

Spring/Summer 2019

# PERKIOMEN NEWSLETTER

## Township

*Dear Perkiomen Township Residents,*

*This is the Spring and Summer 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

Web Site: [www.perkiomentownship.org](http://www.perkiomentownship.org)

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**

(Held between Board & Planning Commission)  
If Necessary, Fourth Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 p.m.



### **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 ext.120



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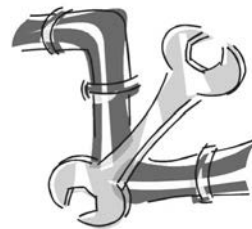
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- WATER HEATERS • WELL PUMPS
- TANKS • OIL & GAS HEAT
- DUCTLESS A/C SYSTEMS
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# Perkiomen Township

## COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

### 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

# REAL ID

Pennsylvania Is Under A REAL ID Enforcement Extension Until October 10, 2020.

Pennsylvania residents will not face access issues when entering federal facilities or boarding commercial aircraft through at least that date.

## **PennDOT: Current Driver's Licenses and ID Cards are Acceptable for Domestic Air Travel**

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) reminds customers that Pennsylvania is under an enforcement extension from the Department of Homeland Security until October 10, 2020, which means that Pennsylvanians may use their current driver's license or ID card to board commercial aircraft or enter federal facilities that require ID until at least that date.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has stated that beginning January 22, 2018, travelers who have driver's licenses issued by a state that is not yet compliant with REAL ID and that has not received an extension will need to show an alternative form of acceptable identification for domestic air travel. **Because Pennsylvania is currently under a REAL ID extension, travelers with PennDOT-issued driver's licenses or ID cards may continue to use their licenses as usual.**

A federally-accepted form of identification (whether it's the forthcoming Pennsylvania REAL ID driver's license or ID card, a U.S. Passport/Passport Card, a military ID, etc.) must be used as identification to board a commercial flight or visit a secure federal building on and after October 1, 2020.

PennDOT anticipates that REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and ID cards will be available to customers that want them in spring 2019 and will continue to apply for extensions from DHS until becoming REAL ID compliant.

More information about REAL ID, including frequently asked questions and information on documents required for REAL ID, can be found at [www.pennidot.gov/REALID](http://www.pennidot.gov/REALID).

Do you think you will need a **REAL ID?**

The best thing you can do to prepare is to gather necessary identity and residency documents now and keep them in a safe place.

You will need



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[PennDOT.gov/REALID](http://PennDOT.gov/REALID)

## SWIMMING POOL PERMITS

As summer is rapidly approaching and temperatures and humidity start to soar, people are looking for ways to keep cool. One way people are dealing with the heat is the purchase of these relatively inexpensive portable/storable on-ground pools that are seen on this page. These pools can be purchased at almost every big box retail store around.

The Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (UCC) and International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) define a Swimming Pool as a pool intended for use, which is accessory to a residential setting, and available to the household and its guests. This includes in-ground, above-ground, and on-ground swimming pools.

Although they are storable and can be taken down at the end of the season, these pools are regulated by the UCC, and



enforced by Perkiomen Township. A one-time building permit is required and compliance with the ISPSC shall always be maintained while the pool has water in it and upon a property in Perkiomen Township.

Although a permit will not be required every season for the pool, the barrier shall still meet the adopted code requirements. These Barrier Requirements are intended to provide protection against potential drowning's and near-drowning's by restricting access to the swimming pools.

Property owners who fail to obtain a permit for these pools may face a fine of up to \$1000.00.

Any questions regarding swimming pools should be directed to the township code enforcement officer, John Moran, Jr. He can be reached at 610-489-4034, extension 120.

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# TAX CORNER: Dawn Johnston, Perkiomen Township Tax Collector

**PerkiomenTwpTaxCol@gmail.com or [www.PerkiomenTwpTaxCol.com](http://www.PerkiomenTwpTaxCol.com)**

Please see my scheduled 2019 tax hours listed below. As an additional resource, I have partnered with the Perkiomen Valley Library in Schwenksville to offer our community some additional evening hours for paying taxes.

## PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

Please contact Dawn Johnston, Tax Collector at 267-354-1955 with questions regarding payment of your 2019 Real Estate Tax bill.

