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# IN THE *KNOW*

## 2021 YARD WASTE COLLECTION ENDS DECEMBER 6-10

### COLLECTION REMINDER

Put your carts at the curb the night before your collection day, facing the street at least 2 ft. apart and at least 5 ft. from mailboxes or other free-standing objects. (Please take carts back by the end of the day.)



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#### ACCEPTED:

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

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### PUBLIC MEETINGS

#### ***Cranberry Township Board of Supervisors***

October 28, November 4,  
November 18, December 9  
6:30 PM, Council Chambers

#### ***Planning Advisory Commission***

October 25, December 6  
6:00 PM, Council Chambers

#### ***Environmental Advisory Committee***

October 13, November 10, December 8  
6:00 PM, Council Chambers

#### ***Cranberry Township General Authority***

October 13  
4:00 PM, Council Chambers

#### ***Zoning Hearing Board*** *As needed*

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### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

#### ***Thanksgiving Day***

Township Offices, Municipal Center,  
Cranberry Public Library and  
Parks & Recreation will be closed  
Thursday, November 25 and  
Friday, November 26

**No trash collection on Thanksgiving Day,  
Thursday, November 25 - pick up will be  
delayed by one day on Thursday and Friday**

#### ***Christmas Day***

Township Offices, Municipal Center,  
Cranberry Library and Parks & Recreation  
will be closed on Friday, December 24 and  
Saturday December 25

**No trash delay this week due to the  
Christmas holiday**

#### ***Live Christmas Tree Collection***

Monday, January 3 - Friday, January 14  
curbside pickup on regular collection day

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The Communications Department readies Board members for the cover photo shot.



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## Cordial Collaboration...

# GETS PROJECTS DONE

The average traffic lane falls somewhere between 12 and 14 feet in width – the size of two stacked refrigerators.

That may not seem like much, but it can make a world of difference on a daily commute.

For 30 years, Cranberry Township has been aggressive in improving and expanding roadways. It's the result of 1991 Infrastructure Plan, as well as partnerships with local, state, and federal entities aimed at making the most of both tax dollars and grant funds.

"We've been fortunate to have such a wonderful road map for the past three

decades, and the hard work that went into its creation has certainly paid off," said Board of Supervisors Chair Dick Hadley.

Cranberry Township exists in its modern form thanks in large part to its traffic connections. The Turnpike and the opening of Interstate 279, as well as Route 19, made Cranberry an easy destination for travelers by the late 1980s.

But those projects didn't happen without hard work. The Turnpike Connector, while a PennDOT project, was advanced by the work of Cranberry officials, who saw the benefit of keeping Turnpike traffic off Route 19.

"That was a great early example of

**"The Impact Fees have allowed us to keep taxes low and not burden our residents as we improve our roads."**

various agencies coming together for a common goal, and doing so on time and under budget," recalled Supervisor John Skorupan.

That same mindset was used in the creation of the 1991 Infrastructure Plan. It has been the catalyst for many major improvement and expansion projects – all while using innovative practices.

That includes the use of Traffic Impact Fees, a strategy through which road improvements are paid for by developers of a business or housing development. This not only takes the burden off taxpayers but keeps Cranberry's infrastructure growing in step with the Township.





In addition to creating and maintaining roads, the fees are also used to improve traffic signals adjacent to projects or add turning lanes. The fees, along with sidewalk and other pedestrian requirements, have greatly improved roadways around the Township, all while giving developers a chance to give back to their new communities.

"Even now, not many other municipalities use Impact Fees the way we do," said Supervisor Bruce Hezlep. "That's a testament to the great leadership and planning we've been fortunate to have for decades."

Supervisor Bruce Mazzoni agreed.

"The Impact Fees have allowed us to keep taxes low and not burden our residents as we improve our roads," he said. "We've found that developers appreciate the chance to work with us, as it creates a better chance at long-term success."

But Impact Fees can't be relied upon for projects on state roads – and that's where those partnerships come in handy.

Take, for instance, Route 228, which 30 years ago was a two-lane road without much surrounding it.



As that area has developed, so too has the roadway. The Infrastructure Plan considered that pending growth and turned the 228 Corridor into a multi-lane roadway that now features the MSA Thruway, a tunnel beneath it connecting Cranberry Springs and Cranberry Woods. It's a project that took support from many entities but was spearheaded by the Township.

"When organizations can work together for the common good, the result is always positive," said Supervisor Mike Manipole. "The MSA Thruway is the result of years of partnerships and collaboration, and everyone wins."

Work never ends to keep traffic flowing around the Township. In addition to Route 228, Freedom Road is in the middle of a multi-year widening project that began with a collaborative PennDOT project. Rochester Road is also being widened – at the expense of the Meeder development, which is also funding upgrades along Unionville Road. Ehrman Road will be expanded and see traffic calming elements installed as the new Ehrman Crest Elementary School prepares to open in the coming years. Route 19 recently saw a major repaving effort.

But what about long-needed projects like the expansion of Rochester Road beneath the Turnpike?

Cranberry will stick to the plan – in the same aggressive yet cordial way that has happened for 30 years.

"We regularly meet with PennDOT and the Turnpike Commission about that project and many more," Hadley said. "We're not going to let them forget that there is a major need, and we will do everything we can to keep our infrastructure continually growing." 🏠







**OVER**



**UNDER**



**AROUND**



**THRU-WAY**



## MSA Tunnel About to Open

For nearly two years, crews have been digging beneath Route 228.

They weren't looking for gold, but the road they've built is perhaps paved in the precious metal. That's because the roadway, called the MSA Thruway, will have an invaluable impact on traffic in the area.

