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WINTER 2014 NEWSLETTER



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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING ON DECEMBER 6

Rocking holiday music, food and fun will be the order of the day when Santa Claus arrives to light the Perkasie Christmas tree on Saturday, December 6.

Sponsored by the Perkasie Olde Towne Association (POTA), the traditional ceremony is the oldest of its kind in the United States, beating Philadelphia, New York City and Washington, D.C. by at least a year. Since 1909, Perkasie residents have gathered in the town square to celebrate the holiday season with an outdoor tree lighting ceremony that typically draws thousands of people. The tradition was improved with the erection of a large tree in 1910, in front of the J.G. Moyer Building, which once sat at Seventh and Market streets. The building was burned in the 1988 fire, but was on the same site as Shelly's sits today, where the current community Christmas tree is planted.



"We're proud of the fact that we've been doing this longer than any other community in the country," said POTA President Joe Ferry. "It's just another thing that makes Perkasie special."

This year's ceremony will feature activities for the whole family, including a live performance by Mike Greer and Co. Most activities will take place under a huge heated tent next to the tree at 7th and Market streets. Starting at 5 p.m., visitors will find a wide variety of attractions leading up to the arrival of Santa Claus to light the tree at 7 p.m.

This year's schedule:

- 5:00 p.m. – Streets closed, stores and restaurants open, vendors in place.
- 5:30 p.m. – Perkasie Mayor John Hollenbach recites "The Night Before Christmas"

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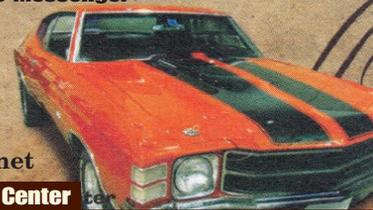
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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Greetings,

My favorite time of the year; Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Day begins with the annual football contest against arch rival Quakertown, followed by the family gathering for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Finally, my wife and I end the evening by watching *It's A Wonderful Life*.

Just over a week later, on December 6, another of my favorite events of the year is the annual tree lighting in Perkasie. This is the oldest community tree lighting in the country. Free hot chocolate, food in the town center, carols being sung, and the arrival of Santa! It is a real highlight for the town, the children, and the business community. Speaking of the business community, Perkasie businesses will be participating in Small Business Saturday on November 29 this year. Avoid the crowds at the malls and shop local.

Of course, my next favorite time of the year is Christmas; homes throughout town are decorated and all the stores and offices are decked out in Christmas colors. And of course, waking early to see children open their gifts on Christmas morning.

How about you? Is this your favorite time too?

We are so lucky to live in a place where we are free to celebrate the holiday season as each of us see fit.

For me the events from Thanksgiving to Christmas are a wonderful family time. Our family loves to celebrate this stretch of holidays by remembering what God has given and blessed us with. I pray that His blessings are yours as well.

Many blessings to all and much happiness this holiday season, for it is truly a wonderful life!

John Hollenbach, Mayor

Continued from cover...**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING ON DECEMBER 6**

- **5:45 p.m.** – Performance by the Pennridge School District Faculty and Staff Choir
- **6:30 p.m.** – Mike Greer & Co.
- **7:00 p.m.** – Tree Lighting
- **7:15 p.m.** – More music by Mike Greer & Co.

Special Holiday Events

- All-Day Food and Shopping Specials
- **FREE** Perkasie Carousel Rides, noon - 5 p.m.
- **FREE** Old-Fashioned Horse and Carriage Rides, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Doug Kramer's Nostalgic Holiday Train Display at the Perkasie Electric Building (101 N. 7th Street), Friday from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, noon - 8:00 p.m.
- Photos with Santa after the tree lighting at Re/Max440 (7th and Market)



(TREE LIGHTING PHOTOS. Courtesy of Debbie High)

Children who bring a non-perishable food item for Pennridge FISH will be entered in a drawing to help flip the switch to light the tree!