The following are the dates when the Tax Collector will be in the **Perkiomen Township Administration Building**:

April 17th & 24th from 9:00-12:00 p.m.

April 19th and 22nd from 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.

April 30th from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

May 15th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

June 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

June 28th from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

July 17th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

August 16th, 21st, 28th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

August 23rd, 29th and 30th from 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.

The following are the dates when the Tax Collector will be in the **Perkiomen Valley Library, 290 2nd Street, Schwenksville, PA**:

April 15th & 29th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

June 24th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

August 19th & 26th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

October 28th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

As always, payment may be left in the Tax Collector mail box on the wall between the entry doors at the Township Building during non tax hours.

**Please note that tax payments are due on the following schedule:**

### Township & County Taxes

2% Discount to be paid by April 30, 2019 (Any check or mail dated starting May 1, 2019 goes to Face)

Face Amount due by June 30, 2019 (Any check or mail dated starting July 1 goes to Penalty)

10% Penalty after June 30th

### School District Taxes

2% Discount to be paid by August 31, 2019 (Any check or mail dated starting September 1 goes to Face)

Face Amount due by October 31, 2019 (Any check or mail dated starting November 1 goes to Penalty)

10% Penalty AFTER October 31, 2019

### Important payment notes:

**NO PERSONAL CHECKS AFTER DECEMBER 13TH.**

**Checks may not be postdated, they will be returned.**

Make sure your parcel number starting with 48-00 is included on any check you write with a valid phone number. Please be cautious using direct payments from your bank account. The banks use a third party to mail these checks and they do not get US postmarked. If a check is received after the due date without a postmark, it will be returned.

## 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

<b>June</b>	<b>1</b>	Community Day	<b>November</b>	<b>2</b>	Comedy Show/Fundraiser
<b>August</b>	<b>25</b>	Annual Car Show	<b>December</b>	<b>28</b>	Thanksgiving Breakfast Buffet/Fundraiser
<b>October</b>	<b>6</b>	Fire Prevention Week		<b>21</b>	Santa Visits Township

## Calling 9-1-1 From A Cell Phone

The Montgomery County Department of Public Safety asks that anyone who calls 9-1-1 from a cellular phone in communities near the County border immediately state that "I'm calling from Montgomery County" when the call-taker answers the phone.

If the nearest cell tower to where the call is placed is across the border in a neighboring county, the call will be routed to the 9-1-1 centers in Philadelphia, Bucks, Berks, Chester or Delaware counties, depending on where the tower is located.

The neighboring 9-1-1 centers will transfer the call to Montgomery County, but the time it takes to figure the actual location out, transfer the call and then supply the information about the incident again could make a difference in saving someone's life.

Stating "I'm calling from Montgomery County" at the outset will greatly reduce any delay in getting people the help they need.

Using a landline to call 9-1-1 will result in the call automatically being routed to the proper call center.



# Do I Really Need to Call? *Yes! It's the Law*



## Pennsylvania 811

If you plan to disturb the earth with powered equipment, the law (PA Act 287, as amended by Act 50 of 2017) requires you to notify utility companies that may have underground lines in the area that you are digging. In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, dialing 811 allows you to make these notifications all at once instead of calling around to all the utility companies that service your neighborhood.

### Your Safety is Priceless

Even if you plan to dig with non-powered equipment like shovels, calling 811 the safest thing to do. The phone call and their services are absolutely free to homeowners doing their own digging on their property. Whether you're building a new deck, replacing your mailbox post, installing fencing, planting trees and bushes, or putting in a pool or ornamental pond, you must "dial before you dig." There are major risks of injury or worse if you do not contact 811 and have utility lines marked.



### What Information Do I Need?

When you dial 8-1-1 in Pennsylvania or submit your request online at: <https://www.pa1call.org/PA811/Public/>, you will be asked a list of questions about yourself, your property, and your project. Be prepared with as much information about the following, as possible.

### Contact Information

Your first name, last name, email address, and phone number. You will also be asked what the best time of day is to reach you

if there are questions about your project and whether you are the homeowner doing your work yourself.

### Property Address

Street number, street name, city, ZIP code in Pennsylvania, as well as the nearest intersecting/cross street to your address, county name, and municipality (i.e., city, borough, township) name. If you live in the city of Allentown, Erie, Philadelphia, or Pittsburgh, you will further be asked to provide your ward number, if you know it.