The first vehicles will roll under Route 228 this fall on the road that connects Interstate 79 to Cranberry Springs, as well as Cranberry Springs to Cranberry Woods. It utilizes roundabouts on each side to keep traffic moving, taking up to 1,350 vehicles off I-79 and 700 vehicles off Route 228 during peak times.

It's not just about traffic, however. The project eliminates the "weave" merge from I-79 to Route 228, as motorists no longer need to cross four lanes of traffic to get to Cranberry Springs, creating a safer commute.

Featuring bike and pedestrian lanes, the project also makes the Route 228 corridor a walkable business center. With that increased connectivity for both motorists and pedestrians, it plans for the anticipated additional growth in the undeveloped area north of Route 228 – a potential for thousands of full-time jobs.

It's a win-win situation for residents, visitors, and the Township as one of the busiest areas of Cranberry gets some much-needed relief.

All it took was a little digging. 🏠





# LET FREEDOM RING

## BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT WRAPS UP

All good things come in threes. Freedom Road is no exception, as the first of three projects to improve and expand one of Cranberry's major arteries wrapped up.

PennDOT's replacement of the Freedom Road Turnpike Bridge is just the beginning of a nearly decade-long commitment to improving the roadway.

The entire span above the Turnpike was replaced with a new six-lane structure that is wider and features improved pedestrian access. The project also enhanced signals in the area.

While the ribbon will be cut on that project this fall, Township officials have and continue to focus on projects funded by Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Developments (BUILD) grants.

The first project, in development since 2018, will expand Freedom Road from Commonwealth to Haine School Road. Prep work has already begun with work continuing this winter.

The second project will continue that expansion from Haine School Road to Powell Road. Planning is underway.

It's all part of a process aimed at keeping Freedom freely flowing. 🏠





# WELCOME TO *My Backyard*

By John Skorupan  
*Board of Supervisors*



Is the grass greener on the other side of the fence? In Cranberry, we definitely think so. That figurative – and literal – green grass continues to grow.

Throughout the planning and implementation process, the Board of Supervisors have often heard the “Not in my Backyard” battle cry. It’s a theory that new development has a negative impact on existing residents and has no tangible benefit to the community.

But here’s something to think about: what’s in your “backyard” and what makes it so desirable in the first place?

For starters, we’re able to boast beautiful parks and pristine public buildings that host hundreds of events, recreation, and social programs each year.

Through decades of careful projection and planning, the Township’s roadways are ever changing and expanding. While it’s at times a daunting process, work never stops. Neither does our mission to find and implement new technology at the traffic control facility to keep lights changing and traffic moving.

Perhaps it’s the obvious investments made into services each year. From the Brush Creek Water Treatment Control Facility to improved training and housing options at our Fire Company buildings, there’s always an eye on the future and how we as a Township can best serve our residents. More often than not, these projects are funded by leveraging local funds or securing grants to lessen the financial impact on our taxpayers.

Speaking of that tax base, property and local taxes are some of the lowest in the region. While property values rise, those taxes remain steady, creating more value for your investment.

These things add up to create an attractive, desirable community. People from all over want to be in Cranberry. They want to be your neighbor and experience some of that “green grass” for themselves.

Which leads to another reason why Cranberry is a center of growth: the people.

Cranberry’s residents are a diverse, informed, passionate group who have strong values and are welcoming to everyone. While many of our new residents may not have the deep roots found in other communities, they’re solid in their love for all things Cranberry and what it means to be a part of that community.

That’s a facet of Cranberry’s popularity that can’t be purchased or planned for. It’s also one that no metric can define. People are ultimately the driving force behind what makes Cranberry great.

Those same people helped create the Cranberry Plan and continue to be active parts of our community. They continue to have a vested interest in the success of Cranberry and want to see it continue to blossom.

As we continue to grow, keep that in mind.

And, maybe, take a chance and invite some of these new folks into your backyard. You may be surprised to find you have a lot in common. 🏡

*John P. Skorupan*





PARK IT HERE!



# UPMC SPONSORS GRAHAM PARK

The signs, they are a-changin'. Park your car, and come on in.

UPMC Passavant's bright purple logo will soon be a staple of Graham Park as the organization is the new naming rights sponsor.

The UPMC Passavant Sportsplex at Graham Park ensures the facility, opened in 2009, can continue providing health and wellness opportunities to the community for years to come, and speaks volumes to UPMC Passavant's commitment to communities throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania.

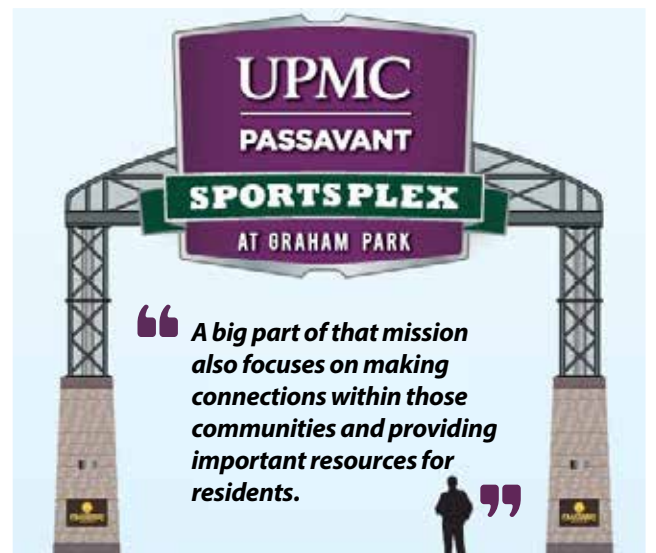
For UPMC Passavant and Cranberry Township, the name emblazoned throughout the park is more than just letters – it's a commitment to a healthier

community.

