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New Rite of Spring: Celebrate CranFest!

Saturday, April 11, is poised to become a memorable day in Cranberry. In addition to marking the return of Local Government Day after a hiatus of seven years, the Township will also host the all-new Folk and Food Festival – events which will be held simultaneously in the Municipal Center, starting at noon.

What is Local Government Day? It's an opportunity to go behind the scenes and see your tax dollars at work. Learn what it is that Cranberry's operating departments actually do for the Township and how they go about doing it. At stations spaced throughout the Municipal Center's Administrative hallway and Council Chambers, each of the Township's departments – Public Works, Public Safety, Administration, Parks & Recreation, Engineering, Codes, Information Technology and Customer Service – will have representatives, along with displays and tools, that demonstrate their work as they talk with guests.

In the back parking lot, Township vehicles will assemble for Touch-a-Truck – a first-hand experience with Cranberry's fleet of specialized mobile equipment, created for children and

adults alike. Among the work vehicles on hand: an aerial fire truck, a 20-ton dump truck, patrol cars, an ambulance, a garbage truck, a front loader and more.

Cities Association, the Cranberry Public Library and the Butler County Tourism and Convention Bureau, the Folk and Food Festival will feature entertainment representing countries

The Folk and Food Festival will feature entertainment representing countries from around the world in venues throughout the Municipal Center as well as an assortment of authentic nationality foods.

But what about the Folk and Food Festival? A first of its kind in Cranberry, this celebration of the Township's ethnic and culturally diverse population is an outgrowth of two highly successful events last year: the "Our Diverse Neighbors" section of Community Days in Community Park, and a fall Diversity Picnic held at North Boundary Park. Coordinated by the Township and the Cranberry Area Diversity Network, and sponsored in conjunction with Cranberry Sister



from around the world in venues throughout the Municipal Center as well as an assortment of authentic nationality foods in the gymnasium from noon to 3:00 PM, with additional entertainment and vendor booths until 5:00 PM.

Samples of the various food items will be sold for \$1 apiece. Entrée-size portions will also be available for prices set individually by each booth vendor. There is no charge for admission to either Cranberryfest program. ~

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The Most Interesting Man In Cranberry Township Steps Out

For the past nine years, the advertising spokesman for Dos Equis, a Mexican beer produced by the Cuauhtémoc Moctezuma Brewery, has been a fictitious character known only as The Most Interesting Man in the World. A debonair, tongue-in-cheek superhero with a distinctive Latin flair, his character, featured in dozens of TV commercials, has helped increase sales of the product by more than 15 percent at a time when the brewing industry as a whole had declined by over 4 percent. Along the way, The Man's character became a popular cultural meme, including his signature closing line: "Stay thirsty, my friends."

Meanwhile, back in Cranberry Township, Community Development Director Ron Henshaw was struggling to get out his own messages, concerning building permits, property maintenance and related issues, to a message-weary public.

"I watch a lot of 'reality' TV," Henshaw admitted. "I watch a lot of things on the Discovery Channel and the History Channel – survival shows and things like that. Between the two, I see these Dos Equis commercials all the time. So I was very familiar with his character.

"Normally I can't stand commercials. I love DVR-ing shows so I can fast-forward through them. But here was a commercial I actually enjoyed watching. It was amusing to me. The guy's history, who he was, who he became – all came

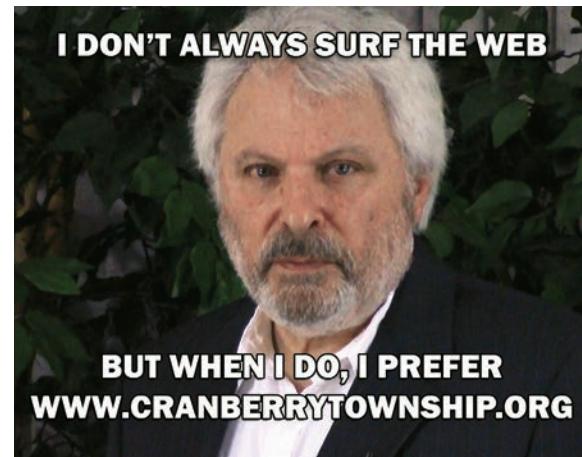
across as amusing and ironic. So I liked it.

"For me, good ideas take time to gel. And I knew we had an issue with people shoveling their sidewalks. I also knew that our Township Manager, Jerry Andree, was looking for creative ways to get the word out. Then

I saw the commercial, put two and two together, and thought: hmm... Could we use the Dos Equis guy to convey a municipal message like shoveling snow? Then it was Game On."

The Man

That's when the third part clicked. "I thought: Wow! We have a Township staff member, who happens to be in Communications, and I saw similarities between him and The Most Interesting Man. He's smart, he's worldly, and he actually resembles the character to some extent. It was like a perfect storm of ideas trying to find each other. So I pitched the idea to Jerry and IT/ Communications Director



Carried on Cranberry's YouTube channel, the spot quickly registered hundreds of views.

Adam Osterrieder. They said 'sure, go ahead and ask him.' And once he realized I wasn't pulling his leg, it took about 10 seconds to talk him into it."

That was the genesis of The Most Interesting Man in

Cranberry Township, a good-natured parody of the Dos Equis character whose first video message was posted in late January. Carried on Cranberry's YouTube channel, the spot – encouraging people to shovel their sidewalks after a snow storm – quickly registered hundreds of views with other spots soon to follow.

Produced in-house using on-camera and technical talent drawn from the Township's staff along with help from several outside volunteers, the spots can be seen by clicking on the YouTube link at the bottom of the Township website's home page.

Stay safe, my friends. ~



Manager's Coffee

At 7:00 on the evening of Tuesday, April 28, residents are invited to join Township Manager Jerry Andree for Coffee and Conversation at the Public Safety Training Center, behind Cranberry's Public Works building, next to Community Park. The focus will be on the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company. Firefighters will conduct two training exercises, one on combatting live vehicle fires, another on forcible entry that involves accessing buildings with various fire service tools and training props. There is no fee for attending the event and no reservations are required, although for planning purposes, a call to 724-776-4806 x1004 would be appreciated. ~

Cranberry Takes The Roundabout Way

As Cranberry's traffic volume has grown, so has its count of traffic lights. Today they control more than 40 Township intersections. But now Cranberry is starting to take a different approach.

Here's why: wherever there's a significant amount of traffic, having signals make a lot of sense, even though they're expensive to buy, install, operate and maintain. But what about intersections with only moderate traffic volumes? Or roads with just one lane in each direction?

Safety requires some form of control at intersections, even for occasional traffic. But with the high cost of installing traffic lights, particularly where there are only modest levels of traffic, signals can be hard to justify. And besides, drivers get impatient waiting at a light when there's nothing coming in the other direction. Stop signs and yield signs, which have been the preferred alternatives until lately, are still widely used, but each motorist tends to interpret them a little differently. The result is that collisions at dangerous speeds are an all-too-frequent occurrence at signed intersections.

In 2008, that quandary – how to control a moderately trafficked intersection – led Township planners to recommend the creation of a traffic roundabout when Longtree Way and the intersecting eastern leg of Cranberry Woods Drive

Now, however, after six years of experience with the roundabout at Cranberry Woods, Township engineers are feeling more comfortable with the technique and are expanding its use into other areas of Cranberry including Glen Eden, North Boundary, and Graham Park roads.

Keep moving

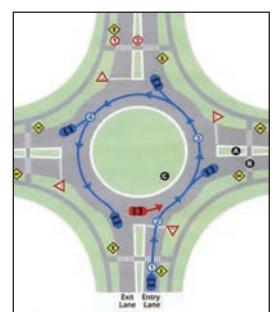
"It creates a traffic flow that always keeps moving," Township Engineering Director Jason Kratsas explained. "What we really like is that they're ultra-efficient. Theoretically, even with high volumes, people are consistently moving in, through, and out of the roundabout. But even more than that, they're a very safe way to control traffic at an intersection."

The main reason they're safer is because you can't navigate a roundabout at high speed. Take the one currently under construction at Powell/Freshcorn Road and Glen Eden. Work on the project was suspended over the winter months. But even before it could be completed, it required traffic – which frequently barrels along the Glen Eden straightaway at speeds well in excess of its posted 35 miles an hour – to slow down to around 15 so they can traverse the roundabout. What it means is that even if a collision were to take place, it would be far less likely to result in injuries.

There are, however, some challenges with roundabouts. One is that they require a fairly large chunk of real estate. "Not all intersections in Cranberry could be fit with a roundabout," Kratsas pointed out. "The smallest ones are 130-140 feet in diameter. But you also need a somewhat flat approach into the roundabout; you need to create visibility as you're coming into it so the driver can see where they're going. That's tough



in Western Pennsylvania because you don't find many nice, flat, straight intersections to do that with."



Moving bicycle and pedestrian traffic through or across roundabouts presents another challenge, although it's one that can also be done safely, according to Kratsas. But it requires learning new traffic patterns as well as a heightened level of vigilance.

One of the most common misconceptions, however, involves big trucks. "When they see a roundabout, people think a big truck can't get through it, but that's not really the case," he said. "The concrete island in the middle of a roundabout is specifically constructed for trucks. When a truck goes around, the island edge is mountable, so it's meant for them."

