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Township Doubles Down On Improvements

The heart of any community is its residents and their engagement with one another. But its backbone is the community's physical infrastructure – the roads, parks, and utilities that enable its residents to conduct their lives in comfort, with efficiency and safety.

Cranberry Township is continuing to invest in that vital infrastructure. A variety of improvements are underway this year and next to secure those benefits for generations to come. Here are the highlights:

Brush Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. This major upgrade project, driven by environmental concerns and a growing population, is now about a quarter of the way complete. Parts of the plant's new membrane filter treatment system are now in place; other elements will be added over the next two years. The plant will continue to operate without interruption during construction.

North Boundary Road Improvements. With the roundabout at Marshall Road now essentially complete, work this year and in 2018 will focus on adding pedestrian amenities including an enhanced crosswalk area at Pinehurst, and at North Boundary's intersection with Franklin Road, where a roadway realignment is planned. A road widening and sidewalk extension from Marshall Road through to Franklin Road is also visualized.

Rowan Road sidewalk infill. From Rowan Elementary School to Fox Run, missing pieces of sidewalk are being built by the Township in partnership with Seneca Valley School District. They will continuously connect the walkway from the traffic signal at Rowan Tower, passing in front of Hope Lutheran Church, to the first intersection of Fox Run.

Graham Park, Phase II. The currently undeveloped southern end of Graham Park will see a series of infrastructure improvements by the Township including grading, utility connections, parking and restroom construction as well as a realignment of Graham Park Drive. Those improvements will pave the way for installation of the CTCC SportCourts complex, CTCC's 2017 Project of the Year.

MSA Thruway. Formerly referred to as the 'flyunder,' this project will carry northbound traffic exiting I-79 directly



to the north side of Rt. 228 by way of a new road to be built below the current highway. This year the project – a partnership of the Township with MSA and the developer of Cranberry Springs – will see a relocation of the pole-mounted cable and electric lines currently suspended along 228.

Additional 228 eastbound lane. Engineering, design and work to secure PennDOT approvals for a new eastbound traffic lane along Rt. 228 between Cranberry Woods and Franklin Road are currently underway. Approval will be followed by right-of-way acquisition and efforts to secure funding for construction.

Water meter replacement. The replacement of 8,000 Township-owned residential and commercial water

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No Money? No Problem. Township, PennDOT Form Barter Deal.

Good neighbors frequently exchange favors, sometimes including really big favors, without money ever changing hands. Shoveling a neighbor's sidewalk, picking up their mail, lending them a garden tool, or watching their cat are classic ways of generating value and strengthening personal relationships.

But when you're a unit of government, the good neighbor principle applies a little differently. A hefty body of laws, regulations, contracts, audit requirements and rules – mostly created to protect public assets from being abused – needs to be satisfied first. A local government can't just help out the Commonwealth by sweeping debris from a state-owned roadway without properly accounting for the labor and materials used. Nor can the state lend that local government an electronic message trailer without first jumping through a series of hoops.

That's nothing new. For as long as anyone can remember, there have been situations where it made good sense for one unit of government to help out another. But until 1996, Pennsylvania municipalities had no way to make assisting PennDOT, or vice versa, into a legal exchange – even when it would save money on both sides. That was when the Agility Agreement law was enacted.

Bartered services

"It's a this-for-that service," Cranberry Public Works Director Jason Dailey explained. "PennDOT has a list of services and equipment they can provide – things like sealing roads, providing you with signs or better equipment for certain things. In turn, we provide something to them. For example, we can provide them with liquid brine for their winter maintenance operations. Some communities will mow state highway rights-of-ways. Others will do roadside cleanups for them. It's the

sort of things they would normally do with their own labor, but you do it with yours and then negotiate what they can trade in exchange for those services. There are pre-negotiated values associated with all the things that you might trade.

"For instance, PennDOT holds meetings throughout the year for their maintenance operations and managers. We've been able to provide them meeting space. There's a value to that. So we assign a value to the meeting space at our facility and then in turn, when we do a roadside cleanup or something like that, we'll use their arrow boards," he said. "Normally we would pay to rent these arrow boards from a local rental service. But we get those from PennDOT as part of that swap arrangement."

Documentation required

The 11-page agreement form, which legalizes those service exchanges, covers a five-year period with another three-year extension available. Cranberry's Board of Supervisors approved the latest agreement last summer. It is exquisitely detailed with more than 200 services identified, although the specific scope and value of each item needs to be negotiated between the municipality and PennDOT as part of each project's Work Order.

"There is some paperwork involved," PennDOT's Butler County Agility Coordinator, Christopher Robinson, acknowledged. "It's not incredibly in depth, but it's a little more than you might think." Still, the opportunity to exchange services through the barter system is open to all sorts of public entities – not

just municipalities – although only four such agreements are currently in force in Butler County.

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"Any local government can sign up for Agility," Robinson pointed out. "Any locally-funded organization such as water or transportation authorities, firefighting units, school districts, state and federal agencies like corrections, public welfare, educational partners like Slippery Rock University – any of those groups can participate in Agility."

Over time, the program's benefits have evolved for Cranberry. "The work that each party provides the other has changed as Cranberry has gotten more sophisticated," Dailey reflected. "For example, our need for grading services isn't what it used to be. But those agreements have been around for a long time. They save Cranberry taxpayers thousands of dollars a year, and it's the same for Pennsylvania taxpayers. Maybe not tens of thousands, but certainly thousands." ~



After 50 Years, Cranberry's Main Sewer Line Enters Rehab

Spelunkers – people who explore caves – love to tell you there's a whole 'nother world to be found in the dark recesses underground. Stalactites – rock formations that hang from the ceilings of caves – offer silent testimony to decades of ground water dripping onto the cavern's floor, leaving traces of mineral particles to accumulate along their pathways.

In naturally occurring cave systems, the resulting formations can be strikingly beautiful. But in man-made sewer pipe systems, where stalactites also occur, they can be a nuisance or worse, obstructing the pipeline's flow. Several years ago, using closed circuit TV, stalactites along with other forms of deterioration were discovered in Cranberry, deep inside a five-mile conduit buried along Brush Creek. It's not surprising.

Just about anyone would feel the need for rehabilitation if they had carried raw sewage without complaint for the past 50 years. The pipeline that Township officials refer to as Old Interceptor One was built in the 1960s and '70s. Running along a slight downhill grade from south to north, the pipe collects wastewater from Marshall Township as well as from more than a dozen secondary collector lines inside Cranberry on its way to the Brush Creek wastewater treatment plant.

