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#SHOPPERKASIE, RESOLUTION 2021-9 PASSED

Residents may see some changes in how restaurants and businesses are operating in the borough in the coming months. Perkasio Borough Council passed Resolution 2021-9 in February to allow borough businesses to operate outdoor sales and dining through December 31st, 2021. These changes are temporary and are intended to assist Borough businesses as they strive to meet Covid-19 guidelines and capacity restrictions.

Perkasie's sidewalks and some outdoor areas will be open for business through the end of the year.

Perkasie Borough Council unanimously voted to pass a resolution allowing outdoor retail sales and dining through Dec. 31, 2021. The new resolution aims to help the retail and restaurant sectors, among those hardest hit by the coronavirus pandemic.

"We're really looking at this resolution in the context of a larger, comprehensive community response to the economic pressures on Perkasio businesses during the pandemic," said Borough Council member Aaron Clark. He is also chair of the Perkasio Borough Council Economic Development Committee.

A similar resolution allowing outdoor retail sales and restaurant dining was approved in June 2020. That resolution expired after 90 days.

"We will be as flexible and as helpful as we can be" to support our business community, said Jim Ryder, borough council president.

Andrea Coaxum, Perkasio Borough manager, said businesses that opt to offer outdoor retail sales or dining may be able to set up temporary structures like tents, under the new resolution.

"Let's be reasonable with these temporary conditions," she said.

But erecting long-term structures or new permanent outdoor fixtures will still be subject to the borough's zoning ordinances and require applicants to go through the regular application processes.

"By passing the resolution we're establishing what temporary means," Coaxum said.

The new resolution aims to provide some "breathing room" for businesses.

Coaxum reported to date there have been no public complaints about outdoor retail sales or dining activities.

From electric rate reductions to working one-on-one with businesses, Clark said the borough is committed to support the community and residents to continue "...shopping, and eating, local."

"This truly is just one piece of a larger response," Clark said.

By passing the resolution now Coaxum said more business owners will have time to prepare for warmer temperatures in spring.

Business owners will be required to make sure sidewalks are clear for pedestrian traffic and should follow Americans with Disabilities (ADA) guidelines when setting up displays or dining seating.

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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Greetings,

Isn't it nice to be able to listen, and hear the renewing of creation each spring? Especially after having to move all the winter snow!

Along the banks of the lake men were cutting blocks of ice and storing them in a large, windowless shed. An icehouse, if you will. When finished, they were coming out of the icehouse, when one of them realized that he had lost his watch. They all went back to look for it, but couldn't find it. A little boy went into the shed, and soon came out with the watch. The men asked him, how did you find it? The little boy said, I just sat down and listened, and I soon heard it ticking.

With the arrival of spring, I sit on my back porch and just listen to the sounds of renewal, birds, crickets, the scampering of wildlife, the smells of flowers and trees budding, and mowed grass. If I just remain still I am washed in the sounds and smells of renewal.

This causes me to pause and consider, what if, in the practice of listening, I would do the same with my wife, children, friends, and neighbors? Instead of trying to make sure that every one is sure to hear me, perhaps I can listen first?

"Be still and know that I am God". Psalm 46:10

I have a confession! I do not participate on face book, twitter, or any other chat platforms, because I hear about the anger, unpleasant language, accusations, even some cases of slander, and very few attempts at understanding. It is a shame, I am sure these platforms could do a lot for good, are we just not able to listen anymore?

Maybe, if we all would stop, we could hear the ticking, the birds, the wildlife, and smell the fragrance of caring.

Thus said, we are very fortunate to live in a community of caring friends and neighbors, where we work together to make a better life. Each day I listen, and hear the sound of harmony, and I count it a privilege to be your Mayor. As such I wish for all of you a comfortable, prosperous, and happy summer. I pray that when you are reading this that the virus is on an accelerating decline, and that the restrictions and isolation are lifted, where we can engage with each other, and seek the opportunity to listen for the good!

Sincerely,

John D. Hollenbach, Mayor

Perkasie Garden Club

An invitation is extended to all with gardening interests living in Perkasie and surrounding areas to attend any of our meetings and/or events, and to become members. Our meetings typically consist of a program or lecture on a gardening topic, and a brief business meeting. Refreshments are served.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday evening of the month at 7:00 pm. January through May meetings are held at the Penridge Regional Authority, 150 Ridge Rd, Sellersville. June through September meetings are held at members' homes and gardens. Annual dues, payable in January, are \$10.00 per household and members are entitled to admission with no additional cost to all monthly programs and events.

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A Message from the Perkasie Historical Society . . .

There are no in-person meetings being held in St. Stephens Church, 110 North 6th Street, Perkasie.

In its place, the Perkasie Historical Society will continue with ZOOM Feature Presentations. Please consult our website: www.perkasiehistory.org for ongoing presentation links and details.

Perkasie Historical Society Feature Presentations

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 6:30 PM: **"Origins of Baseball: The Boys in Blue and Gray - Civil War Baseball"** presented by Michael Jesberger who will share the origins of baseball. *This presentation sponsored by Tina Bruner, in memory of her father, Mr. Dave Hubbert.*

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 6:30 PM: **"My Neighborhood: East Walnut Street in the 1950's"** by Jim Bergey
A personal recollection of South Perkasie's East Walnut Street neighborhood.

Tuesday, June 1, 2021 6:30 PM: "A Last Look at the First United Methodist Church." Museum curators Rick Doll and Matt Lynch discuss and share photographs from their last visit of the now closed, historic church building.

Please check our website : www.perkasiehistory.org

Come join Us!