### Property Additional Details

Second nearest intersecting/cross street to your address, subdivision name, and GPS coordinates. You may not know all of these details, and that is fine. Provide as much of this information as you have available.

### Dig Site Details

You will be asked where on your property you're planning to dig. When facing your house, is your digging site in front, to the left or right, or is it behind your house? You can also select multiple locations if you are doing a project that involves major excavation. If you have more information that will help the utility companies find the digging site, provide those, as well, and additionally talk about what kind of work you'll be doing. A few examples are: landscaping, installing a fence, and stump grinding.

### Project Timing

You will be asked for the date and time your project is planned to begin and how long the project will take. Remember that your project can not begin until at least 3 business days after you call or submit your request online.

For questions call 1-800-248-1786 or email: [contact@pa1call.org](mailto:contact@pa1call.org)

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# Perkiomen Township Community Day

*June 1, 2019*

**G**reetings to all Perkiomen Township Residents:

The Perkiomen Township Board of Supervisors and Park & Recreation Committee invite you to attend our Annual Community Day on Saturday, June 1, 2019. The event will be held 10:30 A.M. to 3 P.M. on Township property at 1 Trappe Road. Parking for the event will be at the stone parking lot located between the Township Building and pavilion.

Activities for this year will include moonwalks, face painting, a magician, character portraits and balloon sculptures and also a petting zoo. There will be train rides at the Live Steamers across from the Township Pavilion. There will be music throughout the day. Food and beverage will be provided.

The Township Fire Company and Township Public Works will have their equipment on display and personnel present to explain the operation of the equipment. EMS units will be present to display their equipment and to do blood pressure testing. State Police will be doing Finger Printing for the children. Montgomery County Sheriff's Department will have their Bomb Disposal equipment and other equipment on display and will have personnel available to explain their duties.

All residents of the Township are invited to attend this event. It is a great time to meet your neighbors and other residents of the Township. No pets are allowed.

**COME SEE THE READING FIGHTIN PHILS MASCOT SCREWBALL. SCREWBALL WILL BE AT COMMUNITY DAY FROM 11:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Township Office at 610-489-4034 during regular business hours.

*Hope to see you on June 1, 2019*

THERE IS NO RAIN DATE

## Discount Movie Tickets

All movie tickets are available at the Perkiomen Township Administration Building, 1 Trappe Road, Collegeville, PA, Wednesday & Thursday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please call ahead for availability, 610-489-4034. Only cash and credit card (2% convenience fee) will be accepted. No checks, refunds or exchanges.

### Regal Movie Theater Tickets

<https://www.regmovies.com/>

Premier Movie Tickets - \$9.00 per ticket

Must be redeemed at the theatre box office. Not valid for special events, private screenings, or online ticket purchases. Surcharges apply to all IMAX®, RPX®, 3D, and 4DX films.

Other surcharges may apply at Premium or Luxury/ Recliner seating theatres and select locations. Regal Entertainment Group reserves the right to change or add surcharges without notice. Tickets will not be replaced if lost or stolen, are non-refundable, and have no expiration date. Tickets carry no cash value. No substitutions or exchanges are permitted.

### Movie Tavern Tickets

<https://www.movietavern.com/locations/providence-town-center/>

Movie Tavern – Providence Town Center - \$9.00 per ticket\*

\*Not valid for any feature listed as Alt Event. 3D and 4DX surcharges apply when applicable. No refunds or change will be given. No cash value.



## 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.



# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

## 2019 MONTGOMERY COUNTY RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

### Saturday, May 5

Indian Valley Middle School  
130 Maple Ave. • Harleysville

### Saturday, May 18

Temple University–Ambler Campus  
enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike • Ambler

### Saturday, June 15

Norristown Area High School  
1900 Eagle Dr. • Norristown  
(enter at Whitehall Rd.)

### Saturday, June 22

Abington Junior High School  
enter at 2056 Susquehanna Rd.  
Abington

### Saturday, September 28

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center 400  
South Lewis Rd. • Royersford

### SUNDAY, October 20

Lower Merion Transfer Station  
1300 N. Woodbine Ave. • Penn Valley

**FREE** Free residential collection events are held outdoors from 9am-3pm. Residents may attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, or Philadelphia Counties.

