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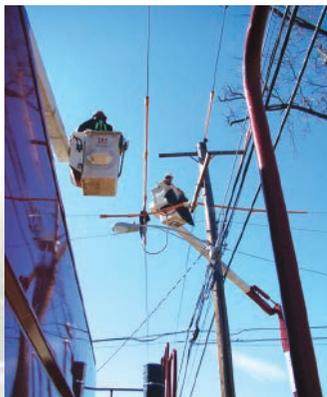
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PERKASIE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT WINS RELIABILITY AWARD

Did you ever sit down to watch your favorite television show and the power goes out in the middle? How about waking up late for an important appointment because your alarm didn't go off because the power went out?

If you live in Perkasio, you probably answered No, because power outages are rare.

Perkasie Borough Electric has received national recognition for achieving exceptional electric reliability in 2015. The recognition comes from the American Public Power Association (APPA) – a trade group in Washington D.C., that represents more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities such as Perkasio Borough Electric.



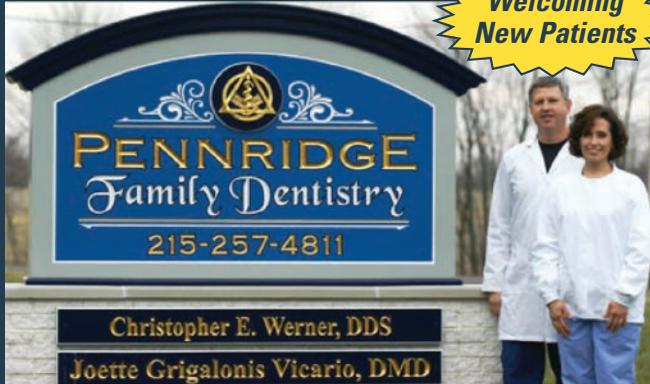
"This honor recognizes utilities that are statistically thriving when it comes to reliability," said APPA Senior Vice President Michael Hyland.

APPA took Perkasio Electric's reliability data compiled through its eReliability Tracker Service and compared it to the top quartile of system outage duration from national reliability data collected by the Energy Information Administration – an independent agency that collects, analyzes and disseminates national energy data.

"We work hard to keep the lights on day in and day out," said Harold Stone, Electric Department Superintendent. "It's nice to see that hard work pays off with this kind of recognition."

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LETTER FROM MAYOR HOLLENBACH

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

Our early Spring has become a beautiful Summer. Perkasio is looking prettier every day as the flowers awaken and our town blooms again.

It is nice to get outside and feel comfortable, enjoying the wonderful advantages of Perkasio's park and recreational facilities. The walking paths, picnic areas, the pool, our sports facilities and other outdoor amenities call us out to enjoy our lovely town. Summers in Perkasio can be magical!

There are many ways to show your Perkasio pride this season. We invite you to decorate by flying the stars and stripes for the Memorial Day Parade on the morning of May 30th. The Penridge Community Day is another opportunity to wear your red, white and blue as we meet again in Lenape Park on July 10th. The streets of Perkasio will be filled with classic Americana for the Under the Stars Car Show on August 20th. And, of course, our community is a huge supporter of our local farmers and food producers at the Perkasio Farmers Market which opens on June 4th. A new summer preschool camp, outdoor theatre camps, baseball, tennis and offer even more opportunities to get outdoors and get involved.

These are exciting times for Perkasio, and you may feel the desire to be a bigger part of it. Volunteer! There is plenty to do. Use your talents, bring your passion, and make a difference by contributing to what makes Perkasio special. Call the Borough office to find out more and be a proud part of Perkasio!

Blessings,

John D. Hollenbach, Mayor

AWARD WINNING PERKASIE FARMERS' MARKET RETURNS JUNE 4



The Perkasio Farmers' Market opens for the season this year on June 4th. You'll find us again on 7th Street between Chestnut and Market Street in Perkasio on Saturday mornings from 9am – 12pm until October 15th.