New Members: Please check our website to submit the membership form and mail your check. Support the Perkasie Historical Society (www.perkasiehistory.org)

Renewal Members: Please mail your \$10.00 per person 2021 membership dues to:
Membership, Perkasie Historical Society
513 W. Walnut St., Perkasie, PA 18944



Perkasie Historical Society Museum Walking Tours:

Saturday, April 24, 2021 1:00 PM **"West of Seventh Street."**

The tour will visit the one time industrial area of Perkasie between Seventh and Ninth Streets.

Saturday, May 22, 2021 1:00 PM **"Historic Perkasie Fires"**

The tour will visit the sites of fires in the Olde Towne section of Perkasie, including the Fire of 1988.

Tours meet at the museum at 513 West Walnut Street.

Suggested donation \$5.00

Due to the occupancy limits, please check our website : www.perkasiehistory.org for ongoing schedule information

The Perkasie Carousel

The carousel is located in Menlo Park at West Park Avenue and 3rd Street, adjacent to the Menlo Aquatic Center. Please check our website : www.perkasiehistory.org for updated schedule information.

Follow and Like us on Facebook!

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Donations to the Perkasie Historical Society maybe sent to the Perkasie Historical Society, 513 W. Walnut Street, Perkasie, PA 18944 or submitted electronically on the website at: Support the Perkasie Historical Society (perkasiehistory.org)



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THE IMPACT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION ON THE PERKASIE COMMUNITY

Penn foundation and Perkasie Borough invite you to join us for a vital community wide update. While Covid-19 has taken center stage, mental health and the impact of addiction are still behind the curtain. Be part of the conversation and learn what you can do to preserve the health of your neighbors and loved ones during this challenging time.

Presenters:

Matt Weintraub, Bucks County District Attorney
 Donna Duffy-Bell, Bucks County Director of Mental Health

Gordon Hornig, Penn Foundation Addiction Professional
 Robert Schurr, Perkasie Borough Police Chief

Date: Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Zoom – to register please visit tinyurl.com/perkasiecommunity

For more information please contact Deb Ryan at 215-453-5165 or dryan@pennfoundation.org

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The Perkasie Marketplace Connects People to Each Other and to Everything Nearby

A pandemic may have ushered in a new era of how we do business, but the deluge of snow this winter assured us that the new way is here to stay. Today's consumers are looking for more ways to support their local shops, restaurants, and providers with options that accommodate their comfort level or need for safety. What if residents and visitors could find local businesses and easily determine how they are doing business in a single online marketplace?

You're likely familiar with large e-commerce platforms like Amazon, eBay, and Etsy. And while these well-established entities offer various benefits to businesses, what they don't do is connect people within a single community or provide a venue for sharing news, events, and access to important local resources.

Brought together by a desire to lend support to our neighbors, create meaningful connections during a global pandemic or harsh winter, and help businesses adapt and grow in the new year and beyond, our small team of visionary entrepreneurs developed the Perkasie Marketplace Powered by Per Diem. (<https://perkasiemarketplace.com>)

The Perkasie Marketplace is a digital downtown that leverages the power of a robust online platform in a

hyper-local environment. Strong communities are built on strong relationships, and whether you want to connect online or in town, the Marketplace has you covered.

The Perkasie Marketplace offers an exclusively local and online hub to:

- Shop local retailers with flexible pick up and shipping options
- Discover new-to-you shops, eateries, and experiences
- Find restaurants that offer reservations, takeout, delivery, or curbside pickup
- Book classes or appointments at your favorite studio or salon
- Search and compare a wide range of service providers
- Read local news and support hometown non-profit organizations

Do you want to continue to support the local economy and your community? The Marketplace makes it easy to do just that in Perkasie.

Easily connect to the people, businesses, and happenings near your home. Visit the Perkasie Marketplace to get the most out of everything nearby. (<https://perkasiemarketplace.com>)





A Message from the Perkasie Borough Police Department

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In an effort to maintain transparency and provide community information and notifications the Perkasie Police Department provides information via our CrimeWatch web page. The CrimeWatch web page is paid for with funds from the Bucks County District Attorney's Office and provides information on recent arrests, significant events, warrants and criminal activity.

The site also provides information for online reporting of non-emergency crimes, forms such as Right to Know requests, Borough information, vacation check requests, submitting on line tips and Accident Reports through Crash Docs just to name a few services provided on the site.

Recently added to the site was a section to allow residents and businesses to enter security camera information which provides mapping for our officers to see where potential security video may be obtained should an incident occur in that specific area.

The Perkasie Police Department Crimewatch site can be accessed through the following link <https://bucks.crimewatchpa.com/perkasieboroughpd>. We encourage our residents to click to follow the crimewatch page if you would like to be notified when news from our department is posted. Crimewatch also is available as an app for your mobile device.

The Perkasie Borough Police Department would like to remind residents that if you see something suspicious or unusual to always contact the police department at 215-257-6876 or by calling 911. Many times criminal activity can be averted just by calling the police department and having an officer respond to investigate. Also as a reminder to please make sure you always lock your residence and car doors to prevent unwanted thefts and criminal activity.

The Perkasie Police Department would like to wish all of our residents and safe and healthy spring season!

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A Message from Magisterial District Judge, Regina Armitage

How did COVID-19 affect District Court Filings?



Looking back on 2020, it is safe to say that just about everyone and everything was somehow affected by COVID-19. As shutdowns and safety precautions were exercised across the state, adjustments here at District Court were also implemented to help minimize the spread. In bidding the year farewell, I thought this would be a good time to see how COVID affected filings and when I ran data for 2018 and 2019, this is what the system reflected.