### For additional information and in case of severe weather:

Please visit [MontcoPARecycles.org](http://MontcoPARecycles.org), email [recycling@montcopa.org](mailto:recycling@montcopa.org), or call the recycling line at 610.278.3618. Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events.

In case of severe weather, call 610.278.3618, option 6 for event status.



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# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION INFORMATION

## ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

PAINT PRODUCTS	OUTDOOR PRODUCTS	AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD OTHER
Turpentine	Swimming Pool Chemicals	Grease & Rust Solvents	Drain Openers	Acids, Caustics, Solvents
Paint Thinners	Weed Killers	Fuel Additives	Rug Cleaners	Flammables
Strippers & Removers	Septic Tank Degreasers	Carburetor Cleaners	Wood & Metal Cleaners	Oxidizers
Oil-Based Paints	Asphalt Sealers	Transmission/Brake Fluid	Mothballs/Flakes	Reactives
Stains, Varnish	Caulking Compounds	Antifreeze	Adhesives/Solvents	Lead
Shellac	Joint Compound	Car(lead-acid), Truck, Motorcycle, Marine, Batteries	Rechargeable batteries, Lithium, Ni-Cad, Button, Lead Acid	Mercury (Thermostats & Thermometers)
Other Solvent-Based Paint Products	Roof Cements	Gas, Oil, Gas Oil Mixture	Spot Removers Dry Cleaning Fluid	Fluorescent Tubes, Ballast, and CFLs
Wallpaper Cement	MINI Propane Tanks	Flares	Fire Extinguishers	Aerosols
Spray Paint	Pesticide		Kerosene	Electric Oil-filled Heaters

## UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Explosives & Ammunition	Electronics	Asbestos	Appliances/White Goods
Infectious or Medical Waste	Pressurized CFCs & HCFCs	Radioactive Waste	Freon Appliances
Tires	Helium Tanks	Unidentified Waste	PCBs
Latex Paint* (Water-Based)	Gas Cylinders	Alkaline Batteries (Trash)	Smoke Detectors

\* Take off lid, dry out paint, discard can without lid; or pour paint into plastic bag with absorbent material (clay based kitty litter, saw dust, rags) place bag and can without lid, in trash. Paint hardener can also be purchased at hardware stores.

## DROP OFF GUIDELINES

- BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY, commercial/industrial generated hazardous waste will not be accepted.
- Bring all substances in original containers with labels. Items must be identifiable. Do not mix materials.
- Gas containers returned upon request.
- Tighten lids on all containers. If containers are leaking, pack in larger container with newspaper to soak up leaks.
- Maximum amount accepted is 25 gallons or 220 pounds. No 25- or 50-gallon drums.
- Event workers will unload your materials so please remain in your vehicle.
- There are no permanent drop off locations in the region for household hazardous waste, only the listed collections.

# PROPERTY OWNER'S MAINTENANCE FOR STORMWATER BMPS

BMP stands for Best Management Practice and includes such things as detention basins, rain gardens, and non-engineered methods. The intent of BMPs is to reduce the impact of runoff, caused by the increase of impervious area associated with development, on downstream streams and lakes. This development can range from a single-family home to a large commercial/industrial site. The goal is to minimize, slow down, infiltrate, and/or filter runoff so that pollution to our lakes and streams is decreased. Many BMPs will use vegetation for their ability to use water, put water back into the atmosphere or help it infiltrate into the ground. Some BMPs are landscaped and others are buried. Native plants are the best choice for landscaped BMPs.

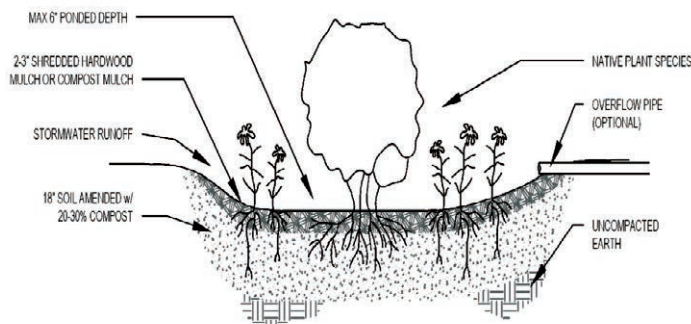
When development of a project occurs the long-term BMP operation and maintenance responsibilities becomes that of the property owner to ensure its proper functioning and operation. If the property was constructed after 2010, chances are your property was developed with some type of BMP. Maintenance of the BMP is a requirement that runs with the land. As the property owner, you are responsible to ensure that the BMP is functioning properly. This responsibility includes maintaining the plants and/or materials of the BMP. Any maintenance performed on the BMP should be clearly documented. Under the Township's Stormwater Management Ordinance, Perkiomen Township can conduct inspections of the BMPs. If it is determined that the BMP is not being properly maintained, Perkiomen Township will issue a notice as to what maintenance work needs to be completed.

