



Greetings!

Thank you for welcoming us into your inbox and **WELCOME to our newest subscribers**. Here is your **May 2019** issue of the Ferguson Township e-Newsletter. ***Pictured above:*** In remembrance of all who have died while serving their country, we feature this memorial dedicated to Major Michael E. Weston, a DEA special agent who was killed in a helicopter crash on assignment in Afghanistan. He was a State High graduate. [Learn more...](#)

Board of Supervisors has two pending vacancies

The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors is accepting applications from residents to fill two vacant positions on the Board.

Applications will be accepted from residents of Ward II to fill the position representing Ward II, and from any part of the Township to serve in an At-Large position. [Learn more...](#)



Ferguson Township seeks Planning and Zoning Director

Ferguson Township is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Director of Planning and Zoning. The ideal candidate has experience working in planning in Pennsylvania. Learn more and apply: [Learn more...](#)

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

[MAY IS BIKE MONTH](#)

MAY 13

[Planning Commission](#)

MAY 13 - 17

National Police Week

[Spring Bulk Waste Collection Week](#)

MAY 17

[Bike to Work Day](#)

MAY 18

[Ride of Silence](#)

MAY 19 - 25

[Public Works Week in Ferguson Township](#)

MAY 20

[Tree Commission](#)



Ferguson Township Director of Planning and Zoning

Ferguson Township is currently seeking applicants for the position of Director of Planning and Zoning. Ferguson Township is a vibrant, growing community located in southwest Centre County, Pennsylvania. The municipal boundaries cover several areas, including State College, Pennsylvania Furnace, Pine Grove Mills, Rock Springs, and more. The Township has been a Home Rule Municipality since 1974, and is considered a full-service community to the approximately 19,000 people who call the Township home.

Ferguson Township includes part of the Penn State University campus and, as a Town/Gown Community, faces the same challenges and opportunities that other university towns around the nation do, but also captures the small town and rural atmosphere that exemplifies central Pennsylvania.

Interested applicants should apply online by submitting a resume, cover letter, and completed employment application to Angela Kalke, Human Resources Administrator, online at akalke@twp.ferguson.pa.us or by mailing the documents to Ms. Kalke's attention at 3147 Research Drive State College, PA 16801. Deadline to apply is Friday, June 21, 2019. Questions about the vacancy should also be directed to Ms. Kalke by email at akalke@twp.ferguson.pa.us, or by calling (814) 238-4651.

Candidates must have strong oral and written skills, experience communicating with residents and news media in a professional and courteous manner, and demonstrable professional background applying the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. Experience in a supervisory role is preferred. Candidates must meet the qualifications defined below and in the job description.

Brush Collection features new Hydradig

The Ferguson Township Public Works crew has a new brush collector: the JCB Hydradig 110W. Like the Department's Petersen Rear Steer Grapppler, the equipment was partially funded by a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) Recycling Grant. [Learn more...](#)



Township establishes Fairbrook Park "Grow Zone"

[Board of Supervisors](#)

MAY 27

[Memorial Day Administrative offices closed](#)

MAY 28

[Planning Commission](#)

MAY 29

[Zoning Hearing Board](#)

JUNE 1

[Ferguson Township Police Bike Rodeo](#)

JUNE 3

[Brush and Leaf Collection](#)


JULY 19

[Coffee & Conversation The Naked Egg Cafe](#)

Grow Zones are designated areas that will not be mowed regularly to help provide natural and diverse habitat areas that bring environmental, educational and cost reduction benefits. Ferguson Township encourages residents to complete a survey on the new Grow Zone at Fairbrook Park. [Learn more...](#)

GROW ZONES

are no-mow or low-mow areas designated to help Centre County maintain biodiversity in the environment and reduce our carbon footprint.



Local parks play an important role in maintaining a high quality of life for community members and the biotic community of the natural world. Maintaining a healthy relationship between these communities exhibits good stewardship that can benefit future generations.

Fairbrook Park will play an important role in demonstrating good stewardship opportunities that can be applied to other parks as well as private landowners.

