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FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER

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PERKASIE BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Perkasie Borough Police Department Approved for Accreditation

On May 21 and 22, 2024 The Perkasie Borough Police Department underwent a Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association Accreditation Assessment. This process culminated in a 2 ½ year project to gain Accreditation Status through the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. Only 200 police departments in Pennsylvania are Accredited out of over 1,200 state and local law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth.

According to the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association;

Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping institutions evaluate and improve their overall performance. The cornerstone of this strategy lies in the promulgation of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives. Participating administrators then conduct a thorough analysis to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet these objectives. When the procedures are in place, a team of independent professionals is assigned to verify that all applicable standards have been successfully implemented. The process culminates with a decision by an authoritative body that the institution is worthy of accreditation.

The Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program was designed and developed by professional law enforcement executives to provide a reasonable and cost-effective plan for the professionalization of law enforcement agencies within the Commonwealth. The underlying philosophy of the program is to have a user-friendly undertaking for the departments that will result in a "success" oriented outcome.

The Benefits of Accreditation include:

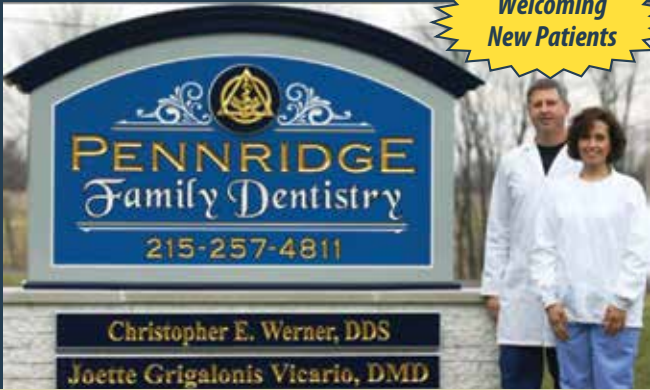
- Establishes a credible framework for evaluating agency practices and procedures
- Reduces agency risk and exposure to lawsuits
- Decreases some liability insurance expenditures
- Improves law enforcement – community relations
- Increases employee input, interaction, and confidence in the agency
- Enlarges the outlook and viewpoints of managers, officers, and employees
- Identifies and highlights the capabilities and competence of the agency
- Furnishes a solid foundation for the agency to build upon for further progress
- Provides reliable methods to improve essential management procedures
- Extends agency accountability to the public and elected officials
- Enhances planning and innovative activities by all agency personnel
- Develops improved methods for providing services to the community
- Encourages problem-solving activities within the agency

After the assessment, at the annual Pennsylvania Chief of Police Convention on July 23, 2024, the accreditation commission reviewed the assessor's report and voted to grant initial accreditation to the Perkasie Borough Police Department.

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NEW HIRES

On July 17, 2024, at the Perkasio Borough Council Meeting Mayor Jeff Hollenbach along with Council President Jim Ryder and Public Safety Chair Jeremy Wano had the pleasure of administering the oath of office to two new Perkasio Borough Police Officers, Justin Nyce and Mark Compas.



Officer Nyce graduated from the Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy on June 12, 2024. Officer Nyce recently moved back to the area after serving as a Deputy Sheriff in Loudoun County Virginia. Officer Nyce holds the rank of Staff Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps Reserves.



Officer Compas has over fourteen years of police experience with both the Tinicum Township and Newton Borough, Bucks County Police Departments. Officer Compas is a skydiving instructor and served in the United States Marine Corps holding the rank of Sergeant. Officer Compas served in several overseas deployments during his service with the Marine Corps. We welcome Officer Nyce and Officer Compas and wish them long, happy, and healthy careers with our department.



The Police Department also welcomes Chris Doheny as our new Community Relations Specialist/Crime Victims Advocate. This new position was grant-funded for two years and came to fruition thanks to Chief Matt Phelan from Bedminster Police and his Community Relations/Crimes Victims Advocate Laurie Hepler. The position is an expanded position from the Bedminster Program into

a regional program with support from Pennsylvania State Senator Jarrett Coleman and State Representative Shelby Labs.

In his new role, Chris will be working to establish community events and education and will act as a liaison between crime victims, the police department, and the court system.

As a reminder now that school is back in service drivers are encouraged to pay particular attention to school buses dropping off and picking up students as well as students walking to and from school.

The officers and staff of the Perkasio Borough Police Department wish our residents a safe and happy fall season.

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PUBLIC WORKS REMINDERS

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Fall leaf collection usually starts around mid-October into November. Rake leaves into street along the curb line. Do not block or clog storm drains.

Check the Borough website, social media, or call the Borough office for start and stop dates for leaf collection. There is no set schedule for leaf pickup. The crews follow a set route and pick up leaves as scheduling allows. The Borough crew will collect leaves one time in the spring. The date will be announced early in the year based on the end of winter weather. The crews will only travel the collection route one time for the spring collection.

Do not put leaves in the roadway or block storm drains during any other part of the year. Doing so can cause a very dangerous situation for drivers, and also possibly flood the roadway by clogging the storm drains.



CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Christmas trees (without wire) are collected with brush pick-up on the first Wednesday in January, and on the second, third and fourth Fridays in January. Please check the Borough website and social media or call the Borough office for any updates to this schedule.

RECYCLING CENTER

Located at 311 S. 9TH ST. and open Monday-Friday 7:30a-8:30p and Saturdays 7:30a-4:00p (Closed Sundays and most holidays). Residents must display a Borough hang tag on their car in order to use the recycling center. Staff may request additional proof of residence. Do not lend your hang tag to non-residents.

