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FALL 2022

BEST IN CLASS

New School Opens in Cranberry

+ COMMUNITY
UPDATES

HALLOWEEN

in CRANBERRY

4th Annual

SPÖÖKtacular

PET COSTUME CONTEST

Submit photos on Cranberry Township's
FACEBOOK MESSENGER by Oct. 16
VOTE FOR FAVORITE OCT. 18- 28

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



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2022 WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR



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1 DAY DELAY
Due to Weekday Holiday

LIVE TREE COLLECTION
Jan 3 - Jan 14

YARD WASTE
Mar 28 - Dec 9

NO COLLECTION AND ONE DAY DELAY for remainder of week
when the following **HOLIDAYS OCCUR ON A WEEKDAY:**

New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,
Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas

Cranberry Township.org/WasteCollection



FINAL WEEK OF 2022 YARD WASTE COLLECTION: DECEMBER 5-9

ACCEPTED:

- Leaves
- 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

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Cranberry Township Board of Supervisors

October 27, November 3
November 17, December 8
6:30 PM, Council Chambers

Planning Advisory Commission

November 1, December 5
6:00 PM, Council Chambers

Zoning Hearing Board As needed

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving

Township offices, Municipal Center,
Cranberry Public Library, and
Parks & Recreation will be closed
November 24 and 25

No trash collection on November 24
- pick up will be delayed by one day
on Thursday and Friday

Christmas/New Year's

Municipal Center, Cranberry Public
Library, and Parks & Recreation will be
closed Dec. 23-26 and Dec. 31 - Jan 2

Township offices will close at 5 PM on
Dec. 23 and reopen on Dec. 27, and
close at 5 PM on Dec. 31 and
reopen on Jan. 3

No trash delays on Christmas
or New Year's holidays as both occur
on a weekend

Live Christmas Tree Collection
Monday, January 9 - Friday, January 20
curbside pickup of live trees only on
regular collection days

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Jamie Badaracco, first-grade teacher at Ehrman Crest Elementary School, works on a math challenge with students Reagan Carner, left, and Heidi Ofori. Badaracco is a Cranberry Township resident living in the Meeder neighborhood and a longtime teacher in the Seneca Valley School District.



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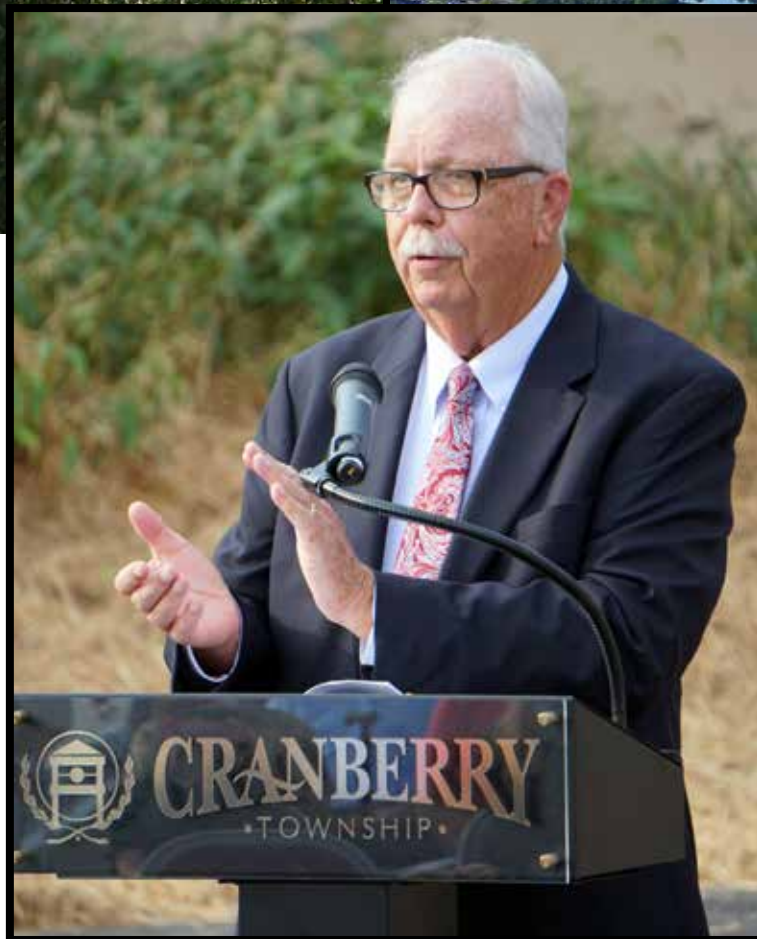


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The Turn Club Opens

A dining and golf experience that is changing the game with a unique concept.





Township Mourns the Loss of Supervisor Chairman Dick Hadley

From the lush green fields of its parks to the interconnected highway system surrounding the area, Cranberry Township has Dick Hadley's fingerprints all over it.

Hadley, the guiding force behind Cranberry Township's success over the last three decades, passed away August 23. He was 71.

A Township resident for more than 40 years, his 30 years of service included 27 on the Board of Supervisors, which he served as Chairman of at the time of his passing.

A fierce advocate for the Cranberry community, Hadley was instrumental in introducing initiatives and legislation that allowed the Township to grow as a well-planned community. His goal as a Supervisor was to make Cranberry a world-class community and ensure the future of the Township were both healthy and sustainable.



Thank You, Dick!



As a new Board member in the early 1990s, the Board and Township became the target of landowners and developers who opposed strict developmental guidelines. Hadley became the leader in those battles, which became legal and political in nature. As minds eventually changed and the Township's rules became a hallmark for other communities, Hadley found himself sought after for his knowledge and understanding of the process, as well as his steady leadership in challenging times.

