



March 2023 e-Newsletter

**Brush & Leaf Collection, Greenbriar-Saybrook Park Master Plan,
New T2 Parking Management System, and More!**

Ferguson Township Commits to 90% Solar Power Purchase Agreement



On February 21, 2023, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors discussed a commitment to the purchase of 90% of the Township's energy needs from solar power. This decision is part of the Solar Power Purchasing Agreement (SPPA), which is a commitment to invest in solar energy and will offer the Township economic, environmental, and social benefits.

Click the button to read more about how our commitment to the SPPA brings the Township one step closer to our goals of ensuring the "Right to a Sustainable Energy Future" and achieving net zero greenhouse gas emission by 2050.

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Ferguson Township Upcoming Events

March 20

[Tree Commission Meeting](#)

March 21

**[Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting](#)**

March 23

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

March 27

**[Planning Commission
Meeting](#)**

April 1

[Coffee & Conversation](#)

April 4

**[Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting](#)**

April 5

[Spring HOA Open Forum](#)

April 10

**[Planning Commission
Regular Meeting](#)**

April 12

**[Board of Supervisors
Worksession](#)**

April 13

**[Parks & Recreation
Committee Meeting](#)**

Join Us for Coffee and Conversation!



Coffee & Conversation

Saturday, April 1, 2023

8:00-9:30am

At Discovery Space
1224 N Atherton St, State College



Have a question or concern about services, operations, or anything happening in Ferguson Township? Residents are invited to join the Ferguson Township leadership team for a casual opportunity to offer suggestions, seek answers, discuss any questions or concerns specific to your community, and chat about living in the Township. Coffee will be provided. There is no need to RSVP to attend.

Welcome Ferguson Township's New ABC Representatives

We would like to congratulate and welcome Leslie Laing and Omari Patterson who were appointed by the Board of Supervisors on February 21, 2023, to represent Ferguson Township on the CNET and CATA Boards of Directors, respectively.

If you are a resident of Ferguson Township and interested in becoming a member of one of our Authorities, Boards, and Commissions, visit our [ABCs page](#) for current openings and more information.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Events This Month

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

- Month-long **Women's History Month**
- Month-long **Agriculture Month**
- Month-long **Greek-American Heritage Month**
- Month-long **Irish-American Heritage Month**
- March 3rd **Employee Appreciation Day**
- March 8th **International Women's Day**
- March 22nd **Ramadan Begins**

New Telecom Infrastructure Coming to Ferguson Township



In May of 2022, Ferguson Township, along with C-NET, began the process to negotiate a franchise agreement with Shenandoah Cable Television, LCC (“Shentel”), under their Glo Fiber brand, for the provision of cable television services within the Township. A cable franchise agreement with Shentel was approved by the Board on January 17, 2023.

Currently, Ferguson Township has a franchise agreement with Comcast and will continue this agreement. The addition of Glo Fiber’s infrastructure will provide a greater range of telecommunications options for residents. Construction is currently slated to begin in 2024.

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Administration News

Township's New Agenda and Meeting Management Solution



Ferguson Township has partnered with CivicPlus to implement its CivicClerk agenda and meeting management solution. The Township will use the software to streamline the automation of its agenda and meeting minutes management processes and enable convenient access by citizens to public records.

Citizens will also benefit from such conveniences as the ability to download PDFs of agendas, meeting minutes, agenda packets, and other documents, and have access to a dedicated citizen portal with email subscription capabilities.

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Greenbriar-Saybrook Park Master Plan Adopted

On March 7, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Greenbriar-Saybrook Park Master Plan, which serves as an overall blueprint for improvements and changes that will be prioritized for future work on the park.

Greenbriar-Saybrook Park is located in a residential community at 1386 North Foxpointe Drive.

GREENBRIAR-SAYBROOK PARK



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Finance News

Retirement of Finance Director, Eric Endresen

Ferguson Township extends congratulations and gratitude to recently retired Tax & Finance Director Eric Endresen. Endresen concluded 19 years of service for the Township on March 10, 2023. He requested not to have a gathering, but the Township presented him with a thank you card and gift card for his service.

