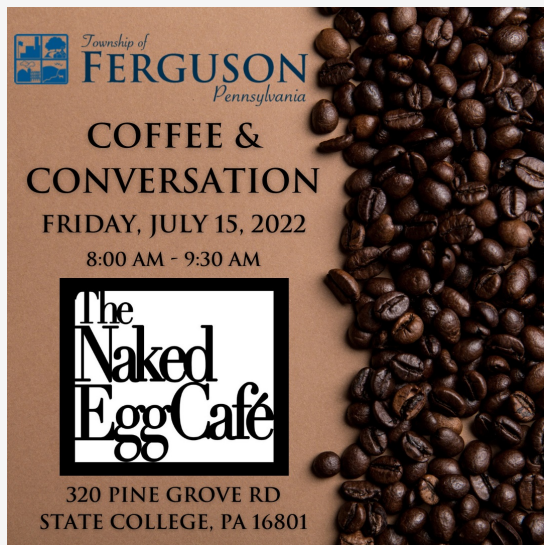




## July 2022 e-Newsletter

### New Playground at Homestead Park, Pine Grove Mills Farmers Market, Municipal Mixer Event, & more!

**Coffee & Conversation**  
**Friday, July 15 @ 8:00am - 9:30am**



Please join the Ferguson Township Leadership Team, including the Township Manager, Chief of Police, and others for a discussion about activity happening in the Township!

[READ MORE HERE](#)



### Ferguson Township Upcoming Events

**July 11**

[Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting](#)

**July 12**

[Board of Supervisors  
Worksession](#)

**July 13**

[Special Meeting on Capital  
Improvement Plan](#)

**July 14**

[CATA Public Hearing  
Regarding Paratransit  
Service at Ramblewood and  
Meadows Developments](#)

**July 15**

[Coffee & Conversation at  
The Naked Egg Cafe](#)

**July 18**

[Mobile Capital  
Improvement Plan Tour](#)

**July 18**

[Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting](#)

**July 19**

[Board of Supervisors  
Regular Meeting](#)

**July 21**

[Special Meeting #2 on  
Capital Improvement Plan](#)

## Administration News

### Homestead Park Playground Now Open to the Public!

Installation of a new playground at Homestead Park is now complete for residents and families to enjoy!

The [playground was under construction](#) until spring of 2022, and minor modifications were recently finalized to allow for safe use of the facilities. The orange plastic fencing around the playground has been removed and the playground is now available for public use.



The newly constructed playground is the first in Ferguson Township to feature a poured-in-place fall surface, which is shock absorbent and provides cushioning for potential falls from users of the playground.



Newly planted grass covered by hay surrounding the playground at Homestead Park

The Ferguson Township Public Works Department asks that parents inform children to avoid the areas around the playground being planted with grass and avoid areas laid with hay. These areas are prone to being muddy, and will cause the playground to become dirty if children play in these areas and use the new playground.





Get out and enjoy the new playground at Homestead Park with the family this summer!

[READ MORE HERE](#)

## Accepting Applications for ABC Vacancies!

Are you a Ferguson Township resident and interested in serving your community?



Ferguson Township is accepting applications from residents to serve as volunteers [to fill vacancies](#) on the following Authorities, Boards, Committees, & Commissions:

- [Parks & Recreation Committee](#)
- [Zoning & Hearing Board \(Ward I\)](#)
- [C-NET Representative](#)

If interested, please fill out our [ABC Application Form](#) and email to [admin@twp.ferguson.pa.us](mailto:admin@twp.ferguson.pa.us) or mail to:

**Township Manager**  
**Ferguson Township**  
**3147 Research Drive**  
**State College, PA 16801**

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

## Green Infrastructure at Ferguson Township Municipal Building

### Green Infrastructure Ferguson Twp. Municipal Building



- David Modricker, PE
- Ferguson Township Public Works Director
- June 7, 2022
- [dmodricker@twp.ferguson.pa.us](mailto:dmodricker@twp.ferguson.pa.us)
- [www.twp.ferguson.pa.us](http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us)

Ferguson Township has made a conscious effort to be more environmentally friendly through a variety of measures - from solar panels powering the new [Public Works Building](#), to pervious pavement, and grow zones - the Township has made strides in focusing on energy conservation and protecting the environment.

Click the link below to see David Modricker, Ferguson Township Public Works Director's presentation to the Board of Supervisors about all the efforts being made at the Ferguson Township campus and the green initiatives that have been underway in the last few years!

[READ MORE HERE!](#)

## 2023 - 2027 Capital Improvement Plan Community Meetings Begin in July

The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors will host special meetings on its 2023 - 2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), **Wednesday, July 13 at 1:00pm** and **Thursday, July 21 beginning at 12:00pm** in the Main Meeting Room of the Ferguson Township Municipal Building. The meeting will also be available by Zoom, with details listed in the calendar event on our website calendar.

