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Borough Council Approves 10% Electric Rate Decrease with 2016 Budget

Beginning with the February 2016 electric utility bill, Perkasio residents and businesses will see a decrease in the rates. In late December, the Perkasio Borough Council passed Ordinance No. 991, officially decreasing the electric rates by 10%.

The customer service charge and demand will remain the same as in 2015. This is the third year in a row that consumption rates have been decreased. In 2014, all rates were decreased by 1%, followed by a 3% decrease in 2015. In addition, the demand rate on all commercial accounts was decreased by 25% in 2015.

For an average home that uses 1,000 kWh per month, their cost will go from \$170.50 to \$154.85. The rates will go into effect with the February 15, 2016 meter reading, which is for electricity used between January 15, 2016 and February 15, 2016.

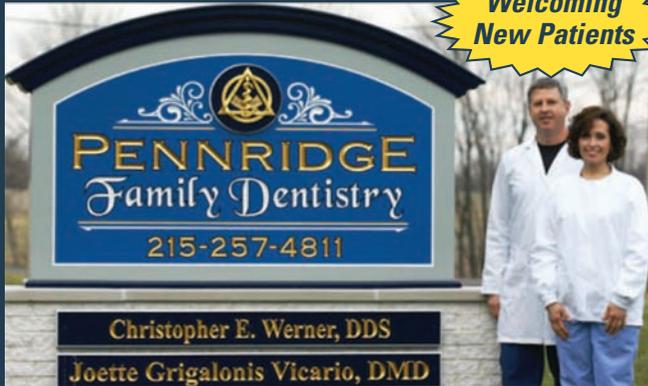
The total Borough spending is 3.4% less than the 2015 budget. The property tax rate will remain at 6.25 mills in 2016, with 4.75 mills for the general fund and 1.5 mills for the fire department. The \$17,277,755 budget includes \$5,633,921 for the general fund, \$363,150 for the Menlo Aquatic Center Fund, \$418,050 for the Refuse Fund, \$8,929,000 for the Electric Fund, \$125,116 for the Fire Protection Fund, \$1,585,419 for the Capital Fund, and \$223,099 for the Highway Aid Fund.

Beginning with the 2016 pool season, the Menlo Aquatics Center will be offering free memberships to Perkasio residents 62 and older. Not only does the Borough Council hope that this improves the health of those who use their new membership for swimming, but others who don't swim may now accompany family members to the pool.

Building permit fees will remain at 50% for the third year in a row, as approved by Borough Council at their meeting in December. The 2016 Fee Schedule continues to show Borough Council's support of economic development. The reduced fees allow current residents and businesses to make improvements to their property, which will benefit the entire town by increasing property values. Larger projects including the new Perkasio Commercial Center and American House at Perkasio, both located at 7th and Market in the downtown, also benefit from the reduction in building permit fees.

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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Greetings,

Well, I don't know about you, but I am done with saying, "What a mild winter we are having." For those who love the snow, I hope you are satisfied!

I do want to say a big **THANK YOU**, to the workers of the Public Works department, and the Electric department, and the folks from the Perkasio Water Authority for how they all came together to work the long hours required to keep roads, corners, and businesses accessible. Every once in a while we get a snow fall that is a challenge to remove, but that does not deter these men.

Be patient with the effort to remove the snow, and be patient with each other. Here is the good news, I observed many people helping each other cleaning cars buried in snow, shoveling sidewalks, and driveways. This is great. Also check on your neighbors, especially the elderly, and the handicapped, or those living alone with young children. Perhaps they need help.

As we look forward to the spring, and this snow will be a memory, we can focus on the many important programs that make up our community, and the many opportunities we have to contribute to this wonderful area we call Perkasio Borough, and the Pennridge community.

Again, many thanks for the extra effort of our work crews, they indeed make Perkasio a better place to live and raise a family. When you see them, be sure to let them know that they make a positive difference.

Stay warm, Spring is coming!

Blessings,
John Hollenbach, Mayor



PERKASIO, SELLERSVILLE AND PENNRIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PARTNER TO PRESENT ANNUAL CELTIC PARADE AND FESTIVAL

The Pennridge Chamber of Commerce, together with Perkasio and Sellersville Boroughs, present the 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Celtic Fest on Saturday, March 12, 2016. The parade will begin at 11am at the Pennridge South Middle School on 5th St. in Perkasio, proceed down East Church Street to North Main St. and end at the Sellersville Fire House. The Celtic Fest will run from 12pm – 5pm at the Picnic Grove behind the Sellersville Fire House. Come out to enjoy Irish music and dancers, a craft and vendor fair, children's activities by Kids First, games by Olde Towne Cardio, and the Men in Kilts contest with prizes from Sellersville's Modern Male. Of course, no Celtic Festival would be complete without a beer pavilion, staffed this year by Sellersville Firefighters. This is a rain or shine event.