As Tax & Finance Director, Endresen oversaw all fiscal aspects of the Township, including tax collection for the Township and State College School District, financial accounting, investments, custody and control of municipal funds, assets and property, taxation, risk management, and pensions.

Susquehanna Accounting and Consulting Solutions will provide interim financial management and leadership for the Township under the direction of Corey Troutman, Managing Shareholder, and Ed Zack, Senior Consultant.

Recruitment for the Tax & Finance Director position began the week of March 13.

Planning & Zoning News

Register Your Parking Permit on Our New T2 System



On March 14, 2023, the Township's new mobile-friendly parking ticket and permit management system went live. The T2 System provides the Township with the tools and technology needed to manage parking and mobility, while

its real-time citation data allows customers to pay for a ticket, view photos related to a citation and submit appeals from their mobile device. The Township will still accept payment in-person, by cash or check, at the Ferguson Township Municipal Building.

Streets Requiring a Parking Permit: Rushcliffe Street, Beaver Avenue, Butz Street, Highland Alley, Corl Street, Hoy Street, and Osmond Street

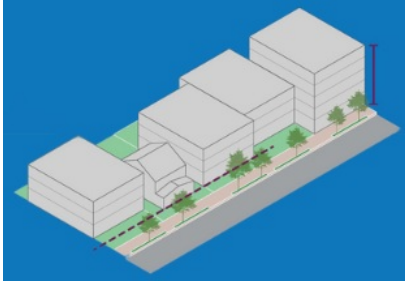
Who Needs to Register?

Both homeowners and tenants parking in the areas above need to register. Homeowners with parking permits are required to register their vehicles annually in the T2 System for free; tenants are required to register their vehicles annually for a fee of \$15.

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Second Terraced Streetscape District Rewrite Public Meeting Held

On March 15, 2023, Ferguson Township hosted a second public input meeting regarding the Terraced Streetscape



District Rewrite (TSD) to provide an update to the public and move towards finalizing rewrite options.

Click the button for more information about the TSD project and a recording of the second public input meeting.

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Police News

Lock Crime out of Your Home

Doors & Windows: Keep locked when you leave home. Do not give criminals easy access to your residence. Locked entries discourage most criminals.

Security Cameras: Consider installing doorbell or other security cameras that provide real-time alerts to your mobile device. These cameras have been helpful in solving many crimes.

Environmental Design: Keep bushes and shrubs trimmed so criminals can't hide around your residence.

Lighting: ensure the exterior of your residence has sufficient lighting so unwanted individuals can be easily seen. Install dusk to dawn lights and motion detector lights.

Alarm System: Consider installing an alarm system to notify police. An audible alarm should scare off most burglars. It will not only alert you, but neighbors as well.

Get to know your neighbors: Have them keep an eye on your residence when you are away and to report any suspicious activity to police.



Public Works News

2023 Brush & Leaf Collection Schedule

Place brush and leaves in loose piles curbside by 7am at the start of each collection week.



BRUSH & LEAF COLLECTION GUIDELINES



THE TOWNSHIP TREEBUNE

2022 Street Tree Inventory

Ferguson Township conducted a street tree inventory in 2022. The Township's publicly maintained trees are 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.

The Township Arborist evaluates trees weekly throughout the township. For this comprehensive Township Inventory, Penn State Urban Forestry Extension was contracted to perform the on-site inspection, data recording and analysis.

[READ THE FULL ARTICLE](#)

Help Prevent Oak Wilt: Tree Pruning Ban

The Township Arborist, Larry Maginnis, would like to



remind residents of Township Ordinance 1023, which prohibits the pruning of oak trees from April 1 through October 31.

Oak wilt is a fungal disease that affects oak trees, and as infected trees cannot be cured, spread prevention is critical.

The disease is transmitted by beetles which are attracted to fresh wounds in a tree's outer layers. Such wounds are caused by pruning limbs and climbing trees using spurs or spikes.

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