Old and new

Until a new and 50 percent larger parallel pipeline was installed several years ago, Old Interceptor One carried more than three million gallons of raw sewage a day from homes and businesses into the plant where it was screened, filtered, aeriated, disinfected, clarified and ultimately released into Brush Creek. But with the Township's population having quadrupled since the pipeline was built, the need for additional sewage capacity had become apparent.

Old Interceptor One was built using cement pipe sections, each either five or six feet long. New Interceptor One, however, is made of a durable composite plastic in sections ranging from 13 to 18 feet in length. That means fewer seals



using live steam, then cured in place to provide a continuous sealed liner from manhole to manhole within the pipe's original walls.

between sections – points where infiltration from surrounding soil is most likely. It also means less pipe material erosion resulting from microbes and gasses trapped in the line.

However, the new line is not intended to replace the older one; the two are actually designed to work in tandem. Flowing wastewater can be shifted from one to the other, allowing interior line maintenance, before it's shifted back. That enabled the Township, following its TV inspection, to identify segments of the old line that needed attention, to shift flow away from those areas, and to bring in contractors to do the needed repairs.

New socks

Altogether, 10,000 feet of the 25,000-foot pipeline were targeted and prioritized for work. Last year, the worst of the damaged sections were repaired. This year and for each of the next three years, an additional 2,000 feet of pipeline will be relined using a resin 'sock' which is forced through the line

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Even though the \$1.3 million project will affect portions of the line throughout its length, the work will be largely unseen by local residents. "Most of this project is off the beaten path – outside of Graham Park except for one run where we are going to have to cross a soccer field," Sewer and Water Field Operations Manager Joe Leavens explained.

"That should be the only interference the public sees. We want to stay away from playing times in the fields. So we're working our project schedule around what goes on within Graham Park. This year's work will start in June or July. It should be over in seven to eight weeks."

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meters with remotely-read electronic units is currently underway. Once completed, the 18-month project will eliminate estimated billing, provide real-time usage information, and end manual meter reading.

Rochester Road/Rt. 19 intersection. Currently in the design process, this improvement to the intersection of Rochester Road with Rt. 19 will add a dedicated left turn lane to both

Rochester Road and Wisconsin Drive to allow simultaneous turns from both streets, a maneuver which is not possible with the current lane configuration. The project, which is driven by evening rush hour congestion, will include a widening of the bridge over Coal Run.

Freedom Road Bridge. Primarily a PennDOT-Turnpike project, the replacement of the current three-lane

Freedom Road bridge over the Turnpike will relieve a major choke point in Cranberry's traffic flow. This year, with final design slated for completion, look for utility relocations and right of way acquisition to set the stage for 2018 construction. The Township has been working with both state agencies to assure sidewalk connections and convenient approaches to the bridge. ~



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CranFest

Saturday, April 8: 10 AM – 3 PM
Cranberry Municipal Center

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An international celebration of the community's diverse population along with a look at the services provided by Cranberry Township.

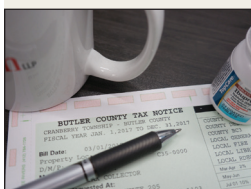
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Performances representing our diverse Cranberry cultures.

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Tax Break

Tax Collector P.J. Lynd would like to remind you that if you pay your 2017 Butler County-Cranberry Township real estate tax before the end of April, you can take advantage of a two percent discount – typically a \$30 to \$50 saving. And if you miss that date, you can still pay your tax at face value until June 30 without any increase from last year's County and Township rates. But if your 2016 County/ Township/School District taxes are still unpaid, you're out of luck; instead, you'll have to deal with the famously unsmiling Butler County Tax Claim Bureau at 724-284-5326. If you have changed your mortgage company or you are no longer using an escrow account to pay your property taxes, please contact the tax collector's office to arrange for payments. Lynd's Municipal Center office can be reached at 724-776-1103 and appointments are always available. ~



We Are Good, But We Want To Be Better!

By Bruce Mazzoni, Cranberry Township Supervisor

During my 30-plus years of marriage, I have given my wife many excellent

suggestions on becoming a better wife and person, only to have her roll her eyes and ignore my ideas. I must also, in the interest of full disclosure, admit that I have received a number of such suggestions myself.

Accepting outside advice isn't always comfortable. However, after years of experience in running several businesses, I've learned the value of honest assessments in getting better and in assuring profitability as well as growing market share.

Cranberry Township uses the same model of continuous improvement. But unlike in my family's case, Cranberry's staff strives hard for self-improvement. Yes, we know we are good, but we want to get even better. How do we know we're good? For one thing, our Aa1 rating from Moody's Investor Service tells us we're very credit-worthy. Fewer than 20 communities out of 2,565 in Pennsylvania have that high a rating. Part of the reason is that we have manageable debt and essentially no unfunded health or pension liabilities.

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What they're saying

We have an excellent quality of life. Tens of thousands of our residents actively participate in community-centered events, which is why Bloomberg/Business Week named us "the best place to raise a family" in Pennsylvania. We are above average in safety and below average in local taxes paid among communities our size. In a recent survey, 88 percent of our residents rated Cranberry as either a good or excellent place to live – way above average in similar community surveys.

Why? First, we communicate with our residents. One of the biggest compliments we received last year was that our fellow townships rated Cranberry's communication efforts as best in Pennsylvania. And why not? In addition to frequent public meetings, this newsletter, and our newly revised web site, we issue e-blasts to thousands of people who have opted in and we maintain an active social media presence. We Tweet, we have a Facebook page, we're on Instagram, and we're on YouTube and LinkedIn as well.

Transparency? We have our last 10 years of financial audits and budgets on our web site – not just two-page summary budgets but several hundred pages of details for each. I challenge you to find another community that does the same! We know, because we constantly search out what other communities are doing well and not so well in order to incorporate the good things that make sense for us, and to understand how we can avoid the bad things our peers encountered.

Future facing

Internally, our staff meets all the time to focus on issues involving day-to-



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day operations. But we also look to the future. Last year, the Board of Supervisors formally approved the newly updated Cranberry Plan, our 25-year (2005-2030) comprehensive plan that helps guide our growth and priorities. That plan helps us define our objectives, identify opportunities, and recognize potential challenges to reaching our goals.

As a result of the Cranberry Plan, we have seen 400 new businesses move into our community, bringing in over 6,500 new jobs and more than \$1.4 billion in new building permits, just in the last 10 years. That's huge! For the future, we want to achieve the right balance of businesses and new residential homes to assure a sustainable and healthy community.

For new developments, we have expanded our streetscape overlay ordinance that mandates sidewalks, decorative fencing, landscaping and other details that enhance the appearance and convenience of Cranberry.

