



July 2023 e-Newsletter

Capital Improvement Plan, Parks and Recreation Month, Reduced Speed Limit on Blue Course Drive, and More!

Draft 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan

Ferguson Township's Draft 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is available for public review.

The CIP helps guide the development of the Annual Operating Budget and enables the Board to prioritize expenditures based on need and financial stability. Updated annually, the CIP focuses on capital items, which are defined as having a cost greater than \$2,500 and an expected life of longer than one year. In addition to identifying expenditures, the CIP also depicts the Township's financial outlook over the next five years.

CIP Road Tour

- Monday, July 10, 2023 3pm

Special Draft 2024-2028 CIP Meetings

- Wednesday, July 12, 2023 12:15-3pm
- Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:15-3pm

[DRAFT 2024-2028 CIP](#)

Coffee and Conversation

Join Ferguson Township for Coffee and Conversation hosted by The Naked Egg Café in Pine Grove Mills. This is a great chance to ask questions and discuss happenings in the Township. State legislators have also been invited to attend this particular event to share their unique perspectives and meet constituents.

Ferguson Township Upcoming Events

July 10

[CIP Road Tour](#)

July 11

[Eco Explorers at Haymarket Park](#)

July 12

[Draft 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan Special Meeting 1](#)

July 13

[Draft 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan Special Meeting 2](#)

July 14

[Coffee and Conversation](#)

July 18

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

July 24

[Tree Commission Meeting Planning Commission Meeting](#)

July 27

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

July 28

[Picnic in the Park at Tudek Park](#)

August 1

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Friday, July 14, 2023

8:00-9:30am

The Naked Egg Café

320 Pine Grove Rd
State College, PA 16801



August 9

Board of Supervisors

Worksession

August 10

Parks and Recreation

Committee Meeting

August 14

Planning Commission and

Board of Supervisors Joint

Meeting

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Regional News

CENTRE COUNTY, PA 2023 HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT



2023 Housing Needs Assessment for Centre County

The 2023 Housing Needs Assessment for Centre County is now available for viewing. This study takes a closer look at trends within the Centre County housing market and analyzes factors affecting the market.

The findings contained within the Centre County 2023 Housing Needs Assessment will be presented to the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors at the regular meeting scheduled for August 1, 2023.

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Centre County Agricultural Land Preservation News Update

The Spring 2023 Centre County Agricultural Land Preservation News Update features preservation efforts by local farmers, the benefits of donating development rights to woodland, managing healthy forests, and explains the difference between the Purchased Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) program offered by the Commonwealth and Centre County, and the Land Trust model of preservation administered by the Centre County Farmland Trust.

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Administration News

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Events This Month

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

- Month-long French-American Heritage Month
- Month-long Parks and Recreation Month
- Month-long Minority Mental Health Awareness Month
- July 4 Independence Day

Celebrating Parks and Recreation Month

July 2023 is Parks and Recreation Month in Ferguson Township! To bring awareness to Ferguson Township's 12 municipal parks, the Board passed a proclamation, and the Township will be sharing information about its parks and amenities throughout the month.

Join Ferguson Township for two special events to celebrate Parks and Recreation Month:

Township of FERGUSON Pennsylvania

ECO EXPLORERS

THE WONDERS OF WATER SCAVENGER HUNT
WITH FERGUSON TOWNSHIP
STORMWATER ENGINEER AARON JOLIN AND ARBORIST LARRY MAGINNIS

A FUN AND EDUCATIONAL OUTDOOR SCAVENGER HUNT
BRINGING KIDS CLOSER TO NATURE AND THEIR COMMUNITY THROUGH
THE WONDERS OF WATER AND TREES

HAYMARKET PARK

JULY 11, 2023
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

1631 Bristol Avenue
State College, PA 16801

Meet at Pavilion 2
Recommended for children in grades 4-8
All children attending must be accompanied by an adult.

Eco Explorers

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Haymarket Park
1632 Bristol Ave, State College
(Meet at Pavilion 2)

Township of FERGUSON Pennsylvania

Picnic in the Park

FOOD TRUCKS, FERGUSON TOWNSHIP POLICE
CRUISER TOURS AND PHOTO PROPS!

TOM TUDEK MEMORIAL PARK
400 HERMAN DRIVE
STATE COLLEGE, PA 16803

JULY 28, 2023
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Picnic in the Park

Friday, July 28, 2023 from 12:00-2:00 p.m.
Tom Tudek Memorial Park
400 Herman Dr, State College
(Meet in the parking lot near Pavilion 3)

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Joint Meeting to Discuss the Terraced Streetscape District

In place of the regular Planning Commission meeting scheduled for August 14, 2023, a joint Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors meeting will be held to continue the discussion of the Terraced Streetscape District rewrite. This hybrid meeting will take place on August 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Check the [meeting information](#) page for the agenda and Zoom link, which will be provided leading up to the meeting date.

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.

