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FALL 2015 NEWSLETTER



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PERKASIE FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 4



The annual Perkasio Borough Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2015 (rain date October 11). The 2015 Festival promises to be bigger and better than ever.

The fun will begin with an exciting Color Dash at the Bucks County Community College. Registration begins at 8am and the race begins at 9am. Post-run fun at the college includes vendors, raffles, snacks and music. The Color Dash is sponsored by Weber, Kracht & Chellew.

Food vendors, artisans, community groups, raffles and family friendly musicians will line the streets of historic downtown. This year there will be live music at three different locations for you to enjoy as you visit the vendors or the Perkasio Borough businesses that will be open for the day. New this year in the Town Center will be a trackless train running around the perimeter of the Festival. You will be able to hop on and off the train at any of three designated spots (near the music tents). The Scavenger Hunt, sponsored by Chimayo Gallery, is also returning.

A&T Chevrolet continues their sponsorship of the trolley between the Town Center and Menlo Park, where the focus will be on children's activities. Kids and the young at heart can enjoy a petting zoo, pony rides and inflatables. Chippy the Clown is returning to wow us with her balloon animals and more.

The Scarecrow Contest, sponsored by the Penridge Chamber of Commerce, is a little different this year. Instead of "a make your own scarecrow booth" individuals, families, groups and even businesses can create a scarecrow and bring it to Menlo Park for judging. We encourage everyone to leave the scarecrows out to decorate the Borough through the end of October.

Restaurants, individuals and other groups are invited to enter this year's chili cookoff. Perkasio Police will be seeking to uphold their First Responder win from last year! The pie baking and pie eating competitions will also be back.

Please contact Linda Reid, Event Coordinator at 215-257-5065 or events@perkasioborough.org with questions about the Fall Festival.

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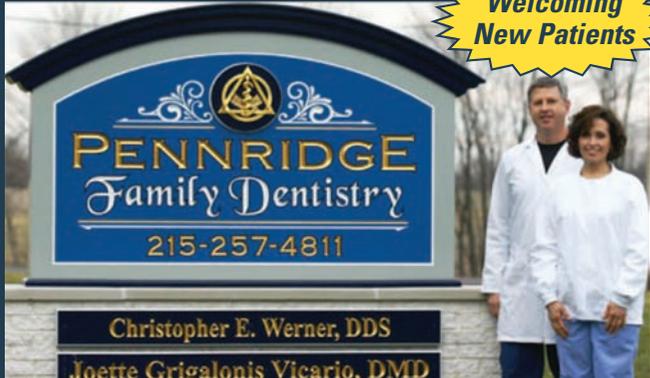

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AMERICAN HOUSE PROJECT UNDERWAY AT 7TH AND MARKET

Over the next few months, two long vacant lots in the downtown are under construction. The American House at Perkasio will sit at the corner of 7th and Market on an 8,446 square-foot lot. It will hold a new three-story building, with 5,889 sq. ft. of retail on the first floor, and ten residential apartments on the second and third floors. This is the site of the former American House Hotel, which was destroyed by the great fire of 1988.

Later this summer, the adjoining property next to Emerald Carpet is expected to start construction. Formerly Leshers 5 & 10, this 6,211 sq. ft. lot will be home to another three story building. It will have 1,941 sq. ft. of retail on the first floor and six apartments on the second and third floors.



At the groundbreaking on June 25 [pictured], Borough Council President Jim Ryder noted, "The developers have designed a new building that honors the small town Victorian feel of the community. Councilman and Economic Development Committee Chair Matt Aigeldinger added, "It's a very exciting time for the residents as well as the businesses in Perkasio. It is great to see this type of investment in our community."

Family Bingo Night to benefit PENNRIDGE FISH

Please join us for a fun night of bingo to benefit the food pantry on
Friday, November 14th at

St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 20 Dill Avenue in Perkasio, PA.

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A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Greetings,

With summer behind us, kids in school, and the sounds of school sports, cheering crowds, and marching bands takes over. It is good to break out the jackets, and feel the fall breeze as we walk in the park or around the streets. When right, it is my most enjoyable time to take Uro for a walk.

It is important to remember to be aware of the children waiting for their bus or walking to and from the schools. Slow down and keep everyone safe. Give yourself a little more time to get to where you need to be so there is no need to rush.

