



## August 2022 e-Newsletter

### Municipal Mixer Held, Ward II Candidate Interviews Conducted, Terraced Streetscape Public Input Scheduled, & More!

#### Municipal Mixer Event Held on August 3rd!



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#### Ferguson Township Upcoming Events

**August 15**

[Tree Commission Regular Meeting](#)

**August 16**

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting \(w/ CIP Public Hearing\)](#)

**August 22**

[Planning Commission Regular Meeting](#)

**August 25**

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

**August 31**

[Terrace Streetscape District Public Input Meeting](#)

**September 6**

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

**September 8**

[Parks & Recreation Committee Regular Meeting](#)

**September 30**

[Stormwater Fee Credit and Exemption Application Deadline](#)

### Administration News

#### Municipal Mixer Goes Off Without a Hitch!

On Wednesday, August 3rd, Ferguson Township held its first ever "Municipal Mixer" at Greenbriar Saybrook Park! In consultation with **HRG**, the Township held this event to gather public input on the future of Greenbriar Saybrook Park as part of the "Parks Master Plan" being assembled by Township staff. Feedback from residents will be relayed back to HRG and Township staff, and be used to formulate the next phases of the Master Plan.



Residents gathered around Public Input stations!

In an effort to bring out more residents to the park, the Township worked with multiple vendors to highlight bike safety, notably the **Penn State Bike Den**, **The Bicycle Shop**, and SPIN E-Bikes to inform residents about the services they provide, and also to provide bike safety inspections for younger children in attendance. Ferguson Township Police offered a bicycle safety course to instruct younger riders how to safely navigate areas when cycling.



Ferguson Township officer demonstrating the cycling course to those in attendance.

To add to the fun, **Sunset Slush Happy Valley** was in attendance to allow attendees to cool down with a snow cone or two! Ferguson Township Public Works was also on-site with two Public Works vehicles for "Touch-A-Truck", which allows younger attendees to see the inside of a work vehicle!



Attendees lining up for a snow cone from Sunset Slush!



Residents were offered stickers to place on types of recreation desired, or undesired, at Greenbriar Saybrook Park.



HRG and Ferguson Township staff engaged with residents regarding public input stations.

Overall, attendance was plentiful, and residents in the neighborhood came by and made their voices heard! Be on the lookout for future events hosted by the Township!

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## Accepting Applications for ABC Vacancies!

*Take Your Seat!*

# ABC VACANCIES

- PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
- ZONING HEARING BOARD - WARD II
- INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

visit [twp.ferguson.pa.us](http://twp.ferguson.pa.us)

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:**

## Ward II Vacancy Interviews Conducted on August 10

Township of  
**FERGUSON**  
Pennsylvania

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## WARD II VACANCY

The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors conducted interviews on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 in two separate time sessions - 11:00am to 12:30pm and 5:30pm to 7:00pm - with candidates who applied for the position.

- [Parks & Recreation Committee](#)
- [Zoning & Hearing Board](#)
- [Industrial and Commercial Development Authority](#)

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**

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Applicants were interviewed and are required to live in Ward II of Ferguson Township. The Township will continue to update residents regarding the status and timeline of filling the vacant position on our website.

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## Board of Supervisors Establish First Ever "Diversity Equity & Inclusion Calendar" on Township Website

At the [Board of](#)



**Supervisors Regular Meeting held on August 2, 2022**, the Board established their first ever "**Diversity Equity & Inclusion**" yearly **calendar** set to begin in 2023. As part of Ferguson Township's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), the township will provide a monthly calendar of international and national holidays embracing and honoring DEI.

Click the link below for more details on the creation of the calendar and learn how to submit your own proposal for the DEI calendar!

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

## Public Hearing Set for Proposed 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) on August 16, 2022



The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the 2023 - 2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) during their scheduled **August 16, 2022 regular meeting**.

The Township's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) attempts to determine how much money the Township needs to fund its services, recommends allocating funds where they can be most useful, and educates the Township staff about spending guidelines.

To view the proposed 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan, [see the link here](#).

[Click here](#) for public meeting details and how to attend in-person or virtually.

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## Route 45 Getaways! builds on last year's success

Route 45 Getaways! aims to connect townships and boroughs along Route 45 in Centre County, from Pine Grove Mills in the West to Millheim Borough in the East, in order to showcase all the great restaurants, businesses, and fun along the famous state route.

The anchoring villages for 2022 were Millheim and Pine Grove Mills. Harris Township joined as a partner this year, helping to promote the many businesses and organizations in and around Boalsburg.