Prepare your recyclables as you would for curbside recycling. Recycling dumpsters are marked; please make sure to use the correct one. **DO NOT PUT PLASTIC BAGS IN DUMPSTERS.**

TRASH and BULK TRASH items ARE NOT accepted at the recycling center.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY COLLECTION DAYS

THANKSGIVING:

Thursday, November 28 (Trash & Recycling)
Friday, November 29 (Paper & Cardboard)

Collection:

Monday, December 2 (Trash & Recycling)
Friday, December 6 (Paper & Cardboard)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY:

Tuesday, December 24 (Trash & Recycling)

Collection:

Monday, December 23 (Trash & Recycling)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY:

Wednesday, December 25 (Trash & Recycling)

Collection:

Thursday, December 26 (Trash & Recycling)



Stormwater Pollution Prevention Tips

FALL 2024

MANAGING STORMWATER ON YOUR PROPERTY THIS FALL

Fall is here! And with this change in season comes cooler temperatures, shorter days, and lots of yard work to tackle. When crossing off your to-do-list this fall, it's important to remember that yard debris is a significant source of stormwater pollution.

Organic plant material like grass clippings, leaves, and shrubbery trimmings can carry pesticides and fertilizers from your yard and deposit them in local waterways. Piles of leaves and grass clippings will overload a stream's ability to process leaf litter, causing nutrient pollution and oxygen depletion. Yard debris can also clog culverts, storm drains and pipes causing flooding.

Luckily, there are some easy steps that you can take on your property to reduce pollution and improve water quality!



Do not pile leaves or other yard waste near streams or drainage areas where they can blow or wash into creeks. Use designated leaf collection bags for curbside leaf recycling.



Do not blow leaves or grass clippings off of your property into streets, streams, ponds or drainage swales.



Recycle grass clippings and their nutrients by mulching them and leaves into your lawn or piling them in your garden beds. They will add nutrients back into your lawn and provide shelter for wildlife during the winter.



Plant a native tree! Trees provide vital habitat for wildlife and absorb more stormwater than your lawn does.



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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

A FOOTBALL STORY

Fall is a wonderful time of the year as temperatures cool and we experience nature's glorious colors around us; and of course, it is football season. For many years I had the privilege of coaching the Pennridge Football Team, and I have a plethora of stories and wonderful memories of terrific young men, and coaches, with which I had the privilege to work. Here is one of those stories.

It was a snowy Thanksgiving morning and we were preparing for the traditional, emotionally-charged game against our rivals from the community north of us. For seniors on both teams, this is always a day of reflecting on a season or a career, realizing it is the last time they will play with their buddies and hoping this day, that they will never forget, is a positive memory. It's an important day! Two hours before the game as I was reminding the team of our game plan, and last second play and strategy reminders, I noticed that one of the players named Ralph (not his real name) could hardly keep his eyes open. In this situation, on this day, that was an unusual situation. After the meeting I pulled Ralph aside and let him know I noticed he could hardly stay awake and I wondered why. His response was one I will never forget: He said, "My Dad needs dialysis treatments and this morning he needed to get picked up around 7 am. Usually his driver picks him up at our house, but we have a long driveway and today it was covered with lots of snow. Our snowblower was not working which meant I needed to shovel. I got up at 3 am and shoveled until 6:30 am so I could push him in his wheelchair to the end of the drive. Coach, I'm sorry for falling asleep but I am really tired."

I am not sure exactly how I responded in the moment, but I know after the game I reflected on how this young man modeled priorities way beyond the winning of a football game. Those lessons included deep care for a loved one, a willingness to do the difficult thing to serve someone else, and a strength of character that allowed him to put the needs of others above his own needs. I was, and still am, appreciative of what I learned that day.

As we continue to live in a world that is too often filled with disagreements, disunity, discord, and self-centeredness, my hope for our wonderful Perkasio community is that we can continue to prioritize respect and care for others, and sometimes a willingness to do the difficult thing to bless someone else. We are all in this together; let's do it well.

-Mayor Hollenbach



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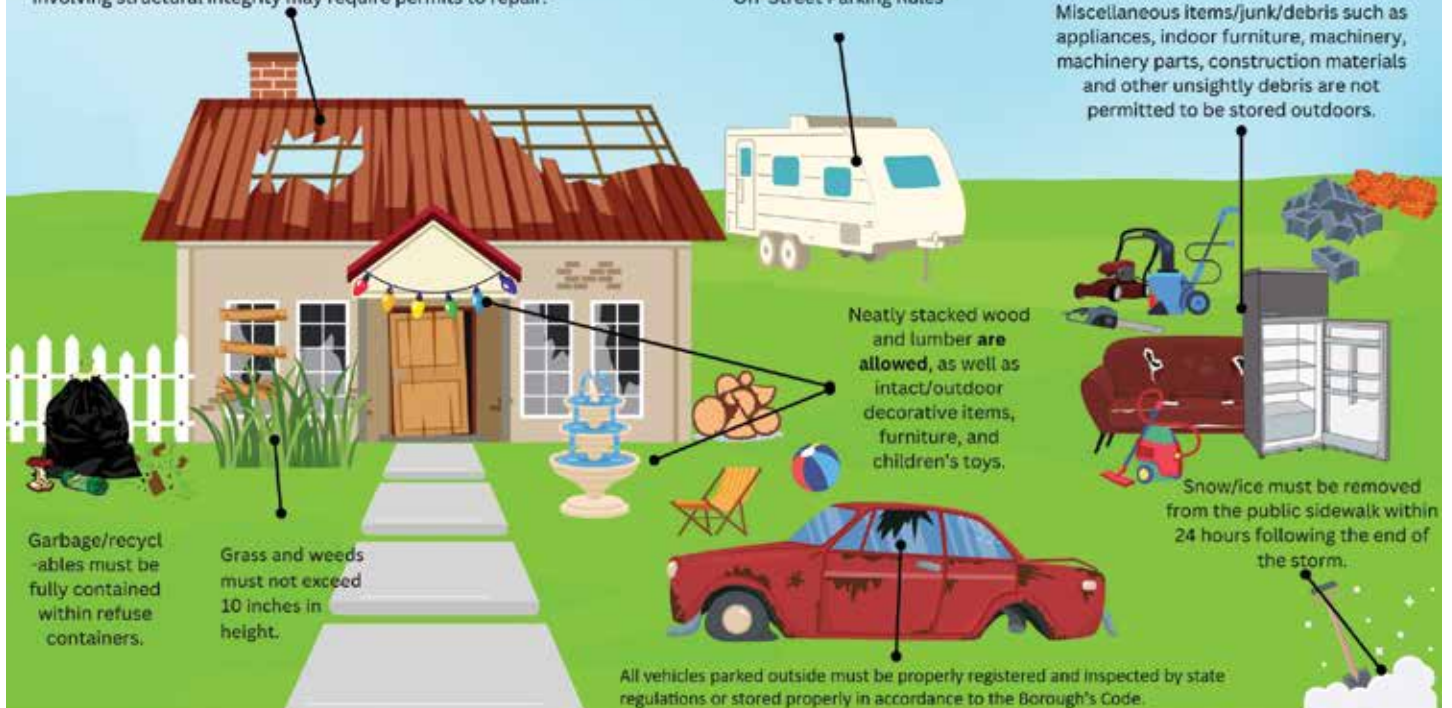
Common Code Enforcement Violations