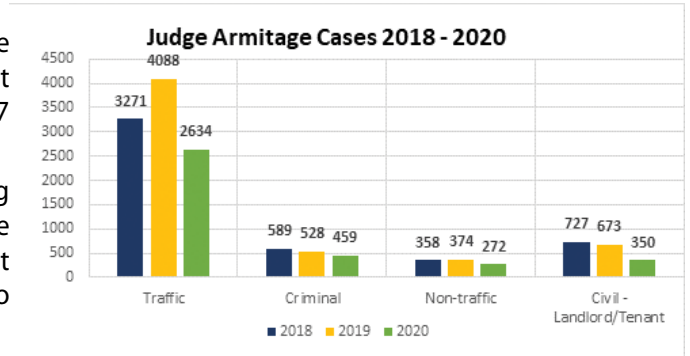
It appears motorists caught a break as there were 1454 fewer (-28%) traffic violations issued in 2020. With limited contact becoming commonplace, there is no doubt this decrease was a direct impact of COVID. However, even with the drop in numbers, police departments in the district were still some of the busiest in Bucks and 2634 citations were filed for the year. Overall, the court ranked #6 (out of 18) in the county for traffic tickets in 2020.

Another area with a marked reduction were non-traffic cases such as disorderly conduct, public intoxication, harassment, etc. With past figures averaging about 360 a year, this docket yielded a 26% decrease in summary citations issued.

The biggest change in 2020 was the Civil & Landlord/Tenant filings. Although they comprise just a small portion of our cases, the court saw only half the filings when compared to prior years. We attribute this 50% decrease to the Emergency Order which stayed all Landlord/Tenant matters and evictions across the state. We do, however, anticipate a surge in this docket after the stay is lifted.

Unfortunately, the area that was minimally affected were Criminal filings. In prior years, Criminal case dockets closed out at 589 (2018) and 528 (2019) respectively, yet 2020's total of 467 showed just a slight decline of 18%.

On the upside, I had the honor of performing 23 wedding ceremonies for couples who would not let COVID-19 get in the way of their love. With an average of 24 weddings per year, it seems we remained right on track for that category, so here's to the happy couples of 2020.



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Each member is expected to earn 36 points per year and must attend a minimum of four (4) monthly business meetings per year to remain in Active status. Most of our members achieve annual point levels well above the minimum required. The minimum requirement sets a lower limit that allows members flexibility with work, home, school, etc., but by no means sets a minimum expectation. A minimum of four (4) points must be earned in support of fundraising efforts. Fundraising points are earned at a rate of one (1) point for every two (2) hours of work; therefore a minimum of eight (8) hours of fundraising is required per year. Our primary fundraising events are both breakfasts and food service at community events.

Firefighters:

All Firefighters are expected to complete and pass a nationally recognized Firefighter I program within their

first year of membership in the Department. Presently the 120 hour class is administered by the Bucks County Community College - Public Safety Training Center in Doylestown, PA. Firefighters earn the balance of their points via a single (1) point for each drill, fire call, training event, and fire prevention activity they attend.

Fire Police:

The Fire Police unit control crowds and direct traffic at fire and emergency scenes, along with community events. Fire Police Members earn the balance of their points via a single (1) point for each drill, fire call, training event, and fire prevention activity they attend.

Contributing Member:

Contributing members support fundraising activities and non-firefighting activities within the fire department. Since Contributing Members do not fight fires, nor attend drills or training, their support is through non-emergency activities.

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Perkasie Revitalization: Building a Thoughtful, Sustainable Community

Perkasie's Revitalization plan, initiated in 2013, began with an update to Perkasie's Comprehensive Plan. This guiding document – or "Comp Plan" – serves as the official planning document for the borough, outlining our community's goals and aspirations. The plan was developed with significant public engagement, community surveys, town hall meetings and was formally approved in 2014. Since then, this living document has served as the roadmap for Perkasie's revitalization, identifying priorities for housing supply, business development, park enhancements, environmental protections, roads programs, and much more.

If it sounds like a big document, it is. The Comp Plan comes in at over 400 pages! Don't worry, an Executive Summary can be found on the Borough's website at <https://perkasieborough.org/comprehensive-plan>. If you are interested in reviewing the complete document, you can find it on the Bucks County Planning Commission's website : https://app.sharebase.com/#/document/310200/share/129-rBCx3d46v--pP4bw0-9FffxTmTYI_

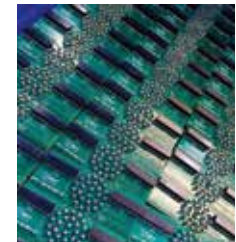
How is Perkasie's Revitalization supporting our community?

Thriving Local Economy: Since the beginning of this process, hundreds of new jobs have been created in Perkasie – many from the more than 50 new businesses that opened in the community, ranging from high-tech manufacturing to small retailers and restaurants. Local employment keeps local dollars in our community, resulting in an increasingly vibrant town center with successful, locally owned businesses.

Increasing Property Values: In 2020, property values continued to rise. There were 149 real estate transactions this past year for both residential and commercial properties totaling \$47,235,180. Another real estate trend we have encouraged and observed is the investment and renovation of Perkasie's majestic town center and recognizable Victorian homes.



Investing In Our Parks: Park improvements over the past several years have been a direct result of new growth, made possible through Developer Impact Fees. The new Menlo Park playground, the updates to the Menlo Park pavilions, upgrades to the Spruce Street tot lot and trail improvements are just a few examples of how development impact fees have benefited our community. The Delbar Factory, vacant for 14 years and fallen into blighted disrepair, is about to be re-purposed into a stunning adaptive re-use project supporting the Town Center District. This project will also contribute towards Perkasie park improvements.



