



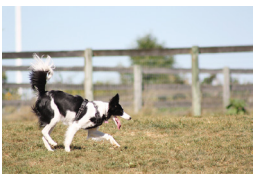
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SPRING 2018

Sustainable Ferguson

"We Are Still In:" Leading the way to a healthier place to live and work



Ask Dave Pribulka or Peter Buckland what Ferguson Township has achieved during the last six months, and both will tell you that our residents, staff, and elected officials have brought us closer to our goal of being a Sustainable Community.

"I'm seeing a greater level of environmental consciousness than ever before," said Pribulka, who became Township Manager in May 2017. "We're making improvements in sourcewater protection, low impact development, and regulations that are environmentally sound."

Buckland, who chairs the 2018 Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors, championed a proposal to build a LEED Gold Certified maintenance facility for the Public Works Department in 2019.

"One of the ways we need to make the world a better place is by making buildings better places to live and work in," said Buckland, Academic Programs Director at Penn State's Sustainability Institute.

His fellow Supervisors share that vision. "There isn't a Board of Supervisors meeting where we don't discuss our plans for stormwater management, planting wildflowers, and taking care of our trees," he said. "We all recognize that we need to act urgently on climate change to make a better world."

Last year, Buckland proposed a resolution calling for a Township commitment to developing a strategy that will achieve net zero-greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2050. The Board adopted the resolution. Resolution 2017-14 commits the Township to becoming a leader in pursuing these goals for the region and the Commonwealth. The Board of Supervisors appointed five residents with an interest in combatting climate change to serve on an ad hoc committee to help develop that strategy.

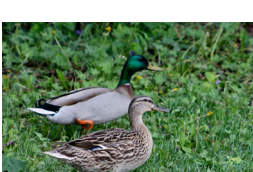
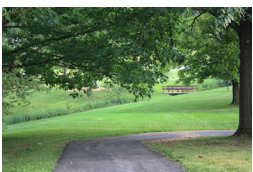
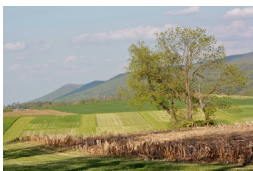
Ferguson Township also appointed seven volunteers to a new Parks and Recreation Committee to advise the staff and supervisors on active and passive recreation areas, open space preservation, parkland development, and programming

To date, Ferguson Township is the only municipality nationwide that has joined the "We Are Still In" campaign at Buckland's suggestion. Though largely a symbolic gesture, joining the campaign connects the Township to a network of committed institutions, business, universities and non-profits who stand by the Paris Agreement on climate change so that we can learn from each other.

We are living in a time when accountability and transparency have never been more important. Our police officers will begin wearing body cameras and driving with vehicle cameras they can activate as needed. The cameras will help the Department uphold its commitment to transparency in its interactions with the public.

Our Planning & Zoning staff and Planning Commission have been working with a consultant to complete a major rewrite to the Township's Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances. The updates will make for a user-friendly ordinance as well as improve opportunities for our local farmers.

Get involved in growing Ferguson Township as a sustainable community!



Sustainability is Ferguson Township's focus in 2018

by David Pribulka, Township Manager



Friends, it's going to be an exciting year for our Township! The Board of Supervisors and staff are committed to advancing sustainability initiatives that will continue to improve the quality of life for those who live, work, study, visit, and recreate in our community.

Financial Stability—The number one priority of our Ferguson Township Strategic Plan. Through sound budgeting, competitive bidding of public projects, and cooperative agreements with other organizations, Ferguson Township continues to stretch your tax dollar to its fullest while still delivering the quality public services you have come to expect for you and your family. 2018 is the 10th consecutive year the Township has operated without a tax increase!

Environmental Sustainability — In June 2017, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution committing the Township to developing a strategy to achieve net zero-greenhouse gas emissions in the Township by 2050, and do so in a manner that is fair, transparent, and economically feasible. A Climate Ad Hoc Action Committee of experts in environmental science and other areas is meeting regularly to help develop this strategy, and their work is underway.