Hadley also led the charge to create The Cranberry Plan, the Township's roadmap for success. That plan has been used to set the vision and direction for the Township and navigate any challenges that may have occurred.

The Plan came to define the way the Board chose to handle big decisions: through conversation and collaboration, with Hadley often at the helm.

That shows in projects like the Interstate 79/

Pennsylvania Turnpike connection. With plans gridlocked, Hadley called every party to the table to find a solution to make the much-needed project happen. Projects like the expansion of the Route 228 corridor, MSA Thruway, and Freedom Road have similar backgrounds and success stories.

The Township's public services and infrastructure improved during Hadley's tenure, most recently highlighted by the multi-million-dollar expansion of the Brush Creek Treatment Plant. Police, fire, and emergency services expanded in both manpower and in world-class facilities.

Hadley was passionate about the Township's parks, serving as Chair of the Township Parks and Recreation Board and volunteering as a coach and officer of the Cranberry Township Athletic Association. He helped expand offerings in Community Park, build a Waterpark in North Boundary Park, and build Graham Park from the ground up.

An avid golfer, it was Hadley's vision that

was instrumental in creating Cranberry Highlands Golf Course, which has become a regional destination known for its high caliber and challenging course. Hadley once said his favorite part of the Township was the Number 3 tee box at the course.

He helped accomplish these goals while remaining ever committed to prudent and careful spending. He was cautious when dealing with taxpayer dollars, and the Township's pristine bond rating was a point of pride.

Hadley often remarked that great communities do not just happen, and that it takes vision and leadership to make tough decisions. That mantra defines Cranberry Township over the last 30 years and will continue to as the Board and Township leaders push forward.

Undoubtedly, they will remember Hadley's words and steady, humble guidance when tough decisions are needed. It's just another way his impact will be felt for years to come. 🇺🇸

Remembering Dick Hadley



I had the honor of serving on the Board of Supervisors with Dick Hadley for over 22 years.

Even back at the beginning when Dick only had a few years of BOS experience, he was the quiet leader who always thought through any problems we faced instead of quickly rushing to an incoherent decision. Dick's vast experience in local government was formed through his participation in numerous state organizations.

He was the leader for us in approving our comprehensive plan, The Cranberry Plan; driving to Harrisburg to convince PennDOT and the Turnpike Commission to help fund the state roads that pass through Cranberry Township; and help our BOS to plan our development to make Cranberry a place where people and companies come to live, work, and play.

We owe Dick so much gratitude and thanks for his dedication to make all this happen. We will miss his leadership, his knowledge, and most importantly his friendship.

John P. Skoupan



Dick was so involved in many ways - so many that even I, a close colleague, can't measure his vast contributions in our Cranberry community, state, region, and country.

My first interaction with Dick was 18 years ago when he was one of two people asking me to consider running for the Board of Supervisors. At that time there was a political group looking to take Cranberry in a direction he felt was not right.

Dick was aware of my involvement with the Township as a volunteer and specifically the Library as a Board member. When he asked, I declined. It was one thing to volunteer, but to run for an elected office? That was not for me.

But Dick persisted, then helping with my campaign and guiding me every step of the way. He was right. And I won.

After being elected I realized the importance of local elected officials and how Dick paved the way for this entire community.

His concerns were not just maintaining our roads but creating the networks to expand our roadways.

His concerns were not just public safety, but helping in Harrisburg with legislation important to police, fire, and EMS.

His concerns were not just the current budget but decisions that would impact the budget five and 10 years from now.

His concern was not just for development in the next year, but how that development fit into a 25-year comprehensive plan to help assure that Cranberry was viable in the future.

He was not a Supervisor just a few hours per week; he was always thinking of ways he could help make Cranberry a better community. And he did.

B. Myer



My first interaction with Dick Hadley surprisingly enough was not in a Supervisor meeting, but rather several years earlier when the Township was discussing how to handle solid waste.

The Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company had been dispatched to Chairman Hadley's neighborhood, and while we were cleaning up, he stopped by to give thanks to the firefighters on scene.

I did not know who Chairman Hadley was but asked him a few questions. Without hesitation whatsoever, he immediately engaged in a conversation on the merits of changing how the Township managed solid waste. I came away gratefully wiser.

Several years later, CTVFC was faced with some bad publicity. I ran into Dick, and was not looking forward to speaking with him, as I was a bit embarrassed.

He caught my eye and walked right up to me. I told him we were rectifying the issue, and that CTVFC was committed to serving the residents. He looked at me and quietly said, "We play the long game here in Cranberry Township. Stay the course, focus on what is right for our residents, and we have your back."

To say that these words put me at ease after a rough week would be an understatement. It was also then that I knew that Dick Hadley was a consistent and steady leader.

He was all about serving the best interests of the community that he and Mary Jane raised a family in. He never was too busy to engage with anybody about policy in the Township. His experience as a Township Manager gave him a great deal of knowledge to successfully address any challenge.

I can honestly say that Cranberry Township would not be where we are today without Dick Hadley. He helped our community navigate a period of hyper growth and took the high road when faced with criticism. Without him, we may have a vastly different community.

Mr. Hadley was a man of faith who loved his family very much. I considered him not only a colleague, but a friend and mentor. I will miss him terribly, and will carry his teaching, leadership, and friendship with me the rest of my life.

Bruce N. Z.



To sum up Dick Hadley, he was a man of great character.

He had enormous compassion for everybody regardless of who you were, Dick always had an ear to listen.