Events like this could not happen without the support of local businesses.

Please thank the following organizations for their sponsorship of the Pennridge St. Patrick's Day Parade & Celtic Festival:

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YOUR MUNICIPAL.....



The Perkasio Electric Department arose from a desire to improve street lighting. In August of 1899, the Borough Council authorized construction of the first electric power plant at a cost of \$11,500. There were 36 initial customers and the total paid to the Borough for the first month of operation was \$46.00. Within a year there were 80 customers. The demand for power grew rapidly, and the decision was made in 1947 to retain a distribution system. It was at this time that the first agreement was made with PP & L to supply wholesale power to Perkasio Borough. A modern substation was built in 1995 and is being used today to distribute electricity to the Borough. Perkasio is unique among Pennsylvania municipalities. We are one of only thirty-five communities to own and operate our own electric utility for the benefit of the community. The Perkasio Electric Department consists of four skilled linemen, a foreman, and a Superintendent, Harold Stone.

In the Commonwealth, there are 35 municipalities that provide facilities for the transmission and distribution of electricity to their residents. Municipal utilities, owned and operated by boroughs, are not regulated by the Public Utility Commission (PUC). The PUC has no jurisdiction over these electric utilities, the prices they charge, or the services they provide. This is typical for most states.

The PUC's mission is to protect the consumer, who is the user of the electricity, to make sure that there is a balance between stockholder, corporate owners and consumers. For instance, if a charge goes up for the utility, the PUC determines whether the utility has the right to pass the charge along to customers or if the stockholders should absorb the charge. In municipal-owned utilities, the "stockholder" (in the town) and the customer are one and the same. Because the customer is the stockholder, there is no need for a regulatory body. Municipal not-for-profit utilities are effectively regulated by other non-PUC entities. Municipal utilities are regulated through oversight by the municipal Borough government. This government is made up of citizens of each Borough. These utilities are directly accountable to the people they serve through local elected officials. Municipal electric utilities serve the public interest by protecting consumers and ensuring the provision of safe, reliable utility service and infrastructure at reasonable rates. For these reasons, municipal electric utility services do not fall under the jurisdiction of the PUC.

The PUC has jurisdiction over the following electric utilities that are currently offering service:

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PURCHASING ELECTRICITY

When speaking about the purchase of electric, there are three main charges that the consumer must pay when buying electric: **generation**, or the production of the electricity (the supplier); **transmission**, which is the movement of the electricity from where it is produced to a local distribution system; and **distribution**, or the delivery of electricity to your home or business. In Pennsylvania communities that are serviced by public power companies regulated by the PUC, customers can choose the company that generates their electricity – also known as the electric supplier. This means that the customer has the power to switch to a competing supplier who can offer the lowest price, or provide a specific service such as green/renewable energy. Deregulation law in Pennsylvania allows only the generation portion of the customer bill to be open for competitive supply. This is just one part of the three parts of the customer's electric service. Generation supply costs make up most of an average electric bill. The electric utility that distributes the electricity to that household, and their remaining charges, will be the same.

REVENUE SOURCE

With that being said, Perkasie Borough's revenue structure has depended on a markup of electric for government services in lieu of higher property taxes. With a real estate tax millage rate of only 6.25 (4.75 for the Borough, 1.5 for the Fire Company), the local tax rate is in the bottom third of all municipalities in Bucks County. The Borough relies on its electric fund to supplement its general operating fund and its capital reserve fund, which helps pay for projects like road improvements, public works and police vehicles, infrastructure improvements, and debt service. Typically around 20% of our operating budget (general fund) and our entire capital fund are funded by electric sales. Thus some of the electric customer's charge goes toward these expenses. If Borough electric users were able to unilaterally switch electric suppliers, another source of revenue would be needed to supplement the revenue loss. So while electric customers in other areas have the ability to switch their suppliers, Perkasie Borough uses its Borough-wide buying power to try to obtain the best price from a number of suppliers. Simply said, the Borough does the aggregate buying, in wholesale bulk markets, on behalf of its residents and businesses.