"The biggest thing people need to understand about traffic circles is that you always turn right into a roundabout," Kratsas noted. That takes some getting used to, however. "The initial reaction of people who have driven that road for years is that if they want to go left, they turn left. That doesn't work with roundabouts. Once people get used to it, they're fine. But it takes a bit of time." ~

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were first being developed. But traffic roundabouts – a type of road junction in wide use outside the United States – are not familiar to most local motorists. Nor was their use here that familiar to local traffic planners.

Solcon: The Company That Gets Things Started

Starting up small electric motors, like the ones you'd find in a home shop, kitchen or furnace, is a simple operation; just flip on the power switch and there you go. In principle, the same thing can be done with really big motors, like the ones used in petroleum, power generation and mining. But it's a terrible idea, resulting in huge power spikes and significantly shorter motor life, among other things. So companies that operate large equipment try to be careful about how they use it.

Ever since 1977, the Tel Aviv-based corporate parent of the company now known as Solcon USA has been developing motor control and motor protection solutions for customers whose work involves starting and running the big electric motors used for industrial-scale operations. It is a highly competitive global market. On a recent visit to the company's new North American headquarters in Cranberry Business Park, a \$750,000 array of motor control devices enclosed in four cabinets – each the size of an SUV – was being prepared for shipment to a liquefied natural gas producer in Russia.

Coming to America

But it wasn't until comparatively recently that the company became serious about the North American market, which is driven by a different set of technical standards than the rest of the world. Tom Jaros, a lifelong veteran of the electric motor industry, was recruited to become president of its U.S. operations just last year. One of his earliest tasks involved relocating the company from a much smaller space, just across the municipal line in New Sewickley, into the heart of Cranberry Township, in a Chaska Properties building formerly used by Westinghouse.

“Approximately 63 percent of all the electricity generated in North America

is consumed by electric motors,” he explained. “There is an entire industry dedicated to advancing the technology that involves how a motor is started and how it's protected through its lifecycle, which could run anywhere from 10 to 40 years, depending on its size and rating. Our core product is a soft starter – a device used in the starting, control and protection of electric motors.”

Most of the industrial motors sold in North America are smaller ones, ranging from 1 to 500 horsepower. However, it is motors above 500 horsepower that consume most of the power. For Solcon, there is a sweet spot between 500 and 25,000 horsepower where motor protection, control, and energy efficiency offer the best fit for the company's technology. So that's where its greatest efforts are focused – although it has capability to built control units for smaller as well as much larger motors.

Finding a niche

As a newcomer and comparatively small provider of motor controls, at least in North America, the company has

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Power play. Solcon USA President Tom Jaros, standing by part of the equipment his company built to control a 12,000 volt motor used by a liquefied natural gas producer in Russia. Solcon recently tripled its floor space by relocating to Cranberry Business Park.

petroleum and marine, where many of the motors in use match the products Solcon brings to market. It has also defined a specialty niche built around its technical agility and short cycle deliveries.

“Solcon is very good at what I categorize as the odd, strange and curious,” Jaros noted, “highly engineered solutions that our bigger competitors find difficult or unobtainable. If you imagine a normal distribution curve, we play out on the skirts of demand in the 4, 5 and 6 sigma range. We play there with unbelievable innovation around applied technology.”

At the same time, though, the company aspires to become a much bigger player. “We've got ourselves positioned to fulfill the company's potential out of this facility over the next seven years,” he said. “There are about 15 of us here right now, and by the end of the year we're hoping to be twice that size. So the majority of my time is in the pursuit of human capital – finding the right people for the right job at the right time and essentially feeding the horse, because we've got a horse race to run. We're positioned for growth, and we've got a lot of potential. We need to fulfill that potential for growth.” ~

Although widely known for its retail businesses, Cranberry is also becoming an important technology center. Each issue of CranberryToday features the profile of a different local technology company and offers a glimpse into the Township's emerging economy.

A Tale Of Two Trails

Two years ago, a meandering trail linking the Hunters Creek plan of homes to Graham Park was completed. This year, a trail more directly linking Powell Road to the park will be built. Starting across Powell Road from the Brush Creek treatment plant, the new trail will follow the alignment of the new wastewater interceptor line which was completed in 2012 into Graham Park. The asphalt trail will be ten feet wide, and its use will be limited to pedestrians and bicycles. Cranberry's Public Works department will be doing the initial base, mat and stone construction; a paving contractor will pour the asphalt surface. Meanwhile, the master plan for North Boundary Park, which had always visualized a second public entrance, will have that vision at least partially realized this year as the result of a new housing development, Franklin Crossings, which is at the intersection of Franklin and Goehring roads. The developer will extend a sidewalk already in place along Goehring up to the park's current walking trail. ~



Master Class And Garden Tour

The Master Gardeners of Butler County will partner with Cranberry Township's Parks & Recreation Department this spring in a series of four master classes on different aspects of gardening. Anyone 17 or older is welcome to sign up. Topics include garden journaling – the systematic documentation of annual life cycle events in nature and their impact on a garden – on April 23, flowering vines and their care on April 30, the science of vegetable gardening on May 7, and flower beds and borders on May 14. The 90-minute classes meet on four successive Thursdays, beginning at 6:30 PM on April 23. In addition, the Southern Butler County Garden Club will be holding its seventh annual self-guided tour of local gardens from 9:30 until 3:00 on Saturday, June 20. \$20 tickets will be available in advance from the Club's website, \$25 on the day of the tour from the Municipal Center during registration between 9:00 and 10:00 AM. ~



Broken Bike?

Last year Cranberry's Public Works department installed bicycle racks – which had been purchased with grants from the Alcoa Foundation and the Butler County Tourism Bureau – in various municipal locations. But, as a result of several cost-saving measures, there was

money left after the racks had been installed. So Township officials approached the granting agencies with a suggestion: that the surplus funds be used to purchase several bike repair stations – an idea which they were happy to support. Later this spring, two sheltered repair stations will be installed by Public Works – one in Graham Park and one in North Boundary Park. Each station includes all the tools needed to perform basic bike repairs and maintenance, from changing a flat to adjusting brakes and derailleurs. While making repairs, the bike hangs from arms which allow the pedals and wheels to spin freely. ~

Pickleball, Anyone?

Two pickleball courts – each a quarter the size of a standard tennis court – will be included in the reconfigured Community Park tennis court area this spring. In addition to expanding the number of full-size courts and the addition of Pickleball markings to one of them, the refurbished courts include new drainage, new lighting, new fencing, better parking, new surfacing, and a new color master coat over all five courts. A new push-button lighting timer has been installed for the convenience of players using the courts after sunset. All of the work was financed by the sale last year of a narrow strip of unuseable property that extended from the tennis area to Rt. 19, parallel to Ernie Mashuda Drive. ~





Firefighter Profile: Air Force Sergeant Deploys To Cranberry, Volunteers For Fire Brigade

Shortly after completing his Air Force basic training, which started just two weeks after his 1998 graduation from high school in rural Potter County, Shaun Prouty was assigned to aerospace maintenance, eventually focusing on the KC-135 – a workhorse aircraft, patterned after Boeing's 707, which has provided aerial refueling for Air Force, Navy, Marine, and allied fighter planes since 1957.

After four years of servicing the Stratotankers, Prouty had risen to the rank of Crew Chief, responsible for inspecting the aircrafts' various systems and making sure they were ready to fly. But that was also around the time that he finally admitted his heart wasn't into servicing airplanes. What he really liked, and what he had actually been doing before joining the Air Force, was fighting fires.

Back home in Galetton, Pennsylvania, with a 2010 population of just 1,149, Prouty had been a volunteer with his local fire company. Starting as a junior firefighter at age 16, he completed his Essentials training and, by the time he turned 18, worked as an interior firefighter – one of the few fire companies in the region which actually provided that service. He loved the work. But just a few months later, his Air Force call to duty began.

Back to fire

Fast forward to 9/11. Immediately after the 2001 Pentagon and WTC attacks, Prouty's maintenance group was designated to deploy overseas. But they never made it beyond Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Washington. So

a month later, upon returning to his home base in Tampa, he finally decided to apply for retraining – this time as a military firefighter.

Fire service in the Air Force is a full-time assignment. It includes, in addition to fighting fires involving aircraft, just about any sort of emergency that occurs on base. It is also a specialty needed everywhere the Air Force operates. As a result, his 12½ years as an Air Force firefighter involved deployments to Kyrgyzstan, and to Qatar, as well as a year-long reassignment of his home base from Florida's MacDill to Kunsan, in Korea.

Once again, he loved the work, and over time received certification in a variety of sub-specialties. He was also able, through online programs offered by the tuition-free Community College of the Air Force, to earn Associate degrees in Fire Science, Aerospace Maintenance Technology, and Human Resource Management. Even today, he is working on a Bachelor's degree in Emergency Management.

The family factor

But it all came at a price. While deployed overseas, he missed his two older children's earliest months. "My wife wasn't very happy, leaving her with a brand new baby girl," he recalled. "She was born in April and I came back in September. And then in 2012, I got deployed two weeks before my second daughter was born. I got to watch her being born on Skype, but it's not the same. And that was about it for my wife."



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She said she can't do it anymore – that I needed to find a job where I don't deploy."

Recruiters are among the few Air Force specialists who are seldom deployed overseas. "So I put in to be a recruiter and got selected. As a recruiter, you get your choice of assignments," he said. "My wife grew up just south of Pittsburgh. She said that if she's moving, she's going to move where she knows people. That's why we moved back to this area. Her brother lives up in Prospect and he told us about Cranberry. It's a 40-minute drive to my office in New Castle, but I think it's worth it."

