



May 2022 e-Newsletter

2022 Arbor Day Celebration, Bike Month, General Primary Election Day Information, & More!

Stormwater Fee Credit & Exemptions for 2023 Are Now Open

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Stormwater Fee Program

The credit and exemption application period for 2022 is closed.

The application period for credits and exemptions for 2023 is now open, and closes on Sept 30, 2022.

Applications should be submitted on a form provided by the Township. Below is a list of credit forms available:

1. Non-Structural BMP Credit Form
2. Agricultural Exemption Form
3. Structural BMP Credit Form
4. Financial Hardship Exemption Form
5. Structure Certification
6. Non Profit Exemption Form

All forms must be completed and submitted by September 30th, 2022. All exemptions must be submitted annually.

Ferguson Township would like to inform residents that the application period for credits and exemptions to the Stormwater Fee for 2023 are now open, and will close on Sept 30, 2022.

You can find forms and information at the Home Page on our website at the tab pictured here:
<https://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/>

Questions about the Stormwater Fee? Visit our FAQ:
<https://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/public-works/files/stormwater-ordinance-faq>

[READ MORE HERE](#)



Ferguson Township Upcoming Events

May 16

[Tree Commission](#)

May 16

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

May 23

[Planning Commission Regular Meeting](#)

May 26

[Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee Meeting](#)

June 02

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

June 09

[Parks & Recreation Regular Meeting](#)

June 13

[Planning Commission Regular Meeting](#)

June 14

[Board of Supervisors Work Session](#)

Administration News

Ferguson Township Hosts 150th Annual National Arbor Day Celebration at Tom Tudek Memorial Park!

On April 30, 2022 , Ferguson Township hosted an event to commemorate the 150th National Arbor Day celebration.

Larry Maginnis, Ferguson Township Arborist, planned the event which included a guided treewalk hosted by himself, a self-interpretive pop-up arboretum, and arts and crafts activities for children who attended the event.



Laura Dinnini, Chair of Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors, reads the 2022 Arbor Day Proclamation recently passed by the Board of Supervisors at the 2022 Ferguson Township Arbor Day Event on April 30, 2022



Larry Maginnis, Ferguson Township Arborist, presents and explains the Pop-Up Self-Interpretive Arboretum to attendees of the event.



Parents and children engage in arts and crafts activities at the 150th Annual Arbor Day Celebration on April 30, 2022

The event concluded with a ceremony to honor the 150 years of Arbor Day in the United States through a group tree planting activity and a formal reading of the 2022 Arbor Day Proclamation passed by the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors at their April 19, 2022 Regular Meeting. Laura Dinnini, Chair of the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors, read the proclamation to the crowd of attendees.

Thank You for Donating to Tom Tudek Memorial Park for Centre Gives!

With your help, Tom Tudek Memorial Park **raised \$2,794.00 through Centre Gives!** Read the full article here for details on the event, total raised, and see what other local nonprofits participated! And once again, thank you to all that supported Tom Tudek Memorial Park once again during Centre Gives!



[READ MORE HERE!](#)

Board of Supervisors Meeting Moved to Monday, May 16

The Board of Supervisors **will meet on MONDAY, May 16** instead of the regularly scheduled TUESDAY, May 17 due to Ferguson Township's designation as a polling location for the scheduled May 17, 2022 Primary Election date.



The Board voted to move the meeting to Monday, May 16, 2022 at the April 19, 2022 Regular Meeting.

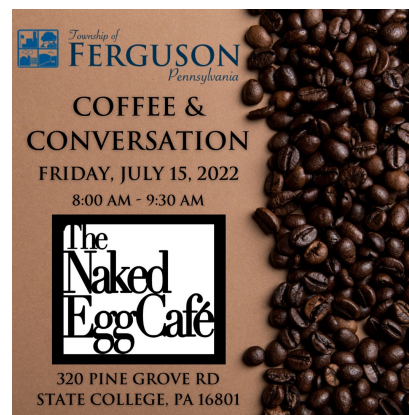
The Regular Meeting will not be televised, but accessible via Zoom (below) and streamed live on YouTube.

See the scheduled meeting with Zoom link here: <https://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/board-supervisors/events/19301>

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

Coffee & Conversation Set for July 15th, 2022 @ The Naked Egg Cafe

Join Ferguson Township staff and elected officials to discuss issues and



happenings in Ferguson Township on Friday, July 15th from 8:00am to 9:30am at The Naked Egg in Pine Grove Mills.