"UPMC Passavant is committed to keeping communities around the region healthy with our high-quality medical care," UPMC officials said of the partnership. "A big part of that mission also focuses on making connections within those communities and providing important resources for residents."

"Through this partnership with Graham Park in Cranberry Township, we are able to promote fitness and exercise at a world-class facility to everyone, not just our patients. It's a win-win for UPMC Passavant and Cranberry Township."

For the Township, it's one more connection that connects residents with



a world-class health organization and improves quality of life for those using the Graham Park facility.

"Graham Park, like all of our parks, is such an amazing asset," said Dick Hadley, Chairman of the Township Board of Supervisors. "We're thrilled to partner with UPMC Passavant to offer such an exceptional facility to our community."

Park users will see the sign switch start sometime this winter, with an official unveiling expected thereafter. Residents will be invited to the ceremony, so watch our Facebook page for details. 🏠







**R**unning a 5K can be deceptively challenging.

Those 3.5 miles could perhaps be better spent enjoying the preserved green space in Cranberry Township.

Since the 1990s, the Township has required residential developments to set aside and permanently protect open and green space. This sustainable land use planning requires the developer to preserve 30 percent of the land as open space, including environmentally sensitive areas, stormwater management facilities, perimeter buffers, and areas for active/passive recreation.

To date these requirements have permanently protected 3.5 square miles that can never be developed. That's in addition to the hundreds of acres preserved for recreation in the Township's parks.

Not bad for a community of just over 23 square miles. 🏠



*The environment and its continued health is a top priority in Cranberry Township – so much so that a citizens group, the Environmental Advisory Committee, is tasked with finding new ways to promote the mission. Learn more about the group in the Winter 2022 edition of 'Cranberry Today.'*





# THINKING BIG



## EHRMAN CREST TO BE ONE-OF-A-KIND

**C**ranberry Township loves a good long-range plan.

One of the reasons why the relationship between the Township and Seneca Valley School District has remained strong as the vision of planned growth shows constant sustainability.

The results of the district's prudent thinking are certainly displayed as Ehrman Crest Elementary School takes shape.

Planning began in 2014 when the district undertook a study that examined building capacity, energy efficiency, operating costs, safety and security, and learning environment responsiveness in all district buildings. It was determined the Evans City Elementary/Middle School building would need substantial remodeling and reconstruction, which would be disruptive to students and the community.

After four years of analysis and planning with a consultant from the Children's Museum, the Seneca Valley Board of Education voted to build a new

elementary facility on Ehrman Road where the district owns 150 acres on the Cranberry and Jackson border. Enter CannonDesign, who was selected to architect a 21st Century state-of-the-art community school.

"As with everything we do, our Board of Education and staff work hard to stay ahead of the curve, whether it be educational opportunities or facilities," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tracy Vitale. "Ehrman Crest will provide innovative educational opportunities for our students as well as provide them with a natural setting in which to learn."

Ehrman Crest, whose name was selected from a plethora of ideas from Evans City students and staff, is an innovative facility that features separate elementary and middle school wings, along with a community wing that will house the gymnasium; Creativity, Innovation and Research (CIRC) space; music and movement rooms; as well as an open cafeteria.

Ground was broken on the project in 2021, with the school expected to open in 2022. And it's more than just a

building where classes will be held – it's a big learning tool.

The building features a circular ramp that can teach students complex shapes and construction geometry. A sun dial wall that can measure time and solar azimuth using a target and floor patterns, creating conversations about the sun's arc and temperature. An exposed section of wall that can show construction materials, demonstrating the purpose of each object necessary for construction.

While the well-formulated plan for the school itself is well underway, the Township is also working to make sure it is prepared to help. Ehrman Road will soon be widened near the school, and a traffic circle will be built.

"We're always thrilled to work in tandem with Seneca Valley," said Township Manager Dan Santoro. "Ehrman Crest is going to provide such wonderful educational opportunities for our community and will be something in which our residents can take great pride." 🏡





*SHIP IT!*

# Firefighter Training HEATING UP

Cranberry Township's volunteer firefighters will soon shape up or ship out.

It's not as harsh as it sounds.

Instead, they'll be using converted shipping containers to get real-life experience fighting fires.

The custom-designed facility, funded by the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company Relief Association, allows members to train and hone fire-fighting

skills in a realistic setting just up the hill from the Park station. The three-story building has forceable entry doors and is 100 percent burnable.

"While there's nothing like the experience of fighting actual fires, this training facility is the next best thing," said Scott Garing, Chief of Fire and Emergency Services. "It helps increase knowledge and, perhaps more importantly, confidence for our men and women when they arrive on a scene."

The ribbon was officially cut – or, rather,

burned – during a ceremony in September.

The impressive structure comes in addition to the existing four-story tower that is used for mid-rise fire, rescue, and ladder training. The department also utilizes a training trailer that simulates confined spaces and exposes firefighters to black-out conditions, loud noise, and flashing lights.

All facilities will be used by fire departments throughout the region. 🏠



# SAFETY DANCE

## Fire Prevention Month a Chance to Plan

While October is Fire Prevention Month and the time to focus on fire safety, the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company is always educating the public.

Those efforts aren't going unnoticed, as the organization recently won the 2021 Fire Safety Education Award for communities with a population of 10,000 or greater from the Firefighters' Association of the State of Pennsylvania.

It's the second such award for the organization – a fete thus far unheard of. It caps a busy summer for Jack Carney, Fire Safety Education Coordinator. He and a group of volunteers organized fire extinguisher giveaways for seniors and offered training to Township staff, as well as Camp Cranberry students and camp counselors.