If you visited the market last year you already know that it's a fun morning out, with a focus on local farms and healthy food. We have music every week from a local musician, and a free spot for community and civic groups to come out and share information with the public. Children's crafts and activities make the market a fun morning out for the whole family.

In fact, our market is SO great that we received 2 awards in 2016.

The PA Recreation and Parks Society gave us an Award for Excellence in Parks and Recreation programming. This is a prestigious and competitive award and we were thrilled that our innovative programming caught the attention of the judges.

We are the Best Farmers' Market in Bucks! This is a hotly contested annual award organized by Bucks Happening Mag and is decided purely on votes from the public. Our community of shoppers, farmers, vendors, residents, musicians, local businesses and non-profit groups were all an important part of the market during the 2015 season, and we thank all of you for your votes and your support.

We are planning some enhancements to the market this year: a longer 20-week season, more produce varieties and additional food vendors. Our focus remains on keeping it local, healthy, fresh, hand-made and fun. Three of our farmers accept Farmers' Market Nutrition Checks, Senior and WIC Checks. Participants in these programs are encouraged to visit the Perkasio market.

We want to thank this year's market sponsors, QNB and Metropolitan Development Group for their generous financial contributions to market programming this year.

We have a limited number of openings for food vendors, musicians, and community groups. All questions and applications, please, to events@perkasioborough.org.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook/Perkasio Farmers Market.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:



May 30	Pennridge Memorial Day Parade	9:00 a.m.
May 30	Menlo Aquatics Center Opens	Noon
June 18	Bark and Rec <i>Benefits Dog Park Maintenance Fund</i>	Lenape Park
June 28 – July 2	Annual Perkasio Fire Company Carnival	
July 9	Perkasie Fire Company 126th Anniversary Fire Apparatus Muster	Pennridge High School
July 10	Pennridge Community Day	Lenape Park
August 2	National Night Out	
August 20	Under the Stars Car show	

HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTIONS

DATE NO COLLECTION	HOLIDAY	SERVICE	REVISED COLLECTION DATE
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day	Trash	Tuesday, May 31
Monday, July 4	Independence Day	Trash	Tuesday, July 5
Monday, Sept. 5	Labor Day	Trash	Tuesday, September 6



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MENLO AQUATICS CENTER OPENS MEMORIAL DAY

The Summer of 2016 officially starts on Memorial Day with the opening of the Menlo Aquatics Center at noon. Season memberships are available on line at www.perkasierec.com or at the pool.

2016 MEMBERSHIP FEES	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
INDIVIDUAL (Age 14 and older)	\$80.00	\$110.00
TWILIGHT INDIVIDUAL (AFTER 4:00 P.M.)	\$70.00	NO
2-MEMBER FAMILY	\$155.00	\$215.00
3-MEMBER FAMILY	\$205.00	\$295.00
4-MEMBER FAMILY	\$255.00	\$375.00
5-MEMBER FAMILY	\$300.00	\$450.00
6-MEMBER FAMILY AND LARGER	\$330.00	\$510.00
FAMILY TWILIGHT	\$190.00	NOT AVAILABLE
SENIOR - PERKASIE BOROUGH RESIDENT (Age 62 and older)	FREE	\$90.00
SENIOR TWILIGHT (AFTER 4:00 P.M.)	FREE	NOT AVAILABLE
PENNRIDGE SENIOR CENTER MEMBER	FREE	\$70.00
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FOR TLC PRE-SCHOOL ONLY (Age 3 and older)	\$80.00	\$110.00
PENNRIDGE AQUATIC CLUB INDIVIDUAL	\$80.00	\$110.00
TODDLER (age 0-2)	FREE	FREE

Daily admission is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for Children and non-resident Seniors. After 4:00 p.m. the adult rate is reduced to \$8.00 and the child/senior rate is \$5.00. Borough residents age 62 and older do not pay, but must provide proof of residency.