I started working for the Township in 1988. I was a part-time employee, then I was a full-time employee, and I thought I knew what government was about.

When I was running for Supervisor, I sat down with Dick, and I realized I didn't know that much. Dick spent the time to really verse me on philosophy, which I felt was so very valuable.

He did that with everyone he interacted with and was gracious with his time and knowledge. He always took time to explain not just his thought process, but the proper procedures.

Even when things were tough, Dick remained calm and remembered what he was elected to do: to do what was best for the community. He took that very seriously, and never wavered.

He treated the Township like he treated his family, and he loved both very dearly. He had tremendous pride for his wife and children. But the Township was his family also, and he was always so proud of what the community accomplished together.

For the Board and for Township employees, Dick was a mentor. His steady guidance and knowledge are invaluable, and we may not ever replace that loss. Dick's passing is a tragic event not just for our Board and our Township, but also the community.

Michael D. H.





SCHOOL BELLS RING

at Ehrman Crest

The first-day-of-school jitters and excitement are normally reserved for eager students, but the 2022-23 school year brought anticipation of a different sort in the Seneca Valley School District.

Class is officially in session at Ehrman Crest Elementary and Middle School, the District's new, state-of-the-art educational campus. It replaces Evans City Elementary and Middle School, which served the community for 84 years.

Ehrman Crest was designed with education in mind at every step of the process. Outside of the traditional classroom spaces, the K-6 building was created to be a learning tool itself. According to Superintendent Dr. Tracy

Vitale, that included creating a building that was more than just four walls.

"We didn't approach it as, 'let's just build a new building, add some improvements and maybe a few special touches,'" she said. "We approached this effort purposefully and with the intent to create a space that, in and of itself, was an interactive learning tool. There are learning opportunities everywhere you look."

That includes the flooring choices, walls, windows panes, and the canopy covering the outside entrance which has lighting that reflects constellations found in the night sky.

A circular ramp that greets students, staff and visitors and teaches about complex shapes and construction geometry. A sun

dial wall measures time and solar azimuth using a target and floor patterns, opening conversations about the sun's arc and temperature.

Inside, an exposed section of wall displays construction materials, piping and conduit, demonstrating to students the purpose of each layer, object, and material necessary for construction. Oversized state and local maps adorn the common area walls, serving as ongoing lessons in geography and environmental science.

"Such innovation is found in successful education, which is rooted in a combination of acquired knowledge and student discovery," Vitale said. "This building is a powerful example of our commitment to



who taught at the former Evans City Elementary, the newness of the building didn't overshadow that she, her fellow teachers, and students were all able to still be together under one roof – though this time with even more colleagues and friends joining them.

And she's already seeing the benefits of the new building, including the technology built into each classroom and the large windows that provide a warm, inviting setting for learning.

The opening of Ehrman Crest may have closed the book on the longtime Evans City school building, but its also opening doors for students to have bright futures. 🏠



reaching such a goal. There is no doubt that Ehrman Crest will serve as a model school, not only across this region, but across this state and even the nation."

More traditional aspects of the building include separate elementary and middle school wings, along with a community wing that houses the gymnasium. A Creativity, Innovation and Research (CIRC) space challenges students to create and test their best ideas, while music and movement rooms provide the opportunity to explore new talents.

With so much detail and focus on the new school, students and teachers were perhaps equally excited to finally get to work.

For first-grade teacher Jamie Badaracco,



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FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 18
6:00 - 8:00 PM **FREE ENTRY**

JOIN US FOR
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GIANT LEGO TRAIN DISPLAY
FOOD TRUCKS, MUSIC
LIVE REINDEER, EMS TOY DRIVE
SEE SANTA & MRS. CLAUS!

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CRANBERRY BRIEFS



Inaugural Scholarship Awarded

Aidan Upton, a senior at the University of Pittsburgh, was awarded the inaugural Thomas S. Hodder Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship honors Hodder, a life member of the CTVFC who passed away in September 2020.

The scholarship is awarded to an active member of the CTVFC who exemplifies the qualities Hodder displayed: dedication to the community through volunteering within the CTVFC and ideally, other outside organizations.



Keep on Trucking

Fire engine purchase moved ahead

Cranberry's firefighters are always planning ahead – and that includes when considering new vehicles and engines. With global shipping and parts delays attributed to the pandemic, backlogs for fire truck orders are currently running 24 months. Because of that, Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company asked the Board to advance the purchase of a new engine in 2022, with expectations of receiving it in 2024.



EMS Honored for Cardiac Care

Quick, critical cardiac care is the cornerstone of any good EMS agency, and Cranberry's got it covered – and then some. Cranberry Township EMS was recently awarded the 2022 American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline EMS Gold Plus achievement award for using quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks.

The Mission: Lifeline achievement award is earned by agencies that demonstrate a commitment to treating patients according to the most up-to-date research-based practices as outlined by the American Heart Association.



Board of Supervisors Fill Vacancy

A familiar face dedicated to community service will join the Board of Supervisors to fill the seat left vacant by the death of Chairman Dick Hadley. Karen Newpol was appointed by the Cranberry Township Vacancy Board to fill Hadley's vacant position.

A graduate of the inaugural class of the Community Leadership Institute of Cranberry Township, Newpol serves in many community leadership roles, including as the current president of Bellevue Park Homeowners Association. She has also been a Cranberry Township Community Chest Board member since 2011 and past officer and communications coordinator for CTCC's Community Days since 2007. She is a past officer and current chaplain for Cranberry Elks and member and past president of the Women's Business Network.

