



## April 2022 e-Newsletter

### Pine Grove Mills Mobility Study Open House, Coffee & Conversation, Brush & Leaf Pickup, & More!

**Coffee & Conversation - April 16**  
**8:00am - 9:30am @ Discovery Space**



Ferguson Township is excited to announce that it will be hosting the next Coffee & Conversation at Discovery Space! Join staff and residents on **Saturday, April 16 from 8:00am to 9:30am** to discuss issues or topics with your local officials and administrators!

[READ MORE HERE](#)



### Ferguson Township Upcoming Events

**April 11**  
[Planning Commission Regular Meeting](#)

**April 12**  
[Board of Supervisors Work Session](#)

**April 13**  
[2022 Association Open Forum](#)

**April 14**  
[Parks & Recreation Committee Regular Meeting](#)

**April 16**  
[Coffee & Conversation @ Discovery Space](#)

**April 18**  
[Tree Commission Meeting](#)

**April 18**  
[Pine Grove Mills Mobility Study Open House #2](#)

**April 19**  
[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

**April 19**  
[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

## Administration News

### Pine Grove Mills Mobility Study Open House #2 (Monday, April 18, 2022 - 4:30pm - 6:30pm)

Ferguson Township, in coordination with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), is conducting a transportation study to generate concepts for improving transportation

mobility in the Pine Grove Mills area. The study is anticipated to be completed in June 2022.

The upcoming Open House will provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the transportation concepts and recommendations. Township staff and other members of the study Working Group will be on hand at the Open House to receive input, answer questions, and discuss the study's outcomes. This open house will provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the potential improvements both in-person and virtually.

Read more at the link below and join us to review the project and plans!

[READ MORE HERE](https://tinyurl.com/PGMMobility)

## Tudek Park Participating in Centre Gives 2022

The Tom Tudek Memorial Park is



participating in Centre County's largest online giving event, Centre Gives. Hosted by the Centre Foundation, this 36-hour online giving event runs from May 10 at 9 am until May 11 at 9 pm.

Read more here and donate!

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

## Recreation, Parks, and Open Spaces Update

On April 5, 2022 at the Ferguson Township Board of



Supervisors Meeting, staff members from Herbert, Rowland and Grubic (HRG), Tracy Strickland & Nikki Mendinski, provided an update to the board about the Recreation, Parks, and Open Spaces Plan that the township has engaged in. Click the link below to see the full update to the board and learn more about the plan!

[SEE THE FULL UPDATE!](#)

## Regional & Community News + Events

### 26th Annual Watershed Cleanup Day! April 23, 2022 @ 8am-12pm

Join ClearWater Conservancy, CCRRA, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, and our fellow local MS4 partners on April 23, 2022 for the 26th Annual Watershed Cleanup Day!

Since 1997, thousands of volunteers have prevented more than 6 million pounds of trash from entering our local waterways.

Participants will work in small groups for four hours at different sites throughout the region to pick up and properly dispose of litter and trash which will help keep our waterways clean and healthy and our open spaces beautiful.



See details and sign up for this year's event at [www.clearwaterconservancy.org/wcd](http://www.clearwaterconservancy.org/wcd), or at the link below.

Please contact ClearWaterConservancy via email or phone at: [sarah@clearwaterconservancy.org](mailto:sarah@clearwaterconservancy.org) / 814-237-0400. Thank you for keeping Central Pennsylvania clean and beautiful!



26TH ANNUAL  
**WATERSHED CLEANUP DAY**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 23  
8 AM-NOON

Gather your friends and neighbors for a fun day in the fresh air as we clean up local streams and open spaces across Central PA! Last year 390 volunteers prevented 11,000 pounds of trash from entering our waterways across 57 sites, and you can help make 2022 the most successful yet.

**TO VOLUNTEER AND SEE ALL EVENT DETAILS, VISIT: [CLEARWATERCONSERVANCY.ORG/WCD](http://CLEARWATERCONSERVANCY.ORG/WCD) OR SCAN THE CODE BELOW. THANKS FOR JOINING US!**



  @clearwaterconservancy | #wcd2022 | Questions? 814-237-0400

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

## 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!](#)

## Join the 2022 Central Cycling Classic!

Warmer weather is on the way and it's time to enjoy the outdoors!

## Centre County Refuse & Recycling Hazardous & Household Waste Event, April 29-30, 2022

The Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority (CCRRA) will hold their annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event from April 29-30, 2022.



[READ MORE HERE](#)

## CRCOG Regional Refuse and Recycling Pilot Program

CRCOG initiated a pilot program for refuse and recycling collection

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:



BENEFITING:



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!**

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.

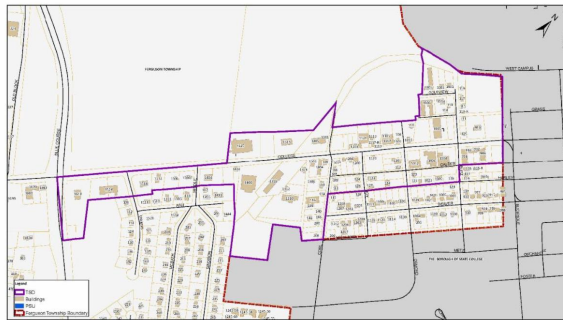
In response to this program, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors are seeking input to understand how to advocate for you in response to this pilot program.

