

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

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.

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION,
INFORMATION ON TOWNSHIP PROGRAMS,
AND EVENTS HAS CHANGED. CHECK OUT THE
WEBSITE, WWW.PERKIOMENTOWNSHIP.ORG FOR
UPDATED INFORMATION**



VOTING IN PA

Act 77 allows more convenient and secure voting. Most voters can now vote by mail-in ballot, and voters will have more time to register to vote and to return their absentee or mail-in ballots. For more information, see inside.

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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

Perkiomen Township Fire Company

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

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



2020 EVENT CALENDAR

August	25	Annual Car Show	November	26	Thanksgiving Breakfast Buffet/Fundraiser
October	6	Fire Prevention Week	December	19	Santa Visits Township
November	7	Comedy Show/Fundraiser			

PERMIT REMINDERS!

Before you start your home projects, be advised permits may be required. Perkiomen Township issues Construction, Zoning, Plumbing, and Highway Occupancy Permits. Construction Permits are required for New Dwellings, Decks, Patios with Footers, Swimming Pools (both seasonal & permanent), Additions, and Structural Alterations. Zoning Permits are required for Sheds, Barns, Detached Garages, Gazebos, Fences, Home Occupations, No Impact Home Based Business, & In-law Quarters. Plumbing Permits are required for any plumbing work in which a Construction Permit is required. Highway Occupancy Permits are required for any new or altered driveway regardless of the material used. Although Perkiomen Township does not specifically require Electrical Permits, we recommend any electrical work be inspected by a Certified

Electrical Inspection Agency for insurance purposes. Electrical work in which a Construction Permit is obtained is required to have the electrical work inspected as part of the Construction Permit.

In regards to Commercial Work, permits are required for any alteration or addition of space, even if the work is not structural, replacement of any equipment, i.e. electrical, mechanical, plumbing, or fire protection systems. Zoning Permits are also required for Signs.

If you have any questions regarding permits, you may contact John Moran, Jr. in the Code Enforcement Department at 610-489-4034, Extension 120.

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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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REAL ID DEADLINE IS APPROACHING: OCTOBER 1, 2021

What Is REAL ID?

REAL ID is a federal law that affects how states issue driver's licenses and ID cards if they are going to be acceptable for federal purposes, such as boarding a domestic commercial flight, or entering a military installation or federal facility that requires ID.

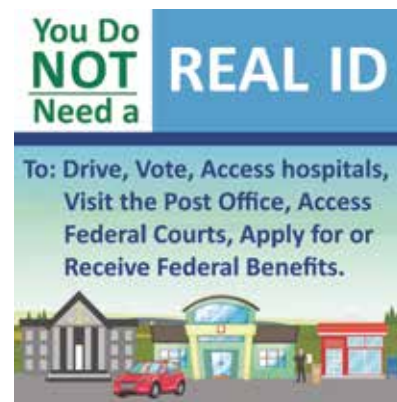
Beginning October 1, 2021, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant license, identification card, or another form of federally-acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to:

- Board domestic commercial flights.
- Enter a military base.
- Enter a federal facility that requires ID at the door.

Do I need a REAL ID to drive?

You do **not** need a REAL ID driver's license or identification card to do any of the following:

- Drive
- Vote
- Apply for or receive federal benefits for which you are entitled (Veterans' Affairs, Social Security Administration, etc.)
- Enter a federal facility that does not require an ID (i.e. a post office)
- Access a hospital or receive life-saving services
- Participate in law enforcement proceedings or investigations (serve on a federal jury, testify in federal court, etc.)



Why would I want a REAL ID?

A federally accepted identification (whether it's a Pennsylvania REAL ID driver's license or identification card, U.S. Passport/Passport Card, military ID, etc.) must be used as your identification to board a commercial flight or visit a secure federal building **on and after October 1, 2021**.

If you want to use your Pennsylvania driver's license or photo ID as identification for these purposes, you may want to consider getting a REAL ID. Our REAL ID online wizard may help you decide if and when to get a REAL ID. If you know you will not be boarding a commercial flight or visiting a secure federal facility or military base after October 1, 2021 or if you have a valid passport, you do **not** need a REAL ID.

Where will I be able to get a REAL ID?