But how do we get better? Or are we already the best? Well, like a long-married couple whose lives are already pretty good, we recognize that there are still a lot of ideas out there that could make things even better. That's how we're working to make Cranberry a better place in which to live, work, shop, and play. ~

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CTCC SportCourts: Halfway There

Who will be holding court this fall? It all depends on the donors.

By the end of the 2016, CTCC had received early indications of interest in its 2017 Project of the Year, the CTCC SportCourts & Community Gardens in Graham Park – a series of venues for individual, couples and small team sports which would become Phase II of the Park; Phase I was the Dick's Sporting Goods Sportsplex, oriented to team field sports.

For each of CTCC's earlier projects, including Kids Castle Playground, Out of the Ballpark Playground, Scouting Centennial Plaza, and the park fitness stations, about half the money required had been raised by year's end. But for its SportCourts project, the fundraising worked a little differently. Donations were to be directed toward specific components of the project. The amounts raised – which were seen as a proxy for the level of interest in each sport – would determine the ultimate mix of courts to be built. Some didn't make it.

Bad news

For example, shuffleboard is out. Less than \$500 was collected in direct donations for shuffleboard deck construction. It became clear that early indications of interest in the sport from a few individuals were not widely shared. Although CTCC was hoping the proponents of shuffleboard would form a club or association, it never happened.

Another change involved tennis. The original SportCourts rendering envisioned four tennis courts. But there too, the interest was below expectations. Current plans visualize just two tennis courts – a number that, depending on the second cycle of fundraising, could be reduced even further. Although five tennis courts are now available in Community Park, several people had indicated there was a demand for more.

But so far, the donations have not reflected that need.

A decision about whether to build one basketball court instead of two, as shown in early renderings, is currently on the fence. Several untapped sources of support that could generate enough cash to build both courts are still possibilities. But the second wave of fundraising will determine what actually happens.

Good news

At the same time, however, support for the Community Gardens & Orchard has been encouraging. CTCC is hopeful that the level of support will be sufficient to build this area as it appears in the original rendering. And support for Pickleball, has been very strong. Enough funds have already been raised for four courts. The decision to build additional courts will, once again, depend on the success of the campaign's second half.

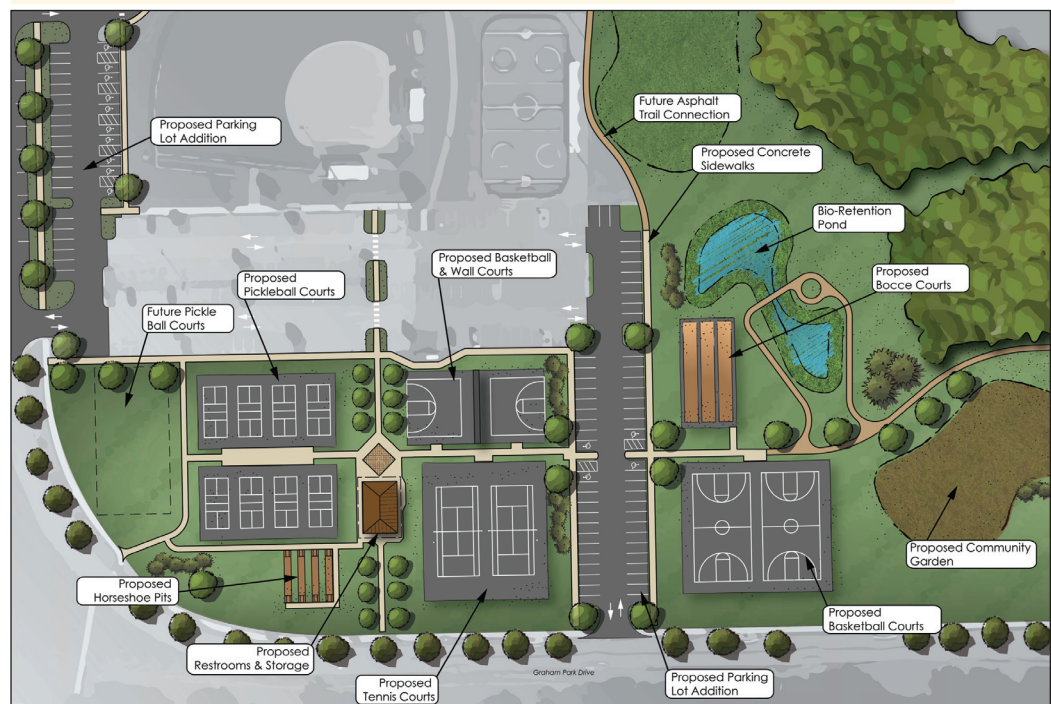
A new association, the Cranberry Township Pickleball Association, could

help to assure that all eight courts are completed and to help organize pickleball play once those courts are built. A few more opportunities for new funding remain, but the outcome won't be known until later. Any pickleball enthusiasts who haven't already done so are encouraged to step up to assure the success of that effort.

Bocce and horseshoes will go forward according to the original design, but both will need a strong second half fundraising to meet their goals.

To raise the remaining money, CTCC will run ads in the Cranberry Eagle with updates on the effort and opportunities for readers to respond with donations. A mailer will go out in April to every home in Cranberry, and donors can give online at www.CTCChest.org. By May, the status of all grants, proposals and community fundraising efforts will be known and the final configuration of SportCourts determined. CTCC hopes to hold the facility's dedication in September or October. ~

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- ✓ Sports
- ✓ Adventure
- ✓ Adventure Plus

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Extended Summer Session



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Local Income Tax Returns Are Also Due



It's not just state and federal tax time. Cranberry has a 1 percent Earned Income Tax, too. Half goes to Cranberry Township, the other half goes to Seneca Valley School District. It is levied on the earned income and net profits of Cranberry residents. Your local tax return needs to be filed by April 18. Anyone who earned money in 2016 has to file a return, regardless of whether they owe any tax. Since the tax is usually withheld by your employer, most people owe nothing. Tax collection and returns are both handled by Berkheimer Tax Administrator, Inc., not by Cranberry Township. Tell your tax preparer. Or, you can file your tax return by regular mail, in person at Berkheimer's Butler City office, or online at www.hab-inc.com. If you need help, go to the Township website and search for local earned income tax. You can also contact Berkheimer's Butler office at 724-282-0377. ~

Should You Make Friends With A Coyote? Probably Not.

Cranberry's wildlife, according to local police, has recently grown even wilder. Sightings of coyotes – a wolf-like member of the canine family native to North America – have experienced a recent uptick in the Township. But even without actual sightings, residents have reported hearing the animal's distinctive howl – an unsettling sound in an otherwise tranquil neighborhood.

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Although people themselves are generally not in danger of attacks from the reclusive predator, household pets can be at risk. So can other local wildlife.

