



## April 2023 e-Newsletter

### Watershed Cleanup Day, Fairbrook Park Master Plan, Arbor Day Celebration, and More!

#### Watershed Cleanup Day: April 22



On March 21, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted a proclamation designating April 22, 2023, as Watershed Cleanup Day.

Also falling on Earth Day, Watershed Cleanup Day is an important effort to promote the protection of our local water resources and environmental conservation.

For this day, ClearWater Conservancy has organized numerous cleanup events at locations around Centre County, including the Slab Cabin Run, which flows through Pine Grove Mills.

The event will take place on April 22, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

For those who wish to volunteer specifically for the Slab Cabin Run cleanup, participants will meet at Pine Grove Hall at 8:00 a.m. on the day. This effort meets one of the Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan's goals of prioritizing green initiatives in the area.

If you would like to participate in the event, please click the button below to sign up in advance.

For more information, visit ClearWater Conservancy's [Watershed Cleanup Day](#) event page.

[SIGN UP](#)

#### Ferguson Township Upcoming Events

April 17

[Tree Commission Meeting](#)

April 18

[Board of Supervisors  
Regular Meeting](#)

April 22

[Watershed Cleanup Day](#)

April 24

[Planning Commission  
Meeting](#)

April 25

[Zoning Hearing Board  
Organizational & Regular  
Meetings](#)

April 27

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

April 29

[Arbor Day Celebration at  
Tudek Park](#)

May 2

[Board of Supervisors  
Regular Meeting](#)

May 8

[Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting](#)

May 10

[Board of Supervisors  
Worksession](#)

May 11

[Parks & Recreation](#)

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**Committee Meeting**

**May 15**

**Tree Commission Meeting**

**Board of Supervisors**

**Regular Meeting**

## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Events This Month

**Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**

- Month-long Arab-American Heritage Month
- Month-long Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Month-long World Autism Month
- April 17-23 International Dark Sky Week
- April 20 Ramadan Ends
- April 22 Earth Day
- April 29 Ferguson Township Arbor Day

## Special Recognition to CATA Representative John Spychalski for Decades of Service

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors on March 21, 2023, the Board presented a certificate of appreciation to Doctor John Spychalski for nearly 43 years of service to Ferguson Township.

Dr. Spychalski served as the Township's representative on the Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Board from 1980 until his retirement at the end of 2022.

As a member, and later chairman of the CATA Board, he contributed to a number of changes that have made local transportation more modern, accessible, and user friendly.

The Township commends Dr. Spychalski for his outstanding dedication to the community and wishes him the best in his retirement!





### Safe Digging Month

April is Safe Digging Month. All excavators and homeowners are reminded to contact 811 at least three business days before you dig, so the approximate location of any underground utility lines can be identified and marked by facility owners. This process helps to prevent injuries, property damage, and inconvenient utility outages.

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### Workers' Memorial Day

Workers' Memorial Day is observed annually on April 28, the day that the Occupational Safety and Health Act went into effect. On this day, we remember those who have lost their lives while on the job and recognize those who continue to sacrifice their own safety and well-being for the needs of others.

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### Bike Month

The Board of Supervisors adopted a proclamation recognizing the month of May as Bike Month.

Follow the Township's website and social media for fun bike-related events for all ages coming up in May, including: Bike to Work Week, Bike Anywhere Friday, Bike Scavenger Hunt, Bike Bingo, Bike and Munch, Virtual Bike Commuting 101, and more!

## Administration News

### Celebrating the Township's Agricultural Heritage



In honor and support of area's rich agricultural roots, Ferguson Township has created a story map highlighting local farms that have prioritized farmland preservation and shown a commitment to a tradition of family farming. Scan the QR code to learn about local Century Farms, agricultural land preservation programs, unique maps of farmland conservation in Ferguson Township, and more!

[EXPLORE THE STORY MAP](#)

### Fairbrook Park Master Plan Adopted

On March 21, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Fairbrook Park Master Plan. The Plan serves as an overall blueprint for improvements and changes that will be prioritized for future work on the park.