Exciting new business coming to Perkasie in 2021

Perkasie's Town Center and Walnut Street District continue to see many new additions for residents to enjoy, including:

- The Ram Pub is officially open and will shortly unveil its rooftop restaurant and outdoor seating area.
- Walnut Street welcomes **Haasis Gluten Free Bakery** a Perkasie Farmer's Market favorite for gluten-free goodies.
- With the opening of two new micro breweries - **Mystic Ways Brewing** and **Van Lieus Brewing**, both on Walnut St.
- This Spring, **Sole Kombucha Company** plans to open its first retail location on W. Market Street, initially offering their locally made, bottled kombucha to go. Kombucha is a fermented, lightly effervescent, sweetened black or green tea drink commonly consumed for its health benefits. They intend to extend their operations to sell kombucha on tap, Buckingham Valley Vineyard wines and add outside seating. <https://www.solekombucha.com/>
- Pleasant **Spring Mini Golf** is set to open their gates next to Dairy Queen on Constitution Ave. later this spring.



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Perkasie Economic Development *continued from page 9*

Our Commitment to Our Community

Perkasie Borough Council, the Economic Development Committee, and borough staff use the Comprehensive Plan as a blueprint for all efforts to grow and revitalize Perkasie for the benefit of all our businesses and residents. The continued support and direction offered by this document, along with the borough's robust partnership with the Perkasie Towne Improvement Association, has created tangible and positive results for our community and will continue to deliver in the future.

Questions about the Borough's Comprehensive Plan and the work on Economic Development should be directed to events@perkasieborough.org or 215-257-5065.



Kristy, Scott and daughter Kerowyn are excited to serve you at Haasis Gluten Free Bakery, newly opened at 316 W. Walnut St.

Christian Haasis, Kristy's great-grandfather, founded the original Haasis Bakery in the Germantown section of Philadelphia in 1899. Haasis Gluten Free Bakery uses these original recipes converted to be gluten, nut, and dye free. Their baked goods are created in the new store in Perkasie and all their ingredients are certified

free of the allergens specified, with spec sheets available upon request. The space is 100% gluten, nut, and dye free, so there are never concerns about cross contact.

Whether you are on a gluten free diet or not, you'll find Haasis delicious. They have board games and a friendly welcome area in this bright, open space.



Miniature golf is coming back to Perkasie! Local Pennridge community residents, Tara Wagner and Adam Kayser are excited to open Pleasant Spring Mini Golf this May. Pleasant Spring Mini Golf is an 18 hole miniature golf course located along the banks of the Pleasant Spring Creek at Dairy Queen, 200 Constitution Ave, Perkasie.

Pleasant Spring Mini Golf will be transforming the vacant 6,000 + square foot fenced-in lot behind Dairy Queen into a fun, affordable, family friendly, outdoor recreational experience! Miniature golfers aged 1 to 101 will enjoy trying to navigate their way through the various obstacles and challenges of the course.

While miniature golf as a form of recreation certainly brings along an element of playfulness, Adam and Tara were quick to point out that a round of miniature golf can be much more than a journey down 'nostalgia lane.'

"Not only is mini golf technically a form of exercise," remarked Wagner, but the long-time math teacher also relayed "that mini golf can improve eye-hand coordination, boost math skills, and foster critical thinking skills."

"Plus," remarked Kayser, the father of two middle-school-aged daughters, "anytime you can put down a phone, grab a putter, and spend a little quality outdoor time with friends, family, or a significant other is time well spent!"

So, later this spring, whether one is looking for a relaxing family outing, a date night, or a little competition among friends, veteran-owned and operated Pleasant Spring Mini Golf invites you to come out and play!

Their website, at www.pleasantspringminigolf.com will be the best place to get updates!



Perkasie Borough announces the retirement of Jill Benner, Accounting Technician in the Finance Department. Jill has been an integral part of the Borough for the past 44 years and her contributions will always be valued and remembered. Her hard work, commitment, and dedication are worthy of admiration. Jill will be greatly missed. Filling her shoes will be an almost impossible task. On behalf of everyone in Perkasie Borough, we would like to wish her the best of luck in her retirement.

Thank you, Jill!

A Message from the Public Works Department

TOP 10 items that should NEVER be in your Recycling Container

1.)  Garden Hoses, Ropes, Chains, Extension Chords, Christmas Lights

2.)  Automotive Parts: Brakes, Engine Components, etc.

3.)  Wood, Trees

4.)  Household Electronics & Appliances

5.)  Construction & Demolition Debris

6.)  Tarps

7.)  Tools, Nails & Building Materials

8.)  Propane Canisters

9.)  Plastic & Metal Banding/Strapping

10.)  Bed Sheets, Jeans & Clothes



RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

Monday through Friday:

7:30 am - 8:30 pm

Saturdays:

7:30 am - 4:00 pm

It is closed Sundays and most holidays.

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.



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A message from the Electric Department

10 Spring Energy Savings Tips

Warmer weather gets us thinking about being outside and enjoying the sunshine. But, we also wonder how high our electricity bills will be when we are cooling off inside. If you are looking to cut your cooling costs without sacrificing your family's comfort and summer fun, check out the following energy savers tips.

1. Use Your Ceiling Fans

Did you know that the average ceiling fan, run at its highest speed, consumes about 75 watts of power? Now, compare that to an air conditioner that consumes roughly 2,000 watts of power! Also, cooling your home with ceiling fans will allow you to possibly raise your thermostat by roughly four degrees, which can further reduce your energy bill by up to 30 percent!

2. Update Your Windows

During the spring and summer, direct sunlight can significantly warm up your home. You can prevent UV rays from bringing unwanted heat into your house, as a way to reduce your energy bill. If you cannot update your windows, invest in heavily-insulated drapes to block even more heat from entering your home as an additional way to save energy in the spring.

3. Check Seals Around Your Windows and Doors

Letting hot air into your home — or cold air out — due to gaps around your windows and doors might be costing you more than you expect. According to The U.S. Department of Energy, sealing any leaks or drafts in your home can save you between 5 and 30 percent per year in energy costs.