In addition, design is progressing on a new Public Works Maintenance Facility that hopes to achieve Gold Certification in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). Our goal is to provide a facility that meets the Public Works Department's current and future needs in an environmentally responsible manner.

Additional initiatives are underway, so stay tuned for information about how you can become involved.

Growth Management — The heart of our Township is in our pastures and farmland, but our community is growing. One of the most difficult challenges facing a municipality today is preserving its heritage in the face of costlier services and new mandates. In 2018, Ferguson Township is updating its Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances to employ modern land use strategies that achieve our goal of planned, sustainable growth without sacrificing what makes us who we are.

Everything planned in 2018 has one common theme: ***We need your help.*** There has never been a better time to get involved in your community. Whether that means volunteering to serve on an Authority, Board, or Commission; attending a public meeting to have your voice heard; or simply signing up for our e-Newsletter or one of our other email listservs to stay informed, you have a chance to make a real impact on the place you love to call home. ***Visit our website or call us to learn more: www.twp.ferguson.pa.us***

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Meet your 2018 Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors



Peter Buckland
Chair



Steve Miller
Vice Chair



Laura Dininni



T. Tom Ricciardi



Sara Carlson

Public Works

Ferguson Township to host 2nd public meeting on study of stormwater user fee

Ferguson Township and its consultant, Elizabeth Treadway of Amec Foster Wheeler — in partnership with Gannett Fleming— have undertaken a feasibility study on the problems, needs and opportunities of its current stormwater program.

The Township and its consultants hosted the first of two public meetings on the stormwater use fee study on March 21.

A second meeting will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 pm Wednesday, April 18.

“These meetings are an opportunity to discuss the community’s priorities, where the gaps in service are and how we can improve,” said Public Works Director David Modricker.

“Stormwater fees have been implemented all over the country,” he added, “including Pennsylvania. They’re an idea whose time has come, possibly on Ferguson Township’s timetable. If a stormwater fee is enacted, those property owners with a large amount of impervious area would pay a larger share than a single family residence.”

Since September 27, 2017, residents, local organizations and institutions have been meeting as members of Ferguson Township’s Stormwater Advisory Committee. A farmer, agricultural engineer, contractor, master gardener, geologist, and water resource activist are among those represented on the committee, which helps set priorities for stormwater services.

Ferguson Township is gratified by their participation and encourages all interested residents to attend the public meeting.

Plans progress on a green, healthy Public Works maintenance facility

The design for a LEED Gold Certified Public Works maintenance facility for Ferguson Township is more than 60 percent complete. When our snow fighting and road crews, who have outgrown their current facility move into it in 2019, they’ll be in a state-of-the-art efficient building that will meet the Township’s needs for decades to come.

The grounds will have less of a manicured look, with wildflowers growing in “no-mow” zones. Stormwater infiltration on the site will reflect best management practices for storm water.

The design aims to meet these important standards for a facility certified as LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design:

- ***Focus on building materials — a better understanding of what’s in them and their effects on human health and the environment.***
- ***Performance-based — a stronger approach to indoor environmental quality for better occupant comfort.***
- ***Energy efficiency — a clearer picture of energy efficiency by evaluating total building energy use.***

“This will be a great place for our Public Works crews to work,” said Peter Buckland, who chairs the 2018 Board of Supervisors and championed this amendment to the budget. “I was heartened that the Board passed it 5 – 0.”

“Buildings shape us,” he added. “They can make us healthy or sick. They interact with the land, air and water around us all the time, in good ways and bad ways. The amount of energy and kind of energy matters.”

“A building that sources renewable power uses less electricity from a dirty grid. The price of electricity on the grid from fossil fuel sources will not be able to compete with solar sources.”

While the certification process and green materials can be expensive, avoiding the cost of electricity will be a significant savings over time. Buckland said it is rare for a local government entity to pursue a “green” building and thereby demonstrate leadership on climate change. “This shows imagination by our community, board and staff.”

A guide to Township floodplain regulations

Floodplain conservation and protection are accomplished through the Ferguson Township Code of Ordinances (§27-801 Floodplain Conservation, Part 8, Supplemental Regulations). The intent of this section is to preserve the natural functions of floodplains, protect life and property from the hazards of flooding, properly manage Township waters, and minimize the financial burdens that floods impose on the community.