This event does not require an RSVP, and is meant to be a welcoming, open forum for residents and staff of the Township to dive into issues most important to them.

Click the link below for the Facebook event with further details!

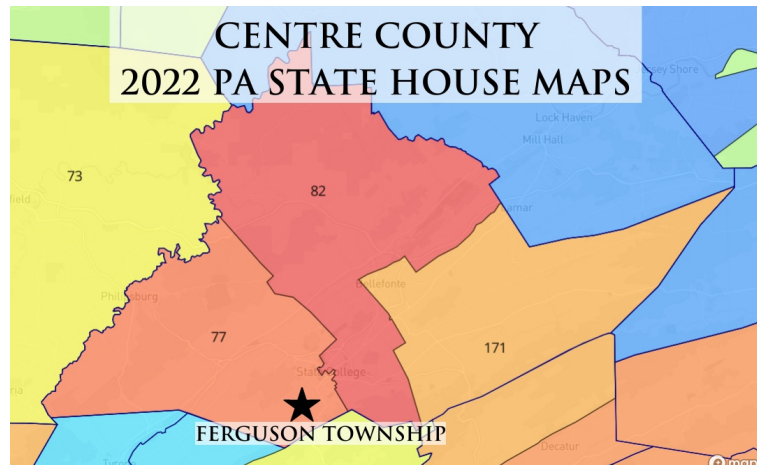
[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

Voting in the Primary Elections on Tuesday? Check out the New Congressional, State House, and State Senate Districts for Ferguson Township

Do you plan to vote next Tuesday, May 17 in the Democratic or Republican Primaries?

Before you do, check out the article below to see all the new district lines for Congress, PA State Senate, and PA State House and sample ballots for Ferguson Township residents!

A lot has changed in the Centre Region since redistricting, so know before you vote on Tuesday!



[SEE FULL ARTICLE!](#)

Regional & Community News + Events

May 2022 is Bike Month!

The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors recently declared May as #BikeMonth through a recent proclamation, and joins our regional partners and CRCOG in this month-long event!

Be sure to check out the [Centre Region Planning Agency's Facebook page](#) and their website for a list of #BikeMonth related activities hosted by various organizations in the Centre Region!

A graphic titled "MAY IS BIKE MONTH 2022 BIKE EVENTS". It features logos for Centre Region Planning Agency, CentreBike, CATA, and Bike Month. The text "The Centre Region is a Bicycle Friendly Community!" is prominently displayed. Below the logos, it says "For more information about biking in the Centre Region visit www.crcog.net/bikes". To the right, a section titled "WHAT'S HAPPENING WHERE?" lists events and classes. At the bottom, there's an illustration of a CATABUS and people riding bikes.

| WHAT'S HAPPENING WHERE? | |
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| Enter to Win May 1-31 Bike Scavenger Hunt, Bike Bingo, Bike Word Search and Bike & Munch | Info - www.crcog.net/bikes |
| Bike Events & Days | Info - www.crcog.net/bikes |
| May 1 - National Ride A Bike Day | May 20 - Centre Region Spring Bike Anywhere Friday |
| May 1 - The Make Space Bike Repair Clinic | May 21 - Mayor's Ride |
| May 1 - September 30 National Bike Challenge | May 21 - Bike Month Movie |
| May 11 - Bike Den Brake Maintenance Clinic | |
| Bike Classes | Info - www.cprp.org |
| May 4 - Biking in the Centre Region 101 | |
| May 17 - 26 Singletrack School for Girls | |
| May 18 - Bike Commuting 101 | |

[SEE ALL THE BIKE MONTH EVENTS!](#)

Join the 2022 Central Cycling Classic!

Warmer weather is on the way

CRCOG Regional Refuse and Recycling Pilot Program

CRCOG initiated a pilot

and it's
time to
enjoy the
outdoors!

And a
great

Central Cycling Classic

**RAISE FUNDS DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE
FOR YOUR MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED
NEIGHBORS LIVING OR WORKING IN
CENTRE COUNTY!**

Challenge yourself virtually and/or join us on
Saturday, June 25, 2022
Pine Grove VFW
500 West Pine Grove Road
Pine Grove Mills, PA

Routes Include:
A Century (102.96)
A Metric Century Plus (62.2 miles)
A 1/2 Metric Century (33.9 miles)
An 18 Mile Loop (18.3 miles)



PRESENTED BY:



REGISTER TODAY:



BENEFITTING:



opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and support a great cause is with 14th Annual Central Cycling Classic Challenge! Challenge yourself virtually through the month of June, or come pedal your way through scenic routes with fellow cyclists at Ferguson's own Pine Grove Mills VFW on Saturday, June 25th.

