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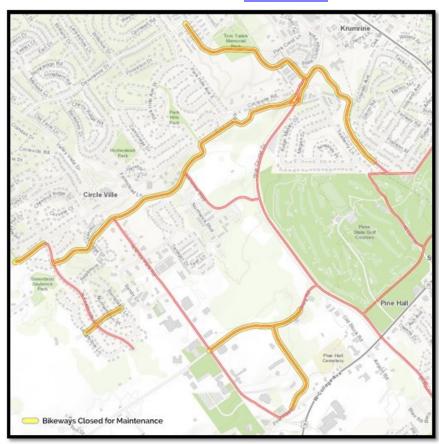
August 2018



Thank you for welcoming us into your inbox and **WELCOME to our newest subscribers**. Here is your **August 2018** issue of the Ferguson Township e-Newsletter.

#### Temporary bike path closures for sealcoating planned

Weather permitting during the **week of August 13**, Ferguson and College Townships will close six bike path facilities to perform sealcoating maintenance activities. Each section of path will be closed 24 - 48 hours to allow the sealcoat to cure before use. **Learn more...** 



#### Survey: What do you value about Pine Grove Mills?

Will you take a brief survey? Ferguson Township and Centre Regional planners are working with Pine Grove Mills residents on a small area plan to help guide PGM's future. They'd like to know what they and other area residents value about this community. Learn more...

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

**AUGUST 14 - 16** 

Penn State Ag Progress Days

**SEPTEMBER 4** 

September
Brush and Leaf
Collection begins

OCTOBER 1

October
Brush and Leaf
Collection begins

**OCTOBER 15 - 20** 

Special Brush Collection

**OCTOBER 15 - 19** 

Fall Bulk Waste Collection Week

**OCTOBER 20** 

Coffee and Conversation, Dunkin Donuts

OCTOBER 31

Trick-or-Treat
Night in Ferguson
Township

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

LABOR DAY Monday September 3



#### Township confirms this year's first case of oak wilt

Ferguson Township has confirmed its first case of oak wilt this year at a residence on Tadpole Road. Please be aware of the signs of oak wilt and report any trees showing symptoms to the Township Arborist. <a href="Learn"><u>Learn</u></a> more...

THANKSGIVING Thursday and Friday November 22 - 23

CHRISTMAS
Monday
and Tuesday
December 24 - 25

NEW YEAR'S Monday and Tuesday, December 31 - January 1

**FINANCE** 

2018 Local Tax Rate Information

2018 Tax Calculator

2018 Operating Budget

2018 Budget Executive Summary

2018 - 2022 Capital Improvement Program

2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

LIVING IN THE TOWNSHIP

Ask Faye: Frequently Asked Questions

News from our Community Partners

2018 Police Statistics

Welcome Guide for new residents

Bicycle Registration

Protecting
Ferguson
Township's urban
forest

Safety precautions to practice with recreational fireplaces

#### Help reduce the effect of oak wilt disease on your oak trees

How Ferguson Township is reducing the risk

It is now illegal to trim oak trees in Ferguson Township between April 1 and October 31 without a free permit. The Township put this limitation into place to reduce the risk and the spread of oak wilt disease, which could decimate oak trees in your neighborhood unless it is controlled. Oak trees pruned between April 1 and October 31 are more likely to become infected with and die. Infected trees can then spread the disease to other trees around them. Two incidents of oak wilt-infected trees occurred in 2016 on Cherry Ridge Road in Park Forest Village. The infected trees were removed and oak trees within a 200-foot radius of the dead trees were treated with fungicide.

#### Causes, symptoms and prevention of oak wilt disease

Oak wilt is a fungal disease transmitted by sap and bark-feeding beetles. These beetles are especially attracted to trees with open cuts, or wounds, from which sap bleeds. Fungal spores on or in the beetles are deposited in the sap while the beetles feed. The fungus grows out of the sap and into the tree, where it quickly spreads throughout the tree and into the roots. Symptoms of fungal infection generally consist of leaf discoloration (browning), leaf wilt, and the brown leaves falling off altogether. Infected trees can then spread the oak wilt fungus to neighboring trees through connections between tree roots. Prevention is essential because there is no permanent cure; once infected, a tree will die.



**News Archive** 

C-NET recorded meetings



# For the best possible customer service, please make an appointment

The Ferguson Township Municipal Building is open for business from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Thursday, and from 8 am to 4 pm Friday. We welcome you to our offices whenever you have a question or concern about a Township matter. To ensure that you are able to talk directly with the person who can help you, we suggest you call to make an appointment with that individual. Below are the three staff who greet visitors doing business at the Municipal Building. Learn more...