These regulations stipulate that no construction is permitted in any floodplain throughout the Township. Any proposed construction shall provide a 50-foot buffer between land disturbance and the confirmed flood zone. Ferguson Township Zoning Administrator Jeff Ressler, who is also a Certified Floodplain Manager, can assist you in determining your property location in relation to a floodplain. ***Contact him at jressler@twp.ferguson.pa.us, or (814) 238-4651.***

Residents' guide to the protection of Ferguson Township trees

It is very likely that a portion of your front yard is Ferguson Township right-of-way, and a tree that may appear to be part of your property may actually belong to the Township.

Before you consider removing, treating or otherwise altering what may be a Township tree, please consult the Ferguson Township Tree Ordinance for guidelines.

You'll also need to determine where your property line is located. Where your property line ends is where the Township right-of-way begins. Right-of-way widths vary depending on the street and location, but one thing you can be sure of: Any tree in the space between the sidewalk and the curb is the property of the Township. In neighborhoods without sidewalks, identifying the right-of-way can be difficult. Typically, utility boxes, telephone poles, and public signage are located in the right-of-way, and can be helpful for approximating whether a tree is Township property. However, this is not an exact science.

Ferguson Township's Code of Ordinances protects our street and park trees. Violations of the Tree Ordinance carry a penalty payable by fine and the cost of replacing the tree.

If you are uncertain about a tree in your front yard that appears to need attention, please contact the Ferguson Township Arborist at (814) 238-4651.

"...in any public right-of-way to which the Township has title, no person shall without written permission, as outlined in § 25-106 of this Part, cut, prune, break, destroy, overthrow, injure, scrape, paint, deface or remove any public tree; or cut, disturb or interfere in any way with the roots of any tree; or remove leaves, flowers or fruit from any tree . . .

Capital Improvement Projects

Ferguson Township Public Works Director David Modricker calls this year an "aggressive Capital Improvement Program." These are some of his department's major projects:

ARLE - Performance Metrics. Funded by the Automated Red Light Enforcement program, this project includes the engineering and construction of a hardware and software system to improve traffic signal performance. This project will be bid out in July.

Corl Street Signal Upgrades. Funded in part with a Green Light Go (GLG) grant, this project is currently in design to upgrade pedestrian accommodations at this location.

Sycamore - Chestnut —W. Gatesburg — Tadpole— Pine Hall. All five road projects are in design and will be bid out together. Major elements of the work will include cold in-place recycling, asphalt wearing course, and drainage and/or shoulder improvements. The Township hosted an open house on March 5 for residents affected by the project.

Brush and Leaf Collection



April

Brush and Leaf Collection
begins Monday, April 2

Curbside by 7 am

Special Brush Collection
Monday through Thursday,
April 16 - 19



May - June

Brush and Leaf Collection
begins May 7 and June 4

Curbside by 7 am
on the first Monday
of each month



July - August

Brush and Leaf Collection
begins July 2 and August 6

Curbside by 7 am
on the first Monday
of each month

No collections on
Independence Day,
July 4



September

Brush and Leaf Collection
begins Tuesday, September 4

Curbside by 7 am
Tuesday, September 4

No collections on Labor Day,
September 3

Our newest park and passive recreation area

Ferguson Township has begun to plan and develop an approximately nine-acre property accessible from Owens Drive — currently known as “Owens Drive Park” — as a passive recreation area, including reforesting native tree species such as black locust, hickory, aspen, and grey dogwoods.

Because of its proximity to the Blue Course Drive shared use path, planners are considering a path extension through the park, as well as a pollinator plot. The goal of the project is to create an inviting forest oasis and continuous learning environment, while maintaining the site’s stormwater infiltration characteristics.

Residents were invited to submit suggestions for naming the park. Centre Region Parks and Recreation will review those suggestions and make a recommendation, to be voted on by the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors.



