



# Township of FERGUSON Pennsylvania

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## Working together in support of this community



**E**very day, Ferguson Township provides essential services to our residents. The Ferguson Township Police Department investigated incidents that included a homicide and a deceased woman abandoned on a Township road. Police continue to work diligently to provide for the safety of Township residents. These disturbing events were rare and unexpected in a community recognized as one of the 50 safest communities in Pennsylvania—where crime is low compared to national trends. But they also served to remind us to look out for each other, to rely on our police, and work with them to keep our community strong.



**Winter Operations.** Our Public Works “snow fighters” worked 12-hour shifts to reduce the impact of winter weather on travel. Providing safe travel for residents and those employed in the Centre Region is essential for the vibrant economic hub of the region. “Without our snow fighting services,” said Ferguson Township Public Works Director David Modricker, “vehicle crashes multiply, congestion causes lost work time, schools close, emergency operations are hampered, and businesses suffer the loss of profits.” Our crews also continued to provide brush and leaf collection services as weather conditions permitted.



**Parks.** Children and their families are making memories at a new park at 126 Cinda Drive--named for a longtime resident, Cecil Irvin, in recognition of his 26 years of service to the Township. In addition, the readers of State College magazine awarded Tom Tudek Memorial Park the “Gold for Best Park” and the “Bronze for Best Playground.” We’re proud to receive this recognition for Tudek Park, the crown jewel of the Township’s parks, from the people we serve.



**Trees.** Our Board of Supervisors has proclaimed April 29, 2016 as Arbor Day in Ferguson Township. The Township Arborist and Tree Commission will plant two trees and give away 300 seedlings to children and their families. Those attending will pot their own seedlings using composted soil from the brush and leaves collected throughout the Township. Centre Region Parks and Recreation will also participate. This event is coordinated by Lance King, Township Arborist, with the support of the Tree Commission, from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm at Tudek Park.

**Giving Residents a Voice.** We brought residents together for Coffee & Conversation at Videon Central and Baileyville Grange.



**Communication and Community Support.** Since launching a Twitter account on May 1, 2015, the Township’s page has grown to nearly 300 followers. We are gratified that our followers retweet our news, and happy to share our community partners’ news. The Township also produced a Welcome Video for visitors, businesses, and new and prospective residents.

**View:** <http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Welcome-Video/>



## Public Works

### A short, mild winter: Snow Plow and Salting Operations

**P**unxsutawney Phil got it right: This was a short and relatively sweet winter.

While we saw very little snowfall compared to Winter 2014-15, one of the harshest on record, we experienced some bitterly cold days and freezing road surfaces.

Our “snow fighters” went out whenever the snowfall reached two or more inches, but also any time the roads were slick. “If there’s an eighth of an inch to a half inch of snow, we make a salt run to prevent black ice,” said Steve McDonald, Ferguson Township Road Superintendent. “This past winter our crews did more salting than actual plowing.”

Factors that affect our snow fighting operation include the amount of snow, rate of snow, duration of snowfall, timing of the storm, dropping temperatures, wind conditions, and the type of precipitation (wet or dry snow, rain, sleet).

Streets may not always be cleared to the blacktop; some snow and slush may remain on the road surface, especially if the snow is light and powdery and there is little likelihood that the snow will refreeze. But keeping

Township roads safe for driving was priority.

“We traveled 3,577 miles and used 740 tons, an average of 413 pounds per two-lane mile,” McDonald said. “We know this because we have very sophisticated ground speed controls on our trucks and employ the latest technology to conserve salt.”

It is important to get the most out of each salt application to maintain safe roads in an economical manner, while being protective of the environment. The primary material used to melt snow and ice is rock salt (sodium chloride). Stone anti-skid is also used when conditions warrant.

Properly calibrated trucks help to ensure the proper amount of salt is applied per lane mile and not more or less than needed,” said Public Works Director David Modricker. “This ultimately saves taxpayer money and reduces the effect that applying salt has on the environment.”

“Each of our snow plow trucks features computers that capture the pounds of salt applied and miles of road covered,” he added.