REAL ID's are available now. Customers who want a REAL ID have three options to obtain one:

- Apply online (pre-verified non-CDL customers only)
- 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

Please note that standalone photo centers are NOT able to perform REAL ID transactions, per federal regulations.

How much does the REAL ID cost?

You will pay a one-time fee of \$30, plus a renewal fee (current renewal fee is \$30.50 for a four-year non-commercial driver's license or a photo ID). The expiration date of the initial REAL ID product will include any time remaining on your current license or ID card, plus an additional four years, unless you are over 65 and have a two-year license.

This expiration date structure means that you won't "lose" time that you've already paid for. After the initial REAL ID product expires, the customer will pay no additional fee, beyond regular renewal fees, to renew a REAL ID product.

Maiden Name Changes

If your full legal name has changed as a result of marriage and is not reflected on your proof of identity document (birth certificate or passport), then you must show legal documentation of the change.

Please note that marriage certificates will **ONLY** be accepted if they are:

- Originals or certified copies (no photocopies)
- Issued by a county court

Commemorative marriage certificates signed by a clergy person or other officiant are NOT acceptable for REAL ID.



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/>



Premiere Movie Ticket-\$9.00 per ticket

No expiration date!

Must be redeemed at the theatre box office. Surcharges apply to all IMAX®, RPX®, 3D, and 4DX films. Other surcharges may apply at Premium or Luxury/ Recliner seating theatres and select locations.

Not valid for special events, private screenings, or online ticket purchases. Regal Entertainment Group reserves the right to change or add surcharges without notice. Tickets will not be replaced if lost or stolen and are non-refundable. Tickets carry no cash value.

Movie Tavern Tickets



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

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

No expiration date!

*Not valid for any feature listed as Special Event. When valid, 3D and 4DX surcharges apply. No refunds or change will be given. No cash value. Tickets cannot be replaced if lost or stolen.

Perkiomen Township Community Day

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Greetings to all Perkiomen Township Residents:

The Perkiomen Township Board of Supervisors and Park & Recreation Committee invite you to attend our Annual Community Day on _____. 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 moon bounces, face painting, a magician, character portraits, balloon sculptures and 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. ACTIVITIES LISTED ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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. ACTIVITIES LISTED ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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.

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

Hope to see you on _____



Spring Stormwater Management

Ways to reduce stormwater runoff while improving wildlife habitat

Remove these invasive species:



Japanese Barberry

- Shrub that spreads quickly and crowds out native plants
- Presence of Lyme disease carrying ticks is increased in areas where barberry is prevalent



Bradford Pear

- Fast growing tree that out competes natives for light and nutrients
- Branch structure makes it susceptible to breakage and splitting



Day Lily

- Quickly spreads from yards into natural areas where it forms dense patches that displace native plants
- Thick tubers make control and removal difficult

Plant these natives species instead:



Common Ninebark

- Fast growing shrub that is drought tolerant, disease and insect resistant
- Attracts bees and birds
- Produces white flowers in early summer



Eastern Redbud

- Deer resistant tree that does well in shady locations
- Attracts bees and birds
- Produces fragrant pink flowers in early spring



Butterfly Milkweed

- Deer and drought resistant perennial
- Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds. Larval host for monarchs
- Produces long lasting, showy, orange flowers throughout the summer



Summer Water Conservation

Tips for managing stormwater pollution on your property

1) **Install a rain barrel.** Rain barrels are containers that attach to your downspout and collect rainwater from your roof. They provide free water for you to use to water your plants!



2) **Start composting!** Pre-made compost tumblers are a great option for a small yard. Not only does composting reduce waste, but adding compost to your soil helps with stormwater infiltration.



3) **Install permeable pavers instead of traditional concrete or asphalt.** Permeable pavers are designed to allow rain water to seep back into the ground before it can become runoff.



4) **Wash your car at a car wash.** Most car washes reuse the wash water before sending it to a treatment plant. If you want to wash your car at home, wash it on gravel or grass.





HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE 2020 MONTGOMERY COUNTY PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

DATES:

Saturday, June 13

Norristown Area High School 1900 Eagle Dr
Norristown

Saturday, June 20

Abington Junior High School enter at
2056 Susquehanna Rd. • Abington

Saturday, September 26

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

SUNDAY, October 25

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

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, email 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	BBQ-Sized Propane Tanks (leave at local exchange sites)	Radioactive Waste	Freon/Refrigerants
Tires	Helium Tanks	Unidentified Waste	25- or 50-Gallon Drums
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. **A five-gallon bucket is the largest acceptable container.**
- 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.