on residential properties

Elements of the building exterior (walls, siding, roofing, doors, windows) must be kept in good repair. Issues involving structural integrity may require permits to repair.

Recreational vehicle parking has many specific rules and limits. Please refer to the "Off-Street Parking Rules"

Miscellaneous items/junk/debris such as appliances, indoor furniture, machinery, machinery parts, construction materials and other unsightly debris are not permitted to be stored outdoors.



Garbage/recyclables must be fully contained within refuse containers.

Grass and weeds must not exceed 10 inches in height.

Neatly stacked wood and lumber **are allowed**, as well as intact/outdoor decorative items, furniture, and children's toys.

Snow/ice must be removed from the public sidewalk within 24 hours following the end of the storm.

All vehicles parked outside must be properly registered and inspected by state regulations or stored properly in accordance to the Borough's Code.



DID YOU KNOW?



To report code enforcement complaints or have any questions email the code enforcement officer at cgrillo@perkasieborough.org or phone 215-257-5065



On-street parking violations can be reported to the non-emergency police line at 215-257-6876



Questions regarding permits or other building codes should be directed towards Permits Department at permits@perkasieborough.org

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT REMINDERS

BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM

Brush clippings will be picked up by Borough crews on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of each month as a part of the scheduled brush collection. However, collection of brush clippings will be **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. If you have brush clippings to be picked up, then you should inform the Borough Office by phone 48 hours in advance of the scheduled collection time.

Brush clippings shall be bundled with string or twine and shall not exceed ten (10) feet in length and one and one-half (1-1/2) feet in diameter. Smaller bundles should be bound with string or twine. Please take notice that logs are accepted up to 8" in diameter, no lumber is accepted in your brush piles, roots are not accepted for clipping, the amount of acceptable brush per month is a small chest freezer size amount, and no containers of brush will be accepted. Brush in containers is considered yard waste and can be dropped off on the first Saturday of the month from 7:30am until 3:30pm behind the Public Works Building.



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PERKASIE FIRE COMPANY

YOUR ALL-VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR 134 YEARS

Perkasie Fire Company has proudly served our community as a 100% volunteer-run organization since 1890.

While times have changed since our founding, the need has not. In 2023 alone, Perkasie Fire Company's volunteer firefighters and fire police responded to 361 emergency calls – everything from house fires and car accidents to medical emergencies and national disaster responses.



GET INVOLVED

To help us carry out our mission and offer the emergency services our community needs, we rely on you – our neighbors for support. As an all-volunteer department, we need your financial support and involvement.

If you are passionate about serving others, consider joining our ranks. Whether you're interested in firefighting, emergency medical services, or supporting our administrative efforts, there are many ways to get involved. Visit PerkasieFire.org to learn more about joining and fill out a membership application, or stop by the station on Thursday nights at 7pm to join us for our weekly drill.

While our members are ready to answer the call at a moment's notice, their courage alone isn't enough to keep them safe. Our department relies on the generosity of our community to ensure that every brave man and woman who volunteers to serve has the equipment they need to do their job safely and effectively. Your donation, no matter the size, directly contributes to outfitting these hometown heroes with life-saving gear. Visit PerkasieFire.org to donate to this important need, or be sure to support one of our community fundraising events.

2024 CARNIVAL A SUCCESS

Thanks to everyone who joined us June 25-29 in Lenape Park for our annual carnival. Not only is this event a fun opportunity to bring the community together, it is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

A special thanks to the following businesses for their involvement:

- Chief Sponsor: ServPro of Upper Bucks
- Deputy Sponsor: William P. Cole, CPA
- Battalion Sponsors: BR Scholl, Hartman Systems & Controls, Shelly's Design Center
- Friend of the Department Sponsors: QNB, Covered Bridge Car Wash, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Landis Market, Church: The Hitter's Chapel, Basilico's Pizza
- Community Sponsors: JC Steinly, Bags with Wendy, Top of the Hill Auto & Truck Repair, Modern Male
- Raffle Sponsors: Penn Community Bank, NAPA – Quakertown, Perkasie Borough, The Hickory Stick, The Treasure Trove



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PERKASIE FIRE COMPANY *continued from page 7*

ALWAYS TRAINING. ALWAYS IMPROVING.



In addition to regular training efforts and courses held at the fire station, each year members are encouraged to continue seek certification and professional training opportunities as they hone their skills – including participation in the Bucks County Community College's Fire Academy.

This year, we congratulate Firefighters Andrew Keyes and Aaron Clark who graduated from the Proboard Fire One program, and Firefighter Jesse Chubb and Captain Ryan Ross who graduated from the Proboard Fire Two program. These rigorous courses involved nearly 200 hours of classroom instruction and hands-on training, preparing our members to handle the diverse and ever evolving challenges on the fire ground.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: BLUE LIGHTS

Have you ever noticed a vehicle with flashing blue lights on the road and wondered what it means? In many areas, including our community, blue lights are used by volunteer firefighters in their personal vehicles when responding to the station for emergency calls.