**Inside a Ferguson Township Snow Plow**  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkjjUye4OdA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkjjUye4OdA)  
 Public Works Foreman Chris Leidy tells what it's like to be a "snow fighter."  
*Recommended viewing at 360p or higher quality setting*

## Safe operation of our plows is paramount concern

The well-being of our residents and our road crews is paramount in the delivery of service.

Protecting property is equally important to our plow drivers. Some of our plow trucks are equipped with a dashboard or side view camera that allows the driver to see where his wing plow is and helps him keep his distance from mailboxes.

Mailboxes sometimes take a hit from plows if they hang over the curb. Proper placement of your mailbox will help protect it from potential damage during snow plowing operations.

If your mailbox adhered to Township standards, but a plow hit it, the Township typically will replace it with a standard 4-inch by 4-inch wooden post and standard mailbox.

**Learn more about Township mailbox standards:**  
<http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Mailboxes/>

Plow drivers also do their best to avoid sod damage, but it happens every year, particularly in residential areas with no curb or mountable curb. "These are Township right-of-way areas and the Township is responsible for maintaining them," Modricker said. "We encourage residents to call and report any damage so that we can repair it this spring."







## Our “Road Scholars” are certified in proven roadway maintenance technology

**E**leven of our 12 Public Works road workers are graduates of the PennDOT Local Technical Assistance Training (LTAP) Road Scholar Program.

Each has completed 10 classes in effective and efficient maintenance procedures and essential safety practices, and is now certified or recertified as a “Road Scholar.”

Nearly 6,000 municipal employees each year complete PennDOT LTAP training, taking classes that include principles of paving, roadside safety, winter maintenance, risk management, signage, roadside traffic control, roadside worker safety and more.

Public Works Director David Modricker said the SEDA Council of Governments (COG) in Lewisburg, a regional multi-county development agency, administers the program at no cost to participating municipalities. The program is open to any municipality that wants to attend.

Ferguson Township hosted the 10-session program this year.

“This was a great opportunity to provide education and training for our workers at no cost to us,” Modricker said. “Each of our crew now demonstrates a level of expertise they can be proud of.”

## By the numbers

The Ferguson Township Public Works Department Maintenance section employs **12 full-time road workers** and **two seasonal road workers**.

Our crews maintain **99.41 miles** of equivalent two-lane Township roadways. During winter operations, snow emergency routes are first priority, followed by residential and connecting streets and shared use paths.

Our “snow fighters” responded to **21 winter weather events** this season, compared to **27** last winter, **29** in 2013-14, and **25** events in 2012-13.

The Township has **11** plow trucks. Each crew member assists the mechanic with cleaning and maintaining his truck.

To date, crews applied **740 tons of salt**.

## View Public Works Current Project Updates

The Department’s 2016 projects include the West College Avenue Streetscape sidewalk project, Piney Ridge Paving and Kansa Avenue Drainage Improvements, Science Park Road and Sandy Lane Intersection Improvement Study, and Street Tree Planting. For additional details and biweekly updates, please visit this link: <http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Current-Project-Updates/>

## Brush and Leaf Collection, Grass Drop-Off and Sweeping

Your Public Works crews are helping to make your yard clean-up tasks easier by offering curbside collection of brush and leaves.

Brush and Leaf Collection Services begin the first Monday of the month. Brush and leaves for collection need to be curbside at 7 am that day. If the first Monday of the month is a holiday, brush and leaf collection will begin the following day.

A special brush collection will take place the week of April 18, 2016.

Drop off your grass clippings at the Ferguson Township Municipal Building, 3147 Research Drive. Public Works will take them to the State College Borough recycling and composting facility. Follow the "Grass Drop-Off" signs from the parking lot.

Please keep mowed grass off the streets. Grass blown onto the roadway collects along the curbside and gets washed into storm inlets, leading to sediment build-up in pipes, detention basins, and waterways. Over time, this adds up to higher maintenance costs associated with street sweeping, inlet cleaning, and pipe cleaning, as well as more sediment in our waterways.

Help Public Works contain the cost of street sweeping. Your cooperation is appreciated.



## Brush and Leaf Collection Guidelines

Ferguson Township:

<http://ow.ly/Zpclv>

Or, call (814) 238-4651 and select Option 4.

## VIDEO

Produced by C-NET, "Brush and Leaf Collection in the Centre Region" is a guide to preparing your brush and leaves for collection.

