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GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR:

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and a New Year!

What a great and wonderful time of the year! Yet, for many it is also a sad time of year. Those who are alone, out of work, without the resources to even to put together a decent meal might have a difficult time celebrating. I often think of how fortunate I am; with family, friends, and neighbors for support. But, it is good to remember those in need. Not to just remember, but to do what we can to brighten the life of someone who lives alone, or a family in financial need, or to be sensitive to that person who is reaching out for comfort, friendship, and love.

During the month of November, the Perkasio Police officers will be foregoing the razor and not shaving, as a way to bring awareness to cancer in men. Monetary contributions may be given directly to an officer, at the Police station or the Borough Hall. These cash contributions will be donated to the American Cancer Society. In lieu of cash food, clothing, etc. can be donated to Penridge Fish.

As we give thanks and come together with family and friends as a community, it is important to humbly embrace all and to include them in our celebration. On December 5, we will again highlight the holiday season in Perkasio, with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. See the details in this newsletter. If you haven't come to the tree lighting before, you have been missing a great small town celebration, the way it was and is meant to be. So, mark your calendars, and join in the fun, shopping, food, and music of Christmas.

Finally, do not forget all those volunteers who make Perkasio such a great community; from volunteer firefighters, to Penridge Fish, and to all who give without looking for any thing more than the knowledge that they helped.

Merry Christmas/Happy New Year, with many thanks to all my friends and neighbors.

John D. Hollenbach, Mayor

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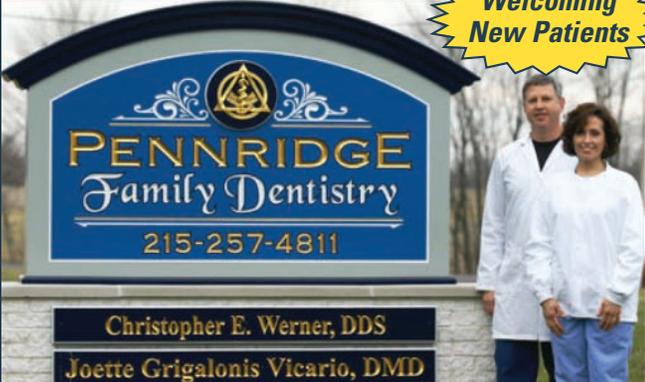



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HOUSEHOLD STORMWATER MANAGEMENT – WINTER DE-ICING

As snow piles up in the winter, we oftentimes turn to salt to melt snow and ice. Salt, however, causes adverse environmental impacts, especially on our streams and rivers, our drinking water source in Perkasie. Excess salt can saturate and destroy a soil's natural structure and result in more erosion to our waterways. High concentrations of salt can damage and kill vegetation. Salt poses the greatest danger to fresh water ecosystems and fish. Studies in New York have shown that as salt concentrations increase in a stream, biodiversity decreases. Excess salt can seep into groundwater and stormwater runoff. Effective ice control can help prevent excess salt runoff to our waterways.



There are many alternatives to salt including potassium chloride, calcium chloride and magnesium chloride, corn processing byproducts, and calcium magnesium acetate (CMA). Most can be found in your local hardware stores under various trade names, so check the labels for chemical content. While these alternatives can be spread in a dry form or sprayed as a liquid, their best use occurs when they are used with salt. They tend to increase the efficiency of salt thereby reducing the amount that needs to be applied. When over-applied, all chloride compounds can be harmful to the environment. Nonchloride corn byproducts recycled from mills and breweries have been shown to be effective de-icers as well. While they are often advertised as organic or natural, they can have extremely high phosphorus content, a major water pollutant. Numerous studies have shown calcium magnesium acetate (CMA) to be the most environmentally benign de-icer. Many northern states use CMA on roads in sensitive areas (wetlands, endangered species' habitat, drinking water supply, etc.). A couple of disadvantages with CMA however, is that it does not work well below 25° Fahrenheit and it is the most expensive de-icer. Because all de-icers can be harmful to the environment when applied in excess, the best strategy is to reduce the use of these chemicals as much as possible.