Fairbrook Park is a 29-acre park located at 1210 Tadpole Road, Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865 on the south side of Whitehall Road between Tadpole Road and the Fairbrook Subdivision.



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## Planning & Zoning News

### Signs in the Right of Way

The 2023 Municipal Primary Election is coming up on May 16. Leading up to election day, residents are reminded that, under Ferguson Township's Sign & Billboard Ordinance, political signs are considered "personal expression signs" which are permitted in the Township and do not require a sign permit.



However, please note that residential lots may have up to three temporary signs in the yard, and personal expression signs are only allowed in your yard; they are not permitted in the Township's Right of Way (ROW).

The ROW is the area between the sidewalk and the street. In areas with no sidewalk, the ROW is typically the area between the utility poles and the street.

[VIEW THE ORDINANCE](#)

## Police News

### Bicycle Safety

With nicer weather upon us, we will be seeing an increase in cyclists hitting the streets.

Motorists are reminded to always approach cyclists at a reduced speed and leave at least four feet of space when passing. Remember to check rear view and side mirrors for approaching cyclists before opening your vehicle's door.

Cyclists should always wear a helmet and bright and reflective clothing. Use side and rear reflectors, as well as a front lamp to increase visibility. Be sure to use appropriate hand and arm gestures when turning or stopping to notify motorists of your intentions.



### Biking at night?

The right equipment helps keep you safe.



- ✓ Front lamp
- ✓ Rear reflectors\*
- ✓ Side reflectors\*

\*Reflectors must be visible from at least 500 feet.



## Public Works News

**151st Arbor Day Celebration at Tudek Park**

Please join Ferguson Township in celebrating the 151st anniversary of Arbor Day at Tom Tudek Memorial Park, Pavilion #1, on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.



The celebration will also include activities, such as:

- Arts and Crafts for Children
- Self-interpretive Pop-Up Arboretum
- Guided Tree Walk
- Light Refreshments

The event will conclude with a tree planting and an Arbor Day Proclamation.

Tom Tudek Memorial Park is located at: 400 Herman Drive, State College, PA 16803.

## Next Round of Brush and Leaf Collection: April 17



The Township's Public Works Department started brush and leaf collection again at the beginning of April. The next round will begin the week of April 17.

Please pile your brush and leaves separately in loose piles by the curb no later than 7 a.m. at the start of each collection week.

Click below for the full collection schedule and guidelines.

[SCHEDULE & GUIDELINES](#)

[\[Ferguson Township Website\]](#) | [\[Contact Us\]](#)  
[\[C-NET Recorded Meetings\]](#) | [\[Community Calendar\]](#)

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

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|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Planning Commission</a>                                 | <a href="#">Parks &amp; Recreation Committee</a> | <a href="#">Board of Supervisors</a> | <a href="#">Tree Commission</a>                                   | <a href="#">Zoning Hearing Board</a> |
| <a href="#">Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee</a> |  | <a href="#">Tax Review Board</a>     | <a href="#">Industrial &amp; Commercial Development Authority</a> |                                      |

### Helpful Links

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| <b>Finance &amp; Tax</b>                             | <b>Planning &amp; Zoning</b>                               | <b>Police Department</b>  | <b>Public Works</b>                        |
| <a href="#">2021 Tax Rates and Information</a>       | <a href="#">Active Development Proposals</a>               | <a href="#">Prescription Drug Collection</a>                    | <a href="#">Brush and Leaf Collection</a>  |
| <a href="#">2022 Operating Budget</a>                | <a href="#">Past Initiatives</a>                           | <a href="#">How to Contact Police</a>                           | <a href="#">Tree Education Fact Sheets</a> |
| <a href="#">2022 - 2026 Capital Improvement Plan</a> | <a href="#">Zoning 101</a>                                 | <a href="#">Helpful Tips</a>                                    | <a href="#">Current Contracts</a>          |
|  | <a href="#">Maps, Ordinances, Permits, &amp; Questions</a> | <a href="#">Ordinance Enforcement, Questions and Complaints</a> | <a href="#">Stormwater Fee Study</a>       |
|  |  | <a href="#">Facebook</a> <a href="#">Twitter</a>                |  |