



February 2023 e-Newsletter

Township Communications Public Forum



Ferguson Township welcomes residents to join Township staff and key regional stakeholders in an open, public forum.

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Baileyville Community Hall
210 Deibler Road
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865

This event is in response to a heating oil spill which originated from Minnesota Street in Ferguson Township on January 14. While the investigation and clean-up efforts fall under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the Township would like to meet with residents to discuss the impact of the oil spill incident, the communications response, and provide guidance for residents on who to contact during an environmental emergency.

Representatives in attendance include, but are not limited to: Ferguson Township Manager – Centrice Martin, Ferguson Township Chief of Police – John Petrick, Ferguson Township Stormwater Engineer – Aaron Jolin, Centre Region Acting Fire Director & Emergency Management Coordinator – Shawn Kauffman,

Ferguson Township Upcoming Events

February 13

[Planning Commission Regular Meeting](#)

February 16

[Communications Public Forum](#)

February 20

[Presidents' Day \(Closed\)](#)

February 21

[Tree Commission Regular Meeting](#)

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

February 22

[Board of Supervisors ABC Interviews Special Meeting](#)

February 23

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

February 27

[Planning Commission Regular Meeting](#)

March 7

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

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[Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting](#)

March 13

[Planning Commission Regular](#)

and State College Borough Water Authority Executive Director – Brian Heiser.

Residents with questions and concerns regarding the spill are urged to contact the PaDEP at (570) 327-3636.

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Meeting

March 15

Terraced Streetscape District Rewrite Public Meeting

March 20

Tree Commission Regular Meeting

March 21

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

March 23

Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee Regular Meeting

March 27

Planning Commission Regular Meeting

Administration News

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Events This Month



February is Black History Month. It is a time to commemorate the struggles and celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of African Americans throughout history.

If you would you like to present an item for discussion during the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion portion of the agenda at an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting, please fill out our [DEI Proposal Form](#).



Ferguson Township's administrative offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023, in observance of Presidents' Day.

View our full [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Calendar](#).

Board of Supervisors Adopts Anti-Discrimination Ordinance and Establishment of Regional Human Relations Commission

The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors adopted an Anti-Discrimination Ordinance and the establishment of a Regional Human Relations Commission at the regular

meeting on February 7, 2023.

The Anti-Discrimination ordinance is enacted to ensure that all persons enjoy the full benefits of citizenship and are afforded equal opportunities, unburdened by unjust discrimination, for housing, employment, and use of public accommodation.



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Upcoming ABC Interviews

On Wednesday, February 22, 2023, from 5:00-6:30p.m., the Board of Supervisors will be holding a special meeting to conduct interviews for applicants interested in serving one on the Township's vacant Authorities, Boards, and Commissions vacancies.

Through February 13, we are accepting applications to fill the following volunteer roles:

- C-NET Representative
- CATA Representative

Township of **FERGUSON**
Pennsylvania

Authorities, Boards & Commissions

Vacancies

- C-NET Board of Directors
- CATA Board of Directors

Apply by February 13, 2023!

Click the link below for more information about these and other open ABC positions.

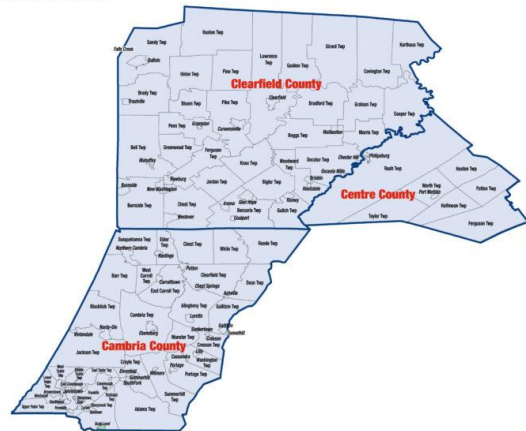
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Regional & Community News

Senator Langerholc Opens Office in Ferguson Township

As of Monday, January 9, 2023, Senator Wayne Langerholc opened his Centre County office location, which is in Ferguson Township, to better serve those in the Centre Region.

Senate District 35



Constituents can receive services Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at:

341 Science Park Road
Suite 201
State College, PA 16803
(814) 806-1197

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority is holding its Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on April 28 & 29, 2023.



When: Friday, April 28 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 29 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Where: County Recycling and Refuse Authority, 253 Transfer Road, Bellefonte

Pre-registration is required and will open March 1, 2023. You can pre-register at www.centrecountyrecycles.org.

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Finance News

Tax Reminder for Residents

With tax season upon us, our Finance & Tax Department would like to remind all of our residents of upcoming due dates.

Ferguson Township 2023 Real Estate Tax Important Dates

- March 1 - Tax bills will be mailed out
- April 30 - Last day to pay with a 2% discount
- June 30 - Last day to pay face amount
- December 31 - Last day to pay timely for the year with a 10% penalty



State College Area School District 2023 Real Estate Tax Important Dates

- July 1 - Tax bills will be mailed out
- August 31 - Last day to pay under discount period
- October 31 - Last day to pay under face amount period
- December 31 - Last day to pay timely for the year with a penalty

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Planning & Zoning News

New Parking Ticket and Permit Management System - T2 Systems



In March the Township will be adding a mobile-friendly parking ticket and permit management system called T2 Systems. T2 will provide the Township with the tools and technology needed to manage parking and mobility in the Township with the Citation Management Program (CMP).

CMP allows the Ordinance Enforcement Officer and Police to issue parking citations and parking permits, accept payment for parking citations, and perform adjudication tasks. Real-

time citation data allows customers to pay for a ticket, view photos related to their citation, and submit appeals on the Township's website all from their mobile device.

This program puts users first by utilizing a browser-based mobile payment solution and industry-leading credit card data security. Paper tickets will still be issued as needed.

Police News

Prescription Drug Collection

Did you know that the Ferguson Township Police Department is a year-round prescription drop-off site? Our collection box provides a safe, convenient, responsible and confidential way to dispose of prescription drugs.

Unused medications are accepted during regular business hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday.

Location:
Ferguson Township Police Department
3147 Research Drive, State College

Click the link below for more information and a list of what is and is not accepted in the collection box.



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Public Works News

Township Seeks Out Funding Opportunities for Improvement Projects

In an ongoing effort by Township staff to seek out additional funding for projects that preserve natural resources and improve quality of life for the community, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution at the regular meeting January 17, 2023, authorizing the submission of a grant application for the Susquehanna River Basin Commission Consumptive Use Mitigation Grant.

If granted, these funds will help the Township to further offset costs for the ongoing [Park Hills Drainageway Project](#).



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THE TOWNSHIP TREEBUNE

Ferguson Township Tree Commission

Issue No. 9

Wildlife-Friendly Landscaping

With spring planting season around the corner, Ferguson Township residents seeking planting ideas supporting ecologically sound residential landscapes have a lot to learn from this article written by Emily Rojik from Penn State Extension.

Click the link below to read the full article which highlights a handful of trees, shrubs, and flowering plants.

[READ THE FULL ARTICLE](#)

Changes to Parking on Butz Street



Motorists on Butz Street should be aware of new parking restrictions.

The new regulations, currently in effect, limit where and how long cars can be parked along the section of Butz Street between Calder Way and Grass Alley.

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