



# Township of FERGUSON Pennsylvania

## February 2021 e-Newsletter

**Stormwater Public Hearing, MuniciPAY, Mask Up Banners & More!**



### Ferguson Township Upcoming Events

#### **February 16**

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

#### **February 18**

[Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting](#)

#### **February 22**

[Tree Commission Meeting](#)  
[Planning Commission Meeting](#)

#### **February 23**

[Zoning Hearing Board Organizational Meeting](#)

#### **March 1**

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

#### **March 8**

[Planning Commission Meeting](#)

## General Township News

### Enjoying Ferguson Township's Parks During COVID-19



Staying physically active is one of the best ways to keep your mind and body healthy. Ferguson Township parks are a great way to relieve stress, get some fresh air, and stay active. Even during the winter, Ferguson has many aspects of the natural world that can be explored.

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PARKS](#)

### Tudek Park Dog Etiquette

At Tudek Dog Park, the Large Dog area is currently closed so that the turf can recover from the last season. We have opened a third area to accommodate Large Dogs in the meantime. This third area is often used as a reserve for rotations and turf renovations.

Before taking your dog to the park, please review Tudek's Dog Park etiquette below to make your next trip great for everyone.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT TUDEK DOG PARK](#)

## Administration News

### Mask Up, State College Banners in Ferguson Township

Ferguson Township has put up Mask Up, State College banners on many of street lights within the Township. These banners are designed to serve as a reminder to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT WHERE THESE BANNERS ARE LOCATED](#)

### Ferguson Township Partnering with CRPA for Bike Anywhere Fridays!

Ferguson Township has partnered with the Centre Region Planning Agency & Centre Bike for the remaining 2021 Bike Anywhere Fridays in the Spring, Summer, & Fall.



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### Ferguson Township Now Hiring



Ferguson Township is accepting applications two open positions: Road Crew Worker & Part-Time Engineering Assistant.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE POSITIONS](#)

### Ferguson Township Hosting Community Resilience Building Workshop

Ferguson Township was invited to participate the Community Resilience Building Program offered through a collaborative partnership between The Nature Conservancy, Sustainable Pittsburgh, and the Pennsylvania Municipal League.

Community Resilience Building  
WORKSHOP



[LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP](#)

## Finance & Tax News

### Using Laserfiche in Ferguson Township

Ferguson Township has been making strides with Laserfiche, an online form software, into its internal operations. The Township continues to work with the company to expand usage of this software to the public to fill out the various permits & applications.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SOFTWARE](#)

### Making Payments Online Through MunicIPAY

Ferguson Township has implemented a new way for residents to pay fines & fees online with MunicIPAY. Currently, residents can make payments for sign permits, parking permits, and parking tickets through the portal.

The Township will be expanding the available options in the future.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS NEW SERVICE](#)



## Planning & Zoning News



### Update on Tree Preservation Ordinance

The Public Works and Planning & Zoning Department have drafted an amendment to Chapter 22, Subdivision and Land Development to establish a new Tree Preservation section. Planning Commission reviewed the draft at the February 8 regular meeting, recommended additional amendments and approval to the Board of Supervisors.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS ORDINANCE](#)

## Police News

### More Than Just "The Winter Blues": Seasonal Affective Disorder

Each year, millions of Americans suffer from seasonal depression also known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). If you haven't been feeling like your usual self this winter, you may be suffering from SAD.



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### Ferguson Township Cold Case Solved

Back in 2016, a Ferguson Township resident was found murdered in her home. Over the course of the five-year extensive investigation, the Ferguson Township Police Department's Detectives and Police Officers worked on the case. Now, the perpetrator has been arrested and will be extradited to Pennsylvania for prosecution.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS CASE](#)



### Sidewalk Snow Removal Reminder

Each snow season, our Ordinance Officer gives out citations to those who have not cleared snow off their sidewalk. It is the duty of property owners to clear the full width of the sidewalk within 24 after a snow or ice fall.

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## Public Works News

### Tree Canopy Survey Results!

In 2020, Ferguson Township completed its first ever Tree Canopy Survey. The survey captured the

### Stormwater Management Utility Fee Ordinance Public Hearing

The Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing to

percentage of the Township that is covered by tree canopy: the layer of leaves, branches, and stems that provide tree coverage of the ground when viewed from above.



consider and act on the Stormwater Management Utility Fee Ordinance on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.



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[VIEW THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY HERE](#)

## Finishing Touches on the New Public Works Facility

The New Public Works Facility is nearing completion! Ferguson Township expects the building will be substantially complete on February 17



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## Planting New Street Trees in Ferguson Township

Are you interested in adding some free foliage in front of your home? Ferguson Township is planting more street trees throughout the community to ensure a healthy and vibrant ecosystem.



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