For Voters

Mail-In Voting

You may now vote by mail-in ballot, unless you qualify as an absentee voter, in which case you must vote by absentee ballot. If you want to vote by mail you must apply for a mail-in ballot. You do not need to provide a reason or excuse if you want to use a mail-in ballot. The county must receive your application for a mail-in ballot by 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election.

You can return your voted mail-in ballot by mailing it to your county board of elections using the envelope provided, or you can drop it off in person at the board of election's office. Whichever way you choose, the County must receive your voted ballot by 8:00 p.m. on election day in order for it to be counted.

You may also ask to be placed on a permanent mail-in voter list. If you are on this list, you will have a mail-in ballot application mailed to you by the first Monday in February each year. If you complete and return the application, the county will send you ballots in the mail for all the elections that take place that year, as well as for any special election held through the third Monday in February of the next year. For example, if you return your completed mail-in application in February 2020, you will automatically receive a ballot for the April 28, 2020, Primary and the November 3, 2020, General Election, as well as ballots for any special elections held on or before February 15, 2021.

If you are sent a mail-in ballot and the county receives your voted ballot by the deadline (8:00 p.m. on election day), you may not vote at your polling place. Your vote is considered final at that point. However, if you mailed your ballot too late, or you aren't sure whether the county received your voted ballot in time, you may be able to vote a provisional ballot at your polling place. If you were sent a mail-in ballot, but your polling place has no record of having received it, you may vote by provisional ballot. However, if the county does receive your voted mail-in ballot in time, that ballot, not your provisional ballot, will be counted. **Remember, you may always return your mail-in ballot at the county board of election's office by 8:00 p.m. on election day.**

Finally, **counties are authorized to begin processing mail-in applications more than 50 days before the election.** Beginning 50 days before the election, counties must begin transmitting mail-in ballots as soon as the ballot is certified and the ballots are available. Counties may await the result of a court proceeding that would affect the content of ballots before delivering mail-in ballots, but in any case, counties must begin to send out mail-in and absentee ballots no later than the second Tuesday before the election.

Voter Registration Deadline

The **deadline to register to vote is now 15 days before an election**, rather than 30 days. If your voter registration application is denied, the deadlines to appeal the decision have also changed.

Absentee Balloting

The **deadline for a county to receive a regular civilian absentee ballot is now 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.** Regular civilian absentee ballots received after this time will not be counted unless a Court has extended the deadline.

If you are sent a regular civilian absentee ballot and the county receives your voted ballot by the deadline (8:00 p.m. on election day), you may not vote at your polling place. Your vote is considered final at that point. However, if you mailed your ballot too late, or you aren't sure whether the county received your voted ballot in time, you may be able to vote a provisional ballot at the polling place. If you were sent a regular civilian absentee ballot, but your polling place has no record the ballot was voted and received, you may vote by provisional ballot. However, if the county does receive your voted ballot in time, that ballot, not your provisional ballot, will be counted. **Remember, you may always return your absentee ballot at the county board of elections office by 8:00 p.m. on election day.**

The process for obtaining an emergency absentee ballot has been simplified. More than one voter may now designate the same person to deliver their ballot. For example, the same hospital employee may deliver ballots for multiple patients.

Counties must now process absentee applications beginning 50 days before the election. Counties may wait for the result of a court proceeding that would affect what's on the ballots before delivering absentee ballots. In any case, counties must begin, at the latest, to deliver absentee ballots by the second Tuesday before the election.

Finally, if you have a permanent disability, you may ask to be placed on a permanent absentee voter list. If you are on this list, you will have an absentee ballot application mailed to you by the first Monday in February each year. If you complete and return the application, the county will send you ballots in the mail for all the elections that take place that year, as well as for any special election held through the third Monday in February of the next year. For example, if you return your completed absentee application in February 2020, you will automatically receive a ballot for the April 28, 2020, Primary and the November 3, 2020, General Election, as well as ballots for any special elections held on or before February 1, 2021.



Recycling Day

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**TO BE DETERMINED –
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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. The date is to be determined.

