



# Borough of PERKASIE *Connection*

## WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER



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## PERKASIE BOROUGH IS AWARDED THE 902 RECYCLING PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



This past spring the Borough’s Economic Development, Finance, and Public Works Departments collaborated to propose improvements to the Recycling Center by making the process more efficient for the Borough and safer for its residents. In December the Borough received the news their application was approved and will cover \$305,765 out of the \$346,412 total estimated costs for the proposed improvements. The Borough will be initiating a Recycling Center

reorganization, efficiency improvements around Paper and Cardboard processing and a plan for Resident Education.

The Borough intends to continue to recycle as many different materials as we are able, and to streamline and improve our collection processes so that we can increase the tonnage per haul using the most effective channels. The Borough also plans to: replace signage, educate residents about the methods of waste reduction (like composting and meal prep), establish partnerships with organizations to help divert materials from the trash stream into a profitable recycling stream, purchase our own baling machine (significantly increasing the tonnage per haul simultaneously reducing the number of hauls), construct two new collection containers along with a Recycling Shed to house the baler and other site improvements to the center. The Borough appreciates your support and will notify residents when these updates will take place.



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## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

*Hello Friends and neighbors,*

Happy New Year!

2021 Has got to be better, and I pray that as I am writing this that we have begun the vaccination process, and that we will be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel, as relates to the virus, which has so crippled our nation, state, community, and families.

It is important that we continue to be vigilant about our health, and those around us, doing what makes sense in each circumstance. Wearing a mask, keeping appropriate distances, and getting vaccinated. All of these are for the benefit of our family, friends, and communities.

Additionally, we must not forget those who have served us during these times, "essential workers," police, fire fighters, nurses, doctors, clerks, delivery persons, and all the Borough employees, from the administrative staff to public works, electric and police departments.

Perhaps even more, we need to do what we have always done, keep an eye on our neighbors. There may be someone or a family in need, especially during this pandemic and now the cold winter months, that if we are in the position to, could connect them to assistance or one of the many charities, churches, or agencies that could be a life line for them.

I cannot help but think that we are going through this period in order to strengthen us as a nation, state and community. History shows us that out of trying times, the lessons learned, enable us to do better, to be better, and to care better.

One of the areas hit the hardest, economically, are our small businesses. I encourage everyone to support our local small businesses where and when you can. They are a vital part of our community and we need them going forward: restaurants, clothing stores, barber shops, hair salons, gift shops, contractors of all types, financial services, hardware stores, grocery stores, the list is endless. We and they make a community. Without them, our community loses the vitality that perhaps we have taken for granted.

Now, let us look forward to that better time, when we can see each other more, even hug and touch.

"He purifies and refines us, like silver and gold." Malachi 3:3

With the Lords help, and your commitment, we will stand strong and united to a better future for all.

*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.

For updates on meetings please contact [perkasiegardenclub@mail.com](mailto:perkasiegardenclub@mail.com)



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## A Message from the Perkasie Historical Society . . .



- The Perkasie Historical Society was founded in 1954 as a volunteer, community organization. Our first signature project was saving the **1832 South Perkasie Covered Bridge** and moving it to Lenape Park. You may have heard of the most recent effort to again refurbish the bridge.
- The society operates the **Perkasie Carousel** located in Menlo Park at 3rd and Park Ave. The carousel usually runs 10 times through the Spring and Summer season and for the Perkasie Tree Lighting. Last year, 2020, was like no other, and, we look forward to better carousel days ahead
- Our **Perkasie Historical Society Museum** is located in the former Lehigh Valley Transit Trolley Station at 513 W. Walnut St. We have displays throughout the year, many aligned with the local events.
- Our volunteers come together for fundraisers, running the refreshment and souvenir stands at the Carousel and in providing museum displays.
- Please Come Join Us! Membership dues are \$10.00 payable through:  
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We are looking for volunteers to help with our historic sites. Please e-mail us at: [perkasiehistory@gmail.com](mailto:perkasiehistory@gmail.com) to Volunteer.