Coyotes are always hungry, but there's no need to feel sorry for them. There's usually plenty of food available – moles,

voles and squirrels, are a staple of their diet, so they wouldn't normally come into somebody's backyard to attack their dog or cat.

Coyote culture

According to Wikipedia, the coyote is a prominent character in Native American folklore, mainly in the Southwestern United States and Mexico. Like the cartoon character Wiley Coyote, it is usually depicted as a trickster using deception and humor to rebel against social conventions. In Anglo-American culture, however, the coyote was reviled as a cowardly and untrustworthy animal – an assessment which has remained largely unchanged.

But why don't they just stay in the woods where they belong? According to those familiar with the animal, it's because coyotes are versatile and readily adaptable to environments. That includes residential communities

which have been modified by humans. Interestingly, it's the same with deer, whose lifestyles also favor suburban living.

So what should you do if a coyote comes into your neighborhood? Here are some recommendations:

Living with Coyotes

- Never feed wild animals.
- Don't leave pet food outside.
- Pick up fallen tree fruit.
- Keep cats and dogs indoors, especially at night.
- Keep dogs on a leash while walking them.
- Keep bird feeders out of wildlife's reach.
- Clean dirty barbecue grills. ~



Teed Off? There's An App For That.

Want to set a tee time? No problem. Want to track your Loyalty Points? No sweat. It's right in the palm of your hand.

It wasn't so long ago that when a golf course wanted to communicate with its patrons, it would post the information on its website. More recently, golf course managers started using social media to relay timely information. But technology changes quickly. Today, everyone's mobile, and to reach mobile users, you need an app. Cranberry Highlands is about to be one of the first public golf courses in the region to have one.

"We're using this new technology to reach our golfers," Cranberry Highlands Golf Operations Manager Craig Walker explained. "The website used to be king. But the next generation has to be mobile responsive. It's Cranberry Highlands on your phone, and it's at your service."

For example: Is there a frost delay? Is the golf course open? What are course conditions like? Is there an outing today? What tee times are available? Is it cart path only? And what's the weather outlook? Answers to all of these questions and more can be pushed out and made immediately available to anyone with the phone app.

"It's an efficient way of communicating with our customers," he said. "The customer's experience is our main priority, and providing new technology will enhance that experience."

A first

Phone apps are already available for certain private country clubs. But, until

now, not for public golf courses, at least not in Western Pennsylvania.

The app is actually a project of Stabertson Technologies – a small Ross Township software company founded by Microsoft veteran Tom Anderson – which has already developed apps

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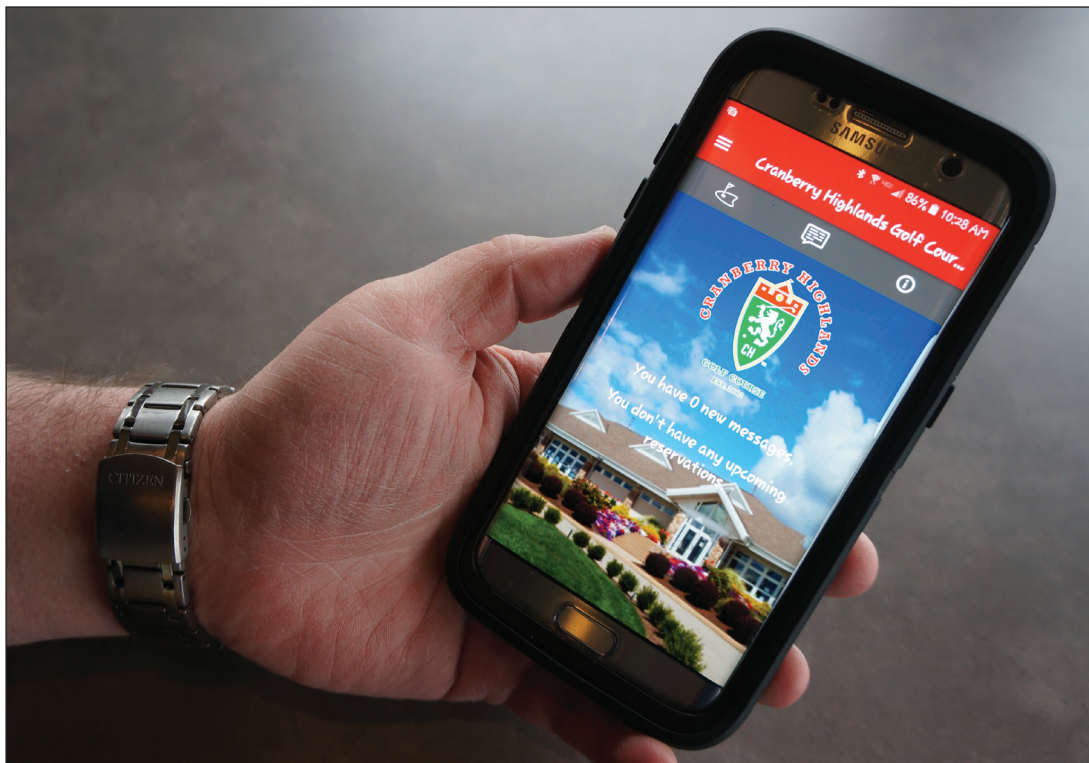
"We're working with the developer on what would be advantageous to

the golfer from an app perspective," Walker said. "Pushing immediate notifications to our golfers is huge. Our website is excellent in presenting useful information about our golf course or banquet facility, but having an app as a shortcut will be a tremendous benefit for our customers."

Instant information

Information displayed through the app can be immediately updated by the golf course administrative staff, reflecting hour-by-hour changes in conditions and player traffic. "Golfers will be able to hit a simple button and retrieve course information, or they can continue to call the pro shop and speak personally with an employee." Either way works; it's simply a matter of personal preference.

Downloads of the app, identified as Cranberry Highlands Golf Course, are available free of charge from the iPhone and Android app stores. ~



Cranberry Highlands Marks 15 Years of Excellence

Last year, Bill Love, the architect of Cranberry Highlands, returned to inspect his creation. It was his first time back to Cranberry since the course opened in 2002. And he was impressed. He told his hosts that Cranberry Highlands was, in his not-so humble opinion, the best municipal golf course he had ever created – one that Golf Digest had also honored, as far back as 2009, as the best municipal golf course in Pennsylvania.

But even though the contours of the golf course are largely unchanged from Love's original concept, the past 15 years have seen a series of refinements in its features. The combination of a brilliant original design, an exceptionally high level of maintenance, and a variety of subtle improvements to the course and the offerings surrounding it, as well as a number of significant events it has hosted, have helped Cranberry Highlands to thrive at a time which has been a struggle for many of those in the golf business. Here are some of those highlights.