Examples of Some Type of the BMPs in the Township are:

## RAIN GARDENS and SMALL BIORETENTION BASINS

Rain Gardens and Bioretention Basins are areas to hold runoff. They reduce the amount of runoff and remove pollutants. The area is planted with specially selected native vegetation that will filter the water as it infiltrates into the ground. The deep and dense root system of the perennial vegetation increases the amount of water that is infiltrated. Even during large rain events, during which the rain garden may overflow, the runoff is still filtrated through the vegetation removing the pollutants.

### TYPICAL RAIN GARDEN CONFIGURATION



## HOW DOES A HOMEOWNER MAINTAIN THE RAIN GARDEN and BIORETENTION BASINS?

### TWICE A YEAR:

- Any trees or shrubs planted should be inspected twice a year to evaluate the status of their health.
- Check the vegetation to make sure it is healthy. Replant any bare spots.
- Check the inflow area and make sure that sediment is not building up.
- Remove any accumulated sediment.
- Mulch should be respread where erosion is evident.

### ANNUALLY:

- Perennial plantings should be cut back if needed and any dead vegetation should be removed once a year either at the end or immediately before the beginning of the growing season.
- Once every year check to see if the mulch needs to be replaced. Mulch should be replaced a minimum of once every two years.

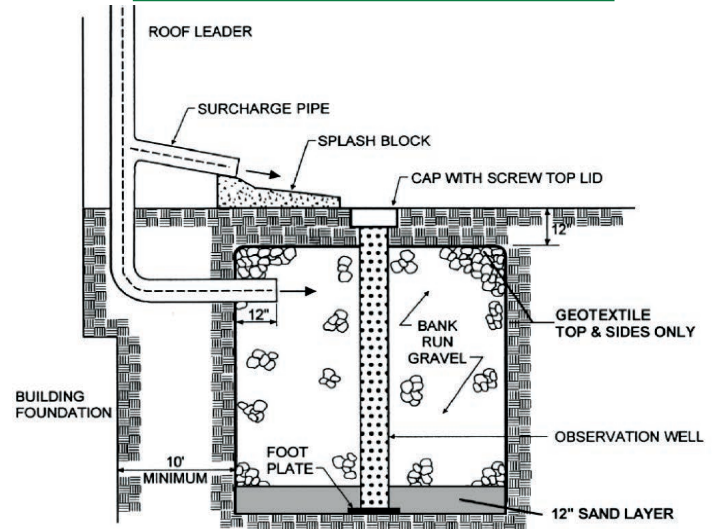
During extended droughts, the rain garden/bioretention basin may require watering.

Rain gardens should be checked after a large rain storm to make sure they have drained within 72 hours.

## DRY WELL/SEEPAGE PIT

Roof runoff can be directed to an underground dry well or seepage pit so that the stormwater can infiltrate into the soil. The dry well or seepage pit is an underground storage facility so that it can drain slowly into the soil.

### TYPICAL DRY WELL CONFIGURATION



- Inspection of the dry well or seepage pit should be conducted at least four times a year and when storms exceed one inch of rain. The inspection should determine:
  - o If any sediment debris/trash or any other waste material exists within the dry well or seepage pit. Remove and dispose of any material.

- o Evaluate the drain down time to ensure that the dry well or seepage pit is draining within 72 hours. If the drain down time is more than 72 hours, clean out the dry well or seepage pit. If it still is not draining within 72 hours after cleaning it out, the system may need to be replaced.

- o Check to see that it is structural sound, e.g. walls are not sagging or deteriorating.

- Regularly clean out the gutters to prevent debris from getting into the dry well or seepage pit.

