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NEWS FROM COUNCIL

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## After 32 Years of Service, Chief Gura Retires



At the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, Perkasie Mayor John Hollenbach, Sellersville Mayor Thomas Hufnagle, and Borough Council recognized retiring Chief of the Perkasie Police Department Joseph Gura on his 32 years as a police officer with the Perkasie Borough and 7 years as the Chief of the force. Chief Gura was recognized for his devotion, dedication, and hard work within the Penridge Community.

## Council Takes First Step to Initiate New Power Supply Master Plan

The Council wasted little time in beginning the implementation of the Plan, and on November 19, 2012 authorized the Borough Manager and Power Supply Consultant, GDS Associates, to purchase 3 additional blocks of power for the future years. The contracts were complete in the following week for three separate electric products. The first product purchased was for monthly power purchases in the years 2014 and 2015 to “round off” the Borough’s current needs that vary by month of the year. The price from Exelon was \$39.24 per megawatt hour (MWH). The next product secured was for daily power needs in the years 2016 and 2017 from Next Era Energy at the price of \$43.70 per MWH. The last product was for weekday power needs from Next Era Energy at a price of \$55.94 per MWH.

## Perkasie Recycles: The Different Types of Plastics

All Perkasie residents receive free curbside collection of certain recyclables every Friday. But are you separating out all of the right items? Plastics numbered 1 through 7 are accepted by the Borough for both curbside collection and at the Recycling Drop-Off Center.

In 1998, the Society of Plastics Industry (SPI), established a classification system to allow consumers and recyclers to properly recycle and dispose of different types of plastic. Manufacturers followed a coding system and place an SPI code, or number, on each plastic product, which is essentially molded into the bottom.

Although you should always verify the plastic classification number of each product you use,

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### MEETING SCHEDULE:

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

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## ***Drug Drop-Off Box Now Available at Perkasio Police Station***



You know the bottles of medicine in your medicine cabinet that you haven't a clue what to do with? Now you have an easy solution. Bring your unused, unwanted, and expired medication to the new permanent prescription drop box located at the Perkasio Police Station. The box is located inside the police station lobby.

The Borough Council partnered with the Bucks County District Attorney's Office and the Upper Bucks Health Community Healthy Youth Coalition to purchase the box. The hope is that members of the community will safely dispose of their drugs in this box instead of flushing them down the toilet or leaving them where they could be stolen or abused by someone other than the person they were prescribed to originally.

***Nominations Being Accepted for Coveted Award*** The "Perkasio Pride Award" was established by the Mayor and Borough Council to recognize up to three properties within the Borough (one in each ward) that have made a significant contribution to beautifying the town. The improvements, restoration and-or beautification recognized by the award do not necessarily have to occur within the calendar year that the award is given.



Any person may nominate a building or property for consideration for the Award by contacting the Mayor, any Council member or the Borough Office at 215-257-5065. Such nominations should be received by the Borough, along with a brief paragraph describing the improvements. Awards will be made at Pennridge Community Day, on July 7, 2013. It is asked that nominees include any historical information about the buildings so that information can be preserved for the record.

Borough Council will select 3 properties to receive plaques. Once nominated, a property would remain in nomination for subsequent years. The Mayor and Council will award a wall plaque suitable for outdoor display. This plaque is approximately 7 inches in diameter and contains the words "PERKASIE PRIDE AWARD", the date the award is given and is embossed with the Perkasio Hickory Nut Tree. The plaque also shows the year the building was constructed. Do you want to nominate a property for the Award? Visit the Borough's website to download the application or stop by Borough Hall during regular business hours.



***Refuse & Recycling Reminders!*** Residents are reminded to set their trash curbside on the scheduled collection date no earlier than 6:00 pm the night before and no later than 7:00 am the day of collection. When the weather is extremely cold/ hot or inclement, the Department may send out two collection trucks at 7:00 am and complete the route much earlier than normal. There are no callbacks for trash or recycling that is set out after 7:00 am. Please call the Borough at (215) 257-5065 with any questions about this policy.

***Residents may take yard waste generated at their house to the Recycling Center on the first Saturday of every month. 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.***

## Improvements Made to Historic Field

Recently Perkasio Borough Public Works Dept. employees installed a protective cover on the chain link fence used to outline the historic ball field in Kulp Park on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Perkasio. With funding provided by the Pennridge High School Athletic Department and labor supplied by the Borough, the protective capping will now help to ensure the safety of all players who utilize this park.