POTA's popular **Collectible Holiday Ornament** is on sale at many area businesses. The 2014 ornament is \$8. Buy early...supplies are limited! Some ornaments will be available at the tree lighting.

For more information, call 215-257-4989 or visit www.perkasieoldetowne.org

Save The Date

Mark your calendars now for the following events:

December 6	Menlo Carousel Open Noon to 5
December 6	Christmas Tree Lighting 5-9:00 pm
December 25 & 26	Borough Hall closed
January 1	Borough Hall Closed
January 16	Family Friday – Family Zumba
February 20	Family Friday – Stardust Ceramics Arts and Crafts
March 13	Family Friday - Steve Pullara and Cool Beans Music

HAT AND MITTEN TREE

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From The PERKASIE FIRE COMPANY

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To the Residents of Perkasie Borough:

The entire Perkasie Fire Company, its Executive Board, Officers and members, would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for your support of the November 4 Tax Referendum. Your favorable vote will now assist the Fire Company in upgrading the Borough's Fire Station that was built in 1970. It will also help to fund numerous projects that will not only improve the ability of the fire company to provide emergency services during severe storms and other major incidents, but also to improve the energy efficiency, safety and the security of our station and our volunteers.

Your generosity will help us to continue providing you with the most highly trained and professional fire protection, rescue and medical services available. If you have any questions or comments, you are always welcome to contact us at (215) 257-6950. We would also like to warmly welcome you to visit our website, www.perkasiefd.org, for detailed information about the Fire Company, our members and other important information and events. Thank you again for your support!

With Warm Regards,
The Members of the Perkasie Fire Company No. 1



DISCOUNT SKI TICKETS

Beginning in December 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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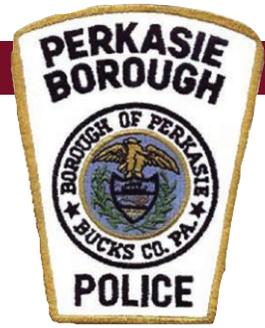
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PENNRIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS A NEIGHBORHOOD CHAMPION FOR THE AMERICAN EXPRESS SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY CAMPAIGN



First there was Black Friday, then Cyber Monday. On November 29th comes Small Business Saturday, a day to support the local businesses that create jobs, boost the economy and preserve neighborhoods around the country. Small Business Saturday is a national movement to drive shoppers to local merchants across the U.S. Supporting local business is more than just a one-day event, and Small Business Saturday is a movement we can all help sustain. In 2010, American Express founded **Small Business Saturday** to help businesses with their most pressing need — getting more customers. The single day has grown into a powerful movement, and more people are taking part than ever before.

This year, for the first time, Penridge Chamber of Commerce coordinated the 2014 Small Business Saturday for Perkasio. In addition to holiday shopping in the area stores, the day featured gift wrapping (with donations benefitting the Penridge FISH organization) and an opening of the Perkasio Historical Society Museum.

The Penridge Chamber wants to remind all Perkasio residents that the Small Business Saturday campaign is much more than just one day; by shopping or dining at small businesses throughout the year, you're showing your support for all the small businesses in your neighborhood and reinvesting in the community you call home. When these businesses are supported, the community is able to thrive and grow. It is a win-win situation for all!

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PENNRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER RECEIVES GRANT

The Pennridge Community Center has been awarded two competitive grants by the Pennsylvania Department on Aging. A grant of \$35,108 was received in September and will be used to update the technology in the computer room as well as provide training. Eight desk top, 8 notebook and 4 tablet computers will be purchased with these funds. A series of workshops in various software programs will be offered in addition to a Nutrition Workshop incorporating the use of appropriate software.

A second grant for \$74,969 was awarded in October to improve the use and access of existing areas of the center such as the patio and the basement.