## VEGETATED SWALE

A vegetated swale is a wide shallow channel planted with grass or shrubs. A swale conveys water runoff much slower than a typical drainage ditch. The upkeep of a vegetated swale is relatively low. Maintenance strategies of swales focuses on sustaining the hydraulics (flow characteristics of the water) and removal of pollutants while maintaining a dense vegetative cover. Proper maintenance activities will help ensure the functionality of the vegetated swale.

The following maintenance activities should be performed annually or within 48 hours after a major storm of at least one inch of rain:

- Inspect and correct any erosion issues, damage to vegetation and sedimentation and debris accumulation.
- Inspect vegetation on side slopes for erosion and gullies and correct as needed.
- Inspect pools of standing water; dewater and discharge to an approved location and restore to the original shape
- Mow and trim vegetation to ensure safety, aesthetics, proper swale operation, or to suppress weeds and invasive

vegetation. Dispose of cuttings, mow only when swale is dry to avoid rutting.

- Inspect for litter – Remove prior to mowing.

## Maintenance activities to be done as needed:

- Plant alternative grass species in event of unsuccessful establishment.
- Reseed bare areas; install appropriate erosion control measures when soil is exposed, or erosion channels are formed.
- Rototill and replant swale if draw down time is more than 48 hours.
- Water during dry periods.

If amended soils are used during the construction of a BMP, these soils cannot be removed. Loosening the soil or tilling can help reduce compaction and increase the soil's ability to infiltrate the runoff. Adding organic material like compost, sand or manufactured soil media to the soil increases the pore spaces in the soil which also increases the soil's ability to hold water and over time allow the infiltration of the water into the ground.

## Additional Resources are:

Landscaping with Native Plants: [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/plants/nativeplants](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/plants/nativeplants)

PA Stormwater Best Practices Manual (2006):

[www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/desweb/View/Collection-8305](http://www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/desweb/View/Collection-8305)

Perkiomen Township website: [www.perkiomentownship.org](http://www.perkiomentownship.org)  
– Homeowners Guide to Stormwater BMP Maintenance.

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### WHEN:

**Saturday, May 11**

**Saturday, June 8**

**Saturday, June 29**

### WHERE:

**Green Lane Park**

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**Montgomery County Community College**

340 DeKalb Pike, enter at 1313 Morris Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422  
(in the Central Lot, 1D)

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# Recycling Day

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**Perkiomen Township, 1 Trappe Rd., Collegeville**

**9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**



Perkiomen Township is proud to offer its residents the opportunity to responsibly recycle obsolete electronics on Saturday, June 1, 2019.

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**June 1, 2019**

**11:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

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## IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Infiltration is groundwater and or rain water that enters the sanitary sewer collection system through defects in the system. These defects include cracked or broken pipes, deteriorated manholes, faulty laterals or lateral connections, etc.

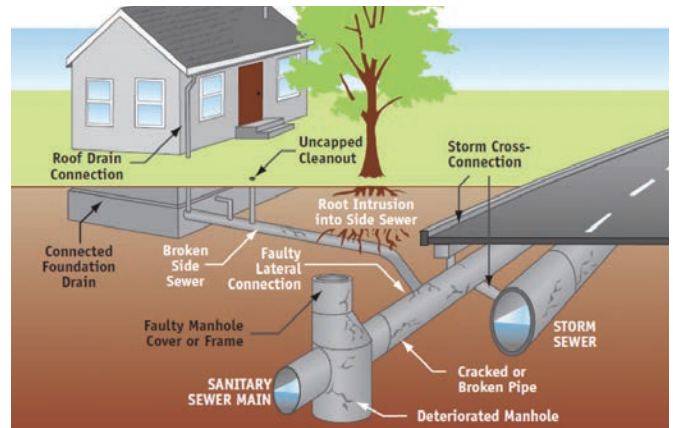
Inflow is groundwater or rain water that enters the sanitary sewer collection system through direct connections to the system. These connections include floor or foundation drains, sump pumps, rain leaders, low lying vents for laterals, faulty manhole covers and frames, etc.

