



August 2023 e-Newsletter

New Board Supervisor, Officer of the Year, Pine Grove Mills Upgrades, and More!

Board of Supervisors Appoints New Ward I Representative

The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors appointed and swore in Mr. Matthew Heller as the Township's new Ward I Supervisor at the Special Meeting on July 12, 2023.

Supervisor Heller served as chair of the Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee prior to his appointment to the Board.



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Ferguson Township's New Agenda Portal User Guide

The Township's interactive *Portal User Guide* is a step-by-step walkthrough which explains how to use the new CivicClerk® agenda and meeting management software. Learn to locate an agenda, to jump to different sections of an agenda, and easily access individual item reports and attachments.

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Ferguson Township Upcoming Events

August 14

[Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors Joint Meeting](#)

August 15

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

August 21

[Tree Commission Meeting](#)

August 22

[Zoning Hearing Board Meeting](#)

August 24

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

August 28

[Planning Commission Regular Meeting](#)

September 4

Closed for Labor Day

September 5

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

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Familiar Faces Take on New Roles in the Centre Region



Fire Director: Shawn Kauffman

Shawn Kauffman has been appointed the Centre Region's new Fire Director. He has previously served the Centre Region as Emergency Management Coordinator, Fire and Life Safety Inspector, member and Chief of Alpha Fire Company, and Interim Fire Director.



Parks and Recreation Director: Kristy Owens

Kristy Owens has taken on the role of Director of Centre Region Parks and Recreation (CRPR). She previously served as CRPR's Recreation Services Manager and, most recently, as the agency's Interim Director.

Tour of Whitehall Road Regional Park

On August 4, 2023, parks authority members, Centre Region Parks and Recreation staff, current and former Centre Region Council of Governments executive directors, Police Chief Petrick, and the Ferguson Township Manager toured the nearly complete Whitehall Road Regional Park.



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CATA Fall 2023 Service Changes

The Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) has announced its Fall 2023 Full-Service Schedule will go into effect on Thursday, August 17, 2023. Service changes effective on this date include:

- The Centre Area West microtransit zone will operate Monday to Friday 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM and service the areas of Park Forest, Science Park, Pine Grove Mills, some neighborhoods in State College Borough, and the vicinity.
- The CATARIDE fare will increase from \$4.00 to \$4.25. There will be no changes to the current \$2.20 CATAGO! or CATABUS fares.



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Property Maintenance Code Update



The updated *Centre Region Rental Housing and Building Safety Code, 2023 Edition* went into effect on August 1, 2023.

Key changes to the Code include Section 101.6 *Tenants Rights* and a new addition, Chapter 11 *Emergency Alarms*.

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Recycling and Refuse Collection Notices

There will be no recycling and refuse collection on Labor Day - September 4, 2023. Collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week.

Starting September 5, 2023, recycling and refuse collection will begin one hour later. Please have your bins curbside by 7:00 AM on your regular day of service.

Tire Collection Event

The Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority is offering a one day, tire collection event on Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 8am-2pm.

Centre County residents may bring up to 12 light truck or car tires to this event free of charge to be recycled.

Registration is required.



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Administration News

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Events This Month

Serve Your Local Community

Residents with a passion for community involvement are invited to submit applications by Monday, August 28, 2023, to fill the Township's current Authorities, Boards, and



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Month-long Black August

Please submit a proposal form if you would like to request an item for the Board of Supervisor's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) portion of an upcoming meeting.

[DEI PROPOSAL FORM](#)

Commissions vacancies.

- Industrial & Commercial Development Authority
- Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee
- Regional Human Relations Commission
- Tax Review Board
- Tree Commission
- Zoning Hearing Board

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Township's Summer Internship Program is a Big Success

Ferguson Township welcomed two promising interns this summer. Both current Penn State University Students, Jenna Etter and Diana Deleon served as Strategic Communications and Finance interns, respectively.

Ferguson Township's internship program was established in 2021 with a goal of introducing college students to careers in local government.

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Ag Progress Days Government and Industry Day Luncheon



Governor Josh Shapiro highlighted future investments in Pennsylvania's agriculture at the Ag Progress Days Government and Industry Day Luncheon on August 9, 2023.

Richard Roush, Dean of Penns State's College of Agricultural Sciences also shared an update on current research projects and discussed increased support for farms throughout the state.

Finance News

Township Adopts 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan

Ferguson Township's Board of Supervisors adopted the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) on August 1, 2023. The CIP outlines plans for capital expenses of \$2,500 or more, with a life span of more than one year, including such projects as buildings, roads, and the purchase of major equipment and vehicles.

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Planning & Zoning News

Join the Terraced Streetscape District Discussion

A joint Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors meeting will be held to continue the discussion of the Terraced Streetscape District (TSD) rewrite on August 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Visit the [meeting information](#) page for the agenda and Zoom link.

[TSD INFO HUB](#)

Reminder of Grass and Weeds Regulations



The recent influx of rain means grass and weeds are growing at extreme rates. Ferguson Township's grass and weeds ordinance requires residents to maintain their lawns at no more than eight (8) inches in height.

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Police News

Ferguson Township Detective Receives Multiple Honors

The 2022 Centre County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award ceremony was held on July 13, 2023, at the Centre County District Courthouse in Bellefonte. The recipients for 2022 were Detective Caleb Clouse of the Ferguson Township Police Department and Officer Macy Neideigh of the Bellefonte Police Department.

On July 26, 2023, Detective Clouse was also honored with a citation presented by Senator Wayne Langerhole Jr. and Senator Chris Dush.

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Public Works News

Consumptive Use Mitigation Grant

Ferguson Township has been awarded \$500,000 from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission for the Park Hills Drainageway Project.

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Improvement Projects in Pine Grove Mills

The Public Works Department has been working on a number of projects towards the revitalization of Pine Grove Mills.

Work includes installation of banners and decorative lighting as well as LED street light conversion which is nearing completion. A temporary box is expected to be in place so lights can be up and running in the next one to two weeks.



New Accessible Pedestrian Signals



The Township has finished the installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) at the intersection of West College Avenue and Bristol Avenue. This makes four locations in the Township that have been fitted with APS buttons to assist visual impaired pedestrians cross safely.

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THE TOWNSHIP TREEBUNE

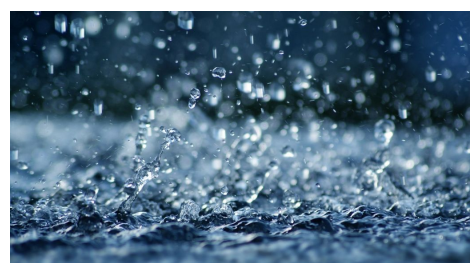
Ferguson Township continues to go green. In our latest step to curb our pollution output, the Township Urban Forestry Program has recently purchased a variety of battery powered hand tools to aid in the maintenance of our urban forest, proving that such tools perform as well as their gasoline powered counterparts of the same size.



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**Next Round of Brush and Leaf
Collection: September 5**



**2024 Stormwater Utility Fee Credit
& Exemption Application Deadline**

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

The deadline to apply for a Stormwater Utility Fee credit or exemption for the 2024 billing year is September 30, 2023.

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