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WINTER 2014 NEWSLETTER



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Please enjoy this inaugural issue of the *Perkasio Connection*. The *Connection* will be published quarterly to help the Borough residents stay informed on the activities of Council and the various volunteer boards and commissions as well as other community groups and organizations.

The *Perkasio Connection* is one part of a comprehensive communications “dashboard” that includes the Borough website (www.perkasioborough.org), the Borough Facebook and twitter pages, and email alerts. One goal of these communications is to serve as guides for the many services offered to our residents.

As your new Council President, I want to thank the residents for their support and involvement in our community. I welcome your attendance at our public meetings. Your participation and opinions are always important to the Borough Council.

Sincerely,
Jim Ryder
2014 Borough Council President



Perkasio Borough Council

Reduces Building Fees to Encourage Economic Development

In a move initiated by Council Member Matt Aigeldinger, Perkasio Borough elected officials sent a loud and clear message to residents, business owners, and developers welcoming improvements, growth and development in the town. At their meeting on Monday, January 20th, the nine-member Borough Council voted unanimously to approve a new fee schedule for 2014 that cuts many building, zoning, and subdivision & land development fees by 50% for the remainder of the year.

All of the fees included in the reduction are listed on the Borough’s website. Building and construction fees for residential construction, additions, garages, and accessory buildings, including demolition and roof permits, have been cut in half. Electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits were also reduced.

“Reducing the fees will allow current property owners and businesses to complete necessary repairs to their home for less money,” stated Jim Ryder, President of Perkasio

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FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR HOLLENBACH

I hope that this message finds all Borough residents and their families enjoying a happy and healthy 2014.

On January 6, the Borough Council appointed over a dozen residents to the various boards and commissions that help advise Council and serve our community. It occurred to me while these appointments were discussed how lucky we are in Perkasia that we have so many involved, dedicated residents. From Pennridge Community Day through the "Under the Stars Car Show" to the Fall Festival and the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, our community volunteers continue to make Perkasia a great place to live, work and play.

As we take time to think of how important volunteers are to our community, I would like to encourage everyone to consider a regular annual contribution to the Perkasia Fire Company. The Fire Company is made up of individuals who willingly put their lives on the line to protect all of us and our property in an emergency.

This coming year the Perkasia Police Department will be adding a K-9 unit. One of our officers will be going for training and to select a dog to become part of a unit to enhance the patrolling and seeking out certain types of illegal substances and activities. The creation of the K-9 unit is not included in the Borough's 2014 budget; therefore we need to raise the funds to make this happen. Chief Hillias and I believe that the addition of a K-9 unit will be a significant aid to the work of the department in its mission. The Borough needs to raise approximately \$17,000 to establish a K-9 Unit. We have already received over \$4,000. Please consider a tax deductible contribution to Perkasia Borough for the cost of initiating the K-9 program.

Be a part and take part; volunteer or contribute to all that is happening in Perkasia.

Mayor John Hollenbach



2014 PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Seated (left to right): Councilor Flo Ann Frei, Mayor John Hollenbach, and Solicitor Nathan Fox, Esq.. Standing (left to right): Councilor Justin Stottlar, Councilor Steven Pizzollo, Councilor Matt Aigeldinger, Council President Jim Ryder, Councilor Barbara Krantz, Council Vice-President Jim Purcell, and Councilor Chuck Brooks. Absent: Councilor Suzanne Kravitz.

CHUCK BROOKS JOINS BOROUGH COUNCIL



At the reorganization meeting on January 6, 2014 Chuck Brooks took the oath of office as the newest Borough Council member. Mr. Brooks resides in Ward 1 on Penny Lane. He is a pilot with a major airline. Mr.

Brooks attended the University of California and received a Master of Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He previously served on the Perkasia Borough Civil Service Commission.

STEVE HILLIAS APPOINTED CHIEF OF POLICE



Steve Hillias, Interim Chief of Police, was sworn in as Chief of Police at the December meeting of the Borough Council. Chief Hillias is a 17 year veteran of the Perkasia Police Department. He was appointed Interim Chief of Police after the retirement of Joseph Gura in 2012; following ten years of service as a sergeant.