LOOKING AT THE FUTURE

As we move forward, the Borough is exploring new options, trends and ideas to lower the cost of electricity for all. We are looking at renewable energy supplies including solar power and multiple energy suppliers. Multiple energy supplies reduce Borough risk and market exposure through diversification of energy supply. Renewable energy supply options include innovative ideas such as purchasing electricity from plants that utilize methane gas from landfills. Our goal is to provide economical and superior electric services at competitive rates that are lower than the local investor-owned utilities such as PPL and PECO Energy. As a customer-owned and customer-controlled business, municipal electric utilities play a vital role in maintaining the economic health of their communities, providing local jobs and contributing to the overall community quality of life. Because residents of a municipal electric utility are also the owners, they have a vested interest in their utility.



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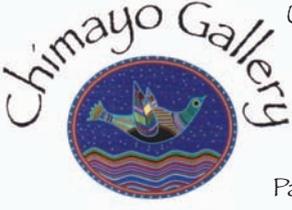
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SAFETY AND LAWS

Before making walking a part of your commute, make sure you know how to be safe. Basic safety guidelines and pedestrian laws for Pennsylvania are below.

CROSSING THE STREET SAFELY

Most accidents involving pedestrians occur while crossing the street. Below are some tips for crossing safely:

- Just because the light is green doesn't mean it's safe: Before you step off the curb, always check to the left, right and left again to make sure it is safe to cross the street.
- Never assume a driver sees you: Just because you see an oncoming motorist, that doesn't always mean the driver sees you. Always make certain the driver sees you and stops.
- Don't assume you're safe on a crosswalk: Drivers do not always see pedestrians or stop for them on a crosswalk. Always look left-right-left before crossing and continue to look and listen as you go. Stay within the lines of the crosswalk and never walk behind a car that is blocking the crosswalk.
- Always obey walk/don't walk signs when crossing a crosswalk: Even when the sign indicates it is safe to walk, always look both ways and look and listen as you cross. The driver may not see you, may turn without looking for pedestrians or may run a traffic light illegally.
- Walk, don't run: Running or darting into the street increases the danger that motorists will not see you or will not be able to stop in time.



GENERAL SAFETY TIPS

- Walk against traffic.
- Be aware of your surroundings and be alert.
- Walk in a group when possible.
- Do not wear headphones.
- If you walk at times of low light, wear a reflective vest or bright clothing.

PEDESTRIAN LAWS

Pedestrian laws help ensure the safety of everyone on the road. Below is an overview of laws that apply to pedestrians in Pennsylvania.

You have the right of way:

- At crosswalks and intersections where there are no traffic signals.
- When you're walking on a sidewalk that extends across an alley, building entrance, road or driveway used by motorists.

You must yield to motorists:

- If you're not within a crosswalk at an intersection or marked crosswalk.
- When crossing a roadway where there is a pedestrian tunnel or overhead crossing available.
- When walking along the side of a roadway.

Using sidewalks:

- Where a sidewalk is available and can be used, it is unlawful to walk along the roadway.

- Where a sidewalk is not available, you must stay on the shoulder as far from the edge of the road as possible.
- Where there is no sidewalk or shoulder, you must walk as near as possible to the outside edge of the roadway. If it's a two-way road, you can only walk on the left side.

Other regulations:

- Pedestrians must obey police officers or other officials who are authorized to direct traffic.
- In urban districts, you cannot cross at any place except a marked crosswalk between intersections where traffic-control signals are in operation.
- You cannot cross an intersection diagonally unless authorized by official traffic-control devices, a police officer or other authorized traffic control person.

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Lessons learned from past disasters tell us it is never too early to prepare. Advanced planning and preparedness is especially important for people with special needs, which is defined as those individuals who cannot receive, understand or act upon emergency protective orders. During a natural or manmade disaster that requires evacuation, it is important that everyone be prepared to evacuate him or herself to the greatest extent possible. However, there will be those who must rely on emergency responders despite their individual preparedness efforts. In those instances, emergency responders must be able to rapidly identify the location, define accessibility issues and assess mobility requirements.

The Bucks County Emergency Management Agency, in partnership with the Bucks County Health Department and the County Commissioners, are introducing the Special Needs Registry for individuals who will require assistance during an emergency.

The Special Needs Registry is a free, voluntary, and strictly confidential program. It is designed to help those who would have difficulty during evacuation, because of physical or cognitive limitations, language barriers, or lack of transportation. It will help first responders make the best use of limited time and resources to help those with no other options for evacuation during an emergency. Individuals (or caregivers on their behalf) are able to register electronically, by accessing www.specialneeds.pa.org or contacting their municipal emergency management coordinator or county EMA office. Numerous communities, civic, faith-based, medical, and non-profit organizations are also helping to register people with special needs.

