

Dear Perkiomen Township Residents,

T his is the Fall and Winter Edition of the Perkiomen Township Newsletter. The Board hopes everyone finds the information in this newsletter to be valuable and useful. Below is the contact information and meeting schedule for Perkiomen Township.

Township Contact Information

Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 1 Trappe Road, Collegeville, PA 19426 • Phone: 610-489-4034 • Fax: 610-489-4918

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Township Manager: Cecile M. Daniel





MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Supervisors

First Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

Third Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board

Public Hearings held when necessary

Municipal Authority

Second Tuesday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m.

Joint Meeting

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If Necessary, Fourth Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 p.m.









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GOVERNMENT NUMBERS:

MUNICIPAL:

Perkiomen Township Tax Collector:

Dawn Johnston – 267-354-1955 P. O. BOX 26095, COLLEGEVILLE, PA 19426 E-MAIL ADDRESS: PERKIOMENTWPTAXCOL@GMAIL.COM FAX#: 267-347-1755

Perkiomen Valley School District - 610-489-8506

Municipal Authorities:

Collegeville-Trappe Municipal Authority – 610-489-2831 Perkiomen Township Municipal Authority – 610-489-2315 Schwenksville Borough Authority – 610-287-7772

Perkiomen Township Fire Company:

610-489-0911 (Non-Emergencies) Otherwise call 911 610-489-7707 (Fire Company Business & Hall Rental)

AMBULANCES:

Plymouth Community Ambulance – 610-277-2776 (Non-Emergencies) Otherwise call 911 Trappe Fire Company and Ambulance – 610-489-2700 (Non-Emergencies) Otherwise call 911

District Justice County 31-38-1-24 – Albert Augustine – 610-584-4732

PA State Police – 610-584-1250 (Non-Emergencies) Otherwise call 911

Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy – 610-287-9383

PENNSYLVANIA STATE DEPARTMENTS:

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation – Montgomery County – Penn Dot Maintenance Section – 610-275-2368 Penn Dot – District 6 – 610-205-6700

POT HOLE REPAIR STATE ROADS – Contact the PENNDOT Maintenance Hotline at 1-800-FIX ROAD

Pennsylvania Environmental Protection – 484-250-5900 (24 hours/day)

Pennsylvania Senator Bob Mensch – Local Office: 215-541-2388

Pennsylvania Representative Joseph Ciresi – Local Office: 484-200-8265

MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

Montgomery County Court House – 610-278-3000 (General Number)

Montgomery County Board of Health –
Pottstown 610-970-5040
Norristown 610-278-5117

Montgomery County Board of Assessment -

Montgomery County sets the assess value of your home. For questions on your assess value please contact the Board of Assessment at 610-278-3761

Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds -

All deeds in Montgomery County are recorded in the Recorder of Deed's Office. For questions concerning your deed contact the Recorder of Deeds Office at 610-278-3289

*Montgomery County Parks –*Central Perkiomen Park Valley Park – 610-287-6970
Pennypacker Mills – 610-287-9349

Montgomery County Voter Services -

For questions regarding voter services/registration and absentee ballots 610-278-3280

UNITED STATES POST OFFICES

Collegeville – 610-409-0572 Schwenksville – 610-287-3551

LIBRARIES

Montgomery County Library – Norristown: 610-278-5100 Perkiomen Valley Library – 610-287-8360

BERKHEIMER ASSOCIATES –

(Earned Income Tax Questions) 610-599-3138 or 1-866-701-7205

S.P.C.A.

Montgomery County S.P.C.A (Main Office) – Conshohocken – 610-825-0111 Perkiomenville – 610-754-7822

PRIVATE WATER COMPANIES

Pennsylvania America Water Company – 1-800-717-7292 Aqua of Pennsylvania – 1-877-987-2782

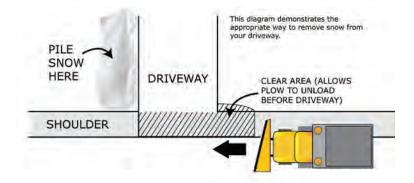
PECO EMERGENCIES – 1-800-841-4141

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE AND PREPARATIONS

The township is preparing for the snow removal season and has contracts in place for the purchase of road salt and cinders for the treatment of township roads. Each of you can help with the maintenance of the roads this winter by following these winter reminders:

- Remove vehicles from the street during any snow event that requires plowing or the application of salt or cinders. There is reduced visibility for the drivers during a snowstorm. Having to maneuver through parked traffic makes their jobs much more difficult.
- Mailboxes and posts are often broken from the weight of the plowed snow or simply pushed over by snow. Please check posts for deterioration to reduce the possibility of breakage. Also, install mailboxes as far from the edge of the roadway as permitted by your postal delivery personnel. Installations of any items (e.g. fences, basketball nets, mailboxes, etc.) in the right-of-way are placed there at the owner's risk.
- Cul-de-sacs are difficult to clear to everyone's satisfaction. Snowplows do not have the ability to lift and carry snow from one area to another. The plow pushes the snow. The driver pushes the snow to an area most suitable to expedite the plowing and to open the road.

