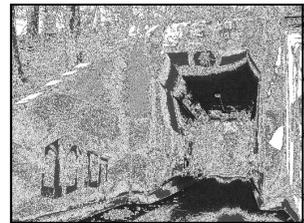
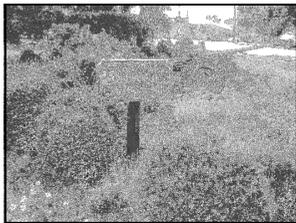
In 2011, volunteers filled over 2,100 sandbags for the Lenape Park streambank restoration grant project. And if that wasn't enough work, volunteers gathered again in November to plant 60 new trees along the East Branch Perkiomen Creek to help stabilize the bank for future generations to enjoy. In total, volunteers logged over 300 hours of hard work toward that project, saving taxpayers just under \$7,000 in labor costs.

For several years now, employees from local business Prodesco Inc. have donated their time to help clean up the parks. In the past, this group of over 50 individuals have helped the Borough with painting projects, park clean up, graffiti removal, branch clean up and general maintenance.

Until this year, the Trolley Tunnel connecting 7<sup>th</sup> Street (at Walnut Street) to 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets was a frequent target of graffiti. Thanks to the hard work and motivation of a local girl scout, the trail now boasts safety lighting and beautiful murals of the history of the Borough. An 8-foot asphalt trail now allows easy access between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets. Beautiful flower beds were carefully crafted by the scout and her volunteers. A local Boy Scout Troop helped repair the steps leading up the hill by the Stout Cemetery. The Girl Scout, Meghan Kennedy, was able to achieve the Silver Award as a result of her accomplishment.

For more information, visit [www.perkasieborough.org](http://www.perkasieborough.org) and click on "Volunteer Spotlight".

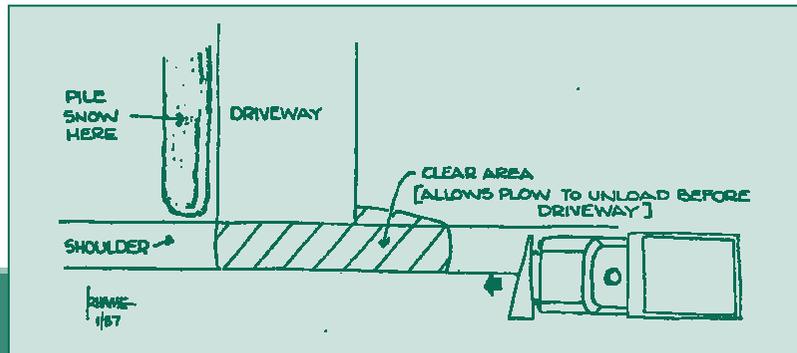
*Pictured below (L-R): (1) The Cannon Garden maintained by the Garden Club; (2) Volunteers work to plant a tree on the rebuilt streambank in Lenape Park; (3) Volunteers from Prodesco gather for a picture; (4) the Trolley Tunnel with beautiful new murals and paved trail.*



## Keep Your Driveway From Getting Plowed In!

The Borough of Perkasie needs the help of its citizens to efficiently remove snow and ice from the roadways. The following describes the borough's method of snow removal and what you can do to help.

We plow as close to the curb-line as possible which creates a wider roadway for travel and parking. During heavier snowfalls, there are times when snow may get pushed into already cleared driveways and sidewalks. Following the diagram below when shoveling your driveway will help avoid the driveway getting closed during plowing:



The snow that is in front of a plow will unload whenever it passes a clear area. Providing a clear area on the side of the driveway where the plow will be traveling will allow the snow to unload in the clearing before your driveway, instead of in your driveway.

## New Pool Membership Categories Give Residents & Seniors Discounted Options

Two new Twilight Membership options have been added for our Perkasio Borough resident members.