- **National tournaments.** In June of 2005, senior golfers from all over the country descended on Cranberry Highlands which had been selected to host the three-day competition. The tournament included more than 450 golfers, ages 55 through 69, playing 18 holes per day on three separate courses. Cranberry Highlands has hosted numerous competitions ever since.
- **Nature Trail.** In the spring of 2009, a half-mile Nature Trail was opened for pre-arranged tours in a wooded area between holes 3 and 4. The trail passes through bird nesting areas, a deer feeding station, a bat house, a butterfly house, a bluebird's house and a hawk nest. An observation tree stand is just off the trail.
- **Added tees and bunkers.** From 2006 through to 2015, nine championship tees and one forward tee were added to holes on Cranberry Highlands. When the course first opened, it was 6,403 yards from the farthest tees. Today, it is 6,564 yards with more than 90 sand bunkers, including one new and five enlarged sand traps, providing a high-quality test of golf for every player. Water fountains and beverage stations have been installed on select holes throughout the course.
- **Audubon Pavilion.** In the summer of 2009, Cranberry Highlands completed an open-air, stone and wood pavilion adjacent to its back patio. The

structure can seat as many as 100 people and is heavily used during warm weather months for business and personal events including fundraisers, retreats and weddings.



- **Visage Golf Carts.** Each of Cranberry Highlands' 80 golf carts is outfitted with an electronic 10-inch screen showing every hole of the course in enough detail to determine which clubs and approaches to use for each. Built on the same GPS technology platform used in motor vehicles, the mobile golf information system also uses a cellular phone network to track and display real-time tournament play, as well as hospitality services.
- **Professional Instruction.** Cranberry Highlands offers a range of golf learning experiences, including individual private lessons as well as multiple lesson instruction for all levels of play, with PGA Class A Teaching Professionals. Adult clinics, Junior clinics, and Women's clinics are available throughout the season. Practice facilities, including two putting greens and a driving range have also been added.
- **Audubon Sanctuary Certification.** In January 2009, Cranberry Highlands Golf Course received certification in Environmental Planning from the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses from Audubon International. As a result, it became a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. That certification recognized its extensive program of environmentally sensitive property management methods.
- **Clubhouse amenities.** The Cranberry Highlands clubhouse, with its panoramic golf course view, has evolved into a premier meeting center. Amenities for up to 150 guests include flexible seating, a wireless public address system, a laptop for presentations with two projectors and screens, Wi-Fi internet access, and an adjacent bar/grill room as well as comprehensive catering services. ~

Upcoming Events

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April 1

TV, Electronic, HHW Collection
10am – 1pm, Public Works
Call ECS&R for Appointment
866-815-0016 (Fees apply)

April 8

3rd Annual CranFest &
Cranberry at Your Service
10am – 3pm, Municipal Center

Sheriff's Office, Gun Licensing
9am – 2pm, Brush Creek Room
Municipal Center

April 14 (Good Friday)

Township & Library Closed

April 15

EMS CPR & First Aid Training
9am, Municipal Center

April 22

Read Local Cranberry:
Author Expo
11am – 1pm, Library

April 22

ECS&R Hazardous Waste
Collection (By appointment)

April 28-30

Friends of Library Used Book
Sale (Info: CranberryLibrary.org)

April 29

Cranberry Township EMS Spring
Car Seat Check (By appointment)
10am – 2pm, EMS Station
724-776-4480

May 1

Cranberry Highlands Blood Drive
1 – 7pm, Golf Course Clubhouse
(Appointments recommended;
walk-ins welcome) 866-366-6771

May 6 & 20

ECS&R Hazardous Waste
Collection; (By appointment;
Fees apply) 866-815-0016

May 14

Cranberry Highlands Golf Course
Mother's Day Special

May 27

Waterpark Opens!
11:30am - 8pm, N. Boundary Park

May 29 (Memorial Day)

Township Offices & Library Closed

May						
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TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 6, April 27
May 4, May 25
June 1, June 29
6:30pm, Council Chambers

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION

April 3, April 24,
May 1, May 30,
June 5, June 26
6pm, Council Chambers

ZONING HEARING BOARD (As Needed)

April 17, May 15, June 19
7:30pm, Council Chambers

June

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June 3

Summer Reading Kick-off Event
Build a Better World Magic Show
11am & 1pm, Library

June 3 & 24

ECS&R Hazardous Waste
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No Body Slamming, Please

Fitness trends come and go. Not all that long ago, the common belief was that unless an aerobic workout produced high body impact – running, dancing, contact sports, etc. – it wasn't really doing its job. That was then. Today, low-impact workouts are all the rage. And Cranberry's group fitness program is right there with them.

It's not unusual for someone who has suffered an injury – a car crash, a fall, or a sports injury for example – to think that their days of exercise are now behind them. But, according to Group Fitness Coordinator Nancy Triscuit, it doesn't have to be that way.

"Some people, once they get injured, think they're out of the game forever," she reflected. "But we'll get them back

to where they were safely, going low-impact, instead of their jumping into an all-out, high-impact venue. We don't have to be so tough on our bodies anymore as we actively age. We're not in your cross-fit box here; we teach safe, effective workouts."

The department offers an average of five aerobic classes a day, six days a week. In the event of a medical emergency, all instructors are certified in CPR and first aid. And outside of formal classes, the Department offers



open gym opportunities for volleyball, basketball and pickleball.

"We're offering a ton of programs," Recreation Program Manager Dave Hutner pointed out. "It's all about staying active. It's about getting in and doing something rather than just sitting around." ~



Grassroots Expertise

Cranberry's Grounds Maintenance Manager, Rebecca Auchter, has now joined an elite group of professionals in the field of turf management. The Sports Turf Managers Association recently presented Auchter with its highest

certification – one of only 200 people in the country, and one of just four in Pennsylvania, to have earned the distinction of Certified Sports Field Manager, or CSFM. The organization, whose most recent president oversees practice and playing fields for the Green Bay Packers, requires applicants for its CSFM program to have compiled at least ten years of leadership in the field, to have earned relevant educational credentials, and to be involved in educating others, in addition to passing a demanding written test, providing strong professional references, and submitting to a thorough background check. In her capacity with Cranberry's Public Works Department, Auchter is leading a progressive program of turf maintenance on the Township's heavily-used sports fields – a program that has elevated them to tournament level condition throughout the year. ~

After Weeks In The Caribbean, He Needs A Rest.