This service is available to Perkiomen residents and small business with fewer than 50 employees.

Electronics will be recycled by **eForce Compliance**, Philadelphia's first Certified Responsible Recycler.

We will accept all electronic devices with a plug except **NO SMOKE DETECTORS OR LARGE APPLIANCES** will be accepted.



Accepted Items Include:

TVs	Computer Monitors
Laptops	Dehumidifiers
Peripherals	Computers
Typewriters	Mice
Telephones	Small Appliances
Microwaves	Fax Machines
Cameras	Keyboards
Cell Phones	Printers
Calculators	

All Data Media Destroyed or Wiped!

**THERE WILL BE A CHARGE TO
RECYCLE CERTAIN ELECTRONICS.
THE CHARGE FOR THOSE
ELECTRONICS IS AS FOLLOWS:**

\$30 per CRT, LCD, LED TV, (TVs unless otherwise specified) or computer monitor

\$10 per air conditioner or Dehumidifier

\$100 per wooden console or rear-projection TV

PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY RECYCLING EVENTS

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

**TO BE DETERMINED – FOR UPDATES CHECK OUT
WWW.PERKIOMENTOWNSHIP.ORG**

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

The Township is sponsoring a Community wide paper shredding event **FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY**. Richter Mobile Shredding will provide bins for residents to drop-off items to be shredded.

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2



Prep. Use your address to
make sure you're in our
service area.

3



Post. Tell us the clothing
and electronics you
wish to recycle.

4



Plan. Schedule a date for
your pickup appointment.

5



Pack. Bag or box up
your items and leave
them by your door.

6



Pick up. On your selected
day, a truck will come
right to your door.

On the day of your appointment, bag up your items and leave them on your porch. Please make sure they're sheltered from the weather; we need your items to stay dry. If you prefer, you can instead leave your items just inside your door and ask that we ring your bell when we arrive. <https://retrievr.com/how-it-works/>

Fees

Retrievr picks up all clothing and small electronics for free. We do charge a convenience fee to collect the following items:

- \$10 for each Microwave
- \$35 for each standard TV or CRT Computer Monitor
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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.

ADDRESS NUMBERS

Are your address numbers visible for emergency services? No one knows when an emergency will occur and having your address visible can save precious time for emergency services in finding your home. Perkiomen Township, through its Property Maintenance Code, requires that address numbers be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property. The ideal place for address numbers is on both sides of the mailbox or post fronting the property. In cases where there is no individual mailbox, the numbers should be put on an exterior surface on the front of the home or on a stake in the front yard adjacent to the street. Address numbers shall contrast with their background and be of a minimum size of 4 inches in height.



TOWNSHIP-WIDE SURVEY RESULTS



YOUR OPINION MATTERS

In 2019, the Board of Supervisors conducted a Township-wide survey. The survey covered the following topics: Police, Open Space/Parks, Environmental Advisory Council, Township Wide Trash Collection, and Roads. The following is a summary of the findings, based upon the responses received:

POLICE COVERAGE:

From the responses received, the majority felt satisfied with the police coverage that the Township receives from the PA State Police. At the present time, Perkiomen Township does not pay any fee to the Commonwealth for this coverage. Over the last couple of years, there have been different attempts by the Governor and Legislature to change that. There was a question on the survey that asked whether the Board should consider other options if this should change. The responses from the majority indicated other options should be considered if the State starts charging municipalities for State Police coverage.

OPEN SPACE/PARKS:

The majority of responses favored the continuation of the existing Open Space Tax and to continue purchasing land for open space as it becomes available. Regarding the issue of what to do with open space the Township already owns, the responses included such things as leave the property undeveloped, put in trail connections, walking paths, pavilions, rain gardens, dog parks or nature-inspired playgrounds.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL:

The majority of responses indicated the desire to create an Environmental Advisory Council. This Council would work with the Board on such issues as rain gardens, storm water runoff, and Municipal Separate Storm System (MS4) requirements/compliance. This Council will also collaborate with the Planning Commission and the Park and Recreation Committee in dealing with environmental issues within the Township.

TRASH COLLECTION:

Currently, there are a number of trash haulers serving the Township. Survey responses indicated that residents are aware of the damage these heavy trash trucks cause to Township roads. The majority of those responding favored the Township considering contracting with a single hauler. Choosing a single hauler would not only reduce the damage done to Township roads but would also provide reliable pricing on trash collection and recycling. Trash collection by a single hauler would require the bidding out of these services, and the selection of the lowest responsible bidder, which all Township residents would be required to use.