The Special Needs Registry is a regional initiative; participating counties include Bucks, Montgomery and Chester counties.

Communication and public emergency notification is vital for preparing and responding to emergencies. This is just one of the ways that the Borough of Perkasie is working to improve the safety of our citizens, their property and our local churches, schools and businesses.



TRASH AND RECYCLING



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR PICK UP OF TRASH AND RECYCLABLES

| Holiday - <i>No collection scheduled</i> | Service | Date for pick up |
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| Good Friday – Friday, March 25 | Recycle | Friday, April 1 |
| Memorial Day – Monday, May 25 | Trash | Tuesday, May 26 |

SPRING LEAF COLLECTION

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APRIL 5, 2016 • 6:30 PM • *Covered Bridges of Bucks County* presented by Bill Wilson of The Covered Bridge Society

MAY 3, 2016 • 6:30 PM • *Colonel Washington and Me: George Washington, His Slave William Lee, and Their Incredible Journey Together.* It's a story of Freedom! presented by Jeffrey E. Finegan Sr., an historian with a concentration in George Washington, the American Civil War and historic architecture.

MAY 30 • *Memorial Day Parade*

MAY 30 • *Menlo Aquatics Center Opens For The Season*

THE PERKASIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM EVENTS

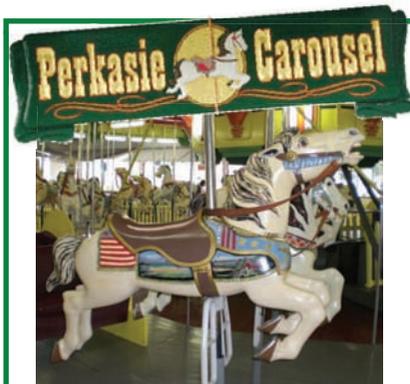
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2016 CAROUSEL SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 8
Monday, May 30 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday June 19
Sunday July 10 Noon to 8:00 p.m. (raindate July 17)
Sunday, July 31
Sunday, August 21
Sunday, September 11
Sunday, October 2
Saturday, December 3

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| MARCH 12 | CELTIC FESTIVAL AND PARADE |
| APRIL 2 | BEST FOOT FORWARD |
| APRIL 16 | PENNRIDGE LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE |
| APRIL 26 | PRIMARY ELECTION |
| APRIL 30 | UP & BACK TO NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP |
| APRIL 30 | LAST DAY FOR 10% DISCOUNT ON 2016 MEMBERSHIPS TO MENLO AQUATICS CENTER |
| MAY 14 | COMMUNITY YARD SALE, LENAPE PARK |
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FARMERS' MARKET WINS AWARD

The Perkasio Farmers' Market has been recognized by the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society with a **2016 Award for Excellence in Recreation and Parks**. Only eight (8) departments received awards in 2016. To be eligible for an award, the market has to demonstrate outstanding quality, innovation, range and value of appeal, community support, and the efficient use of funding. The successful relaunch of the market in 2015 provided economic support for new and existing town center businesses, gave local producers an outlet for their wares, and created a community focus for active and healthy living.



During its 17 week season the market also provided a platform for many young and local musicians and a free spot for community and civic groups to come out and share information with the public. Children's crafts and activities made the market a fun morning out for the whole family.

The market has also been nominated as the Best Farmers' Market in Bucks County in the Bucks 2016 Happening List. Readers are encouraged to visit <http://bucks.happeningmag.com/> to vote for the market, which is listed in the "Food" category.

Borough Manager, Andrea Coaxum, noted that "Anyone who visited the Perkasio Farmers' Market during its 2015 season knows that it was a fun, healthy morning out for the whole community. It's great to see Perkasio recognized for its exciting, innovative programming".



The market has a limited number of spaces for new vendors in 2016. Potential vendors, local musicians and a free spot to community groups who would like to provide a children's activity. Contact Linda Reid, Borough Event Coordinator at events@perkasioborough.org or (215)-257-5065 x101.

The Farmers' Market will return in 2016 on June 4th and run for 20 weeks until October 15th. We are in the Shelly's parking lot at the corner of 7th St. and Market St. from 9am – 12pm every Saturday. You'll see many of your favorite vendors, and some exciting new ones too.



