

March 2022 e-Newsletter

Women's History Month Proclamation, Single-Use Plastics Update, New Police Officers, & More!

Route 45-Route 26 Construction Begins



Photo by Abbey Drey, Centre Daily Times

Construction for the improvements to the intersection are expected to extend into Fall of 2022.

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Ferguson Township Upcoming Events

March 21

Tree Commission Meeting

March 24

Pine Grove Mills Small Area **Plan Advisory Committee**

Meeting

March 28

Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

April 5

Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

April 11

Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

April 12

Board of Supervisors Work

Session

April 14

Parks & Recreation Regular

Meeting

Administration News

Black History Month Proclamation - February 2022

The proclamation notes that this year's theme for **Black History** Month is, "Black Health and Wellness", which explores and honors the



legacy of Black scholars, medical practitioners, naturopaths, herbalists, etc. through the African diaspora.

Women's History Month Proclamation - March 2022

During their regular meeting on March 1, 2022, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors signed a proclamation recognizing the Women's History Month in Ferguson Township.



Coffee & Conversation at Discovery Space (Saturday, April 16, 2022)

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.

CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS

Go Solar Initiative - CRCOG

Ferguson
Township
installed a
108 kW
solar array
on the roof
of our new
public
works
building in
late 2021.



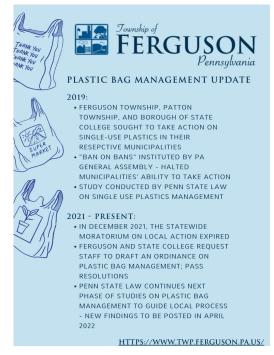
The solar system was modelled to offset 100% of the buildings usage, and is part of the overall push for a more sustainable future in the Centre Region Click here to learn how you can **#GoSolar** and also be part of the sustainability push in our area: https://bit.ly/gosolarcr

GO SOLAR!

Single-Use Plastic Bags Update for Ferguson Township, Centre Region

What are best management practices of single use plastics? This question is, again, currently being examined by students in Penn State Law's Negotiation and Dispute Resolution Design Course. The data collected from previous students in the same course also taught by Professor Lara Fowler, in 2019, is being updated to capture current research and solicit stakeholder input through interviews to better understand local viewpoints on the topic. The goal for Professor Fowler's class is to then create and deliver a concise report to the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors as they consider developing an ordinance that governs the use of plastic bag.

For more information, please read the full article linked below for a historical preview on steps taken thus far to legislating the management of single-use plastics.



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Regional & Community News + Events

Input Needed: Centre County Broadband Internet Speed

Centre County Refuse & Recycling Hazardous & Household Waste Event,

Survey

Centre County & CTC Technology have rolled out a Broadband Internet Speed Survey for residents & businesses to



complete between the dates of February 7 & March 25, 2022 to identify communities underserved by broadband internet.

TAKE THE SURVEY

High Rate of Tick-borne Disease Detected in Centre County; Use Caution Outdoors This Spring

With the warmer spring weather forecasted for the Centre Region on its way, those who enjoy the great



Pennsylvania outdoors should take extra steps to prepare for ticks in the coming weeks.

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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.



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2nd Round of COVID-19 Tests Available Through Federal Government Program

On Monday, March 7, 2022, President Joe Biden announced that Americans



who have already ordered a round of at-home COVID tests from the Federal government can now order another round of tests.

In January of 2022, The U.S. government launched https://www.covidtests.gov for American households to order four free COVID tests, and now another round of four tests can be ordered by households once again.

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State College Area Connector Open House Meetings (April 5 & 6, 2022)

PennDOT is hosting another open house public meeting for the State College Area Connector Project. This meeting will be to provide an update on the PEL Study environmental data collection efforts, traffic analyses, and Build Alternative corridor refinement that has occurred since the September 2021 public meetings

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 from 3-8 PM at Calvary Church/Harvest Fields



For more information, visit: PennDOT.pa.gov/SCAC

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Police News

Meet Our New Police Officers: Bryan & Cherese!

On March 17, 2022 the Ferguson Township Police Department formally



welcomed two new police officers to the force, Bryan Greene & Cherese Greene. Magisterial District Judge Casey M. McClain read each officer their oaths of office and were sworn-in together surrounded by friends and family.

Bryan and Cherese , who are siblings, grew up in nearby Milesburg, PA, and are locals to the Centre Region.

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Scam Safety: Apple AirTag Discussion with WTAJ-TV

Our department spoke with WTAJ-TV about cases of unwanted tracking



through the use of Apple AirTags in our area. AirTags are meant to track personal devices and belongings, but like all good technology, can be abused by bad actors.

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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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POSTPONED: Fire Safety Event @ Baileyville Community Hall

Last Saturday, due to the inclement weather, the Fire Safety Event at Baileyville Community Hall was postponed. The event will be rescheduled for a future date and time soon.



We thank the community for their understanding and cooperation, and we look forward to seeing everyone at the newly scheduled time & date.

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Planning & Zoning News

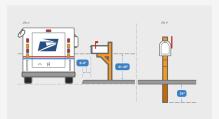
Grass & Weeds Ordinance -What You Need to Know for Spring of 2022



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

READ THE ORDINANCE

Public Works News



Post-Winter Mailbox Adjustments

After a long winter, readjusting and assessing your mailbox is recommended after plowing season. Hear what our Public Works Department recommends for Ferguson residents at the link below.

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Committee

Board of Supervisors

Tree Commission

Zoning Hearing Board

<u>Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory</u> <u>Committee</u> **Tax Review Board**

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<u>Authority</u>

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