On October 24, Lieutenant Governor James Cawley, Brian Duke, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and State Representative Paul Clymer presented the grant awards at an informal reception. Pictured is Lieutenant Governor Cauley at the October 24 reception.



WINTER POLLUTION PREVENTION PRACTICES

Stormwater pollution is a major source of water pollution in urban and suburban streams. The Borough encourages homeowners and residents to follow these simple practices at home during the winter months to prevent stormwater pollution:

- ❄️ **Shovel snow to remove it from paved surfaces** before applying snow melt and deicing products. Keep gutters and drainage paths clear to prevent eventual snowmelt from icing.
- ❄️ **Pile shoveled snow downslope of paved surfaces** to prevent icing conditions on pavement as snow melts and refreezes. Shovel snow onto lawn and garden areas so it can soak into the ground, and do so before applying salt and deicing products so as not to damage vegetated areas.
- ❄️ **Limit the use of toxic deicing products** on sidewalks and driveways since they can readily flow into storm drains and streams as snow melts. When these products dissolve they can seep into groundwater and flow into streams where they impair water quality, diminish soil fertility, damage plants and harm aquatic life.
- ❄️ **When possible avoid products containing chloride (Cl)**, including salt. Cl is a pollutant in fresh water streams, rivers and lakes where fresh fish and aquatic organisms are not adapted to salty or saline conditions. Use environmentally-friendly alternatives such as clean clay cat litter, sand or fireplace/wood stove ash.
- ❄️ **After the snow melts**, sweep up all residual sand, grit or litter to prevent accumulation in the streets and to prevent clogged storm drains/culverts. This helps limit sediment pollution in the streams.





TRASH AND RECYCLING

In 1990, Perkasio Borough initiated a “pay per bag” program for the collection of trash and recyclables for residential properties within the Borough. Residents must purchase Borough disposal bags “at a fee set forth from time to time by resolution of the Borough Council”. While residents must pay for the disposal bags, collection of recyclables is free.

The “pay per bag” system is designed to encourage recycling and at the same time minimize the cost of trash and refuse collection by using recycling performance grant revenue (from the Commonwealth) to subsidize the cost of the trash bags.

In the spring of 2014, the Borough conducted a trash survey to determine the opinions of the residents on the existing trash collection policy and procedures.

Over 37% of Borough residents (1,088 people) responded to the survey; which is an excellent return rate. The detailed results of the survey are available on the Borough website. In summary, the survey revealed that

- 79% indicated that they like the current pay per bag system;
- The majority of residents (56%) set out 3-5 bags of trash per month;

- Approximately half the respondents (49%) would support an increase in the per bag cost to help defray the expense of collection while 51% would not.

Unfortunately some of those responding admitted that they dispose of at least some of their trash in another manner to avoid purchasing the required trash bags. They utilize dumpsters where they work or shop, but the majority actually take their trash to a friend or relative’s house. By circumventing the pay per bag system, these residents, besides breaking the law, are actually driving the costs up for the residents who do comply. In order to re-coup these costs the Borough instituted a flat fee of \$12.00 annually for all residents for trash collection.



The Borough Council’s Public Works Committee hopes to meet in the near future to discuss the results of the survey and any changes that may be made as a result of the survey. Check the Borough website, Facebook page, or follow the Borough on Twitter to find out when the meeting will be held.

TRASH AND RECYCLING - FAQs

WHY CAN’T WE HAVE MORE YARD WASTE DROP-OFF DAYS?

The Commonwealth Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) sets the general guidelines for municipal composting facilities. There are strict rules regarding staffing the facility. Unfortunately, the Borough does not have the resources at this time to provide the required staff to allow for drop-off every day. As a result of the 2014 survey responses, the Public Works Committee will meet to discuss the possibility of adding a few more days per month for the convenience of residents.

WHY CAN’T YOU PICK UP MY _____?

