



September 2022 e-Newsletter

New Ward II Supervisor, Update on Chief of Police Recruitment, Oak Wilt Found, Stormwater Credit and Exemption Deadline

Ferguson Township Recruiting Chief of Police



Application Period Open Now Through September 23!

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Ferguson Township Upcoming Events

September 19

[Tree Commission Regular Meeting](#)

September 20

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

September 22

[Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee Meeting](#)

September 26

[Planning Commission Regular Meeting](#)

September 30

[Stormwater Fee Credit and Exemption Application Deadline](#)

October 3

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

October 15

[Coffee and Conversation](#)

Administration News

Ferguson Township Says Thank You to Chief of Police

Chief of Police, Chris Albright, submitted his retirement resignation to the Board of Supervisors at their June 21 regular meeting.

Throughout his 30 years of service to the Ferguson Township Police Department, Chief Albright strived to enhance the quality of life throughout the Township by working cooperatively to preserve the peace, enforce the law, reduce the fear and incidence of crime and provide a safe environment for the residents and visitors of the community.

A lifelong Ferguson Township resident, he officially began as Chief of Police on



June 30, 2017. Before becoming Chief, he served as second in command of the Police Department. A graduate of State College Area High School, Chief Albright earned a degree from Penn State and a Masters of Science degree in Security Management from Bellevue University. His many roles in the Ferguson Township Police Department included traffic detail, bike patrol, hostage negotiator, field training officer, and member of the tactical response team. He also managed the department's vehicle fleet, handled internal investigations, and conducted background checks for new hires.

Chief Albright will officially retire mid-November and respectfully requests the Township not publicly acknowledge his retirement in the form of a special event. "It is difficult to accept his request, I will honor and respect his wishes. On behalf of Ferguson Township, we thank Chief Albright for his dedication and service to Ferguson Township Police Department for 30 years," said Township Manager Martin. Sgt. Hendrick will serve as the Officer In Charge (OIC) beginning end of business day on Friday, August 26, until Chief Albright's official last day which is expected to be on November 18, 2022.

Ferguson Township is now accepting applications for the Chief of Police. The Township seeks a police professional committed to community engagement with an inclusive approach both inside the police department and Ferguson Township as well as within the Centre Region. The Chief will possess interpersonal skills and demonstrated leadership and management experience in law enforcement. The application deadline is September 23.

Township Manager Martin executed an agreement with GovHr to assist with the recruitment of the Chief of Police. The recruitment process has been underway since July 20th with the input and comments provided by approximately twenty-two (22) stakeholder interviewees, as well as a community input survey. The recruitment will involve a national search as well as local and regional. It is anticipated that the process will take approximately three months and there will be an opportunity for stakeholders to meet the finalists. Interviews of the finalists are anticipated to take place at the end of October with the intent that a candidate will be selected and able to begin with the Township in early December.

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Accepting Applications for ABC Vacancies!



Are you a Ferguson Township resident and interested in serving your community? **Ferguson Township is accepting applications from residents to serve as volunteers to fill [vacancies](#) on the following Authorities, Boards, Committees, & Commissions:**

Jeremie Thompson Sworn In As Ward II Supervisor



Jeremie Thompson was sworn in to the Board of Supervisors as the Ward II representative at the August 16 regular meeting. Thompson fills the Ward II seat vacated by Hilary Caldwell on July 8. The

- [Zoning & Hearing Board](#)
- [Industrial and Commercial Development Authority](#)

term expires on December 31, 2023.

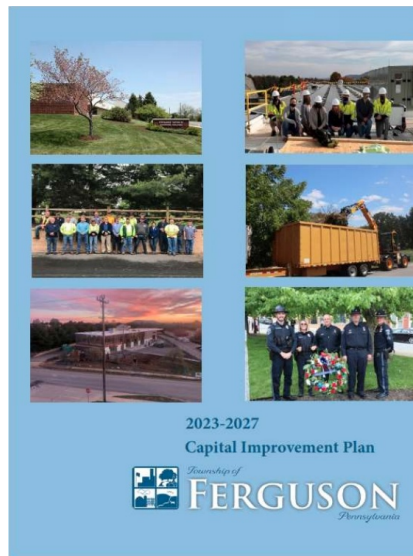
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If interested, please fill out our [ABC Application Form](#) and email to admin@twp.ferguson.pa.us or mail to:

Township Manager
Ferguson Township
3147 Research Drive
State College, PA 16801

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan Approved



The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors approved the 2023 - 2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) during their [August 16, 2022 regular meeting](#).