Don't miss the annual Fall Festival. The details for this fun event, including a map are in this edition of The Perkasio Connection check it out!

Also, look for reminders from the code enforcement department on property maintenance.

The other day I was playing with Uro in the back yard, when I heard a fire truck leave the station. Then I heard Sellersville's sirens; soon there was a Quakertown fire truck coming down Market Street and many sirens. It turned out to be a house fire in South Perkasio. I was glad to learn that no one was hurt. It is always disturbing to hear the sirens at any time, but more so early in the morning.

It gave me pause to consider the many volunteers who willingly came to support their neighbors at the risk of their own lives. I wonder if most residents stop to think about what it takes to have this kind of fire protection; i.e., the commitment of time and effort that the fire fighters make when they join. Please stop and give thought to the service these volunteers provide and then write a check to the Perkasio Fire Volunteer Company. Of course, volunteers are needed too, especially young people who are working in the area, and who can, thanks to understanding, supportive employers, answer the alarm.

Also, as our community's population ages, the need to deliver meals to those who cannot care for themselves is a growing consideration. If you could take a couple hours a month and deliver meals to shutins, call to MEALS ON WHEELS. at 215-257-5238 to volunteer.

I guess that is plenty, but remember you can make a difference, so don't just sit around and complain: get involved. It's your friends, your neighbors, and your community, take pride and get involved.

Blessings,
John Hollenbach, Mayor



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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCTOBER 4-10, 2015

This year NFPA
Fire Prevention Week Theme is
"Here the Beep, Where you Sleep"

**Perkasie Fire Co. No.1 will be
holding their Annual
Fire Prevention Open House on
Thursday, October 8, 2015
from 6-9p.m. at the
Perkasie Firehouse located
at 100 North Fifth Street, Perkasie.**

*Meet the Perkasie Fire Department
Firefighters and Fire Police. Local Police
and Fire Departments will be joining us
with Fire Apparatus on display and Fire
Safety demonstrations.*



Free Smoke Detector Program

The Perkasie Fire Co. No.1 participates with WPVI Channel 6 Operation Save a Life Smoke Detector Program and receives a generous allotment of free Kidde smoke detectors with 10-year lithium batteries. If you are in need of a new smoke detector and would like one installed for free, please call (215) 257-6950 or e-mail our Public Information Officer: pio2676@gmail.com to schedule a time.





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POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES TWO FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE



Above: Chief Hillias and Mayor Hollenbach presented Sergeant Robert Richardson and Officer Tracey Burns with plaques commemorating 25 years of service with the Perkasie Police Department on July 6.

Right: Chief Steven Hillias presented Officer Matthew Mecouch for promotion to the rank of Sergeant. Chief Hillias reviewed the selection process and congratulated Sergeant Mecouch. Mayor John Hollenbach administered the oath of office, with Mrs. Mecouch holding the Bible.



PHOTO GALLERY



The audience settles in for the July 29 concert in Menlo Park featuring Danny V and the 52nd Street Band.

Eagle Scout Tim Yates is recognized by Mayor Hollenbach for replacing the kiosk and map in Lenape Park.

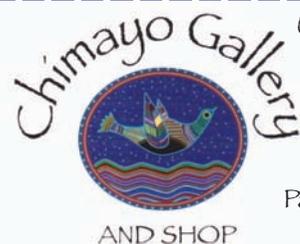
Edward Childs, from the Pennsylvania Borough's Association recognized Callie Thompson at the August 3 Borough Council meeting for her service as a Junior Council Person from 2014-2015.



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Sept 13	Lion's Club Chicken Barbecue	Noon - 3:00 pm • Menlo Park
Sept 28	Perkasie Fire Co Scrap Metal & Appliance Disposal Call 215-257-5131 for details	8:00 am - 11:00 am • Perkasie Fire House
Oct. 4	Perkasie Fall Fest Color Dash	9:00 am - 10:00 am ~ BCCC
Oct. 4	Perkasie Fall Fest	Noon-5 pm • Menlo Park/Towne Center
Oct. 8	Perkasie Fire Co Open House	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Oct. 18	Perkasie Fire Co Breakfast	7:30am - Noon
Oct 24	Up & Back to New York City Bus Trip	8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Nov. 15	Perkasie Fire Company Breakfast	7:30 am - NOON
Nov. 26 & 27	Borough Offices Closed; Thanksgiving	
Dec. 5	Christmas Tree Lighting	5:00 - 9:00 pm
Dec. 5	Menlo Carousel Open	NOON - 5:00 pm