Her leadership roles include promotion coordinator for CTCC's Project of the Year. Newpol is also current president of the Sunrise Rotary Club of Cranberry Township, as well as past treasurer. She earned the Rotarian of the Year award and has been an active volunteer in the community since 1997. Newpol's appointment will be through January 1, 2024.



Monument to Peace Unveiled

A new spot to stop and reflect is on display in the Municipal Center.

The Cranberry Township Sunrise Rotary Club unveiled a Peace Pole, an internationally recognized symbol of hope standing vigil in silent reflection for peace on earth.

Each Peace Pole bears the message May Peace Prevail on Earth in different languages on each of its sides. There are more than 250,000 Peace Poles around the world.





GIS

TAKES GUESSWORK OUT OF PROJECTS



Waterline breaks or small leaks can often become a guessing game for the Township's Public Works crews.

The Township's IT Department is always looking for new ways to take the guesswork out of gauging potential problems using a robust Geographic Information System (GIS).

Implemented in the early part of the millennium and refined in 2008, the GIS system stores information on property ownership, stormwater and sewer locations, pipe size, location, and much more.

According to Doug Cloutier, the Township's GIS Administrator, older physical files have

been digitized, and new projects are entered into the system to provide a complete view of what's above – and beneath – a particular piece of property.

That's helpful in the event a water or sewer pipe needs replaced and when identifying which pipes are aging and may need preventative maintenance.

Additionally, complex mapping shows precise elevations and slopes, which is vital information when dealing with gravity flow systems or when building water control methods like swales.

"We're able to look at the elevations and see the low spot, then determine the best course

of action," Cloutier said.

That same information has helped the Township's Engineering Department identify projects for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Plan, including how much sediment is in a particular stream or areas where drainage basins have become clogged or inoperable.

This technology ultimately saves valuable time and manpower, and allows for a more efficient, fiscally conscious way of keeping things flowing around the Township. 🚧



STREAM OF

Consciousness

PARK PROJECT FIRST OF MANY RESTORATION EFFORTS

Streams can have a mind of their own. Banks, trees, and vegetation become unsafe when rushing water picks up steam.

But Cranberry Township has a plan to tame those winding waterways as part of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Plan with the state Department of Environmental Protection.

The first project is a re-routing and restoration of the Community Park stream, where the years have been unkind to the surrounding area. Marked by jagged cliffs and sharp cuts, the stream

was hardly a calm, serene presence in the heavily used park.

The Township's Engineering and Public Works departments set about calming the stream, restoring the banks, and planting vegetation in the floodplain as a means of reducing erosion and sediment that eventually ends up in Brush Creek. The Township must show significant sediment reduction by Spring 2023 as part of the plan.

It's not only the first project as part of the MS4 program, but the first using

funds from the Township's stormwater utility fee. The fee, implemented in 2020, was applied as a means of addressing environmental regulations and upgrading and improving infrastructure.

In addition to creating a more stable stream, the project will serve as an educational tool with signage explaining the importance of stream maintenance to the environment, as well as the processes used in such projects.

Similar restoration projects are expected to keep flowing in 2023. 🏠

Scan the QR for more information on this project or to watch a video.





The Bee's Knees

EAC DIGS IN ON POLLINATOR MEADOW PROJECT

Over the next several years, fields of flora will bring a pop of color to the hillside in North Boundary Park.

But before that rebirth, there must come death.

It's all part of the Township Environmental Advisory Committee's plan to turn the 3-acre space into a pollinator meadow and butterfly garden.

Pollinator meadows provide a protected environment for bees, moths, butterflies, hummingbirds, butterflies, and insects – all of which positively impact the environment. The spaces feature native plants that, once fully mature, require minimal maintenance while providing an aesthetically pleasing environment.

The project will be completed over several growing seasons, with existing plantings intentionally killed and new seeds planted. The first location is adjacent to the

existing butterfly area, which will also be updated. The remaining areas surround the Disc Golf Course.

Work to remove the existing grass began earlier this fall.

Collaboration and education are the driving forces behind the project, with organizers saying the pollinator meadow and upgraded butterfly area will be an attractive space for educational programming.

It's already proven successful, as the EAC is joined on the project by the Township, Seneca Valley School District, Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania, Southern Butler County Garden Club, and First Energy, which is donating seeds for the project.

EAC Member Fred Peterson said the project brings benefits for students as the space and nearby shelter can accommodate up to three classes at a time, allowing students to learn about a myriad of topics they'd

otherwise learn about in a book. He added that the location offers adjacent upland wooded areas and a wetland to create a rich outdoor classroom.

The pollinator meadow also provides a new place for adult education, joining space like the Community Garden in UPMC Passavant Sportsplex at Graham Park as host sites.

Tim Casey, EAC member, believes the success of this project could lead to additional gardens in the Township, particularly by HOAs that have unused open space. The pollinator meadow at North Boundary Park, he said, can be a trend-setting example for making the most of the Township's open space in ways that improve the community.

"Hopefully this is just the first of a long term, ongoing project," Casey said. 🐝

ACCORDING TO PLAN

PARKS IMPROVEMENTS START WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

What should the Township's parks look like in the next decade? What amenities are needed to continue cultivating a world-class community?

These are the central questions being asked in the Township's update to its Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan which was last completed in 2012.

The plan will be a powerful tool that will provide direction to enhance the quality of the Township's recreational opportunities, park facilities, and trails. This Plan will help leadership make decisions about park use and development, programs, budgeting, and capital investment needed for short- and

long-term recreation and conservation goals for the community. The goals of the Parks and Open Space Plan are:

- Listening to the community
- Identifying key issues to address
- Defining a vision for the future
- Developing implementable strategies

The planning is centered on public engagement and participation. Important participatory steps include committee meetings, key person interviews, social media outreach, and the use of a digital questionnaire to inform important decisions.