Unlike the red and blue lights on police vehicles or the red lights on fire trucks, blue lights alone do not require you to pull over or give the right of way. However, they do indicate that the driver is heading to an emergency, and your cooperation can help save lives.

If you see a vehicle with flashing blue lights, it's courteous and helpful to safely move over when possible, allowing them to pass more quickly. Remember, every second counts in an emergency response. By being aware of what blue lights mean and reacting appropriately, you're playing a vital role in supporting our volunteer firefighters and helping them protect our community more effectively.

UPCOMING DATES

Fire Prevention Week: October 6-12

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign focuses on making sure you have working smoke alarms. Join us for our annual Fire Prevention Open House and a special Dine and Donate fundraiser at The Perk!



Breakfast with Santa: December 15

Enjoy a homecooked breakfast and bring the kids to meet Old Saint Nick himself!

Santa Run: December 21

* Keep an eye out for details about Santa's annual pre-Christmas ride around town with members of the Perkasié Fire Co. *Weather permitting



STAY CONNECTED

For the latest updates on upcoming events, safety tips, and community news, please follow the Perkasié Fire Co. Facebook page ([Facebook.com/PerkasiéFire](https://www.facebook.com/PerkasiéFire)) and visit PerkasiéFire.org.



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PERKASIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SAVE THE DATE!

December 14, 2024

Perkasio Historical Society Christmas House Tour 3-8 PM

Get into the holiday spirit with an afternoon spent touring a variety of beautiful homes and find inspiration for your holiday celebrations, while experiencing the rich architectural heritage of Perkasio. The tour is self-guided and attendees have the option of driving to the homes or riding one of our "Special Event" trolleys sponsored by Lauren Cronmiller, of the Cronmiller Team of Keller Williams Real Estate and the Perk Restaurant.

Reservations will be required and will be offered online beginning in October.

Tour participants will be welcomed at the Perkasio Historical Society Museum and will receive a tour booklet and tour identification

PERKASIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Perkasio Historical Society Museum is located at 513 W. Walnut St., Perkasio. The museum is Open Noon to 4 PM unless otherwise noted.

October 6, 2024 FALL FESTIVAL DAY: "On the Move: Perkasio Automotive Sales and Services."

This exhibit will feature advertising items, photographs and information about the automotive industry in Perkasio

November 9 and 10, 2024: "Trains and Trolleys: featuring Lehigh Valley Transit Trolley (LVTC)"

Operating model train display and featuring Lehigh Valley Transit photographs and items to celebrate our building being placed on the National Historic Register.

December 7, 2024: "Christmas in Perkasio" 4 -8 PM

Featuring an operating model train display and "Polar Express" reading by the "Conductor"

PERKASIE CAROUSEL SCHEDULE:

We look forward to seeing you at the carousel! The carousel is located in Menlo Park at West Park Avenue and 3rd Street, adjacent to the Menlo Aquatic Center. The Perkasio Carousel is open Noon to 5 PM unless otherwise noted.

October 6, 2024: Fall Festival

December 7, 2024: Santa Run- Tree Lighting Day Everyone ride FREE!

SPEAKER SERIES/Membership Meetings:

The Perkasio Historical Society has regular dinner meetings featuring a speaker or program. Meetings are held at 6:30 PM at the St. Stephen's UCC, 110 N. 6th Street, Perkasio.

Reservations for dinner are necessary. For reservations, please call Pat (215) 257-9624. Dinners are \$15.00 per person.

Our Fall series continues as follows:

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 "Rags to Riches: The Compelling Life Story of Julie Henning."

From the streets of Bunsan, South Korea to a house with a white picket fence, Julie takes you on a journey from her Amerasian roots to life with her famous author, Pearl S. Buck to being a retired teacher and pastor's wife.

Tuesday, November 5, 2024: "Our History: Perkasio Historical Society 70 years history with portraits of people who made it all possible" presented by Rick Doll and Matt Lynch.

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 "Pennridge High School Chamber Choir"

The Pennridge High School Chamber Choir is an auditioned ensemble of students who perform collegiate-level repertoire throughout the school and community. With their music-making, they hope to bring artistry, musicianship, and joy to all of those who listen to or see them perform!

PERKASIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN-PERSON GUIDED WALKING TOUR

All tours \$5.00 suggested donation

October 26, 2024 1:00 PM and 2:00PM: "Perkasio Automotive Epicenter" Walking Tour and OPEN HOUSE beginning at Ragtops and Roadsters.

Our friends at Ragtops and Roadsters, 213 S. 3rd St., will have an Open House where you will have the opportunity to see vintage cars being restored. Guided walking tours of the areas around Ragtops and Roadsters will be led by the Perkasio Historical Society Guides. This area is where many automobiles were sold, refurbished and repaired.

October 26, 2024 6:30 PM: "Unusual Occurrences Along the Railroad" A guided lantern tour visiting locations of notable events that occurred in the area of the railroad tracks in Perkasio. The tour will be led by Perkasio Historical Society Guides. Meet at the Perkasio Historical Society Museum.

PERKASIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR

Our Perkasio Historical Society website has a wealth of information sharing our local history. Consider taking our award-winning Perkasio Historical Society Self-Guided Walking Tour of Perkasio Borough. An additional location is added monthly and the tour now encompasses more than 65 locations and is accessible from our website: <https://www.perkasiohistory.org/perkasieselfguidedwalkingtour.html> Watch for our additional tour locations identified by the Walking Tour QR Code window films!

MEMORIES OF PERKASIE

Sharing interesting connections between Perkasio's people, places and events. Perkasio Historical Society Museum volunteer curators and archivists work diligently to prepare descriptive topics adding articles monthly. (Perkasio Historical Society - Memories of Perkasio (perkasiohistory.org))

JOIN US IN PRESERVING PERKASIE'S HISTORY!

Membership dues of \$10.00 per year, are used to support our community activities.