A special **Mobile Capital Improvement Plan Tour** will take place on **Monday, July 18, 2022** beginning at **9:00am**. All those who plan to attend should meet at the Ferguson Township Municipal Building at that time.

Read more at the article below to find information on how to attend and background on these special meetings!



[READ MORE HERE!](#)

### C-NET Executive Director, Cynthia Hahn, Provides Annual Presentation to Board of Supervisors

On June 7, 2022 at the Board of



Supervisors Regular Meeting, **C-NET Executive Director, Cynthia Hahn**, provided the Board of Supervisors with C-NET's annual update on their programming, 2021 performance highlights, and happenings at the agency.

Click below to read the article with the outline of Ms. Hahn's presentation and all the work C-NET does to serve Centre County!

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

### Proclamations for June 2022



Last month, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors passed a series of proclamations to highlight national holidays and celebrations taking place across the United States.

All three proclamations were the first of their kind to be recognized by Ferguson Township, and can be read at the article linked below!

[READ MORE HERE!](#)

## "Municipal Mixer" for Citizen Input and Bike Safety Activities at Greenbriar-Saybrook Park on August 3rd!



Have ideas for park improvements at Greenbriar-Saybrook? Join us at Greenbriar-Saybrook Park at 4:30pm to 6:30pm on **August 3** for **Municipal Mixer: Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Police for Bike Safety!**

Residents are invited to join Ferguson Township staff for an open house public engagement event that mixes park master planning, bike safety, 'touch a truck' fun, and other activities. HRG joins Ferguson Township at this event to lead conversations for public input on Greenbriar-Saybrook Park.

Residents can also visit with Police to provide safety demonstrations, bike registrations, bike lights, and other measures to ensure safe use of bicycles, scooters, skateboards, and rollerblades at parks and throughout out community. More details to come!

Stay tuned by following the Ferguson Township [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) pages throughout the month of July!



## Regional & Community News + Events

### Pine Grove Mills Farmers Market Open for 2022 Season!

It's Farmer's Market Season!

The [Pine Grove Mills Farmers Market](#) opened for the 2022 season on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church on W. Pine Grove Road. The market is held rain or shine, and will only close after consultation with vendors scheduled to operate. Updates are regularly posted to the [PGM Farmers Market Facebook page](#). The farmers market also has a weekly newsletter available for updates on vendors, sponsorships, and other information for those interested.



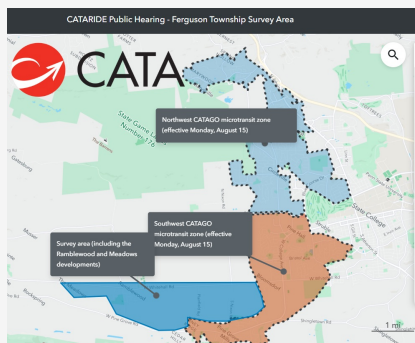




Click the link below to read more about the Pine Grove Mills Farmers Market, along with a list of FAQs, and a list of vendors present each week on Thursdays from 3:00pm to 7:00pm!

[READ MORE HERE!](#)

## CATA to Host Public Hearing on Fall Changes to Paratransit Service in the Ramblewood and Meadows Developments at Ferguson Township



The **Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA)** will host a public hearing (with an open house format) to gather comment on proposed fall CATARIDE Paratransit service changes that would result in a loss of CATARIDE service in the Ramblewood and Meadows developments in Ferguson Township.

## Managing Spongy Moth Populations in Pennsylvania

Spongy moths, formerly known as "Gypsy Moths", or by their scientific



name, *Lymantria dispar* (L.), are present in Central Pennsylvania, and are considered pests by many environmentalist groups. According to the [Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources](#), "The spongy moth has been causing significant forest damage in Pennsylvania since the 1970s. The most recent outbreak occurred from 2013 to 2019 and another outbreak occurred from 2021 through 2022."

Click the [link below](#) to learn more about spongy moth infestations and how you can handle an infestation on your property!

**The hearing** will take place on **Thursday, July 14, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.** in the Main Meeting Room of the **Ferguson Township Municipal Building, 3147 Research Drive, State College.**

[READ MORE HERE!](#)

1900



(Progressive spread of spongy moth across northeast US from 1900 to 2007; compiled from county data by US Forest Service)

[READ MORE HERE](#)

## CRCOG Regional Refuse and Recycling Pilot Program Survey

CRCOG initiated a pilot program for refuse and recycling collection start time at 6:00 a.m. instead of 7:00 a.m. between Memorial Day and Labor Day of this year. The intent of the pilot program is to assess the impact, or success, of the change and to more fully understand the benefits and any issues that arise, before permanent changes are considered.

In response to this program, **the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors are seeking input to understand how to advocate for you in response to this pilot program.**

Fill out the survey below!