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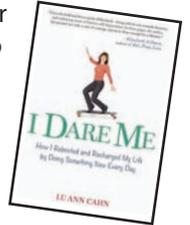
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Best Foot Forward - April 2

Best Foot Forward is a brand new event designed to empower women and girls (middle school and up) to put their Best Foot Forward. Sessions on personal presentation, career help, self-confidence, financial health, physical health, and mindfulness are intended to educate and support women in living their best lives. The focus of the evening is on fun, and attendees will be treated to a lively and fun fashion show by **FROX** of Perkasie, make up and color analysis, shoulder massages, shiatsu, hula hooping, hair wraps, even a little crafting and much, much more..... A vendor fair, raffle prizes and delicious refreshments provided by local businesses round out the evening.



Our keynote speaker, **LuAnn Cahn**, will **DARE** you to put your Best Foot Forward in her inspiring and entertaining presentation. She'll **challenge** you to face your fears, **dare** you to live your best life, and **laugh** as you learn. Eight-time Emmy award winner and, until recently, a news reporter for WCAU-TV, LuAnn became a fear-facer when she took on a new challenge every day for a year. She recounts the lessons she learned in her entertaining memoir "**I Dare Me**". Signed copies of LuAnn's book will be available for purchase at the event. Thank you to A&T Chevrolet-Subaru for their sponsorship of our keynote speaker.



FROX of Perkasie will present a lively and fun fashion show featuring looks for women of all ages, shapes and sizes.

Come and join the Borough of Perkasie and SistersU from 6:00pm until 9:00pm at the beautiful Bucks County Community College, Upper Bucks Campus, One Hillendale Rd, Perkasie, as we enjoy the company of the area's brightest women, savor light refreshments and learn something new.



Advance tickets are \$20 (\$10 students / seniors) and are available at the following locations:

FROX, Chimayo Gallery, Shine Yoga, Styles Salon, Dani's Consignment, Weber Kracht & Chellew, Dragonflies Salon, Perkasie Borough Hall and the Upper Bucks Community College.

Tickets at the door will be \$25 (\$15 students/seniors).



DISCOUNT SKI TICKETS

Don't let the snow go to waste. You can purchase vouchers for ski lift tickets, rentals and lessons at many of the ski resorts in the Poconos at the Borough Hall. Save time standing in line as well as saving money by purchasing the vouchers ahead of time.

The Borough has tickets for Jack Frost/Big Boulder, Blue Mountain, Elk Mountain, Shawnee, Camelback, Bear Creek and more. Cost and savings vary based on the day and time of use. Please note that the Borough only accepts credit cards or cash in payment; no personal checks. The ski vouchers are for sale Monday- Friday during normal working hours.

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6/29: THE BOOGIE DOGS, LENAPE PARK.

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7/13: THE FLYING COLOURS MENLO PARK.

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7/20: WES COMBS & THE PINE VALLEY JUMPERS, MENLO PARK.

Local favorites

7/27: THE E-STREET BAND, MENLO PARK.

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8/3: RAIN DATE FOR MENLO PARK CONCERTS

8/10: UNPLUGGED / THE PERKASIE PULSE, LENAPE PARK

A concert featuring local musicians performing acoustic arrangements.

All Concerts are held from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. Bring your own chairs or blankets. No alcohol is allowed. Please note that we are having two concerts this summer in Lenape Park.

PERKASIE GARDEN CLUB ANNOUNCES SPRING EVENTS

March 9, 2016

Gardening for Birds and Other Wildlife, by Steven Staffier from the Audubon society. He will discuss the connection between native plants and insects which work best in our landscape for birds.

April 13, 2016

Easy to Grow Old Fashioned Flowers, by Mary Crum, a Master Gardener.

May 11, 2016

Underused and Unusual Annuals, at Floral and Hardy Flowers in Skippack

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2016 memberships are already on sale.

There is a 10% discount for all memberships purchased until April 30.

Season memberships include one (1) complimentary daily pass for each member. In 2016 free memberships will be offered to Seniors (age 62+) who reside in the Borough. **NOTE:** Seniors should still register for their membership or they will have to provide a proof of residency every time they come to the pool.

You may register on-line at www.perkasierec.com or at the Borough Hall, or at the pool after it opens.

MINI KICKERS PRE-SCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM

Wednesdays April 13th through May 18th

Ages 3-5 – 4:00-5:00 pm

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2016 BCTA TENNIS IN PERKASIE BOROUGH



Outdoor Tennis with Bucks County Tennis Association

Perkasie Borough and the Bucks County Tennis Association (BCTA) will partner this spring to bring new tennis programs to Second Street Park.