Sealing leaks on your doors and windows is a simple process, too. All you need is caulk or weatherstripping materials and you can block unwanted airflow in a snap.

4. Manage Airflow

You can manage the airflow in a number of ways. The first is by using exhaust fans strategically. Exhaust fans pull the warm air from your home and send it outside, on particularly warm days, turn your bathroom and kitchen exhaust fans on to force warm air outside to decrease the use of your AC.

You can also rearrange your furniture away from your heating and cooling systems baseboard or registers. By moving obstacles away from your home's airflow, you can maximize circulation, heating and cooling more of your home.

5. Check Your Refrigerator Gasket

You might be surprised to learn that a refrigerator accounts for almost 14 percent of the average homeowner's electrical bill, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Try to ensure all of your refrigerator's components are running well, so it doesn't take up more energy than normal. That's why you should inspect your refrigerator gaskets often.

(Your refrigerator gasket is the rubber seal around the inside of the door and is responsible for keeping the cold air in. If this gasket breaks or cracks, it can allow the warm air inside of your home to enter your refrigerator, causing the compressor to work harder to maintain a cool temperature, and increasing your electricity bill.)

6. Upgrade Your Lighting

If you're still using incandescent bulbs, you should know that only 10 percent of the electricity they consume is used for light, the rest is turned into heat. Not only does that mean you're paying more for less light, but you're also unknowingly warming your home.

Opt for more efficient lights like LEDs, which according to the Department of Energy use at least 75 percent less energy and last 25 times longer than incandescent lighting.

7. Get Your AC Tuned-up by a Licensed Professional

If you have a unit and get your air conditioner tuned up in the spring, you'll prevent yourself from potential meltdowns in the summer. It's important to call in a professional to tune-up your AC so you and your family can be safe!

(Air conditioners are high voltage, and without proper knowledge and equipment, it can be dangerous to take a tune-up on as a DIY project.)

8. Check Your Water Heater

First things first, check the thermostat on your current water heater. Many manufacturers automatically set water heater thermostats to 140°F, though 120°F will work for your home just fine.

Adjusting the thermostat to 120° will help you avoid scalding temperatures when you turn on your hot water, and will also cut energy costs. Even when you're not actively using your water heater, reducing the temperature will save you \$36 to \$61, annually, in standby heat savings. And, adjusting the heat down will save you more than \$400 per year, during active water heater use, according to The U.S. Department of Energy.

9. Conserve Hot Water

While you're at it, don't just focus on the cleanliness of your hot water heater, also pay attention to how frequently you use it. Minimizing the amount of hot water you use throughout the year can save you on your energy bills.

10. Know Your AC Thermostat

Remember, you are in control of how frequently your system runs! Complete control over your thermostat is especially useful during the spring when we experience colder nights and warmer days. That's because constantly adjusting the temperature inside your home can be a costly mistake: The cooler you keep your home with an air conditioner, the higher your electric bills will be.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, 78° F is the most efficient temperature to run your AC when you're home. While you're away, it's best to keep the thermostat at 85°. Adjusting your temperature down to just 72° can increase your energy bills by roughly 47 percent.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

A message from the Code Enforcement Department

Springtime means growth, which also means it is time to keep an eye on your trees and shrubbery on your property! It is especially important for line of sight around corners to avoid any obstruction for pedestrian and vehicle traffic. Please see the ordinance below and make sure to keep your trees trimmed.

§ 175-3 Requirements for trimming trees.

It shall be the duty of the owners of real estate in the Borough of Perkasio to trim and keep trimmed all trees located upon such property and along or near to any street in the Borough, so that:

- A. The limbs and/or branches thereof shall in no way interfere with electric wires and other wires lawfully suspended along such street. There shall be a clearance of at least 10 feet from all electrical wires and utility poles to all branches, limbs, or trunks and any other portion of the tree which may be overhanging any electric wires or utility poles. [Amended 3-6-2017 by Ord. No. 1003]
- B. The limbs and/or branches thereof shall not obscure or obstruct the light from any streetlight.
- C. No part of such tree or the limbs and/or branches and foliage thereof shall obstruct the view of the said street and/or traffic thereon by persons operating vehicles upon such street or any intersecting street.
- D. There shall be a clearance of at least 14 feet from the surface of the street and at least eight feet from the surface of the sidewalk to the lowest branch or limb of such tree or any other overhanging part thereof.
- E. No portion of the trunk of any tree shall encroach horizontally over the roadway of the street or over the paved portion of the sidewalk.
- F. Any tree upon a property which is dead or substantially diseased shall be removed by the owner of the property on or in front of which the same is located in instances where damage to neighboring property and/or Borough property is imminent. [Added 3-6-2017 by Ord. No. 1003]

If you have any further questions please contact the Codes and Zoning Department at 215-257-5065.



MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION, 2021

A Memorial Day Celebration will take place in Sellersville on Sunday, May 30th. There will also be a Memorial Service at Menlo Park and local Veteran grave sites on Monday, May 31st. More information about the time, location, and schedule will be available as the date approaches from the American Legion.



PERMITS REQUIRED FOR PAVILION AND FIELD RENTALS

Thinking about having an event or party in one of the Perkasio Borough Parks? Make sure to secure your space with a 2021 Permit! Permit requests are due no later than 45 days in advance and may require Council approval. Do not wait to secure your date – many popular weekend dates book up fast. Please stop by the Borough Hall to get your paperwork submitted. Permit forms are available on www.PerkasioRec.com or you can stop by Borough Hall during business hours. Questions? Email ParkandRec@PerkasioBorough.org, thank you.

PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE (AGES 11-15)

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, other life-saving skills and much, much more. Upon completion of the course, you will receive an ARC Certification Card that does NOT expire, an

informational CD-rom, as well as child care concepts. 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)

Session: Sat, Apr. 24, 9:00 3:00 pm #212006

Instructor: Red Cross Certified Instructor

Location: Perkasio Borough Hall, 620 W Chestnut St.

Fee: \$79

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.

Session: Tue, Jul. 20, 6:30 – 8:00 pm #213001

Instructor: Steve Perlman, DelVal Senior Advisors, Independent Medicare Planning Specialist

Location: Borough Hall, 620 West Chestnut Street, Perkasio

Fee: Free, but pre-registration required (visit www.PerkasioRec.com)

SAT MATH PREP, VIRTUAL (AGES 15-18)

This new virtual workshop will help students ZOOM in on the S.A.T. test's most misunderstood math topics (may include trigonometry, line equations, geometry skills, parabolas, and circle equations) A small group setting will be utilized to maximize personal instruction. The class will provide practice and drills, and students will learn strategies with an experienced instructor to increase their score. Homework will be provided to reinforce classroom discussions. The book, "The Official SAT Study Guide " by the College Board ISBN-13: 978-1-4573-1219-9 (2020 edition), will be useful but is not required . The book is not included in this course. Instructor has 25+ years of experience teaching S.A.T. math.

Students will receive a Zoom invitation to the session 24 hours before the program begins

Session: Sat, Apr. 3 – May 1, 4:00 – 5:30 pm
#212021 dates are rolling

Fee: \$135

CREATIVE THEATER WORKSHOP (GRADES K-3)

Calling all actors, storytellers, and creative kids! Help us take a story and bring it to life with your own creative characters! Through games and collaborative activities, this in-person class helps budding performers grow in confidence and skill. Creative Theater Workshop will end with a private sharing for family and friends. An additional fee of \$25-\$55 is due to the instructor after class begins. (*this is a sliding scale, please submit what you can afford, min \$25 and max \$55*)

Session: Mon, Apr. 19 – May 24, 4:30 – 5:15pm #212023

Instructor: The Little Theater of Perkasio

Location: Rotary Pavilion, Lenape Park

Fee: \$55

ACTING AND SINGING FOR THE CAMERA: "DEAR EDWINA: ONLINE EDITION" (GRADES 4-8)

Ever wondered what it is like to perform for the movies? This class focuses on building on-camera acting and vocal skills, all while having fun rehearsing and recording for an online production of the upbeat musical, Dear Edwina. (Auditions will happen on the first day, but everyone who signs up is guaranteed a role!) At the end, we'll stream our "Zoom-sical" for all to enjoy! **This class is held via Zoom.** Participants may not have to attend all rehearsals, schedules will be sent after auditions. An additional fee of \$25-\$100 is due to the instructor after class begins. (*this is a sliding scale, please submit what you can afford, min \$25 and max \$100*)

Session:

Sun, Apr. 11 – Jun. 13, 3:00 – 4:00 pm
Wed, Apr. 14 – Jun. 9, 5:30 – 6:30 pm
#212022

Instructor: The Little Theater of Perkasio

Fee: \$75

THEATER CAMP (GRADES K-3) Do you catch yourself unexpectedly singing? Do you like to create things with your hands that help you tell a story? Then this camp is for you! Over the course of 5 days, experienced teaching artists will guide campers through the process of taking a story and making it into a performance where they are the stars! Campers will also be exposed to other aspects of theater, such as props, costume, and set design. At the end of the week, Creative Theater Camp will culminate in a private sharing for family and friends. An additional fee of \$50-\$200 is due to the instructor after class begins. *(this is a sliding scale, please submit what you can afford, min \$50 and max \$200)*

Session: Mon – Fri, Jun. 21-25, 9:00 – 4:00 pm #212024

Instructor: The Little Theater of Perkasio

Location: Rotary Pavilion, Lenape Park

Fee: \$150

Stay tuned The Little Theater of Perkasio's "Summer of Shakespeare" programming, including a multi-generational production of Shakespeare in the park! Check out Little Theater Workshop's website at www.littletheaterperkasio.com for more information.

NASA – INNOVATORS CAMP! DEVELOPED WITH NASA®

(AGES 7-12) Think and act like NASA innovators during this hands-on program inspired by the NASA OPTIMUS PRIME Spinoff Promotion and Research Challenge (NASA OPSPARC). Use creative and collaborative skills to design a mission patch, train like an astronaut, and solve real-world engineering problems. How might space suit cooling tubes be used to solve a problem here on Earth? ***This Camp is out of this World!***

Session: Mon – Fri, Jul. 26 – 30, 9:30 am – 12:30pm #213002

Instructor: Mad Science

Location: Perkasio Borough Hall

Fee: \$169

SUPER SLIMY SMOKEY SCIENCE (AGES 7-12) Dive into a variety of scientific fields as you mix and stretch silly putty and slime, copperplate nickels, and investigate the mysteries of optical illusions. Become captivated by lasers, dry ice, watch hair-raising Van de Graaff experiments, help solve a mystery, and so much more! Tinker with circuits, catapults, and experience what happens when you mix science and fun! ***Come get SLIMED with all of your Friends!***

Session: Mon – Fri, Aug. 9 - 13, 9:30 am – 12:30pm #213003

Instructor: Mad Science

Location: Perkasio Borough Hall

Fee: \$169

CREATIVE THEATER (AGES 6-10, 11-18) Have you ever wanted to star in a play that YOU helped create? Then this is the summer camp for you! Learn all about theater by doing it yourself! Participants are guided by the instructors through a process where they play theater games, create a story, and work together to form their ideas into a theatrical production. Students will create their own character, plot, props, costume, title, and everything else in between that is needed to make the production complete! Play the part you have always dreamed of! Older students will focus more in depth with characterization and development along with other multiple theater elements. Parents, family, and friends please join us for a performance of their original work on the Friday of camp at 1:30 pm! Please provide a lunch, snack and drink daily.