What's New for 2016?

- Menlo After Dark (for season members only) will be held on July 1, July 22 and August 12 from 8:30 to 10:30. There will be special activities and games plus swimming after dark. Mark your calendars.
- Sarah Vessichelli will be returning with Aqua Zumba on Saturday mornings as well as Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Zumba is free for season members and \$5.00 for non-members.
- Flick n' Float movies start on June 18 with Despicable Me 2. There will be 5 other Flick n' Float nights. By popular demand, Jaws will return on July 9.
- Rita's Water Ice will be operating the concession stand with a full menu of snacks and frozen treats.

Be sure to pick up the 2016 Menlo Aquatics Center information book when you go to the pool. It includes all the information you need on swim lessons, party rentals, pool rules and more.



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PERKASIE RECREATION 2016

SUMMER IN PERKASIE - THE BEST TIME OF YEAR

There is even more going on in Perkasio this summer than ever. In addition to the annual Pennridge Community Day and Perkasio Fire Company Carnival in July (including fireworks), there is the Memorial Day Parade to kick things off with a patriotic salute to our veterans, free concerts in Menlo and Lenape Parks, the Under the Stars Car Show and more.

The Recreation Department is also offering some new programs for the summer of 2016:

MENLO MINIS – PROGRAM FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

Perkasio Borough Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a six-week program for children ages 3 through 5 this summer at Menlo Park. The Menlo Minis will run Monday through Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to Noon. The six weeks will be divided into 3 sessions of 2 weeks each:

SESSION I June 27 – July 8

People in Your Neighborhood Week: Will feature Touch a Truck; a visit to the Library, visits from the Perkasio Police Department, Perkasio Fire Company and Grandview Ambulance plus Miss Vicki Music and More, and Zumba for Kids.

Party in the USA: Featuring a trip to Stardust Ceramics and Boing Gymnastics, mini soccer, and a birthday party for the USA.

SESSION II July 11 to 21

Down on the Farm: The petting zoo from Sleepy Hollow Farm (sponsored by the Perkasio Lions Club) will visit plus Zumba for Kids, Miss Vicki Music and More, and a visit to the Library.

It's Magic: A trip to Stardust Ceramics and Boing Gymnastics, AHA Creative, a Magic Show and mini soccer.

SESSION III July 25 to August 4

Nature Explorers: The Lorax, plus Miss Vicki Music and More, Kids Zumba and more.

Beach Bums: This week will feature a puppet show, mini soccer, AHA Creative and a trip to Stardust Ceramics and Boing Gymnastics.

Plus swimming twice a week at the Menlo Aquatics Center from 11:00 a.m. to Noon.

Cost is \$125.00 per session or \$375.00 for all six weeks. Register on-line at www.perkasierec.com. No walk-ins; registration must be done on line.

SKATE BOARDING CAMP

Have you always wanted to learn how to do those tricks and turns with a skateboard or skooter? You will be able to learn this summer at a 6-week camp (June 27-August 4) at the Skate Park in Lenape Park. The classes will run 1 hour and we will offer three (3) each morning between 9:00 and Noon. Cost will be \$125.00 for the 30 hour program for Perkasio Borough residents; \$150.00 for non-residents. Children must be 9 years old or older to participate. Register on-line at www.perkasierec.com



2016 SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

6/29 at LENAPE PARK: The Boogie Dogs, good time rock n' roll

7/6 at MENLO PARK: The Mango Men, John and Creidler duo

7/13 at MENLO PARK: The Fancy Colours (Jazz ensemble)



7/20 at MENLO PARK: Wes Combs & The Pine Valley Rhythm Jumpers

7/27 at MENLO PARK: The E-Street Shuttle (Bruce Springsteen cover band)

8/3 at MENLO: Rain date for all concerts

8/10 at LENAPE PARK: Unplugged | The Perkasio Pulse featuring Shannon Rupp, Aaron David and the Wise Owls, and Chronic Wolf

All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your own chairs and blankets.
Alcohol is not permitted in Borough parks.

