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Santa Making 'First Stop' in Cranberry

After a year hiatus, Santa and Mrs. Claus will kick off the holiday season by making their first stop in Cranberry Township.

The Township's traditional annual event, set for 6-8 p.m. Friday, November 19 at the Township Municipal Center, 2525 Rochester Road, features crafts, games, food trucks, live reindeer and more. The event is presented by Karski & Spokane Orthodontics and supported by Armstrong and UPMC Passavant.

Beginning at 6 p.m., crafts and games will be set up in the Municipal Center gym. A Lego train display will chug around Council Chambers, hosted by Steel City Lug, will be erected in Council Chambers, and the Cranberry Township Community Chest's Christmas Tree Gallery will be displayed throughout the building.

A holiday light display will be set up outside the building, where live reindeer will also be on-hand. Food trucks including The Flame BBQ, Revival Pasta, PGH Eatz, Dairy Queen, Fun Fore All, Nothing Bundt Cakes and Delina's EthioCafe will be on-hand to offer food and drinks for purchase.

The Dutilh United Methodist Church Choir will perform from 6:15-6:50 p.m. inside, setting the stage for Santa Claus' arrival at 7 p.m. on the Cranberry Volunteer Fire Company's antique fire engine.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will depart to continue their holiday preparations at 7:30 p.m.

Santa will not be available for individual photos during First Stop festivities but will return to the Township to meet with children during the Milk and Cookies events on December 4 and 5.

Cranberry Township EMS will be holding a "Stuff Our Ambulance" drive to benefit Toys for Tots located at the Municipal Center entrance at the back parking lot. Attendees are asked to bring a new toy to make a child's Christmas a little brighter.