Following these guidelines will help ensure the safety of our crews.

View it at: <http://ow.ly/ZpcyF>

## Get involved in managing stormwater

Are you aware that Ferguson Township has a permit issued by DEP for our storm sewer system? It is called an MS4 Permit, which stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. This permit has multiple requirements that the Township must perform annually. One of the requirements of the permit is to encourage residents to become involved in managing the stormwater that enters our MS4.

Here's an opportunity to volunteer:

**Watershed Clean-up Day**—sponsored by ClearWater Conservancy—has been an annual activity since 1997.

Hundreds of volunteers will help clean up polluted areas in the watershed. This year's event will take place from 8 am to noon Saturday, April 23, 2016. Volunteers are invited to a picnic immediately after.

Residents also had the opportunity to attend a Rain Barrel Workshop hosted by the Conservancy on March 12. Ferguson Township financially supports these public involvement activities as part of our MS4 permit.

To learn more, visit [www.clearwaterconservancy.org](http://www.clearwaterconservancy.org)

To volunteer, please contact Sarah Edge at 237-0400 or e-mail: [sarah@clearwaterconservancy.org](mailto:sarah@clearwaterconservancy.org)

## Storm drain inlets are not garbage receptacles



Only rain water is permitted to go into a storm drain. If you see illegal dumping or inadvertent spills that haven't been cleaned up, please report it to your local municipal public works department.

Sponsored by the MS4 Partners: Penn State University, State College Borough, College, Harris, Ferguson, and Patton Townships



### 2016 Tax Calculator

How does your tax bill compare to that of other municipalities in the Centre Region?

You can access an interactive online tax calculator — updated for 2016 — that shows how your taxes stack up to others in the Centre Region and Bellefonte Borough.

Simply visit <http://ow.ly/R3Eur>, agree to the terms of use, and complete the information in the yellow boxes. The spreadsheet will automatically update to show approximately what you'll pay in income, real estate, local services tax, and more. You can also see where your taxes rank against those in the other municipalities.

### Real Estate Tax Deadlines

Be aware that Ferguson Township Tax Office collects real estate taxes for the State College Area School District and the Township. Centre County collects the County real estate tax. The 2016 Township bills are mailed March 1. The school district bills are mailed July 1.

### Homeowners: Be aware of supplemental (interim) taxes

Supplemental taxes are defined as interim real estate taxes that represent part of a year. Homeowners incur supplemental taxes when building a new home or renovating an existing home and are directly responsible for these taxes.

Most homeowners are responsible for paying supplemental taxes out of pocket because few escrow companies will pay these from existing accounts. If they do, many will bill you directly to reimburse them.

The County Assessment Office will determine the value of the home or renovation and issue an interim bill for real estate taxes for the remaining part of the year.

**Important: Most mortgage companies will NOT pay supplement real estate bills. Payment of these bills falls directly on the taxpayer.**

### Presenting the 2016 Budget Executive Summary

The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors and staff are pleased to present the 2016 Budget Executive Summary for your review. Inside, you'll find many interesting facts about the Township and its operations, revenues, and expenditures, including how your tax dollars are allocated, and how expenditures have changed over the years.

View the entire 2016 Budget Executive Summary at our website:  
<http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Budget-Information>

## Recognition for the Ferguson Township Finance Department

**Ferguson Township's 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**—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 is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

View the 2014 CAFR: [https://imageserv11.team-logic.com/mediaLibrary/2032/2014\\_CAFR\\_Comprehensive\\_Annual\\_Financial\\_Report\\_.pdf](https://imageserv11.team-logic.com/mediaLibrary/2032/2014_CAFR_Comprehensive_Annual_Financial_Report_.pdf)

**2015 Ferguson Township Operating Budget**—first Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.



## Supervisors

### Meet Rita Graef, Ward 3 Supervisor

Township voters elected two new Supervisors—**Peter Buckland** and **Laura Dininni**, and the Board appointed **Rita Graef** to serve as Ward III Supervisor.

Graef submitted her name in consideration for the Ward 3 seat as “someone who listens, is thoughtful, and is willing to do the work of researching and asking questions,” she said. Graef has lived in Overlook Heights for nearly 18 years.