PERKASIE RECREATION 2016

★ UNDER THE STARS ★

Under the Stars is back in Perkasio from 5pm – 9pm on August 20th 2016. Now in its 18th year, Under the Stars is one of the region's premier car shows. Over 400 antique, classic and custom vehicles line Perkasio's historic town center, drawing over 4,000 visitors from across the region. Food, music and lots and lots of classic cars, bikes and trucks; it's a great night out! Advance vehicle registration is available this year at www.perkasierec.com. This event is organized by Perkasio Borough and The Good Time Motorvators car club.



Memorial Day Parade and Service: May 30th, 2016

Hundreds of Perkasio and Sellersville residents take to the streets on Memorial Day to observe and celebrate the true meaning of the Holiday.



The parade begins at 9:00am in the center of Perkasio, at the corner of 7th St. and Market St, and ends at Perkasio's Menlo Park. It is a display of gratitude for our veterans who each ride in an antique car. The Perkasio and Sellersville fire departments also participate, as well as the Penridge marching bands, the Legion Riders and several Boy Scout troops from both towns.

An hour long memorial service at Perkasio's Menlo Park follows the parade and gives the community the opportunity to honor soldiers and veterans who have died.

The event is hosted by VFW Hartzell-Crouthmel Post #280 in Perkasio. Please call Paul Clymer at 267-577-1029 for more information or to participate.

FROM THE BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

ALLOWABLE HEIGHT FOR GRASS AND PLANTINGS

Section 303.4 of the 93' BOCA Property Maintenance Code as adopted by Perkasio Borough, requires all premises and exterior property to be maintained free from grass and plant growth in excess of 10 inches with the exception of cultivated flowers and gardens. Please ensure that all premises and exterior property are maintained regularly in order to be in compliance. If you intend to travel all grass and plant growth should be addressed prior to departure so that it does not violate the Code by growing in excess of the allowable height.



HOME OCCUPATIONS

Some residents may want to conduct a nonresidential use (or business) secondary to their existing residential use, which may be considered a home occupation. Home Occupations require approvals prior to being in operation so it is important that individuals contact the Borough Office to discuss their proposals. Operating a home occupation without the appropriate approvals may result in a violation and/or citation.

Be aware that permits are required for a number of projects including but not limited to roofing, decks and accessory structures. Should you be unsure if you need a permit for a project please contact the Borough Office at (215) 257-5065.

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2016 BOROUGH ROAD PROGRAM

Each year the Public Works Director and a representative from the Borough's engineering firm conduct a road condition survey. This normally occurs in the spring so any damage to the roadways from the winter can be included in the assessment.

The Director and engineer drive every mile of the 25 miles of Borough-owned roads and assess the condition of each roadway. They look for pot holes, raveling, alligator cracking [which indicates needed base repairs] and other factors which affect drivability and safety.

The streets are divided into segments, which allows for a more accurate description of the overall condition of a roadway. A numerical value, of #1-#5, is assigned to each segment of roadway; #1 being a newly constructed road and #5 being the worst road. A numerical value is also assigned to each segment indicating the volume of traffic that uses that road with #1 being a very lightly travelled road and a #5 being a major artery. These two values are multiplied resulting in an overall rating. This overall rating allows the Borough Council and staff to plan a road construction project for the following year.

Once this condition survey is completed, staff and Council begin the process of budgeting the funds to repair the roads. We attempt to get as many roads reconstructed as the budget allows each year. We attempt to spread the funds out over as many roads as possible, normally targeting roads that are in the #3.5-#5 range. For instance, if we repaired only one #5 roads, that could exhaust the entire budget for that year leaving the other roads to deteriorate. Targeting some of the lower rated roads to prevent them from becoming #5 roads, allows us to use the funds set aside in the most fiscally responsible way.