"I was really looking at fire departments because I wanted to be a volunteer when I came back," Prouty said. "I didn't know the Cranberry Volunteer Fire Company was as big and as nice as it is. I love what they do as far as training. They make sure you are trained to be proficient and keep your skills fresh, which I think is awesome. Chief Rice just appointed me the new Training Officer. I really like doing that. And my family lives right up the road." ~

Cranberry welcomes new Fire Company volunteers throughout the year. To learn more, call 724-776-1196.



Do something real.



If you find staring at a computer screen all day unfulfilling, you may be on to something. Saving people's lives and protecting property from disaster is real work. It's fundamental to community success. And it can be more satisfying than anything you've ever done.

But it's also something you can work around your day job. Today's Cranberry Volunteer Fire Company includes local residents of all sorts. What they share is the desire for an authentic and valuable community experience.

They come from all kinds of backgrounds and with all types of skills. If they want to learn new ones, we see to it they get the training. They can then get to put those skills to work where it really counts.

To find out how to step away from your desk and do something real, drop by either station, any time. Stop in for a meeting. Kick our tires. Cranberry Township's Volunteer Fire Company would love to meet you.



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Don't Make Them Angry

Over the years, Smokey the Bear, whose specialty is preventing forest fires, and Sparky the Fire Dog, whose focus is preventing house fires, have seen it all. But they're not yet ready for retirement, according to the Advertising Council which created them both. Smokey, who marked his 70th birthday last year, and Sparky, who turns 64 this year, are still passionate about fire safety and become deeply disappointed with people who disregard their tips. To keep them from snarling and snapping at you, the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company offers these suggestions: change the batteries in your smoke detectors twice a year. Make sure you have a working detector at every level of

your home. Make an escape plan and practice it with every member of your household. Observe Cranberry's ban on open burning of yard and construction waste. And periodically shake household fire extinguishers to prevent settling of their contents. ~



Save A Life

Cranberry Township's Emergency Medical Service will be offering a series of instructional classes this spring designed to increase the safety of children in cars and improve the life-saving skills of adults. On Saturday, April 11, the EMS will hold a free Spring Car Seat Check from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM at its base station next to the Park Fire Station. Call 724-776-4480, ext. 1911 to schedule an appointment. On April 18, and again on June 20, the service will teach back-to-back three-hour classes in CPR and First Aid starting at 9:00 AM in the Township Municipal Center. You can register for either or both sections of the class; there is a \$40 fee for each discipline. An Open House at the EMS station will be held on Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 PM; all are welcome. ~





Staffing Cranberry's Police Force

by **John Skorupan**, *Supervisor, Cranberry Township*

How many police officers does Cranberry Township actually need? Right now, we have 28. But

is that really the right number? What happens if we have too many? Too few? And how would we know?

The truth is that determining the right size police force is not an exact science. Lots of things factor into it, and different communities come up with different answers. There are even communities – including a number of smaller ones here in Butler County – without any police departments at all.

That's because money is always a critical factor in staffing, equipping and training a police department. But so is the number of 9-1-1 calls. If you err on the side of hiring too few officers, you won't be able to respond in a timely way to emergencies. If you err on the side of hiring too many, you end up shortchanging other priorities like parks, libraries and road repairs; it costs a lot to hire, train, and equip police professionals today. And Cranberry's police are among the most professional law enforcement officers anywhere.

Of course, every community is different, and police work itself has grown far more complex over the past 20 years. Back then, the World Wide Web was just getting started, and identity theft was still fairly rare. Today, cybercrime is a major focus of law enforcement, and the skills required to pursue online criminals are fundamentally different than those needed in the past. So are the relationships between different law enforcement agencies. As a result, rigid ratios and obsolete formulas for staffing police departments don't make sense. Neither do strident demands or political

grandstanding, although there are still plenty of communities where those remain significant factors in police staffing.

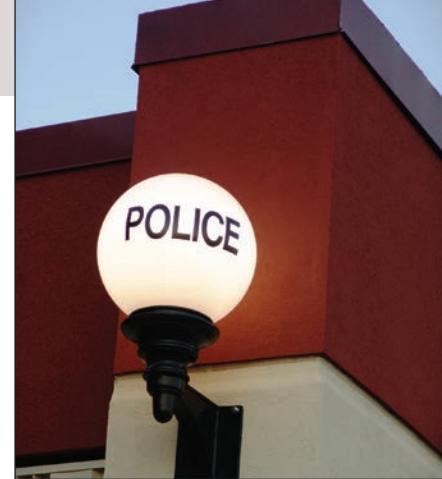
The fact is that a community's safety is not directly proportional to the number of police cruisers prowling through neighborhoods or uniformed officers stationed at intersections. In fact, when people see police cars everywhere, their general perception is that the community is dangerous, not that it's safe. So numbers alone don't tell the whole public safety story.

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Expanded capabilities

Instead, what Cranberry has been focused on are ways of extending the capability of our officers, of using technology and training and coordination among different law enforcement agencies to empower them, minimizing the time they spend on routine administrative chores and increasing their availability to respond to real emergencies.

If you peek inside a patrol car today, you'll see that it's packed to the gills with technology. What all that technology does is to dramatically shorten the time it takes an Officer to enforce traffic laws, to identify a lawbreaker, and to gather the information needed to resolve a complaint. That leaves the Officer with more time to patrol neighborhoods, visit schools, direct traffic, answer



emergency calls, and provide the other services we expect of our police.

Take the case of training – a constant requirement for all of our safety services. Two years ago, we built a well-equipped Public Safety classroom training facility. Next to it is a police practice firing range.

The reason we built them is to make it as easy as possible for our police to train in the skills they need – right here in Cranberry. Instead of spending time driving up to Butler or down to Allegheny County for their required training, they can do most of it locally, with the time saved in travel used instead for patrolling, investigations, community outreach and other public safety functions.

Like every other profession, police work isn't what it was back in the 1960s when Jack Webb and Andy Griffith defined law enforcement in the popular imagination; it has continued to grow and change in ways that would have been impossible to anticipate back then. That change continues. Greater density, more office buildings, more visitors, a more diverse population, and more traffic have fundamentally changed the calculus for determining the size and administration of a sophisticated police force today.

What remains constant are the need for timely responses to emergencies and the evolving safety demands of a dynamic community. Those will continue to determine the size and organization of our police force. ~

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At Long Last, Kevin Meyer Is Named Cranberry's Chief Of Police

For nearly two years, the President of the 25-member Butler County Police Chiefs Association wasn't actually a chief himself. That sometimes led to awkward moments. But the professionalism and personal charisma of police Lt. Kevin Meyer was not only recognized in his home department of Cranberry Township, it was also respected by his peers in law enforcement agencies throughout Butler County.

On January 29, that inconsistency was corrected. Operating under a newly revised Public Safety Department organization plan adopted in November, Cranberry's Board of Supervisors designated Lt. Meyer as the Township's Chief of Police – a position whose essential responsibilities he had, in fact, been carrying out regularly since 2008 when he was first promoted to Lieutenant.

Chief Meyer is only the third person to have held that title in the Township's 200-plus year history. Fifteen years ago, when the three major safety agencies

day administration increasingly difficult – both for the Director and his Lieutenant.

Now, as a Chief with three Sergeants reporting to him, including two newly-minted ones, Meyer is no longer responsible for the direct, day-to-day management of all 28 uniformed officers; that task is now divided into its Investigations, Administration, and Patrol units – each corresponding to one of the three Sergeant posts.

In college, Meyer – who had always wanted a career in law enforcement – majored in criminology. Prior to joining the Cranberry police force in 1996, he worked as a Deputy Sheriff in Washington County, and later, after finishing his certification at the IUP Police Academy, as a police officer in Smith Township, near Burgettstown. Reflecting on it now, his work as Deputy Sheriff – which he continued on weekends while enrolled at the Academy – was a blast. But the practical requirements of earning a livelihood led him to seek a full-time position elsewhere.

Five years after arriving in Cranberry as a patrolman, Meyer was promoted to Detective where he became involved in forensics involving all sorts of misdemeanors and felonies for the department's Investigations unit – particularly those involving computers. Eight years later, he was named Lieutenant – then the department's highest ranking uniformed officer –



where he remained until being designated as Chief this February.

Meyer assumes the post of Chief at a particularly sensitive time in America's history police-community relations, and he is especially grateful for the backing that Cranberry's PD receives from its residents. "We are extremely fortunate here in Cranberry Township," he reflected. "We have

the support of the community. They've made that known to us, particularly with all these things going down. We would receive letters, we would receive supporting emails, kind words, cookies, cakes. We were just inundated with kind words and nice letters throughout the whole course of this."

But securing community support involves more than just good luck. It is earned through extensive outreach. Part of every officer's duties include going out into the community, particularly to its schools, and interacting with students, faculty, staff and parents as well as with Scout troops and by participating in community events. That will continue. But then there's also the matter of professionalism.

"We have a great group of professional officers – compassionate and well educated – who work well with people in the community," he explained. "They know when to use their discretion. They know what they need to do. I think the folks in the community see and respect that." ~

Fifteen years ago the post of Police Chief was eliminated. But the steady growth of the department made day-to-day administration increasingly difficult.

that serve Cranberry residents were brought together under the supervision of a newly-created Public Safety Director, the post of Police Chief was eliminated. That new arrangement generally worked well, and the Public Safety Director's role in driving the Township's vision, strategies and policies for the three services remains essential. But the steady growth of the department and its expanding responsibilities, made day-to-

e-Citations Speed Traffic Stops

Thanks to new technology, people stopped for speeding can now get away faster.