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DATE NO COLLECTION	HOLIDAY	SERVICE	REVISED COLLECTION DATE
Monday, September 7	Labor Day	Trash	Tuesday, September 8
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving Day	Trash	Monday, November 30
Friday, November 27	Thanksgiving Holiday	Recycling	Friday December 4
Thursday, December 24	Christmas Eve	Trash	Monday December 28
Friday, December 25	Christmas Day	Recycling	Friday, January 8
Friday, January 1	New Year's Day	Recycling	Friday, January 8

Thinking About a Generator?

Super-storm Sandy's destructive path caused many residents to think about installing a portable generator in case electricity service is interrupted.

You are reminded that an electrical permit is necessary before a generator can be installed.

While generators come in handy when severe storms knock out power, they need to be operated safely. You can't see or smell the deadly carbon monoxide produced by a generator and it can kill quickly.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, one generator can produce as much carbon monoxide as hundreds of cars.

Here are some tips for using a portable generator:

- Do not use indoors, or in a garage, basement, or shed.
- Use generators outside, away from windows, doors, and vents or any other opening in the house.
- Make sure you have a working carbon monoxide alarm.

Perkasie Recreation - Mini Kicker's (Wednesday's)

9/16/2015 - 10/21/2015

Lenape Park, Constitution Avenue, Perkasie, PA 18944 map

SESSION NAME	START TIME	END TIME	MIN AGE	MAX AGE	PRICE
Mini Kickers Cubs	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	2	3	\$80.00
Mini Kickers Lions	4:00 AM	5:00 PM	4	5	\$80.00



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SCENES FROM THE PERKASIE FARMERS MARKET



The Perkasio Farmers' Market returned for the summer to the Town Center on June 20. The market is open every Saturday from 9:00 – Noon in the parking lot at 7th and Market. We have dozens of vendors selling everything from locally grown produce to wine. There are also several craft vendors with hand-made items each week, plus musical entertainment, children's activities and much more. Come to the market and stay in town to shop and visit our local galleries and restaurants.

PERKASIE HISTORIC SOCIETY

The next Museum opening is for
"Stitching Baseballs and Softballs in Perkasio"

- Saturday, September 19th from Noon - 4:00 pm

*For more complete schedule of Museum events,
 please see <http://www.perkasiehistory.org/Museum.htm>.*

OUR FALL SPEAKERS FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ARE POSTED.

Please see www.perkasiehistory.org to make your reservations.

COME JOIN US!



The Historic Perkasio Carousel Schedule will have a number of openings through the end of the year.

Come ride with us!

Sunday	September 13, 2015	12:00 - 5:00
Sunday	October 4, 2015	12:00 - 5:00
Saturday	December 5, 2015	12:00 - 5:00

While progress is being made on our Newspaper and Preservation/Display of the Saur Bible and Historic Land Deeds, we are still shy of our goals to complete these projects.

- The Central News editions from 1881 - 1943 are microfilmed! The ultimate goal is to digitize these newspapers. This effort would enable access to content documenting social, political and community events as published in the local newspapers for future generations of historic researchers, students and genealogists.
- The Stout Family Saur Bible and 3 Historic Land Deeds have been acquired and the 3 deeds are professionally conserved. We continue to work to complete funding and to address display materials.

More information on these projects and how you can help us fund these projects can be found by accessing the website at <http://www.perkasiehistory.org>. Donations may be sent to the Perkasio Historical Society, 513 W. Walnut Street, Perkasio, PA 18944.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Color Dash 5K Fun Run**

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Registration: 8 AM

Race Begins at 9:00 AM

Prizes & Fun: 10 AM - 12 PM

Children's Activities

Menlo Park: Noon – 5:00 PM

- Pony Rides
- Petting Zoo
- Inflatables
- Chippie The Clown
- Ronald MacDonald**
- Scarecrow Display**

Festival Fun: Noon – 5:00 PM

Town Center (7th & Market area)