The Borough engineers then proceed to put together a 'base bid' of roadwork to be considered. These include roads that are in major need of repair and should not go another year. The engineers also prepare an 'alternate bid' which includes roads that can use work but may last until the following year. The engineers then prepare the EOPC, [Engineers Opinion of Probable Cost], this indicates what are our engineers are 'estimating' bids to come in at for the work requested. The bids are sent out and when we receive them back we match the figures against the EOPC and see how much money will be needed to do the base bid. If bids come in favorably, (lower than expected), we can use the leftover funding to repair roads in the alternate bid. If no roads in the alternate bid can be done, that bid package becomes the base bid for the following year.

Using this system has allowed the Borough to target as many roads as possible in a professional and cost saving manner while adequately budgeting for the work.

At the January 16th Borough Council meeting, a total of \$467,309 was budgeted for the 2016 Road Program. Of that, \$223,099 was from Liquid Fuels and \$249,210 was from the Capital Fund. Liquid Fuels came in \$6,000 above the budgeted estimate, bringing the new total to \$473,309.00. As described in the engineer's memo, the total for all recommended work in 2016 is \$482,976.95. This means that the 2016 Road Program will come in \$9,667.95 over the 2016 budget. Borough Council approved using funds from the Capital Reserve Fund to cover the excess.

2016 BITUMINOUS SEAL COATING PROGRAM

As part of our ongoing road construction/preservation program we are going to be utilizing a process known as 'Bituminous Seal Coating'. This process is commonly referred to as 'chip and seal'. This process was utilized in the borough's road program many years ago and proved successful at preserving roads until the time and funding came to do a total reconstruction.

The process involves the sealing of all cracks apparent in the road surface, after which a coating is applied using an asphalt based material to which stones are applied and rolled into place. This process is used extensively in neighboring townships with great success.

The program for 2016 includes:

- Shadywood Dr. from 633 Shadywood Dr. to 721 Shadywood Dr.
- Shadywood Place from Blooming Glen Dr. to Shadywood Dr.

Alternate Roads:

- Highwood Court
- Shadywood Dr. from 629 Shadywood Dr. to the intersection with Old Post Road.





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FROM THE PERKASIE POLICE DEPARTMENT: RESERVE THESE DATES

Sunday, July 10, 2016

Community Day

12:00 to 5:00 PM ONLY

Rain date July 17, 2016

Perkasie Police officers will be hosting a dunk tank in Lenape Park. Come find us during Community Day festivities and warm up your throwing arm! Proceeds will benefit a charity to be named soon.

Tuesday August 2, 2016

National Night Out Against Crime

Turn on your front porch lights and come outside to socialize with your neighbors from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Perkasie Police will be driving around Perkasie and Sellersville with some free items for the kids!



The Menlo Park Carousel is operated by the Perkasie Anniversary & Historical Society. The Carousel will operate on the following dates in 2016 from Noon to 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

2016 CAROUSEL SCHEDULE

Monday, May 30	11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday June 19	12:00 – 5:00 pm
Sunday July 10	Noon to 8:00 pm (raindate July 17)
Sunday, July 31	12:00 – 5:00 pm
Sunday, August 21	12:00 – 5:00 pm
Sunday, September 11	12:00 – 5:00 pm
Sunday, October 2	12:00 – 5:00 pm
Saturday, December 3	12:00 – 5:00 pm