Fill out the survey below!

**TAKE THE SURVEY!**



## Planning & Zoning News



(Terraced Streetscape District (TSD) from W. College Ave to Blue Course Drive)

### Planned Rewrite of Terraced Streetscape Zoning District

The district starts at the Ferguson Township-State College Borough line just west of Buckhout St and West College Ave. It runs the length of West College Avenue stop to Blue Course Drive. MACKIN Engineering, along with Ferguson Township and State College Borough, will engage in this rewrite and plan for 3 public meetings in the future for citizen input.

**READ MORE**

### Grass & Weeds Ordinance - What You Need to Know for Spring of 2022

With springtime approaching, we wanted to remind residents of our amended Grass & Weeds Ordinance. Read more below.

**READ THE ORDINANCE**







## Meet Liza Ruhf: New Planning & Zoning Administrative Assistant

Previously a paralegal for a law firm in Harrisburg focused on Children and Youth Services in Pennsylvania, is from Ohio and a graduate of Penn College (Associate's) and Ohio State University (Bachelor's). Liza will be assisting the Planning & Zoning Dept. with various projects and ensuring operations run smoothly.

[READ MORE HERE](#)

## Public Works News

**Township of FERGUSON Pennsylvania**  
**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 Pickup 2022 Schedule

Your Public Works crew is helping to make your yard clean-up tasks easier by offering curbside collection of brush and leaves. C-NET's [Brush and Leaf Collection video](#) provides guidelines for preparing your brush and leaves for collection.

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 us with questions. Click the link below for the full schedule and instructions for pickup.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

## 150th Arbor Day Celebration at Tom Tudek Memorial Park. April 30th @ 10:00am

Please join Ferguson Township in celebrating the

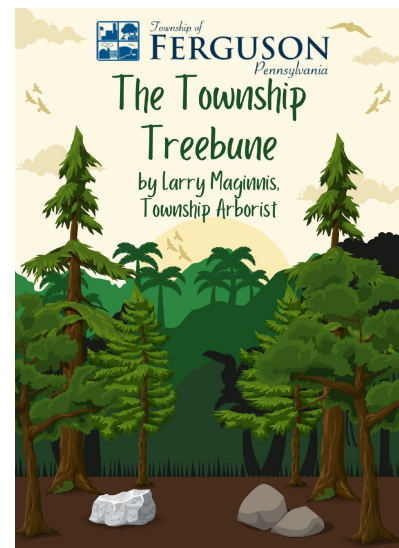


150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Arbor Day at Tom Tudek Memorial Park on Saturday April 30 at 10:00 a.m!

Events will include arts and crafts, a tree walk, and the Unveiling of a Self-interpretive Pop-Up Arboretum!

## School Zone Safety: Ferguson Elementary School

Larry Maginnis, Ferguson Township Arborist, has written his first entry in the new monthly column, "Township Treebune", about proper pruning techniques for this coming Spring!



Each e-Newsletter in the coming months will

The event will conclude with a tree planting and Arbor Day Proclamation. Tom Tudek Memorial Park is Located at 400 Herman Drive, State College, PA 16803, and the festivities will kick-off at Pavilion #1. Read more at the link below!

[READ MORE HERE](#)

feature an article from Larry about all topics relating to trees, plants, and our natural landscape around us here in Ferguson Township.

Read more at the link below.

[READ MORE HERE](#)

## Police News



### Scam Safety: GreenDot & MoneyPak Scams

Don't be a victim to scams. There are many different methods scammers are using to steal your money.

Scammers can and do spoof their phone numbers. The scammers can make it look like they are calling from a local agency. Before providing any personal information over the telephone, be absolutely positively sure whom you are speaking to.





Linked below are some helpful tips to avoid losing money to these criminals through GreenDot & MoneyPak card scams.

## BEWARE OF SCAMS




Government agencies **DO NOT** accept payments using **Green-Dot** or **MoneyPak**, gift cards or money transfers. If someone calls you claiming to be the police or IRS, and demands that you pay a fine or tax using any of those methods, it's a scam.

If you are unsure, Obtain callers information but verify the legitimacy by reviewing previous bills, internet search or other method, hang up and contact your local police for help verifying the information.

- Use Caution 
- Obtain Callback Number 
- Verify Contact Information 
- If Unsure, Call The Police 

twp.ferguson.pa.us



[READ MORE HERE](#)

### Construction Season in Ferguson Township

Warmer weather means it's road



construction season in Pennsylvania!

Motorists must remain cautious and attentive while traveling through these zones. Read more at the link below for how to keep yourself, other motorists, pedestrians, and road crews safe during travel.

### School Zone Safety: Ferguson Elementary School

The Ferguson Township Police



Department would like to remind residents of the need to adhere to school zone speed limits and precautions around Ferguson Elementary School.

Flashing lights near school zones indicate reduced speed limits, and even without flashing lights, drivers should be aware of the the potential safety concerns around local schools.

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

[Planning Commission](#)

[Parks & Recreation  
Committee](#)

[Board of Supervisors](#)

[Tree Commission](#)

[Zoning Hearing Board](#)

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

[Tax Review Board](#)

[Industrial & Commercial Development  
Authority](#)

## Helpful Links

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