Ages 6-10: Mon – Fri, Aug. 2-6, 9:00 – 2:30 pm #213021

Ages 11-18: Mon – Fri, Aug. 9-13, 9:00 – 2:30 pm #213022

Instructor: artsTECHsolutions

Location: Menlo Park Pavilion

Fee: \$149

The following programs are \$125 per session:

KITCHEN WIZARDS is offering a series of cooking programs via zoom this summer! Check out the class topics below, various time and dates, something for every age group! A list of ingredients and tools needed for the program will be emailed to the parents before class. Children will use microwaves, not stoves or sharp knives during zoom. We ask that an adult is nearby in case the child needs to locate a tool or ingredient.

LITTLE BITES FOR HUNGRY TYKES! (AGES 5-8)

Who doesn't like snacks? In this camp, featuring snack-y foods, perfect for play dates or after-school, our littlest chefs in-training will learn some tasty sweet and savory recipes and gain confidence working in the kitchen.

Session: Mon – Thu, Jun. 28 – Jul. 1, 12:00 – 2:00 pm
#213004

Session: Mon – Thu, Jul. 19 - 22, 12:00 – 2:00 pm
#213005

Session: Mon – Thu, Aug. 16 – 19, 10:00 – 12:00 pm
#213006

EAT LIKE A PRESIDENT (AGES 9-13)

If your young chef is a US History aficionado (or if you'd like him/her to be more interested in Social Studies), this is a perfect summer solution! Kitchen Wizards will guide the kids through preparing foods that were favorites of past US Presidents - and they'll also learn some fun facts about our country's forefathers from BOTH sides of the aisle. POLITICS will NOT be on the menu, but encouraging children to take an interest in presidential history and the election process will be. Children will VOTE for their favorite President, based on the food that was that leader's favorite!

Session: Mon – Thu, Jun. 28 – Jul. 1, 2:30 – 4:30 pm
#213007

SWEETS FOR SWEETIES (AGES 5-8)

Kids often begin culinary adventures with making "sweets". Kitchen Wizards will help them feel more confident working in the kitchen, and children will be proud to share their creations with the family.

Session: Mon – Thu, Jul. 5 - 8, 12:00 – 2:00 pm
#213008

Session: Mon – Thu, Aug. 9 - 12, 10:00 – 12:00 pm
#213009

Programs continued on next page

PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING

CELEBRATE AMERICA! (AGES 9-13)

Learn to prepare food from various parts of the US – including Southern Cookin', Philly Phoods, California Cuisine, and Tex-Mex.

Session: Mon – Thu, Jul. 5 - 8, 2:30 – 4:40 pm #213010

Session: Mon – Thu, Aug. 2 – 5, 1:00 – 3:00 pm #213011

AMERICAN GIRL COOKING, (AGES 6-11)

Children will learn what foods their favorite historical character dolls would've eaten if they'd been REAL little girls in that era.

Session: Mon – Thu, Jul. 12 - 15, 12:00 – 2:00 pm #213012

Session: Mon – Thu, Aug. 2 – 5, 10:00 – 12:00 pm #213011

COOKIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD (AGES 9-13)

"Travel" the globe as children learn what kinds of cookies kids in other countries enjoy.

Session: Mon – Thu, Jul. 12 - 15, 2:30 – 4:30 pm #213012

Session: Mon – Thu, Aug. 9 – 12, 1:00 – 3:00 pm #213013



COOKING AROUND THE WORLD (AGES 9-13)

Children will "visit" France, Mexico, Italy, and Greece through foods that are specialties of each of those countries.

Session: Mon – Thu, Jul. 19 – 22, 2:30 – 4:30 pm #213014

Session: Mon – Thu, Aug. 16 – 19, 1:00 – 3:00 pm #213015

COOKING AROUND THE CLOCK (AGES 7-11)

Young chefs will become competent making a different menu each day – breakfast, lunch, snacks, and dinner. Gaining confidence working in the kitchen will help them learn an important life skill.

Session: Mon – Thu, Jul. 26 - 29, 12:00 – 2:00 pm #213016

Session: Mon – Thu, Aug. 23 – 26, 10:00 – 12:00 pm #213017

CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE, AND MORE CHOCOLATE! (AGES 8-12)

In this camp, kids will learn to prepare all sorts of sweet treats – all of them chocolate! They'll love making "from scratch" pudding, cupcakes, candies, cookies, and other chocolate-y desserts.

Session: Mon – Thu, Jul. 26 – 29, 2:30 – 4:30 pm #213018

Session: Mon – Thu, Aug. 23 – 26, 1:00 – 3:00 pm #213019

PERKASIE PICKLEBALL

Exciting Pickleball programs coming to Perkasio this spring: Introduction to Pickleball, Skills and Drills, private group and individual lessons, plus brand new Kick the Habit clinics! Learn and understand the latest tips and techniques to enjoy and improve at this fun game. All instruction is customized to your level. Programs beginning in May. Check the www.PerkasieRec.com website for details this spring and signup online. Taught by Kathy Ebbert, IPTPA Level 2 Certified Pro and IPTPA Rating Specialist. PTR Certified Tennis Instructor.

SPRING TENNIS LESSONS WITH BUCKS COUNTY TENNIS ASSOCIATION!