New Members: Please complete and submit the membership form on our Support Us page

(<https://www.perkasiohistory.org/supportphs.html>) and mail your check to: Membership, Perkasio Historical Society, 513 W. Walnut St., Perkasio, PA 18944

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ELECTRIC DREAMS Get ready to step back in time and relive the golden era of arcade gaming at “Electric Dreams”, the newest addition to W. Walnut Street in Perkasio. This retro arcade gaming store is a nostalgic paradise for anyone who grew up in the 80s and 90s, offering a collection of classic arcade machines and vintage games that defined a generation. From the pixelated adventures of “Donkey Kong” to the intergalactic battles of “Galaga,” Electric Dreams promises to transport visitors back to a time when high scores were the ultimate bragging rights, and the sounds of “Finish Him!” and “Get Ready to Rumble!” echoed through every gaming den.



Electric Dreams isn't just a store; it's a vibrant community hub where gamers of all ages can connect, compete, and share their love for retro gaming. The carefully curated selection of arcade cabinets, pinball machines, air hockey and console games ensures that everyone, from seasoned veterans to curious newcomers, will find something to enjoy. Electric Dreams invites you to immerse yourself in the joy of arcade gaming once more. So dust off your joystick skills and get ready to dive into the pixelated nostalgia of Electric Dreams – because sometimes, the best way to move forward is to take a step back in time.

You'll find Electric Dreams at 520 W. Walnut St. More information at their Facebook page, Electric Dreams Arcade.

MYSTIC WAYS BREWING unveiled their new outdoor seating deck this summer, offering patrons a perfect spot to enjoy the summer weather while sipping on their favorite brews. Nestled in the heart of Perkasio, the deck provides a relaxed and inviting atmosphere with comfortable seating, creating an ideal setting for both casual gatherings and special occasions. Mystic Ways Brewing creates small-batch brews on Perkasio's W. Walnut St; they also serve wine, cocktails and host regular music nights. Find them at mysticwaysbrewingcompany.com

SAGE BLISS AESTHETICS Join us in welcoming Sage Bliss Aesthetics to Perkasio Borough. Sage Bliss opened at 5 N. 7th St this summer and celebrated with a Grand Opening Event at the beginning of August. Owner and licensed aesthetician, Kylee has a strong passion for the skin industry and specializes in treating stubborn and painful acne. Also on staff are Jenn, a licensed aesthetician specializing in helping brides achieve a radiant glow for their special day, Valorey, a licensed lash and brow artist and Sierra, a licensed nail technician. Sage Bliss offers a wide range of services, and promises a friendly, compassionate and comfortable environment. They can be reached at (267) 424-5252 or sageblissaesthetics@gmail.com. A description of services is at their website: <https://www.sageblissaesthetics.com/>



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Thank you Menlo Community!

The 2024 was one to remember and we want to thank the entire Menlo Community, Perkasio Borough Council, and our staff! If you have any comments or questions please email menloaquatics@perkasioborough.org. We will be working all fall and winter to be prepared and ready for 2025 and we hope to see you again!

Congratulations to our Perkasio Basketball Summer League Champions!

Thank you to our organizer, Bonnie Walck and all the refs, coaches, and participants who made the 2024 season fantastic! The weather was not always on our side but we hope all the players had a fun time in our annual competitive summer league. Please keep an eye out for registration information coming in the spring of 2025, see you next summer!

CHAMPIONS:

7/8th grade girls – Upper Perk
Adult League – Raptors



ZUMBA!

Get ready to workout by dance! This is a high-intensity dance fitness class for all levels! There is a wide range of dance styles and fitness workout combinations throughout every class to accommodate all participants. Dance styles include salsa, merengue, soca, dembow, hip-hop, dance pop, and much more. Join us on Monday nights to burn calories and have fun!

- Dates:** Every Monday 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Location: Menlo Park Pavilion, 425 Arthur Ave now through September. Starting 10/7 classes move inside to Perkasio Fire Department at 100 N 5th St
Fee: \$7 – must pre-register at www.PerkasioRec.Com



KNOW YOUR MEDICARE OPTIONS

Confused about your Medicare options? Join us for this educational session as we go over how Medicare works and what it covers. We will also discuss how part "D" prescription cards work and how to pick the right one for you. Finally, we will discuss the differences between Medicare supplements and Medicare Advantage Plans. Please come with questions so you can make the right choice when planning for Medicare or Medicare Advantage decisions.

- Date:** Tuesday, October 15th from 6:30pm-8:00pm
Instructor: Steve Perlman, DelVal Senior Advisors, Independent Medicare Planning Specialist
Location: Perkasio Borough Hall, 620 West Chestnut Street, Perkasio
Fee: Free, but pre-registration required (visit www.PerkasioRec.com)

AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTING CERTIFICATION

This certification course provides participants with the confidence and skills to care for youngsters. Prospective employers will be happy to hire babysitters who have acquired this official recognition. During the course you will develop a resume, practice interviewing, practice diaper changing, feeding, holding and caring for infants and children. Participants will also learn first aid and much, much more. Upon completion of the course you will receive an ARC Certification card that does not expire. You must attend the entire course, pass the evaluations, and show the maturity to properly care for children.

Please have a mask, bring a lunch, snack, note pad, and pencil. (Participants must be 11 by the course date).

- Dates:** Sunday, November 10th from 9a-3pm
Instructor: Red Cross Certified Instructor
Location: Perkasio Borough Hall, 620 W. Chestnut Street, Perkasio
Fee: \$81; register online at www.PerkasioRec.com

FALL COMMUNITY YARD SALE

One man's trash is another's treasure! Sell your unwanted belongings in Town Center, adjacent to the extremely popular Perkasio Farmers' Market. Please no makers or growers. Limited spaces are available to both Perkasio Borough residents and non-residents. Those interested in participating must register in advance on-line.