A key element, the community questionnaire is available at cranberrytownship.org/parksplan.

parksplan.

By completing the questionnaire and providing contact information, participants will be entered into a lottery to win a gift card and Township prizes.

In the coming months, existing parks programs will be evaluated and feedback from the questionnaire will be analyzed. The plan is tentatively set for adoption in September 2023. 🏠

Scan the QR for more information or to take survey.



CLICing Again

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE REGISTRATION OPEN

In 2022 the Institute "graduated" 14 residents who now hope to use their newly acquired course study to become stewards of the Township. "I was so happy to be part of this program, and really enjoyed attending every session," added Matt Hammer 2022 CLIC Graduate.

Interested in taking part in the next session? Visit cranberrytownship.org/CLIC for more information. Sessions will be held from March until May at various Township locations. 🏠

Scan to register for the 2023 session and watch short video on CLIC.



Class may already be in session for students across the Township, but Cranberry is looking ahead to March 2023 and the second installment of the Community Leadership Institute of Cranberry (CLIC).

Sponsored by the Cranberry Township Community Chest, 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 reside 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 Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Public Safety, Utilities, Communications, IT, Customer Service, Planning and Codes, as well as Cranberry Police, Fire, and EMS.

ALERT!

NEW SIGNAL PROTECTS
PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS ALIKE

Cranberry's commitment to cultivating a pedestrian friendly community has new legs to walk on.

The Township's first Actuated Pedestrian Crossing system between North Boundary Park and the Pinehurst neighborhood was installed by Public Works this week and is in operation. The midblock crossing system is a lit, pedestrian-controlled sign that serves as a beacon to warn and control motorists at marked, un-signalized crosswalks to assist pedestrians crossing a street or highway. When a pedestrian hits the button, the system beeps and four lights begin blinking. The system is solar powered, manually activated, and wirelessly communicates between the two sides of the road.

The goal is raising driver awareness, and national traffic data indicates these signals improve driver yield rates by as much as 90% at uncontrolled pedestrian crossings.

Township officials will evaluate the use and success of the North Boundary Road signal and determine if other, similar locations could benefit from the signals. 🏠

Scan for more information!



A 'LOT' OF UPGRADES

UNDERWAY AT THE MUNICIPAL CENTER

Parking will no longer be at a premium during Cranberry's biggest events.

A multi-phase project to expand the Municipal Center's rear parking lot broke ground in August, with crews filling in a corner of the rear campus formerly filled by the skate park. A future location for a new skate park is in the planning stages.

However, the relocation makes way for an expanded parking area and new traffic pattern in the lot, which historically became overfilled during large events like CranFest and Santa's First Stop.

The first phase of the project also saw significant stormwater improvements to the area.

While capacity and a new traffic pattern were a key component of the first phase, it is just the beginning. Future phases include additional milling, paving, striping, sidewalk installation, and lighting improvements. Once completed, attention will shift to the building's east side lots, which will also be upgraded and expanded.

The project aims to create a more user-friendly gathering space for the Cranberry community. 🏠



New Park OPEN TO POOCHES



The new Cranberry Township Rotary Dog Park was unleashed this fall in Community Park.

The wait may have felt like dog years, but the wait is finally over at the relocated Cranberry Township Rotary Dog Park.

The ribbon was recently cut on the expanded and renovated location adjacent to the original dog park.

Though the major pieces of the park, including fencing, a pavilion, and parking areas were completed in the summer, four-legged friends could have wreaked havoc on newly planted grass. Now, that turf has had a chance to take root and the ground a chance to settle, ensuring the new location can handle wear and tear from Cranberry's canines.

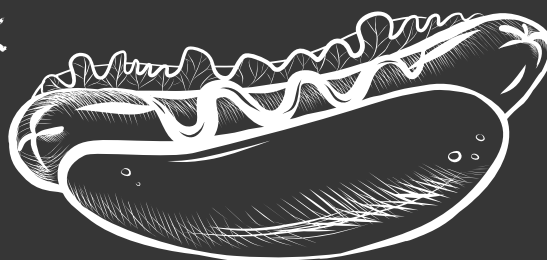
The new park features dedicated areas for large and small dogs to run off-leash and offers both open and wooded spaces. The expanded park also offers ample parking, water access, agility obstacles, and benches. A pavilion and concrete pad provide a comfortable area to gather and watch pooches enjoy the open space.

The project was partially funded via a contribution from the Cranberry Noon Rotary Club.

Visit cranberrytownship.org/dogpark or scan the QR for more information, including rules and regulations. 🐕



Let's be Frank



These Dogs are HOT!

One doesn't have to go far to get a taste of Chicago, because a Cranberry resident has it perfected.

Lisa Augustine, the owner of Hot Shot Dog Co., specializes in an authentic Chicago hot dog, but her menu boasts unique combinations like a buffalo chicken dip dog, the 'New Yorker', a 'Loco Taco' dog, as well as Reuben, pulled pork, Hawai'ian, and chocolate donut inspired creations – to name a few.

She handmakes over 100 toppings for her specialty hot dogs and loves coming up with new recipes inspired by food, life, and her customers' creations.

The full-time operations manager and mother decided to start a side business in early 2018 to make extra

money while having fun with her kids, but Augustine's passion for food and concessions started long before that.

When her children participated in the Seneca Valley Junior Football and Cheer programs, she served as the association's concessions coordinator at Graham Park. Once her children aged out of the programs, Augustine realized she enjoyed talking to people in a down-to-earth atmosphere like a concession stand.