ROADS:

On the response to the conditions of the Township roads, the majority of those responding indicated that they are satisfied with the condition of our roads.

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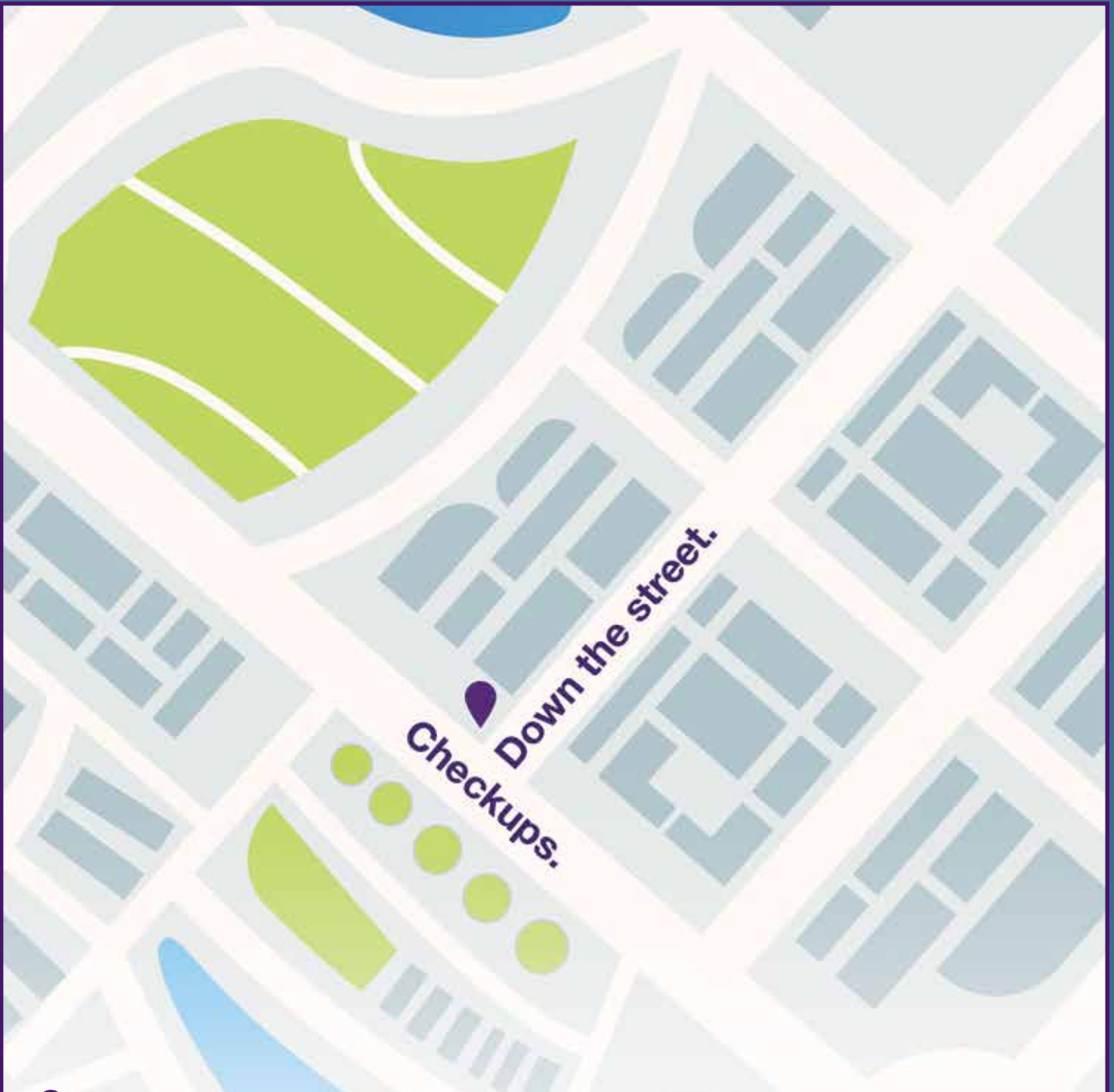
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