



## December 2023 e-Newsletter

**2024 Operating Budget, Strategic Plan Update, and More!**



Please note that Ferguson Township's Administrative Offices will be closed for Christmas on Monday, December 25, 2023, and also for New Year's Day on Monday, January 1, 2024.

From all of us at Ferguson Township, wishing you a very joyful holiday season and happy new year!

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### Ferguson Township Upcoming Events

#### December 11

[Planning Commission Meeting](#)

#### December 12

[ABC Applicant Interviews](#)

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

#### December 14

[Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting](#)

#### December 25

Closed for Christmas

#### January 1

Closed for New Year's Day

#### January 2

[Board of Supervisors](#)

[Organizational Meeting](#)

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

\* Please check the Township's [online calendar](#) for upcoming Authorities, Boards, and Commissions meetings in January 2024.

## Regional News

**Recycling and Refuse Schedule**

**Christmas Tree Collection**



There will be no recycling and refuse collection on Christmas, December 25, 2023, and New Year's Day, January 1, 2024. Collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of both weeks.

[MORE INFO](#)



The Centre Region Council of Governments Refuse & Recycling Program's annual Christmas Tree Collection will take place from January 8-12, 2024.

[DETAILS](#)

## Introducing the New and Improved CATAGO! App

The Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) is excited to announce the launch of the CATAGO! mobile app, scheduled to replace the current TransLoc mobile app on Wednesday, December 13th of this year.



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## CATA's Board Meetings Will Be Televised on C-NET Channel 7



Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) and C-NET are pleased to announce that C-NET will begin recording CATA Board meetings starting in January 2024.

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## Township News

### Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Events This Month

## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

<b>World Aids Day</b>	●	December 1
<b>Hanukkah</b>	●	December 7-15
<b>Christmas</b>	●	December 25
<b>New Year's Eve</b>	●	December 31
<b>Kwanzaa</b>	●	December 26 - January 1

If you would like to submit an item for inclusion in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion portion of an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting, please submit your request on the Township's DEI Proposal Form.

[DEI PROPOSAL FORM](#)

### 2023 Strategic Plan Update

On November 21, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted the updated 2023 Ferguson Township Strategic Plan, which is a guide that maps out the goals of the Township's elected officials and establishes objectives to achieve them.

[VIEW THE STRATEGIC PLAN](#)

### Ferguson Township Welcomes New Staff

#### Finance Director: Todd Grady



Mr. Todd Grady joins Ferguson Township as Director of Finance, bringing with him over 20 years of experience in accounting and finance in both the public and private sectors.

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#### IT Specialist: Todd Falsone



Mr. Todd Falsone takes on the new role of IT Specialist / Systems Administrator to ensure the Township's network security and efficient computer system operations.

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## 2024 Operating Budget Adopted

On December 5, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ferguson Township's Operating Budget for fiscal year 2024. Click below for more information on the budget process and to view the 2024 Operating Budget.

[VIEW THE BUDGET](#)



## Land Development Plans Currently Under Review



Plans must be submitted to the Planning & Zoning Department before land can be subdivided or developed. The Township's Active Land Development page contains information regarding plan submissions. For additional information, please contact the Planning & Zoning Department.

[VIEW LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS](#)

### Free Gun Locks



Firearms are the leading cause of death for children in the United States. Stop in at the Ferguson Township Police Department (3147 Research Drive, State College, PA) and pick up some free gun locks to keep the firearms in your home safe.

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### Winter Driving Guide



As winter weather approaches, Ferguson Township Police would like to remind motorists of some safe winter driving tips provided by 511PA. Visit [511pa.com](https://www.511pa.com) or download the app from the app store to check travel conditions across the state.

[WINTER DRIVING TIPS](#)



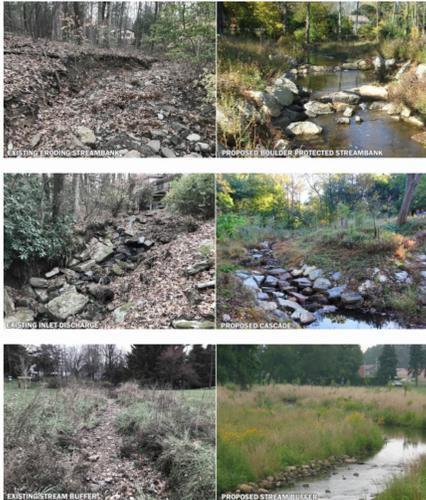
THE TOWNSHIP  
TREEBUNE

## 2023 Urban Forestry Outreach Events

To increase support and showcase the efforts of the Township's Tree Program, a number of events were hosted in 2023 that provided opportunities for public participation and learning about the benefits of trees.

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### Park Hills Drainageway Project Set to Begin



Work on the Park Hills Drainageway Project is expected to kick off soon. Residents in the greater Park Hills community can expect to see crews in the area to perform pre-construction work by the end of the year or early 2024.

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### Suburban Park Improvements Update



Construction at Suburban Park is nearing completion. New pedestrian bridges are now in place and paving of paths is expected to begin by the end of the year dependent on weather. Please note that areas of the park in the work zone are still closed to the public.

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## Presentation on Preliminary Design of the Township's Pollutant Reduction Plan Project Options

On December 5, 2023, the Board of Supervisors received a presentation on preliminary design of the Township's Pollutant Reduction Plan project options presented by Township Stormwater Engineer Aaron Jolin and KCI Technologies Inc.

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Ferguson Township Municipal  
Separate Storm Sewer System  
(MS4) Permit

Pollution Reduction Plan  
(PRP) Projects Update/Next  
Steps

December 5th, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting

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