- Date:** Saturday, September 21st from 9a-12pm
(rain or shine event)
Location: Perkasio Town Center
Fee: The cost per space will be \$10.00 – register at www.perkasiorec.com

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2024 BCTA TENNIS LESSONS IN PERKASIE BOROUGH

LOCATION: KULP PARK TENNIS COURTS, 50 SOUTH 2ND STREET, PERKASIE, PA 18944

Register at www.buckscountytennis.usta.com

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Fall Season: October 4

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Pee Wee (recommended ages 4-6): 4:45-5:30 pm
 Little Aces (recommended ages 7-10): 5:30-6:30 pm
 Juniors (recommended ages 11-13): 6:30-7:30 pm
 Teens/Adults (Beginners/Intermediates): 7:30-8:30 pm
 (recommended ages 14 and up)

MORE TENNIS OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERKASIE BOROUGH RESIDENTS



Perkasie Borough is part of BCTA's county-wide tennis network. Check out this Website for more information about tennis opportunities available to Perkasie Borough residents <https://playtennis.usta.com/buckscounty>

NEW: YOUTH SKATEBOARDING

Skaters will be introduced to the fundamental skills and knowledge needed to be safe and have fun at their local skatepark. In addition to riding basics, participants will learn about skateboarding equipment and park etiquette. Each day will contain a balance of new skills, supervised practice, and differentiated games and challenges! Instructed by Ramp Up Skate

Date: Mondays, 9/23-10/28

Ages 5-8: 4:45pm-5:45pm

Ages 9-12: 6:00-7:00pm

Location: The Spine skatepark in Lenape Park & Skate Park Pavilion

Fee: \$150 – register online at perkasierec.com

CELEBRATE YOUR PARTY IN THE PARK

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Rotary Pavilion Lenape Park	3	✓	✓		✓		
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HOLIDAY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

PERKASIE'S 23RD ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

PERKASIE'S 23RD ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL will take place from 12pm-4pm on Sunday October 6th, 2024. The theme of this year's event is "Down on the Farm". Visitors will find a huge inflatable farm maze in the center of town and not one, but TWO petting zoos - one at Menlo Park and one in the town center.

The festival takes place in the town center AND at Menlo Park, where Perkasio's historic carousel is open for the afternoon. A fee bus links the two sites, or visitors can enjoy the short walk between the locations.

As every year, families will find lots of free fun at Menlo Park, including the petting zoo, balloon twisting, face painting trampoline bounce and pony rides (small fee). The Menlo snack stand is open, free family crafts are under one pavilion, and scarecrow decorating (one per family, while supplies last or bring your own) is under the other. The town center features a huge vendor fair, a food truck court, live music, crafts, games, a massive raffle, the Revivals Block Party and free entertainment. The ever-popular pie-eating contest is at 3:15pm. The Bucks County Folk Song Society and the Back Porch Jug Band perform all afternoon. Town center stores and open with shopping and dining specials.

Please join us in thanking these event sponsor for their support: A&T Chevrolet-Subaru, American Heritage Credit Union, First Student, Gilmore & Associates, Penn Community Bank, Grace Inspired Living, Grim Biehn & Thatcher.

We welcome applications from vendors for the Fall Festival, and from community groups who would like to exhibit or perform at the event. Please contact events@perkasioborough.org for more information about the Perkasio Fall Festival.



Santa Run

Perkasio's Electric Department and the Perkasio Borough Police Department are honored to escort Santa's next run around Perkasio's neighborhoods! Scheduled for approximately 6pm-8:30pm on Friday December 6th. Road list, map, and Santa Stops to be posted online in November at <https://perkasioborough.org/information/community-events/holiday-events-in-perkasio/>

Santa House

Located in Town Center at the corner of 7th Street and Market, Perkasio's Santa House will be out starting the end of November. We hear Santa will be making appearances for short meet and greets this season! Dates and times to be listed online at <https://perkasioborough.org/information/community-events/holiday-events-in-perkasio/>.



Letters to Santa

Drop off your letters in the letter box located on the side of the Santa House. Letters will be collected November 26th through mid-December. To receive a personal response from Santa, the letter must state the child's first and last name, a return address, and submitted by the due date which will be posted later at <https://perkasioborough.org/information/community-events/holiday-events-in-perkasio/>



Giving Tree

Perkasio Parks & Recreation Department will be collecting new mittens, gloves, hats, boots, and scarves on behalf of Pennridge FISH. The tree will be located at Perkasio Borough Hall. Collection for the Hat & Mitten tree will start December 2nd through December 23rd.

SAVE THE DATE FOR AMERICA'S OLDEST TREE LIGHTING

Save the date for the nation's oldest community Tree Lighting ceremony, returning from 5pm-8pm on Saturday December 7th. Families can expect a traditional evening out, with Holiday music, food and fun.

The event opens at 5pm with carols and Holiday music from local school choirs, followed by rocking Holiday music by Mike Greer & Co. Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus arrive on a Perkasio Electric Truck to light the tree at 7pm. One lucky child will be chosen to climb on the stage to help Santa light the tree; bring a non-perishable food item for Pennridge FISH to enter the drawing.

We invite community groups and local nonprofits to participate in the Tree Lighting event. Please contact events@perkasioborough.org or more information.



PERKASIE FARMERS MARKET

THE 2024 SEASON OF THE PERKASIE FARMERS MARKET IS STILL GOING STRONG ON 7TH ST.

The market runs 9am-12pm every Saturday, rain or shine, until Saturday October 26th. Local farmers bring Certified Organic and local produce, plants and seasonal decorations. Local growers and food producers bring microgreens, eggs, meats, mushrooms, cheese & dairy products, honey, coffee, cookies, cakes, sweet treats, dog treats, skincare and lots, lots more. Live music, crafts and family activities and a visit to Perkasio's stores and cafes round out a lovely morning in town. Well-behaved, well-socialized dogs are welcome.

The Perkasio Farmers Market is made possible, in part, with generous donations from Begley Carlin & Mandio, Dunkin' Donuts, Grim Biehn & Thatcher, QNB Bank, Renewal by Andersen and THP Homes.

The best way to find up to date market and vendor news, shopping specials and community information is to follow our Facebook or Instagram accounts. General information about the market is available at <https://perkasioborough.org/information/community-events/farmers-market/>



PERKASIE'S INDOOR FARMERS MARKET RETURNS FOR A THIRD SEASON

Fans of the Perkasio Farmers Market will be delighted to know that their favorite locally made foods will be available year-round now that the market moves indoors for a brand-new seasonal Indoor Market.