Arbor Day Celebration

Ferguson Township Elementary students plan tree planting at the Owens Drive site

Ferguson Township Elementary Environmental Club students will plant 200 - 400 trees at the Owens Drive site on Saturday, April 28, in celebration of Arbor Day in the Township. The project will support the Plant for the Planet organization’s goal of planting 1 trillion trees globally.

In cooperation with Ferguson Township and community partners, the local tree planting will take place from 9 am - 1 pm.

This stormwater management plot behind the West College Avenue Waffle Shop is accessed from Owens Drive, abuts Blue Course Drive, and extends to the rear yards of some residential properties on Conover Lane and McBath Street.

The Ferguson Township Tree Commission and Parks and Recreation Committee will review future plans as a master plan for the property is developed.

Current partners for this event include Ferguson Township, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Central PA Pheasants Forever, the Ferguson Township Elementary Environmental Club, and the Penn State EcoAction Club.

The Ferguson Township Elementary Environmental Club is raising funds for this project, and the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors has appropriated \$2,400 to help support it.



Ferguson Township Arbor Day Celebration

9 am - 1 pm Saturday, April 28

“Owens Drive Park”

Join youth from the Ferguson Township Elementary Environmental Club, Ferguson Township, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Central PA Pheasants Forever, and the Penn State EcoAction Club in a planting of 200 - 400 new trees to reforest and restore the native habitat and create a passive recreation area. The site is a stormwater management area accessed from Owens Drive.

Light refreshments will be served.

Our thanks to The Goddard School and Young Scholars of Central PA Charter School for inviting you to park in their lots during this event.

For more information, email:

PAPlanting4Kids@gmail.com or lking@twp.ferguson.pa.us

Volunteers are needed to help maintain the property and make it a community space.

Sign up at the event or indicate your interest by emailing either of the following:

PAPlanting4Kids@gmail.com, or Lance King, Ferguson Township Arborist, at lking@twp.ferguson.pa.us

Stormwater Management

Learn about our local water resources and how you can protect them

Since 2003, Ferguson Township has participated in a Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandated program for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Its purpose is to control the inflow of pollutants into the Township's storm sewers and drainage ditches that ultimately reach local water resources.

The Township encourages you to participate in the MS4 program by learning about our local water resources and how you can help protect them. These websites provide additional information and resources:

Spring Creek Watershed's MS4 Partners — www.ms4partners.org

The six Centre Region MS4 Partners including College, Ferguson, Harris and Patton Townships, along with State College Borough and Penn State University, developed this website. You'll find excellent information about our MS4 Program as well as local information about the Spring Creek Watershed.

Township of Ferguson Pennsylvania — <http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Stormwater-Management/>

Ferguson Township's website provides information specific to the Township. Among other resources, it features the Township's MS4 Stormwater Management Program, our current Stormwater Management Ordinance, and a link to the Stormwater Advisory Committee that is investigating the feasibility of a Stormwater Fee.

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources — <http://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/StormwaterMgmt/Stormwater/Pages/default.aspx>

This website contains information to help MS4 permittees comply with the required program and permit.

You personally participate in the MS4 program when you prevent potential pollution sources that you use or create — such as oil, antifreeze, litter, animal wastes, fertilizer, pesticides and sediment from erosion washed into the storm drain system during rain storms or by melting snow. The Township appreciates all who protect our water resources.

The Township is also seeking individuals or organizations to become active participants in the MS4 program by volunteering in a **storm drain stenciling program**.

Storm drain stenciling involves placing a clean water message on storm drains to make the public “storm drain savvy” and less likely to use storm drains for disposing of waste. The Township will provide all the materials volunteers need to complete the project.

Volunteers can make it a neighborhood project, or cover a larger area, depending on the size of the group.

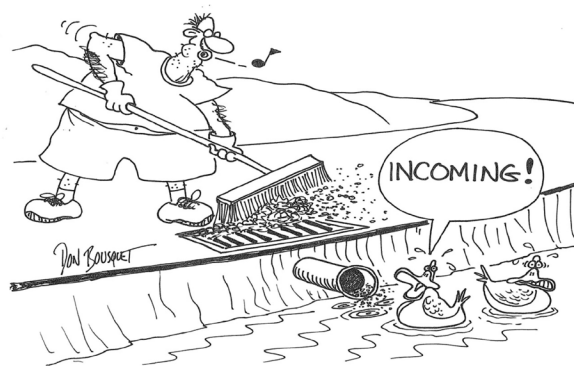
If you are interested in volunteering to partner with the Township, contact Kevin Bloom at kbloom@twp.ferguson.pa.us

Storm drain inlets are not garbage receptacles.

