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FALL 2014 NEWSLETTER



**Perkasie
Fall Fest
on October 5
at Menlo Park
and Perkasio
Towne Center**

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Welcome the fall season to Perkasio on Sunday, October 5 with a new, expanded Fall Fest. Starting at 9:00 am with a 5K run in Lenape Park and going all through the day to 5:00 pm with vendors, music, raffles, games, rides, and more. Menlo Park will be the focus for children's activities including pony rides, petting zoo, inflatables, Make-Your-Own Scarecrow, Pumpkin Decorating contests, and Chippy the Clown. Plus the historic Menlo Carousel will be open from noon to 5:00 pm. In the towne center there will be vendors, merchants, and crafters. Plus the first annual Chili Cook-off, pie baking (and eating) contests, music and a children's scavenger hunt that will make the walk from Menlo Park to the towne center fun. There will also be a trolley shuttle running continuously from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm between Menlo Park and the Towne Center.



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LETTER FROM MAYOR HOLLENBACH

Greetings Friends and neighbors,

What a glorious summer we had, not too many high humidity periods, and plenty of sunshine. If anything we may have been able to use a little more rain.

Now we are entering the beautiful fall season, bright with color, filled with cool breezes, and the sounds of fall sports; which enliven the community and brings us together in our common loves for interaction for the good and spirit of the area.

Particularly noteworthy is that October is Fire Prevention month, and as such we to be thankful for the many volunteers who willingly put their lives on the line when there is a fire emergency. Do you realize the hours of training these people put in, to be prepared for that event, we hope never happens? Take a moment to, first thank a fire volunteer, then take out your check book and make a generous donation to the local fire company.

We are proud, and blessed to have a wonderful community to live, share, worship, work, and play in, and the fall of the year is such a pleasant, and beautiful time in this area to do so.

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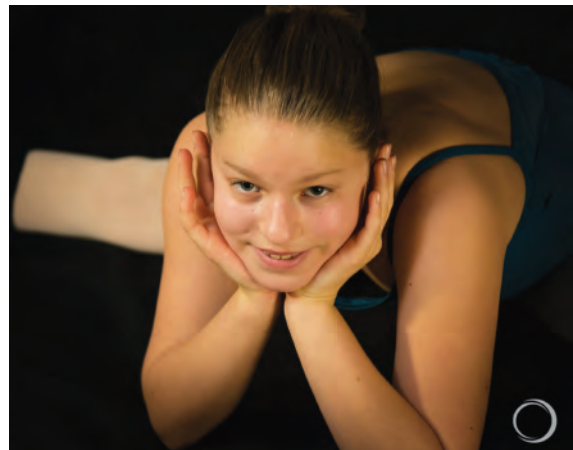
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PERKASIE PARKS AND RECREATION NEW WEBSITE ALLOWS ON-LINE REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

The Perkasio Borough Recreation Department has a new website: www.perkasierec.com

The new website permits participants to maintain an account for themselves and/or their family. The account includes information that allows family members to register for the various events and activities offered by Perkasio Recreation throughout the year. Establishment of an account also eliminates the need to fill out the same information on numerous forms; plus you can review what you have signed up for anytime you wish.

PERKASIE RECREATION FALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

FAMILY FRIDAYS

Family Friday events are again scheduled for the second Friday of each month, running October through April. Join us for a family oriented evening of fun. Doors open at 6:00pm and the activity runs from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Admission is \$2.00 per person and FREE for children age 2 and younger. We will no longer be serving hot food at Family Friday events. Soft pretzels and water will be available to purchase. All events are held at the Pennridge High School Cafeteria unless otherwise noted.

October 10th— Family Campfire in Lenape Park.

[Note change in location.] Stories around the campfire with Bill Woods. Everyone loves a story that's just a tiny bit scary, especially when the scare turns silly in the end! These humorous tales about Halloween haunters are sure to leave you screaming ... for more!

Please note this will be at Lenape Park (near the ice skating rink), not the high school. In the event of inclement weather we will use the high school cafeteria.

November 14th—Family Bingo Night

Come out and enjoy a fun night of Bingo. One bingo card with each admission. Extra cards available for \$.50 each. Prizes for each game.

December 12th—Eric Dasher: Dasher's Trivia Blizzard

The holidays should always be this much fun! Dasher's Trivia Blizzard will bring holiday cheer to all that play and watch this trivia game. Entertaining ages from 6 to 106, Dasher's Trivia Blizzard launches a snowstorm of seasonal questions at the players with comical results. Don't miss having this action-packed, multi-media, holiday extravaganza.