Later, she started working in concessions at the then-named Heinz Field and she looked forward to talking with the customers. When she decided to open her own business, Augustine focused her offerings on a top-selling concession stand product: a hot dog. Whether

at Graham Park or Heinz Field, "hot dogs sold well."

But Augustine wanted to make her hot dogs better. She uses only gourmet buns, all-beef hot dogs, and homemade toppings. Her children were too young to get jobs, so she figured she could pay her kids to work for her, and soon, the trio set out to establish Hot Shot Dog Co.

Now, she has built a following and frequents festivals across Pennsylvania and Ohio, including the local fan favorite CTCC Community Days. She plans her menu according to an event's theme or the time of year, but if she has the toppings on hand, she'll make anything on-demand.

That's what makes Hot Shot Dog Co. one of the hottest dogs around. 🐕

*Interested in booking an event?
Email augustinelisa36@yahoo.com.*





YOUR TURN TO TEE OFF



THE TURN CLUB OFFERS GOLF YEAR 'ROUND

The golf season is winding down as the weather turns, but a new business has the answer for those seeking year-round play.

The Turn Club, located at 1298 Freedom Road, is a dining and golf experience that is changing the game with a unique concept.

The golf side is separate from the restaurant and features six TrackMan simulators. They create full immersion for playing hundreds of the best courses in the world, competing against family or friends, enjoying some fun during dinner, or taking one's golf game to the next level with Tour-level instruction.



The 18-foot bays are ideal for group and individual settings, with The Turn Club booking events for groups from 12 to 200. Designated bays have three cameras to record every swing and collect data that is accessible through the TrackMan website.

While the entire facility is open to the public, golf memberships bring a totally new dynamic. Individual, family, and corporate memberships create a private golf club feel and includes simulator time, everyday use, discounts on food, beverage, equipment purchases and lessons along with complimentary continental breakfast each morning that times are offered.

Memberships are available, and all initial members receive a complimentary lesson with instructor Eric Johnson. Johnson has been named the top-rated instructor within

hundreds of miles of Cranberry according to Golf Digest. The Turn Club will also house the Eric Johnson Golf Academy, offering instruction, clinics, and lessons year-round.

The Turn Club isn't just for pros - or would-be pros. Beginners or those simply looking for a fun night out are guaranteed a great experience.

And that's not to mention the multiple screens playing live sports, a full-bar, and a food menu highlighted by Aviva Brick Oven Pizza. Sundays offer brunch filled with, "the best Bloody Marys in Western Pennsylvania."

The Turn Club's owners said they are thrilled to open the first location in Cranberry Township, where golf is an important part of the community. In the coming months, they will host events with TaylorMade, Ping, and Titleist highlighting new product offerings, fittings, and Tour-level experiences.

Visit theturnclubs.com for more information. 🏠

Story Teller

CAPTIVATING IMAGERY PRESERVES MEMORIES

To Kate Miller, a full photo album on a cellphone doesn't compare to a professionally shot and curated collection of one's own.

A professional photographer, Miller opened the Captivating Imagery portrait photography studio in Cranberry with the goal of bringing a more permanent option to families looking to preserve their special memories.

Captivating Imagery opened its doors in June, bringing the only storefront photography studio to the area. The studio – with its abundance of soft, natural light and white walls – offers the perfect setting for a family portrait, baby's first photo shoot, or graduation portrait. On-location photoshoots are available, but it was important for Miller to have a guaranteed indoor option to serve as a backup location and headquarters for her business.

Photo shoots start with a consultation where Miller and her client discuss the vision. Miller said she prides herself on offering a full-service approach to photography where clients are involved from the development of the shoot to the delivery of the professional prints. Miller and her team work hard to arrange every detail before the shoot begins so that clients can have a stress-free experience and enjoy the moment. 🏠



“Raising a family is hard work, but I believe it's one of the most important things we do, so it's important that we help tell these families' stories.”

~ Kate Miller, Captivating Imagery



Profiles Styling Salon Remains Rooted

Celebrating 25 years as small business owners is quite an accomplishment, especially in the salon industry that waded through a pandemic and fierce industry competition.

Enter Profiles Styling Salon, which opened its doors in 1997 in Cranberry Township. Co-owners and friends Lori Buletto and Cheri Parise recognized the potential growth of the Township and planted roots at 10 St. Francis Way, Unit #8.

"From the start of our partnership, we envisioned a salon with a comfortable, welcoming atmosphere for both the client and staff," Parise said. "Our priority has always been to learn about our clients' needs and deliver exceptional services that make them feel attractive and treasured while being with us."

What makes the salon so attractive to clients is the vast array of services offered and the commitment to supporting the non-profit community.

Profiles staff are consistently educated with quarterly in-salon classes ranging from specialty color, formal hair styling, barbering, and modern cutting techniques. Over the years they have specialized in hair color making them one of the top Wella salons in the country. This has enabled them to attend classes in New York City including training with Nick Arrojo (from *What Not to Wear* fame) on razor hair cutting.

Their esthetician is a Bioelements World Class skin care specialist, plus they offer natural nail services. One of their newest products include Bellami Hair extensions that provide various length options/colors for clients.

Their commitment to non-profits is just as impressive as their services.

For the past 15 years, Profiles staff selects a non-profit to support for their annual charity event. Money is raised via a basket raffle with charming baskets donated by local businesses and vendors. Profiles also offers specials on retail products from which a portion of the proceeds are donated to the non-profit.

This year's non-profit is Sleep in Heavenly Peace, while other beneficiaries have included Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company, Butler County Veterans in Need, and Helping Paws. To date, the salon has donated more than \$40,000 to non-profits.