While CTVFC is ready to respond when a fire starts, they'll continue to educate fire safety to hopefully prevent some of those calls.

A few fire safety tips:

- Install and check existing smoke alarms. Test all alarms at least once a month and replace them every 10 years.
- Make an escape plan and practice it. Outline exit strategies and designate someone to account for others in the building.
- Install and check fire extinguishers. Remember the PASS technique: Pull the pin, Aim directly at the source, Squeeze the lever slowly and smoothly, Swipe back and forth.
- Ensure your fireplace screen covers the entire fireplace.
- Have proper ventilation for heaters and other small appliances.
- Do not smoke in bed.
- Use correct size fuses and replace worn electrical wiring.

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**NO NEW NAMES**

## OCH USES TRAINING TO CURB DUIs

The Pennsylvania DUI Association's Moving Memorial is undoubtedly a double entendre.

The trailer featuring the names of victims of hundreds of DUI accidents makes its way around the state as a means of remembrance for those who have lost a loved one. It's also moving in the gravity of somberness felt by those who pause and reflect during those stops – whether by those grieving a loss or those simply paying respects.

For Sgt. William Och, the goal is to make sure no more names are added to that wall or the permanent fixture in Harrisburg.

As the Township Police Department's Drug Recognition Expert, Och is trained to evaluate and identify individuals who are under the influence, as well as what category of drug is causing their impairment.

Sgt. Och is one of only 200 across the Commonwealth, and also lends his services to Allegheny and Beaver county authorities.

The 45-minute evaluation, conducted in a controlled environment, includes a blood pressure reading, three pulse readings, a reading of pupil size in different lights,

and standard field sobriety tests. Based on those results, Och is trained to determine whether an individual is impaired by one of seven drug categories. From there, a blood test can be ordered.

The intensity of the evaluation is necessary to help Och and other DREs have the best understanding for what a driver may be influenced by. Without the training, it may not be cut and dry.

The training itself is equally intense and important. Offered twice a year on each side of the state, potential DREs must complete 10 days of coursework, followed by evaluations in a drug rehab facility. They must score 90 percent on those evaluations and obtain a perfect score on a written exam. If completed, the individual can function as a DRE and testify as an expert in court.

Cranberry recently hosted a training course for 17 new DREs, who were in attendance for a Moving Memorial ceremony in Community Park.

As they listened to stories and saw the tears for lost loved ones, the goal of their DRE designation wasn't lost on the officers – but to make sure future gatherings decrease in size. 🏠







**THERE  
WHEN  
YOU CALL**

## EMS, Community **DEPEND ON ONE ANOTHER**

Every minute counts when a sudden cardiac arrest occurs.

And while Cranberry Township EMS is trained and equipped to respond promptly, bystanders trained in CPR who can jump in until they arrive are crucial.

That's why the organization spends hundreds of hours each year offering CPR certification to any resident, business or group that wants to learn. Doing so creates a network in the community who can help in emergency situations.

That network includes Township staff

members, who over the summer got hands-on training to stay calm and start life-saving measures as soon as possible. Thanks to funding from UPMC Passavant Hospital Foundation, the talented medics at Cranberry Township EMS trained Township employees on CPR, AED, First Aid, and Stop the Bleed at the Public Safety Training Facility.

There are other ways the community can help Cranberry EMS. Through the Ambulance Service Subscription Program, hundreds of dollars can be saved,

including co-payments and deductibles an insurance company may require a person to pay for an ambulance transport.

The subscription not only provides peace of mind but goes a long way in ensuring Cranberry Township EMS can continue serving the community with around-the-clock care, 365 days a year.

The 2022 Subscription Campaign begins November 1. For more information, visit **CTEMS51.org** or call 724-776-4480. 🏠



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## PUBLIC LANDS

### PROMOTES, PROTECTS THE GREAT OUTDOORS

An age-old question asks, if a tree falls in the woods and nobody is around to hear it, did it make a sound?

Though it may be an unanswerable parable, there's no shortage of forests, mountains and green spaces to test the theory – as well as exercise, enjoy nature or simply unplug.

Public Lands, the new outdoor specialty store concept from DICK'S Sporting Goods aims to not only equip explorers with the tools they need to take advantage of the great outdoors, but to protect those lands at the same time.

The Cranberry location, located in the former Field & Stream at 1000 Cranberry Square Drive, is the first Public Lands to launch. The outskirts of the store are grouped into specialty sections, offering everything from camping gear, kayaks, fishing accessories, and bicycles, complete with an in-house repair shop. That's in addition to the rows of clothes and footwear needed to make sure one is prepared for anything.

The store's centerpiece is a large climbing

wall that reaches skyward toward bright skylights. It's a way for customers to try out climbing gear before purchasing – or to simply try a new hobby in a pressure-free zone.



For those who aren't quite ready to go all-in on that new hobby, Public Lands offers rentals on equipment like kayaks, bicycles and even coolers. For those ready to take the next step, every guide has a specialty in which they are well-versed, allowing them to give insight and feedback to customers.

Public Lands also incorporates a "concierge" at the front of the store. That employee can help customers plan trips, find experts

and guides, and answer any questions from beginners or pros. It's all meant to get people outside and enjoying the great things in their backyard.

And Public Lands is taking steps to make sure that a backyard remains great. The store features local art installations highlighting the region's most beautiful spots, along with a section of locally owned and made foods and products.

Elsewhere, the Public Lands Fund aims to support local and national initiatives that protect new lands, improve existing lands, break down the barriers of access to outdoor experiences and improve inclusion and equity in the outdoors. Donations are made nearby to the Allegheny Land Trust and Venture Outdoors.