 This diagram demonstrates the appropriate way to remove snow from your driveway.
- Do not shovel snow into the road or have your driveway plowed into the road. This creates a safety hazard. If possible, wait until the road has been plowed before cleaning out the end of your driveway and your sidewalk. There is no practical way to plow the road without depositing snow into your driveway or on your sidewalks. Township snow removal crews do not clear private driveways, driveway entrances, and sidewalks of accumulated snow.



REIMBURSEMENT FOR DAMAGE TO MAILBOX & POST

Perkiomen Township has adopted a policy regarding the reimbursement for damage to any mailbox and/or post caused by the Township's snowplows. This includes damage caused by Township employees, agents, and contractors that plow snow or salt and cinder the roads in Perkiomen Township. Any mailbox owner that claims a Township plow has damaged his/her mailbox and/or post shall report the damage to Shawn Motsavage, Township Road Master, within five (5) business days. Upon receipt of the claim, Mr. Motsavage will investigate the complaint. The Township shall only be responsible for damage to the mailbox and/or post that it strikes with its vehicles or hits with the plow. The Township shall not be responsible for damage to a mailbox caused

by plowed snow, salt, or cinders. The owner of the mailbox shall either repair or replace the mailbox and/or post. Once repaired or



replace, the property owner shall submit a receipt to the Township for said cost. Said receipt shall be submitted with a request for reimbursement within thirty (30) days after Mr. Motsavage has investigated the claim. If the receipt for repair or replacement of the mailbox and/or post is less than \$95.00, the Township will reimburse the owner for the amount set forth on the receipt. If said cost exceeds \$95.00, the Township's financial responsibility shall be capped at \$95.00. The Township's responsibility shall be limited to the cost of the repair or replacement of the mailbox and/or post only. Any other items (e.g. fences, plantings, basketball nets) situated in the rightof-way or the edge of the roadway are placed there at the owner's risk and are not eligible for

reimbursement by the Township should they be damaged by the Township's employees, agents or contractors.

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LEAF AND SMALL BRANCH CURB SIDE PICK UP

Perkiomen Township will be picking up leaves and small branches on the following dates

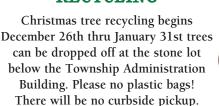
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4 LEAF AND SMALL BRANCH CURB SIDE PICK UP	5	6	7	8 LEAF AND SMALL BRANCH CURB SIDE PICK UP	9
10	11 LEAF AND SMALL BRANCH CURB SIDE PICK UP	12	13	14	15 LEAF AND SMALL BRANCH CURB SIDE PICK UP	16
17	18 LEAF AND SMALL BRANCH CURB SIDE PICK UP	19	20	21	22 LEAF AND SMALL BRANCH CURB SIDE PICK UP	23
24	25 LEAF AND SMALL BRANCH CURB SIDE PICK UP	26	27	28	29	30

LEAF WASTE & SMALL BRANCH DROP-OFF



Residents of Perkiomen Township may drop-off leaf waste (which does not include grass clippings, yard waste, stumps, or roots) but would include leaves, shrubbery and tree trimmings at the Township building on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS ONLY from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING





UNATTENDED SPORTS EQUIPMENT



From November 1st to March 31st, Unattended Sports Equipment being left on or in close proximity of a township street is a violation of Perkiomen Township Ordinance No. 225.

Perkiomen Township requests owners of sports equipment to move the equipment far enough back from the curb or streets edge and outside of the street right-of-way during this timeframe to prevent damage from any township equipment performing winter maintenance and or spring cleanup of the streets. Damage can not only occur to the sports equipment, but to township and/or subcontractor

equipment due to these objects being located either in the street or too close to the street.

The Township has the right to remove the unattended sports equipment without notice and without responsibility or liability for any damage caused thereto if left in a position in violation of the ordinance.

Anyone with questions regarding unattended sports equipment can contact the Township Code Enforcement Officer, John Moran Jr. or the Township Road Master, Shawn Motsavage at 610-489-4034.

NO BURNING REGULATIONS

On August 3, 2010, the Perkiomen Township Board of Supervisors enacted Ordinance No. 207, an amended Recycling Ordinance. The amended Recycling Ordinance was a requirement of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources. One of the significant changes was the ban on burning. The Recycling Ordinance states that "No resident or person shall burn any recyclable material, leaf waste or municipal waste." Anyone having any questions should contact John Moran Jr. at 610-489-4034.