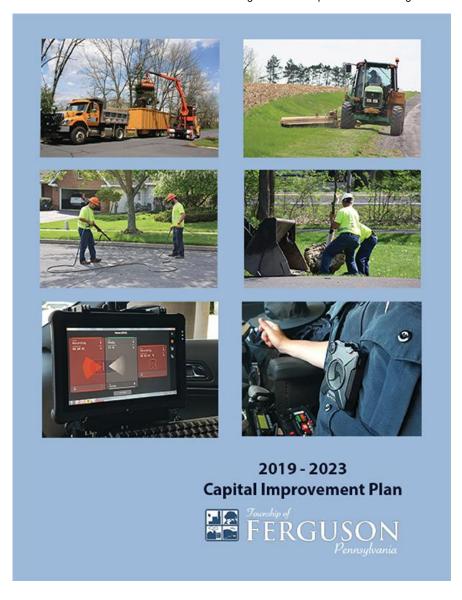
### Aggressive driving details in place through August 26

Ferguson Township Police are conducting enforcement details in participation with Wave 3 of the Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Program through **August 26** The focus for this "Summer Drive Time" 7-week enforcement Wave will be on red light running, tailgating, the Move Over Law, and speeding. **Learn more...** 



# Capital Improvement Plan helps guide Township's long-range financial decisions

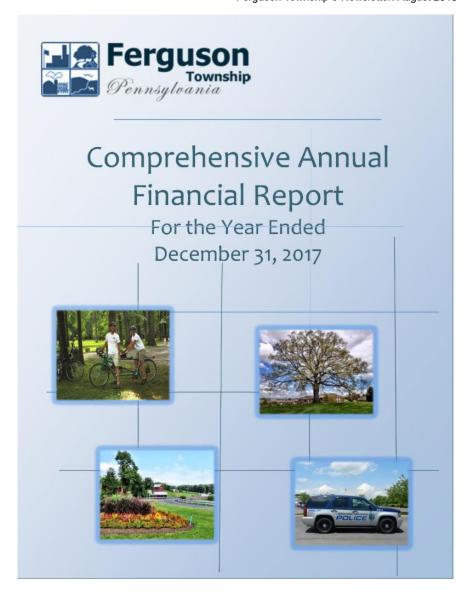
Ferguson Township's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) focuses on capital items, yet includes revenues and operating predictions to enhance its usability. The Township updates the CIP annually to improve its relevancy and account for price changes and choices. <u>Learn more...</u>



#### **Township presents CAFR**

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) provides detailed information concerning the financial condition of the Township government. Readers can expect to find statements of revenue and expenditures; debt information; asset and liability data; information about fund balances; and other useful measures of financial stability.

Learn more...



#### Legislators joined us for Coffee & Conversation

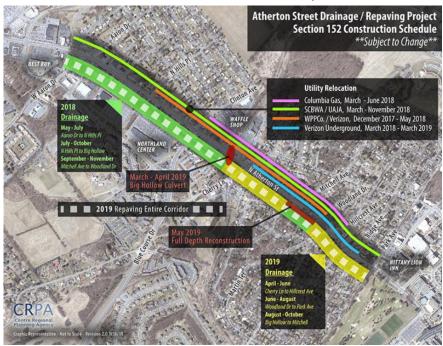
About 27 people attended Coffee & Conversation July 20 at The Naked Egg Café in Pine Grove Mills. Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, Matt Wise from Sen. Jake Corman's office, and Rep. Rich Irvin also attended.

Learn more...



## Follow us for PennDOT updates on North Atherton Street project

Stay tuned for public safety updates about PennDOT's North Atherton Street project in progress now through 2019. Motorists need to be aware of detours, lane closures, lane shifts, and travel delays. Learn more...



#### Save the dates for Brush and Leaf Collection

Brush and leaf collection begins on the first Monday of the month, except on holidays. The next monthly round will begin **Tuesday, September 4**. Please place brush and leaves curbside by 7 am that day. There will be no collection on Labor Day, which will be observed Monday, September 3. **Brush and Leaf Collection Guidelines** 







## September

## October

### November

Brush and Leaf Collection begins Tuesday, September 4

> Curbside by 7 am that Tuesday

No collections on Labor Day, September 3 Brush and Leaf Collection begins Monday, October 1

Curbside by 7 am that Monday

Special Brush Collection begins 7 am Monday, October 15 Brush and Leaf Collection begins Monday, November 5

Curbside by 7 am that Monday

Winter operations begin as needed

### Follow Ferguson Township on Facebook

We're featuring our latest news from our website and publications, invitations to upcoming events, and photos from around the Township. Link here... For police news, please continue to follow the Ferguson Township Police Department. We appreciate all the support you can give both these pages, including likes and shares!

We're also on **Instagram**.



#### **Year-Round Prescription Drug Collection**

The Ferguson Township Police Department is one of seven year-round prescription drop-off sites in Centre County. The FTPD accepts unused medications during regular business hours: 8 am - 5 pm Monday through Thursday and 8 am - 4 pm Friday. Located in the Police Department office at 3147 Research Drive, the Ferguson Township collection box provides a safe, convenient, responsible and confidential way to dispose of prescription drugs.



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