- The first line of defense should simply be **to shovel sidewalks and pathways** to keep them clear and to prevent ice from forming. Also, consider that salt and de-icers are not effective when more than 3 inches of snow have accumulated.
- **Consider the temperature.** Salt and calcium magnesium acetate (CMA) have a much slower effect on melting snow and ice at temperatures below 25° Fahrenheit
- Track winter weather and **only use salt and de-icers when a storm is about to come through.** If a winter storm does not occur, sweep up any unused material, store, and reuse for the next big storm.
- **Apply de-icing products discriminately,** focusing on high use areas and slopes where traction is critical. Apply the least amount necessary to get the job done. This will save money in product costs and will also help minimize property damage to paved surfaces, vehicles, and vegetation.
- Reduce salt and other chemicals **by adding sand** for traction.
- **Become familiar with various de-icing products and wetting agents** such as magnesium chloride and calcium chloride, which can improve the effectiveness of salt and reduce the amount needed.
- **If you observe ongoing issues of ineffective ice management** or examples of poor application, such as excess piles of road salt left to disperse, share your concerns with the property manager of your residence or business, or with the Borough Public Works Department.
- **Plant native vegetation** that is salt tolerant in stormwater drainage swales and ponds that may receive salt-laden runoff. Not only will these native species have a greater chance for survival, but they will continue to act as an effective buffer for our local waterways.
- **Store salt and other products** on an impervious (impenetrable) surface, such as a basement floor, to prevent ground contamination. Also store products in a dry, covered area to prevent stormwater runoff



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IMPORTANT DATES

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

SERVICE	HOLIDAY	REVISED COLLECTION DATE
Recycling	Friday, November 27	Friday, December 4
Recycling	Christmas, Friday, December 25	Friday, January 8
Recycling	New Year's Day, Friday, January 1	Friday, January 8

HAT AND MITTEN TREE

NOVEMBER 16—DECEMBER 10
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Please bring new hats, gloves, mittens or scarves and decorate our tree in the lobby of Borough Hall. Donations will be given to Penridge FISH for distribution on December 10th.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

DECEMBER 5	CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING	5:00 TO 9:00 PM
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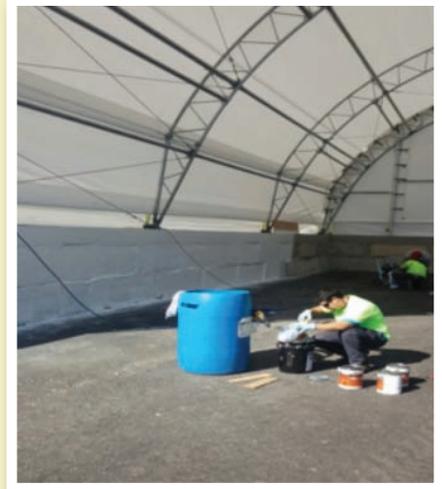
PHOTO GALLERY



(Above) Enjoying the annual Fall Fest on October 4.



(At Right)
Thank you to the
sponsors for the
Fall Festival.



The Public Works Department
completed construction of a new salt
shed in October, just in time for the
delivery of road salt for the winter.



(Above) Eagle Scout Project: Nate Richards from BSA Troop #1 created mile posts for the multi-use trail.
The mile posts will allow users on the trail to be able to communicate their location in the event of an emergency.



(Left) In 2014, Santa arrives at the annual
Christmas Tree Lighting on a fire truck.

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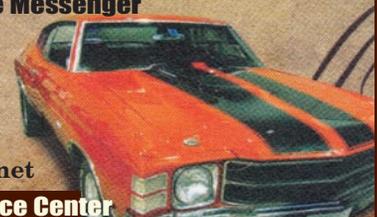
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2015 ROAD PROJECTS

Each year the Borough Engineers (Gilmore & Associates) conduct a Roadway Condition Survey. Due to the extreme weather conditions experienced in 2014 and 2015, the condition of a significant number of the Borough's roadways deteriorated and this has negatively impacted the Borough's overall roadway condition rating. The goal of the 2015 Road Program was to repair a major portion of the Condition 5 rated roadways. Proposing roadway repairs in one area can help reduce the overall cost of the project by minimizing mobilization, demobilization and down time associated with the relocation of manpower and/or equipment.