Earlier this year, the Township adopted the ticket-writing portion of a powerful law enforcement software solution developed by the Iowa Department of Transportation and licensed by the Pennsylvania State Police. It's called TraCS – shorthand for Traffic and Criminal Software. Installed in patrol car and desktop computers, it provides officers working in the field with the ability to issue e-citations. It represents a major advance from the handwritten, carbon-paper ticket books used by generations of police throughout the country.

"All the paperwork happens electronically," Sgt. William Ahlgren explained. "Before, if I were to issue a citation, I'd have to fill it out by hand, take it up to the window, get a signature, come back, give them a copy, then I would turn in four copies, and all that paperwork would have to be managed. It normally takes about 15 minutes just to write a single citation. Then it has to be physically transported to the District Justice's office within five days. Then the District Justice would have to manually enter all that information into his own system.

up the amount on the citation. Finally, we print it out in the car and just hand it to the motorist," Ahlgren said.

"That information automatically gets uploaded from our cars to a central server. It goes to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, and then reroutes electronically to the District Justice's office. So you've taken out all those intermediary steps that involved manual entry."

Speedy justice

It can also accelerate the settlement process. Previously, a citation needed to be in the hands of the District Justice before it was eligible to be paid, and that could sometimes take the better part of a week. Now, however, it can happen the same day – a particular advantage for out-of-town motorists who have been issued tickets.

e-Citations already shave minutes off the time normally required for a traffic stop. But those time savings compound when more than one citation is involved – a fairly frequent occurrence. "Once you have that data into the system, and you're issuing multiple citations to one individual, the information is already there," Police Chief Kevin Meyer pointed out.

"You just enter your violation code on the citation. So for multiple citations –

particularly when you're doing things like truck inspections or you have a combination vehicle, or you have multiple violations like registration, insurance, or no driver's license for the same individual at the same traffic stop, you just change the code, print them out, and save yourself a lot of time. You don't have to re-enter it all over again. That speeds things up quite a bit."

Crash reporting also benefits from the new technology. The system can import the driver's licenses and registration information of everyone involved in an wreck to create an official crash report for PennDOT. Then, if a citation or warning needed to be issued to anyone involved in the crash, the information would already be in place.

The issue of radar use, however, is moving more slowly. Radar is a well-established technology. But local police in Pennsylvania have been banned from using to issue speeding violations – the only state to bar its use. But legislation has been introduced to change that, and it is rumored to have a good chance of passing, now that opposition to it by state police has been withdrawn. If it happens, it would make enforcing speed limits a lot simpler.

"But we're not holding our breath on that one," cautioned Sgt. Chuck Mascellino. ~



With this new technology we'll be able to scan driver's licenses and registration, fill in the violation code and print it out in the car and just hand it to the motorist.

"With this new technology we'll be able, first, to scan driver's licenses and registration. That information would automatically input to the system. Then we fill in the violation code and it totals

What Should You Do If You Get Pulled Over By The Police?

Sooner or later, it happens to everyone. Flashing red and blue lights suddenly appear in your rear view mirror, possibly accompanied by the wail of a siren. You see a patrol car, right behind you. You're getting pulled over for something. What now?

Traffic stops are a daily occurrence in Cranberry and just about everywhere else in the country. But even though they're considered routine, they can sometimes spiral into confrontations, occasionally with serious consequences. Township police are well aware that a routine stop could quickly escalate into something menacing, so having a backup patrol car watch over the officer who initially conducted the stop is a frequently used practice, just to make sure things don't get out of hand.

Perhaps surprisingly, the Pennsylvania Driver's Manual – the Commonwealth's official guide for teaching new drivers – makes no mention of how to respond in a traffic stop. The closest it comes is to tell you to get out of the way of an emergency vehicle approaching from any direction, and then resume driving once it has passed.

But now that you realize it's you getting pulled over, what should you do?

Just comply

The first thing, Township police advise, is to slow down and find a safe place to pull over – a road shoulder, a parking lot, a side street – any place you won't be blocking traffic or posing a danger to other motorists. If you can't pull over safely right away, slow down and turn your flashers on to let the officer know you're aware that you're being stopped. Then sit in your car and wait. Before approaching your driver's side window, officers will frequently take the opportunity to run your car's license plate number through a vehicle registration database to make sure it hasn't been reported as stolen.



Drivers are required to respect and comply with the officer's instructions – even if they think the citation is unjustified.

While that's happening, stay seated in your car; don't get out unless the officer asks you to do so. It's also a good idea to keep your hands on the steering wheel and not to make abrupt moves which could be misinterpreted. Be sure to have your essential documents with you, but don't reach for your driver's license, insurance card or registration right away; wait until you are asked to do so.

If it's at night, police appreciate your turning on the car's interior dome lights so they can see you and more quickly match your face to your driver's license photo. If you come across another car that's been pulled over – one belonging to a friend or family member – don't stop and attempt to grill the officer about what's going on; although well-meaning, that sort of intervention is singularly unhelpful.

The most important thing to remember is that Pennsylvania requires its state and local police to control traffic and to issue citations for violations of motor vehicle laws. Drivers, for their part, are required to respect that authority and to comply with the officer's

instructions – even if they think the citation is unjustified.

Take it to the judge

The officer may ask you to explain what you were doing that led to the stop. If you are asked, respond in a normal tone of voice – a traffic stop is not the place to loudly protest an alleged violation. You will have an opportunity to argue your case in traffic court, as detailed on the back of each citation. If you convince the District Judge that the ticket was not appropriate, the ticket will be dismissed.

"It all boils down to compliance and listening to what the officer is directing the driver to do," Cranberry Police Chief Kevin Meyer explained. "The officer will be very clear as to what they're requesting. All they're asking for is compliance. The officer is going to be quick to recognize if this is a 16 year old kid who's never been stopped before, or if it's a 25-year old career criminal trying to avoid apprehension or conceal something in the vehicle. It could be a whole host of things, but our officers will recognize it. These guys are really good." ~



Cyber Safety: What Every Parent Should Know

SV, FBI to host cyber safety presentation April 20

By Linda Andreassi, Seneca Valley School District Communications Director

Tweet, share, follow, like, friend, pin and comment. If you're familiar with these terms, it's safe to say you're savvy to social media. And you may not be surprised to find you're in good company.

According to The eBusiness Guide, there are more than 310 million estimated monthly visitors on Twitter and 100 million on Instagram. When you consider that the largest demographic for Twitter and Instagram is 18-29 year olds (some experts argue that it's most likely an even younger age bracket), you probably won't find it hard to believe that Twitter, Instagram and others, like Facebook, have incredible influence on the tastes and attitudes of our children.

However, the statistic you may not know about but should be aware of is that there are 20 million fake Twitter accounts out there. Similar "catfish" stories can be found on Facebook, SnapChat, Instagram, Tumblr, Flickr, Vine, Meetup, etc. The list goes on, and it seems more are added every day. Fake profiles feature fake interests and establish fake lives, and that can often lead to a false sense of security for young, impressionable teens looking to reach out and make new friends.

We don't want to paint a bleak picture for parents. Cyber space isn't all bad; much good takes place there when you utilize credible educational apps, resources or websites. The truth is, though, that there is a darker side to the Internet that parents need to understand so they can help to keep their children safe.

And what about those program downloads, apps and other file sharing? What are the differences and how does that impact your computer data? There's a lot of information out there and it's all right at your fingertips. Careful navigation is key and we hope to help.

The Seneca Valley School District is hosting a cyber safety parent presentation from 6-8 p.m. on April 20 in the Seneca Valley Intermediate High School Auditorium. Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Special Agent Gregg Frankhouser, a member of the violent crimes squad in the Crimes Against Children Program in Pittsburgh, will present a can't-miss cyber safety program for parents of students in grades K-12. This program emphasizes the far-reaching effects of online activity.

This program will include an overview of Agent Frankhouser's department and then a review of:

- Identity theft, including children's identities
- Online predators/offenders
- Social media
- Common computer issues, including peer-to-peer file sharing, malware on computers and securing your data

Additionally, a computer/offender case study will be reviewed.

