



## May 2023 e-Newsletter

### New Finance Director, Public Service Recognition Week, Bulk Waste Collection, and More!

#### Ferguson Township Awarded Prestigious LEED® Green Building Certification

The Ferguson Township Public Works Building earned LEED GOLD certification on February 15, 2023.

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (**USGBC**), is the most widely used green building rating system in the world and an international symbol of excellence. Through design, construction and operations practices that improve environmental and human health, LEED-certified buildings are helping to make the world more sustainable.



Ferguson Township achieved LEED GOLD certification for implementing practical and measurable strategies and solutions in areas including sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. Green buildings allow companies to operate more sustainably and give the people inside them a healthier, more comfortable space to work.

Click the button below to learn more about Ferguson

#### Ferguson Township Upcoming Events

##### May 15

[Tree Commission Meeting](#)

[Board of Supervisors](#)

[Regular Meeting](#) (this meeting falls on a Monday)

##### May 22

[Planning Commission Meeting](#)

##### May 23

[Zoning Hearing Board Meeting](#)

##### May 25

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

##### May 29

Closed for Memorial Day

##### June 6

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

##### June 8

[Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting](#)

##### June 12

[Planning Commission Meeting](#)

##### June 14

[Board of Supervisors Worksession](#)

##### June 20

[Tree Commission Meeting](#)  
[Board of Supervisors](#)

LEED DASHBOARD

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**Regular Meeting**

**June 22**

**Pine Grove Mills Small Area  
Plan Advisory Committee  
Meeting**

**June 26**

**Planning Commission  
Meeting**

## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Events This Month

- Month-long **Bike Month**
- Month-long **Jewish-American Heritage Month**
- Month-long **National Asian American and South Pacific Islander Heritage Month**
- May 7-13 **Public Service Recognition Week**
- May 15-21 **Police Week**
- May 21-27 **Public Works Week**
- May 21-27 **EMS Week**
- May 29 **Memorial Day**

## Recycling & Refuse Notices

### No Collection on Memorial Day

There will be no refuse collection on Monday, May 29, 2023, due to the Memorial Day holiday. Collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week.

### Summer Collection Hours

Refuse collection will begin at 6:00 a.m. for the summer season starting May 30, 2023.

### Bulk Waste Collection

Spring Bulk Waste Collection will occur May 22-26, 2023, on your normal day of service. Items must be properly prepared. Please visit the Centre Region Council of Governments Refuse and Recycling Program's [Bulk Waste Collection](#) page for full guidelines.



### CATA Announces Upcoming Public Hearing on Proposed Fall 2023 Service Changes

The Centre Area Transportation Authority is soliciting public comment on proposed fall 2023 service changes. A public hearing on the proposed changes is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

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### CCMPO Presentation on Active and Long Range Transportation Plans

The Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization gave a presentation to the Board on May 2, 2023, which focused on the organization's active and long range transportation plans for the region.

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### C-NET Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors

On May 2, 2023, C-NET's Annual Report was presented to the Board of Supervisors. The presentation covered highlights from 2022, including Ferguson Township's usage of C-NET programming, statistics, and broadcast information.

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## May is Centre Region Bike Month



# MAY IS BIKE MONTH!

Event Details: [crcog.net/bike](http://crcog.net/bike)

**MAY 1-31**

**BIKE BINGO**

**BIKE SCAVENGER HUNT**

**BIKE & MUNCH**

**MAY 15-21**

**BIKE TO WORK WEEK**

**MAY 16**

**VIRTUAL BIKE COMMUTING 101**

**MAY 19**

**BIKE ANYWHERE FRIDAY**



[LEARN MORE ABOUT BIKE MONTH](#)

## PSU Arts Engagement Family Discount Program

A new program offered through Penn State's Center for the Performing Arts makes attending performing arts events more affordable for families in

Arts Engagement

# Family Program

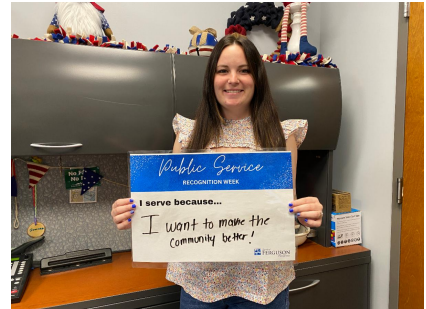

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## Administration News

### Public Service Recognition Week

Public Service Recognition Week is celebrated during the first full week of May. This is a time to thank and honor public servants in Federal, State and local governments for their commitment to serving the community.

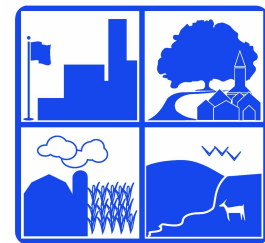
Ferguson Township celebrated with a new employee recognition program, a morning mindfulness retreat, and an ice cream social. Throughout the week, staff shared messages about the importance of public service and why they serve.