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HOW TO GET A REAL ID

Beginning October 1, 2020, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant license, identification card or an acceptable alternative identification as approved by TSA (such as a passport) to board domestic commercial flights or enter a federal facility without a secondary form of Department of Homeland Security (DHS) approved identification.

Customers who want to get a REAL ID will have THREE options for obtaining one:

- Apply online: for pre-verified customers that have completed your REAL ID Online Pre-Verification application and received confirmation from PennDOT that your documents are on file. (if you received your FIRST Pennsylvania driver's license, learner's permit or photo ID card AFTER September 2003 you may be pre-verified)
- Visit any PennDOT Driver License Center to have your documents verified and imaged, and receive your REAL ID within 15 business days
- Visit a REAL ID Center to have your documents verified and imaged and receive your REAL ID at the time of service

REAL ID CENTERS

(Real ID's issued immediately)

Location Name	Location Address	County
Altoona	1738A 9th Ave., Altoona PA	Blair
Bridgeville	1025 Washington Pike, Rt. 50, Bridgeville PA	Allegheny
Erie	Summit Towne Center, 7200 Peach St., Erie	Erie
King of Prussia	143 S. Gulph Road, King of Prussia	Montgomery
Lancaster East	2090 Lincoln Highway East., Lancaster	Lancaster
Norristown	1700 Markley St., Norristown	Montgomery
Rockview	812 W. College Ave., Pleasant Gap	Centre
South 70th St.	2904 South 70th St., Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Summerdale	429 North Enola Road, Enola	Cumberland
Whitehall	1101 MacArthur Road, Allentown	Lehigh
Wilkes-Barre	1085 Hanover St., Wilkes-Barre PA	Luzerne
Williamsport	1782 E. 3rd St., Williamsport PA	Lycoming



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Driving (DL only)	1	1
General Identification Purposes	1	1
Boarding a Domestic (U.S.) Flight after October 1, 2020	X	1
Entering a Federal Facility (that requires ID) or Military Base	X	1

Learn more at PennDOT.gov/REALID

Perkiomen Township Fire Company

485 Gravel Pike (Route 29), Collegeville, PA 19426

Emergency: 911 • Business Line: 610-489-7707 Fax: 610-489-6788



2019 EVENT CALENDAR

November 2 Comedy Show/Fundraiser

28 Thanksgiving Breakfast Buffet/Fundraiser

December 21 *Santa Visits Township

*No times of arrival are given. Please listen for the sirens and airhorns of the fire apparatus. Have your children walk to the streets edge/curb line to greet Santa Claus and his helper helps the fire company move more efficiently through the Township.

Blackboard MyConnect

Perkiomen Township launched Blackboard MyConnect site about five years ago. Since then properties have been sold or residents no longer use their land line and use their cell phones as a means of communication. Blackboard Connect is a site that will enable you to manage your contact information and give you the option of installing the Blackboard MyConnect app for Android and iOS to receive push notifications for the messages that important to you.



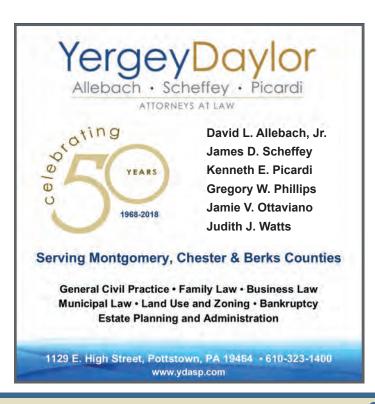
You can access Blackboard by going to the Perkiomen Township web site which is www.perkiomentownship.org Look for the symbol above on the lower left hand side of the page.

Once the page is open, click the **Sign Me Up!** link to setup your account.