"At Public Lands, our mission is to celebrate and protect public lands

for all," said President Todd Spaletto. "We want to do this in a meaningful way and partner with organizations ... to ensure our public lands and outdoor spaces are clean, preserved and open for all."

It's a great big world out there, and Public Lands wants to do everything it can to make sure it can be enjoyed by everyone for years to come. 🏠



# Destination North for UPMC



It's Cranberry Township where UPMC's footprint continues to expand with additional services for women and children at UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex, thus adding convenience for patients in Beaver, Butler and Lawrence counties.

UPMC recently invested \$4 million in women's specialty services at the Cranberry location with the expansion of UPMC Magee-Womens. Beginning in October, the complex will offer early cancer detection, surgery consultation, obstetrics and gynecology, a lymphedema clinic, reproductive endocrinology and infertility, midwifery, breast imaging and a Comprehensive Cancer Center for women's cancer prevention and diagnosis with UPMC Hillman Center.

"Cranberry and Wexford are growing communities, and the women of these communities deserve robust obstetrics and gynecological services," said Dr. Marydonna Ravasio, OB-GYN

The center has been in the planning stages for some time and is a part of the Pittsburgh-based health system's wide range of services in the North Hills that include UPMC Passavant Hospital, outpatient centers and the Penguins training center that also houses UPMC sports medicine and orthopedics.

"Magee has always meant excellence in women's health and women's health is the key to a healthy population and a healthy society," stated Dr. Robert Edwards, chair of the department of obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive services at UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital.

Additionally, the Lemieux Sports Complex recently opened UPMC Children's Express Care, an after-hours care center for pediatric patients. The Express Care center is an extensive of UPMC's pediatric primary care facilities. Rather than traveling to UPMC Children's Hospital in Lawrenceville when a child's primary care physician is unavailable, patients are now able to visit the Lemieux Complex for minor injuries.

The Express Care center is available in the evenings from 5 to 9 p.m., Saturdays from noon to 8 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital President Dr. Richard Beigi said the Cranberry facility is designed to be a one-stop shop for general and advanced care although, if needed, patients can always receive additional specialized care at the flagship hospital in Pittsburgh.

So, whether your destination is Cranberry or Pittsburgh, the care will be equal in quality. 🏠

UPMC / MAGEE-WOMENS  
SPECIALTY SERVICES





## SMILING MOOSE 2 OFFERS CRAFT BEER AND FOOD

When Mike Scarlatelli opened The Smiling Moose on Pittsburgh's South Side in 2003, the goals were simple.

The man known as Scarfo to his friends wanted to create a haven for loud, live music with a bit of hockey culture thrown in - a place that embodied the gritty spirit of Pittsburgh. Those first few years, he recalls, were "wild."

Now in his 40s, married, and with three young daughters, the goals were a bit different as he opened The Smiling Moose 2 on Rowan Road. The focus shifted to carefully crafted beers, unique food options and a family friendly atmosphere.

"I never thought I'd have a kid's menu, but here we are," he joked.

That menu happens to feature dishes named after his daughters. They, along with his wife and partner Beth Ann, were the catalyst for the new location. After moving to the area, they found themselves searching for locally owned dinner spots for all ages.

Scarlatelli kept noticing the Rowan Road location on his trips to and from hockey practice for both he and his kids, and decided it was the perfect place for such a restaurant. Since opening in August, the Scarlatellis are often found at the location, making it a family affair.

But that doesn't mean Scarlatelli, a drummer, semi-pro hockey player, promoter and overall jack-of-all-trades has forgotten his roots.

Scarlatelli relies on the do-it-yourself, punk-rock ethos in all aspects of the business. On his off days, he can be found brewing and kegging his latest creations at the original South Side location. His array of ales is the product of a newfound love for brewing, as well as some insight from some of the best brewers in the region.

Otherwise, he can be found in The Smiling Moose 2 kitchen creating favorites like delicious mac and cheese, sliders, tacos, burgers, and other home-made favorites.

The uniquely decorated restaurant features the art of Rick Bach. Bach created the original logo for The Smiling Moose, and at Scarlatelli's request expanded the "Smiling Moose universe" to feature a slew of new characters.

Nearly two decades into their professional and personal relationship, Scarlatelli learned that Bach grew up a short way from the Rowan Road location on Marshall Road. It's one of several sure signs The Smiling Moose 2 and Scarlatelli family are exactly where they should be. 🏠







## The Color of Money

### CRANBERRY BASED ALLEGHENY PRINTED PLASTICS OFFER NEW OFFSET PRESS

The exquisiteness of printing plastic products like gift cards, loyalty cards, or access key cards never looked so good.

Allegheny Printed Plastics recently installed a five-color, 40-inch Komori offset press with LED-UV ink curing. A specialty producer of loyalty, gift, membership, and other custom card products, 85-year-old Allegheny Printed Plastics has an extensive history of investing in the innovative technology required to best serve its advancing markets. The addition of the Komori press, along with the completion of a 15,000 square foot plant expansion, highlight Allegheny's commitment to meet the demand for unique product solutions on plastic and paper substrates.

Don Ranalli, president of Allegheny Printed Plastics stated that business remained strong despite an ambiguous national business environment.

"Even in the midst the uncertain business environment brought on by the pandemic, we made the decision to remain focused on the future and purchase a new press," he said of the Freedom Road facility. "We thoroughly evaluated digital print options in our due diligence and concluded that offset presses have advanced and now

compete with digital even for small run sizes."

The company has a longstanding commitment to lean manufacturing principles; therefore, all products are produced using best practices to minimize waste and conserve resources. Komori, which developed the G40 to align with this philosophy, helps the company reduce material waste, save energy, and reduce noise, and provide the commitment to sustainability and efficiency.