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| • Food Vendors | • Merchants |
| • Craft Vendors | • Raffles |
| • Music | • Chili Cook-Off |
| • Pie Competition | • Train Rides** |
| • Pumpkin Decorating | |
| • Scavenger Hunt | |

4:00 PM Awards

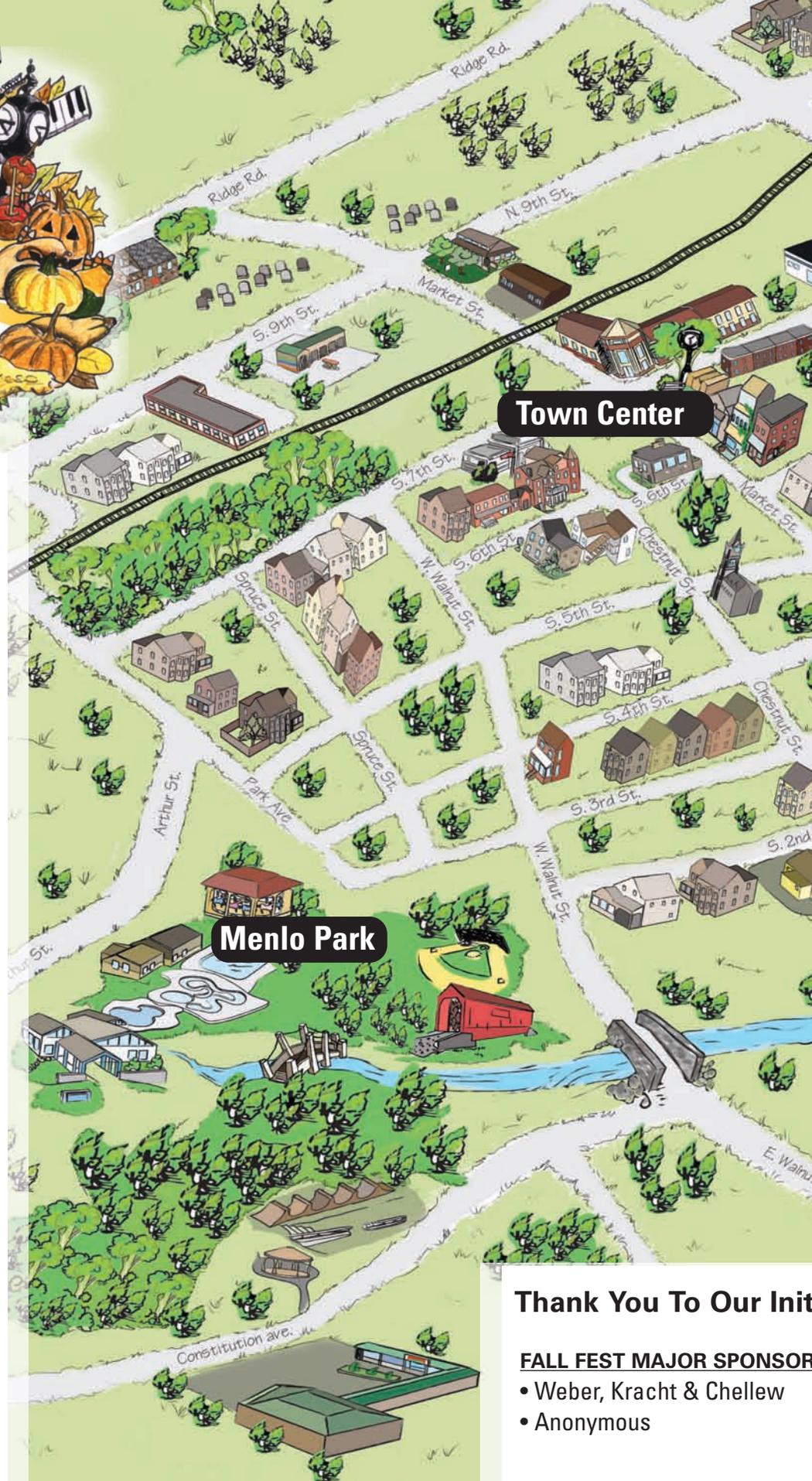
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Thermo Plastic Pre-Formed Street Markings



You may have noticed the new enhanced crosswalk design at the intersection of 5th St. & Park Ave. Perkasio Borough public works employees installed this new product in order to increase pedestrian safety, help drivers better visualize the intersection and add increased traction. It is also a cost savings to the Borough in the fact that this product will outlast painted crosswalks by at least 3-5 years.