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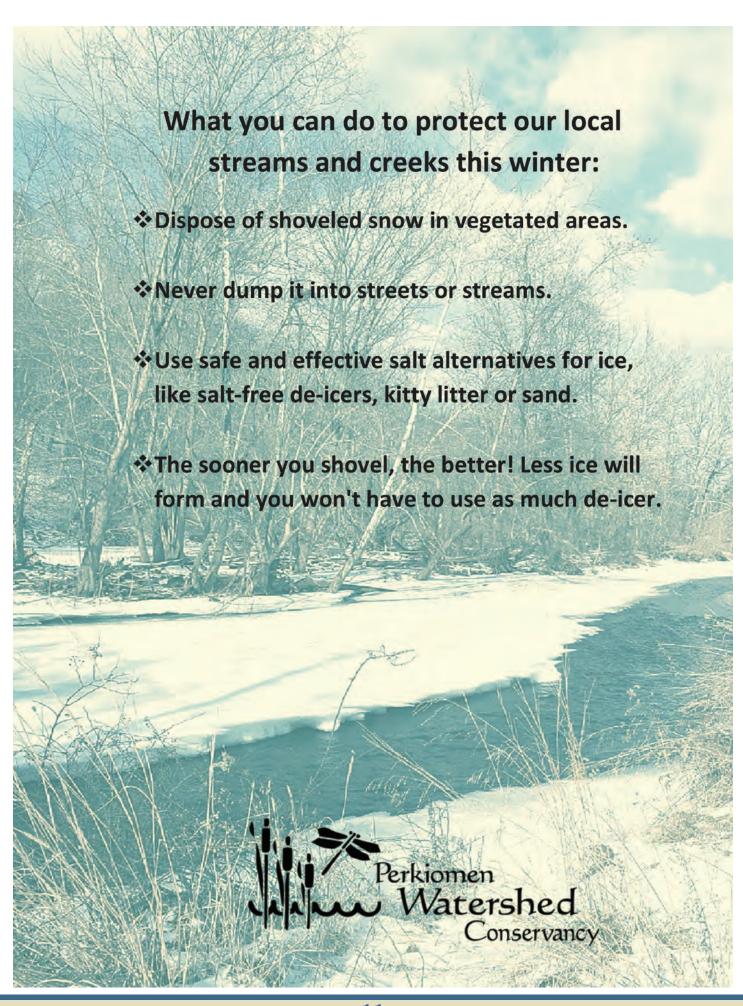
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Conserving Water This Fall & Winter Water Conservation

What you can do to manage stormwater on your property this fall:

- Plant Trees. Fall is a perfect time for planting trees and shrubs. Be sure to plant species native to PA.
- Prune your trees, shrubs, and perennials. Fall is the best time to prune trees and other plants in your yard. Pruning allows them to jump-start their growth and utilize more stormwater.
- Clear leaves and debris from gutters. After cleaning your gutters, install a rain barrel at the end of your downspout to reduce the amount of stormwater running off of your property.
- *Keep storm drains near your property clear of trash and debris since they flow directly into local waterways. It is important that only water enters storm drains.







As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
-))) Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
-))) Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
-))) Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after
Christmas or when it is dry.
Dried-out trees are a fire
danger and should not be
left in the home or garage,
or placed outside against
the home. Check with your
local community to find a
recycling program.
Bring outdoor electrical
lights inside after the
holidays to prevent hazards
and make them last longer.

FACTS

- One of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical failures.
- Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly one in every five of the fires.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

Household Extension Cords Can Cause Fires

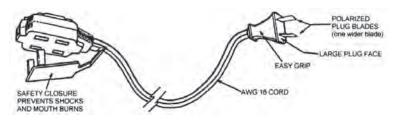
Choose the right extension cord for the job, and use it as specified. Extension cords can overheat and cause fires when used improperly. Overheating is usually caused by overloading or connecting appliances that consume more watts than the cord can handle. Damaged extension cords can also cause fires. Extension cords should only be used temporarily. Protect young children by keeping them away from extension cords and unplugging the cords when not in use.

Overheating or Damage

- Overheating can occur at the plug, at the socket, or over the entire length of the cord.
 Hot plugs and sockets are often caused by deteriorated connections to the cord's wires.
- Look for visible signs of excessive wear or damage to the plug, sockets or insulation. Replace damaged extension cords.

Prevent Overloading

- If any part of the extension cord is hot while in use, it is a warning sign that it may be overloaded. Check if the extension cord is properly rated for the products that are plugged into it. Also, inspect the cord along its entire length to ensure it has not been damaged.
- Do not overload your extension cord by using it to power appliances beyond its capacity. You can check its capacity, or rating, by looking at the tag on the cord or its packaging.



Protect Extension Cords from Damage

- Do not run extension cords under carpets, through doorways or under furniture.
- Only use an extension cord outdoors if it is marked for outdoor use.
- Never alter a cord to change its length or perform inadequate repairs such as taping up damaged insulation. Do not trim, cut or alter the plug blades in any way.
- Unplug an extension cord when it is not in use. The cord is energized when it is plugged in and can overheat if shorted.

Discard Older Extension Cords

- Discard cords that are old and/or are missing important safety features, including safety closures, polarized blades and a large plug face that covers the outlet's slots and is easy to grasp to unplug.
- Extension cords should be at least 16 AWG, unless they are 18 AWG with fuse protection. AWG refers to the size of the wires in the cord. The wire size is imprinted on the cord's surface.

Check cords to make sure they have been listed by a recognized national testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Intertek (ETL) or CSA-International (CSA).

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