## A message from the Finance Department

Borough Council passed the 2021 budget in December 2020. A full copy of the budget is available at Borough Hall for anyone who would like to review it or online at [PerkasieBorough.org](http://PerkasieBorough.org), but these notes highlight the main changes.

General Fund revenues are anticipated to increase about \$240,000 for 2021, Electric Sales revenues are expected to increase approximately \$274,000. This, along with excess monies carried forward in the General Fund has been allocated in the following ways:

Road Improvement Program: road improvements will be rolled out across the Borough, prioritized according to the recommendations in the Road Improvement Study currently underway by the Borough's engineers.

- The Trash/Recycling Fee remains at \$50 annually and the Toter Fee remains \$75 per quarter.
- No increase in electric billing rates for residents and businesses in 2021.
- No increase in millage rates, which are being held at 6.75% in 2021.
- Building permit fees for home and business improvements are being held at 50% of total cost for 2021.



Questions about the 2021 budget can be directed to the Borough Manager at 215-257-5065.

## Important Winter Stormwater Information:

# Gusher.

### **Melting Snow: It's Stormwater Too!**

When snow melts at your home it can create lots of problems that are both similar to spring rains and unique to winter weather

Winter snow often puts a pristine white coat over every surface that makes for beautiful photos and lots of family fun. However, it's not long before the sun comes out to expose a host of issues created by the melting snow. Just like when rain falls the rest of the year, melting snow turns into stormwater runoff. Heavy rains sweeping across your yard and driveway carry pollution and high volumes of water into our nearby streams, lakes, and other waterways. Melting snow does the same things. Both rain and snow melt can seriously impair Pennsylvania's waters when they travel over the land in our developed communities. They can also cause significant property damage at your home.

In winter, melting snow actually causes a few unique stormwater problems. Because the ground is often frozen at the surface, melting snow can't infiltrate into the soil the way a light or moderate rain would be able to. So even a small amount of snow can cause localized flooding on your property. When snow builds up over several small storm events without melting in between, it can turn into large winter storm impacts when it finally does melt - leading to potential community wide flooding events. In both cases, that standing and flowing water on the ground is picking up all kinds of debris, pollutants (especially de-icing salts and chemicals), and litter that will find their way into nearby streams.

Here are some tips for managing your property for winter stormwater this season:

- When piling your snow after shoveling and plowing, choose locations where the snow will have the most opportunity to infiltrate instead of becoming stormwater runoff. Pile your snow in areas where you don't usually have ponding in the spring rains, on relatively flat areas, and away from sensitive areas like streams, ponds, and your private well if you have one.
- Clear your downspouts to allow melting roof snow to flow and not collect at your foundation.
- Make sure your nearest storm drains are clear. Do not pile snow on storm drains and make sure your neighborhood plow is not piling snow over the drains too. Clear away any snow that may have been kicked onto the drains by passing cars.
- Use de-icing chemicals and salts judiciously. Use what you need to make your walkways and driveways safe, but try to avoid spreading around sensitive areas like waterways and your private well.
- Postpone outdoor construction projects in winter, when you can't establish new vegetation to reduce soil loss and muddy runoff.
- Pay special attention to places that are eroding during snow melt, and make a plan to improve these areas in spring using plants that can slow and stop erosion, like native grasses and meadow plants or native trees and shrubs

Penn State Extension <https://extension.psu.edu/melting-snow-its-stormwater-too> Accessed December 3, 2020




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# Cold Weather Hazards that Affect Your Pets

Written by Mark Asher

Winter storms and frigid temperatures can be a challenge and a hazard to our four-legged family members. Both our feline friends and our canine buddies need to venture outside for play or potty breaks regardless of how cold the temperature gets, which means they may be at risk for cold weather injuries. In this article, we'll provide precautions to take to ensure your pets stay safe and warm this winter.

## Keeping Your Pets Warm

Even though cats and dogs have fur to keep warm, not all breeds will enjoy being outside in extreme cold weather. Each pet will tolerate cold weather differently depending on their:

- Breed
- Size
- Age
- Coat type

All dogs have two layers of fur: the undercoat and the outer coat. Both work to keep the dog warm during the winter and cool in the summer. Similarly, most cats have a double-coat, but some breeds have triple-coats that provide even more warmth in the winter.