Chief Hillias has an undergraduate degree in management and a master's degree in criminal justice. In addition, he attended the FBI National Academy in 2007.

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COUNCIL REDUCES BUILDING FEES TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Borough Council. "And by making those improvements to their property, it will help increase the value of their property and that of the rest of the neighborhood and ultimately the Borough. Perkasio is a great town to live in and do business."

Fees related to non-residential development and subdivisions will also see a 50% reduction, although those associated with professional review will continue at the same rate.

"We're creating an ideal situation for current and new businesses of all sizes, and investors. It's really like having a sign that says 'Open for Business' in Perkasio," said Council Member Matt Aigeldinger. "We have a few unique parcels in town that would be a great opportunity for development or redevelopment. This move will provide an incentive for businesses to move forward with their plans to renovate an existing building or build new on an empty lot."

At the turn of the century, Perkasio was the hub of commerce and has a rich history of providing unique manufacturing services to the rest of the nation. Baseballs were hand sewn by the locals for many years right in town, along with the manufacturing of cigars. There were dairies, and two brick factories and hosiery that made ladies' undergarments. The rich architecture of the past is still in place all around town and provides something outside the ordinary for residents and businesses to consider.

"I've been here for 40 years and would love to see a new, vibrant Town Center," stated Council Vice-President Jim Purcell. "Reducing the fees associated with building and land development is going to make it more affordable for homeowners to make needed repairs to their homes or even move forward with additions that they've been dreaming about. We're all excited to see what happens in Perkasio over the next 12 months."

More information on the fees can be found on the Borough's website (www.perkasioborough.org) or by calling the Borough at (215) 257-5065.

INFORMATION FOR VOTERS



New residents should note the following deadlines to register in order to vote in the Primary Election on May 20, 2014.

April 21	Last day to REGISTER before the primary
May 13	Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot
May 16	Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots
May 20	PRIMARY

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WINTER FIRE SAFETY

Perkasie Fire Company wants to keep you safe and sound all winter long. Did you know that home fires occur more in the winter months than any other time of year? Stay safe this winter season by following these simple safety tips to help you prevent fires in your home.

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from all heat sources including fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, space heaters or candles.
- Never use an oven to heat your home
- Turn space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- Make sure to have your house number plainly visible on your mailbox or front of your home.

If you have any questions regarding Winter Fire Safety, contact the Perkasio Fire Company Fire Education Team at (215) 257-6950.

BUCKS COUNTY ANNOUNCES VETERANS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Since November 2001, Bucks County has been providing transportation for our veterans to SVA Hospitals in Philadelphia and Coatesville. The Transportation Program is overseen by the Bucks County Department of Veteran Affairs and has carried over 11,000 veterans **FREE** of charge. The bus runs 5 days a week covering all of Bucks County

The program is unique because it is not a taxpayer funded program, but rather depends on donations and an annual golf outing for funding. In addition, the VA Hospital in Coatesville pays for all maintenance, fuel and insurance.

Veterans should make all appointments between 9:30 a.m. and Noon, as the Bus will start its return trip early in the afternoon. Please call at least 2 weeks before your appointment to schedule your transportation.

For additional information or to schedule a ride, contact Betty at 215 345-3885.



PLANNING AND ZONING

If you are planning any home improvements, repairs or remodeling, please check with the Borough (215) 257-5065 to see if a permit is required. Depending on the type of work, you may need any combination of building, plumbing, mechanical, or dumpster permits. A zoning permit is also required for some projects. Remember, work done without a permit will result in double fees, so save time and money and check with the Borough first.

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REMINDERS TO RESIDENTS



DEBRIS IN STREET: The Perkasio Borough Code [Chapter 108, Section 1] prohibits any kind of dirt, refuse, rubbish, waste article, thing or substance whatsoever, in the street or on sidewalks. The Borough asks that residents refrain from blowing or sweeping grass clippings into the street. This causes an unsightly appearance and is also a violation of the Borough Code. This debris eventually works its way into the storm water system where it clogs the inlets causing a potential for flooding and also acts as a pollutant to our waterways. Residents should be aware that any water that enters our storm water system eventually finds its way to our creeks, streams and rivers and this type of pollution has an adverse effect on our waterways and the wildlife that inhabit it.