In interviews with each of the applicants on February 10 and 11, the Board asked Graef how she would “tackle a problem or question—how I would think through the work of being a Supervisor,” she said. “They also assessed how I would mesh with the personalities of the other Supervisors in a professional, congenial, and respectful way.”

The Board voted 3 - 1 to appoint her to the seat at its Regular Meeting on February 16.

Graef serves as the first full-time curator of the Pasto Agricultural Museum, which features a collection of nearly 5,000 historic agricultural objects. The museum is located at the Ag Progress Days site in Ferguson Township—the Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center at Rock Springs. As a staff of one who works with volunteers through the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences, Graef’s mission is “creating an experience that connects the science and history of our agricultural past with the present, making agriculture relevant to today’s visitors.”

“I’ve always been interested in agriculture and where our food comes from,” she said. Formerly in relationship development for Penn State Outreach and World Campus, and having served as a consultant in industrial design and product development, marketing and product management, Graef said the curator’s job offered “the perfect intersection” of her skills and talents.

Applying for the Ward 3 seat was Graef’s first “run” for public office, though she has been an active volunteer in her community. For almost 10 years, she served on the celebrations committee for Central Pa. 4thFest and helped coordinate the efforts of hundreds of volunteers. “I had considered public office because being a volunteer had been a part of my upbringing,” she said. “I believe everyone should play a role in their community and give back.

“I have been heartened by my neighbors, colleagues who are aware of what’s going on in the Township and have expressed interest in the process,” she added. “I think I’ll do a fine job and have their support. I’m excited by how engaged our neighbors are and want to help foster that engagement.” As an appointee, Graef will serve for two years, at which time she can choose to run for election.

**Contact Information for Ferguson Township Supervisors:**  
<http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Board-of-Supervisors/>

## Township Events Calendar

### April 9

Coffee & Conversation, Giant  
255 Northland Center  
State College  
9 - 10:30 am

### April 18

Special Brush Collection Week

### April 29

Ferguson Township Arbor Day  
celebration at Tudek Park  
10:30 am - 2:30 pm

### April 30

Early payment due date for 2016  
Township Real Estate Tax

### June 4

2015 Ferguson Township  
Police Bike Rodeo  
Weis Market parking lot  
1471 Martin Street  
11 am - 1 pm

### June 30

Face amount payment due for  
2016 Township Real Estate Tax

### July 1

Penalty payment period begins  
for 2015 Township Real Estate Tax,  
ending **December 31**

### July 15

Coffee & Conversation,  
The Naked Egg  
320 Pine Grove Road  
State College  
8 - 9:30 am

*Please visit our website  
Events Calendar and  
Latest News for details*

[www.twp.ferguson.pa.us](http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us)

## Police

### Checklist: Be vigilant of your personal and home safety

- *Do you keep your doors locked at all times, as well as every time you leave the house, even if it's only for a few minutes?*
- *Can you see who's at the door without opening it?*
- *Do you know your neighbors across the street and on all three sides of your home?*
- *Do you have an emergency escape plan in case of a break-in?*

These are four of 39 questions on a Home Security Checklist you can access at SafeWise.com, a site that named Ferguson Township one of the 50 safest Pennsylvania communities in 2015.

Ferguson Township Police recognize the concern that our residents have for your safety, especially in the aftermath of the intentional homicide of Pine Grove Mills resident Jean Tuggy. Such crimes are rare in our community, but you can never be too careful.

We encourage residents to continue practicing standard, personal and home security measures—keeping your doors and windows locked, using security lights, being aware of your surroundings as well as vigilant. Never, ever open your door to someone you do not know or trust.

We want to assure residents that whenever information becomes known that impacts their safety and their ability to protect themselves, we will provide that information in a timely manner.

### How to contact the Ferguson Township Police Department

In an emergency, please contact Ferguson Township Police by calling 9-1-1. An emergency is defined as an event in progress or an incident that has just occurred.



For non-emergency information, please call 1-800-479-0050. General questions or tips may be submitted via [police@twp.ferguson.pa.us](mailto:police@twp.ferguson.pa.us).

**Anonymous tips may be submitted via**  
<http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Anonymous-Tip/>

For time-sensitive matters, always call.