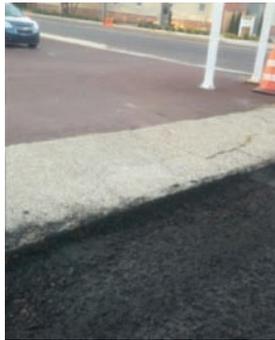
The 2015 Road Program, as determined by Borough Council began on October 6 with Race and Marshall Streets. Additional streets to be re-surfaced are Virginia Avenue from East Walnut to East Market, South 4th Street from W. Market to Park Avenue, Marshall Street from Callowhill to Race and Race from 9th to Ridge Avenue. The total estimated cost is \$660,000. A portion of this cost is offset by state Liquid Fuels funds derived from at-the-pump gasoline taxes.

Virginia Avenue before (left) and after (right) milling and paving.



Race Street after milling, prior to paving.

Sidewalk and curbing repair; before and after at East Walnut and Virginia Ave.



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The Borough has instituted an ongoing, general sidewalk maintenance program intended to promote public safety, reduce the liability of property owners and improve the overall community appearance. The Sidewalk Project is also associated with the roadwork done in the fall to minimize the inconvenience to residents.

Residents/property owners were advised that repairs were needed with a Notice of Curb and Sidewalk Reconstruction. A permit application was provided to residents with the notice.

If the Borough contractor is used, then property owners may take as long as 12 months to pay the Borough (interest free). Borough Council is continually looking for ways for residents to repair or replace their curb and sidewalk at a more economical way. For example, monolithic construction and slab-jacking are acceptable methods that maybe used. Please check with the Borough to confirm that these options are available to you and meet the Borough specifications. **All property owners are responsible to maintain the sidewalks on their property so that they are safe for the community.**

PARKING

Did you know that there are several municipal parking lots in the Borough where you can park for free?

- Walnut Street opposite Penn Alley – 8
- 7th Street across from Borough Hall – 9 spaces
- 7th and Walnut – 34 spaces
- 8th and Market – 44 spaces
- Borough Hall – 12 public spaces
- 6th and Chestnut – 12 public spaces

All these lots are within walking distance of the town center area.

There are 107 parking spaces available in these lots for use by the public. Public parking is also available along sections of Walnut Street, Chestnut Street, Market Street, 5th Street, 6th Street and 7th Street. There are over 350 on-street parking spaces within the Town Center.




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5th STREET REPAIRS



In response to resident concerns about stormwater issues on 5th Street between Shadywood Drive and W. Blooming Glen Drive during periods of heavy rainfall, Borough Council directed the Borough Engineers to study the problem and present some recommendations for remediation. The water flow that occurs in this location has caused heavy damage to 5th Street, a state-owned road.

Based on an extensive analysis of the on-site conditions, the Borough Engineers (Gilmore & Associates) recommended a course of action to assist in the remediation of the flooding condition along the west side of N. 5th Street.

The Public Works Department crews installed a 10" storm sewer pipe system in the 5th Street right-of-way behind the existing sidewalks. Sump pumps, French drains and downspouts were tied into the new system to help alleviate water seepage into the road bed, which damages the paving. This storm water sewer system was then tied into the existing storm water inlets at 5th Street and Shadywood and 5th Street and Highland Drive

Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus in Perkasio

HO HO HO! Santa and Mrs. Claus are visiting Perkasio this December and they've set aside some time in their busy December schedule to meet you and the kids. They'll be at the corner of 7th St. and Market St. in the center of Perkasio at the following times:



Friday December 11th from 6pm – 8pm

Saturday December 12th from 2pm – 4pm

Tuesday December 15th from 6pm – 8pm

Thursday December 17th from 6pm – 8pm

Saturday December 19th from 9am – 12pm

There is no charge to visit Santa or Mrs. Claus, but they are accepting donations of non-perishable food items, new unwrapped toys or hats, gloves and mittens to help less fortunate children.

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AMERICA'S OLDEST COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING

Rocking holiday music, food and fun will be the order of the day when Santa Claus arrives to light the Perkasio Borough Christmas tree on Saturday, December 5.