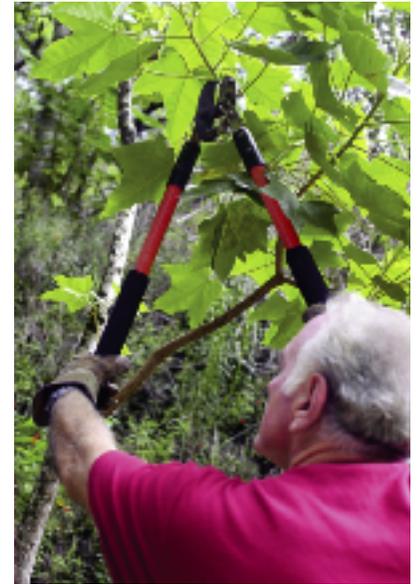
We thank you for your cooperation with this important step in eliminating pollutants from our waterways. Anyone with questions concerning this is welcome to contact the Perkasio Borough Public Works Dept. at 215-257-6860.

TREES OVERHANGING STREET AND SIDEWALK: Borough Ordinance 175.3 requires residents to keep trees and bushes, which are located on their property and adjacent to streets and sidewalks, trimmed to a specified height.

This ordinance requires that tree limbs, branches and bushes be trimmed to a height of 14 feet from the surface of the street and 8 feet from the surface of the sidewalk. The sidewalk should also be clear of any side obstruction and a path four feet wide should be maintained.

These requirements allow for vehicles and pedestrians to have safe access along roads and sidewalks. Low hanging branches over roadways may damage vehicles and also limit larger vehicles from maintaining their correct path of travel. These same vehicles can break the branches off and cause harm and injury to the tree itself. In winter, snow may accumulate on the branches and make them hang even lower. This prevents the snow removal crews from plowing close to the edge of the roadway in order to maintain the desired lane of travel distance needed for safe passage.

Low hanging branches and bushes that encroach on the sidewalks also hinder pedestrians as they walk throughout our Borough. Maintaining a height of 8 feet from the sidewalk surface and a width of 4 feet along sidewalks allows pedestrians to navigate without interference. This is a requirement of the Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA] and assures that individuals with disabilities are able to travel without interference from low hanging branches.





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ORDINANCE REGULATING SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

The potholes created in winter months along 5th Street are well known to those who travel through Perkasio Borough. One cause of the potholes is drainage pipes discharging water from sump pumps directly onto the roadway, creating a public nuisance. The Borough Council adopted an ordinance at the September 16th 2013 public meeting that prohibits sump pumps from discharging onto Borough streets and into the storm sewer system.

The volume of water that accumulates in sump pits varies significantly from house to house and across the Borough. Most sump pumps discharge occasionally and more frequently during wet weather; however, in some situations sump pumps discharge on a regular basis regardless of the weather conditions.

Pumps that discharge on a more frequent basis can cause a variety of problems. Frequent discharges can create a public nuisance where the water flows across public sidewalks, drives, and streets in-route to the storm sewer or other approved discharge point. Where these discharges result in the growth of algae or mold on sidewalks or streets they create slip hazards for pedestrians and bicycles. In cold and freezing weather the discharges can freeze causing ice accumulation resulting in additional hazards for pedestrians and vehicles. When the accumulation of ice or algae creates hazards to the public that are not readily dissipated from the normal weather changes they are considered public nuisances.

The ordinance amends the current storm water management ordinance to prohibit the discharge of sump pumps directly onto Borough Streets. The cost of redirecting the sump pump is still up for discussion, with the Borough performing the labor and sharing some of the cost. The Borough Council noted that some houses are a longer distance from the storm sewer system, adding to the cost. Taking affordability into account Council put a cap on the amount a homeowner should contribute towards

the project. It is important to the safety of all residents that the discharges into Borough streets cease.