The DEP also has strict guidelines as to what has to be picked up and how. Anything that, when decomposed or composted, forms a rich, dark soil called humus. Humus returns nutrients to the soil, improves soil texture, and promotes new plant growth. Waste that generates humus can be picked as yard waste. Grass clippings are not included in yard waste.

Covered devices (including TV’s, computers, and computer monitors) are not permitted to be picked up on trash day because of the Pennsylvania Covered Device Recycling Act which was enacted in 2010. This Recycling Act states that heavy metals (such as lead, cadmium and mercury) do not belong in the waste stream. Most covered devices contain heavy metals. Also, many covered devices have metals that should be separated and reused like copper, aluminum and iron.

WHY CAN’T WE PARTICIPATE IN SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING?

As you separate recycling more the more profitable it becomes. However, separating each individual material is cumbersome and time-consuming. Putting all recycling into one container, also known as single stream recycling, is more convenient, but, because it is not separated by material, the profits go down and the cost of recycling goes up for the Borough. Dual stream recycling that we currently use in Perkasio Borough provides a balance between the two options.

I TAKE MY TRASH OUTSIDE OF THE BOROUGH AND THROW IT OUT AT WORK/MY FRIENDS HOUSE. WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO PAY THE TRASH FEE?

Per our Trash Ordinance, those residing within the Borough must use the provided trash service. Anyone not using these services is violating the ordinance and may be subject to fines. The annual trash fee is a result of the shortfall caused by people who do not use the Borough trash service. The trash bag revenue funds waste disposal expenses including equipment (e.g. a trash truck costs approximately \$200,000) and labor.

CAN WE HAVE MORE BAG SIZES? CAN THEY BE SOLD AT MORE LOCATIONS? WHAT ABOUT TOTERS INSTEAD OF BAGS?

Thanks to the 2014 survey response, the Public Works Committee will be meeting to discuss the possibility of future changes regarding toters, bag sizes and bag selling locations.

CAN YOU PICK UP PAPER AND TRASH RECYCLABLES ON THE SAME DAY?

Unfortunately, due to equipment and staffing limitations, collecting both paper and commingled recyclables on the same day is not possible at the current time.

WHAT ABOUT TRASH COLLECTION ON HOLIDAYS AND SNOWDAYS?

If your trash collection occurs on Thursdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day fall on trash collection day. In these instances, those whose trash is normally picked up on Thursday will have their trash collected the following Monday. For Thanksgiving, Thursday trash pick-up is moved to Monday, December 1st; for Christmas it is moved to Monday, December 29th; for New Year's Day it is moved to Monday, January 5th. Residents whose trash collection does NOT fall on the aforementioned days will have their trash picked-up according to the normal schedule. The Borough's Facebook, twitter, and website will have the most up to date information if there is a schedule change due to snow.

IS THERE A CHEAPER FORM OF TRASH COLLECTION THE BOROUGH COULD USE?

Perkasie Borough uses competitive bidding to get the best prices for the various expenses associated with the disposal of municipal waste; e.g., trash bags, tipping fees, rebates for recyclable materials and all equipment (trucks, trailer rentals, hauling, and more). Competitive bidding ensures that the Borough gets the best prices possible for all waste collection resources.

CAN WE PUT OUR YARD WASTE IN PAPER BAGS FOR DROP-OFF AT THE RECYCLING CENTER?

Yes, in fact it is required that all yard waste be loose or placed in biodegradable bags.

WHY DO SOME MUNICIPALITIES, LIKE PERKASIE, NOT ALLOW RESIDENTS TO PICK THEIR OWN HAULER?

If the Borough allowed residents to pick their own hauler, there would be multiple trash trucks travelling up each street every day. This would cause significant wear and tear on the roads and excess noise.

I DON'T HAVE A TRUCK. HOW CAN I GET RID OF MY BRANCHES, YARD CLIPPINGS/WEEDS, GRASS AND CHRISTMAS TREE WITHOUT WRECKING MY CAR?