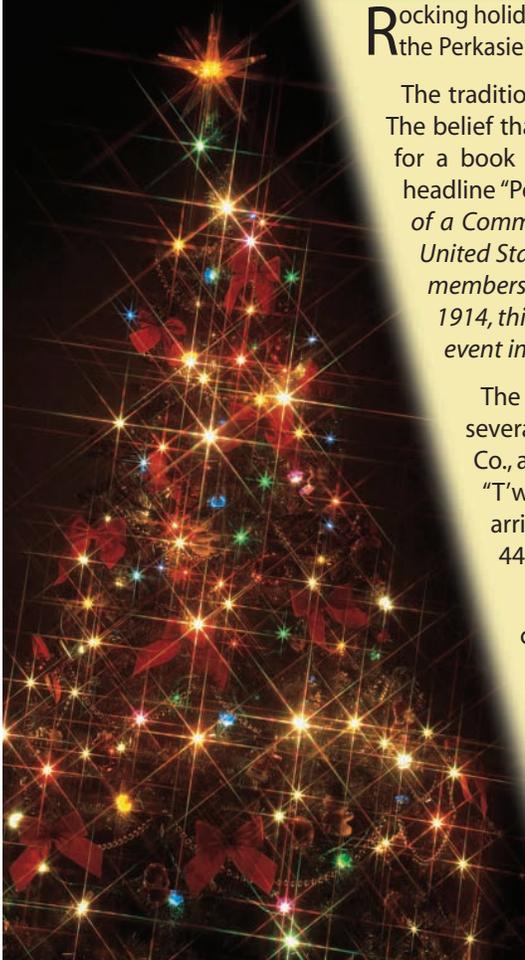
The traditional ceremony began in 1909 and is the oldest of its kind in the United States. The belief that Perkasio began the tradition of a community Christmas Tree Lighting stems from a book published in 1954 to celebrate the borough's 75th anniversary. Under the headline "Perkasio Firsts," the book says: "From reliable information, one finds that the idea of a Community Christmas Tree, which is a feature of many towns and cities all over the United States, appears to have originated in Perkasio. The idea was formed in the minds of members of the Order of Owls and put into effect in Perkasio and Sellersville in 1909. In 1914, this feature was taken over by the Chamber of Commerce and is to this date a fixed event improved upon each year."

The 2015 event is scheduled from 5pm – 8pm. This year's ceremony will feature several activities for the whole family, including a live performance by Mike Greer and Co., a strolling barbershop quartet, horse and carriage rides and a special reading of "T'was the Night Before Christmas" by Perkasio Mayor, John Hollenbach. Santa will arrive to light the tree at 7pm then will be available for photographs in the RE/MAX 440 building at 7th St. and Market St.

Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item for Pennridge FISH. Every child that makes a donation will be entered to win the drawing to help Santa light the tree.

Town center businesses will be running food and shopping specials on Dec 5th and many of them create unique window displays to entertain visitors. Be sure to visit the Electric Department at 120 North 7th St to see Doug Kramer's Nostalgic Holiday Train Display on December 4 and 5 from Noon to 8:00 p.m. each day..

**For more information about this year's event
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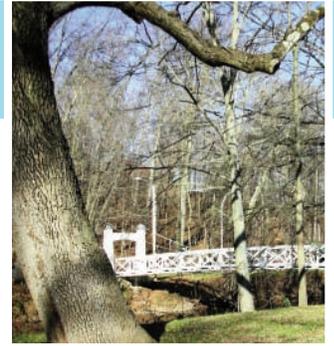
Diane & George Stapleton

MASTER SITE PLAN BEING DEVELOPED FOR MENLO AND LENAPE PARKS

In 2014, Perkasio Borough was awarded a planning grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to develop a master site development plan for Lenape and Menlo Parks. A Master Site Development Plan (MSDP) is a research, public input and analysis process that leads to a Plan for the future development (and redevelopment) of parks and open space areas.

There is currently no development plan for either park. In 2010 an Open Space Plan was prepared and in 2014 the Borough's Comprehensive Plan was updated. These two documents provided goals and objectives for the future, but did not include the research, analysis and stakeholder input that a Master Development Plan will. In addition, in 2014 the Borough adopted a fee-in-lieu option to the mandatory open space dedication required as part of the subdivision and land development process. These fees-in-lieu may only be used to fund the development/redevelopment of recreation facilities and open space. The Master Site Development Plan will outline the improvements that these impact fees will fund.