SUGGESTED POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS FOR CONTROLLING SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE NUISANCES

BACK YARD:

Direct the discharge to the back yard where it can harmlessly dissipate or soak into the ground. When the back yard has enough slope to provide a drainage swale at the rear of the lot, the sump pump discharge may be extended toward the rear of the lot. The drainage will flow along the drainage swales and dissipate before draining into the street.

CONNECTION TO THE PUBLIC STORM SEWER SYSTEM:

When the discharges from sump pumps occur on the same side of the street as the public storm sewer, the property owner (or group of property owners) may extend the sump pump discharge pipes directly into the adjacent drain tile, storm sewer pipe, or nearby intake. When connecting to the public storm sewer system, the Borough must be contacted first for proper approval and permitting.

RAIN GARDENS/BIO-RETENTION CELLS:

Rain gardens are small depressed garden areas filled with moisture loving plants. Sump pump discharge is directed to these areas to facilitate infiltration.

REQUEST FOR BOROUGH ASSISTANCE:

If you would like more information regarding any of these possible solutions and would like suggestions or advice from the Borough of Perkasio for resolving discharge problems, call the Borough at 215-257-5065.



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Perkasie Borough participates in a discount ticket sales program through the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society. You may purchase tickets for area theme parks, the Philadelphia Zoo, Camden Aquarium, Baltimore Aquarium plus in the winter vouchers for reduced lift tickets are available for area ski resorts.

Discounts vary by location and time of use. Save some money and time standing in line and purchase your tickets at the Borough before you go. Sorry, we will no longer accept personal checks in payment for discount tickets. Cash or credit card only.



MEMBERS WANTED

The Park and Recreation Board is interested in developing a Menlo Aquatic Center Steering Committee. Any interested 2014 MAC members should contact Carolyn Hanel, Interim Park and Recreation Director at 215 257-5065 x115 or via email at parkandrec@perkasieborough.org The MAC Steering Committee will advise the Park and Recreation Board on pool rules and policies as well as capital projects. The Steering Committee will only meet 5-6 times per year.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Perkasie Borough's 12th Annual Community Yard Sale will be on Saturday, May 10th, 2014 from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM in Lenape Park.

Here's your opportunity to sell personal items you no longer want or need. Have all the benefits of a yard sale without having to advertise or hang signs! Those interested in participating must register in advance. The cost per space will be \$10.00 and participants may park one vehicle in their space. This is a rain or shine event. There will be some restrictions on the items that you will be permitted to sell. Watch the Borough website for updates and additional information.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars now for the following events:

March 13	Family Friday – "Lolly Hopwood Let's Play Today"	6:00-8:00 p.m. at Pennridge High School Cafeteria Admission is \$2.00/person
March 16	All You Can Eat Breakfast	7:30 AM-12:30 PM Perkasie Fire Company
April 26	Scrap Metal and Appliance Drive	Perkasie Fire Company
April 27	All You Can Eat Breakfast	7:30 AM-12:30 PM Perkasie Fire Company
May 10	Community Yard Sale	8:00 AM-2:00 PM Lenape Park
May 18	All You Can Eat Breakfast	7:30 AM-12:30 PM Perkasie Fire Company
May 26	Menlo Aquatic Center Opens	Noon-8:00 PM
June 15	All You Can Eat Breakfast	7:30 AM-12:30 PM Perkasie Fire Company
June 24-28	Carnival	Perkasie Fire Company Lenape Park
June 28	Scrap Metal and Appliance Drive	Perkasie Fire Company



The historic Perkasie Carousel, located in Menlo Park at 3rd Street and Park Avenue, operates each year from May through December. The Carousel is operated by the Perkasie Historical Society.