So that police can respond as quickly as possible, please do not use the Ferguson Township "Contact Us" form to submit time-sensitive questions, comments or suggestions.

### Crisis Intervention Training: Responding appropriately to someone in emotional crisis

**W**hen our residents praise Ferguson Township as a safe place to live, work and do business, they're praising our police department in a big way. They're also recognizing the power of "community." Ferguson Township Chief of Police Diane Conrad will tell you our police department is effective because our officers work with the community to solve problems.

Ferguson police and other first responders throughout the Centre Region are working in partnership with local mental health professionals through a program called Crisis Intervention Training (CIT).

More than half of our Ferguson Township officers have completed this 40-hour weeklong training, developed by the University of Memphis in partnership with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). CIT is a joint effort among Centre County police departments.

"CIT helps first responders respond appropriately to any incident where someone is having a psychological crisis, is frustrated, acting out in an overt way, or suicidal, often hand in hand with alcohol and drugs," said Chief Conrad.

To date, Centre County CIT has trained 226 first responders and public safety officials on how to effectively de-escalate crisis situations that may have a tendency to become intensified. While CIT training is only offered to law enforcement, first responders and public safety officials, there are other training options available for those in our community who would like to learn more about mental health and how they can help someone experiencing a mental or behavioral health crisis.

**To learn more about Mental Health First Aid training, visit:**  
[www.MentalHealthFirstAid.org](http://www.MentalHealthFirstAid.org) or contact the Centre County CIT Coordinator at [centrecountycit@gmail.com](mailto:centrecountycit@gmail.com)



***Provide emergency responders with confidential information about special needs***

In case of an emergency, residents may want to provide emergency responders with confidential information about anyone in the home who may have special needs, advanced medical conditions, or who will need assistance in the event of an emergency or evacuation. While Ferguson Township does not offer this service, Centre County does.

Residents may also provide contact information for trusted individuals who can assist police officers when entering or securing your home during an emergency. Residential Emergency Response Notification (RERN) helps first responders to know about your distinct circumstances prior to arriving on scene.

Complete a Centre County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Residential Emergency Response Notification form and submit to Centre County 911. Your information will be entered into the Centre County 911 CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) system based on your address. These "notes" will automatically generate on the CAD screen for dispatchers to see and convey to first responders as needed, when you call 9-1-1 for help.

**Link to the Residential Emergency Response Notification form:**  
<http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Residential-Emergency-Response-Notification/>

## **Work Zone Safety: Drive the posted speed limit**

Road construction season has begun. As you encounter work zones, please keep the following tips in mind for your safety and the safety of road workers.

- **Drive the posted work-zone speed limit.**
- **Stay alert and pay close attention to signs and flaggers.**
- **Turn on your headlights.**
- **Maintain a safe distance around vehicles. Don't tailgate.**
- **Use four-way flashers when stopped or traveling slowly.**
- **Avoid distractions and give your full attention to the road.**
- **Always buckle up.**
- **Expect the unexpected.**
- **Be patient.**

### ***Keep the following in mind:***

#### **Identifying Active Work Zones.**

Active Work zones must be designated as such—with a white flashing light or an Active Work Zone When Flashing" sign—to notify motorists when entering and leaving the work zone. The flashing light will only be activated when workers are present and turned off when workers are not present.

#### **Fifteen-Day Loss of License for Driving Dangerously.**

Motorists pulled over for driving 11 miles per hour or more above the posted speed limit in an active work zone, or who are involved in a crash in an active work zone and are convicted for failing to drive at a safe speed, automatically lose their licenses for 15 days.

#### **Fines Doubled/Jail Time Increased.**

Fines for traffic violations including speeding, driving under the influence, and failure to obey traffic devices—are doubled for active work zones. Also, the law provides for up to five years of additional jail time for individuals convicted of homicide by vehicle for a crash that occurred in an active work zone.

In 2014, 377 suspensions were imposed on motorists for work-zone violations.

#### **Posted Work Zones.**

All motorists are required to travel with headlights turned on in all posted work zones, not just active work zones. Drivers in vehicles with daytime running lights must turn headlights on to activate taillights.