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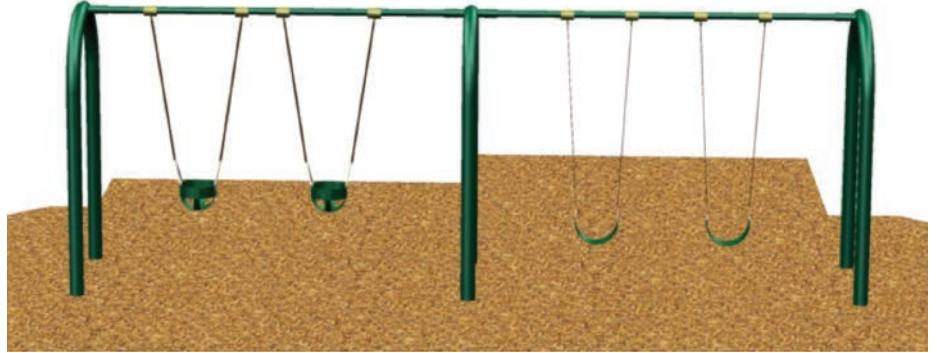
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NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT COMING TO SECOND STREET AND SPRUCE

Funding for the purchase of this new equipment will come from the Park and Recreation Impact Fee that was approved by Council in 2015. This is a fee of up to \$1,500 per unit for all new homes built in Perkasie where the developer is not providing recreational facilities on the site. The total cost for the equipment is \$63,706. The equipment will be installed by the Public Works Department during the summer.

New Swings for Second Street



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PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A quick checklist for parents

Place this list in a prominent area of your home for quick reference. Then, before your children head out the door for the playground, check that:

Supervision is present, but strings and ropes aren't.

Adult presence is needed to watch for potential hazards, observe, intercede and facilitate play when necessary. Strings on clothing or ropes used for play can cause accidental strangulation if caught on equipment.

All children play on age-appropriate equipment.

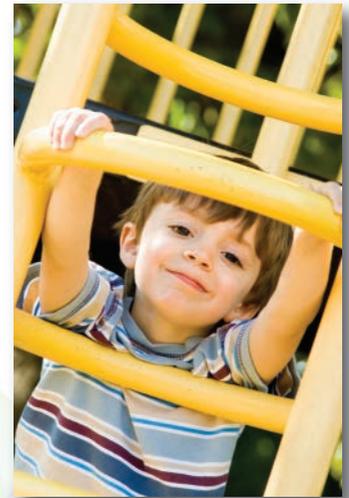
Preschoolers, ages 2-5, and children ages 5-12, are developmentally different and need different equipment located in separate areas to keep the playground safe and fun for all.

Falls to surface are cushioned.

Nearly 70 percent of all playground injuries are related to falls to the surface. Acceptable surfaces include hardwood fiber/mulch, pea gravel, sand and synthetic materials such as poured-in-place rubber mats or tiles. Playgrounds surfaces should not be concrete, asphalt, grass, blacktop, packed dirt or rocks.

Equipment is safe.

Check to make sure the equipment is anchored safely in the ground, all equipment pieces are in good working order, S-hooks are entirely closed, bolts are not protruding, there are no exposed footings, etc.



Checklist is from the National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS) at www.uni.edu/playground/

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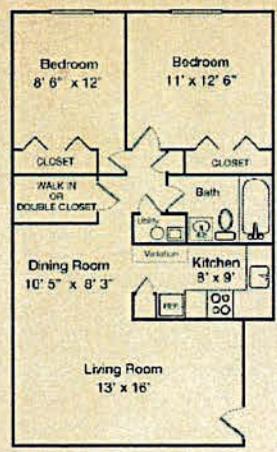


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Apartment Types

- 1 Bedroom Apartments
- 2 Bedroom Apartments
- 2 Bedroom with Washer, Dryer, Garage and Storage

Apartment Features

- Wall to Wall Carpeting
- Ceiling Fans
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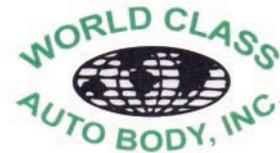
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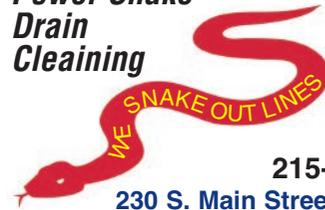
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