Whatever enters a storm drain flows directly into our local waters.

Help us keep our waters clean.

Never dump, wash, or rake anything into a storm drain.



Courtesy: RI Stormwater Solutions

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

<http://www.ms4partners.org/>

Police

Police Department has added body and vehicle cameras

Ferguson Township Police have purchased body and vehicle cameras, and will complete one to two months of technical training on the new equipment.

Officers wearing body cameras will be able to activate them with the push of the button. Each camera is about the size of a cell phone. Vehicle cameras will activate when patrol officers turn on their flashing lights.

Sergeant Devon Moran, who coordinated the purchase and training, said the new equipment will help the Ferguson Township Police Department uphold transparency in its interactions with the public and minimize the potential for abuse.

“We have concerns about the privacy of those who may be recorded and will do what we can to protect people from unnecessary intrusion,” said Ferguson Township Chief of Police Chris Albright. “But we also hope that, when appropriate, camera evidence will provide better evidence for court.

“When there are any allegations about what took place during a traffic violation, for example, we can go back and view the video and show it to a judge and jury.”



Board of Supervisors adopts resolution to support use of radar by local police

Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to support the passage and ratification of Pennsylvania Senate Bill 251 authorizing local police use of radar.

As the single U.S. state that prohibits local police from using radar to monitor traffic speed, Pennsylvania only authorizes state troopers to use radar for this purpose.

If passed, the bill would amend Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to permit municipal police officers to use radar to enforce the maximum speed limits established by the General Assembly.

The legislation will include a revenue cap on the amount of a money a municipality may keep from speeding tickets – 20 percent of the municipality's budget, as well as calibration standards for the use of radar guns. In addition, the legislation would require a municipality to adopt an ordinance allowing its police to use radar to monitor speed.

In addition to making Pennsylvania consistent with the 49 other states, the proposed legislation would provide for equal enforcement throughout the state by both local and state police.

Greater enforcement of speed limits helps keep drivers, passengers, and pedestrians safe.

Currently, radar enforcement allows citations to be issued when the driver is in excess of 6 miles per hour above the posted speed limit or in excess of 10 miles per hour in areas where the speed limit is less than 55 miles per hour. School and active work zones have no overage requirement for citations to be issued.

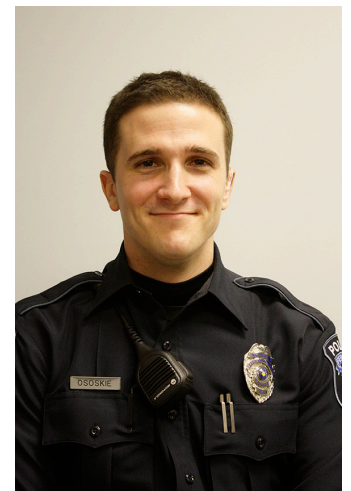
FTPD welcomes new officers

Two new Ferguson Township Police officers took the oath of office in December 2017.

Lauren Neely (left) and Skyler Ososkie are both recent graduates of the police academy at the Harrisburg Area Community College.

Raised in Altoona, Officer Neely earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from West Virginia University. Before joining the FTPD, she worked as a line officer with the Blair County Probation Office and as a deputy with the Blair County Sheriff's Office. She is the first member of her family to go into law enforcement.

A native of Bellefonte, Officer Ososkie earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Liberty University and worked as a security officer at Mt. Nittany Medical Center. His father was a police officer for 33 years.



Planning & Zoning Projects

Ferguson Township adopts new Official Map

The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors officially adopted the new Official Map October 2, 2017. Working with residents, our Planning & Zoning Department hosted public workshops on the Ferguson Township Official Map and updated it this year. The new map reflects the Township's commitment to comprehensive land use planning.