This event will be immediately followed by a "Conversations with the Community" forum with the District Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Tracy Vitale. She and the members of her Administrative Team invite you to join them for open dialogue and discussion.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Registration may be required for some programs. For more information, call:

↳ Cranberry Library 724-776-9100
 ★ Cranberry Highlands 724-776-7372
 ‡ Parks and Recreation 724-776-4806 ext. 1129

⊕ Cranberry EMS 724-776-4480
 ✓ ECS&R 1-866-815-0016
 ‡ Butler Housing Authority 1-800-433-6327

WED 1	Yard Waste Collection resumed March 30 1st-3rd Grade Book Club Library, 7pm	THURS 2	Adult Discussion Group Library, 10am Teen Art Club Library, 4-5pm Board of Supervisors Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 6:30pm Family Place Workshop Library, 6:30pm Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm	FRI 3	GOOD FRIDAY Municipal Ctr, Offices & Library Closed	SAT 4	PASSOVER Golf Club Re-Gripping Service * Cranberry Highlands by Appt, 9am-5pm	SUN 5	EASTER
MON 6	TAB Mtg Library, 4-5pm Planning Advisory Commission Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 6pm First Edition Book Discussion Library, 7pm	TUES 7	Tween Art Club Library, 4-5pm Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm	WED 8	Free Housing Counseling ‡ Library by Appt, 2:30-4:30pm 1st-3rd Grade Book Club Library, 7pm Young Adult (at Heart) Book Club Library, 7-8pm	THURS 9	Homeschool Crafternoons Library, 1-2pm Family Place Workshop Library, 6:30pm Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm		
FRI 10	SAT 11 Golf Club Re-Gripping Service * Cranberry Highlands by Appt, 9am-5pm Cranfest Municipal Ctr, Local Gov't Day, 12-3pm; Folk & Food Festival, 12-5pm Safe Sitter Class ‡ Municipal Ctr, 9am-3pm		SUN 12	MON 13 Infant Storytime ↗ Library, 10:30am		TUES 14 Preschool Storytime ↗ Library, 10 & 11am Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm			
WED 15	Tax Day Books and Bagels Book Discussion Library, 10am Toddler Storytime ↗ Library, 10 & 11am Free Housing Counseling ‡ Library by Appt, 2:30-4:30pm 1st-3rd Grade Book Club Library, 7pm	THURS 16	Family Place Workshop Library, 6:30pm Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm	FRI 17	SAT 18 Learn CPR ⊕ Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 8:30am Learn First Aid ⊕ Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 12pm Golf Club Re-Gripping Service * Cranberry Highlands by Appt, 9am-5pm Household Hazardous Waste Collection ✓ ECS&R by Appt				
SUN 19	MON 20 Infant Storytime ↗ Library, 10:30am TAB Mtg Library, 4-5pm	TUES 21	Preschool Storytime ↗ Library, 10 & 11am Tween Lego Club Library, 4-5pm Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm	WED 22	Toddler Storytime ↗ Library, 10 & 11am Free Housing Counseling ‡ Library by Appt, 2:30-4:30pm 1st-3rd Grade Book Club Library, 7pm	THURS 23	4th Thursday Book Club Library, 10am Family Place Workshop Library, 6:30pm Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm		
FRI 24	Cranberry Highlands Tent Sale and Open House * 9am-5pm Tween Movie Night Library, 7-9pm		SAT 25 Cranberry Highlands Tent Sale and Open House * 9am-5pm E-Recycling Event Public Works, 10am-2pm Sheriff's Office: Gun Licensing Municipal Ctr, 9am-3pm Let's Dance the Samba! Municipal Ctr, 7-10:30pm			SUN 26 Cranberry Highlands Tent Sale and Open House * 9am-5pm			
MON 27	Infant Storytime ↗ Library, 10:30am Planning Advisory Commission Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 5:30pm 20 & 30 Somethings Book Discussion Library, 7pm Seneca Valley Art Show Municipal Ctr, through May 6	TUES 28	Preschool Storytime ↗ Library, 10 & 11am Coffee with Twp Manager Public Safety Training Ctr/Fire Co. training demo, 7pm Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm	WED 29	Toddler Storytime ↗ Library, 10 & 11am Free Housing Counseling ‡ Library by Appt, 2:30-4:30pm	THURS 30	Board of Supervisors Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 6:30pm Family Place Workshop Library, 6:30pm Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm		

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

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FRI 1	SAT 2	SUN 3	MON 4	Infant Storytime ↳ Library, 10:30am TAB Mtg Library, 4-5pm Planning Advisory Commission Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 6pm First Edition Book Discussion Library, 7pm	TUES 5	Tween Art Club Library, 4-5pm Preschool Storytime ↳ Library, 10 & 11am Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm	
WED 6	Toddler Storytime ↳ Library, 10 & 11am Free Housing Counseling ‡ Library by Appt, 2:30-4:30pm "Comic-tanium!" Exhibit Library, through July 11	THURS 7	Teen Art Club Library, 4-5pm Board of Supervisors Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 6:30pm Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm	FRI 8	SAT 9	Hollywood Homicides Library, 1-4pm	SUN 10
MON 11	Infant Storytime ↳ Library, 10:30am	TUES 12	Preschool Storytime ↳ Library, 10 & 11am Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm	WED 13	Toddler Storytime ↳ Library, 10 & 11am Free Housing Counseling ‡ Library by Appt, 2:30-4:30pm Young Adult (at Heart) Book Club Library, 7-8pm	THURS 14	Homeschool Crafternoons Library, 1-2pm Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm
FRI 15	SAT 16	Household Hazardous Waste Collection ✓ ECS&R by Appt	SUN 17	MON 18	TAB Mtg Library, 4-5pm	TUES 19	ELECTION DAY Tween LEGO Club Library, 4-5pm Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm
WED 20	Books & Bagels Book Discussion Library, 10am Free Housing Counseling ‡ Library by Appt, 2:30-4:30pm EMS Open House and Tour ☀ EMS Building, 7pm	THURS 21	Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm	FRI 22	SAT 23	Cranberry Waterpark Opens 11:30am	SUN 24
MON 25	MEMORIAL DAY Twp Offices, Municipal Ctr, Library Closed	TUES 26	Waste Collection Delayed by one day Planning Advisory Commission Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 5:30pm Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm	WED 27	Waste Collection Delayed by one day Free Housing Counseling ‡ Library by Appt, 2:30-4:30pm Old Car Seat Take-Back Event EMS, 4-6pm Civil War Genealogy Library, 6:30-7:30pm		
THURS 28	Waste Collection Delayed by one day 4th Thursday Book Club Library, 10am Board of Supervisors Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 6:30pm Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm	FRI 29	Waste Collection Delayed by one day	SAT 30	Let's Dance the Tango! Municipal Ctr, 7-10:30pm	SUN 31	

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JUNE

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- ⌚ Cranberry EMS 724-776-4480
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MON 1	Planning Advisory Commission Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 6pm First Edition Book Discussion Library, 7pm	TUES 2	Yes, You Can Write A Book! Library, 6-7:30pm Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm Totally Tubular Tuesdays Night Swim Waterpark, 9pm	WED 3	THURS 4	Adult Discussion Group Library, 10am Board of Supervisors Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 6:30pm Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm	FRI 5	Neighborhood Slow Down Campaign— Drive 25! Farmers' Market Municipal Ctr, 3:30-6pm Noodle Night Waterpark, 6-8pm	
SAT 6	Neighborhood Slow Down Campaign— Drive 25! Farmers' Market Rt 19 Fire Station Parking Lot, 10am-1pm Household Hazardous Waste Collection ✓ ECS&R by Appt Summer Reading Kick-off Celebration Library, 11am-1pm Food Truck Round-Up 11am-3pm	SUN 7	Neighborhood Slow Down Campaign— Drive 25!	MON 8	Neighborhood Slow Down Campaign— Drive 25! Summer Reading Program Begins	TUES 9	Neighborhood Slow Down Campaign— Drive 25! Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm Totally Tubular Tuesdays Night Swim Waterpark, 9pm		
WED 10	Neighborhood Slow Down Campaign— Drive 25!	THURS 11	Neighborhood Slow Down Campaign— Drive 25! Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm	FRI 12	Neighborhood Slow Down Campaign—Drive 25! Crafty Friday Library, 11am-1pm Farmers' Market Municipal Ctr, 3:30-6pm Noodle Night Waterpark, 6-8pm	SAT 13	Neighborhood Slow Down Campaign—Drive 25 Farmers' Market Rt 19 Fire Station Parking Lot, 10am-1pm Local Author & Concert Promoter, Rich Engler Library, 1-3pm		
SUN 14	FLAG DAY Neighborhood Slow Down Campaign— Drive 25	MON 15	Neighborhood Slow Down Campaign— Drive 25!	TUES 16	Family Playtime Library, 11am-Noon Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm Totally Tubular Tuesdays Night Swim Waterpark, 9pm	WED 17	Books & Bagels Book Discussion Library, 10am Infant Storytime ↙ Library, 10:30am Tween Comic Strip Program Library, 6:30pm	THURS 18	Children's Drop-In Program Library, 1-3pm Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm
FRI 19	Crafty Friday Library, 11am-1pm Farmers' Market Municipal Ctr, 3:30-6pm Noodle Night Waterpark, 6-8pm	SAT 20	Learn CPR ⌂ Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 8:30am Learn First Aid ⌂ Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 12pm Farmers' Market Rt 19 Fire Station Parking Lot, 10am-1pm Southern Butler County Annual Garden Tour Register at Municipal Ctr, 9-10am	SUN 21	FATHER'S DAY	MON 22			
TUES 23	Picture Book Program Library, 11am-Noon Author J.J. Hensley Library, 6-8pm Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm Totally Tubular Tuesdays Night Swim Waterpark, 9pm	WED 24	Infant Storytime ↙ Library, 10:30am 4th Thursday Book Club Library, 10am	THURS 25	Safe Sitter Class † Municipal Ctr, 9am-3pm Board of Supervisors Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 6:30pm Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm	FRI 26	Crafty Friday Library, 11am-1pm Farmers' Market Municipal Ctr, 3:30-6pm Noodle Night Waterpark, 6-8pm Teen Movie Night Library, 7-9:30pm Night Swim and Family Movie Night Waterpark, 9pm		
SAT 27	Farmers' Market Rt 19 Fire Station Parking Lot, 10am-1pm Household Hazardous Waste Collection ✓ ECS&R by Appt	SUN 28	MON 29	Planning Advisory Commission Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 5:30pm 20s & 30s Book Club Library, 7pm	TUES 30	County & Township Taxes Last Day of Face Value Family Playtime Library, 11am-Noon Open Gym Basketball (18+) 8-10pm Totally Tubular Tuesdays Night Swim Waterpark, 9pm			

Way Beyond Parks & Rec

Cranberry's Parks & Recreation Department – which has been around for decades – is getting a major makeover. It has a new logo. It has its own phone line: 724-779-4FUN. It's getting a dedicated website. It's getting new signage. It recently opened a series of new and renovated spaces, both within and outside the Municipal Center. And for a while, it was even considering a new name – one that seemed a bit more in line with what it actually does.