A number of public input meetings and presentations have been previously held to discuss the plans for the TSD redesign. Click the button below for more information and an archive of previous meetings.

[TSD INFO HUB](#)

Police News

Stay Safe as Temperatures Rise

Extended exposure to extreme summer heat poses a number of health risks. The Ferguson Township Police would like to share a few tips to keep residents safe this summer.

- Drink a lot of water.
- High heat and humidity cause the body to work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature. Stay indoors with air conditioning.
- Watch for heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides a list of [symptoms and first aid steps](#) for heat related illnesses. Call 911 if you see someone suffering from a heat emergency.
- Never leave children or pets alone in hot vehicles! Heat can rise in a car, up to 20 degrees in just 10 minutes!
- Check on family, friends, and neighbors who do not have air conditioning and who spend much of their time alone.



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Public Works News

Speed Limit Reduced to 35mph on Section of Blue Course Drive



The speed limit of the eastbound section of Blue Course Drive between Westwind Drive and Circleville Road has been reduced from 45pmh to 35pmh.

On June 20, 2023, the Board of Supervisors voted to adopt an ordinance to amend Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles, Part 2, Traffic Regulations, Section 201 to reduce the speed limit.

This comes as a result of an existing bus stop on eastbound Blue Course Drive which will be moved to the west side of Circleville Road. With the relocation, the Township Engineer conducted a traffic study to ensure the roadway meets the criteria for the reduced speed limit.

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Construction at Suburban Park

Work is anticipated to start at Suburban Park on July 31, 2023. The proposed work consists of removing the existing drainage culvert and relocating the stream to the south along with other stormwater upgrades, new concrete kiosk area at the existing parking lot with a kiosk and bike rack, asphalt perimeter path and connecting paths with a connection to the regional bike route, new pavilion with horseshoe pits, outdoor fitness exercise equipment, four bridges, and perimeter plantings at the southern and eastern property lines.



While work is being performed, the tennis courts, play area, and pavilion will remain open; however, alternate parking will need to be sought as the on-lot parking area will be closed to the public. The park can be accessed from Vairo Boulevard (to the north) and East Aaron Drive to the south of the park. Alternate parking locations would be on Marjorie Mae Street off Vairo Boulevard or along East Aaron Drive to the south. Special attention should be provided to no parking locations.

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THE TOWNSHIP TREEBUNE

In the March e-newsletter the Ferguson Township Tree Commission provided a summary of the public tree inventory conducted in 2022. As noted in that article, the reason for the tree inventory is to accurately account for the Township's publicly maintained trees because they represent an ecosystem service investment benefiting current and future residents. Managing this investment requires periodic census surveying of each tree to ensure tree health and public safety.

In addition to the inventory, a **Tree Canopy Assessment** was also conducted under the guidance of the Township's Public Works Director, David Modricker, PE with input from Township Arborist Larry Maginnis and Tree Commission Chairperson Dr. Marc McDill. The purpose of the tree canopy assessment is to measure the extent of our community's urban tree resource and how it is changing. This will help inform the Township's policies for managing both private and public trees. The canopy study used aerial and satellite imagery collected in 2008 and 2019. Township Geographic Information System (GIS) specialists used GIS technology to visualize and calculate public tree canopy gains and loss across the Township in parks and Township right-of-ways. In addition, this analysis also enabled calculation of public and privately owned tree canopy gains and losses at a neighborhood level. This analysis informs such actions as planting decisions and forecasting Township maintenance activities.

On behalf of the Township Tree Commission, Arborist, Public Works Director, Township Manager and Board of Supervisors, along with future generations of Township residents we thank residents for their stewardship of the private and public trees. Our Township trees are more than a financial investment in property value; they are valued community members. Beyond beauty, shade and erosion control they provide multiple ecosystem services to people and wildlife.

Next Round of Brush and Leaf Collection: August 7



Another round of brush and leaf collection will kick off the week of August 7, 2023.

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.

SCHEDULE & GUIDELINES

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Learn More About Township Authorities, Boards, and Commissions

- [Planning Commission](#)
- [Parks & Recreation Committee](#)
- [Board of Supervisors](#)
- [Tree Commission](#)
- [Zoning Hearing Board](#)
- [Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee](#)
- [Tax Review Board](#)
- [Industrial & Commercial Development Authority](#)

Helpful Links

Finance & Tax

- [2021 Tax Rates and Information](#)
- [2022 Operating Budget](#)
- [2022 - 2026 Capital Improvement Plan](#)

Planning & Zoning

- [Active Development Proposals](#)
- [Past Initiatives](#)
- [Zoning 101](#)
- [Maps, Ordinances, Permits, & Questions](#)

Police Department

- [Prescription Drug Collection](#)
- [How to Contact Police](#)
- [Helpful Tips](#)
- [Ordinance Enforcement, Questions and Complaints](#)
- [Facebook Twitter](#)

Public Works

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- [Tree Education Fact Sheets](#)
- [Current Contracts](#)
- [Stormwater Fee Study](#)