Ferguson Township eNewsletter

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### Dear Tonya,

Welcome to the Ferguson Township eNewsletter! Thank you for welcoming us into your inbox.

# Ferguson Township Named One of Pennsylvania's 50 Safest Cities



The township was recently named the 38th safest city in PA by SafeWise, an online resource that provides reviews of safety and security products. SafeWise used independent research, including the most recent FBI Crime Report information, for their ranking. *The township is the only municipality in Centre County to make the list.* 

SafeWise wrote of the township: "Boasting approximately 50,000 acres of mostly undeveloped land area, Ferguson Township is one of the best places in the state to find your own little piece of Heaven on Earth. The rural landscape and calm pace of life keep Ferguson residents fiercely protective of their land and each other. The township reported a surprisingly low number of violent crimes for a town with close to 20,000 residents. With a strong police force of over 20 sworn officers, Ferguson takes the safety and security of its citizens seriously."

### **Welcome New Board of Supervisors!**



We welcome two new <u>Board of Supervisors</u>--<u>Steve Miller</u> and <u>Janet Whitaker</u>--who were elected by residents to serve our community. Miller previously served on the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission and the Zoning Hearing Board, and was chair of the Spring Creek Watershed Commission. He

is currently the president of ClearWater Conservancy. Whitaker has served on the Science Park Recreation Pool board. She currently volunteers in the Meals on Wheels program and various church projects. Miller and Whitaker both have terms which expire December 31, 2018.

### Coffee and Conversation: January 18th



We hope you will join us for our next Coffee and Conversation event on **January 18th**, 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. at the historic Baileyville Community Hall, 210

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## Camp Cadet Fundraiser

A comedy fundraiser to benefit Camp Cadet--a local police effort to help youths--will be happening Friday, February 7th. The fundraiser will take place at 9:00 p.m. at Wise Crackers Comedy Club 2280



<u>Diebler Road, Pennsylvania Furnace</u>. Mark Kunkle, <u>Township Manager</u>, and Dave Pribulka, Assistant Township Manager will be on hand for some hot coffee and great conversation about what's happening in our area. Coffee and

Conversation is an informal event with no agenda. We want to hear what's on your mind!

Commercial Blvd.
Tickets are \$20 and include an appetizer buffet. For tickets or more information, call 574-4753.

# Township Receives Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA)



Ferguson Township is proud to announce it has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The Certificate of Achievement

recognizes high standards in governmental accounting and financial reporting and represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Eric R. Endresen, Director of Finance, was recognized for the **2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report** (CAFR) which residents may view online. This is the fourth time the township has won the award.

### C-NET Launches New Website

Our friends at Centre County's Government and Education Access Television Network (C-NET) have a new and improved site. Residents may use C-NET online to see archived Board of Supervisors meetings.

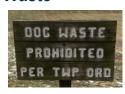
### Around the Township: Submit Your Ideas!



Previous editions of our eNewsletter featured two interesting township individuals: Nevin Corl, the township's only school crossing guard and Rick Robinett, a resident who started a Little Free Library. Do you have an idea for a community spotlight or know someone who did a noteworthy achievement? If so, submit your idea for our

Around the Township series! The purpose of Around the Township is to showcase a variety of community interest stories that have originated in or directly relate to Ferguson Township. Please review our <u>Around the Township criteria</u> for more information regarding the types of stories we will cover.

## Reminder to Residents: Please Pick Up Your Dog's Waste



Recently we've received calls from residents complaining about dog waste. We'd like to remind all township pet owners the importance of picking up their dog's droppings. Not only is picking up after your dog and properly disposing of the dog waste part of the responsibility of owning a pet, but

failure to do so causes problems for other township residents and possible health hazards. Further animal concerns can be addressed by contacting Denny Brown, Ordinance Enforcement Officer, at the township office by dialing **238-4651**.

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