When is spending two weeks in the Bahamas not a vacation? Ask Graham Park's lead groundskeeper, Matt Gerhardt – a veteran of the

Pirates field maintenance organization before joining the Township staff. This past December, as he has for each of the previous two years, Matt was part of a hand-picked eight-man team, working from sunup to sundown, to transform Nassau's largest track and field stadium into the venue for Popeye's Bahamas Bowl football game, televised by ESPN. This year's game featured Eastern Michigan versus Old Dominion University. Matt's Bahamas Eight crew essentially produced the entire event, with the TV network arriving only one day before kickoff to set up its cameras. The Bahamas-based bowl game, sponsored by Popeye's Restaurants, is the first venue outside the United States for American college football in more than 60 years. ~



How Do You Calculate The True Value Of Our Parks?

The whole purpose behind Cranberry's three major parks has been to create a high quality environment for Township residents. But how do we know if they're actually working? And how would you go about answering that question in the first place?

It depends on who you ask and how you ask it. At least that's what Parks & Recreation Director Pete Geis learned after a sister Township department commissioned a study by 4WARD Planning, an independent research firm specializing in land use issues.

While the study, which was completed in November, contained useful information about park attendance and the financial impact of the parks on local business, the underlying question – whether Cranberry's municipal park network actually satisfied local residents – was only answered indirectly.

"The community puts an extremely high value on its parks, but you can't really get that through an economic impact study," Geis explained. "You would have to rely instead on qualitative surveys and getting an adequate sampling of the community."

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But there's a catch. It's that when people are happy, they're not inclined to complete survey questionnaires. It's only when they're angry that they find the time to respond. Apparently Cranberry's park-goers are too happy to complain.

"We got only one questionnaire back from two days of handing them out at the Waterpark," he said. "Guests at the pool were too busy having a good

time to respond. If they were having a bad experience, we'd have heard about it. But in a very positive environment, you're not going to get surveys back."

It's the same with Cranberry's athletic associations. We tried to conduct a similar study there. That's because the associations are responsible for a huge number of park visits, particularly when you count practice sessions and family onlookers, as well as game days. But only 78 completed forms were returned.

Head count

Counting heads and getting opinions was even harder for casual users – people in the parks who weren't part of any recognized program, class or organization. "We can't account for passive recreation uses – people on the trails, people walking, and people using our fitness stations or fishing in our pond," Geis pointed out. We can't really get an accurate accounting of them." But, like the other categories of park-goers, passive users of the parks seemed to be quite pleased.

Despite the difficulty of tracking attendance, after extensive research and careful cross-tabulation, a surprisingly large number of park patrons emerged – a number rivaling the annual attendance at PNC park. "Altogether, 1.5 million people are in our parks every year, including the golf course and Municipal Center facilities," he said. "It's actually more than that because we can't account for all the passive users. Since our Public Works Department does such a phenomenal job keeping the trails clear, even in winter, people keep going into the parks and using them. When you look at how well our grounds crew keeps

our parks, you would never know they experienced 1.5 million visitors. So the study's biggest surprise for me was watching that number climb."

A splash of cash

Less surprising, however, is the impact those visitors have on Cranberry's economy. When the spending on restaurants, hotels, admissions, green fees, and associated trip-related goods purchased by park visitors are added together, they amount to \$5 million a year, supporting approximately 50 full- and part-time jobs in the community. That's important. But it's still not what the parks are about.

"Economic impact does not give us a true value of our parks," Geis said. "If we were looking to create an economic impact, we would be doing things very differently – more tournaments, more opportunities to bring people in from outside, and generating revenue through those activities. But that's not our mission. Our mission is to make the absolute best quality environment for our residents and to service our residents with our parks. And from what I can tell, it's mission accomplished." ~



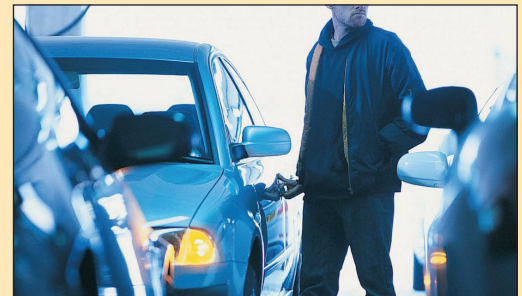
Stop The Bleeding!

Thousands of people die every year as a result of blood loss. A person who severs an artery could be dead in 8 to 10 minutes unless the bleeding is stopped. But applying a tourniquet to staunch someone's bleeding is actually quite simple; almost anyone could do it as long as they have something to use as strap. So a national campaign called Stop the Bleed is being rolled out to employers, school districts and local governments across the country. It's goal: to have a tourniquet on every police officer's belt and a Stop the Bleed kit everywhere there's an AED. Cranberry's EMS is currently partnering with UPMC on the campaign to train local residents in how to apply a tourniquet, stuff a wound and use a clotting agent to stop bleeding long enough for a more definitive treatment to be done. Today, in addition to carrying tourniquets on their belts, Cranberry's police are trained in the use of each item in the emergency go-bags that are carried by every squad car. ~



Do I Really Have To Stop For School Buses On Rt. 19?

Yes. On a roadway with a barrier dividing the traffic into different directions, Pennsylvania law allows motorists to continue driving when there's a school bus boarding or discharging children on the opposite side of that barrier. But what about Rt. 19? There are mountable cement islands at various points along the roadway – particularly approaching key intersections. Don't they count as barriers? According to Cranberry police, the answer is: No. Traffic needs to stop in both directions – and in all four directions if the bus stops at an intersection. Citations for violating that law can be expensive. ~



Note To Auto Thieves: Avoid Cranberry.

Cranberry is attractive for a lot of good reasons. But its proximity to major highways, along with its hotels, restaurants and retail stores, have also made it a magnet for traffic in vehicles stolen from communities throughout the Tri-state area. To law enforcement professionals, that made Cranberry an ideal location for posting officers specializing in auto theft and prevention. As the result of a new agreement approved with the State Police, a police officer with 26 years as a state trooper and extensive experience in vehicle thefts, joined the Township's force with full funding from the state, provided by auto and insurance companies. ~

With Superman Mentoring, Cranberry Police Volunteer To Get In Shape

At first glance, John Van Vorst appears to be a man of normal build, not unlike mild-mannered reporter Clark Kent. But, like Kent, Van Vorst's unassuming appearance belies his alter-ego as an uber-energetic Health and Fitness Instructor at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, where he leads an exhausting schedule in a nationwide program of fitness training for new FBI agents and selected police administrators from U.S. cities and abroad. He couples it with insightful guidance about health and nutrition for his trainees which, nine years ago, included then-Cranberry Township Police Lieutenant Kevin Meyer.

Von Vorst's philosophy remained with Meyer who, years later, was elevated to the post of Township Police Chief. This past fall Meyer, along with Cranberry police officer Robert Capezio, put that philosophy into practice, creating an innovative fitness program for Cranberry's police officers in cooperation with several Cranberry-based companies that share Meyer's passion for physical conditioning. At the program's kickoff, the keynote speaker was none other than Von Vorst himself.