FOR BCTA PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS AND TO REGISTER, LOG ONTO www.buckscountytennis.usta.com or email buckscountytennis@verizon.net or call 215-322-7020.

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REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Season 1: April 2
Season 2: May 14
Season 3: July 2
Season 4: August 30

LEARN, PRACTICE & PLAY COSTS

Pee Wees: (recommended ages 4–6): \$65
Little Aces: (recommended ages 7–10): \$70
Juniors: (recommended ages 11–13): \$70
Teens/Adults: (Beginners/ Intermediates) (recommended ages 14 and up): \$70

BCTA JR. TEAM TENNIS

FEE: \$75, includes team T-shirt

Juniors (recommended ages 10–13):
60-foot courts

Season 2: 5 Wednesdays

May 25 – June 22; 7:30–8:30 pm

Season 4: 5 Wednesdays

September 7 – October 5; 7:30–8:30 pm

Note: Seasons 1 and 3 BCTA Jr. Team Tennis offered in Quakertown Borough.

MORE TENNIS OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERKASIE BOROUGH RESIDENTS

Perkasie Borough is part of BCTA's county-wide tennis network.

Check out the BCTA Website for more information about tennis opportunities available to Perkasia Borough residents, such as:

BCTA County-Wide Play Days—social tournaments for youths and adults
Advanced BCTA Jr. Team Tennis Training and USTA Travel Teams (14-and-under and 18-and-under)
Middle and High School Training and special High School Competitions
Adult leagues (USTA Flex League and BCTA Fall Doubles)

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

By maintaining your car properly you can prevent oil leaks, heavy metals and toxic materials from traveling from your car onto the street. Rain washes oil and other hazardous chemicals from the street into the nearest storm drain, ultimately draining into the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers, the source of drinking water for many. Just imagine the number of cars in our region and the amount of oil that finds its way into our local waterways! It has been estimated that each year over 180 million gallons of used oil is disposed of improperly (Alameda CCWP, 1992), and that a single quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of drinking water (NDRC, 1994). Please follow proper automotive maintenance.

Maintaining your Vehicle

- Maintain your car and always recycle used motor oil.
- Check your car or truck for drips and oil leaks regularly and fix them promptly. Keep your vehicle tuned to reduce oil use.
- Use ground cloths or drip pans under your vehicle if you have leaks or if you are doing engine work. Clean up spills immediately and properly dispose of clean up materials.
- Collect all used oil in containers with tight-fitting lids. Old plastic jugs are excellent for this purpose. • Recycle used motor oil. Many auto supply stores, car care centers, and gas stations will accept used oil. Do not pour liquid waste down floor drains, sinks or storm drains.
- Do not mix waste oil with gasoline, solvents, or other engine fluids. This contaminates the oil which may be reused, increases the volume of the waste, and may form a more hazardous chemical.
- Never dump motor oil, antifreeze, transmission fluid or other engine fluids into road gutters, down the storm drain or catch basin, onto the ground, or into a ditch.
- Bucks County sponsors hazardous waste collection days where used oil can be brought in for proper disposal. Contact the County for dates and locations. Recycling just one gallon of used oil can generate enough electricity to run the average household for almost 24 hours.
- Try to use drain mats to cover drains in case of a spill. • Store cracked batteries in leak proof secondary containers.



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| March 19th | Soup Sale |
| March 24/26th | Easter Flower Sale |
| April 17th | Basket Bingo (call for more information) |
| May 15th | Fire Company Breakfast |
| May 22nd | Sunday Bingo |
| June 5th | Painting on Canvas |
| July 12/16th | Carnival (Fireworks Fri., July 15th) |

2016 ANNUAL REPORT FROM JUSTICE BAUM



DISTRICT COURT REPORTS

SLIGHT DIP IN CRIMINAL CASELOAD DURING 2015

For the second consecutive year, criminal cases filed in the area's District Court dipped slightly, Perkasio District Judge Charles W. Baum reported recently.

"Total criminal cases filed by local and state police were down a tiny bit," said Baum, who completed his 10th year as the local magistrate. The judge reported 379 criminal cases for the year, compared to 384 in 2014 and 454 in 2013. He noted that driving under the influence of drug cases are still rising in comparison to alcohol related DUI cases and that heroin abuse is continuing to be an increasing problem in the area.