Keep in mind, however, certain cat breeds cannot withstand severe weather, even with shelter. The "oriental" breeds, such as Siamese, Burmese, Tonkinese, and Abyssinians have sleek coats with little undercoat. They love the warmth and would be miserable and at risk in cold weather.

## Jackets for Dogs and Cats

Even the heartiest cat or dog may benefit from a sweater or coat when venturing outside in frigid weather. So why not find warm, cozy, and stylish outerwear to help keep your pets warm? Make sure garments fit properly—not too snug and not too loose—with a comfortable lining that doesn't restrict movement. You should be able to comfortably fit two fingers between the garment and your pet's neck, similar to fitting a collar.

## Winter Play Safety Tips for Pets

Keep an eye on your pet when they are outside and pay attention to how they respond to the cold. A wintery landscape can also cause confusion or be disorienting for pets. Snow can hide familiar scents and sights that pets normally rely on to get home. Therefore, always have an updated identification tag on your pet's collar. Remember, the best way to retrieve your pet quickly if they get lost is to have your pet micro-chipped.

## Hypothermia and Frostbite in Pets

All creatures, including humans, are at risk for hypothermia and frostbite, which is the result of long exposure to the cold. Be aware that air temperature is not the only risk outdoors. Wind chill, ice, and snow can all increase the risk of pets developing hypothermia or frostbite.

## Hypothermia Symptoms

When the body temperature decreases to a dangerously low level, this can cause hypothermia. It can come on suddenly depending on the breed and body size. The first signs of hypothermia in pets are:

- Pale skin
- Excessive shivering
- Lethargy

## Preventing Hypothermia in Pets

Older and younger pets, pets with injuries, and thin-skinned breeds are particularly susceptible to hypothermia. Their time outdoors should be limited during the winter. Coats, sweaters, and booties will help, but the best prevention against hypothermia is to

avoid extended exposure to the cold.

## Other Cold Weather Pet Dangers

Also, chemicals from ice melt or salt, antifreeze (ethylene glycol), and carbon monoxide from idling cars can pose risks to your pets if ingested or exposed in large quantities. Ice melts can cause irritation to pet's feet. Always wipe your pet's feet after a trip outdoors to remove any salt or ice melt they may have walked through while outside. Note that even though propylene glycol is sold as "pet safe" antifreeze, it can still be toxic in large amounts.

## Leaving Pets in a Cold Car

If the weather is cloudy, overcast, snowy, rainy, or windy, pets can become dangerously cold if left alone in a car. If you plan to bring your pet with you on errands, it's best to have someone sit in the car with them to gauge the comfort of the inside temperature and turn on the heat if needed.

## Cold Weather Tips for Pets That Love the Snow

Winter weather doesn't mean you can't enjoy the outdoors with your pets. Some dog breeds thrive in cold weather and will be howling to go outside to romp in the snow. Similarly, some breeds of cats love the cold and even enjoy the snow. Outdoor cats should be able to enjoy roaming outside during the winter, however, encourage your cat to spend more time inside or set up a warm shelter outdoors. Use a proper bedding like straw, which doesn't retain moisture. The floor should be raised enough to remain dry in heavy rain. Depending on the type of pets you have, your routine doesn't necessarily have to change too much in the winter. If anything, simply spend a bit less time outdoors than you would during the summer and make smart decisions.

## Winter Storms

If you live in an area that experiences extreme weather in the form of snowstorms, blizzards, or ice storms, you should make sure to be prepared to ensure your pet is safe during an emergency. Stock up on pet food, water, medication, and necessary pet care items as part of the family emergency kit and have a safety plan in case of a power outage or evacuation. Have a spare leash with a proper identification tag in an accessible place and make sure a family member is designated to secure the pets. Of course, in an extreme emergency, make sure human family members are safe before tending to four-legged family members.