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Cranberry's program, called Elite Police FIT, is patterned in many respects after the FBI Academy's own training curriculum. And it goes beyond ordinary fitness. It was created as a discipline that officers can maintain throughout their careers, and then some. But its goal is not simply to sculpt a perfect bodybuilder's physique. Flexing massive

biceps while posing for photo stills misses the essential point of the exercise.

"This is not just another fitness program; these officers will have an opportunity to get world-class instruction in athletic development," Von Vorst said. "Becoming truly athletic – learning how to move, to operate the body, to become resilient – is the ability to perform athletic movements with precision, style and grace. It's not just about looking good."

It's also about not getting hurt. "A lot of trainers are trying too hard to do injury prevention," he observed. "True injury prevention comes from building a reservoir of physical capacity by doing basic movements really well. So keep getting better at the basics; that's how physical resiliency is built, that's how you reduce job-related injuries."

Move over, Batman

Cranberry's program is completely voluntary – a significant advantage over police departments whose mandatory programs have typically failed due to health privacy laws and collective bargaining agreements. But Cranberry enjoyed what Board of Supervisors Chairman Dick Hadley referred to as a "perfect storm of support" in his remarks at the program's kickoff.

"That support includes the elected officials – the Township Supervisors – Township management, the union representatives, and our police officers, who all embraced this," Hadley said. In addition, he acknowledged the help of local business partners E.T.H.I.C. Training and nutritional supplement supplier Performance Inspired, who



John Van Vorst, Health and Fitness instructor, Physical Training unit, FBI Academy

bring additional knowledge of strength training and nutrition to the program. Fully 90 percent of the Township's 28-member police force volunteered to participate, even though training is done on the officer's free time.

Elite Police FIT – an acronym for Fitness Incentive Training – has two components, according to Meyer: wellness and fitness. To encourage participation, it offers incentives, including paid time off, for participating and achieving goals built around each officer's age and gender. All of the program's metrics were reviewed and approved by the Cooper Institute of Dallas, which has specialized in police fitness issues since 1970.

But an organization's fitness regimen is not what ultimately determines its success; it's the organization's culture. "Culture beats strategy all day long," Van Vorst told the kickoff event's attendees. "Culture is weak when people work against each other for themselves. A culture is strong when you work together for one another. So now everything is in place for you to work together towards that goal, which is to build a strong culture."

That's when FBI's fitness guru bade his listeners farewell and flew off, using his exceptional powers to rejoin the battle against evil, while Cranberry's police, now armed with epic training, were left to fight another day. ~

Key Components of Elite Police FIT How do YOU measure up?

Bench press - max
Leg press - max
300-meter run

1.5-mile run
Sit-ups/minute
Pushups/minute

Weight management
Smoking cessation

The Elephant In The Room

Just two milligrams of morphine can knock someone out. Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, is 100 times more potent than morphine. And carfentanyl is 1,000 times more powerful than fentanyl. That makes even tiny doses of carfentanyl – a drug used to anesthetize angry elephants – a potentially lethal narcotic for humans.

Regrettably, the drug is living up to that potential in communities across America, including Western Pennsylvania. In 2015 alone, 852 people died from opioid overdoses in the region – more than 70 of them in Butler County. How many of those were from heroin laced with fentanyl or carfentanyl is not clear. But what is known is that the contents of heroin stamp bags sold on the street are increasingly made up of other materials, some with far greater potency than heroin alone. That has led to what the Butler County District Attorney is referring to as an epidemic of opiate addiction – something far beyond historical patterns of drug abuse.

Responders at risk

But addicts aren't the only people at risk. The highly toxic drugs out on the street have also created a risk for first responders in treating overdose victims.

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Even in professionally run zoos, where the drug is sometimes needed to tranquilize rogue elephants, two technicians go into the enclosure – one to medicate the elephant, the other to treat the person administering the drug with an antidote in case something goes wrong.

"We've had discussions as to what we need to do to protect ourselves better when we treat people," Police Chief Kevin Meyer said. "We're going to have to take precautions in terms of protecting our eyes, our face, and at a very minimum, wear rubber gloves. That's also one of the great reasons we carry Narcan; it's not only for when we have an opportunity to revive people, we might also have to help another officer who inadvertently got exposed."

Narcan, also known as naloxone, is a prescription medicine used to reverse opioid overdoses that lead to breathing problems, severe sleepiness, or the inability to respond. It has been used by emergency room physicians for years, and it is available in both a nasal spray and injectable form. Today, however, it has become a standard part of the emergency kit carried in each Cranberry squad car. Township police officers, as well as its EMT personnel, are trained in its administration.

No idea

But there's a problem. When a patient is encountered, nobody knows exactly what the source of their overdose problem might have been. "We have no idea if what they shot or sniffed had carfentanyl in it or if it was just straight heroin," EMS Executive Director Jeff Kelly pointed out. "And we don't have



any real-time answers. If the patient survives, we'll never know because they're not getting blood drawn to find out how much was in there. That means a lot of the statistics right now are coming from post-mortems.

"So we're stepping up our game," he said. "I don't think it's going to go away. We've changed some procedures in-house. I can't speak for other EMS agencies, but the Northwest and Ross West View EMS services are having to replenish their Narcan on a daily basis because they're seeing so many overdoses. If you listen to the 9-1-1 radio, the City of Butler is probably running two or three calls a day if not more, just in the city proper."

While modifying their approach to handling overdose patients provides essential protection for emergency workers, the social impact of drug use is far bigger. So a coalition of health, law enforcement and allied agencies has been formed to address the issue in Butler County. Their goal: identify promising approaches to a massive problem that cuts across all ages, ethnicities and social classes. In the meantime, Cranberry EMS personnel leave behind "Hope Cards" with overdose patients or their family members that list nearby rehab facilities willing to talk to drug users and possibly get them into treatment. ~



Here Comes The Son

For his day job, Connor Mack, the Fire Company's newest

Lieutenant and

son of Fire Chief Dave Mack, drives a Zamboni at the UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex for the Pittsburgh Penguins – the ice resurfacing machine that preps the playing surfaces for skating rinks all over the world. It's a great job, a great machine, and a task for which he was well prepared after five years of maintaining the ice at Blade Runners in Warrendale. But all things considered, he'd rather be driving a fire truck. Or even a squad car.