The Indoor Market opens at the Perkasio Fire Hall on November 9th, and runs from 9am-12pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month through April 12th, 2024. As always, the market offers a FREE community spot to local nonprofits and civic groups each week, and customers can continue to collect loyalty card punches for the whole Indoor season. While in town we hope that visitors will call in at Perkasio's mom and pop cafes for breakfast or lunch, and browse town center stores. Visitors to the Fire Hall are reminded to observe signage in the Fire Hall Parking lot. Additional parking is available across the street at the Grandview Service Center.

Follow "Perkasio Farmers Market" on Facebook and @perkasiofarmersmarket on Instagram for more information, vendor listings, special market events, and other news. Please direct questions about the Perkasio Farmers Market to the Borough's Events Assistant, Megan Jeffries, at 215-257-5065 x 5 or at events@perkasioborough.org

PERKASIE GARDEN CLUB

Perkasio Garden Club's purpose is to provide an opportunity for our members to "grow" their knowledge of gardening through lectures and demonstrations and to share our knowledge with each other and our community.

If gardening and nature interest you, you are welcome to attend our 2025 meetings held on the second Wednesday of the month and start promptly at 7:00pm. Programs are presented from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Refreshments and our business meeting follow. Most meetings are held at the Perkasio Regional Authority located at 150 Ridge Road in Sellersville. Membership dues for 2025 are \$15 per family.



Daffodil Sale at Farmer's Market-September 28th

Perkasio Garden Club will sell bags of daffodil bulbs at the Farmers' Market in town on Saturday, September 28th. Your purchases support our club.

Perkasio Holiday Planters- Shrub Trimming Donations Appreciated

In the fall our club members prepare to decorate the planters in town for the holidays. This year we would love to see the community involved. We appreciate trimmings from pines, firs, cedars, junipers, hemlock, spruce, cypress, holly, laurel, boxwood, dried hydrangeas, winterberry and red dogwood stems each at least 2.5-3 feet in length. Please contact us in late October or early November at perkasiogardenclub@mail.com to arrange your donation.

A reminder the planters in Perkasio are not public property. Each is owned by a business or club. Our club is honored to decorate them.

**For monthly meeting times, program topics and locations visit: <https://perkasiogardenclub.weebly.com/meetings-and-activities.html>
Questions or comments please email: perkasiogardenclub@mail.com**

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF PERKASIE



The Woman's Club of Perkasia was organized in 1897 as the Ladies Literacy League. It is a civic organization with the purpose of giving a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction in helping our community. We participate in interesting, informative, and inspiring programs and expand our network of new friends. We have several divisions: Social and Cultural, Book Club, Evening Division, and Movie.

The yearly dues for The Woman's Club of Perkasia is \$35. Members are also asked to donate a \$20 item for the fall raffle and \$20 in the spring for the themed basket raffle. Each year money is raised through two fashion show fundraisers. The funds raised are donated to various organizations in the community.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about the club, please feel free to join us at a General Meeting or other activity. General Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month from September to April at the Pennridge Community Center at 1:30 PM. You can also contact Penny Petro at petro1017@verizon.net or check out our Facebook page (The Woman's Club of Perkasia).

PENNRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER

The Pennridge Community Center is a conglomeration of neighbors, colleagues, and friends who meet regularly to enjoy the company of others. The Center is open to all members of the greater community 55 years and older.

Our main purpose is to provide activities, friendship, and information to our members. Although most occur at our facility, we may travel to other events in the area. A hot lunch is also available for our members on a daily basis. We also have many special events throughout the year, including fundraisers where volunteers are needed.

Memberships not required but are reasonably priced, come with benefits and discounts for some activities and events. For more information visit our website at <https://www.pennridgecenter.org/>

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Billiards – Mondays' 8:00am – 12:30pm (Free for Members, \$2 non-members)

Chair Yoga – Tuesday's 10:00am-10:45am (\$3 Members, \$5 non-members)

Chair Volleyball – Tuesday's 11:30am-12:30pm (Free for Members, \$2 non-members)

Art Class – Wednesday's 10:00am-11:15am with Duane Moyer (\$3 Members, \$5 non-members)



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Grubstake Ticket Sales - on sale now. Six tickets for \$5.00. Drawing on October 1st, 10:00 am.

FREE SHREDDING EVENT - Friday, September 20th, 10am-noon. Pennridge Community Center, 146 E. Main Street, Perkasia (located in Silverdale). Limited 5 boxes or bags. No folders with metal. No paper clips. While this is a free event, donations are appreciated. Area Agency on Aging is sponsoring this event.

Bucks County Transport - Tuesday, September 24th, 11:00 am. Lisa Triolo, from Bucks County Transport, will provide information about BTC's transport services and assist with the application process.

Senior Expo and Septa - Friday October 4th, 10:00 am -1:00pm. Snacks will be provided.

Holiday Cash Raffle - Sunday, November 10th, (tickets go on sale in August)

Basket Raffle Drawing - Thursday, December 4th. Tickets on sale now. 40 plus baskets

Honoring Perkasia's Hometown Heroes

Banners honoring our brave service men and women will be proudly displayed in the Borough of Perkasia as a way for the community to express its gratitude for their service to our country.

The Banner will be 24" x 48", 18oz., heavy vinyl, printed the same on both sides, and will display the service person's photograph, include their full name, branch of the Military and the era of service (WWI, WWII, Vietnam, etc.)

Banners are hung in May, and will be displayed for up to one year. When the banners are removed they will be returned to the sponsors.

To participate in the military banner program, please visit the Borough's website at www.perkasieborough.org.



Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law Pennsylvania Vehicle Code

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

When a School Bus is stopped on a highway or traffic way with its red lights flashing and side arm extended, a driver following or approaching must stop at least 10 feet from reaching the bus and remain stationary until the lights on the bus are turned off or the children who may have alighted (stepped down or dismounted) have reached a place of safety.