When venturing outdoors during extreme winter weather, keep your dog leashed and be attentive. Look out for ice patches that can cause frostbite or injure paws. Never let your dog walk on frozen lakes, ponds, or rivers no matter how thick the ice looks. Use common sense when enjoying the outdoors with your pets and know your pet's behavior. Be on the lookout for signs of discomfort. With a bit of extra attention and some preparation, you and your pets can weather the winter safely as well as enjoy it.

Asher, Mark. "Cold Weather Hazards that Affect Your Pets" Pets Best Blog, November 19, 2020 <https://www.petsbest.com/blog/cold-weather-pet-safety-tips/> Accessed November 25, 2020



## Dispose of Hazardous Materials the Right Way

Bring your household hazardous wastes and old computers to a scheduled drop-off event!

Household products containing toxic chemicals, like pesticides, oil-based paints, solvents, cleaning products, weed killers and automotive batteries can be a threat to people and the environment if improperly discarded. Never throw these materials into the trash, as the toxic chemicals may harm sanitation workers, or result in fires in collection vehicles. It is also not safe to pour them into a sink or storm drain as they can end up in the environment polluting the air, water, or soil.



Bring them to a Bucks County collection event! The 2021 schedule will be ready in this spring and posted on the Borough website.

**For more information, go to [www.buckscounty.org](http://www.buckscounty.org).**



Did you know that there are several municipal Borough parking lots near Perkasio town center?

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

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

These spaces are available for use by the public. Public parking closest to the town center is also available along sections of Walnut Street, Chestnut Street, Market Street, 5th Street, 6th Street and 7th Street. Come spend some time in town and visit your favorite shop or grab something to eat, #ShopPerkasie!

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### Some Winter Safety Tips from the Perkasie Fire Company



#### Carbon Monoxide Safety Tips

- Install and maintain CO alarms inside your home to provide early warning of carbon monoxide.
- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- CO alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms. Know the difference between the sound of smoke alarms and the sound of CO alarms.



### A Message from the Perkasie Borough Police Department

311 S. 9TH STREET PERKASIE, PA 18944 (215) 257-6876

The Perkasie Borough Police Department is staffed with officers twenty four hours a day and provides service to over 13,000 residents of Perkasie and Sellersville Boroughs. While providing service to the community during the CoVid-19 pandemic the police department has taken measures to ensure the safety of its officers, employees and the public. As a result we encourage residents to use our on-line reporting system for non-emergency calls which can be found on the Perkasie Police Crime Watch web page. Additionally, residents can call the police department by phone 215-257-6876 for non-emergency concerns.

As Winter is upon us the police department reminds residents to make sure their vehicles are in proper operating condition including tires, wipers and safety equipment.

The Police Department would also like to remind residents of the Borough Ordinance prohibiting piling of snow, blocking fire hydrants and depositing snow onto Borough Streets as these actions can have significant consequences regarding public safety. A list of Borough Ordinances can be found on the Perkasie Borough Web-Site.

The Police Department wishes everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Schurr, Chief of Police

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## PERKASIE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



### The Gutter Guys

320 S. 7th Street, Perkasio, PA 18944

Website: <https://thegutterguys.com/colmar/>

Phone: (215) 996-9976

Perkasie welcomes The Gutter Guys to our Light Industrial Zoning District at 320 S. 7th Street. This property was the former Perkasio News Herald building and later one of Secant Medical's manufacturing sites.

The Gutter Guys purchased the building this October as office and warehousing space for their regional, full-service gutter business that specializes in new installation, repairs, gutter guard and niche copper gutters. Ninety-five percent of their business is residential. The Gutter Guys are owned by Mike McKiernan, his wife Kim along with fellow partner Josh Williams.

"The way we were welcomed by Perkasio, with open arms, it felt like home," mused McKiernan. "Perkasie is at the bullseye of our service area for Bucks and Montgomery Counties and the Lehigh Valley, we are about one hour in every direction."

In gratitude for their warm reception the Gutter Guys recently donated installation of new gutters at Menlo Park's pavilion buildings about one block from their new headquarters. "If you do the right things, good things happen," commented fellow owner Josh Williams.