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Perkasie Recreation ZUMBA Classes

Join licensed Zumba instructor Leslie Wong and forget about the workout! Lose yourself in the music and find yourself in shape at the ultimate dance-fitness party.

Free Introductory Class October 11th. Classes will be held in Suite 300 (third floor) of the Borough Hall (620 West Chestnut Street).

ZUMBA: Classes on Saturday mornings 9:30-10:30 am sessions run **October 18th to November 22nd** and **December 6th to January 17th.** The cost is \$60 per person per session.

ZUMBA GOLD: Classes on Saturday mornings 8:30-9:15 am. Session dates identical to those for ZUMBA. \$60.00 per person, per 8-week session.

FAMILY ZUMBA: Enjoy Zumba with the whole family. Cost is only \$75 per family per 8-week session for Family Zumba. Free demonstration on October 10 from 6:00-7:00pm. Classes every Friday, 6-7:00 pm. Session I runs **October 18 through November 21.** Each class has a FREE DEMO at the beginning of the session.

LITTLE WARRIORS FIELD HOCKEY – October 13-November !!

Children will learn the basics of floor hockey, rules, scoring and positions. Encourages exercise, team work, leadership and socialization in a fun, exciting environment.

For children ages 6-13 Mondays at Guth Elementary School gymnasium. age 6-7 from 6:30-7:15 pm; ages 8-9 from 7:15-8:00 pm; ages 10-11 from 8:00-9:00 pm; ages 12-13 from 9:00-10:00 pm. Session runs six weeks from **October 13 through November 11.** Cost is only \$50.00 per child per session. Register now; space is limited.

UP AND BACK TO NEW YORK CITY – ONLY \$30.00

Join us on November 8 for a trip to the Big Apple. The day is yours to plan; see a show, visit a museum, go shopping, or just enjoy the city. Bus departs Perkasio at 8:00 AM and leaves NYC at 6:00 PM to return to Perkasio by 8:00 PM.

DISCOUNT TICKETS

Perkasie Borough participates in a discount ticket sales program through the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society. You may purchase tickets for the Camden Aquarium, Philadelphia Zoo, Elmwood Park Zoo (Norristown) and until the end of October we will have tickets for the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire. Beginning in December we will have discounted tickets for most of the popular ski areas. Discounts vary by location, date and time of use. Call the Borough for prices. Save some money and time standing in line and purchase your tickets at the Borough before you go. Sorry, we will no longer accept personal checks in payment for discount tickets. Cash or credit card only.

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TRASH, REFUSE AND RECYCLING

LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection will begin mid-October and continue through November, weather permitting. Rake leaves into the street along the curb line without blocking or clogging storm drains. Please keep vehicles away from areas where leaves are piled. Leaves will be collected when scheduling allows. There are no set collection days for areas of the Borough. The Public Works crew will follow a specific route and do so cyclically throughout the leaf collection days. **Leaves gathered during other than normal leaf collection days, along with garden debris, must be placed in a Borough trash bag and placed out with your regular trash collection or taken to the recycling center on the 1st Saturday of every month from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Proof of Borough residency is required at the recycling center.**



BRUSH COLLECTION

Brush collection is done the first Wednesday of each month. Should the first Wednesday fall on a holiday, brush will be collected the next business day. The January collection will be held on the first Friday of that month to coincide with the collection of Christmas trees. Please contact the Borough office at least 24 hours prior to the collection date to have your name put on a list for collection. Please bind the bunches with string for collection and cut to lengths of 4 feet or less.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Christmas trees (without wire) are picked up along with recyclables during the first three weeks of January. Wreaths with or without wire will be collected with refuse. Live-balled Christmas trees may be donated for planting in Borough parks.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Refuse and recyclables must be placed at the curb or alley no earlier than 6:00 PM the evening prior to your pickup day, and no later than 7:00 AM the morning of collection. There are no call backs for trash or recycling that is set out after 7:00 AM. **Household refuse must be placed in a securely tied Borough disposal bag, which does not exceed the weight of forty (40) pounds for large (green) bags and twenty (20) pounds for small (black) bags. Borough bags or recycling containers cannot remain curbside for more than 24 hours.** Borough disposal bags are available at the Borough Office, 620 West Chestnut Street, and at area retailers who display the green hickory tree logo. Disposal of materials resulting from renovation, repair, construction of buildings and structures, or the removal of trees, will not be collected by the Borough. Such items shall be removed by and at the expense of the property owner or the contractor.

