



November 2022 e-Newsletter

New Supervisor Chosen, Police Address Aggressive Driving, Township Treebune, and More!

Autumnal Beauty Around the Township Building



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December 15

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

Administration News

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is Friday, November 11. On this day we honor the brave individuals who have served our country, making great sacrifices to protect the freedom of the American people.

Township offices will be closed on Friday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. The Police Department will remain open 24/7 for those needing assistance.



Fall 2022 Neighborhood Association Open Forum



On Wednesday, November 9, Township staff welcomed members of HOAs located within Ferguson Township for an open forum to discuss issues affecting neighborhood associations.

Township Manager, Centrice Martin led the discourse and was joined by Assistant Township Manager, Jaymes Progar; Director of Public Works, Dave Modricker; Director of Planning and Zoning, Jenna Wargo; and Sergeant Ryan Hendrick, Officer in Charge of the Police Department.

Guests and staff discussed topics including the Township's strategic plan, ordinance

enforcement, public safety, and winter operations.

The next Neighborhood Association Open Forum is set for Wednesday, April 5, 2023.

New Addition to the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Township Board of Supervisors accepted the resignation of Supervisor Tierra Williams at the regular meeting held on October 18. Supervisor Williams' involvement and contributions to the Board will be sorely missed. Her final day as Supervisor was November 5.

The Township advertised the vacant at-large role, and ten applicants were interviewed at a special

meeting of the Board of Supervisors on November 7. A final decision was reached at the meeting, and Mr. Corey Gracie-Griffin was selected as Ferguson Township's new At-Large Supervisor.

Mr. Gracie-Griffin will be appointed and sworn in at the Board's next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 15.

National Native American Heritage Month

Ferguson Township recognizes November as Native American Heritage Month, also known as, American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.

This month is a time to celebrate the rich and diverse traditions, cultures, and histories of the Native peoples of the United States.



Regional & Community News

Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule



Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority has announced a change in the collection schedule for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Garbage collection for Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 24) through the end of the week will be delayed one day.

Collection will continue as usual the following week, starting Monday, November 28.

Toys for Tots Drive

Ferguson Township will be taking part in the Nittany Leatherneck's annual Toys for Tots Kick Off Breakfast on Tuesday, November 15.

From November 15 to December 9 there will be a donation box in the Township Building in which we will be collecting new unwrapped toys as well as non-perishable foods and personal care items.

All donations are greatly appreciated, though toys for 0-2 and 10+ age ranges are in short supply.

For food donations, ingredients to make holiday meals such as spices, potato mix, canned vegetables, coffee, and tea are especially sought after.

Donations will help make the holidays brighter for those in need.



C-Net Makes Viewing Township Meetings Easy



The meetings of the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors are streamed LIVE on C-NET's Youtube channel: [CNETCentreCounty](#), and televised LIVE on C-NET Channel 7.

The recorded meetings are televised three additional times during the six days following a meeting on:
Thursday at 9 am
Friday at 6 am
Saturday at 12 am

The airing schedule for Township Planning Commission meetings is the same as for the Board of Supervisors, but on alternate weeks.

All C-NET programs are made available to view online, on-demand at www.cnet1.org within 48 hours of the recording.

[READ MORE](#)

Ferguson Farming Country

Ferguson Township is unique in its richly diverse socio-geographic makeup - from the bustle of downtown State College in the eastern part of the Township, to the thriving village of Pine Grove Mills, and westward to the Township's farming community which sprawls all the way towards Warriors Mark.

Though winter approaches, many farmers in the area are still actively working in the fields tending late season crops and transporting harvested crops for processing.

As large equipment may still be encountered on the roadways, motorists are advised to remain cautious and to drive slowly in rural areas of the Township. Do not pass slow moving equipment when approaching hills or bends in the road.



Finance News

Ferguson Township 2023 Budget Review

Township Manager, Centrice Martin, presented the Ferguson Township Proposed 2023 Operating Budget to the Board of Supervisors in two special meetings on November 9 and 10.

The draft budget is now available to the public for review. The Board will be taking public feedback at the first Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting in December, which is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6.

The budget will then be finalized and approved at the second Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting in December on Tuesday, December 13.

Please click the link below and scroll to the bottom of the page to find and review the Ferguson Township Proposed 2023 Operating Budget.



[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Public Works News



THE TOWNSHIP TREEBUNE

Ferguson Township Tree Commission

Issue No. 7

Fall Leaves Can Be a Nutrient Resource for Your Yard

Every autumn here in Central Pennsylvania we celebrate the fleeting tapestry of colorful leaves along the ridges and in our backyards, only to begrudge having to rake them when they fall to the ground in November. But do we need to rake all of those leaves?

According to [Penn State Extension](#), while "ecologically speaking you do not need to rake leaves, a heavy layer can smother your lawn grass and prevent new growth in spring. Compacted leaves can promote snow mold diseases that damage turf grass."

Extension suggests that the easiest way to treat leaves on your lawn is to "pass over them with a mower a few times to shred them into small pieces. This method will return nitrogen to the soil as the chipped leaves decompose. In the garden, you can leave them where they fall, so they help insulate plant roots. Composting leaves is a great way to recycle nutrients." Alternately you can rake them into a pile and use the lawn mower to shred them to add to flower beds.