2014 DATES OF OPERATION

Sunday, May 11	Noon-5:00 PM
Monday, May 26	11:00 AM.-5:00 PM
Sunday, June 15	Noon – 5:00 PM
Sunday July 6 (July 13 rain date)	Noon-8:00 PM
Sunday, July 27	Noon – 5:00 PM
Sunday, August 17	Noon – 5:00 PM
Sunday, September 7	Noon – 5:00 PM
Sunday, October 5	Noon – 5:00 PM
Saturday, December 6	Noon – 5:00 PM



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FAMILY FRIDAYS

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MONTCO SENIOR GAMES NOW OPEN TO BUCKS COUNTY SENIORS



The 29th annual Montgomery County Senior Games will be held the week of May 5th to May 9th, 2014. Events will take place throughout the week at various locations in Montgomery County, culminating with final events and an awards luncheon on Friday, May 9th at Montgomery County Community College.

Montgomery County Senior Games combines sports and recreation with fellowship among its participants and volunteers. Events include bowling, swimming, running, bocce, tennis, golf, horseshoes, and various other sports and games.

Any Montgomery, Bucks, Chester or Delaware County resident aged 50 or older is eligible to participate. For the first time this year, residents of Bucks, Chester and Delaware Counties may also register. There are seven age categories and each age category has the opportunity to medal for first, second, and third place.

For more information or to see a schedule of events, please visit www.montcoseniorgames.com or contact the Upper Dublin Parks and Recreation Department at (215)-643-1600 ext. 3443 or email PRCSR@upperdublin.net. Registration guides and the opportunity to complete online registration will begin in March, 2014.

PERKASIE GARDEN CLUB

The Perkasio Garden Club (open to folks from other towns!) meets from January through October on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. The Perkasio Garden Club is a group of fellow gardeners who share horticultural information and gardening tips, exchange perennial plants, and work to beautify the town of Perkasio. Their community projects include the Cannon Garden, located at the entrance to Menlo Park, and planting annuals in the 35 "Planters for Perkasio" located around town. Throughout the year, they invite gardening experts to present topics of interest to the members. The meetings are open to the public to take advantage of the guest speaker program. The annual membership is \$10 per household.

2014 PROGRAMS THROUGH JUNE

Programs are held in the evenings beginning at 7:00 PM
Location: First Savings Bank, 6th and Market Streets, Perkasio

March 12 - English Gardening : Sandy Stigler

April 9 - Pond and poultry: Still in the planning stages

May 14 - Parkside Orchid Nursery: Kristen Smith

June 11 - Monarch Butterflies: Dave and Audrey Harding

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

For information contact the Garden Club
at 215-285-1720 or via email: brschaff@aol.com.



COMMUNITY GARDEN



12'x12' and 12'x18' lots are available year round at the Community Garden, 5th Street and Shadywood Drive. Initial tilling and water are provided. Fee is \$10.00 per lot, plus a \$25.00 deposit for a water key. The deposit may be made with cash or a check separate from lot fee. Lots will not be rolled over for the following year, so please drop off water keys and pick up deposits in the fall.

The Community Garden is made possible by the generous donation of land from the Kenneth Kratz Real Estate Company, the assistance of Perkasio Borough Public Works Department and water from the Perkasio Borough Authority.

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NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2014 MENLO AQUATIC CENTER MEMBERSHIPS

A simplified fee schedule was adopted by Borough Council for 2014. Please note that the several membership categories have been combined and/or modified.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	2014 FEE
Individual	\$ 75.00
Twilight Individual	\$ 65.00
Family	
2-Member	\$ 150.00
3-Member	\$ 200.00
4-Member	\$ 250.00
5-Member	\$ 295.00
6-Member	\$ 325.00
7-Member	\$ 325.00
8-Member	\$ 325.00
9-Member	\$ 325.00
10-Member	\$ 325.00
Family Twilight	\$ 185.00
Senior	\$ 70.00
Senior Twilight	\$ 45.00
Pennridge Senior	\$ 50.00
Non Resident Per Person Surcharge	\$ 30.00/person
Non Resident Senior Surcharge	\$ 15.00/person



Family: Any adults and all dependent children (age 18 and younger) residing in one household. Residents must reside within the Borough of Perkasia.