Originally created in 1990, the Official Map identifies priority areas for future growth — land where the Township may want to develop parks, streets, roads and natural area conservation.

An idea that residents can explore:

Ferguson Township's updates to the Zoning Ordinance

Ferguson Township is performing a major update to both the zoning and subdivision and land development ordinances that staff expects will be adopted in mid-2018.

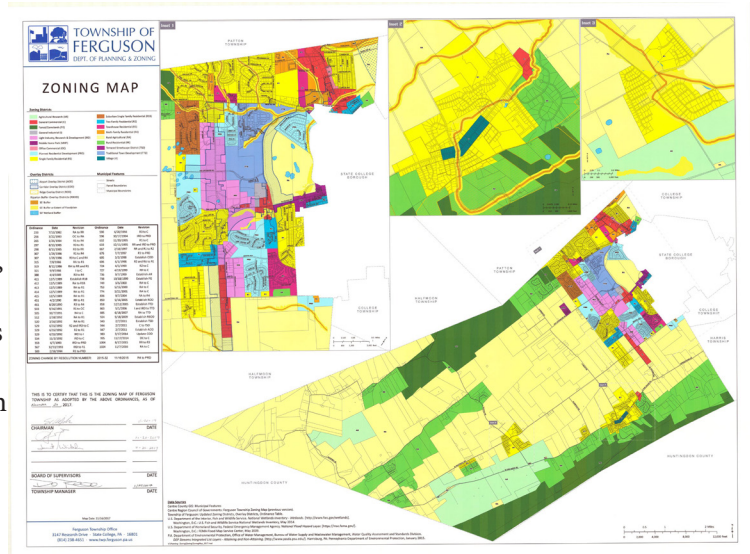
The Township employed the services of Environmental Planning & Design in Pittsburgh to assist with the project. Working with the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, the Planning & Zoning staff have drafted a new zoning ordinance with improved formatting, graphics, dimensions, density, and terminology. "The zoning ordinance has been updated time and time again over the years and pieced together to what we have today," said Director of Planning & Zoning Raymond Stolas. "The new version will be user-friendly, clearly explaining what you can and cannot do under the zoning ordinance."

Revisions to the zoning ordinance will allow the Township's agricultural community greater latitude in accessory uses for agriculture-related land development. For example, farm owners will be able to use barns to store boat and RVs, and may now operate cideries, for example, or offer honey sales.

Local farmers who participated in focus groups facilitated by the Planning & Zoning staff said they appreciated the Township's response to their concerns about the ordinances.

Residents are invited to participate in the rewrite by exploring the Zoning Update Idea Board, an interactive map that allows users to explore the Township's working draft of its land use designations and dimensional criteria for the community's zoning districts.

To share your thoughts on the zoning updates, we encourage you to view our Idea Board and tutorial on our website.



The Ferguson Township Zoning Map was updated and signed on November 20, 2017.

Updates to Development in the Township

Ferguson Township has updated its website with a new page called Active Development Proposals that links to nine current projects. You'll find details of each proposal, maps of the locations, as well as attachments for each land development plan.

One of the proposals that remains active is The Cottages Planned Residential Development, to be located at Blue Course Drive and Whitehall Road.

This project by State College Apartments, LLC proposes a Planned Residential Development (PRD), governed by section 27-407 of the Ferguson Township Code of Ordinances. The approved 43.7-acre development includes a 268-unit cottage development. This plan will extend Blue Course Drive south of Whitehall Road, where it would provide access to the Whitehall Road Regional Park being developed by Centre Region Parks and Recreation (CRPR).

The Ferguson Township Planning & Zoning staff and Planning Commission are ensuring the terms and conditions of this development are being fulfilled.

To accommodate the new development, traffic signals will be installed at the intersections of Blue Course Drive and Whitehall Road and Blue Course Drive and Bristol Avenue.