*The picture illustrates sources of inflow and infiltration. This picture was used courtesy of King County, Washington Wastewater Treatment Division, Seattle, Washington.*

Perkiomen Township Municipal Authority has a Representative Metering Agreement with the LPVRS. Under this agreement, LPVRS installed two meters in the connections that the PTMA has in the Perkiomen Interceptor. The purpose of these meters is to determine the amount of infiltration/inflow the PTMA Sewer System is sending to the Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant through the Perkiomen Interceptor. Infiltration/inflow is a major issue for both the sewer system and a treatment plant; therefore; PTMA must deal with this issue or face financial penalties under the Representative Metering Agreement.

The PTMA has annually been putting money into the maintenance of the sewer collection system that is over 36 miles of sanitary sewer main as well as over 800 sanitary sewer manholes. In an effort to identify and reduce the infiltration/inflow and thus minimize any increase in the sewer user charges, the repairs to the system have

been insignificant in comparison to the amount of infiltration/inflow still being experienced. The result is the need to increase the amount of money the PTMA is putting into maintaining and operating the sewer collection system or face the financial penalties under the Representative Metering Agreement.

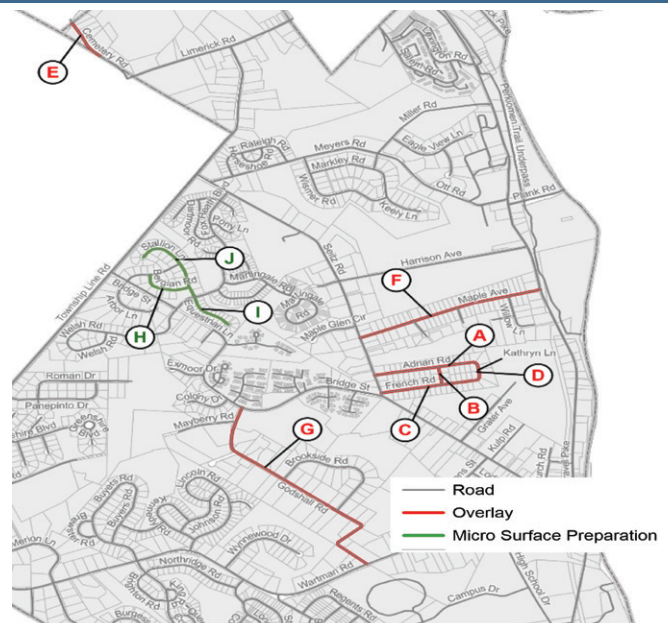


The control of infiltration/inflow is not limited to the sanitary sewer collection system owned by the PTMA. Infiltration/inflow can be coming from individual properties in the form of floor drains, sump pumps, rain leaders, low lying sewer vents, etc. **These should not be connected** to the sanitary sewer system as they could be adding to the infiltration/inflow problem. If you have any of these connections on your property they must be disconnected immediately. Hopefully by working together, any future increases in the sewer user charges can be kept at a minimum.

