



Dear Tonya,

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

Ferguson Township Garden Club: 50th Anniversary Celebration



On **February 6th**, the Ferguson Township Garden Club celebrated its 50th anniversary! Approximately 30 people, comprised of Garden Club members plus members from other area garden clubs, joined in the celebration held at the township municipal building.

During the program, Garden Club members Rosalie Brooks, Fran Nuhfer, and Thelma Homan presented township Board of Supervisors Elliott Killian and Janet Whitaker with a \$1,200 check for township beautification projects (pictured). Dave Pribulka, Assistant Township Manager, also addressed the Garden Club and thanked them for their many contributions to our community.

Around the Township: Baileyville Community Hall



Baileyville Community Hall is an historic former two-room school house which still serves as a community gathering place today. The school building originated in 1895, or 1901, and then switched to a Community Hall in 1932. Now, 81-years later, the Hall is used as a gathering place for wedding receptions, baby showers, and funeral receptions. One family even books the Hall every year for their Thanksgiving dinner! You can read our [complete feature story](#) about this local treasure online.

The Township's Contribution to Schlow Library



At last month's [Coffee and Conversation](#), a resident asked: "Why doesn't Ferguson Township contribute to Schlow Centre Region Library?" The answer: The Township *does indeed* contribute to Schlow Library! In fact, in 2014, the township's contribution to Schlow Library is **\$365,325, or about \$20.85 per resident**. Residents may get more facts about the township's contribution to Schlow by [visiting our website](#).

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In observance of Presidents' Day, the township office will be

Taxes: What They Are and Who We Pay



Since many of us are dealing with taxes this time of year, Eric Endresen, Ferguson Township Director of Finance, has put together a tax guide to help! Endresen's tax information helps explain to residents the different kinds of taxes they have to pay and who their money is going to. Residents may learn more

[online](#) on our website.

And Speaking of Money...Read our New 2014 Budget Executive Summary



Ferguson Township created a new, easy-to-follow publication entitled *2014 Budget Executive Summary* aimed at educating residents about the township's revenue, expenditures, accomplishments and future goals. Included in the *Summary* is a breakdown of cost-per-resident which illustrates each resident's contribution to township and regional

services. For example, if you were ever wondering about what it costs for police services, the total cost of Public Safety per resident is \$158.72 in 2014, including both operating and capital expenditures. Residents may [read the Summary online](#).

Township Launches Adopt-A-Median Program!



Ferguson Township is pleased to announce its newest volunteer program, Adopt-A-Median. Area businesses, civic organizations, volunteer groups and township families are encouraged to participate in this new beautification program. This is volunteer endeavor which lets you and your group contribute

to our community (and get outside for some fresh air!). The township also has an Adopt-A-Road program which residents and groups may volunteer for as well. Please call Faye Drawl at **238-4651** or [email](#) to join the Adopt-A-Median or Adopt-A-Road program or for more information.

Winter Brush and Leaf Pick-Up Information



Brush and leaf collections continue during the winter months. It is the *intention* of the township that brush and leaf collections continue on their normal pick-up schedule: Starting the first Monday of every month, or the following day if it is a holiday, **as weather permits**. But, during these winter months,

sometimes brush and leaf collections will have to be delayed so public works crews can instead concentrate on snow removal and road treatment, or even because piles are covered with snow and ice (pictured). For more information on the township's winter brush and leaf collections, please [visit us online](#).

closed on Monday, February 17th.

Web Survey

Ferguson Township will be redesigning its website in 2014 and we'd love to get your thoughts! Please take just a few minutes of your time and [fill out our web survey](#) and let us know what you think!

Permit Application Fees

Application fees for township permits are now due at the time the application is submitted. Past practice has been to collect the fee when the permit is ready for pickup. Please contact the township with any questions pertaining to this matter.

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