## ***For local crime statistics, follow Ferguson Township Police's monthly "Calls for Service" reports***

**C**rime in Ferguson Township is very low and tends to follow state and national trends. Every month, the Ferguson Township Police Department publishes statistical information about crime in the Township in a format prescribed by law. The reporting program is known as the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) and is designed to provide information about crime trends and volume based on the reporting of statistics by law enforcement agencies throughout the country. The program is administered by the Pennsylvania State Police for Pennsylvania and by the FBI for the nation.

**You'll find our monthly reports at our website, including our statistics for 2014, 2015 and 2016 to date:**

<http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Statistics-Information/>

**F**erguson Township's 2016 Fee Schedule is a list of fees for services, but it also includes fines for violations—from on-street parking during a snowfall of two or more inches, to allowing grass and weeds to grow more than six inches. All are covered under ordinances designed to serve and protect residents, as well as keep Ferguson Township beautiful and operating efficiently and effectively.

It's Lori Sowash's job to enforce those ordinances. As Ferguson Township's new Ordinance Officer, she reports to both the Township's Police Department and Planning & Zoning Department—enforcing ordinances governing parking as well as animal control, sign regulation and property addressing.

Calls from residents account for a large percent of her work, most recently to express concerns about dogs off leash at the park, aggressive dogs, or cats roaming their properties. "Many residents don't realize there is a cat ordinance," she said, "and cats must not be allowed to roam." Like dogs, outdoor cats are required to be leashed. "Stray cats are the third leading carrier of

rabies," she added. When pet owners do not or cannot control their animals, there are repercussions. Sowash provides rabies and license information to dog owners. The license and rabies tag must be on the dog's collar.

She also patrols for unregistered and abandoned vehicles, snow that's not cleared from sidewalks within 24 hours, road debris that can cause traffic hazards, and overgrowth of grass, weeds and other vegetation between the growing season of April 1 and October 30.

Sowash recommends that residents periodically review the Fee Schedule, as well as browse or search the Code of Ordinances by keyword. "Feel free to call if you have questions," she said. "We're here to help. If you lose your dog, please call immediately. Our first priority is the safety of the animal."



Contact Lori Sowash at (814) 238-4651  
or [lsowash@twp.ferguson.pa.us](mailto:lsowash@twp.ferguson.pa.us)  
View 2016 Fee Schedule: <http://ow.ly/ZpkUd>

### Township seeks to rewrite zoning and subdivision and land development ordinances

The Township is gearing up to launch a comprehensive rewrite of its zoning and subdivision and land development ordinances beginning this summer.

The ordinances—each initially adopted in the early- to mid-1980s—establish land use regulations for property owners, developers, farmers and the like to allow for reasonable growth while preserving Ferguson Township's rural character and environmental quality.

The project will involve a professional land use consultant whose job it will be to facilitate all aspects of the rewrite—including soliciting stakeholder input, identifying inconsistencies within the ordinances, addressing new trends in community planning, and more. Residents are encouraged to stay tuned for more information about how to become involved.

Residents with questions may contact Ray Stolinas, Director of Planning & Zoning, by calling the Township or by e-mailing [rstolinas@twp.ferguson.pa.us](mailto:rstolinas@twp.ferguson.pa.us)

### Development in the Township



Ferguson Township continues to be an attractive location for development.

Please contact the Department of Planning and Zoning for details.

Or visit our website: <http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us>

Using Google Interactive Maps™, you can view active development proposals and relevant details at this link: <http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Development/>



## Community

### CATA, Schlow, C-NET and CRPR

CATA's new myStop mobile app for iPhone and Android devices, introduced last fall, provides riders with not only up-to-the-minute real-time bus location and estimated arrival times, but also new additional features, including a trip planner, easy access to rider alerts and announcements, and even text and e-mail alerts about service changes and promotions.



The free app is available now in the iTunes and Google Play stores, and may be downloaded by searching "mystop." Once installed, click on the CATABUS logo.

The information available on the myStop app is also available online at [realtime.catabus.com](http://realtime.catabus.com). View a video showing step-by-step instructions on how to use the app and its features at [www.catabus.com](http://www.catabus.com) and click on "how-to videos."

Schlow Centre Region Library now offers a new remote book return in Ferguson Township.



