



September 2023 e-Newsletter

Township Designated Bicycle Friendly Business, ABC Appreciation Dinner, Police Department Re-Accreditation, and More!

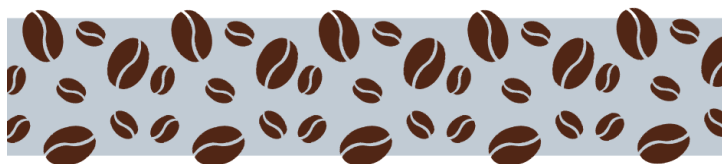
Ferguson Township Designated a Bicycle Friendly Business

The League of American Bicyclists recognized Ferguson Township with a Bronze Bicycle Friendly BusinessSM (BFB) award, earning it a place alongside more than 1,400 businesses across the country contributing to the movement to build a more Bicycle Friendly AmericaSM.



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Fall Coffee and Conversation



Residents are invited to join Ferguson Township staff for the final Coffee and Conversation of 2023.

Ferguson Township Upcoming Events

September 11

[Planning Commission Meeting](#)

September 13

[Board of Supervisors Worksession](#)

September 14

[Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting](#)

September 18

[Tree Commission Meeting](#)

September 19

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

September 25

[Planning Commission Regular Meeting](#)

September 26

[Zoning Hearing Board Meeting](#)

September 28

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

October 3

[Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting](#)

October 7

[Coffee and Conversation](#)

October 9

[Planning Commission Regular Meeting](#)

Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023

Time: 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

Location: Harner Farm - 2191 West Whitehall Road
State College, PA 16801

[EVENT DETAILS](#)

October 11

**Board of Supervisors
Worksession**

October 12

**Parks and Recreation
Committee Meeting**

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Regional News

GET Solar Free Informational Session



GET Solar Centre Region is hosting a free informational meeting to teach ways organizations can reap the benefits of solar energy.

Thursday September 14,
Tuesday, September 19, and
Thursday, September 20, 2023
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

[EVENT DETAILS](#)

Fall Bike Anywhere Friday



Ride your bike to work, school, shop, eat, or just for fun in the Centre Region and register to win a \$50 gift card to Appalachian Outdoors!

Friday, September 15, 2023
7:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Allen Street Gates at Penn State University

[EVENT DETAILS](#)

Free Upcoming Paper Shredding Events



Wednesday, September 20, 2023
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Oak Hall Regional Park, 120 Linden Hall, Boalsburg, PA

Saturday, October 7, 2023
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
253 Transfer Road, Bellefonte, PA

[EVENT DETAILS](#)

CATA Presents Operations Overview to the Board

Interim Executive Director of the Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Mr. David Rishel presented an overview of CATA operations to the Board of Supervisors on August 15, 2023.



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Sustainable PA Annual Conference

Members of the public are invited to join the Sustainable PA Annual Conference on November 1-3, 2023 at the Wyndham Gettysburg. This year's conference will focus on promoting sustainable practices in Pennsylvania and exploring ways to reach local community energy


2023 Sustainable PA Annual Conference




Only \$175

Includes:

2 breakfasts, 2 receptions, lunch, interactive workshops and sessions focused on helping you complete a Local Climate Action Plan to meet energy emissions reduction goals

 **November 1-3**

 **Wyndham Gettysburg**
95 Presidential Circle
Gettysburg, PA 17325

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Administration News

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Events This Month

Diversity, Equity
& INCLUSION

- Month-long **Suicide Prevention Month**
- September 15 - October 15 **Hispanic Heritage Month**
- September 4 **Labor Day**
- September 15-17 **Rosh Hashanah**
- September 24-25 **Yom Kippur**

[2023 DEI Calendar](#)

Welcome New ABC Members!

Ferguson Township would like to welcome the following new Authorities, Boards, and Commissions (ABCs) members who were appointed by the Board on September 5, 2023:

Zoning Hearing Board

- Chanel Simon

Tree Commission

- Jared Ernico

Tax Review Board

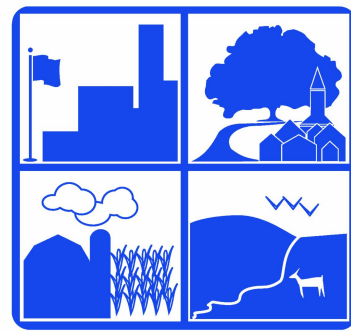
- Jeanne Fudrow

Regional Human Relations Commission

- Janine Gismondi

Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee

- Laurel Pearson
- James Doyle
- Collin Littlefield



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2023 ABC Appreciation Dinner

Ferguson Township relies on support from a number of Township and Regional Authorities, Boards, and Commissions (ABCs), the members of which are residents who volunteer their time and service for the betterment of the community.

To show appreciation, Ferguson Township hosts an annual dinner for ABC members. This year's event was a picnic-style meal that took place at Tom Tudek Memorial Park on August 17, 2023.



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Planning & Zoning News

Short-Term Rental Permits

In Ferguson Township, property owners are permitted to operate short-term rentals with some restrictions, which may be found in Chapter 27 of the Ferguson Township Code of Ordinances. The Township requires a Short-Term Rental Permit, with a fee of \$25, and a rental permit from Centre Region Code Administration prior to operating.

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Police News

Police Department Attains Re-Accreditation

On July 25, 2023, the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission formally recognized the Ferguson Township Police Department with a Certificate of Re-Accreditation.

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Back to School Safety

With school back in session, motorists are reminded that the law requires vehicles to stop for buses with flashing red lights. All buses in the State College Area School District are fitted with cameras and violators will be prosecuted, facing a fine of \$250, 5 points added to their driving record, and a 60-day license suspension.



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Public Works News

Green Infrastructure at Ferguson Township

On August 15, 2023, Ferguson Township's Director of Public Works, David Modricker, gave a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on Green Infrastructure at the Ferguson Township Municipal which highlighted the Township's efforts towards environmental stewardship and sustainability.

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THE TOWNSHIP TREEBUNE

State of Our Urban Forest

Ferguson Township actively manages over 4,800 street trees, in addition to the thousands of trees located within Township-owned parks and natural areas. In order to

obtain an accurate representation of our tree resource, the Township recently conducted a street tree inventory and a tree canopy assessment. The findings were instrumental in completing Ferguson Township's five-year Urban Forestry Management Plan.

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New Parking Regulations in Pine Grove Mills

New parking regulations are now being enforced in Pine Grove Mills. Motorists are required to adhere to the new parking spaces and signage.

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Township Bike Paths to Be Seal Coated

Sections of bike paths in Ferguson Township will be seal coated to increase longevity and protect the pavement from the damaging effects of weather and wear.

Work is anticipated to begin September 11 and continue through the end of October. While being seal coated, paths may not be accessible for 1-3 days.

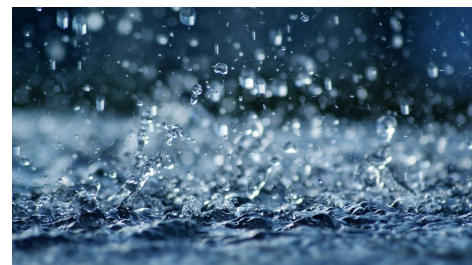
[PATH LIST AND MAP](#)



Next Round of Brush and Leaf Collection: October 2

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

[SCHEDULE & GUIDELINES](#)



2024 Stormwater Utility Fee Credit & Exemption Application Deadline

The deadline to apply for a Stormwater Utility Fee credit or exemption for the 2024 billing year is September 30, 2023.

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