



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

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

Supervisors amend ordinance to reduce speed limit on West Whitehall Road in Fairbrook

Following a public hearing at the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting on September 4, the Board amended the Code of Ordinances to reduce the maximum speed limit from **30 to 25 miles per hour** between Tadpole Road and a point 0.23 miles west of Tadpole Road on West Whitehall Road. [Learn more...](#)



PGM survey results: What respondents value most about the village of Pine Grove Mills

Four questions about the village of Pine Grove Mills generated answers from 205 people. At an alignment meeting on September 5, planners shared the results of a survey to learn what people value most about this quaint village. More than 80 percent ranked **"small town feeling"** as Pine Grove Mills' best asset. [Learn more...](#)

SEPTEMBER 17

Ferguson Township Tree Commission meeting cancelled

[Board of Supervisors](#)
7 pm

SEPTEMBER 24

[Planning Commission](#)
6 pm

SEPTEMBER 25

[Zoning Hearing Board](#)
7 pm

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](#)



Ferguson Township Public Works assists Spring Township with clean-up after heavy rainfall

In the aftermath of heavy rainfall, the Ferguson Township Public Works Department helped Spring Township by removing logs and branches that had lodged in Spring Creek, restricting the flow of water. [See more photos...](#)



September is Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month

The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors has proclaimed September as 2018 Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month. Most suicides are preventable. Let's work together to end the prejudice and discrimination associated with mental health disorders. [Learn more...](#)

OCTOBER 31

[Trick-or-Treat Night in Ferguson Township](#)

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

THANKSGIVING
Thursday
and Friday
November 22 - 23

CHRISTMAS
Monday
and Tuesday
December 24 - 25

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

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WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of all deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person commits suicide every thirteen minutes; and

WHEREAS, nearly five million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide claims the lives of over 1,970 Pennsylvanians each year, or on average one person dies by suicide every five hours in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, in Pennsylvania, suicide is the second leading cause of death for 15 - 34 year-olds and the fourth leading cause of death for 35 - 54 year-olds; and

WHEREAS, the prejudice and discrimination associated with mental health and suicide works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk from seeking lifesaving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide; and

WHEREAS, local and statewide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible; and

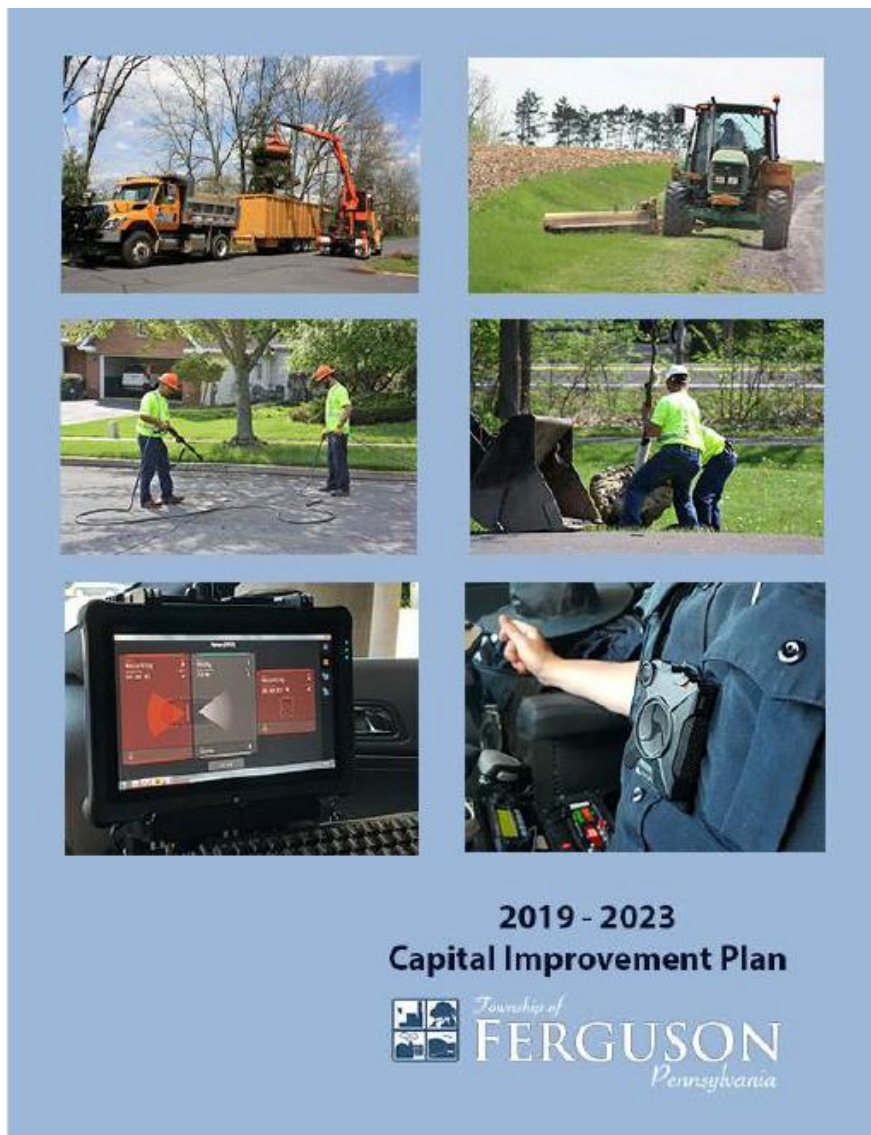
WHEREAS, most suicides are preventable.