## ROAD PROJECTS

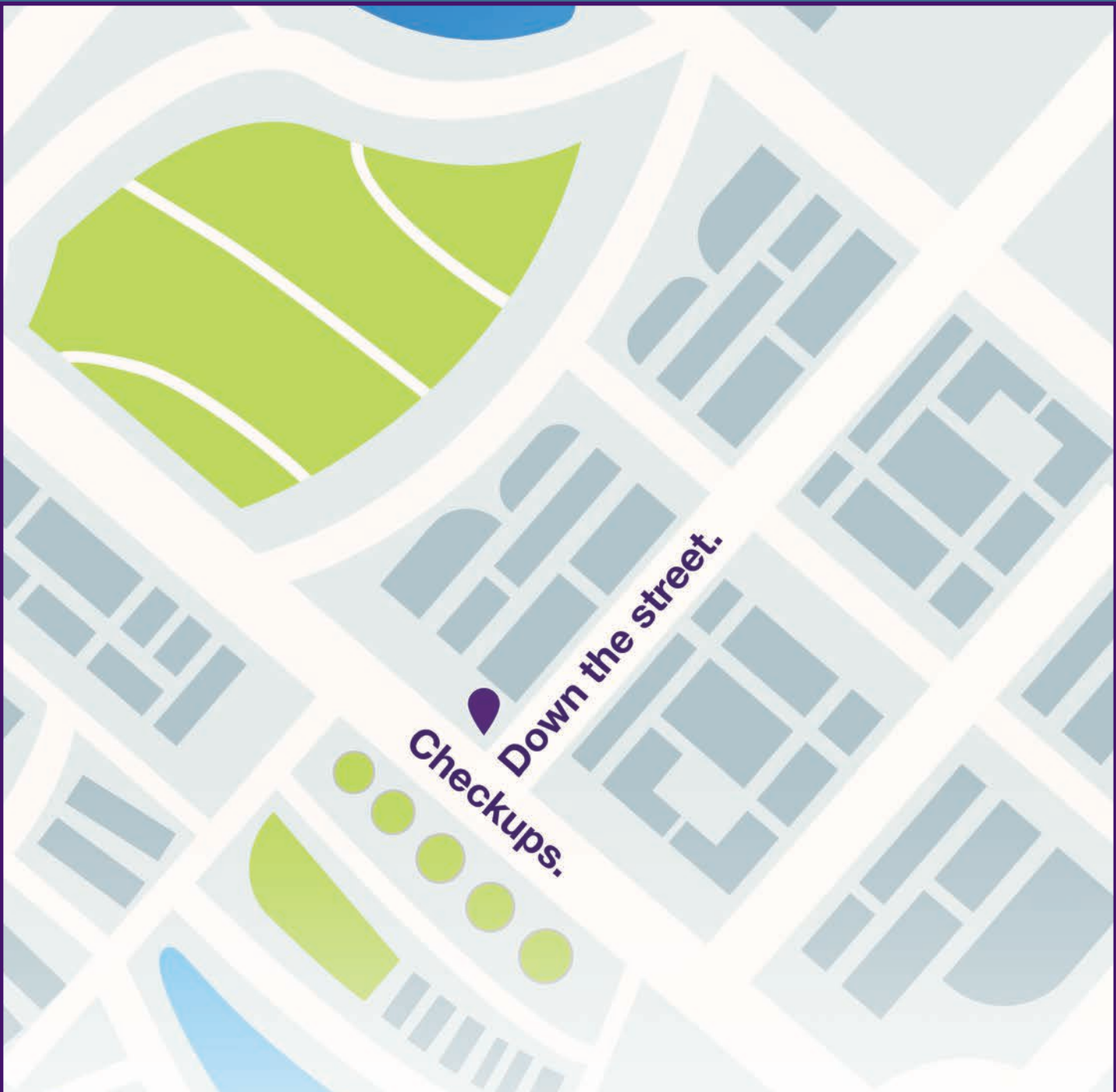
Perkiomen Township is proposing the following projects for the year 2019:

- **ADRIAN ROAD** – Entire length from Seitz Road to Kathryn Lane. This work will include select base repair and an overlay;
- **APPALOOSA ROAD** – Entire length from Bridge Street to Stallion Lane. This work will include micro-surfacing;
- **BARBARA LANE** – Entire length from Adrian Road to French Road. This work will include select base repair and overlay;
- **BELGIAN ROAD** – Entire length from Appaloosa Road to Stallion Lane. This work will include select base repair and micro-surfacing;
- **CEMETERY ROAD** – Portion in Perkiomen Township. This work will include select base repair and overlay;
- **EQUESTRIAN LANE** – Entire length from Fox Heath Boulevard to cul-de-sac. This work will include a levelling course (to improve the crown) and micro-surfacing;
- **FRENCH ROAD** – Entire length from Seitz Road to Kathryn Lane. This work will include select base repair and an overlay;
- **GODSHALL ROAD** – From Wartman Road to approximately 750 feet south of Bridge Street. This work will include select base repair and an overlay;
- **KATHERYN LANE** – Entire length from Adrian Road to French Road. This work will include select base repair and an overlay;
- **MAPLE AVENUE** – Entire length from Gravel Pike to Seitz Road. This work will include select base repair and overlay;
- **STALLION LANE** – Entire length from Fox Heath Boulevard to cul-de-sac. This work will include select base repair and micro-surfacing;



The present schedule is to begin construction in April 2019. The micro-surfacing work will likely be completed in June. This work will be completed by an outside contractor. The determination as to the type of work to be completed as part of this project was based upon the existing condition of the street, therefore, some will be finished with an overlay while others will be finished with micro-surfacing. Micro-surfacing is a cost-effective thin layer of asphalt emulsion mixed with finely crushed stone used to extend the life of the underlying paving.





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