Traffic cases were up 14 percent in 2015, 2699 versus 2363 in 2014, but still way down from recent years when motor vehicle citations were closer to 4,000 annually. Traffic citations were way down in 2014 due to a harsh winter and State Police hampered by the Eric Frein search in the Poconos that fall.

The court's total caseload was 3869, up from 3539 in 2014. Non-traffic cases for such matters of disorderly conduct, municipal violations and school truancies were steady, with 363 in 2015, up only five from the prior year.

Landlord-tenant filings were even at 111 and civil cases (under \$12,000) in value, were down 7 percent, at 224, lowest in years. Many of those are delinquent credit card cases.

The Perkasio court covers Perkasio and Sellersville boroughs, East and West Rockhill townships and the Bucks County side of Telford Borough. In addition, the court handles criminal cases from Milford Township and Trumbauersville Borough.

The court receives the majority of its citations and criminal complaints from four local police departments: Perkasio, Penridge Regional, Telford and Pennsylvania State Police in Dublin. For most citizens, this "grass roots" level of the judicial system is the only court that they will ever encounter.

In criminal cases, district judges advise defendants of their rights and set their initial bail during preliminary arraignments and then hold preliminary hearings to determine if cases should be bound over for county court based on evidence and testimony presented in court. There are 20 district courts in Bucks County and each judge serves a week of on-call night duty every 10 weeks.

The court is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the court phone number is 215-257-5181.



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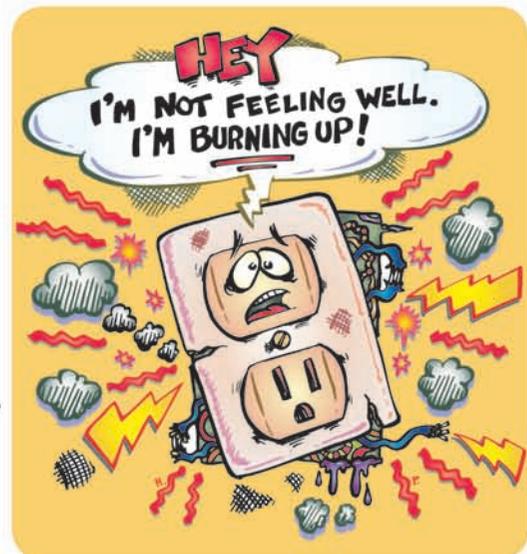
SAFETY TIPS

- »» Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician.
- »» When you are buying or remodeling a home, have it inspected by a qualified electrician.
- »» Only plug one heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.) into a receptacle outlet at a time.
- »» Major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, washers, stoves, air conditioners, etc.) should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Extension cords and plug strips should not be used.
- »» Arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) are a kind of circuit breaker that shuts off electricity when a dangerous condition occurs. Consider having them installed in your home. Use a qualified electrician.
- »» Use ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to reduce the risk of shock. GFCIs shut off an electrical circuit when it becomes a shock hazard. They should be installed inside the home in bathrooms, kitchens, garages and basements. All outdoor receptacles should be GFCI protected.
- »» Test AFCIs and GFCIs once a month to make sure they are working properly.
- »» Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords.
- »» Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture. There should be a sticker that indicates the maximum wattage light bulb to use.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Call a qualified electrician or your landlord if you have:

- Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers
- A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance
- Discolored or warm wall outlets
- A burning or rubbery smell coming from an appliance
- Flickering or dimming lights
- Sparks from an outlet



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PAPER STREETS WHAT ARE PAPER STREETS?

In municipal jargon, the term "**paper street**" usually means a road or an alley which exists only on paper, hence the name, "paper street." Because such a "street" appears only on paper, i.e., an old plan of homes, possibly an old deed, or maybe an old borough map with dotted lines, "paper streets" aren't really streets at all.

In reality, a "paper street" may be part of a neighbor's yard, the woods at the end of a paved street or maybe even where you practice your golf game. Gas, water, sewer and electrical utility lines may or may not be in a "paper street." And "paper streets" may or may not be on a borough map.

WHERE DO PAPER STREETS COME FROM?

A "paper street" usually occurs when a road or street shown on a developer's plan of homes, isn't officially accepted by the municipality. Possibly, the developer never laid out or paved the road to borough specifications or perhaps, the road was never paved at all and was only a proposed road for the plan of homes, which may or may not have been built.

Another way a "paper street" may occur is when a proposed road isn't used by the public for 21 years. After 21 years, a municipality is prohibited from accepting a "paper street" and the property automatically reverts back to the abutting property owners. Because "paper streets" automatically revert back after 21 years, many people don't even know that they may own up to one-half of the "paper street" beside or behind their property.