In July, the Borough Council appointed a Master Site Development Plan Study Committee to provide the community input for the Master Site Development Plan. This committee has 6 members including representatives from the Park and Rec Board, the Planning Commission, Borough Council and interested residents. In September, Simone & Collins were retained as consultants to prepare the plan. The plan will be presented for public comment at several hearings and meetings over the next six months. Perkasio Borough residents are encouraged to participate in these meetings.



Six Tips To Save On Your Electric Bills

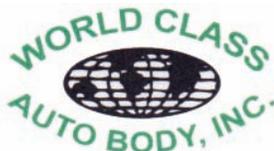


Perkasio Borough celebrated Public Power Week in the beginning of October, along with the American Public Power Association and more than 2,000 other not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to 48 million Americans. To mark the week, the Borough offers a few tips on how to save energy and money in your home, while caring for the environment:

- Plug energy leaks with **weather stripping and caulking**, and be sure your house is properly insulated — you can save up to 20 percent on heating/cooling bills, and make your home more comfortable.
- **Clean or change filters regularly.** A dirty furnace or air conditioning filter will slow airflow and make the system work harder to keep you warm or cool.
- **Install a programmable thermostat** to save up to 10 percent on cooling and heating costs.
- **Wash clothes in cold water.** Heating the water in a washer uses 90 percent of the energy used to wash clothes. According to Energy Star, by switching to cold water, you can save \$30-\$40 every year.
- **Use energy-efficient light bulbs** including halogen incandescents, CFLs, and LEDs to reduce energy use by as much as 80 percent.
- **Turn off all lights, appliances and electronics not in use.** Better still, use a power strip and turn off devices and lights that are not in use to cut standby power, to save \$100 a year on your electricity bill.

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PERKASIE BOROUGH ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES PUBLIC POWER WEEK, OCTOBER 4-10



Perkasie Borough celebrated Public Power Week, Oct. 4-10, along with more than 2,000 other community-owned, not-for-profit, electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to 48 million Americans.

"Public Power Week celebrates the reliable, affordable electricity Perkasie provides to our community," said Jim Purcell, Borough Council Vice-President and Chair of the Public Utility Committee. "Public power puts the people of Perkasie first, and Public Power Week gives us the chance to emphasize the advantages of locally owned power to our citizens," said Purcell.

"Our service is reliable and safe and we take pride in serving our friends and neighbors," said Council President Jim Ryder. "Perkasie is proud to have served the Borough for over a 110 years."

The Borough invited community members to participate in events with their local utility held in conjunction with the Fire Department's Open House. A variety of tools used by the Electric Department were available for demonstrations.

Today the Perkasie Borough Electric Department has five first-class linemen and one Superintendent. The department serves 3,512 residential customers and 346 commercial and industrial customers. You can stop by the Electric Department Building at 120 N. 7th Street on December 4-5th, from Noon to 8:00 pm to see the Perkasie Railroad Club display and meet your electric utility linemen. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Public Power Week is an annual national event coordinated by the American Public Power Association in Washington, D.C. The association represents not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities that power homes, businesses and streets in nearly 2,000 towns and cities, serving 48 million Americans. With no divided loyalties, these utilities are focused on a single mission — providing reliable electricity at a reasonable price, while protecting the environment. More at www.PublicPower.org.



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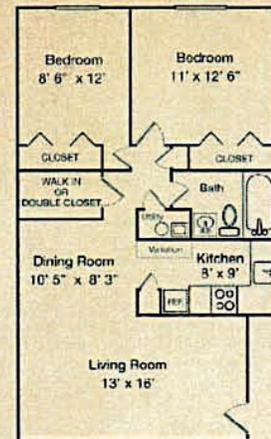


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Apartment Types

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

Apartment Features

- Wall to Wall Carpeting
- Ceiling Fans
- Walk-in Closets in Select Units
- Some with Front Porch

Select Renovated Apartments Include:

- Over-the-Range Microwave
- Dishwasher
- Upgraded Refrigerator & Stove
- New Kitchen Cabinets & Countertops (Select Units)
- Air-Conditioning Unit(s)
- Customized Closets
- Refurbished Bathrooms

Building Features & Services

- Parking Included in Rent
- Washer and Dryer (in select 2 bedroom units)
- Private Laundry Centers
- Extra Storage Units
- Semi Private Storage Available
- Garbage Disposal
- Additional Laundry Facilities On-Site
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- Near Routes: 152, 313, 611, 309



FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT . . .

