

## February 2020 e-Newsletter

## Thank you to our Coffee & Conversation Attendees!



























Pictured Above: Collage of pictures from the first Coffee & Conversation at Baileyville Community Hall that took place on Saturday, January 25, 2020.

## Ferguson Township **Upcoming Events**

## February 10

**Planning Commission Meeting** 

## February 18

Tree Commission Meeting Board of Supervisors Meeting

## February 20

Parks & Recreation Meeting

#### February 24

Planning Commission Meeting

#### February 25

Zoning Hearing Board

#### March 2

**Board of Supervisors Meeting** 

#### March 9

Planning Commission Meeting

## **General Township News**



## **Refuse Collection During Inclement Weather**

There has recently been confusion on refuse collection during snowy or icy conditions. The Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) has answers to your questions below.

LEARN MORE ABOUT REFUSE REMOVAL

#### **Administration News**

**Board of Supervisors Make Two Proclamations** 

Ferguson Township Seeking New Intern

At the January 20

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, the Board made two proclamations: "The month of April will be 'Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month' in Ferguson

Township" and



"Ferguson Township is **partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau** to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2020". Both these proclamations' goals are to inform and educate residents.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE PROCLAMATIONS



Ferguson Township's Booth at Lock Haven Career Fair



Ferguson Township is seeking a part-time **Community Engagement Assistant**. The position will collaborate with both the Public Works and Administration
Departments regarding the Stormwater Fee Program.
The Township will be attending career fairs around
Center-PA to promote the position. Any interested applicant can apply through the Ferguson Township website.

SEE THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION

# Ferguson Township Attended Lock Haven University Career Fair

Ferguson Township Staff attended the Lock Haven University Career Fair on Thursday. Ferguson raised awareness on the importance of local government to future leaders. Staff spoke to students and job seekers about the new internship program and the importance of local government.

SEE MORE ABOUT THIS EVENT

## **Finance & Tax News**

## Ferguson Township Will Implement Laserfiche

Ferguson
Township has
been working with
Laserfiche to
implement a
webform platform
that will allow



residents to complete some forms online. The software is set to launch late 2020 or early 2021.

**LEARN MORE THIS SOFTWARE** 

#### **Interest Rates Are Down**

## **Fire Hydrant Rate Increase**

The Fire Hydrant rate is Ferguson Township is increasing due to increases from the State College Water Authority. This increase will be reflected on resident's March 1 Real Estate Bills.



LEARN MORE ABOUT FIRE HYDRANT RATES

# Ferguson Township Receives Moody's Triple A Rating

Ferguson Township has received an AAA Bond

Interest Rates are at an all time low. While these low rates are good for buyers, the reverse



is true for local government institutions.

Credit Rating represents the credit worthiness of corporate or government bonds. AAA is the highest rating a bond can receive.

Credit Rating. The Bond



LEARN MORE ABOUT TRIPLE A RATING SYSTEM

**LEARN MORE** 

## **Planning & Zoning News**

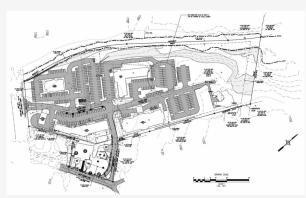
## **Updated Planning & Zoning**



Our Planning & Zoning Department has updated their FAQ on the Township website to help residents educate themselves on the changes to the Zoning Ordinance & Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

**SEE THE FAQ** 

## **West Cherry Lane Land Development Plan**



The Board of Supervisors has approved the West Cherry Lane Land Development Plan during the January 20 meeting. The plan proposes to construct a three-story building that will include offices and workforce housing, as well as a 4-bay garage.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LDP

## **Police News**

### Winter Driving Tips

Our Ordinance Officer has reported that many residents are not shoveling their sidewalks after a snowstorm. Residents are required to do so within 24 hours after a snowfall.



**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ORDINANCE** 

## PA Law Makes it Illegal to Leave Dogs **Outside in Freezing Weather**

The Ferguson Township Police Department would like to remind our residents about a recent law that is meant to prevent dogs being left out during extreme conditions. Dogs are not allowed to be



tethered outside for more than 30 minutes if the temperature is over 90 degrees or under 32 degrees.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS LAW** 

## Caller ID Spoofing and Robocalls

Caller ID Spoofing, a

## Pet Ordinance Reminder - Cats and Dogs at Large

Recently, there have been

popular scam that involves making a , attempts to trick victims into giving out personal information.



LEARN HOW TO AVOID THIS SCAM

reports of cats and dogs unaccompanied by owners. If a pet is left unsupervised, the owner is subject to a fine and kennel fees.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PET ORDINANCE

## **Public Works News**

## **Stormwater User Fee Update - Phase 1 Complete!**

Ferguson Township has completed Phase 1 of a Stormwater User Fee Feasibility Study. The Stormwater Advisory Committee found that a user fee was in fact feasible for the Township and has moved the study into Phase 2. The next meeting of the Stormwater Advisory Committee will occur on March 25, 2020 at noon. A follow up meeting will be planned for April.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE STORMWATER FEE STUDY

[Ferguson Township Website] | [Contact Us]

[C-NET Recorded Meetings] | [Community Calendar]

#### Learn More About Township Authorities, Boards, and Commissions

**Planning Commission** 

Parks & Recreation
Committee

**Board of Supervisors** 

<u>Tree Commission</u>

**Zoning Hearing Board** 

#### **Helpful Links**

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Zoning 101

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