

# October 2023 e-Newsletter

# 2024 Operating Budget Review, Bulk Waste Collection, Street Tree Opportunity, and More!

# Apply Now to Take a Seat on an Authority, Board, or Commission!

Volunteering to join a Township or Regional Authority, Board or Commission (ABC) is a great way to get involved in the community and learn about local government! Applications will be accepted by the Board of Supervisors until **November 1**, **2023**.

The ABCs listed below have current vacancies or terms set to expire on December 31, 2023. The Board will hold interviews for interested applicants and terms begin in January 2024.



Join one of Ferguson Township's

**Authorities, Boards & Commissions** 

Apply by November 1, 2023. Terms begin in 2024.

- Industrial & Commercial Development Authority
- Parks & Recreation Committee
- Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee
- Planning Commission
- Tax Review Board
- Tree Commission
- Zoning Hearing Board

#### Regional ABCs:

- C-NET Board of Directors
- Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority
- Centre Regional Planning Commission
- Schlow Library Board of Trustees
- State College Borough Water Authority

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# Ferguson Township Upcoming Events

#### October 16

**Tree Commission Meeting** 

October 17

**Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting** 

October 19

**Car Seat Installation Event** 

October 23

**Planning Commission Meeting** 

October 24

**2024** Draft Operating Budget Review Special Meeting 1

October 26

Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee Meeting

2024 Draft Operating Budget Review Special Meeting 2

October 31

**Trick-or-Treat Night** 

November 6

\*Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting (\*Meeting takes place on a Monday.)

#### November 8

**Board of Supervisors** 

Worksession

**Fall Neighborhood Association** 

**Open Forum** 

November 9

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

November 10











# **Regional News**

#### **Halloween Trick-or-Treat**

The Centre Region Council of Governments has designated Tuesday, October 31, 2023, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM as Trick-or-Treat Night. Wednesday, November 1, is reserved as a rain date.

Ferguson Township Police will be out on Trick-or-Treat Night patrolling neighborhoods in the community. Check out the Police Department's Trick-or-Treat safety tips to make this festive occasion fun and safe for all!



TRICK-OR-TREAT SAFETY TIPS

#### **Fall Bulk Waste Collection**



Bulk waste collection will take place October 16-20, 2023, on your regular day of service.

This service is included in the rates paid by residential customers in the Regional Refuse and Recycling Program. Please be sure to properly prepare all items and follow the collection guidelines.

**GUIDELINES** 

## **Administration News**

# **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Events This Month**



## **Township Chair and Manager Attend Municipal Leadership Summit**

Board of Supervisors Chair Lisa Strickland and Manager Centrice Martin represented Ferguson Township at the Pennsylvania Municipal League's Municipal Leadership Summit in Bethlehem, PA on October 5-8, 2023.

At the League Annual Business Meeting on October 7, 2023, Manager Martin was appointed and sworn in as the League's Second Vice President.



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#### **Finance News**

# 2024 Draft Operating Budget Special Meetings

The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors will hold two special meetings to discuss the Draft 2024 Operating Budget:

- Special Meeting 1: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 from 6:00-9:00 PM
- Special Meeting 2: Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 6:00-9:00 PM

Please check the above links for access to the Draft Budget, which will be available for public review prior to the meetings. The public is encouraged to attend.

# **Planning & Zoning News**

# **Land Development Plans Currently Under Review**



Plans must be submitted to the Planning & Zoning Department before land can be subdivided or developed. The Township's Active Land Development page contains information regarding plan submissions. For additional information, please contact the Planning & Zoning Department.

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## **Police News**

# **Child Safety Seat Installation Event**

Ferguson Township Police will host a free child safety seat installation event at Bobby Rahal Honda on West College Avenue from 1:30-3:30 PM Thursday, October 19, 2023.

A certified officer will inspect your car seat and teach proper installation.



## **Public Works News**

# Suburban Park Upgrades Under Way

Construction on improvements at Suburban Park is in progress. The contractor is wrapping up laying sod in the channel way and rough grading. Multiple stormwater facilities have been completed, including the addition of rain gardens and infiltration trenches. Project completion is anticipated by the end of 2023.



PHOTO GALLERY



# **Annual Street Tree Opportunity**

In an effort to increase canopy coverage and provide residents an opportunity for trees, Ferguson Township is announcing its annual offering for an all-expense paid street tree to qualifying residential and business properties for the spring of 2024.

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#### **New Public Works Staff**

Feguson Township welcomes two new additions to the Public Works Department. Shane Kiessling takes on the role of Mechanic - Shop Foreman and Glace Rider is the new Mechanic.





# Next Round of Brush Collection: October 16

Public Works will continue to collect leaves daily, Monday through Friday, until December 11, unless



**SCHEDULE & GUIDELINES** 

prevented by weather.

Please prepare your brush and leaves separately in loose piles by the curb no later than 7 a.m. at the start of the collection week.

[Ferguson Township Website] | [Contact Us] | [C-NET Recorded Meetings] | [Community Calendar]

#### Learn More About Township Authorities, Boards, and Commissions

**Planning Commission** Parks & Recreation **Board of Supervisors Tree Commission Zoning Hearing Board** 

Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory **Industrial & Commercial Development Tax Review Board Committee Authority** 

#### **Helpful Links**

Finance & Tax Planning & Zoning

**Committee** 

**Tax Rates and Information Active Development Proposals** 

**Operating Budget Online Forms** 

**Capital Improvement Plan** 

**Township Maps** 

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**Stormwater Utility Fee** 

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