Even if the borough doesn't formally adopt a "paper street," the "street" may still become an official borough road if the borough paves and maintains it. In this instance, an implied acceptance occurs, and the road is no longer a "paper street."

Most "paper streets" have been in existence for many years and may be fifty, eighty or even one hundred years old. However, because most municipalities have enacted subdivision ordinances, "paper streets" usually don't occur anymore.

WHO OWNS THE PAPER STREET?

Unless there is a formal acceptance or use by the borough, the abutting property owners own the "paper street." In fact, "paper streets" are only a borough concern when public utilities are located on such land. Even then, the borough bears no responsibility for the upkeep or the maintenance of the "paper street" because, by the very definition of "paper street," the borough never adopted or used the "paper street" as a roadway. Thus, trees and other conditions on the "paper street" are usually the responsibility of the abutting property owners.

WHAT CAN I DO ON A PAPER STREET?

Because an abutting property owner in fact usually owns the "paper street," he or she may use the "paper street" subject to easements for public utilities and subject to the rights others have for access. Thus, a property owner could not lawfully erect a fence across a paper street and block access; nor could the property owner build a structure on the "paper street" over municipal water and sewer lines.

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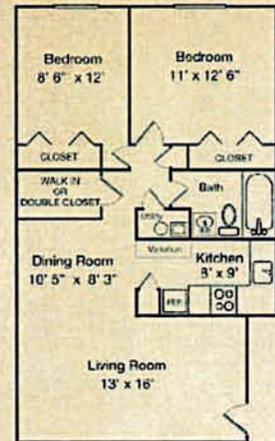


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FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ...

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ERECTS SALT SHED



Perkasie Borough Public Works employees erected a new salt storage structure at their facility on S. 9th Street over the summer. With help from the Perkasié Borough Electric Department and East Rockhill Township crews, the employees were able to put in place a 2700 sq. ft. tubular steel truss frame with a heavy duty vinyl composite fabric covered structure to safely store a winter season's road salt supply.

In the past the Public Works Dept. relied on a structure built in the early 1980's to store road salt. The maximum quantity able to be stored in that building was approximately 300 tons. At the time, this structure was deemed suitable for the amount of road salt needed to maintain the roads within the Borough. As development increased and more road miles were added, the need for increased storage became evident. Along with that, the

increased demand for road salt by all municipalities and the decreased supply available, at times, made salt difficult to purchase.

Borough Council gave its approval for the purchase in early 2015 after a severe winter left Perkasié, along with other municipalities, dangerously low on salt to combat winter storm road conditions. Council's foresight, in authorizing this purchase, showed their commitment to the safety of our residents and the forward thinking Public Works Department employees who pushed for the upgrade.

Site excavation was done by Borough employees. Once excavation was complete, a crew from the East Rockhill Township Road Department came in to assist with the laying of the asphalt base. Once asphalt was in place, large concrete 'waste' blocks were set to form the base for the superstructure. Electric Department employees, using their boom truck in conjunction with a man lift, assisted in setting the steel framework. After the framework was installed, the large end wall and roof covering were pulled into place and secured. The concrete walls were then painted with a specially formulated paint to resist the effects of salt. In total, employees worked 1,590 hours on the build.

The American Salt Institute recommends that all municipalities have an entire winter season's supply of road salt in storage before the winter season begins. With this new structure in place, Perkasié Borough will now be able to store approximately 900 tons of road salt for use on roads. In past winters, the Borough purchased and used anywhere from 700-800 tons for de-icing operations. This larger facility will also allow the Borough to purchase road salt when prices are lower, a cost savings to the taxpayers.

With this new storage facility in place, the Borough's Police Chief, Steve Hillias, looked into re-purposing the old storage building into a secure storage facility. This new secure storage area is a factor in the Police Department pursuit of accreditation through the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PELAC). Renovations are now taking place in the building to bring it into compliance with the recommendations from PELAC. The re-purposing of this building has also been a cost savings to the Borough.

With the installation of the salt storage structure and the makeover of the old building into the secure police storage, Perkasié Borough has taken great steps in increasing its commitment to the safety of Borough residents and while adding to the efficiency of both Departments.

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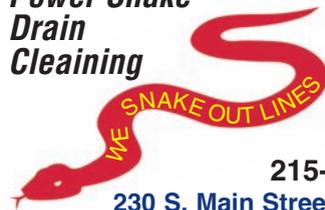
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