"We've started taking on a lot more responsibilities for the Township," department director Pete Geis explained. "We're now responsible for projects such as working with the Cranberry Area Diversity Network, the Cranberry Arts Network, and assisting with other nonprofits. We've started a new Special Needs initiative, and we're working more closely with the school district, local homeowners associations, and our own library."

But, despite its updated facilities, expanded mission and new brand identity, Geis is convinced that none of it is likely to change the way people identify his department anytime soon. "I think we'll always be referred to as Parks & Rec," he said. "It's been Parks & Rec for 50 years in Cranberry Township. However new residents need to know that we're more than just Parks & Recreation; we're Parks, Recreation and whole lot of other community services."

... by any other name

So, while the department itself will retain its familiar name, many of its facilities are changing theirs. Grange Hall, for example, is now the name for what was formerly the Senior/Teen

Center. "All the rooms are transitioning to historically significant names," Geis said. "Our activity rooms in the new Education Wing – which many people refer to as the Preschool Wing – will have the names of Cranberry's original one-room schools. So they're not just going to be known as Room 103 or whatever. It's going to be the Sample Room or the Hoene Room, which uses the original German spelling for Haine, possibly coupled with room numbers for easier wayfinding.

"We like that because it doesn't identify a program with what sounds like a special-purpose space such as Senior/Teen Center. Before, if somebody wanted to come in and use our facility for something that had nothing to do with seniors or teens, we'd send them over to the Senior/Teen Center anyway. Likewise with the Preschool. So they're all getting a new identity. We'll be sending people over to named rooms or over to the Educational Wing, where we'll hold a lot of our instructional programs. The same with our Fun and Fitness Wing, which opened in January."

Still, despite the changes, the department's mission of providing Cranberry residents with leisure and recreational opportunities will remain at its core. And that mission is being enhanced by a series of capital improvements to its facilities. For example, the Waterpark, after 18

years, will be given a major upgrade immediately after its season concludes this year. Its Municipal Center activity rooms have all undergone significant renovations – including the construction of a dedicated aerobic room with an impact-resistant floor. Its preschool is in a totally new and much improved Municipal Center space. And a completely new Dek Hockey rink opened late last year in Graham Park. But there's more.

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And now for something special...

This past February, the winter version of an inter-municipal Special Needs Family Fun Day, hosted in the Township's Municipal Center, was just about ready to start, when bad weather hit. Organized by the Special Needs Action Group of Cranberry Township and designed for disabled persons of every age, as well as for approximately 50 volunteers scheduled for special training by the Cranberry-based Red Octopus, the event was forced to cancel at the last minute due to subzero temperatures and seven inches of snow. But it won't be Cranberry's last Special Needs event, Geis vowed. A summer version of the event will be hosted this year by Franklin Park with Cranberry's active involvement. ~



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PARKS & RECREATION

If You Think You Like The Waterpark Now, Just Wait 'Til Next Year

Cranberry's Waterpark is coming of age. Built in 1997, the popular summertime attraction will celebrate its 19th season next year with a significant makeover, including upgrades to its structure and enhancements to its features. Work on the \$1.7 million bundle of improvements, which Cranberry's Board of Supervisors approved in February, will begin right after the 2015 season closes.

"We're moving forward with the project," confirmed Pete Geis, Cranberry's Director of Parks & Recreation. "According to Cranberry's comprehensive plan, the Waterpark has already exceeded its expected lifespan. But because of the phenomenal job our Public Works department has done maintaining it, it's nowhere near being in any kind of trouble. But we're at a point where we really need to be doing something," he said.

We're doing three primary enhancements: expanding the zero-depth entry pool, adding a new triple filtration system, adding a dump bucket and a climbing wall.

Bigger baby pool

"Based on public input, we're doing three primary enhancements to the

pool," Geis noted. "One is that we're expanding the area of the zero-depth entry pool. Because we have such a young and growing population, that area – which many people refer to as the 'baby pool' – will double in size. We're also separating the zero depth entry from the rest of the pool.

"And we're adding a new triple filtration system to treat the pool. So if there should be any accidents by little kids in the zero-depth entry area, we won't have to shut down the entire facility – just that portion," he said. "We're also replacing the pool's surface with an upgraded marcite watertight plaster."

The Wow! factor

"We also wanted to add a Wow! factor; that's the third enhancement. We're adding a dump bucket at the zero depth entry baby pool and a climbing wall at the deep end.

"Although you won't see it, the entire filtration system is going to be replaced and upgraded to exceed all current standards and certifications," Geis pointed out. "Ultraviolet will be added to the filtration system. So not only are we going to have standard chlorine type protection, we're also going to use UV to keep our water quality even better."

Mechanicals and more

The electrical system around the pool will be augmented, enabling additional programs, such as movies and concerts,



to take place poolside. The pool will offer improved access for people with disabilities. Its heating system will be replaced. The spray pad area will be outfitted with new water handling systems. New bench seating will be installed along with additional shade structures. And all of it is expected to be complete in time for its Memorial Day weekend opening on Saturday, May 28, 2016.

Several other improvements have already been put into place: enhanced lighting in the changing rooms, an upgraded locker system, and improvements to the party room, the Customer Service booth, and the concession stand floors.

The only other need will be for great weather. ~



Discount Waterpark Memberships

If you become a member of the Cranberry Community Waterpark before April 30, you will have unlimited admission to the pool throughout the summer at an attractive price. Special rates are available for individuals, seniors, nannies, and families of every size. Waterpark amenities include night swims, C.T.'s Snack Shack, private deck rentals, party rooms, and a whole lot more. At the same time, though, if you only expect to be a casual Waterpark user, one-day admissions are available every day the pool is open. Resident admission is \$7, children 3 to 12 are \$6, children 2 or younger are free. Non-resident rates are typically \$2 higher. This year, Cranberry's Waterpark is open every day, weather permitting, from Saturday, May 23 through Sunday, August 30. ~

Parks & Rec Adds Special Needs To Its Growing Program Portfolio

Meeting the recreational needs of typical residents is hard. Meeting the needs of those with disabilities is even harder. But Cranberry's Parks & Recreation Department is up for it. And they're beginning to see results.

"It's been a passion of mine to get special needs programming going anywhere I've been, because it's a really neglected part of the community," Department Director Pete Geis explained. At the same time, he

been a combination of Township staff, outside organizations and volunteers," he said. "If we had to fully staff these events, they would be cost-prohibitive. Without volunteers, we couldn't do the amount of work that's needed, which is much greater than for regular programs.

So I can't overstate the importance of volunteers."

But not all volunteers know how to interact effectively with disabled people. "A layman showing up for one of these programs is not going to know how far you can push somebody with a special need," he said. "Too often it's just pity. You see somebody with a special need trying to shoot a basket or kick a ball, and they can't do it very well. But that volunteer is afraid to say anything, or they say: 'You've got to work harder! You've got to try!' just as you would to a child without a special need."

What's in a name?

There's also the matter of semantics. The language used in talking about people with disabilities – even in referring to those without disabilities – is a matter of great sensitivity, both to the individuals themselves and their families. Not only that, terms that were neutral when first introduced can, over time, accumulate negative associations.

In working with local disability advocate Tammy Rose to formulate Cranberry's Special Needs Action Group, even deciding what to call it was exhausting. "Just coming up with a name took a couple meetings," Geis reflected. "Initially it was the Special Needs Advocacy Group, but 'advocacy' has



taken on a negative connotation in the special needs population. So we adjusted. Now the group includes five people who meet the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM, and everyone is welcome as long as they email me ahead of

time. Their primary focus is developing programs for Cranberry Township. Otherwise people have to go to Bridgeville or Norwin or Monroeville to get these sorts of programs."

Helping the underserved

In her capacity as chair of the Action Group, which is organized as a sub-group of the Department's cultural diversity initiative, Rose – who is herself the mother of two daughters with disabilities – has been instrumental in helping Geis meet the challenge of creating programming for the Township's special needs community. By identifying local resources, bringing in volunteers, and sharing her passion for working with the underserved special needs community, she has been central in organizing dances, pageants, game nights, ice cream socials, Sunday swimming socials and more this year.

"You've got to look and see the individual for who they are," Rose said. "They have so much to offer. Because they're sitting in a wheelchair, they're often overlooked. But when you take the time with these kids you see that there's so much more. That's what I want to do with this group. I want to open the community's eyes. I want these kids to have a place." ~

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Special challenges

One is that the disabled community is terribly fragmented. Although there are organizations already operating in the area that have enviable records of working with specific groups of disabled individuals and their families, they are reluctant to collaborate with one another.

"The Special Needs population is very reserved and guarded," Geis pointed out. "All these individuals blaze their own trail. The groups are the same way. They are hesitant to jump in with another group because they're afraid their mission will become diluted."