Several months ago representatives from the teams who use the field met with Perkasio Mayor John Hollenbach and Public Works Director Dan Gilbert to see what improvements could be made to the field. This field is very popular among the teams as it is a throwback to times when games were played in front of wooden grandstands rather than aluminum bleachers, which is what is available in most parks today. After discussion with team representatives, Borough staff, and Borough

Council it was decided that the fence would be moved out to increase the depth of the outfield. At the same time flood resistant fencing was also installed to ensure that the new fencing would stay in place in an area known to flood at times. Moving the fence out has now increased the outfield distances so that right field is 302 feet, left field foul pole is 313 feet, and deep center is 394 feet.

The combination of moving the fence back, adding flood resistant fencing, and the installation of a protective fence topper will help to ensure not only the safety and enjoyment of the field but will help it last well into the future for many more generations to enjoy.



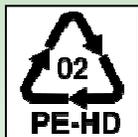
### Electric Purchase (Continued from page 1)

Altogether these last two purchases comprise about 59 percent of the Borough's needs for 2016 and 2017 with only 20 percent left to purchase in the next two years. Assuming that the last remaining segment can be purchased at currently forecasted market prices over the next three years, the wholesale costs to the borough for its power supply needs for these two years, 2016 and 2017, will drop significantly, **resulting in over \$2 million in annual savings to the borough and its ratepayers.**

While too early to say precisely, Borough Manager Dan Olpere predicted that retail rates to customers could drop by 2016 and by double digit percentages. It all depends on a number of other cost factors in the Borough and events that take place in the next 3 years. If other power cost savings can be achieved, it is possible that smaller price reductions could occur before 2016. Our goal for a number of years has been to be more competitive with the rates surrounding private utility companies, such as PECO & PPL. This most recent purchase at a very competitive rate goes a long way toward achieving that goal.

### Recycling Plastic (Continued from page 1)

this guide provides a basic outline of the different plastic types associated with

Plastic ID Code	Common Packaging Applications
	Soft drink, water and salad dressing bottles; peanut butter and jam jars
	Water pipes, hula hoop rings, five gallon buckets, milk, juice and water bottles; grocery bags, some shampoo / toiletry bottles
	Blister packaging for non-food items; cling films for non-food use. Not used for food packaging as the plasticisers needed to make natively rigid PVC flexible are usually toxic. Non-packaging uses are electrical cable insulation; rigid piping; vinyl records.
	Frozen food bags; squeezable bottles, e.g. honey, mustard; cling films; flexible container lids.
	Reusable microwaveable ware; kitchenware; yogurt containers; margarine tubs; microwaveable disposable take-away containers; disposable cups; plates.
	Egg cartons; packing peanuts; disposable cups, plates, trays and cutlery; disposable take-away containers;
	Beverage bottles; baby milk bottles. Non-packaging uses for polycarbonate: compact discs; "unbreakable" glazing; electronic apparatus housings; lenses including sunglasses, prescription glasses, automotive headlamps, riot shields, instrument panels.



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***Fire Company Achieves Professional Qualification Standards*** Great job, Perkasio Fire Company for successfully attaining the 100% recognition level as part of the Participating Department Recognition Program! This program recognizes those departments that support, promote and encourage their emergency response personnel to voluntarily certify at various levels in accordance with nationally recognized and sanctioned Professional Qualification Standards. They are just the 56<sup>th</sup> fire company in the Commonwealth to reach 100%!

***The Veterans Memorial Garden Needs Your Help!*** Time and weather have taken a toll on the garden that honors our veterans in Menlo Park at the corner of Park Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The Perkasio Garden Club maintains the garden and is working to purchase benches for this deserving space. Please take a moment to donate funds to help the Garden Club reach their goal of renewing the garden by Memorial Day 2014. Please send all contributions to the Perkasio Garden Club, P.O. Box 382, Sellersville, PA 18960. Checks should be made payable to the Perkasio Garden Club Memorial Garden.

*Pictured to the right: The Perkasio Garden Club maintains the garden located at the corner of W. Park Avenue & Arthur Avenue in front of Menlo Park & the Menlo Aquatics Center..*