Individual: One individual, age 18 or older. Residents must reside within the Borough of Perkasia.

Twilight: This membership (either family or individual) allows admission seven days per week from 4:00 PM to close. The Twilight option is only available to Borough residents.

Senior: Open to age 62 and older. Residents must reside within the Borough of Perkasia.

Pennridge Senior: A senior citizen (age 62 and older) who is a member of the Pennridge Senior Center. Residents must reside within the Borough of Perkasia.

Under the new fee structure non-residents (those not residing in the Borough of Perkasia) will pay the fee listed PLUS a \$30.00/person surcharge. Non-resident surcharge for seniors (age 62 and older) is \$15.00.

Residents will receive one (1) guest pass for each person registered as a member.

Proof of residency (Perkasia electric bill, current driver's license, current voter registration, etc.) may be required for anyone claiming to be a Perkasia Borough resident.



ALL MEMBERSHIPS PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO APRIL 1, 2014 WILL RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT.

NEW SOFTWARE ALLOWS ON-LINE REGISTRATIONS AND PAYMENT



The Perkasia Borough Recreation Department has a new software program. The new software permits participants to maintain an account for themselves and/or their family. The account includes information that allows family members to register for the various events and activities offered by Perkasia Recreation throughout the year. Establishment of an account also eliminates the need to fill out the same information on numerous forms; plus you can review what you have signed up for anytime you wish.

Please go to www.PerkasiaRec.com and click on the Create New Account button to open your account providing us with emergency contacts, allergy/medical info & more so we can serve you better. Don't forget to enter your cell number with the carrier so we can text you with any last minute changes. Be sure to then add all the members of your household into the account. Your new household account will provide you with registrations history, financial history and much more. By March 1, people will be able to purchase 2014 memberships for the Menlo Aquatic Center on line. (Memberships purchased by April 1, 2014 will receive a 10% discount.)

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GENERAL INFORMATION



Refuse and recyclables must be placed at the curb or alley no earlier than 6:00 PM the evening prior to your pickup day, and no later than 7:00 AM the morning of collection. There are no call backs for trash or recycling that is set out after 7:00 AM. Household refuse must be placed in a securely tied Borough disposal bag, which does not exceed the weight of forty (40) pounds for large (green) bags and twenty (20) pounds for small (black) bags. Borough bags or recycling containers cannot remain curbside for more than 24 hours. Borough disposal bags are available at the Borough Office, 620 West Chestnut Street, and at area retailers who display the green hickory tree logo. Disposal of materials resulting from renovation, repair, construction of buildings and structures, or the removal of trees, will not be collected by the Borough. Such items shall be removed by and at the expense of the property owner or the contractor.

If refuse is not collected on your regular trash day due to inclement weather, it will be collected on the next business day (when possible).

RECYCLING CENTER

The Borough Recycling Center, located behind the Perkasie Police Department, at 311 South 9th Street, is for the convenience of Borough Residents **ONLY**. Perkasie Borough staff may ask for identification when you use the Center. There are signs indicating where recyclable materials are to be placed. Please prepare the recyclables as mentioned in other areas of this community guide, no plastic bags, please. Combine glass, aluminum, tin and plastic (PDE #1-7) containers in the dumpsters that are marked as such and that have metal stairs. Combine newspaper and cardboard and place in the trailer.

Trash and bulky items are not accepted at the Recycling Center. Absolutely **NO** construction materials, aluminum/plastic siding, window glass, shutters, etc. are accepted at the Recycling Center. No laundry baskets, plastic trash cans, large tin (popcorn) containers, fish tanks, mirrors or other household materials are accepted.

As of June 1, 2010 yard waste (**NO GRASS CLIPPINGS**) will be accepted on the first Saturday of the month 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Please use brown paper bags, lawn and leaf bags or bring a container to be dumped when disposing of yard waste. No plastic bags. Please call the Borough or check the website for additional information.