"As a small business, it is very important to give back to the community because Cranberry Township residents make up a large part of our cliental," added Parise.

Providing a family atmosphere that supports community while offering exceptional salon services is indeed a treasure for Cranberry Township. Check out their amenities at www.profilesstyling salon.com. 🏠





AI TAKEOVER

SEPRO IMPROVES PROCESSES THROUGH ROBOTICS

The robots are coming – and they’re making mundane processes simpler and more cost-effective.

That’s the goal of SEPRO, and odds are high that the average person encounters a SEPRO product every day.

Founded in France more than five decades ago, SEPRO uses injection molding to create Cartesian robots. These robots are used in dozens of industries, including medical, automotive, packaging, and electronics.

This wide footprint is why Raul Scheller, Managing Director of North America for SEPRO, believes the company’s impact is so far-reaching – even if it isn’t obvious. Be it a car bumper, the parts of a cellphone, or toothpaste cap, SEPRO robots have touched thousands of the biggest and smallest elements of daily life.

While the robots themselves are constructed in France and shipped to the United States, many are created at the company’s North America headquarters in Cranberry Township, which focuses on automation solutions. The location – which recently celebrated its 15th anniversary - also houses

corporate operations for North American businesses.

Scheller said the goal for those 15 years has been helping companies plan for a predicted labor shortage caused by Baby Boomer retirements. That timeline accelerated due to the Covid-19 pandemic, with SEPRO speculating there could soon be a 60 million skilled labor gap in the United States.

Through automation, SEPRO can provide customers with more cost-effective processes which, ultimately, leads to a cost-effective product.

But what about the impending robot takeover that’s been depicted in books and films for decades?

Scheller says not to worry.

“There’s always been a myth that robots replace people – far from it,” he said.

In fact, SEPRO has focused on creating new, skill-based jobs in the community and around

the world. Be it technicians, designers, salespeople, or dozens of other jobs, SEPRO is always looking for talent.

Ultimately, though, SEPRO’s goal is making the problem-solving process easier for companies through collaboration and uniquely built robots and programs.

“We provide customers with full solutions and control over their production,” Scheller said. “We don’t want to sell you something that will not work, and we’ll collaborate until it’s perfect.” 🏠



BUSINESS BRIEFS



No Time to Chill

Dairy Queen Renovations Planned

Plans for a makeover at a Route 19 business weren't on ice very long.

After receiving approval in June for renovations and expansion at the Dairy Queen location at Route 19 and Progress Avenue, the owner was granted final land development approval.

The plan includes the first phase of work on 3.8 acres at 20660 Route 19, which would see the construction of a new Dairy Queen with a drive-thru, as well as roadways and parking areas. Upon the completion of the new location the existing Dairy Queen will be demolished.



Roll Out the Barrel

Liquor License Transfer Approved

Libations could soon be on the menu at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store on Route 228.

The restaurant, which opened its doors in 2017, now holds a state liquor license following a public hearing.

Cracker Barrel takes over a license previously held by another Butler County business.



Change of Plans

Breckenridge Development Details Ironed Out

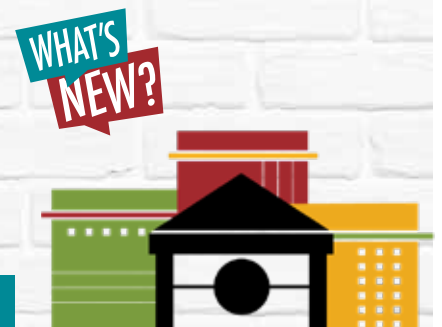
After getting a closer look at the site of a planned community along Freedom Road, developers are shifting gears before moving forward.

In March, the Breckenridge development gained approval from the Board of Supervisors to construct 112 townhouses on an 18-acre space which formerly housed five separate parcels of land.

Developers requested a revision to that plan, with the major change focusing on stormwater, with four underground detention basins replacing a previously planned pond. The number of units increases slightly by five units. The project still quadruples the required amount of open space.



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- **CCSI Network, LLC**
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101 Smith Drive, Suite 1
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- **Captivating Imagery**
20232 Route 19, Suite 6
- **Mobilis Health**
2000 Westinghouse Drive, Suite 301
- **Asurion Tech Repair**
1713 Route 228, Suite B2
- **ECS Mid Atlantic**
100 E. Kensinger Drive, Suite 100
- **Tint World**
790 Commerce Park Drive
- **American Discount Uniform**
10 St. Francis Way, Suite 9
- **Luxe Nails**
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- **Pittsburgh Skin**
144 Emeryville Drive, Suite 300
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Find Out What's Coming! CranberryTownship.org/Biz411



There's no better backup than a buddy in blue.

Or, in this case, camo.

The Butler County Emergency Services Unit is comprised of municipal police officers across the county who can assemble and support their neighbors when a crisis call comes.

Three Cranberry officers represent the Township on the ESU, which aims to provide a quick response for incidents such as

hostage situations, barricaded individuals, school violence, Drug Task Force calls, or other disturbances. Before its creation, such tense incidents in Butler County required the response from a SWAT team from the Pennsylvania State Police.

The ESU is equipped with special gear and equipment to be used during high-risk situations, as well as a tactical vehicle outfitted and armored for maximum protection. Those items were on display

during Community Days as members of the Unit met the public.

The group also focuses on improved training for officers around the county, hosting high-risk incident scenarios and instruction. Most recently, the group conducted an active shooter training in Cranberry Township.