If mulching still isn't for you though, Ferguson Township offers curbside brush and leaf collection from April through December. See this [link](#) for pick-up dates and a YouTube video for how to prepare your collection to help ensure the safety of our crews.

Brush & Leaf Collection



Cold weather is on its way, but there is still time to clear your property of remaining leaves and brush.

There is one final round of brush collection to start the week of December 5. Place your brush curbside by 7am on Monday, December 5 and our crew will be around to collect it as they make their way through your neighborhood.

Leaf collection will continue daily until December 12 or winter weather / winter

operations being (whichever comes first). Please be sure your leaves are in loose piles by the curb by 7am on Monday, December 12, as that will be the final leaf collection until spring.

Click the link bellow for guidelines on how to prepare your brush and leaves for collection.

[READ MORE HERE](#)

Planning & Zoning News

Township Ordinance Reminders



Remove Political Signs

Political signs must be taken down within five (5) days following an election.



Short-Term Rental Permit

You must have a permit if you wish to rent out your property. Permit numbers must be displayed in the rental property's window and advertisements must list the permit number.



Snow Parking Reminder

Following a snowfall accumulating two (2) or more inches, **all vehicles** must be removed from the streets. Vehicles that remain on the street will be ticketed and/or towed.



Keeping Sidewalks Shoveled

Please clear sidewalks of snow and ice of ANY amount within 24 hours after the snowfall has ended. We ask that residents



No Parking on Certain Streets

All vehicles parked on a public roadway must park with traffic and have current registration and inspection. Streets



Keep Dogs on Leashes

The Tudek Dog Park is the **ONLY** off-leash area in the Centre Region municipal parks system. Otherwise, all municipal parks require dogs to be **on a**

clear the entire width of the sidewalk, as well as clear ramps and crosswalks at intersections that pose a hazard to individuals with disabilities.

throughout the community are posted with signs that identify parking restrictions. If you have a parking permit, please make sure that you are still obeying posted parking restrictions to avoid getting ticketed or towed.

leash at all times.

[Click here to view **municipal ordinances related to dogs.**](#)

Police News

Ferguson Township Police Light Up the Town on Halloween Night

Though threats of rainy weather were in the forecast on Halloween Day, trick-or-treat in Ferguson Township took place on October 31 and children throughout the community had a great time.

Ferguson Township Police were out on patrol, driving through local neighborhoods to keep watch, and handing out glow sticks to help trick-or-treaters remain visible and safe.



Officers took the chance to meet trick-or-treaters and got in on a few photos.

It is an honor to be part of such a great community!

Township Police Speak at Media Event Addressing Aggressive Driving



In partnership with PennDOT and the Highway Safety Network, Ferguson Township Police participated in a media event on Wednesday, November 9.

The event highlighted the efforts of law enforcement during a statewide high visibility aggressive driving enforcement wave. The event took place near the intersection of Blue Course Drive and West College Avenue, State College

Ferguson Township's Sergeant Ryan Hendrick gave an overview of Pennsylvania's Move Over Law, which requires drivers approaching an emergency response area to either merge into a lane farther away or slow down. He discussed the legal consequences of being convicted of a violation and the danger these violations pose to motorists and emergency responders. Sergeant Hendrick also offered tips with visual cues on how and when motorists must comply with this law.



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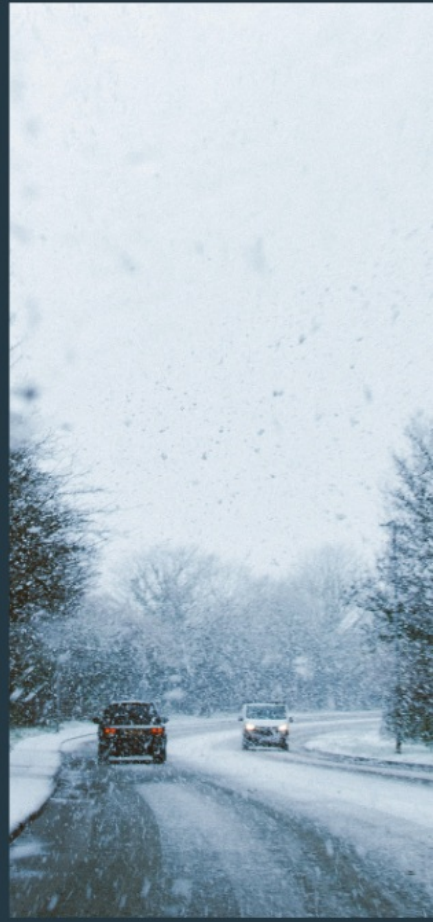
Winter Driving Tips

Ready for Winter Driving?

- ✓ Check your tire treads
- ✓ Park under cover
- ✓ Keep an ice scraper in your car
- ✓ Leave time to shovel around your car & defrost your windshield
- ✓ Remove all snow and ice before driving
- ✓ Turn on your headlights
- ✓ Leave extra space between the car in front
- ✓ Drive slowly!



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