Then there's the issue of staffing events for people with special needs. "As far as staffing is concerned, it's

Volunteer to help with Township special needs events. Contact pete.geis@cranberrytownship.org

Theatre Couple Auditions Cranberry

Is Cranberry really ready for the bright lights of professional theatre? Chris Saunders and his wife Alirose, who relocated to Cranberry in 2010 after ten years of directing, choreographing and performing on Broadway and on tour, are putting the Township to the test. And they seem to be encouraged.

Last year, the couple put a stake in the ground by forming the Keystone State Music Theatre in Cranberry. Offering instruction in different aspects of performance and serving as an umbrella for various productions – including a very popular series of musical revues at the Rotary Amphitheatre during Community Days – the couple's Theatre project has received a great deal of acclaim for the high level of its work along with encouragement to do even more. One of the Theatre project's most popular outlets has been via Cranberry's summer camps.

"Last summer we were interested in running some summer theatre camps, and Township Program Coordinator Jason Mentel told us he thought that would be really great," Saunders recalled. "So we started with three summer camps. By the time we were finished, we ended up with seven because the demand was so great. So we're having more classes now and more camps coming up this summer."



Also this summer, the couple will be mounting three shows at the Amphitheatre, all cast with professional actors: the biographical 'Always...Patsy Cline,' 'Pinkalicious, the Musical,' based on a children's book by the same name; and a musical revue, 'Broadway in the Park.'

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The cultural core

"We're trying to bring the theatrical experience here that people normally go downtown for," he said. "We want to be one of the reasons people here can say: 'this is what defines us.' Culture defines what a community is, who they are. We're missing that cultural component now. It can become another reason people come to Cranberry – not just because of the new hockey facility or the wonderful development that's

happening, but because of arts and culture.

"Long term, we want to keep growing," he pointed out. "What we have our eye toward, in the future, is developing these programs into a sustainable facility – a cultural center, whether it's around the

Amphitheatre or developing a cultural center where we could bring in tours or art exhibits. We could run it as a mini convention center. But that's ten years down the road we hope to go.

"All we're doing now is just us laying the groundwork – making sure the community also values it. So we formed a Board of Directors and got our Master Plan together and we've started the ball rolling.

Phase One was to get our educational programs off the ground; we're holding the KSMT Academy over at the Regional Learning Alliance. Phase Two is getting a professional company up and running."

But why Cranberry? Saunders, who is originally from Penn Hills, and his Chicago-born wife, never lost their love for big time professional theatre. But, after more than a decade in New York, they were ready to settle down, raise a family, and transition into the next phase of their lives. "We asked each other where do we want to go? And what do we want to do? I said I'd like to produce, my wife said she wants to educate. Where is there a community that needs this? Let's take a look at Cranberry, where my family always used to take us out to eat."

"Keystone State Music Theatre is a nonprofit organization. Only a portion of our support comes from ticket sales or tuition," Saunders explained. "A great deal of it is going to have to come through public support and grants. So we're testing the water to see if that support is here. And we feel like it is. I'm hearing that the community is ready. And this summer we're going to see if it actually is." ~

Cultural entrepreneurship. Alirose and Chris Saunders, both veterans of New York's theatre scene, see Cranberry as a promising venue for cultivating professional-level performing arts. Their Keystone State Music Theatre, started last year, provides an umbrella for an ambitious assortment of teaching and production projects in the Township.

The Inside Scoop On Puppy Poop

It may not be the eternal question, but it's still important: *What should I do with this large bag of dog poop?*

According to a formula developed by AMVA – the U.S. trade association for veterinarians – there are 6,624 dogs and 7,236 cats in Cranberry Township, along with a handful of other domestic animal types. As pets, they bring joy and comfort to their owners. But they also bring more than 900 tons of waste a year, along with trillions of potentially harmful bacteria dogs.

To Township Pretreatment Administrator Rhonda Zellhart, herself a pet owner, that's a problem. Her job involves implementing state DEP requirements

preventing the spread of dangerous bacteria. But what then?

Nobody wants it

"I don't know that there's a single best solution out there," Zellhart admits. "Some of the websites I've seen recommended that people bury pet waste. My issue with that is you're still going to have runoff."

The EPA actually recommended that people flush their pet waste. But in the wastewater industry, we don't recommend any flushing of pet waste because sewer systems have not been designed to handle the bacteria they contain.

"I know from my experience running a sewage treatment plant back in Ellwood City that pet waste going into the wastewater collection system is not beneficial in any way. And landfills don't necessarily like getting pet waste either, because when people bag their pet waste, the plastic bags they get from the grocery store don't break down."

"Ideally, we would have a company come in, collect everybody's pet waste, and figure out a way to recycle it," she said wistfully. "But that doesn't exist yet, especially in Western Pennsylvania. So for now, to protect our watershed in Cranberry Township – the best way would be to get rid of it via trash collection."

Down on the farm

But what about composting it? After all, manure from farm animals has been a staple of agricultural fertilizer for generations. "Composting is an option,



but you need to make sure you have very good control to kill the pathogens within those wastes," she said. "So unless somebody is very learned about that, I hate to recommend it because there are potential risks with that type of technology."

"It basically has to do with different pathogens that live in domestic animals and the food sources they eat – grain and grass feed versus dog food, cat food," Zellhart continued. "That said, there are some emerging green technologies for composting pet waste. However, you have to be very careful to reach a certain temperature within the composting pile to kill the microorganisms, and within cats and dogs there are some pretty nasty bacteria. So if you don't de-activate them and then use it as a fertilizer in your garden, you risk contamination."

What's left? Landfill disposal appears to be the least worse alternative, at least for now. Although the Township remains officially agnostic about specific methods of disposal, it strongly supports picking up after pets. An ordinance adopted in 2005 reads: "Animals shall not be permitted to commit a nuisance by allowing dogs/cats to secrete any solid waste of property of another. No violation of this section shall occur if the person in control of the offending animal promptly removes the animal waste." ~

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designed to protect Cranberry's watershed, along with its residents and wildlife, against pollutants which can cause disease. Leaving hundreds of tons of animal droppings on lawns and pavement which eventually washes into local streams can end up exposing everyone to pathogens that lead to serious health issues in people, pets and plants.

So picking up after pets – whether on the lawn, on sidewalks, or in the dog park – is an essential first step in

Tax Basics



Until the end of April, your County-Township real estate taxes can be paid at a two percent discount and, after that, at face value, without penalty, through the end of June. But any 2014 County, Township or School district real estate taxes that weren't paid by December 31 are now in the hands of the Butler County Tax Claim Bureau. Give them a call at 724-284-5326 to work things out. If you've made any changes in your mortgage company, or you're no longer using an escrow account to pay your property taxes, contact tax collector P.J. Lynd at 724-776-1103 or stop by his office in the Municipal Center to make sure your account is up to date. ~

When do I dump the Truck? Keeping Cranberry's Fleet Up To Date

There are more than 100 vehicles in the Cranberry Township fleet. They include everything from riding lawn mowers and golf carts to patrol cars and million dollar fire trucks. But what they all have in common is that every one of them will someday need to be replaced. Even with high quality maintenance, vehicles eventually wear out. Like a family car, they will ultimately get to the point where the cost of upkeep and their associated down time make replacement a practical necessity.

Multiply that by more than 100, particularly where a number of the vehicles are used by many different staff members, and even the tracking of critical data about each vehicle becomes overwhelming. Nevertheless, the need to develop and fund a capital budget which anticipates the cost of keeping the Township's fleet in good operating condition over the foreseeable future won't go away. And that requires planning.

"We have a lot of operational vehicles in our fleet and if you don't have a working plan in place, it's very easy for things to fall through the cracks," Public Works

Director Jason Dailey observed. "You start having shabby looking vehicles. You start getting caught with surprise replacements. And when you're talking about the surprise replacement of a 10-ton truck, you're talking about a \$200,000 surprise; that's something you don't want to be surprised with."

To help avoid surprises, Cranberry has been developing a tracking and report system which gathers critical information about each vehicle, compiles it, scores it, and alerts managers several years in advance when any particular vehicle is slated for replacement. Vehicle data is collected at the Township's fuel pumps, from work orders, in its maintenance garage, and on its original purchase documents. Then it's fed into a report created by Kortney Smith of Cranberry's IT department, where it turns into a series of tables, graphs and charts that track each vehicle.

Military intelligence

The American Public Works Association, of which Dailey is its Western Pennsylvania chapter president, is helping. "APWA has issued best

management practices for public agencies – how they manage their equipment," he said. "It's based on of a model the military used called Vehicle Equivalents. It has a matrix with different types of vehicles from an

admin sedan up through heavy pieces of equipment. So, if a vehicle is ten years old and has so many miles or so many hours on it, and if it's had this much invested in it in repairs and maintenance over so many years, it gives you the criteria for scoring that vehicle."

"So we've adopted a vehicle replacement policy which says that for these types of vehicles, here is our ideal replacement schedule. It shows one for police vehicles, another for an admin vehicle, and so on. It says these are our ideal replacement criteria. Here are the minimum scores it needs to be considered for replacement. And that's good for us because whenever I'm putting together the capital budget, I can show that over the next five years, for example, these are the eight vehicles we need to replace and here's an estimated budget for replacing them."

Even so, slavishly following replacement scores isn't a requirement. When a vehicle comes up for replacement, it still has residual service life and value. So, even though it may have met the replacement scoring criteria, it's frequently possible to squeeze another year or two out of it. At the same time, however, when that happens, its resale price in a Municipibid online auction typically declines.