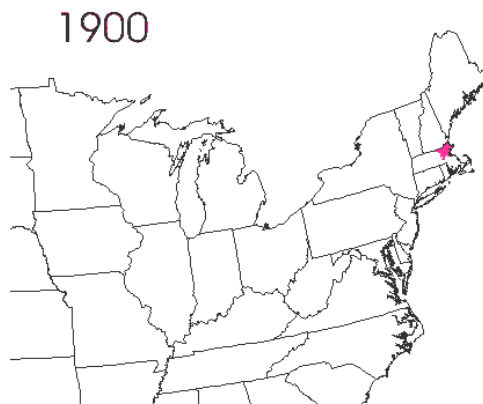
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## Managing Spongy Moth Populations in Pennsylvania

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!



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

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## 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

### Summer Road Work Update!

It's summer, and summer means beaches, sunshine, fun, and also: Road Work!

Click the link below to check out all the work that has taken place over the summer here in the Township!

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### The Township Treebune!

What does a changing climate mean for street trees in Ferguson Township? It might mean more periods of drought that could stress trees and cause forest health issues or tree death.

Click the link below to learn more about heat stressed trees.

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**Pine Grove Mills Mobility Study Approved by Board of Supervisors**



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



At the Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting hosted on July 5, 2022, the Board of Supervisors accepted the final report for the Pine Grove Mills Mobility Study, **McCormick Taylor Inc.**

Click the link below to review the full study!

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Township of **FERGUSON** Pennsylvania  
**BRUSH & LEAF PICKUP**

2022 Brush Schedule	2022 Leaf Schedule
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 4</li> <li>April 18</li> <li>May 2</li> <li>June 6</li> <li>July 5</li> <li>August 1</li> <li>September 6</li> <li>October 3</li> <li>November 7</li> <li>December 5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 4</li> <li>May 2</li> <li>June 6</li> <li>July 5</li> <li>August 1</li> <li>September 6</li> <li>October 3- *continuously every working day until hampered by winter operations or until week of December 12</li> </ul>

\*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.

## Police News

### Board of Supervisors Approve Agreement for Recruitment of Chief of Police by GovHR

The Board of Supervisors authorized the Township Manager to execute an agreement with **GovHR** to assist with the recruitment of a new Chief of Police for the Ferguson Township Police Department.

GovHR has been hired by the Township in the past to recruit multiple leadership staff at Ferguson Township, including Township Manager, Centrice Martin, and current Chief of Police, Chris Albright.

Currently, Ferguson Township is seeking resident input in their search for the next Chief of Police. **Take the survey!** Responses will be accepted through September 6.

**FERGUSON TOWNSHIP CHIEF OF POLICE RECRUITMENT**

[TWP.FERGUSON.PA.US](http://TWP.FERGUSON.PA.US)

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## 9-8-8: New National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Now Available



As of July 16, 2022, 9-8-8 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** (now known as the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline), and is now active across the United States.

When people call, text, or chat 9-8-8, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary.

Calling this number will connect users to a Crisis Worker at **Centre Helps** or one of 12 other call centers across PA to assist with high call volumes.

Please call 9-8-8 to get connected to help if you are ever in need.

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## Finance & Tax News

### Ferguson Township Financial State "Deemed Healthy" By Independent Financial Audit

At the July 19, 2022 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, **Baker Tilly**, financial advisory firm, provided their presentation on the 2021 Ferguson Township Financial Audit they conducted and completed on behalf of the township.

Each year, this audit is performed by a 3rd party vendor in order to ensure transparency and an unbiased assessment of Ferguson Township's financial standing and statements. This report is used for an annual update on Ferguson Township's financial stability and utilized for strategic planning purposes by the township.

Click the link below to read more about the report and how the audit was conducted!

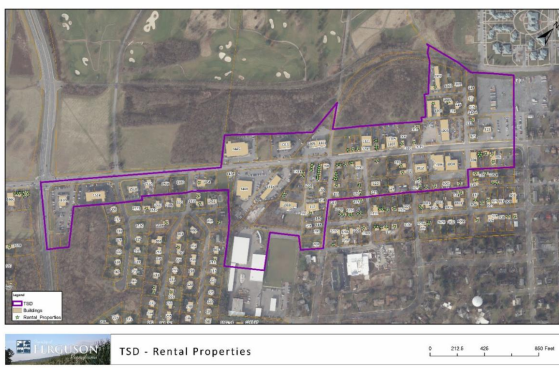


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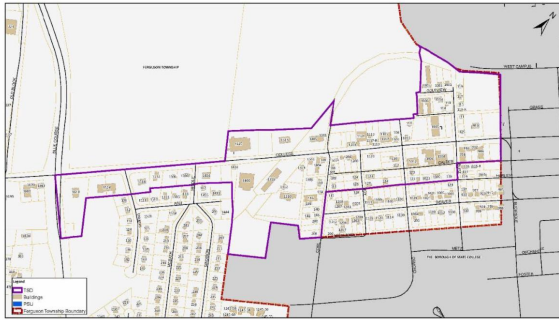
## Planning & Zoning News

### Terraced Streetscape District Rewrite - Public Input Session

# Scheduled for August 31



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.

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Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"