Follow our updates on the North Atherton project

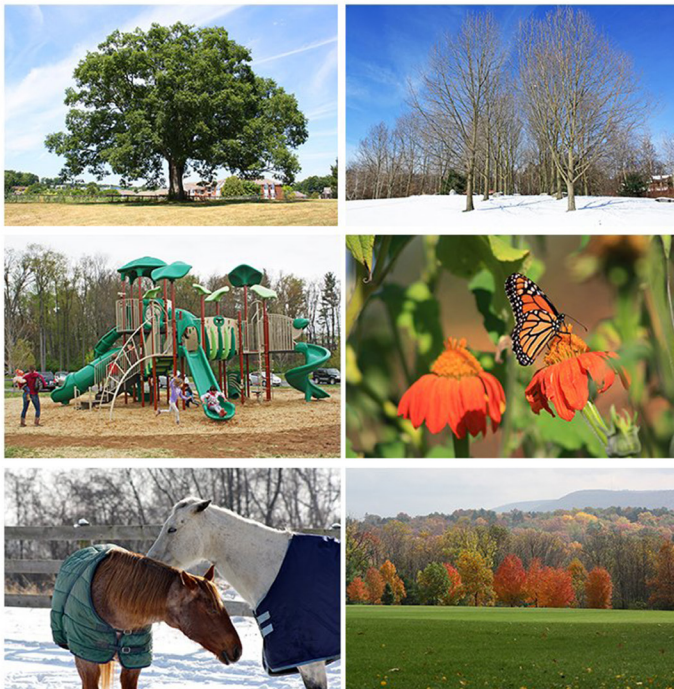
Work is underway as part of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) North Atherton Street project. The entire project will take place through 2019, with phased work zones stretching from West Aaron Drive to Park Avenue. Work will include relocation of numerous utility lines, relocation of sewer and water lines, drainage improvements, curbing, sidewalks, ADA ramps, traffic signal upgrades, new concrete median, and paving.

Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. of State College is the contractor on this \$12.8 million job.

Motorists can expect to encounter flaggers, lane closures, lane shifts, and travel delays. While crews are working during daylight hours, three lanes of traffic will be open at all times. No work will take place during the Blue and White game, Memorial Day, Fourth of July or Arts Festival weekends.

All work is weather and schedule dependent. PennDOT will issue project updates on a regular basis.

Drivers are reminded to move through work zones with caution, obey posted speed limits, and always buckle up.



Centre
gives



Ferguson Township staff celebrated the goodness of green smoothies on Fresh Fruit Friday for St. Patrick's Day. The staff have formed a wellness committee to promote sustainable health. Employees who sign into the building's gym for a workout, walk, bike, or go to a fitness center, qualify for incentives and awards. A \$1,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative has helped to support those initiatives.

Recognition Finance Department earns honors

Ferguson Township received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2017 Operating Budget — the third GFOA award recognizing the Township's annual budget.

In addition, the Township's 2017 Budget Executive Summary has earned one of the 2018 Governor's Awards for Local Government. The project was determined to exemplify the theme of "Fiscal Accountability and Best Management Practices."

Ferguson Township staff and supervisors will attend the official Local Government Day Awards Ceremony April 11 at the Governor's Residence in Harrisburg.

Read more about any story in our News Archive at our website: <http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/News-Archive/>

2018 Tax Rates and Information

LOCAL TAX RATES

Due dates may be extended due to weekends. Please refer to the tax bill for exact due dates

TAX	RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	COLLECTOR
Township Real Estate	2.422 mils	January 2018	Ferguson Township
		Due Dates	April 30 <i>Discount period ends</i> June 30 <i>Face amount period ends</i> December 31 <i>Last day to pay on time for the year</i>

TAX	RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	COLLECTOR
County Real Estate	7.84 mils	January 2018	Centre County
School Real Estate	44.1468 mils	July 2017 <i>2017 - 18 school year</i>	Ferguson Township
		Due Dates	August 31 <i>Discount period ends</i> October 31 <i>Last day to pay face amount</i> December 31 <i>Last day to pay on time for the year</i>

TAX	RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	COLLECTOR
School Earned Income Tax	.95 percent	July 2017	State College Borough
Township Earned Income	1.4 percent	January 2018	State College Borough
Local Services Tax	\$52 per year	January 2018	State College Borough
Transfer Tax	1.25 percent	January 2018	Centre County

DISTRIBUTION OF TAXES

Earned Income Tax Rate:

1.4 percent for the Township and .95 percent for the School District.