"We've had some discussions lately on the potential of leasing for short-term vehicles – what value there might be in that," Township Fleet Manager Bob Howland added. "More interesting than that has been determining the best time to sell a certain vehicle. When can you get the most for a Ford 550? What's the right time to unload an admin Impala? There's a whole science behind that. It's definitely been eye-opening to us and to the fleet management system we're using." ~

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- *You start getting caught with surprise replacements.*



Purdue Unearths Hidden Cache Of Township Traffic Data

Township Public Works Director Jason Dailey compares Cranberry's purchase of an advanced traffic management system several years ago to a private individual buying personal software.

"It's like when you buy TurboTax off the shelf; what does it do for you? Is it going to show you all those shortcuts and things you might need for different types of income and expenses? Do you have to upgrade or buy the next version? Are there applications in there you never knew about?" he asked.

In Cranberry's case, that hardware-software package, made by Econolite, has more than enough capability to manage the Township's current array of traffic signals. But, as Dailey discovered, it also includes a number of seldom-used features which could offer a potential gold mine of valuable information – if only someone knew how to use it.

The tipoff

That's where Purdue University's Joint Transportation Research Program, or JTRP came in. Founded more than 75 years ago as a partnership between the University and the Indiana state Department of Transportation, JTRP was tipped off to Cranberry by PennDOT's central office, which knew about the Township's interconnected and centrally managed Econolite system.

What they were looking for, in particular, was data collected by Cranberry's array of traffic sensors and stored in the back of its signal timers. If appropriately analyzed and applied, the data could yield significant improvements in traffic circulation. That's what the JTRP project is about. So earlier this year, that became the basis for a long-distance partnership between the Township and the researchers.

"Their app essentially transforms the data so that even the lay person could

see where we can make improvements at an intersection," Dailey said. "You're able to see, when a group of cars leaves an intersection and arrives at the next one, was there a gap where you could

If appropriately analyzed and applied, the data could yield significant improvements in traffic circulation.

have allotted green time somewhere else? Or where you could have made timing adjustments that would improve that corridor?

Real time traffic

"WRA, the traffic engineer who helps us with Cranberry's traffic timings, is only able to look at a snapshot in time," he continued. "So when the new Penguins facility opens up and we go back and look at traffic in that area, what impact might that have? This app allows you to look at it continuously. You can look at what happens when there's a school delay – in real time. Or you can go back and

look at it the day after and see what happened.

"The implication of the work Purdue is doing for the entire traffic management industry is very significant. Anyone that has a traffic signal outfitted with one of the new timers can get this data. It's knowing that it's in there and knowing that there are institutions out there looking at it and making improvements and giving you the ability to make changes – that's really going to be where the improvements happen.

"It's information we had not been making use of. It's always been there. The hardware that sits in a traffic box has a lot of capabilities. The software we have also has a lot of capabilities. We're seeing now that the timer holds a lot more valuable information than we ever realized. And we're starting to learn now how it all interacts with each other."

Other government entities are learning about it as well, although they tend to be much, much larger than the

Township. "Cranberry is just one small part of the big picture Purdue's working on," Dailey acknowledged. "They're working with the state of Utah, the state of Indiana, and two other states. And then there's Cranberry." ~



Thinking outside the box. Cranberry traffic signal electrician Marty McKinney shows a Purdue researcher the inner workings of a Township signal control box where a rich trove of data, collected from nearby sensors, is stored.

Cranberry Township 2015 Water System Flushing Schedule

Cranberry Township's annual fire hydrant and distribution system flushing program gets underway on Monday, April 6. It is a routine maintenance operation designed to flush sediment from the water system, check fire hydrant operation, and test chlorine levels in the water lines throughout the Township. Flushing is conducted Monday through Friday between 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM. A week-by-week schedule is provided here; for detailed information on the date for your own street, call the Township's Customer Service Center at 724-776-4806. Here are the water line areas to be flushed during the weeks beginning:

April 6 Dutilh Road between Freeport Road and Cul-de-Sac at Turnpike, Candlewood Suites, Route 19 south of PA Turnpike to Bravo's Restaurant, Hyatt Hotel, Cranberry Springs Complex, Pennwood Place, McKinney Warehouse, Keystone Drive, Gateway Building, Commonwealth Drive, Residence Inn, Freedom Road and Old Freedom Road from Commonwealth Drive to Route 19, UPMC Medical Center, Fairfield Inn, Norberry Court, Dutilh Road south of Route 228, Lemieux/UPMC Ice Rink, Marriot Complex, Knockout Development – Longtree Way and Garden View, Westinghouse, Cranberry Woods – MSA Complex, Cranberry Mall, Cranberry Springs, Old Mars Road between McElroy Drive and Franklin Road, Cranberry Crossroads, Cranberry Commons Mall, Grandshire, Spring Meadows, Franklin Road between Old Mars Road and Beacon Drive & Hazelwood.

April 13 Thompson Park Drive, Executive Drive, Costco, Brandt Drive, Commerce Park Drive, Cranberry Corporate Center, Rochester Road from Route 19 to Powell Road, Forest Park, Hampton Inn, Laurelwood, Sherwood Oaks & Fernway.

April 20 Route 19 between Freedom Road and Rochester Road, Cranberry Shoppes, Walmart, Cranberry Square, Streets of Cranberry, Route 19 from Smith Drive north to Goehring Road, Goehring Road from Route 19 to Marshall Road, Wisconsin Avenue, Doyle Equipment, Ogle Station, Boston Market, Jerry's Car Wash, Home Depot, Smith Drive, Walgreens, Ogle View Road, Alcoa/TRACO, Progress Avenue,

Park Road, Ernie Mashuda Drive, Route 19 from Butler Auto Auction north to Kenny Ross, Route 19 from Butler Auto Auction south to Dodge Used Vehicle Dealership, Enterprise Rent-a-Car Center, Wiegand Drive, Marshall Road, Goehring Road, Preserve East and West, North Boundary Road, Marshall Woods, Marshall Heights, Pinebrook Manor & Cranberry Water Park.

April 27 McElroy Road, Fox Run, Canterbury Heights/Buckingham Trail, Rowan Road between Marshall Road and Old Farm Road, La Grande Drive, Rowan School, Rowan Towers, Hope Lutheran Church, Leonberg Road, Franklin Road, Peace Street, Franklin Ridge, Franklin Crossing, Shadow Creek, Bristol Creek, Washington Farms, St. Leonard's Woods, Timberline, Peters Road between Franklin Road and Old Farm Road, Redmond Place, Old Towne Apartments, Scenic Ridge, Peters Road between Franklin Road and Burke Road, Forest Knoll, Lakeview Estates, Windwood Heights, Crystal Springs, Walden Pond & Burke Road.

May 4 Pinehurst Estates, Ehrman Road, Garvin Road, Grace Estates, Mystic Ridge, Foxmoor, Ehrman Farms, Oakview Estates, Unionville Road, Springfield Manor, Cranberry Business Park, Winchester Lakes, Winchester Farms, Old Route 19, Settlers Village, Glen Eden Road, Glen Eden Phase 1, Settlers Grove & Antler Ridge.

May 11 Acer Court, Greenspire Court, Windsor Court, Cedarbrook, Glenbrook, Glen Eden Townhouses, Manor Creek, Cranberry Vista/Eden Square Apartments, Freshcorn Road,



Glen Eden Road west of Powell Road, Briar Creek, Cranberry Heights, Kingsbrook, Madison Heights, Glen Rape Road & Wakefield Estates.

May 18 Freedom Road from Commonwealth Drive to Thorn Hill Road (RIDC) & WESCO, Rolling Road Regency Apartments, Iron Mountain, Freedom Road, Freedom Square, Freedom Road Car Wash, Haine Fire Station, Freedom Road from Georgetown Square to Parkwood Drive, Parkside Place, Carriage Drive, Kira Circle, Haine School Road, Haine School, Pine Ridge, Rochester Village, Bellevue Park, Graham Park, Valleybrook, Deer Run, Sun Valley, Cranbrook & Kirkwood Drive.

May 26 Woodlands Townhouses, Swift Homes, Woodlands Houses, Clearbrook, Cranberry Estates, Ashford Manor, Cranberry Pointe, Cranberry West, Kimberwicke, Harvest Drive, Holiday Drive, Powell Road from Rochester Road to Blue Ridge Drive, Creekwood Commons, Creekwood, Orchard Park & Freedom Woods.

June 1 The Crossings, Mystic Pine Trail, Blue Ridge Estates, Berkley Manor, Hampshire Woods & Autumn Hill.

June 8 Powell Road between Rochester Road and Glen Eden Road, Park Place, Chatham Commons, Highland Village, Havenwood, Hunters Creek, Stonefield & Farmview, Greenfield Estates, Avery's Field, Woodbine Estates, St. Killian's School, Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School & The Haven at Cranberry Woods. ~



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Bicycles Are Everywhere



Cranberry encourages the use of bicycles in a number of ways. The Township has created 8.8 miles of designated bikeways as well as off-road trails, municipal bike rack installations and even self-service bike repair stations. But safe bicycle use requires constant vigilance on the part of motorists as well as from bike riders themselves – especially at intersections. If you're driving, leave at least four feet between you and any bicycles on the road. And if you're cycling, observe traffic regulations, don a helmet, and wear reflective gear.