[TAKE THE SURVEY!](#)

## Public Works News



Township of Ferguson  
**PINE GROVE MILLS TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY STUDY**  
Presentation to the Board of Supervisors  
JUNE 7, 2022



## Pine Grove Mills Mobility Study Presentation by McCormick Taylor & Ferguson Township

At the Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting hosted on June 7, 2022, a draft version of the Pine Grove Mills Mobility Study was presented to the Board of Supervisors by the working group representatives from Ferguson Township and **McCormick Taylor Inc.**

The objective of the Pine Grove Mills Mobility Study was, "to evaluate the





transportation issues, concerns, and opportunities identified in the Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan and identify concepts and recommendations to address those items and improve overall safety and mobility."

Click the link below for a full article with details on all the different concepts presented at the Board of Supervisors Meeting!

[READ MORE HERE](#)

## BRUSH & LEAF PICKUP

### 2022 Brush Schedule

- April 4
- April 18
- May 2
- June 6
- July 5
- August 1
- September 6
- October 3
- November 7
- December 5

### 2022 Leaf Schedule

- April 4
- May 2
- June 6
- July 5
- August 1
- September 6
- October 3- \*continuously every working day until hampered by winter operations or until week of December 12

\*Leaves must be placed curbside by 7:00 am on December 12th - Leaves placed curbside after December 12th will not be picked up

## Brush & Leaf Collection

As a reminder for residents, see the attached graphic outlining the dates and times for Brush & Leaf Pickup in Ferguson Township.

For the most current information about Ferguson Township Brush and Leaf Collection, please call (814) 238-4651. Select Option 4 for BRUSH Collection and Option 5 for LEAF Collection. You can also email **Steve McDonald, Road Superintendent**, with questions.

[READ MORE HERE](#)

## Police News

### Acceptance of Retirement Resignation: Chief of Police, Chris Albright

At the Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on June 21, 2022, Chief of Police, Chris Albright, provided the Board of Supervisors with his resignation notice.

Chief Albright has worked with the Ferguson Township Police Department for 30 years, and was appointed as Police Chief in 2017. He is a lifelong resident of Ferguson Township, and will continue to reside the Centre Region upon retirement.

Chief Albright's final days as Chief of Police will be in late August or early September.

A search for a new Police Chief will begin after only two searches have been conducted in the last 20 years for this position. Ferguson



Township will continue to update residents on this search as it unfolds.

We wish Chief Albright the best on his well-deserved retirement, and hope to see him present in the community as he transitions out of his official role!



## **Ferguson Township Police & Alpha Fire Company Host Fire Safety Event at Baileyville Community Hall**

On Saturday, June 11, 2022, Alpha Fire Company and Ferguson Township Police Department hosted a Fire Safety Event at the Baileyville Community Hall.

Representatives from the Centre Region Code Office spoke about fire safety, and staff from Swartz Fire & Safety, Inc. evaluated old fire extinguishers, refilled serviceable units and sold new fire extinguishers and smoke detectors.

The highlight of the event was aerial rides in an Alpha Fire firetruck. Attendees of all ages enjoyed the ride!

Ferguson Police Officers handed out stuffed K-9 toys, stickers, plastic badges, gun locks, and provided police vehicle tours. Officer Mike Lamb, Sgt. Ryan Hendrick and Chief Chris Albright attended the event from Ferguson Township Police Department.



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## **Planning & Zoning News**

**Food Truck Ordinance Updated,  
Allows Vendors to Operate in**

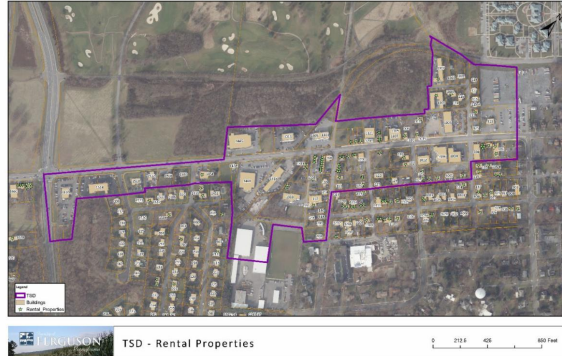


## Parks in Ferguson Township

On March 15, 2022, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors amended Chapter 27—Zoning and now permits food trucks to operate in Township Parks and certain Right-of-Ways. All food vendors that would like to operate a food truck in the Township should obtain approval from the Department of Planning & Zoning.

Read more about the change below!

[READ MORE HERE](#)



## Terraced Streetscape District Rewrite (Ferguson Township - State College Boundary)

The Terraced Streetscape District (TSD) is a mixed-use corridor along West College Avenue (State Route 26) from the boundary of State College Borough (Buckhout Street) to the intersection of Blue Course Drive. While the rest of the Township saw significant development in the last decade, the TSD saw minimal development since the implementation of the TSD zoning and design standards.

Mackin Engineers & Consultants, along with Ferguson Township, will engage in this rewrite and plan for a series of public meetings in the future for citizen input. Ferguson Township will inform residents of these future meetings for public engagement on this project.

[READ MORE HERE](#)

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### Learn More About Township Authorities, Boards, and Commissions

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[Zoning Hearing Board](#)

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[Tax Review Board](#)

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