Allegheny Printed Plastics has impressed with an extensive selection of plastic product solutions for many industries including retail, gaming and

entertainment, healthcare, hospitality and travel, associations and membership organizations, advertising and promotion, and government.

So how good is the new offset press that serves these industries? Les Gamble, operations manager for the company, notes that higher run speeds have lowered labor cost per job and the faster job set ups have lowered material costs per job as well.

Given that the 'G' of the Lithrone G40 stands for green, the company appreciates that the high performance of this press was also created with consideration for the environment and ecology – not to mention it's also the color of money. 🏠



## BUSINESS BRIEFS



### Safety is No Accident

*MSA Celebrates Expansion, Safety Record*

A company with “safety” in its name obviously takes the well-being of people seriously.

MSA recently celebrated five years – a total of 10 million hours – without a lost-time incident.

The event also served as the ribbon cutting for a recently completed building expansion of the Advanced Gas Detection Center of Excellence.

Thanks to the expanded facility, production of gas detection instruments was moved from a facility in California to Cranberry Township, creating easier collaboration and access for employees at the headquarters.

It's the most recent of MSA's long-term commitment to Cranberry Township, and a continuation of the partnership between the two organizations.



### Apartments at Last

*Brandt Drive Project Moving Forward*

A long-planned project on Brandt Drive will not only bring new housing to the Township but help create a road connection from Route 19 to points west.

The Brandt Drive Apartments will consist of a six-building, 264-unit apartment facility on 13.95 acres along Brandt Drive. The project was originally granted approval in 2017.

The development will feature a club house with a pool and will exceed Township green space requirements by 20 percent. The developer will also provide upgrades to Brandt Drive, including a pocket park, protected bike lanes and streetlights, as well as sidewalks and a walking trail through the development.

A “missing link” connection will also be closed, as the developer will extend Brandt Drive to Executive Drive/Thomson Park Drive from Route 19. The Executive/Thomson Park intersection will feature a roundabout that will improve traffic flow in the area.



### A Paw in the Right Direction

*PetSuites Cranberry Gets Bark of Approval*

Dogs, dogs, everywhere!

PetSuites Cranberry, a board, daycare, and training facility for pets, gained conditional use approval from the Board of Supervisors.

The venue will occupy a 10,792 square foot space in the Butler Centre Plaza at 20423 Route 19. It features a 6,490 square foot outdoor, fenced-in area for kennel space.

The project also includes a separate parking lot, as well as shared parking and access with the plaza. It will also create a sidewalk connection along Route 19, connecting to the NTB store.



### Making an Impact

*Collision Repair Center Gets Green Light*

A new business will give customers a crash-course in automobile repair.

Greater Pittsburgh Collision, a vehicle repair facility, was given conditional use approval by the Board of Supervisors following a public hearing.

The business, to be located in a 3,600 square foot building at 790 Commerce Park Drive, will be situated in the Cranberry Commerce Center. The venue already contains the required number of parking spaces, and overall impact to the surrounding area is minimal.



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#### Diesel Edge Training Academy

9043 Marshall Road

#### Sechler Law Firm, LLC

20206 Route 19, Suite 300





# AT HOME WITH...

## Ray Renyck

It can take years for a tree to establish roots deep enough to ensure it thrives.

For Ray Renyck and his family, it didn't take quite that long, but the results are the same.

A self-described "corporate migrant" working for Aramark, he and his wife, Donna, moved around Texas and to Dublin, Ohio over the course of several years. Another move to Boston proved unfavorable, and he asked to be relocated somewhere in the south.

They ended up in Pittsburgh.

Despite the wonky geography, the Renycks saw how hard the move was on their young children. They liked the vibe of Southwestern Pennsylvania, and at the suggestion of a friend looked at Cranberry.

"Because we were not an old and established family, we looked for locations with new construction where families were moving into rather than established areas," he recalled.

In addition to being a growing community, Cranberry offered quick access to Pittsburgh from the recently opened Interstate 279, as well as taxes that were half those in Allegheny County.

The family set up shop in 1990, with the intention of staying until their children graduated from Seneca Valley High School. Thirty years later, the Renyck's roots run deep.

Ray became involved in the committee

tasked with the creation of North Boundary Park, helping make decisions on heated pools and permanent restrooms. Those items may seem small but are the things that increase value, Renyck said.

He also helped craft the Cranberry Plan, the comprehensive guide for the Board of Supervisors and staff to use when making decisions. Using his eye for business, he helped create a plan that is still used today – something of which he remains proud.

He is reminded of his community work each time he drives around the Township, which has grown from offering just the Cranberry Mall and a few housing developments to an invigorated center of business that experienced controlled growth. He also continues to notice how traffic is managed using the newest technology, and developers adding streetscape improvements to newly developed blocks.

Ray said his appreciation of land value is important, it pales in comparison to being an established part of a community. While the family never quite felt at home in Boston or other places, they've become proud members of the Cranberry community.

"There's a commonality that we found in Cranberry - like no other place," he said,

adding his neighbors are also transplants from other areas of the world.

The allure of Cranberry has since trickled down a generation. After leaving the area for New York, the Renyck's daughter, Kate, returned home several years ago. She met her husband, Joe Dann, and the couple have two daughters. They ultimately decided to call Cranberry home.



The Renyck's sons, John, and Mark, also moved back to the Pittsburgh region after stints away.

"As adults, they made their own decisions to come back," Ray said with affection.

It's just another example of a family planting themselves in Cranberry and making sure the roots continue to grow along with the community. 🏠





## ROTARY CLUBS FOCUS ON COMMUNITY

Service Above Self isn't just a motto for Rotarians – it's a lifestyle.