Visit Ferguson Township at www.twp.ferguson.pa.us for more information about Grow Zones.

Ecological Benefits

- Grow Zones allow surrounding landscapes to achieve a higher diversity of plant material that host a diverse selection of insects.
- A higher diversity of insects provides high amounts of protein and energy for songbirds, such as the Eastern Bluebird, to feed their growing young during the nesting season.
- Grow Zones allow a soft edge next to wooded areas that help songbirds, owls, and many other wildlife species to find food and nesting opportunities.

Educational Benefits

- Grow Zones can educate and empower community members to promote soft edges in the landscape at their own homes.
- A diverse landscape can provide an outdoor classroom with Citizen Science opportunities to encourage learning about science.

Water Quality Benefits

A high abundance of herbaceous plants such as Common Milkweed, Black-eyed Susan, and grasses help keep rainwater in the nearby soil and prevent soil erosion.

Cost-Saving Benefits

- Fuel cost reductions
- Labor cost reductions



Public hearing is scheduled on the Suburban Park Master Plan

YSM Landscape Architects presented the final design and narrative for the Suburban Park Master Plan to the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors on **May 6**. Residents suggested a number of improvements that have been incorporated in the plan. A public hearing is scheduled at the Board's Regular Meeting on **Monday, May 20**, to adopt the Suburban Park Master Plan by resolution. [Learn more...](#)



Songbird Sanctuary Master Plan in progress

Ferguson Township is creating a master plan for its newest park, a passive recreation area called Songbird Sanctuary. Residents are invited to complete a brief survey with your suggestions for park amenities. Get involved by helping us develop the park's master plan: [Learn more...](#)



Township receives PADEP grant to add electric vehicle

Ferguson Township is among the recipients of a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) grant for clean vehicle projects throughout the state. The Township has been awarded a \$7,500 grant to acquire an all-electric vehicle from the DEP Alternative Fuels Incentive Grants (AFIG) program, which supports the replacement of natural gas vehicles as well as the installation of a charging station. [Learn more...](#)

Reminder about the placement of political signs

As the May 21 primary election approaches, please be reminded that the Township's Code of Ordinances restricts the placement of political signs within the Right-of-Way-typically the area between the sidewalk and street or the area between utility poles and the street. [Learn more...](#)



Thanks for supporting the Tudek Park Trust!

Thanks to everyone who supported the Tom Tudek Memorial Park Trust through Centre Foundation's annual Centre Gives campaign May 7 - 8.

Because of your generosity, the campaign raised \$1,125 for the Trust.
[Learn more...](#)



Arbor Day celebration continued in the rain

It rained continuously as volunteers gathered to celebrate Arbor Day in the Township on May 5 with a pollinator garden planting at Songbird Sanctuary. But the rain didn't deter these volunteers from raking and mulching. Stay tuned for a new planting date: [Learn more...](#)



Thanks for joining us at Coffee & Conversation

Thanks to our residents who joined us for Coffee & Conversation on Saturday, April 20 at Giant Food Store, Northland Center, especially on Easter weekend. We appreciated your bringing your suggestions and comments to the gathering, and for giving us the opportunity to follow up on your concerns. [Learn more...](#)



SAVE THE DATE



2019 Ferguson Township Police Bike Rodeo

11 am - 1 pm, Saturday, June 1
Weis Market parking lot, 1471 Martin Street

BIKE SAFETY COURSE

Ages 4 - 12
encouraged to attend
Helmets required

BIKE REGISTRATION

All Ages

SAFETY CHECKS

Bikes, Helmets
plus:
Child Car Seats

SHARE THE PATH

Information Booth

REFRESHMENTS



*For more information about this free community service event,
call Ferguson Township Police at (814) 237-1172*

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ROAD PROJECTS

North Atherton Street Project Updates

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Planning Commission

Parks and Recreation Committee

Board of Supervisors

Tree Commission

Zoning Hearing Board

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Aggressive driving enforcement initiative

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Prescription Drug Collection

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