NOW THEREFORE, The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors does hereby designate the month of September 2018 to be Ferguson Township Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month and September 10, 2018 to be Ferguson Township Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day.

PROCLAIMED this 2nd day of July, 2018.

Ferguson Township Finance: CIP approved; budget recognized; ensuring tax payments are correct

The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors approved the Township's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), a guide to financial decisions over the next five years. In addition, the Township has earned its fourth GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018. And finally, the Finance Department has recommendations for ensuring that real estate tax payments are correct: [Learn more in the Finance section of our News Archive...](#)



**2019 - 2023
Capital Improvement Plan**



Board designates October 31 as Trick-or-Treat Night

The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors has approved **Wednesday, October 31**, as Trick-or-Treat Night in the Township. **The hours will be 6 - 8 pm.** The Centre Region Council of Governments also approved this schedule for Trick-or-Treat Night in the Centre Region. Ferguson Township Police will schedule extra patrols to keep participating families safe. [Learn more...](#)



Help prevent spread of pests and disease that can have far-reaching consequences

Residents are asked to be vigilant about pests that can cause disease as well as destroy agricultural resources, and a highly contagious disease that affects our precious oak trees. Two dead crows in the Township tested positive for West Nile Virus; a spotted lanternfly was reportedly observed at a Penn State football tailgate, and the Township has had one case of oak wilt this year. [Learn more in the Controlling Pests and Spread of Disease section of our News Archive...](#)



Recycle right whether you're at home or tailgating

It's easy to recycle at your tailgate. Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority encourages you to grab a blue bag for recycling and a clear bag for trash. In addition, (CCRRA) reports they can no longer accept black plastic, nor plastic packaging. [Learn more in the Recycling section of our News Archive](#), including the latest on mixed paper recycling and **Fall Bulk Waste Collection Week, October 15 - 19.**



Resident who lobbied for ordinance is enjoying the benefits of backyard chickens

Jill Wood lobbied for Ferguson Township's Domestic Chicken Ordinance two years ago. Now she and her family are caring for six chickens in their backyard and eating fresh eggs for breakfast every day. [Learn more...](#)



Fall Brush and Leaf Collection Schedule

Brush and leaf collection begins on the first Monday of the month, except on holidays. The next monthly round will begin **Monday, October 1**. Please place brush and leaves curbside by **7 am** that day. There will be a Special Brush Collection the week beginning **Monday, October 15**. [Brush and Leaf Collection Guidelines](#)



October

**Brush and Leaf Collection
begins Monday, October 1**

Curbside by 7 am
that Monday

**Special Brush Collection
begins 7 am Monday,
October 15**

November

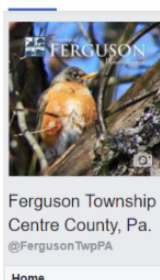
**Brush and Leaf Collection
begins Monday, November 5**

Curbside by 7 am
that Monday

**Winter operations
begin as needed**

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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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