Location: Kulp Memorial Park Tennis Courts, 2nd Street, Perkasio

Register at www.BucksCountyTennis.USTA.com

Additional \$3 administrative fee per participant for mail-in registration



REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Season 1: March 27 **Season 2:** May 8

Little Aces (recommended ages 7–10): \$72

Season 1: 5 Wednesdays, April 7 – May 5, 5:30–6:30 pm

Season 2: 5 Wednesdays, May 19 – June 16, 5:30–6:30 pm

Juniors recommended ages 11–13): \$72

Season 1: 5 Wednesdays, April 7 – May 5, 6:30–7:30 pm

Season 2: 5 Wednesdays, May 19 – June 16, 6:30–7:30 pm

Teens/Adults (Beginners/ Intermediates) (recommended ages 14 and up): \$72

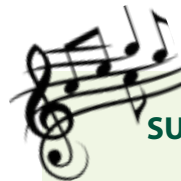
Season 1: 5 Wednesdays, April 7 – May 5, 7:30–8:30 pm

Season 2: 5 Wednesdays, May 19 – June 16, 7:30–8:30 pm

MORE TENNIS OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERKASIE BOROUGH RESIDENTS

Perkasie Borough is part of BCTA's county-wide tennis network. Check out our Website for more information about tennis opportunities available to Perkasio Borough residents, such as:

- BCTA County-Wide social tournaments for youths and adults
- Introductory BCTA Jr. Team Tennis for players (ages 8–13) who previously participated in Learn, Practice and Play or similar programs
- Advanced BCTA Jr. Team Tennis Training and USTA Travel Teams (14-and-under and 18-and-under)
- Middle and High School Training and special High School Competitions
- Adult leagues (Flex League, meet-ups and Fall Doubles)



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES, SAVE THE DATES!

July 7	Keith and Joey
July 14	Dutch's Basement Blues
July 21	Red Angel Band
July 28	Buzzer Band
Aug 4	Jack's Country Band
Aug 11	Reservoir Hill

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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR MENLO AQUATIC CENTER!

Registration is now open for the 2021 Menlo Aquatics Center season! Memberships start at \$91 and are based on a per person fee schedule. Please visit www.PerkasieRec.com to register online today! Discounts available for **ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY**: Use the code "20215" and receive **5% off your membership until Wednesday, May 21st!** (In-person registrations are not eligible for discounted savings) Members can enjoy free fitness classes, early entrance times, discounts on swim lessons, and more. Menlo guidebook is available at PerkasieRec.com. Grand Opening day is Monday, May 31st, 12:00 – 6:00pm. Think summer and see you soon!



If you are having difficulty registering, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at ParkandRec@PerkasieBorough.org or call 215-257-5065. Thank you!

IT'S A SURE SHOT WITH PERKASIE SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE!

Join us this summer for our competitive basketball league! We have been playing at Kulp Park off 2nd Street in Perkasie for over 15 years. The courts were resurfaced in 2018, and we are ready for another fun upcoming season! All CDC and Department of Health guidelines will be strictly enforced. League play is open to Adults and Youth!

Games begin in mid to late June and play throughout the summer on Monday through Thursday evenings. (Friday evenings and Saturday mornings are reserved for weather make ups)

Will your team end up on top? Make it to the playoffs and see who will be the champs for 2021!

Registration is by team only! Forms, pricing, and rules are available at PerkasieRec.com (search: basketball). Only complete Team Registration Packets will be accepted: includes payment, individual forms, and team cover form. Packets can be mailed or dropped off to Perkasie Borough Hall, 620 West Chestnut Street, Perkasie. Or with credit card info, emailed to ParkandRec@PerkasieBorough.org. **Registration deadline is Friday, May 21st**

Available Leagues, minimum of 7 players, max of 12:

Adults ages 18+

Youth Girls - 5/6th grade; 7/8th grade; 9-12th grade

Boys - 5/6th grade, 7/8th grade; 9-12th grade

Grade is for 2021/22 school year

Forms, pricing and registration information are available at PerkasieRec.com or email ParkandRec@PerkasieBorough.org with any questions today!



THE 2021 PERKASIE FARMER'S MARKET OPENS JUNE 5TH!

The Perkasie Farmers Market is excited to welcome you back with a variety of our favorite vendors! We will open for the season on Saturday, June 5th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Local non-profit organizations are welcome to apply for our weekly **FREE** Community Spot. We also welcome applications from musicians to play at the market. We are able to pay a stipend and it is a great way to get exposure to a local crowd, promote other gigs, collect tips, share information and sell CDs or other merchandise.

The market offers a full range of local grown and Certified Locally Grown produce, eggs, cheese, meat, honey, breads, coffee, cookies and cakes, preserves, olive oil, sweet treats, flowers, plants, and more, as well as home-made craft items. Live music and a calendar of events make the market a fun weekly stop for families. Questions about the Perkasie Farmers Market can be directed to the Borough's Event Coordinator at events@perkasieborough.org.

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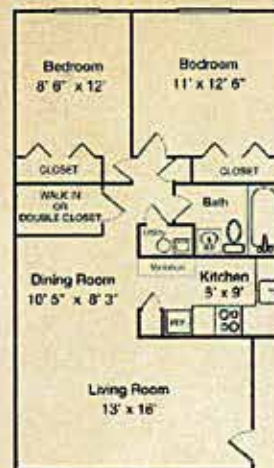


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Borough Council	1st and 3rd Mondays, Borough Hall, 7:00pm	Parks & Recreation Board	3rd Tuesday, Borough Hall, 7:00pm
Perkasie Regional Authority	1st Monday and 3rd Tuesday, PRA, 6:30pm	PWTA	4th Monday, PWTA, 7:00pm
Planning Commission	4th Wednesday, Borough Hall, 7:00pm	Zoning Hearing Board	4th Monday, Borough Hall, 7:30pm

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