Real Estate Transfer Tax

1.25 percent for the Township; .5 percent for the School District, and .5 percent for Centre County (the tax typically is split between the buyer and the seller; the balance is paid to the Commonwealth).

Local Services Tax

\$47.00 for the Township and \$5.00 for the School District.

This replaces the Emergency Municipal Services Tax.

Please be aware that most homeowners will need to pay supplemental real estate tax bills not covered by escrow.

Events Calendar

April 16 - 19

Special Brush Collection

April 21

Coffee & Conversation with special guest,
Schlow Library, 8 - 9:30 am
Giant at Northland Center

April 27 - 28

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

April 28

Ferguson Township Arbor Day Celebration
9 am - 1 pm
Tree planting at Owens Drive Park

May 6

CRPR Backyard Composting Workshop, 1 pm

May 7 - 11

Spring Bulk Waste Collection

May 8 - 9

CentreGives
8 am Tuesday to 8 pm Wednesday, support the Tom
Tudek Memorial Park Trust through CentreGives

May 19

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

May 28

Memorial Day
Ferguson Township administrative offices closed

May 30

CRPR Backyard Composting Workshop, 6:30 pm

July 4

Independence Day
Ferguson Township administrative offices closed

July 20

Coffee & Conversation, 8 - 9:30 am
The Naked Egg Cafe

Our Community Partners

Centre Area Transportation Authority



CATA's fixed-route bus system, CATABUS, includes 23 community bus routes, which provide service between downtown State College, the Penn State campus, and surrounding communities, suburban shopping centers, apartment complexes, residential areas, governmental offices, and many other special points of interest. Fare for each one-way trip is \$2.00. Persons age 65 and older with a Transit ID Card and children under 40" ride free. Those presenting a valid U.S. Medicare Card or CATA Reduced Fare ID Card may ride for half the fare (\$1.00).
www.catabus.com

Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority



Residents have two days this year to recycle household hazardous waste (April 27 - 28) and Spring Bulk Waste Collection will take place on your regular pick-up day the week of May 7 - 11. www.crcog.net/recycleathome

Centre County's Government and Education Access Television Network



C-NET records and broadcasts Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) and Planning Commission meetings. C-NET provides a direct link and bookmarked agenda for each meeting. Meetings are available to watch online at www.cnet1.org

Centre Region Parks and Recreation



CRPR has enjoyed a long history of support from residents and municipal officials. Municipal cooperation has permitted a community-wide investment in the benefits of parks and recreation services. CRPR thanks residents for your continued support of Centre Region parks and for recognizing the importance of staying active in your community. Explore its redesigned website: www.cprp.org

Schlow Centre Region Library



Schlow is proud to serve Ferguson Township residents. The library recently advanced to the Elite 8 for the Leslie Knope Award for best public library in the country. All Centre County residents can use Schlow, "the Centre of Reading and Learning," with free library cards available from any public library in the county. Browse or check out 150,000 items, available at either Schlow or online. Schlow offers six remote drop boxes available in the region where you can return your materials. The locations include Giant at Northland Center and Clearfield Bank and Trust in Pine Grove Mills. Schlow also has a Library by Mail service for those who permanently or temporarily are unable to leave their homes. www.schlowlibrary.org

TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

3147 Research Drive

State College, PA 16801

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Permit No. 213

**2018 SPRING & SUMMER
TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

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

MAY 28 MEMORIAL DAY

JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

SEPTEMBER 3 LABOR DAY

Spring Bulk Waste Collection Week: May 7 - 11, 2018

University Area Joint Authority Compost Facility

is open year-round, 6:30 am - 3:30 pm Monday through Friday

(except holidays). From March through September, compost is \$7

per cubic yard; \$5 per cubic yard all other months

\$2 per car; all loads must be tarped or covered

Call 814-238-5361 for more information

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://crocog.net/refuse>