If refuse is not collected on your regular trash day due to inclement weather, it will be collected on the next business day (when possible).



RECYCLING CENTER

The Borough Recycling Center, located behind the Perkasio Police Department, at 311 South 9th Street, is for the convenience of **Borough Residents ONLY.** Perkasio Borough staff may ask for identification when you use the Center. There are signs indicating where recyclable materials are to be placed. **No plastic bags, please.** Combine glass, aluminum, tin and plastic (PDE #1-7) containers in the dumpsters that are marked as such and that have metal stairs. Combine newspaper and cardboard and place in the trailer.

Trash and bulky items are not accepted at the Recycling Center. Absolutely NO construction materials, aluminum/plastic siding, window glass, shutters, etc. are accepted at the Recycling Center. No laundry baskets, plastic trash cans, large tin (popcorn) containers, fish tanks, mirrors or other household materials are accepted. As of June 1, 2010 yard waste (NO GRASS CLIPPINGS) will be accepted on the first Saturday of the month 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Please use brown paper bags, lawn and leaf bags or bring a container to be dumped when disposing of yard waste. No plastic bags. Please call the Borough or check the website for additional information.

Updated 2014 Holiday Collection Schedule For Refuse & Recycling This Is A Revised Schedule.

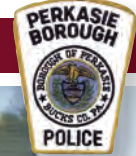
PLEASE NOTE THE DECEMBER DATES.

Please feel welcome to contact the Public Works Dept. at 215-257-6860 with any questions. Thank you.

Holiday-No collection scheduled	Date for pick up
Thanksgiving Thursday Nov. 27	Trash pickup Monday Dec. 1
Day after Thanksgiving Friday Nov. 28	Recycle pickup Friday Dec. 5
*Christmas Day December 25	Trash pickup Monday Dec. 29
*Day after Christmas Friday Dec. 26	Recycle pick up Friday Jan. 2, 2015
New Year's Day Thurs. Jan. 1, 2015	Trash pickup Monday Jan.5, 2015



PERKASIE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Perkasie's Newest Police Officers

Nicholas Costa and Ryan Richardson were sworn in by Mayor John Hollenbach at the August 4 Borough Council meeting. Officers Costa and Richardson were chosen from an original field of 53 candidates.

Ryan Richardson, 31, lives with his wife in Quakertown. He sees himself as becoming a police officer who knows the people on his beat on a first-name basis.

Nicholas Costa is 29. He grew up in Warminster. A 2003 William Tennent graduate, Ofc. Costa resides in Doylestown, Ofc. Costa earned credits at Bucks County Community College before pursuing security jobs.

Police Chief Steven Hillias said that the candidates underwent a series of interviews, fitness and background tests. Chief Hillias noted that both will bring knowledge of the local area to their police work. Chief Hillias commented at the swearing in that the two new officers will participate in a 10-to-12-week training process under the supervision of a veteran officer.



L-R: Sgt Robert Richardson (plainclothes), Officer Thomas Brun, Officer Darrin Baughman, Officer Ryan Richardson, Chief Steven Hillias, Officer Nicholas Costa, Sergeant Alec Sprouse, Officer David Mantz, and Officer Joseph Murray.

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.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Location: Lenape Park, Menlo Park & Perkasie Center Towne Center
Market & 7th Streets
• Pumpkin Decorating

5K Run: 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Lenape Park – Constitution Avenue
Packet Pickup at 9:00 AM
Race Begins at 10:00 AM
Awards at 11:00 AM

Menlo Park: Noon – 5:00 PM
• Pony Rides
• Petting Zoo
• Inflatables
• Chippie The Clown
• Make Your Own Scarecrow

Menlo Carousel: Open Noon – 5:00 PM
Towne Center (7th & Market area)
• Food Vendors
• Merchants
• Craft Vendors
• Raffles
• Music
• Chili Cook-Off
• Pie Competition

4:00 PM Awards
• Chili Cook-Off
• Pie Competition
• Make-Your-Own-Scarecrow
• Pumpkin Decorating