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PAY AS YOU THROW

Perkasie Borough has a pay-as-you-throw program in which all residential properties must participate. Residents pay for Borough disposal bags to dispose of trash. All recycling is free of charge. The more you utilize the recycling options, the fewer trash bags you will need to purchase and that will lower your trash removal costs. Trash bag costs are \$3.25 for a large (green) bag holding up to 40 pounds of trash and \$2.25 for a small (black) bag with a maximum capacity of 20 pounds. Borough trash bags can be purchased at Borough Hall, Giant, Landis, Pennridge Beverage and OldeTowne Convenience Store.

MULTI-FAMILY UNITS (rental properties)

Multi-family unit owners must provide containers for designated recyclable materials and provide written instructions to all persons occupying each unit to ensure all designated recyclable materials are source separated.

BAGGED REFUSE

Refuse must be placed in a Borough bag that is closed at the top. Refuse includes garbage (when drained of liquids), paper, rags, leather, rubber, metal foils, ceramics, crockery, plastics, and similar items normally produced by or originating from a private residence. Best rule to remember; if it fits in a bag, it needs to be in a Borough bag.

Ashes must be thoroughly extinguished and placed in a metal container. Attach an empty Borough disposal bag to the container for the corresponding weight of the ash as your proof of purchase. The bag will be collected with the ash.

COMMINGLED CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Recycling is mandatory for both residents and businesses within the Borough of Perkasie. All designated recyclables and leaf waste shall be kept separate from municipal waste. Commingled recyclables (including glass, plastic containers, tin and aluminum) are collected on Fridays. Please adhere to the following guidelines when placing recyclables curbside:

GLASS (all colors): Remove lids and neckbands from bottles or jars and rinse. No need to remove labels. (NO CERAMICS, LIGHT BULBS, OR PLATE GLASS, PLEASE).

ALUMINUM / TIN CANS: Rinse and flatten all cans if possible and remove labels, if any. This includes cans that held foods, including pet foods. (NO ALUMINUM FOIL, PAINT CANS, AEROSOL CANS, OR PROPANE CYLINDERS, PLEASE)



PLASTIC CONTAINERS (1-7): Please remove caps from bottles and rinse the containers, removing all contents. Crush the plastic containers to reduce the size as much as possible, but keep intact.

Recyclables should be combined in open containers with drainage holes near the bottom (available at the Borough Office). No plastic bags please. Please do not break glass. If you should have broken glass, place in container with lid and put out with trash.

NEWSPAPER AND CARDBOARD

Newspaper and cardboard will be collected on the third Wednesday of each month. Cardboard must be flattened. Newspaper and cardboard must be bundled and tied securely or inserted into a durable paper bag, no plastic bags please. Junk mail, magazines and chip board (cereal boxes) may be included. Wax coated cardboard, freezer boxes, wood and nails cannot be included and must be disposed of curbside in Borough bags. Please keep newsprint and cardboard clean and free of soil, garbage, etc. If not presented properly there will be no pickup.

GRASS CLIPPINGS & YARD WASTE

Grass clippings must be bagged in Borough disposal bags and placed out with household refuse. Perkasie 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. You are encouraged to compost leaves and garden debris as a means of recycling this material as valuable mulch and nutrient for your lawn and/or garden. Please see "Recycling Center" for information on free yard waste drop-off.



BULKY ITEM COLLECTION

Large bulky items not requiring a sticker, such as furniture and non-motorized household appliances, will be collected from residential customers only at no charge, along with the regular trash collection. This collection is limited to items generated within the household and to a single item per household per week. A single bulky item is considered one large household appliance or its equivalent in size. Cans that contained liquids (latex paints, driveway sealer, etc.) will be accepted once empty or the liquid has dried to a solid. Bucks County Planning Commission holds a "Household Hazardous Waste and Old Computer Collection Program" each year. All dates, times and locations can be found on our website: www.perkasieborough.org

TRASH, REFUSE AND RECYCLING



BULKY ITEM COLLECTION CONTINUED

The Borough will pick up bulky waste at no extra charge in accordance with the current rules and regulations with the exception 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.