The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection at which a School Bus is stopped shall stop his vehicle at that intersection until the flashing red signal lights on the School Bus are no longer activated.

If you are convicted of violating Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law, you will receive all of the following **Penalties:**

- FINE \$250.00
- When a school bus is equipped with a side stop arm enforcement system and you pass a school bus with its red lights flashing, you may receive a \$300 total fine in the mail.
- 60 Day Driver's License Suspension
- Five (5) points on your driving record

Your requirements and responsibilities as a licensed Pennsylvania driver are to obey the School Bus Stopping Law.

- When you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP.**
- When you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP.**

- When you approach an inter section where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP.**
- You **MUST STOP** at least ten (10) feet away from the school bus.
- You **MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.
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Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.

For the best protection, install interconnected smoke alarms in your home. When one sounds, they all sound.



Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they do not sound when tested.



Some people, especially children and older adults, may need help to wake up. Make sure someone will wake them if the smoke alarm sounds.




When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.




Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

PET WASTE & STORMWATER



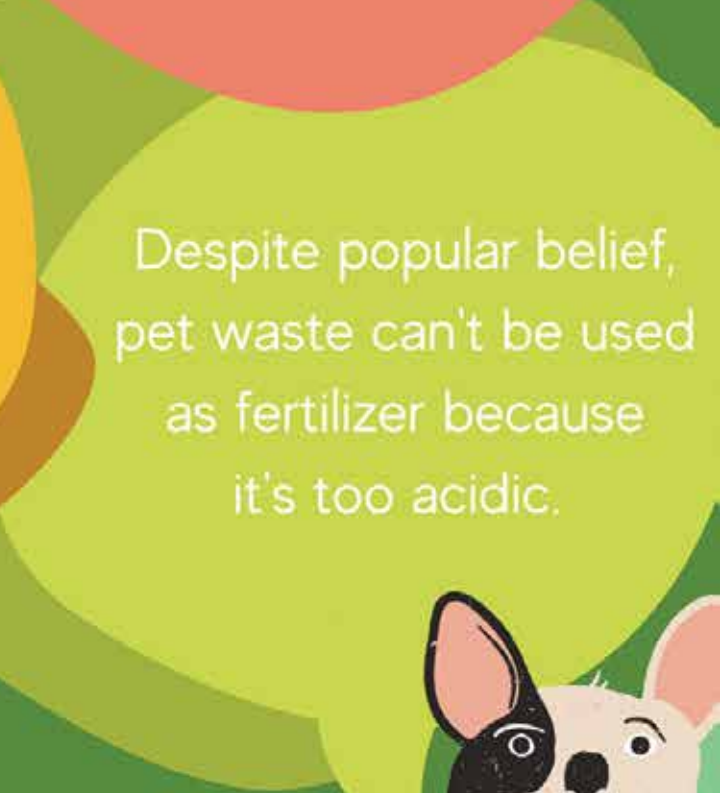
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PERKASIE TOWN IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION DISCOVER PERKASIE



The Perkasie Town Improvement Association "PTIA" is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization governed by a 9-member Board of Directors. PTIA strives to connect both new and established local businesses to each other and to our local community. Through marketing, and events PTIA is able to connect the community in a variety of fun and creative ways. We aim to welcome and promote business and community opportunities to locals and visitors alike.

PTIA organizes First Fridays, Perkasie Ale Trail, Coffee & Cone With a Cop, and Perkasie business roundtable discussions. We also host seasonal events like SHOP HOP Perkasie, Trick or Treat in Downtown Perkasie, Grinchmas, Gingerbread Extravaganza and Winter Wanderland in collaboration with local businesses. Each year we partner with local artisans to curate the commemorative Perkasie holiday ornament. As a group, we look forward to continuing our mission to connect Perkasie businesses with each other and with the greater Perkasie community through family-friendly events and professional networking.

FIRST FRIDAY

With live music, shopping and dining specials, kids' activities and more, our once-a-month First Friday events have become a summer staple on 7th St. All First Friday activities take place in the area of 7th St. between Market & Arch Streets. Save the Date for these upcoming First Fridays and their tentative themes. Follow along via Perkasie First Friday Facebook page: facebook.com/perkasiefirstfriday for more info.



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Thank you to Perkasio Borough Police Department and Dairy Queen Perkasio for partnering with us for another great community event in July. It was a fun-filled evening of community bonding! Follow along on our Facebook page for updates on our next seasonal event with the Perkasio Borough Police Department.



JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER CREW

**LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?
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PERKASIE CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT

Our always popular Christmas Tree Ornament will soon be available for purchase. Limited quantities will be available at the last Perkasio Farmers Market of the season, October 26th. This collectors item can be purchased at participating businesses starting on Black Friday/ Small Business Saturday weekend! Dating back over 15 years, collecting the Perkasio Tree Ornament has become a tradition shared by many. Ornaments will also be available for purchase during the tree lighting ceremony.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

PTIA will be running our second annual Gingerbread House Competition this December. Make sure you are following [facebook.com/perkasietowneimprovementassc](https://www.facebook.com/perkasietowneimprovementassc) for details!

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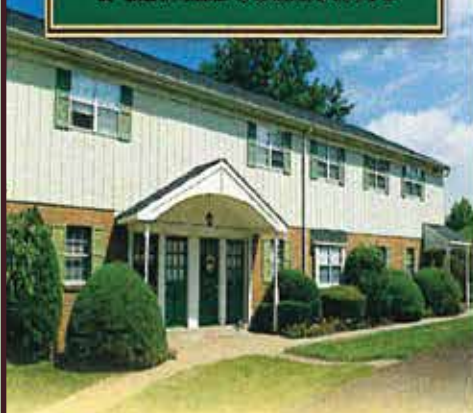
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Perkasie Regional Authority 2nd Mondays, PRA | 5:30pm
Planning Commission..... 4th Wednesday, Borough Hall | 7:00pm
Parks & Recreation Board..... 3rd Tuesday, Borough Hall | 7:00pm
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