Located at Clearfield Bank and Trust, 511 Pine Grove Road, the book return allows library patrons to return your books and other lending materials without traveling to Schlow's downtown location. This new location was selected after residents who attended Coffee and Conversation at Baileyville Grange a year ago endorsed the idea.

The Schlow staff expressed gratitude to Clearfield Bank and Trust for serving as a community partner to the library.

Schlow also offers "My Library Card," a free app that allows patrons to store multiple Schlow Library cards on your smartphones.

As the Government and Educational Access Network for Centre County, C-NET provides gavel-to-gavel coverage of our government at work.



Ferguson Township has embraced the spirit of transparent and open government by having the meetings of the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors recorded, televised and available to view online. Meetings online are "bookmarked" by agenda item.

To view online, click on agenda items of interest to you and you'll be taken directly to that point in the meeting. C-NET is grateful for the tremendous support that we receive from Ferguson Township, and is proud to contribute to ensuring "transparency in government" in the Centre Region.

**Meetings of the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors are cablecast on Channel 7 during the six days following a Monday night meeting at the following times: 2 pm Wednesday, 1 am and 7 pm Thursday, 8:30 am Friday, and 4 pm Sunday. Watch at [cnet1.org](http://cnet1.org)**

In 2016, Centre Region Parks & Recreation (CRPR) Agency celebrates 50 years of service to five municipalities of the Centre Region. Ferguson Township has participated in that cooperation since day one. Our thanks to the Municipal Officials and residents of Ferguson Township for your continued support of CRPR efforts and your investment in the value of staying active in your community. "Your Recreation Destination," CRPR serves all ages.



CRPR also invites you to explore Ferguson Township's newest park, Cecil Irvin, at 126 Cinda Drive. Phase 1 of the park, including a playground, pergola, walking trail, multi-use field, and sledding hill, will open in late spring.

**See Community Events calendar at right, or our Community Calendar at our website. For a complete list of programs and activities, visit [www.crpr.org](http://www.crpr.org)**

## Community Events Calendar

**April 8 - 10**

Art Alliance of Central PA  
Recycled Art Show  
[www.artalliancepa.org](http://www.artalliancepa.org)

**April 23**

20th Annual Watershed Clean-Up Day  
8 am - noon  
Sponsored by ClearWater Conservancy

**\*April 24**

CRPR Summer Guide available

**April 29 - 30**

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

**\*April 30**

Park Forest & William Welch Pool  
Passes—10 percent discount deadline

**May 16 - 20**

2016 Spring Bulk Waste Collection  
Centre County Recycling  
& Refuse Authority

**June 2**

Special Olympics Torch Run  
Ferguson Township Police  
participate each year

**July 31 - August 6**

Camp Cadet Boys' Week  
Ferguson Township Police  
participate each year

**August 7 - 13**

Camp Cadet Girls' Week

Please follow our Community  
Calendar for community and  
neighborhood events happening  
in Ferguson Township

*\*Please visit the Centre Region Parks  
& Recreation website: [www.crpr.org](http://www.crpr.org) for  
additional schedule details*

## CONTACT FERGUSON TOWNSHIP

<http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us>  
3147 Research Drive  
Township /814.238.4651  
Police /814.237.1172

## REFUSE AND RECYCLING Advanced Disposal

Contact with questions  
about your service or billing  
814.237.3713

## Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority

814.238.7005

### Recycling Hotline

For information about what you should  
and shouldn't put in your red recycling bin  
814.238.6649

### COG Administration

Contact with questions about program  
requirements and problem resolution  
814.234.7198

<http://crcog.net/refuse>



## 2016 SPRING & SUMMER HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING DATES

If your weekly pick-up day falls on or after these  
holidays, your trash and recycling service will be  
delayed by one (1) day during the holiday week:

**MAY 30, 2016 MEMORIAL DAY**  
**JULY 4, 2016 INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 5, 2016 LABOR DAY**



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

**April 29 - 30, 2016**

## 2016 SPRING BULK WASTE WEEK

**May 16 - 20, 2016**

*Advanced Disposal will collect old furniture, bedding, carpeting, appliances, and tires  
(some restrictions apply). Place all items curbside by 7 am on your regular collection day.  
You'll find more information in the 2nd quarter billing insert in your April invoice,  
or go online to <http://crcog.net/refuse>  
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