A \$10 sticker is required for: washers, dryers, microwaves, hot water heaters, trash compactors, garbage disposals, humidifiers, stoves (electric or gas), riding lawn mowers, dishwashers, wood stoves, air compressors, pool filters, snow blowers, electric generators, water softeners, and any similar large items. Purchase the bulk trash stickers at Borough Hall on weekdays between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. Purchase your sticker no later than 3:00 PM on Tuesday for pick up the following Wednesday. Place the appliance curbside before 7:00 AM on the collection day (but not before 6:00 PM the night prior) with the sticker attached in view from the street. There will be no recalls for items.

The following items **WILL NOT** be collected by Perkasio Borough: multiple storm doors, multiple storm windows, tires (on or off wheels), parts of any type of vehicle including batteries, all types of heaters (gas, wood, coal or oil), oil tanks, remodeling materials, out

buildings (wood or metal, garages, wood sheds, etc.), carpeting and padding exceeding 9' x 12'.

Residents are reminded that Perkasio Borough does not accept appliances that contain Freon, such as refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners even if the Freon is thought to be removed from the appliance. Ask the dealer where you purchased your new appliance about removal of the old appliance or contact your local dealer about removal.

The following are a couple of alternatives:

Delaware Valley Scrap,
Joe Mattero Recycling, Inc.,
Schulberger's Inc.

NEW ELECTRONICS RECYCLING LAW TO IMPACT BOROUGH COLLECTION

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.

Pennsylvania's new electronics recycling law takes effect in January and will mean a few changes for the residents and businesses in the Borough.

Beginning on January 2, 2013, the Borough's route crews will no longer pick up televisions and computer equipment for disposal in the waste stream. Computer equipment includes laptops, monitors, CPU's, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, speakers, cables and battery backups. These



items, if placed at the curb, will be left at the curb.

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.

2014 HOLIDAY TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

SERVICE	HOLIDAY	REVISED COLLECTION DATE
Recycling	Good Friday – Friday, April 18	Friday, April 25
Trash	Memorial Day – Monday, May 26	Tuesday, May 27
Recycling	Independence Day – Friday, July 4	Friday, July 11
Trash	Labor Day – Monday, September 1	Tuesday, Sept. 2
Trash	Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 27	Monday, December 1
Recycling	Friday, November 28	Friday, December 5
Trash	Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24	Monday, December 29
Trash	Christmas – Thursday, December 25	Tuesday, Dec. 30
Trash	New Year's Day – Thursday, January 1, 2015	Monday, January 5, 2015

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PERKASIE BOROUGH 2014 BUDGET

On December 16, 2013 the Perkasie Borough Council adopted the following budget for 2014:

REVENUES

Taxes	\$ 2,030,198
Licenses and Permits	206,700
Fines and Forfeits	36,750
Interest, Rents and Royalties	112,120
Grants	1,400
Inter-governmental Revenues	1,261,522
Charges for Services	11,328,700
Inter-fund Operating Transfers	2,808,812
From Capital Reserves	536,340
Sale of Fixed Assets	33,000
Other Income	125,400

**Total Revenue and Inter-fund
Operating Transfers** \$ **18,480,942**

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$ 1,403,835
General Government-Reserves for Future Capital Spending	98,088
Public Safety	3,144,228
Public Safety-Reserves for Future Capital Spending	
Fire Protection	256,626
Sanitation	407,635
Highways, Roads and Streets	1,013,609
Electric	7,922,745
Electric-Reserves for Future Capital Spending	102,500
Culture and Recreation	674,408
Debt Service	571,490
Miscellaneous Expenditures	2,500
Inter-fund Operating Transfers	2,808,812

Total Expenditures and Interfund Operating Transfers \$ **18,406,476**

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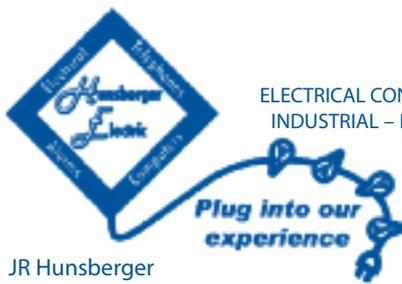
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