The Gutter Guys employ 30 people. "We encourage our employees to be craftsmen. We want them to grow with us and to become owners themselves one day," exclaimed McKiernan. "We like to think of our company as The Gutter Guy University where we are going to make you successful. We are very involved with our employees and are in the field with them every day. We are always looking for new employees."

"We look forward to being involved in the Perkasio community and being part of your events," exclaimed McKiernan.

### The Ram

606 W. Chestnut Street, Perkasio, PA 18944

Website: <http://RamPerkasie.com/>

Phone: 267-385-8651

#### The Ram Opens in Perkasio Town Center

The Ram is a family-focused, downtown restaurant with great pub fare, craft beers and locally sourced meats and produce. "Perkasie is such a walkable downtown and we want to be part of the growth for current residents and all the new housing," exclaimed Joe Wade, owner and local restaurateur. "We want the Ram to be a welcoming, safe place where you feel at home."

"In Perkasio we've created a new upscale restaurant while still retaining the rustic nature of the building," remarked Wade. Wade brings a wealth of restaurant experience to the Perkasio dining scene owning both the Station Taphouse in Doylestown and the Jamison Pour House. "The Borough had reached out to me about opening a new restaurant in Perkasio's growing downtown, I wouldn't be here otherwise."

"The Ram name came about from my 20 years as coach for the Penridge Little League and my own passion for sports," commented Wade. "The Ram is the Penridge



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## Perkasie Economic Development *continued from page 9*



mascot and I wanted to honor that tradition and symbol in our community. We have also partnered with fellow Perkasie business Bonsal Bats for some exciting customized sports decor.”

Perkasie Borough has been instrumental in the transformation of The Ram, designed by Victorian architect Milton Bean originally as a general store. The Borough created innovative solutions for renovating a town center property that took advantage of the Town Center Zoning Overlays. The Ram has been painstakingly restored and modernized to accentuate the Borough’s charm and character.

Chef Jason Smith is a Class of 2000 Pennridge graduate and attended the Pennsylvania Culinary institute in Pittsburgh which later became Le Cordon Bleu. The Ram’s menu will be upscale American bar food with multi ethnic accents.

The Ram’s main floor is designed in the classic saloon style with a 50 ft bar, 24 stools and over 24 taps of traditional and craft beers including Free Will. There is seating for families and groups out for lunch or the evening. The entire building is handicapped accessible with elevators for all three floors and beautiful restroom facilities.



Second floor dining has been designed as a flexible space for regular dining, events and meetings. “We saw a lack of event space in the area and have specifically addressed this need,” commented Wade. “Additionally, we designed The Ram with two kitchens, the main kitchen and a prep kitchen to accommodate off-site catering for events, weddings, parties and special occasions that can utilize our off-premise liquor license.”

Coming Spring 2021, The Ram will complete its most unique feature, a rooftop dining space with ten-mile views overlooking Perkasie’s rooftops and downtown. The Rooftop will offer dining, a bar and even fire pits.

“The Ram concept was to design something for the next 200 years, something on par or above Doylestown and Saucon Valley,” relayed Wade. “We incorporated all organic features by exposing the interior brick, wood and high ceilings. The idea was to create a space that was both classic and comfortable.”



### Old Glory Barbershop

11 N. 7th Street, Perkasie, PA 18944  
Website: <https://ogbarbershop.com/>  
Phone: 215-237-9742

The man behind the operations is Brandon Tyler. He graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy and enlisted in the Marine Corps from 2007 – 2012. After Brandon’s time in the Marine Corps he was a security contractor from 2012- 2015. In order to provide a better life for his son, Brandon left combat and came home to Pennsylvania. He attended Premier Barber Academy and became a licensed

Master Barber. Currently Brandon lives in Sellersville PA with his son. Brandon takes great pride in his time with the Marine Corps defending Old Glory.

This November, Mayor John Hollenbach, PA State Representative Craig Staats, and Councilman Scott Bomboy helped owner, Brandon Tyler, welcome the Old Glory Barbershop to Perkasie’s Town Center on 7th Street. Their barbers are proud to serve the community with the best service possible. Mayor John Hollenbach, PA State Representative Craig Staats and Councilman Scott Bomboy were on hand for the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting to welcome the Old Glory Barbershop to Perkasie’s Town Center.