### Ferguson Township Welcomes New ABC Representatives

Ferguson Township's Authorities, Boards, and Commissions (ABCs) have recently welcomed some new faces. Congratulations and welcome to the following members:

- Jennifer Pencek: Tax Review Board
- Cathy Bowen: Tax Review Board
- Stevie Rocco: Zoning Hearing Board (previous alternate)
- Robert Strouse: Zoning Hearing Board



If you are a resident of Ferguson Township and interested in becoming a member of one of our ABCs, please click the link to learn more.

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## Finance News

### New Director of Finance: Deeya Kochhar

On Tuesday, May 2, 2023, the Board of Supervisors formally appointed Deeya Kochhar as Ferguson Township's new Director of Finance.

As the Director of Finance, Ms. Kochhar's responsibilities include

management of all of Ferguson Township's fiscal affairs, including preparation of the annual operating budget and capital improvement plan, tax collection, financial accounting, investments, custody and control of municipal funds, assets and property, taxation, risk management, and pensions.

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## Planning & Zoning News

### Grass and Weeds Ordinance Reminder

With spring rains spurring growth of vegetation, Ferguson Township's Planning and Zoning Department would like to remind residents of the Township's grass and weeds ordinance which was amended in December 2021.

The permitted height of managed turf grass, weeds, and other vegetation is no more than eight inches.

Turf grass, weeds, and other vegetation also must not emit any unpleasant or noxious odors or conceal any filthy deposits, such as animal excrement.



[VIEW THE ORDINANCE](#)

## Police News

### License Plate Replacement Event

Ferguson Township Police have partnered with Senator Wayne Langerholc's office and are offering a license plate replacement event on Thursday, June 15, 2023 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Senator Langerholc's office at 341 Science Park Road, State College.

ATTENTION CENTRE COUNTY RESIDENTS

## Do you have a hard to read license plate?

### Get it replaced for FREE!

A plate is considered damaged when:

- Letters/numbers are not recognizable from 50 feet away
- Peeling, blistering, or discoloration
- Loss of reflectivity



Stop by one of these events to have your license plate checked and to start the free replacement process.

**Thursday, May 18, 2023**

**4:30 - 6:30 pm**

Magisterial District Court  
Judge Sinclair Parking Lot  
118 Enterprise Drive  
Phillipsburg, PA, 16866

**Thursday, June 15, 2023**

**4:30 - 6:30 pm**

Senator Langerholc's Office  
341 Science Park Road  
State College, PA 16803

*For more information, please call my office  
at 814-806-1197.*



Senator Wayne Langerholc, Jr.  
35th District

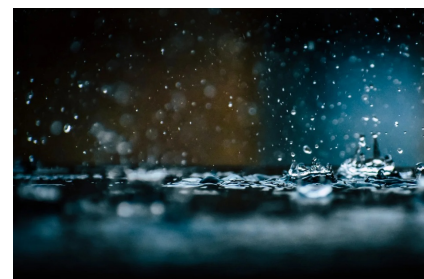
**REPLACEMENT OF ILLEGIBLE LICENSE PLATE IS FREE**

## Public Works News

### Stormwater Utility Fee Credit and Exemption Application Period

Ferguson Township's Stormwater Utility Fee credit and exemption application period is open from May 1 through September 30, 2023. During this period, homeowners who qualify can apply to reduce or eliminate their stormwater fee for the 2024 billing period.

By implementing credits, property owners can reduce their stormwater fee up to 40%. Exemptions are available for non-profits, agricultural properties, and economic hardship. Click to learn more about credits and exemptions.





# THE TOWNSHIP TREEBUNE

Ferguson Township's 2023 Arbor Day Celebration was a Tremendous success! Dozens of residents gathered at Tom Tudek Memorial Park on Saturday, April 29, 2023, to participate in the festivities, which included arts and crafts, a tree seedling giveaway, a tree walk through the Tudek Memorial Grove, bucket truck rides and the reading of the Ferguson Township Arbor Day Proclamation and tree planting.

Mark your calendars for next year on Saturday, April 27, 2024, for the Township's 9th and biggest Arbor Day Celebration.

Arbor Day can be celebrated as a simple act of planting a tree. In order to stay well informed regarding tree planting or tree care the [USDA Tree Owner's Manual](#) can be a valuable resource.

If you have any questions regarding your street trees, contact your Township Arborist at [arborist@twp.ferguson.pa.us](mailto:arborist@twp.ferguson.pa.us) or call 814-238-4651.



## Next Round of Brush and Leaf Collection: June 1



Another round of brush and leaf collection will kick off the week of June 1, 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

[\[Ferguson Township Website\]](#) | [\[Contact Us\]](#)

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Learn More About Township Authorities, Boards, and Commissions

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