- The standard **Twilight** membership would allow access to the pool seven days a week after 4:00 pm for a discount of 40% off regular resident rates.
- The **Twilight Plus** membership would allow access to the pool Monday through Friday after 4:00 pm and all day Saturday and Sunday with a 20% discount off regular resident membership rates.

For seniors, the Borough is now offering a **\$20 discount off senior membership categories to members of the Pennridge Community Senior Center.**

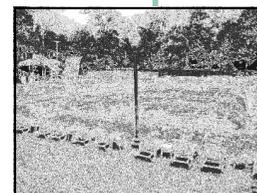
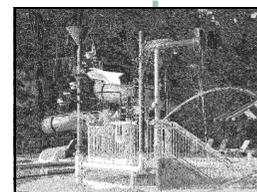
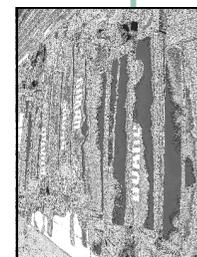
- Resident seniors who are members of the Pennridge Senior Center can get admission to the pool all summer long for only \$50!
- Non-resident seniors also get the discount, bringing their season membership rate down to only \$65.

Are you over 55 years of age and not a member of the Pennridge Senior Center? Visit the Center today at 146 E. Main Street in Silverdale or call them at 215-453-7027.

**Gift certificates for pool memberships** for the 2012 season can now be purchased at Borough Hall! If you'd like to surprise your family with an entire summer of fun for one low price, buy them a membership to your community pool.

## New "Everybody Swims!" Program

The new free beginner swim lesson program to begin in 2012 is for Borough residents. These lessons will be for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders that live in the Borough. For this first run of the program, there will be 100 open slots. Lessons will be one hour per day for five days. Children do not need to be members of the pool to qualify. This program is designed to simply teach Perkasio kids how to swim.



## Borough Family Friday Events Return to PHS

Looking for a fun way to kick start your weekends this fall and winter? Join the Borough for one fun evening a month at their Family Friday events. Held the second Friday of the month (October to April) in the Pennridge High School cafeteria, these programs are sure to be memorable.

The doors open at 6:00 PM and the entertainment goes from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Admission to the show is only \$3.00 for adults and children 13 years and over, \$2.00 for children 3 to 12 years of age, and free for children 2 years and younger. For a com-

plete description of the entertainment, look in your 2011 Park & Recreation Guide or visit the Borough website.

**January 13, 2012**—Ray Owen: Children's Music Entertainer

**February 10, 2012**—Mad Science: Up, Up and Away!

**March 9, 2012**—Family Bingo Night

**April 13, 2012**—DJ Dance Party



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## Utilities

### Proactive Tree Trimming a Priority in Perkasia

Have you seen the Borough's red electric bucket trucks in town trimming trees from around the power lines?

By proactively trimming around the lines, the Borough can prevent a lot of damage to the Borough's electric system. The poles, wires and other equipment are all owned by the Borough. And by maintaining a clear path around those wires, we can prevent damage to the system that can happen during high winds, snow or heavy rain storms. And while the Borough has a small crew of just four linemen and a superintendent to maintain 10.2 lineal miles of wires and 1,082 poles, they make trimming trees a priority so that the lights stay on.

*Did you know that as a result of the October snow storm, the Borough's Electric Department collected 90 tons of branches curbside for residents? The collection took the crews 14 days to complete. All collected material will be composted and processed by a local certified composter for future use as mulch.*

### Holiday Waste Collection Schedule

| Holiday  | New Collection Date   |
|--|---|
| <b>Christmas</b><br>Friday, December 23 (Recycling)<br>Monday, December 26 (Trash) | Friday, December 30 (Recycling)<br>Tuesday, December 27 (Trash) |
| <b>New Year's Day</b><br>Monday, January 2, 2012 (Trash)                           | Tuesday, January 3, 2012 (Trash)                                |

The Borough's Recycling Center will be closed on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> to allow Borough employees to celebrate the holiday with their family. Borough Hall will be closed on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.