Register for the 2022 Central Cycling Classic here:
<https://www.bikereg.com/central-cycling-classic>

REGISTER HERE!

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!



Beware of Black Bears! Increased Sightings in Ferguson Township

The
Ferguson
Township
Police



Department has been receiving an increased amount of calls from residents regarding black bear sightings in the Township, and FTPD would like to inform residents of measures they can take to prevent bears trespassing on their property and in their backyards. Click the link below to read more about how to prevent bears in your backyard.

READ MORE HERE!

Snetsinger Butterfly Garden Seeking Volunteers for "The Hive"

Worker
Bees
Wanted!
The
Snetsinger
Butterfly
Garden
welcomes
community
members
interested
in assisting
with the



snetsingerbutterflygarden.org

care of our demonstration gardens in Tudek Park. As a member of "The Hive", you'll work alongside Penn State Extension Master Gardeners, planting and caring for the SBG's beautiful pollinator-friendly gardens. Enjoy the beauty and serenity of the gardens while learning about native plants and their pollinators, as well as making a difference in your community.

READ MORE HERE



THE TOWNSHIP TREEBUNE

Larry Maginnis, Township Arborist

Issue No. 2

THE DREADED MULCH VOLCANO

twp.ferguson.pa.us

WITH SPRING FINALLY ARRIVING, FOLKS ACROSS THE TOWNSHIP ARE TAKING ACTION BY REJUVENATING THEIR LAWNS AND LANDSCAPING FOR THIS GROWING SEASON.



Mulch Volcano

Township Treebune: Issue No. 2

In the 2nd edition of the Township Treebune, Larry Maginnis, Township Arborist, discusses "The Dreaded Mulch Volcano", and how you can avoid the dreaded mulch volcano on your lawn!

Larry will continue putting out a new edition of the Township Treebune for every monthly Ferguson Township e-Newsletter.

Click the link below to learn how you can avoid making this mistake when mulching!

[READ MORE HERE](#)



New Playground at Homestead Park!

Take a look at the newest playground at Homestead Park!

The new playground is still under construction, but the bulk of the work has been complete. The area still needs appropriate turf and safety barriers, but this new area will make a wonderful addition to the already plentiful amenities Homestead Park has acquired in the last few years.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

Police News

Ferguson & Patton Township Partner with CentreBike To Promote Safe Cycling Visibility

With increased cyclists on the road due to pleasant weather and riding conditions, cyclists are going on longer bike rides that extend into the evening.

Although riding at night can be enjoyable, it can also cause difficulty for others on the road to see cyclists if precautions are not taken by night riders.

However, local municipalities and police departments are doing their part to encourage cyclists to remain visible to motorists and pedestrians while riding at

night.

Click the link below to learn more about how our local police departments and nonprofits are working to keep night riders and cyclists safer!



[READ MORE HERE](#)

Fire Safety Event Rescheduled for June 11th @ Baileyville Community Hall

The Alpha Fire Department and Centre Region Fire Inspectors will be here. A fire truck, police cars and township public works equipment will be onsite. Bring out the kids for some fire demonstrations and fire safety education.

Ferguson Township Police will be on hand to provide safety child car seat checks. They will verify that your child's car seat is installed properly in your vehicle.

Scams are becoming more frequent in our area both online and by telephone. Our police department will be available to make us aware of existing local scams that have affected our community members.

Do you have an old fire extinguisher you're not sure about?? A technician from Swartz Fire & Safety will be at the event. Fire extinguishers can be evaluated to see if they are serviceable. There will also be smoke detectors and residential fire extinguishers for sale to purchase.

Bag lunches for \$6.00 and drinks will be available.

Bring the whole family for a fun and educational event!

[READ MORE HERE](#)



Fire Safety Event

June 11th, 2022 (10am-2pm)
210 Deibler Road, Pa Furnace, Pa 16865
Baileyville Community Hall



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Co-sponsored by the Baileyville Community Hall and Ferguson Township Police Dept.



Reminder: Lawn Sign Ordinance

Ferguson Township would like to remind residents that expression signs are prohibited in the Township's Right-of-Way, the area between the sidewalk and street.

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[READ THE ORDINANCE](#)

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Learn More About Township Authorities, Boards, and Commissions

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Committee](#)

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[Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory
Committee](#)

[Tax Review Board](#)

[Industrial & Commercial Development
Authority](#)

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Public Works

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