The product is PreMark Pre-formed thermoplastic manufactured in the USA by Ennis Flint. The product can be purchased in a variety of shapes, sizes and word legends and can be used for all types of street markings. It is engineered for enhanced visibility, durability, and flexibility. It contains glass beads uniformly distributed throughout the material so that, as the markings wear, new beads are exposed.

These glass beads give the material the desired retro reflectivity. The material also has an additive called VizGrip which, when applied, increases the skid resistance substantially over painted surfaces which tend to get extremely slippery in wet conditions.

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SOME REMINDERS ABOUT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

As summer comes to an end please continue to maintain your grass. As per the Property Maintenance Code that Perkasio Borough has adopted, grass and weeds are not to exceed 10 inches in height.

Also remember to keep your sidewalks clear from branches, bushes, grass or other vegetation that may overhang onto the sidewalk. Many residents walk the Borough so it is important to keep the sidewalks passable. Residents shall also maintain a clearance of at least eight feet from the surface of the sidewalk to the lowest branch or limb of such tree or any other overhanging part thereof as per Chapter 175 of the Borough Code. This section also requires clear site distances so that no part of a tree or foliage obstructs the view of a street and/or traffic by persons operating vehicles.



Permits: This is a reminder that permits are required for the majority of residential and commercial projects, including (but not limited to) roofs, patios, pools, decks and sheds. Permit applications are available online at www.perkasioborough.org as well as in the Borough Office. Should you question whether a permit is needed or what type of permits are needed, contact Borough Hall at (215) 257-5065.

If you have an open permit, remember to schedule your inspections, Code Inspections, Inc. can be contacted at (215) 672-9175 to schedule. If you are unsure if your permit needs an inspection or was closed out please contact the Borough Office for confirmation.

Upcoming: The Borough has been working on updating portions of the Zoning Ordinance as well as requiring additional permits for work within the Borough; expect to see these items presented in the near future and implemented in 2016.



BUSINESS CONTINUES TO GROW IN THE BOROUGH

Have you noticed that these businesses have recently expanded and/or changed owners?

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- **Advanced Dental Care** at 317 North 7th Street. (215) 258-0111
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Sellersville Fire Company Upcoming Events

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| Sept 20th | Gallery of the Arts |
| Sept 27th | Paint Party Fund Raiser (at firehouse) |
| Oct 11th | Ham Dinner |
| Oct 24/25th | Fire Prevention Program (call for details) |
| Oct 31st | Halloween |
| Nov 14th | Ladies Craft Fair |
| Nov 22nd | Fire Company Breakfast |
| Dec 1st | Winterfest |

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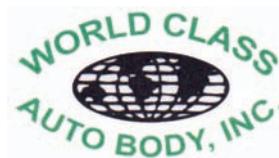
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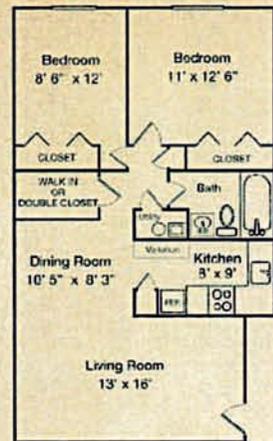