Curbside collection of branches is available on the first Wednesday of every month. Call ahead to schedule your branch collection.

For clippings and weeds, use paper bags to transport them to the yard waste drop-off. Any home improvement store sells large yard waste bags, or you can use a paper grocery bag. Grass clippings can be placed in a Borough bag and set out with your usual trash. Mulching mowers are also a good idea as they use the grass clippings to help the existing grass grow.



Christmas tree collection will occur every Friday in January. Place your tree curbside for pick-up.



The Borough encourages composting any or all of the above materials. Food waste can be separated from trash and added safely to your compost. Check online for helpful composting tips.

I SET MY BOROUGH TRASH BAGS AT THE CURB THE NIGHT BEFORE MY PICK-UP, BUT CRITTERS OPEN THE BAGS. WHAT CAN I DO?

Borough bags may be placed in a trash can and then placed curbside. This will prevent the trash bags from being destroyed by animals and spread along the street before they can be collected.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR PICK UP OF TRASH AND RECYCLABLES

Holiday - No collection scheduled	Date for pick up
Thanksgiving – Thursday, Nov. 27	Trash pickup Monday, Dec. 1
Day after Thanksgiving – Friday, Nov. 28	Recycle pickup Friday, Dec. 5
Christmas Day – Thursday, Dec. 25	Trash pickup Monday, Dec. 29
Day after Christmas – Friday, Dec. 26	Recycle pick up Friday, Jan. 2
New Year's Day – Thursday, Jan. 1	Trash pickup Monday, Jan. 5
Good Friday - Friday, April 3	Recycle pickup Friday, April 10



SNOW REMOVAL POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND TIPS

We all hope that the winter of 2014-2015 will be mild, but just in case we get a repeat of last year, or even just one or two snow storms, residents should be aware of the Borough snow removal policies.

The Public Works Department is responsible for salting and plowing of the more than 25 miles of Borough roads and all borough owned facilities. The Borough's first priority is to make all roads safe and passable for the traveling public.

THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH

If a winter storm event is forecast, the department has the capability to apply a salt brine solution on the roads. This brine application is extremely helpful in a winter storm event as it creates a barrier on the road surface which helps to break the bond of ice and snow to the road surface resulting in easier removal by eliminating what is commonly referred to as 'hard pack'. Brine application can take place up to 48 hours in advance of an approaching storm and the effectiveness is not lost with an early application.

Public Works has three trucks capable of salting and plowing plus a fleet of 8 more trucks and a front end loader; all available for plowing and snow removal. The Borough also uses outside contractors to assist with the removal of snow on Borough roads if necessary.

The salting process begins shortly after snow has begun to fall and is sticking to the roadway. Depending on forecasted snow accumulations, plowing will begin when accumulation reaches **3 inches**. Major roadways and snow emergency routes are plowed first. Initially, plows will make one pass in each direction on the streets. If accumulations are significant, roadways will be plowed several times. It takes, on the average, 4-6 hours for the Public Works department to plow Borough roads after the snow has ended.

Please remove all obstacles from the edge of the roadway [i.e. basketball goals] these items are not permitted in the public right of way by ordinance. The Borough is **not** responsible for any damage to any of these prohibited items in the right of way.

Another problem is trash and recycling containers. If these are in the street they are going to get hit by a snow plow. **Please do not put any trash containers in the street under any circumstances.** We ask that all residents with curbside mailboxes be sure that they are set back so plows and snow coming off the plows, will not damage them. Again, the Borough is not responsible for any damage to mailboxes which are not installed correctly.