The Township's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) aims to determine how much money the Township needs to fund its services, recommends allocating funds where they can be most useful, and educates the Township staff about spending guidelines.

To view the approved 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan, [see the link here](#).

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

Regional & Community News + Events

Save the Date for Next Round of Public Meetings on State College Area Connector Study

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is encouraging the public to "Save the Date" for the next round of public meetings on its State College Area Connector Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study in southern Centre County.

The next public meetings are tentatively set for the

evenings of October 19 and 20 at the Mount Nittany Middle School in Boalsburg. More specific details will be shared as plans evolve.



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CATA Has Your Ride to the Game With Its Game Day Shuttles

The Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) provides shuttle service to the Penn State home football games with two distinct Game Day Shuttle routes – one serving Downtown State College (Downtown Shuttle) and one serving Hills Plaza and other South Atherton Street hotels and businesses (South Atherton Shuttle).



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Public Works News

Oak Wilt Strikes

Ferguson Township's first case of oak wilt in 2022 has been confirmed. Two infected trees on a property on Beaver Branch Road were inspected by the Township's Arborist, Larry Maginnis.

Oak wilt is a fungal disease that affects oak trees in the area. Infected trees cannot be cured, and signs of the disease must be identified early to prevent spreading to other nearby trees.



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The Township Treebune!



What is a street tree anyway? And why are they important? These questions answered and more in the September edition of the Township Treebune!

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2023 Stormwater Fee Credit and Exemption Deadline September 30

The Ferguson Township Public Works Department would like to remind residents who are planning to apply for a 2023 Stormwater Fee credit or exemption to do so by the end of the month. The last day applications will be accepted is Friday, September 30, 2022.

Click the link below to apply online.

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Township of **FERGUSON** Pennsylvania

BRUSH & LEAF PICKUP

2022 Brush Schedule	2022 Leaf Schedule
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 4 April 18 May 2 June 6 July 5 August 1 September 6 October 3 November 7 December 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 4 May 2 June 6 July 5 August 1 September 6 October 3- *continuously every working day until hampered by winter operations or until week of December 12

*Leaves must be placed curbside by 7:00 am on December 12th - Leaves placed curbside after December 12th will not be picked up

Brush & Leaf Collection

As a reminder for residents, see the attached graphic outlining the dates and times for Brush & Leaf Pickup in Ferguson Township.

For the most current information about Ferguson Township Brush and Leaf Collection, please call (814) 238-4651. Select Option 4 for BRUSH Collection and Option 5 for LEAF Collection. You can also email **Steve McDonald, Road Superintendent**, with questions.

Police News

Raise Your Foot!

In a continuing effort to assure the safety of our community strategic details will continue through the fall on certain dates at specific times. Officers will be targeting aggressive driving, seat belt violations as well as any and all impaired driving violations. Remember “Everyone who hates speeding tickets, raise your foot.”



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Ferguson Township Police Promote Child Passenger Safety Week

The Ferguson Township Police Department would like to remind you of the importance of using the right seat for your child and how to correctly install and fasten your child's safety seat.



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Planning & Zoning News



How to Obtain A Short Term Rental Permit

With football season here, it has never been a better time to set up your property for a Short-Term Rental.

Here in Ferguson Township, property owners are permitted to operate short-term rentals with some restrictions. The regulations are intended to balance the economic opportunity created by Short Term Rentals with the need to maintain the Township's housing supply and protect the right and safety of owners, guests and neighbors.

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Learn More About Township Authorities, Boards, and Commissions

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Committee](#)

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[Tree Commission](#)

[Zoning Hearing Board](#)

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Committee](#)

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Authority](#)

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