## Time to Sharpen those Skates!

Fingers crossed for icy temperatures to help our Skating Rink freeze. The Rink is located in Lenape Park, Constitution Entrance, in the back closest to the Creek. The water is pumped in from the Creek and we let the winter weather do the rest! The Rink is Skate at your own risk and open regular park hours, dawn to dusk. If you have any questions about the Rink please email [parkandrec@perkasieborough.org](mailto:parkandrec@perkasieborough.org), thank you.



## A Message from the Public Works Department



### Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas tree collection will occur every Friday in January. Please place your tree curbside before 7:00am for pick-up, thank you!

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.

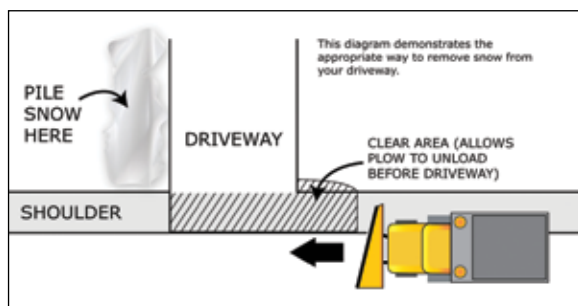
### TIS THE SEASON FOR SNOW!

This Winter, Perkasio Borough is reminding residents to adhere to the Ordinances requiring snow and ice removal. Businesses & Commercial Properties are required to clear sidewalks within 6 hours of a snow event and Residential and other properties within 18 hours. Residents are reminded do not plow snow into the street and saving spots with chairs and other items is prohibited. Fire hydrants should be cleared of snow to allow proper access for emergency situations.

Our Public Works Department strives to keep all borough roads safe and passable for the traveling public during a winter storm event and we ask your cooperation-operation and patience as we work toward accomplishing this goal. The safety of our residents and of our employees is foremost in all of our decisions.

There are several state-controlled roads in the Borough that are plowed by PennDOT contractors. These roads are:

- Ridge Road [SR563] from the Sellersville Borough line to the boundary with East Rockhill Township
- East Walnut St. [SR152] from the Hilltown Township line to Constitution Ave.
- Callowhill St [SR4017] from Main St. to the Borough line in Hilltown.



### SNOW CLEARANCE REMINDERS:

- \* After all roads are initially plowed comes the process of pushing snow back to the roads edge, cleaning out cul-de-sacs and re-salting if needed. If our crews have been working extensive hours plowing and salting, this phase of the snow clearance may not begin until the next day so that our crews may be sent home to rest.
- \* We plow as close to the curb-line as possible, which creates a wider and safer roadway for travel and parking. There may be times during snow removal operations when snow may be pushed onto sidewalks or into cleared driveways. Borough crews do their best to eliminate this but the possibility does exist. To help with this issue leave the last six feet of your driveway unshoveled until all plowing operations have ceased. This unshoveled part will allow the snow being pushed by the plow to remain on the plow and not dumped into your drive. If you must shovel out your drive, clear a six-foot area of the road that is directly in front of the mouth of your drive. In addition clear an area ten feet before and after the mouth of your drive, so that when the plow comes through, it will unload snow that it is pushing in the cleared area and not in the mouth of your drive.
- \* Cul-de-sacs are cleared by a plow which will make one pass in and out and then a front end loader will begin by piling the snow in an unused area of the cul-de-sac. When time permits these piles may be removed.

We always encourage residents to be neighborly and helpful to those that may need assistance removing snow. By working together, we can create a safe passageway for pedestrians and vehicles. In the event of a snow emergency further information can be found at [www.PerkasioBorough.org](http://www.PerkasioBorough.org) or our facebook page, thank you!



### 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.**

## A message from the Code Enforcement Department



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

### **Have further questions?**

Please call the Codes and Zoning Department at:  
215-257-5065.

## A message from the Electric Department

### Winter Electrical Safety Tips

*Written by Eric Krise*

Winter can be an especially hazardous season for storms and electrical power outages. Heavy snow and ice can bring down power lines, both on the main power grid and at your home.