Residents are also reminded that, according to the Borough Code, **it is unlawful to put snow back into the street, either by means of shoveling, plowing or snow blowing.** This is against the law and leaves a road hazard for other motorists to try and

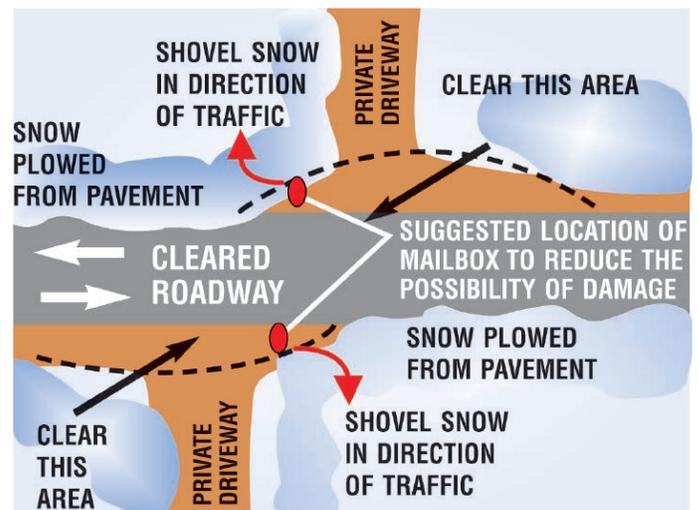


drive around or through leaving you, the resident, liable if someone were to get hurt.

After all roads are initially plowed comes the process of pushing snow to the road's edge, and re-salting if needed. If our crews have been working extended hours plowing and salting, this phase of the snow clearance may not begin until the next day.

Please remember that it is illegal to throw snow into the street from your sidewalk and/or driveway. The Public Works crews plow as close to the curb-line as possible to create a wider and safer roadway for travel and parking. Sometimes snow may be pushed onto sidewalks or into cleared driveways. Borough crews do their best to avoid this but the possibility does exist. To help with this issue, the Borough suggests residents leave the last six (6) feet of their driveway "unshoveled" until all plowing operations have ceased. This "unshoveled" space will allow the snow being pushed by the plow to remain on the plow and not dumped into driveways. If you must shovel out your drive, clear a six foot area of the road that is directly in front of the mouth of your drive. In addition clear an area ten (10) feet before and after the mouth of your drive, so that when the plow comes through, it will unload snow that it is pushing in the cleared area and not in the mouth of your drive.

Cars parked on the street become a major problem during winter storm events. As the plow goes around the parked



vehicles, it leaves piles of snow on the roadway. *To avoid this, please remove vehicles from the street, particularly cul-de-sacs, during snowstorms whenever possible and **always on snow emergency routes.***

There are several State controlled roads in the Borough which are plowed by Penn DOT contractors; *not by Borough personnel*. These roads are: Ridge Road [SR563] from the Sellersville Borough line to the boundary with East Rockhill Township, East Walnut St. [SR152] from the Hilltown Township line to Constitution Ave. and Callowhill St [SR4017] from Main St. to the Borough line in Hilltown.

IN THE TOWN CENTER

The snow removal process begins with the placing of No Parking signs along the routes to be cleared. The signs will have been marked with the time that such parking restrictions will begin. Residents are encouraged to be watchful for the signs after a snow event as signs may be placed out in the late hours of night or early morning. Once these signs are in place the Borough Police can enforce them. If you are parked along a snow emergency route, which is already designated by signage, you must remove your car during a snow storm of 3 inches or more or it can be towed.

Having cars removed from the streets allows Borough work crews to efficiently and safely remove snow from walks and roads to ensure easier access for you, the residents, all of the travelling public and business patrons in the area.

As crews begin the removal process, if cars are still parked in the designated no parking areas, police are called in to run license plates and find the registered owners of the vehicles. The vehicle owner is contacted either by phone or personally, by a Borough employee to advise them to move their vehicle(s). If the owner cannot be contacted, police will begin towing cars to a designated area within the Borough, currently the parking lot along Walnut St. at Second St. Costs for towing and possible fines will be imposed on the owner if your vehicle needs to be towed.