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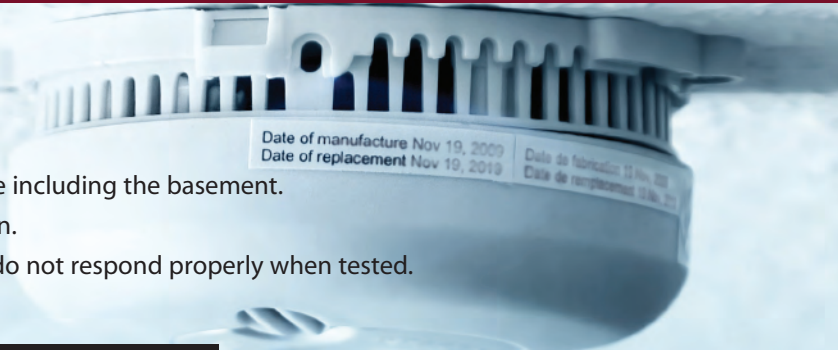
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From The PERKASIE FIRE COMPANY

Fire Prevention Week October 5-11, 2014

Smoke Alarm Safety

1. Install smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home including the basement.
2. Test all smoke alarms every month by using the test button.
3. Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.



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Perkasie Fire Company No. 1 Smoke Detector Program

Each year the Perkasie Fire Company participates in WPVI Channel 6's Operation Save a Life. It is through this program that we receive free smoke detectors with 10 year lithium batteries for distribution within our community. This program is made possible through donations from Channel 6 ABC, Home Depot, Tri State Toyota and Kidde Corp who provide smoke detectors to the Tri State area fire departments. If you live in Perkasie Borough and cannot afford a working smoke detector or would like to have one installed, please call us at (215) 453-2166 and leave a message or e-mail our Public Information Officer at pio2676@gmail.com.

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Fire Prevention Week Perkasie Fire Company No.1



Annual Fire Prevention Open House
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Be sure to come out to our Annual Fire Prevention Open House and meet the Perkasie Fire Company Firefighters. We'll have all sorts of great Fire Safety activities to participate in and we'll have many exciting pieces of equipment. Among them we'll have:

1. The Northern Bucks Wildfire Crew Engine 907,
2. Delaware Valley Fire Co. Tanker 48 and Field 96,
3. Telford Dive and Rescue Unit,
4. Grand View Hospital Medic 151,
5. Perkasie Police Department,
6. Perkasie Borough Electric Department and
7. The Civil Air Patrol

You'll learn about Fire Safety and watch our Firefighters demonstration with ropes and repelling. Even Sparky the Fire Dog will be around to visit and talk pictures with. This year we will also be holding a food drive and ask you to bring canned goods to benefit the Pennridge Fish Organization. Check out our website at www.perkasiefd.org for more information. See you there!

Save The Date

Mark your calendars now for the following events:

Oct. 5	Perkasie Fall Fest 5K	9:00 - 11:00 am Lenape Park
Oct. 5	Perkasie Fall Fest	Noon-5:00 PM • Menlo Park & Towne Ctr.
Oct. 5	Menlo Carousel Open	Noon-5:00 pm
Oct. 9	Perkasie Fire Co. Open House	6:00-9:00 pm
Oct. 11	Dance Featuring "Shake, Rattle And Soul"	Penridge Community Center
Oct. 19	Perkasie Fire Co Breakfast	7:30 am - Noon
Oct. 25	Perkasie Fire Co Scrap Metal & Appliance Disposal	
Nov. 8	Perkasie Rec New York City Bus Trip	8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Nov. 16	Perkasie Fire Company Breakfast	7:30 am - NOON
Nov. 27 & 28	Borough Offices Closed; Thanksgiving	
Dec. 6	Christmas Tree Lighting	5:00 - 9:00 pm
Dec. 6	Menlo Carousel Open	NOON - 5:00 pm

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What is Storm Water Runoff?

One of the most significant, yet unrecognized groups of water contaminants is storm water pollutants. When it rains, storm water runs over yards, streets, roads, highways, parking lots, parks, and playgrounds, carrying with it everything in its path, including debris and pollutants. Eventually, the water will travel to a stream, either over land or via a storm drain. Storm drains are frequently located alongside streets and parking lots. Unlike sanitary sewers that divert water to a treatment plant directly from your home, storm drains lead directly to surrounding lakes and rivers without any type of treatment. All the debris and pollutants that were picked up by storm water runoff end up in your lakes and streams!

For more information about Perkasio Borough Storm Water Management Plan, check out <http://perkasioborough.org/utilities-services/stormwater-information/>

Where Does the Pollution Come From?