Add to that the increased use of appliances in the winter – most notably space heaters, electric blankets, and other heating elements – and the potential for dangerous electrical problems only grows.

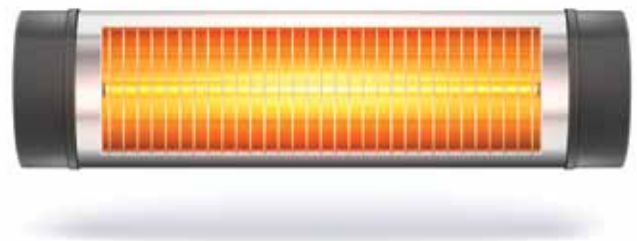
Eric Krise Electrical Contractors wants you to have a safe winter (spring, summer, and fall as well!), so here's a look at a few electrical safety tips for the winter season from the National Fire Protection Association:

#### HEATING SAFETY TIPS

- Always keep flammables (including children!) at least three feet away from heaters, stoves, and furnaces.
- Never heat your home using an oven.
- Hire a professional to install stationary heating equipment, such as heaters, water heaters, and central heating.
- Hire a professional to inspect and clean heating equipment and chimneys at least once a year.
- Always keep space heaters in your sight. Never go to sleep with one turned on.
- Be mindful of the fuel you use to power your device; is it recommended by the manufacturer?
- Ensure your fireplace has a sturdy screen in place to keep sparks from entering your home.
- Get into the habit of checking smoke alarms throughout the house at least once a month.

#### DOWNED POWER LINES

- Never touch a downed line: not with your hand and not with other objects.



- Never touch an object, car, equipment, or even a person who is in contact with a fallen power line.
- If a power line has fallen near your home, alert the children, keep pets away, and notify your township.
- Never drive over a fallen power line.
- If your vehicle does, however, come into contact with a fallen power line, follow these safety steps:
  - Stay put. Do not exit your vehicle; the ground around you may be electrified.
  - Dial 911, blow the horn, or roll down your window to call out for help.
  - Wait for the fire or police departments (or utility worker) to say it's safe for you to exit the vehicle.

#### ELECTRIC BLANKETS AND HEATING PADS

- Electric blankets and heating pads should never be used together on a bed.
- Get into the habit of inspecting your electric blanket or pad for flaws or fraying wires before you plug them in.
- Never tuck an electric blanket under a mattress, or cover with another blanket or layer.
- Be sure to follow instructions provided by the manufacturer before plugging in and using your blanket or pad.

Krise, Eric. "Winter Electrical Safety Tips" Electrical Safety, January, 27, 2017 <https://erickriseservices.com/winter-electrical-safety-tips/> Accessed November 23, 2020

# PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE (AGES 11-15)



The American Red Cross is the nation's leader in babysitting classes and child care training and will prepare you to become one of the most capable, trusted, and in-demand sitters in your neighborhood! Start your babysitting business on the right foot and learn how to be a safe, professional, and reliable sitter.

This program is for those who are planning to babysit with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This training will help participants to develop leadership skills; learn how to develop a babysitting business, keep themselves and others safe and help children behave; and learn about basic child care and basic first aid. Certification is valid for two years. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

**Fee:** \$74 *Please see PerkasioRec.com for dates*



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## 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, Mar. 30, 6:30 – 8:00 pm #211001

**Instructor:** Steve Perlman, DeVal Senior Advisors, Independent Medicare Planning Specialist

**Location:** Borough Hall, 620 West Chestnut Street, Perkasio

**Fee:** Free, but pre-registration required (visit [www.PerkasioRec.com](http://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.

*Please see PerkasioRec.com for dates and pricing*

## Guidance for Playground Users (Parents, Caregivers and Children)



**Do not share personal items or equipment,**  
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## PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING

### THE 2021 PERKASIE FARMER'S MARKET IS NOW ACCEPTING VENDORS!



Applications are invited from local farms and food producers interested in vending at our award-winning Perkasie Farmers Market! The market also has a limited number of spots for local handmade, homemade craft items. **All vendors must supply a Certificate of Insurance, evidencing general liability coverage.**

The Perkasie Farmers Market will be open from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm every Saturday morning from June through October, 2021. A fee schedule and online applications are available at [www.PerkasieRec.com](http://www.PerkasieRec.com).