Nowhere is that more noticeable than Cranberry Township, where the desire to serve necessitates two Rotary clubs.

Cranberry Noon Rotary was founded in 1971, consisting of business and professional leaders who wanted to serve the rural community. As the Township grew over the next three decades, so did the club.

In 2000, the Cranberry Sunrise Rotary was founded with the full support of the Noon club. Boasting hundreds of members between the two clubs, the impact has been nothing short of impressive, and can't be missed when driving through Cranberry.

The Rotary Clubs of Cranberry Township have historically been among the first organizations to offer support to worthwhile community efforts, jumping in when called by the likes of the Cranberry Township Community Chest and other organizations.

The Rotary name is emblazoned on Cranberry's Dog Park in Community Park, the Cranberry Rotary Gardens at Dutilh Road and Route 19, the Gazebo in front of the Municipal Center, the Community Sign at the corner of Routes 19 and 228, and, most recently, the renovated Rotary Amphitheater in Community Park.

Members are also often found completing community service projects around the Township, including hosting community

health screenings, Adopt-A-Roadway cleanups, and awarding scholarships to Seneca Valley School District students. They also host fundraisers to support those efforts, including golf outings, bowling events, bingo games and more.

And while the local community is their immediate focus, both clubs join in the Rotary International mission of eradicating polio worldwide. All of these efforts combine to showcase that the greater good is more important than one's self – a motto and a lifestyle.

For more information about Noon Rotary, visit [cranberryrotary.com](http://cranberryrotary.com). For Sunrise Rotary, visit [cranberrytwpsunriserotary.org](http://cranberrytwpsunriserotary.org).

*Cranberry Cares!*





# Swing, Swing

## BARRETT DOUBLES UP AS PGA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**T**o be the best, one must learn from the best.

Jody Barrett is the best – and he has the hardware to prove it.

Barrett, who serves as Cranberry Highlands Golf Course's PGA Teaching Professional, was honored as the Tri-State PGA's 2021 Teacher of the Year. It's the second time he's won the award – a rarity – after taking home the prize in 2017.

And while the recognition of students or co-workers is always rewarding, the Teacher of the Year award is voted upon by fellow members of the Tri-State PGA. It's a fact that Barrett says makes the award that much sweeter.

"I get emotional thinking about it," he said. "To have them recognize me means so much."

Barrett has been a PGA professional

for more than 20 years, and an integral part of Cranberry Highlands for 15 seasons. He teaches both private lessons and runs instructional programs for all ages. That includes everyone from youth players just picking up the game to couples looking for something new to try together.

And with more than 300 individuals coming through each season, Barrett has helped grow the game in Cranberry by instructing thousands during his tenure.

"They always come back," he said of his students.

Barrett is also a trained and certified club fitter, allowing him to improve every part of a player's game.

FORE! more information on lessons, visit [CranberryHighlands.com](https://CranberryHighlands.com). 🏡





# MAKERSPACE Puts **CREATIVITY** at Everyone's Fingertips

The best inventions come together one piece at a time.

So, too, has The Forge Makerspace at the Cranberry Public Library.



After finally cutting the ribbon and opening the doors to the project – which was the 2019 Cranberry Township Community Chest Project of the Year – Library staff have been holding safe, hands-on sessions

to get community members acclimated to the equipment.

That includes a Cricut maker, sewing and embroidery machines, soldering stations, a laser engraver, and several 3D printers. That's in addition to the everyday supplies one needs to make a work of art.

The introductory sessions, led by the Makerspace's Manager Mary Frances Reutzel, served partly as a tour of the space, as well as an understandable explanation of the possibilities contained within.

And those possibilities are endless.

"It doesn't matter what idea or invention you dream up – we can help you bring it to life," said Library Director Leslie Pallotta.

The Forge, named in honor of the Municipal Center's history, offers a safe, creative space to learn, create, explore, and come together

with other makers.

"Even if you've never picked up a tool in your life or aren't the best with computers and screens, we are here to help you create, learn a new skill, and, most importantly, have fun too," Pallotta said.

For up-to-date information on how to schedule time at the Makerspace, visit [CranberryLibrary.org/Makerspace](https://CranberryLibrary.org/Makerspace). 🏠







Community Leadership Institute of  
Cranberry Township

# LEAD THE WAY

TRAINING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY



*Join the CLIC!*

## LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



### GIVES BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT GOVERNMENT

**R**ecycling. Sewer, Water and Trash. Publications. Building Permits.

As local government employees, Cranberry Township staff wears many hats – some seen every day, and some that may never be noticed.

The Cranberry Township Community Chest's Community Leadership Institute of Cranberry (CLIC) aims to foster community engagement, growth and understanding by offering a hands-on, in-depth look at how Cranberry Township functions on a day-to-day basis, and what local

government does to improve the quality of life for the community.

Participants, who must be Township residents or work in the Township, will learn about the components of Cranberry's government and how they work together to provide quality service and bring value to residents and businesses alike. Over the course of multiple sessions, participants will also be able to provide valuable feedback on how the Township can improve services and customer relations.

Sessions include an overview of the parks

and recreation, public works, utilities, communications, IT, human resources and planning and codes departments, as well as the public safety organizations.

Sessions will be held in the evenings beginning in spring 2022. Participants will be honored for completing the course at a Board of Supervisors meeting.

Space is limited for each class session. To register for consideration, please visit [CranberryTownship.org/CLIC](https://CranberryTownship.org/CLIC) and submit the online form. 🏠







## In the Zone

### *Ordinance gets Board approval*

Following months of re-tooling based on resident feedback, the Board of Supervisors approved a Planned Neighborhood Overlay District ordinance amendment aimed at providing a sustainable mix of housing options for current and future residents.