RESTRICTED PARKING WITH 3 OR MORE INCHES OF SNOW

To help Borough crews with the removal of snow from streets, the Borough Code of Ordinances, Section 180-18.1, restricts parking on these Borough streets when there are three or more inches of snow. The schedule of streets regulated by § 180-18.1 is as follows:

NAME OF STREET	LOCATION
Hunters Run	East side, entire length
Parkridge	Both sides, entire length
South Seventh Street	East side, from Borough Hall parking lot entrance to West Chestnut Street <i>[Added 1-17-2005 by Ord. No. 887]</i>
West Chestnut Street	South side, from South Seventh Street to Borough Hall parking lot exit <i>[Added 1-17-2005 by Ord. No. 887]</i>

The Public Works Department strives to keep all borough roads safe and passable for the traveling public during a winter storm event and we ask your co-operation and patience as we work toward accomplishing this goal. The safety of our residents and of our employees is foremost in all of our decisions.

If you have any questions about the Boroughs, anti-icing, de-icing and snow removal procedures please contact the Public Works Department at 215-257-6860. You may also access the sections of the Borough Code of Ordinance related to snow removal from the Borough website: www.perkasieborough.org

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EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PROVIDES INFORMATION KIOSK



Eagle Scout candidate **Robert Lawson**, constructed a two-sided information kiosk for the Lenape Park trail. The project was suggested by the Quality of Life Task Force and Chairman Chuck Brooks in the spring of 2014. Robert Lawson met with Borough staff several times to discuss the design and construction of the kiosk which provides information for people using the trail including maps, emergency information, and parks rules as well as seasonal information on events in the park. Pictured from left to right is Borough Council member Chuck Brooks, Eagle Scout candidate Robert Lawson, Borough Council member



Justin Stotlar and Borough Council member James Purcell at the kiosk dedication on September 23. Also pictured is Eagle Scout candidate Robert Lawson next to the new kiosk.



Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini lights sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ! **Two of every five** home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ! **Nearly half** of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

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Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these 10 tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

- Our **furnace has been inspected and serviced** by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. *(A furnace should be serviced at least once a year.)*
- Our **chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected** by a qualified professional. I have checked for creosote build-up. *(Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.)*
- Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is **dry, seasoned wood**.
- Our **fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass**, in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- We have a **covered metal container** ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. *(The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)*
- Our children know to stay at least **3 feet away** from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.
- Our portable space heaters have an **automatic shut-off**.
- Our portable space heaters will be **plugged directly into an outlet** *(not an extension cord)* and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. *(Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn-off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)*
- We have **tested our smoke alarms** and made sure they are working. *(You need a smoke alarm on every level of the home, inside each bedroom and outside each sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)*
- We have **tested our carbon monoxide alarms** and made sure they are working. *(Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.)*





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Plan on having the tools and plans in place if disaster should strike.

Get a Kit of Emergency Supplies:

- Water, one gallon per person per day
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Filter mask or cotton t-shirt to filter air
- Moist towelettes for sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Garbage bags and plastic ties
- Unique family needs, such as daily prescription medications, infant formula, important family documents



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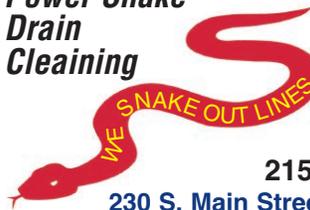
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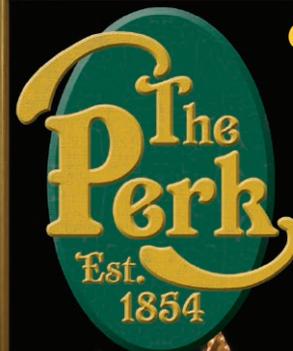
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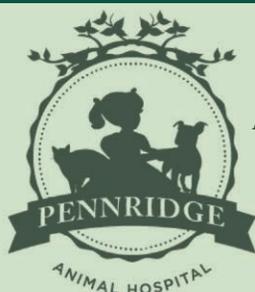
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