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](mailto:events@perkasieborough.org).

### REGISTRATION NOW 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](http://www.PerkasieRec.com) to register online today! Discounts available for **ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY**: Use the code **"202110"** and receive **10% off your membership!** This code is valid until March 31st! (In-person registrations are not eligible for discounted savings) Members can enjoy Members Only pool times, discounts on swim lessons, and more! Opening day is scheduled for Monday, May 31st – think summer and see you soon!

Employment opportunities welcome applications and resumes starting in January. We are seeking: Pool Management, Guards, Customer Service, and Attendants. For full job descriptions please visit the Menlo page on [PerkasieBorough.org](http://PerkasieBorough.org) or email [ParkandRec@PerkasieBorough.org](mailto:ParkandRec@PerkasieBorough.org). Thank you!

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



### PERMITS REQUIRED FOR PAVILION AND FIELD RENTALS



Thinking about having an event or party in one of the Perkasie 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.PerkasieRec.com](http://www.PerkasieRec.com) or you can stop by Borough Hall during business hours. Questions? Email [ParkandRec@PerkasieBorough.org](mailto:ParkandRec@PerkasieBorough.org), thank you.



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# Safe Winter Driving

**W**inter driving can be hazardous and scary, especially in northern regions that get a lot of snow and ice. Additional preparations can help make a trip safer, or help motorists deal with an emergency. This sheet provides safety information to your residents to help prevent motor vehicle injuries due to winter storms.

## THE THREE P'S OF SAFE WINTER DRIVING:

**PREPARE** for the trip;  
**PROTECT** yourself;  
 and **PREVENT** crashes on the road.

### PREPARE

- **Maintain Your Car:** Check battery, tire tread, and windshield wipers, keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, and check your antifreeze.
- **Have On Hand:** flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, even floor mats), shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares) and blankets. For long trips, add food and water, medication and cell phone.
- **Stopped or Stalled?** Stay in your car, don't overexert, put bright markers on antenna or windows and shine dome light, and, if you run your car, clear exhaust pipe and run it just enough to stay warm.
- **Plan Your Route:** Allow plenty of time (check the weather and leave early if necessary), be familiar with the maps/ directions, and let others know your route and arrival time.

### Practice Cold Weather Driving!

- During the daylight, rehearse maneuvers slowly on ice or snow in an empty lot.
- Steer into a skid.
- Know what your brakes will do: stomp on antilock brakes, pump on non-antilock brakes.
- Stopping distances are longer on water-covered snow and ice.
- Don't idle for a long time with the windows up or in an enclosed space.

### PROTECT YOURSELF

- Buckle up and use child safety seats properly.
- Never place a rear-facing infant seat in front of an air bag.
- Children 12 and under are much safer in the back seat.

### PREVENT CRASHES

- Drugs and alcohol never mix with driving.
- Slow down and increase distances between cars.
- Keep your eyes open for pedestrians walking in the road.
- Avoid fatigue – Get plenty of rest before the trip, stop at least every three hours, and rotate drivers if possible.
- If you are planning to drink, designate a sober driver.



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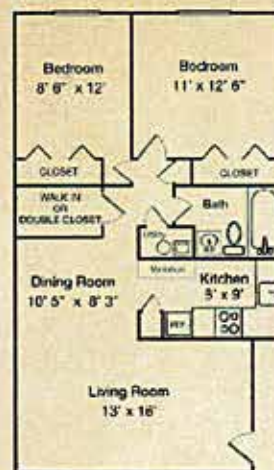


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### MEETING DATES

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	2nd and 4th Wednesday, Borough Hall, 7:00pm	Zoning Hearing Board	4th Monday, Borough Hall, 7:30pm

*For agendas or schedule updates, please visit [PerkasieBorough.org](http://PerkasieBorough.org) or email [admin@PerkasieBorough.org](mailto:admin@PerkasieBorough.org)*

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