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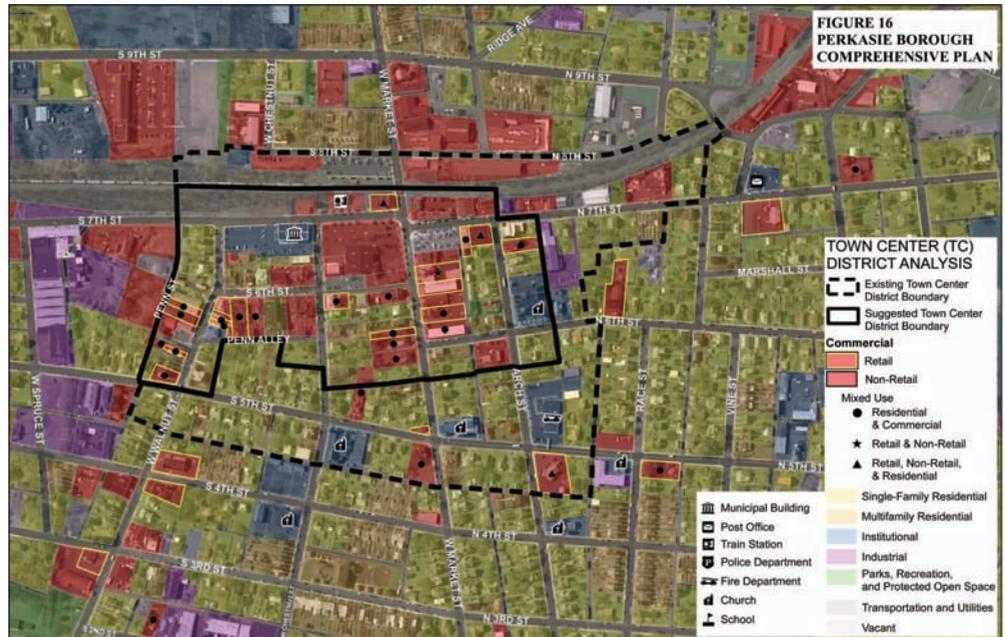
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THE TOWN CENTER OVERLAY DISTRICT

The Borough has received questions recently from property owners, both residential and commercial, in the downtown area related to the Town Center Overlay District. As written in the Borough's Zoning Ordinance, the Town Center District is a special zone which overlies and supersedes rights granted in other districts. The purpose of the district is to facilitate the growth of commerce and economic development in the downtown while still preserving the overall character of this portion of the Borough. Downtowns that possess a strong sense of character and identity tend to attract more activity and patronage from residents and visitors alike. Providing a mixed-use, walkable community with additional retail and entertainment uses in appropriate locations resonated from participants in the public participation process during the preparation of the Borough's Comprehensive Plan.



Following the adoption of the Perkasié Town Center Plan (1989), Borough officials followed suit with plan recommendations by establishing the current TC district boundaries, which would allow some of the residential areas to be converted over time to commercial or mixed-use. Over two decades have elapsed since the establishment of the TC district.

Do you own property in the downtown and want to know more about the special zoning on your property? Visit the Borough's Code Book online, and head to Chapter 186-20.J TC – Town Center Overlay District. If you still have questions, you are welcome to contact the Borough's Zoning Officer, Brandy McKeever at (215)257-5065.



BOROUGH COUNCIL IDENTIFIES ROADS FOR REPAIR

The Perkasié Borough Council has approved the following roads for repair in 2015. Repairs are expected to begin after September 1, 2015.

- 4th Street from Park Avenue to Market Street
- Race Street from 9th Street to Ridge Avenue
- Marshall Street from Callowhill Street to Race Street
- W. Spruce Street from 3rd Street to 4th Street
- Virginia Avenue from E. Walnut Street to E. Market Street



Some improvements to the storm water system will be made while the roads are open. In total, the Borough will be investing \$660,000 on roads in 2015, plus the cost of replacing handicap ramps on these roads as required.

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BOROUGH COUNCIL 2015 BUDGET MEETINGS - All meetings open to the public

DATE	MEETING
September 26	Finance Committee Public Meeting, 9:00 a.m. to Noon ~ Public Works, Refuse, Police
October 3	Finance Committee Public Meeting, 9:00 a.m. to Noon
October 26	Optional Finance Committee Public Meeting (if needed) 6:00 -9:00 p.m.
November 2	Borough Council Meeting – Finance Committee recommends Preliminary Budget
November 16	Borough Council Meeting – targeted approval of Preliminary Budget
December 7 and December 21	Borough Council discussion and adoption of Final Budget

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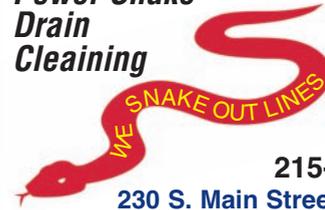
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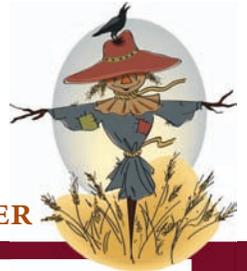
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