Originally introduced in early 2021, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to take resident feedback and concerns and revisit the plan. The revised proposal includes that engagement and has support of the Planning Advisory Commission.

The overlay is one of many options developers can choose. It creates more choice for potential home buyers and offers housing options for current residents wanting to stay in the Township but seeking to upsize or downsize their homes. The ordinance update was approved following a public hearing.



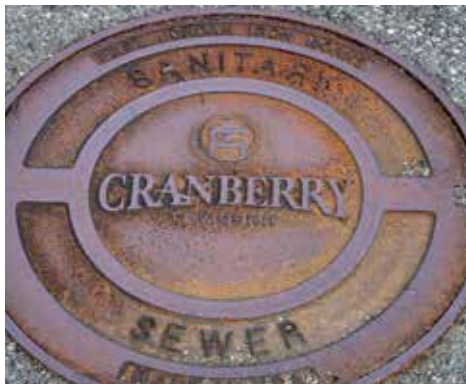
## Tearing Down to Build Up

### *Demolition part of stormwater work*

Demolition work on LePorte Drive will clear the way for stormwater improvements.

The Board of Supervisors approved the demolition of a residential structure, as well as detached garages and subsequent debris at 1172 Freedom Road. Minniefield Demolition Services LLC was awarded the contract for the work.

The demolition on the property, which was purchased by the Township, will allow for planned stormwater management upgrades to be made along Freedom Road at LaPorte Drive. The work was identified and will be funded as part of the 2019 Stormwater Management plan.



## Watching the Water

### *Water Plan to keep system in top form*

Cranberry's water is clean, clear, and carefully monitored.

That's a fact reenforced each year with positive water studies and continued attention to the integrity of the Township's water infrastructure.

The Board of Supervisors continued that commitment by approving a plan to update the Master Water Plan. The plan will provide an updated analysis of the system, as well as outline future infrastructure projects.

It's the next of several ongoing efforts to keep the clear water flowing in Cranberry.



## Road Refresh

### *Freshcorn Road sees improvements*

A road improvement project on Freshcorn Road was recently completed by Township crews.

The project, which widened the roadway and made it safer for the motoring public, is another example of the Township's commitment to infrastructure improvements that meet the needs of residents and businesses of the community.



## Collecting for Carts

### *Board approves recycling cart grant*

Cranberry's recycling program has been in place for nearly 20 years, keeping an unfathomable number of plastics, paper, and other items from landfills.

But what happens when recycling carts themselves need recycled?

After years of fixing broken carts, the Township is seeking a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection 902 Recycling Grant to replace Collection Connection carts.

Many of the carts date back to 2004.





# VOICES

## A podcast from the Seneca Valley School District

Want to hear directly from the voices at Seneca Valley on the most current topics and updates? Join us in listening to Voices, a podcast brought to you by the Seneca Valley School District. This podcast interviews guests who share an inside look at what is happening at SV. Be sure to subscribe to SV Voices and listen online [here](#) or anywhere you listen to podcasts.



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# OH SNAP!



This is a new feature that puts an exclamation point on a sampling of the wondrous sights and views we see daily in the Township. Our collection contains images captured by the Communications Department where artistic beauty meets human interest. Enjoy the view!





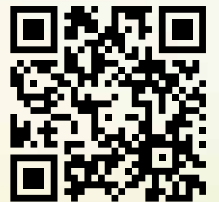


In the January issue and beyond, we'd like to feature resident's best images which were captured from anywhere in the Township and show the beauty and joy people, places or things!

Give us your best shots via email  
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# Recreation

## PARKS PROS

### PARKS & RECREATION STAFF HONORED

Cranberry's parks are some of the best in the region, but they wouldn't be as great without dedicated staff working hard each day. That's why the Township took a moment during Community Days to celebrate Park and Recreation Professionals Day.

A resolution outlined the physical, emotional, and mental health benefits parks provide the community, which ultimately improves the overall community atmosphere. Ensuring those parks and associated programs are available takes skilled, dedicated employees and volunteers.

And, as part of that celebration, Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society



President Tim Herd visited with staff and delivered a plaque honoring their hard work. Herd also presented an overdue plaque commemorating the Township's Excellence in Recreation and Parks award for Athletic Field Maintenance by the Public Works Department. The award was originally scheduled to be presented in March 2020. 🏠



Check out our new  
**PAPERLESS**  
Recreation Guide!







# HALLOWEEN

## IN CRANBERRY

3rd Annual

### SPÖÖKtacular

Hey kids, Ages 1 - 8,  
Eat, drink and be scary or  
funny or cute in your costume at the

#### GREAT PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Friday, October 22, 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
at the Municipal Center  
\$10 Resident | \$12 Non-Resident

#### PET COSTUME CONTEST

ENTER BY OCT. 17 | VOTE FOR FAVORITE OCT. 18-28!

Bring your pet in costume to  
**BARKTOBERFEST 2021**  
at the Cranberry Farmers' Market  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 3 - 7 PM**  
at the Municipal Center  
or submit photos on  
**FACEBOOK** by Oct. 17

#### MAD SCIENCE: HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Thursday, October 28, 6:30 - 8:00 PM  
at the Municipal Center  
Ages 5 - 12 | \$30 Resident | \$35 Non-Resident

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## AND THE SURVEY SAYS...

We asked Cranberry residents what their favorite treat is to give out on Halloween.

Your most popular responses are below:

- Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
- Skittles
- Kit Kats
- Starburst
- M&M's
- Hot Tamales
- Hershey Bars
- Tootsie Rolls
- Snicker
- Candy Corn

**HALLOWEEN WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE TOWNSHIP ON  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 FROM 6:00 - 8:00 PM.**





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