



# Township of FERGUSON Pennsylvania

## August 2020 e-Newsletter

Flashing Yellow Arrows, School Real Estate Tax, Ordinance Amendment Public Hearings & More!



*Pictured Above: Flowers in Haymarket Park*



### Ferguson Township Upcoming Events

**August 17**

[Tree Commission Meeting](#)  
[Board of Supervisors Meeting](#)

**August 20**

[Parks & Recreation Meeting](#)

**August 24**

[Planning Commission Meeting](#)

**August 25**

[Zoning Hearing Board Meeting](#)

**September 8**

[Brush & Leaf Collection](#)  
[Board of Supervisors Meeting](#)

### General Township News

#### Centre Region COG sets Goals for Climate Action

The Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) General Forum adopted a Resolution which identifies four actions that support a community effort to bring long term benefits to the region by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and adapting to climate change.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS RESOLUTION](#)

#### Maintaining or Restoring Water Quality in Buildings with Low or No Use

Due to building closures from the Coronavirus outbreak, the EPA has released guidelines on how building owners and managers can protect public health from unsafe water.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE GUIDELINES](#)

### Administration News

[Resolution Condemning](#)

[COVID-19 Business Survey](#)

## Systemic Racism

The Board of Supervisors signed a resolution condemning systemic racism.



[SEE MORE ABOUT THE RESOLUTION](#)

Staff has mailed a survey to all of our businesses located in Ferguson Township asking how their businesses were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff will use their responses to better develop communications.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS SURVEY](#)



*Pictured Above: Park Hills Park*

## Resolution for Universal Masking and Social Distancing

Board of Supervisors signed a resolution supporting universal masking and social distancing to combat COVID-19. This follows the responses of the Centers for Disease Control, United States Department of Health and Human Services, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Centre County, and Centre Region.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS RESOLUTION](#)

## Finance & Tax News

### School Real Estate Tax

Due to COVID-19, the School District has delayed the sending of the School Real Estate Tax bills and were sent out on August 1. The discount period has been extended until September 30.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS TAX](#)

### Update on Capital Improvement Plan

Progress continues on the Township's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for 2021 - 2025. On August 3, a revised version of the Plan was presented to the Board of Supervisors. The finalized Plan will then go in front of the Board for adoption at the September 8 meeting.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CIP](#)

## Planning & Zoning News

### Ferguson Township Working to Amend Affordable Housing Ordinance

A draft of the Workforce Housing Ordinance is currently

### Upcoming Public Hearings for Two Ordinance Amendments

On August 17, Ferguson Township is hosting public

being revised by staff for the Planning Commission to review. The amendment to the original ordinance will expand options for applicants to provide affordable housing units.



hearings for two Ordinance Updates: Chapter 19, Signs and Billboards & Chapter 27, Section 720 Domestic Chickens.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ORDINANCE](#)

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE PUBLIC HEARINGS](#)

## Police News

### Pedestrian Safety

Due to nicer weather, many residents are out walking and jogging through the Township. The Ferguson Township Police Department would like to remind our residents of important pedestrian safety tips.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY](#)

### Keep Your Pets Hydrated

During these hot summer months, it is important to make sure our pets are well taken care of while we are having fun in the sun. The Ferguson Township Police Department has provided some tips to ensure your pet is well hydrated.



[FIND OUT THESE HYDRATION TIPS HERE](#)

### Black Bears Sighted in Ferguson Township

Each year, the Ferguson Township Police Department receives calls from residents about bear sightings. Hungry black bears are particularly fond of garbage cans and bird feeders.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT AVOIDING BLACK BEARS](#)

### Ferguson Township Police Department Receives Certificate of Law Enforcement Accreditation

On August 4, the FTPD received their certificate of accreditation from the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. This accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping institutions evaluate and improve their overall performance.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS](#)

## Public Works News

### Update on Proposed Stormwater Fee

The Stormwater Advisory Committee met for its final time on July 29. A presentation was given at the meeting highlighting



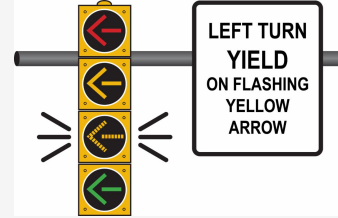
### Flashing Yellow Arrows Coming to Ferguson Township

A new type of traffic signal is coming to 3 intersections in Ferguson Township. They

final discussions and recommendations. The committee discussed a final report on the proposed fee that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at a later date.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS MEETING](#)

are currently in construction and will be completed by the end of the summer.



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## Continued Progress on the New Public Works Facility

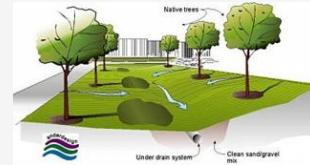
Construction continues on the New Public Works Facility. The current estimated substantial completion date is November 5, 2020.



[READ MORE ABOUT THE PROGRESS](#)

## Post-Construction Stormwater Management

As part of Ferguson Township's Stormwater Management Program, our Public Works Department ensures best management practices are implemented for construction activities.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW THE TOWNSHIP REDUCES STORMWATER RUNOFF](#)

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