As we all face this winter season together the Borough encourages residents and homeowners to become familiar with the rules and regulations dealing with this snow removal process. The Borough is asking for your cooperation in moving your vehicles to prevent any inconvenience to you and Borough work crews as we all work together to make our streets safe. *The ordinances and resolutions concerning snow removal and emergency snow route parking restrictions are as follows:*



Resolution #2008-34 states, in part - Snow is to be removed from the areas:

1. West side of South Fifth Street from West Market Street to Park Avenue.
2. West Walnut Street from South Fifth Street to South Sixth Street.
3. South Sixth Street from Walnut to Chestnut Street.
4. West Chestnut Street, from Sixth Street to Seventh Street.
5. Seventh Street, from Chestnut St. to Arch St., both sides, and the West side of Seventh Street between Arch St. and the Electric Department Building.
6. Arch Street, both sides, from North Seventh Street to North Sixth Street.
7. West Market Street, from Eight Street to North Sixth Street. As well as the corner of West Market and its intersection with Fifth Street. [Portions of this may be done after other areas are cleared.]
8. North Sixth Street, from Market Street to a distance 100 feet north of the intersection.
9. Intersection of South Main Street and Walnut Street on Main Street only.
10. **Other areas may also be cleared if deemed necessary by and at the discretion of the Borough Manager.**

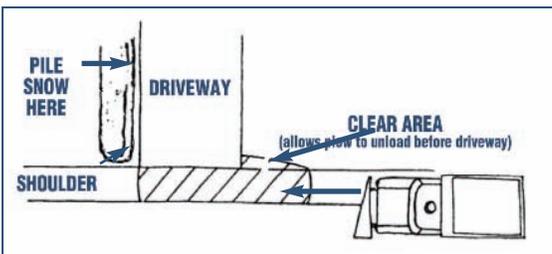
The resolution continues:

- After a snowstorm totaling 6 or more inches or after a combination of snowstorms that total 10 inches or more, and after crews have had a sufficient rest period, Borough Public Works crews, along with hired contractors, will begin the process of snow removal from the overlay district.
- Snow plowing of streets and roadways, park service drives, municipal parking lots, sidewalks on Borough-owned properties, and any emergency needs are to take priority over snow removal.
- The order and the scheduling of snow removal work are at the discretion of the Borough Manager or designee.
- Designated roadways may be completely closed to traffic by either the Public Works Department or the Perkasi Borough Police department to allow snow removal crews complete access to the area. To the extent practical, these street closings will be scheduled to minimize inconvenience to businesses, their customers and nearby residents.

This 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 it is then possible for enforcement of them by Borough Police. 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.

As crews begin the removal process, if cars are still parked in the designated no parking areas, police are called in to find the registered owners of the vehicles to advise them to move their vehicles. If contact is not made, Police will begin the towing of 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.

This resolution does not preclude the homeowner from clearing their sidewalks. Homeowners are still required, by ordinance, Chapter 152.2; *remove all snow from their walks along a three foot width for the entire length of their property within 6 hours of cessation of snowfall.* Borough crews will only clear snow from the edge of the sidewalk along the curb line as equipment works its way up the street. Borough crews will **not** clear entire sidewalks.



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.

Public Works crews use a variety of equipment during the removal process. Front end loaders, skid steers, snow blowers, small plows and dump trucks are all utilized in the effort. **We strongly encourage and request that all residents stay out of the work areas to minimize danger to themselves as well as our employees.**

If you have any questions concerning this information please feel welcome to contact the Public Works office at 215-257-6860.

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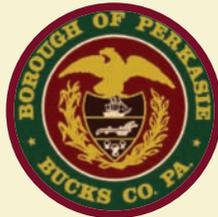
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DATE	MEETING
December 7 and December 21	Borough Council discussion and adoption of Final Budget

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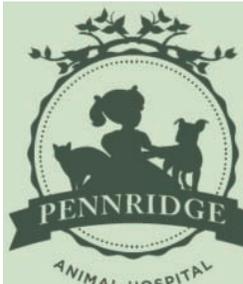
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