Most contaminants are made up of common items used by residents, businesses and visitors, such as fertilizers, car oils and greases, yard clippings, soil, and pet wastes. Below are some tips you can follow to help keep pollution from entering lakes and streams via storm water runoff.

Tips to Keep Your Rivers, Lakes and Streams Clean

- Never dump anything down a storm drain!
- Use an oil pan when changing oil to keep fluids off the pavement. Check local body shops and quick lubes to find a place to appropriately dispose of used oil.
- Bag pet waste and dispose of it in a trash can.
- Leave grass clippings on your lawn as an alternate nutrient to fertilizer. If a fertilizer is necessary, choose a slow-release product and test your soil to find out how much fertilizer your lawn actually needs.
- Wash your car on your lawn so excess water, chemicals, and dirt is filtered through the lawn.
- Keep household hazardous wastes, such as harsh cleaners, paint, car fluids, and batteries from entering lakes and streams by disposing at a household hazardous waste center. Try using environmentally-safe alternatives or recipes with non-hazardous ingredients.
- Use a broom rather than a hose to clean up grass clippings and dirt.
- Keep a trash bag in your car... and use it!



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SNOW SAFETY

We hope that the winter will be milder than last year, but just in case we get an early snow; you can assist your road crew by being prepared when a severe winter storm is predicted.

Remove your portable basketball rims from the street, per Borough ordinance. Borough crews will not be responsible for damage to these items.

Make sure your mailbox is six inches away from the face of the curb. If you have questions, call the Perkasio post office.

Do not park your car on snow emergency routes or you could be fined or towed.

Be sure your car is properly winterized with a full tank of gas, sufficient treads on the tires, clean windshields, headlights, and brake lights and a fully equipped emergency kit.

If you are at work and it starts to snow:

Stay there. Don't try to rush home to beat the traffic. By waiting until your regular dismissal time, you enable the road crews to plow and salt the roads in preparation for your departure.

If your company plans an early dismissal, try to stagger the dismissal times. Staggered dismissals are more effective and help to eliminate bus and roadway overcrowding.

For information on Pennsylvania interstate highways call toll free 1800.783.6783.

When it is time to drive home:

Always wear your seatbelt.

Turn on your headlights and reduce your speed.

Do not pass or get between trucks plowing in a "plow line." Remain at least six car lengths behind an operating snow plow or a truck that is salting.

Take special precautions on roads, that look wet but are actually frozen, often referred to as black ice.

If you become stranded, do not leave your vehicle. Instead, keep a down-wind window cracked, run the motor ten minutes each hour to stay warm and at the same time listen to the radio for updates. While waiting for help to arrive, do minor exercise to boost circulation.

If you skid, don't panic. Take your foot off the gas and don't hit the brake— turn your wheel into the direction your car is skidding— do not brake until your car is going straight.

If a roadway is closed off by cones or barricades, do not move them or go around them. The barricades have been placed for a reason and you will be putting yourself and others in danger if you proceed into a closed off area.

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Get a Kit of Emergency Supplies:

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



Make a plan for what you will do in an emergency. Be informed about what might happen. Get involved in preparing your community (www.citizen corps.gov) For a more details, visit www.ready.gov



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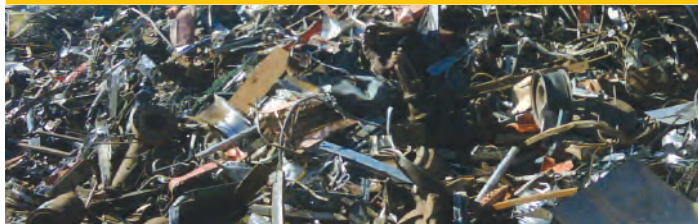
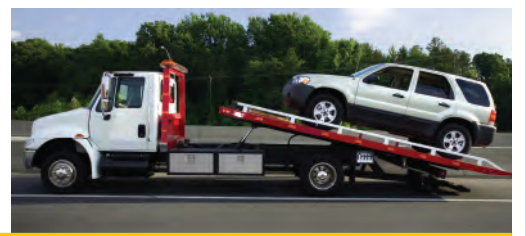
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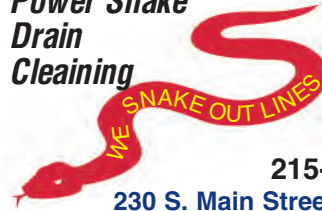
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