That's because his greatest passion is actually public safety – a calling strongly supported by his parents. In 2009, when he turned 16, Connor joined Cranberry's volunteer fire company as a Junior member. His dad, whose job as a state auditor allows him both to do his work and answer 9-1-1 calls from an office in Park Station, has been a firefighter since the mid '80s when he joined the Kutztown fire company in rural Berks County. His mom Sheila, a Pittsburgh native, is a pillar of the fire company's Ladies Auxiliary unit.

So it was no surprise that two years later, when Connor enrolled in Slippery Rock University, he chose to major in criminal justice. By then he was a full member of the fire company's brigade – the fire and rescue unit dispatched to the scene of emergency calls. To maintain his active status while in college, he drove back to Cranberry each Tuesday night for the company's training sessions and business meetings.

Job search

But turning his passion, his studies, and his experience into a livelihood

has been elusive. He has applied for several career police and firefighter jobs in various places, including Butler and Pittsburgh, but so far without result – an outcome he attributes to his current lack of EMT certification, a credential which has become a requirement for many fire companies. In the meantime, however, he's not giving up on Cranberry's volunteer fire service, which also includes other father-son members.

"I won't refer to him as 'dad' on the team," Connor said. "When I'm here, he's 'Chief.' I try to keep those separate

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as much as possible. So if we have our disagreements over something on the fire call, it's fire-related, not family-related. We've had structure burn training classes where they'll purposely light a house on fire, but they won't put us on the same team. Even though it's training, if something were to happen, there's no reason for us to both be in the same room. They're trying to keep us separate in those ways. But if we have a routine call, like an automatic alarm at store, we can work together."

Dave concurs. "Now that I'm chief, I'm supposed to be outside and in command. So there's not much likelihood of both of us being inside a building that's burning. If I'm inside, it's because there's something major going on," he said. "I know the military was big on not having two brothers in the same unit. But we have a number of father-son teams. If we can avoid it and still be safe and accomplish the job, it's good to keep from going into hazardous



Like father, like son. Fire Chief Dave Mack and son Connor are both officers in the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company brigade.

environments with a father and son on the same team."

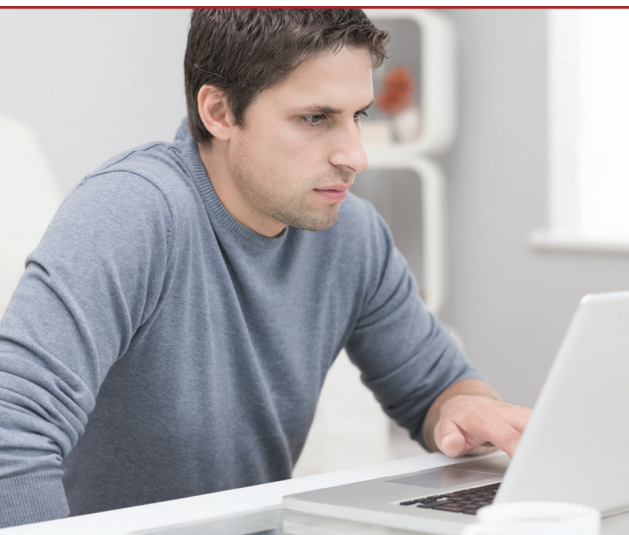
Help wanted

For both men, however, the company's greatest concern is maintaining sufficient staffing in an era of declining volunteerism. "A lot of places are struggling to get parents to help out with Little League coaching," Dave reflected. "People just don't feel the need to volunteer. It has to be something inside that makes you want to do this."

Part of the answer may be the Junior Firefighter program. "The Junior program can be very successful," Connor pointed out. "I'm still here and there are two others I went through it with. Some kids go to college far away and end up finding a job elsewhere; that's where we lose them. But it can be worth it."

Dave has another idea. "If we target people who are working at home and get them through the training, maybe a day or two a week they can come here. We have two cubicles. We have wi-fi. And they can work from here for the day so that they're available for calls. To me, that's a niche we're missing. We're not reaching out and saying: 'are you looking to be out of the house for the day but still work?' We need to recruit from that pool of citizens who are working from their homes." ~

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



Work from home? Respond from home!



Most of Cranberry's volunteer firefighters have full-time jobs. They work downtown. They work on the road. They work in business parks all over the region. A few are retired. And some work from their homes.

Why is that important? It's because mobilizing people to respond to 9-1-1 calls in the middle of the day is difficult. So people who are available to respond during normal business hours are especially welcome as fire company volunteers. And the need goes beyond experienced firefighters; Cranberry's fire company requires people with all sorts of skills.

If your workplace is your home, stop by our Park Station and talk with one of us. Or go online at to see how you can leverage your home-based work life to the benefit of your community and achieve something of lasting value.



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Fire Safety Tips

It's time for spring cleaning, including your yard. But burning winter yard debris is a no-no in Cranberry – including the use of burn barrels. That's what yard waste carts are for, and you can get one at no cost from the Township. The Fire Company also reminds residents to change batteries on their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and to shake their home fire extinguisher to keep its dry chemicals from settling to the bottom. And throughout the year, all of the Township emergency services urge residents to keep at least three days of essential supplies on hand including food, medicines, and batteries in case of a serious weather event. ~



Off To The Hospital?

Take the Mercedes. Even when you're sick, you can still travel in style. Later this month, Cranberry's Emergency Medical Service will be taking delivery of its third yellow Mercedes ambulance. Its outward appearance will be identical to the two already in service. The only differences will be on the inside where, instead of having the EMT seated on a swiveling pedestal chair from a fixed position in the back, the seat will be on a track allowing movement both forward and back. The ambulance will go into service this spring following the EMS's tri-annual license certification in which an inspector examines the entire organization, including its fleet. The new ambulance will leave Cranberry EMS with only one of its traditional white vehicles – a six-year old unit slated for retirement next year. A number of innovative design features have made the new ambulances the safest in the Commonwealth – both for patients and their attending medical technicians. ~



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- Grass clippings
- Branches and tree limbs under 4" diameter
- Brush up to 4 ft. in length
- Plants, flowers, and roots
- Shrubbery and prunings
- Sawdust

NOT ACCEPTED:

- Loose soil or sod
- Kitchen food waste
- Garden or orchard food waste
- Excrement, pet droppings, or kitty litter
- Plastics or synthetics
- Tree stumps or limbs over 4" thick
- Non-compostable bags or boxes
- Lumber or construction material

Getting rid of an old mattress?

- Wrap mattresses and box springs in plastic (*new disposal requirement*)
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When Do Community Days Start?

Cranberry Township Community Days have been held the second weekend of July since 2008. But a quirk in the 2017 calendar would have put Community Days and Independence Day into the same week. So, to reduce the possibility of residents exhausting themselves in celebration, Cranberry has determined that in 2017, Community Days will be held the following week, Wednesday July 12 through Saturday, July 15.