That training and the ESU are an important step in keeping Cranberry and Butler County safe. 🏠





A Fire to GIVE BACK



AUXILIARY COMMITTED TO SERVICE

Burning buildings and car accidents may get the headlines, but those behind the scenes at the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company provide the backbone of support needed in those tense moments.

For years, firefighters' partners served that purpose through the Ladies Auxiliary, providing meals and hosting events to fund initiatives.

But as fire service has changed, so has the Auxiliary, which continues the mission of supporting the fire brigade and helping to create a family atmosphere within the walls of the department.

Linda Farrell, Vice President of the Auxiliary, is proof that a personal connection to the Fire Company isn't a prerequisite for service.

The mother of a special needs son, Farrell's family has been the recipient of funding and support over the years. She wanted to pay that kindness forward.

Enter the Fire Company, which offered her a chance to serve in the Auxiliary. It not only gave a chance to give back, but pay homage to her grandfather, who was a firefighter in Harrisville.

"It's really coming full circle for me," she said.

Now a life member, Farrell has experienced fulfillment across the board in her 16 years of service. It gives her purpose and camaraderie and allows her to feel like part of something.

That camaraderie is on full display during the Auxiliary's events which include Breakfast with Santa, a Children's Easter Party, Firefighter Memorial Program, plus Community Days & Memorial Day. The Company's brigade, administration, and auxiliary members, along with their families, gather to celebrate and fellowship.

"We're here to assist with anything they need," Farrell said of the roughly 25-member group.

Membership is open to any civic-minded individual, and members need not live in Cranberry. In fact, some members live in other states and participate via virtual meetings.

Visit ctvfc21.org or contact CTVFC administration at 724-776-6130 for more information. 🏠

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Karen and Amy's Stories: Local Breast Cancer Survivors Survive

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Every breast cancer survivor has their own story and journey to share - or not to share. No two cancer stories are the same.

However, the end narrative usually is: to spread the significance of early detection and awareness.

For both Amy Fuller and Karen Hezlep, early detection saved their lives.

Amy's Story



Amy Fuller spent more than two decades supporting those facing cancer diagnoses via the Relay for Life organization.

That's why Fuller, a circulation clerk and volunteer coordinator at the Cranberry Public Library, knew the importance of early detection. She was diagnosed in 2021 at age 51 after a yearly mammogram led to further evaluation.

An initial biopsy resulted in a diagnosis of DCIS ER+ (ductal carcinoma in situ estrogen positive responsive), and a lumpectomy revealed a hidden, more aggressive cancer called TNBC (triple negative breast cancer).

The DCIS was treated with surgery and five years of follow-up medication. Treatment for TNBC required 16 rounds of chemotherapy and 20 of radiation.

Facing a double cancer diagnosis, Fuller admitted she was shocked and scared.

"I was shocked that it was me - no family history and someone who knows the risks and is careful to take precautions," she said.

Fuller knew her response to cancer had to be aggressive in return, and she was ready for the fight.

"Treatment was hard. Enduring medication and side effects was hard," she said. "But I couldn't allow fear to stop me from living my life."

Fuller said while caring for her mother-in-law during her cancer diagnosis she learned that, "whatever God wants to teach me, or those around me, it is worth the hard times."

Along with her faith, her support network

played a major role in her response. Dubbed the "4:13 Amy's Army, the name paid homage to her birthdate and a scripture that comforted her: Philippians 4:13, which states "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Every afternoon at 4:13 p.m., the group set alarms to pray for Fuller.

"It was comforting to know that every day, I had hundreds of people praying for me," she said. "The personal touch and connection made all the difference in reminding me that I was not alone."

Fuller's diagnosis led her to double down on her volunteer duties with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life which she has been involved with for 25 years.

She's aware that without a routine scan, her cancer could have become much more invasive, and the outcome might not have been as positive.

"Mammograms save lives - I'm living proof," she said. "Today I look in the mirror and see that same person who overcame feelings of shock and fear by talking about them, sharing them and not being afraid of being honest and real. I've learned through hard times that I can do really hard things." 📸

I can do really hard things.

~ Amy Fuller

Amy Fuller is married to her husband Jeff, and they have a son, Jordan (who lives in Erie) and daughter, Mackenzie (who lives in Boston). She has been working at the Cranberry Public Library for seven years. Amy is cancer free, and her last treatment was November 16, 2021.

Scan the QR to learn more about
Amy & Karen's stories with a transcript of
some of the questions they kindly answered.



Karen's Story

Karen Hezlep was no stranger to breast cancer after her sisters' faced battles of their own.

Her youngest sister was diagnosed with breast cancer, and her middle sister's sudden death stemmed from cancer treatment.

Even though she had a family history, Hezlep did not have the genetic markers like her sisters had. However, a genetic counselor told her she was still at high risk. She entered a high-risk breast cancer program, and after an immediate MRI to determine her baseline, she was diagnosed with cancer in both breasts.

After being jolted by the initial call, Hezlep said she was never scared.

"I never felt afraid. I have a very strong foundation of faith, and I believe that God doesn't give us more than we can handle if we trust Him," she said. "It was great to confirm this within my own life situation."

Relying on that faith, Hezlep endured a double mastectomy in January 2020 – just weeks before the COVID-19 pandemic began.

"It was stressful waiting and hoping that my surgery wouldn't get canceled," she said. "As it was, just a few days before my surgery

the hospitals banned all visitors. The day of surgery, my husband literally had to drop me off at the front door of the hospital and leave me. Prayer and a sense of humor were important to get us through it."

Getting through treatment was a marathon, not a sprint, Hezlep noted. While the treatment options included a mastectomy on one side and a lumpectomy on the other, Hezlep requested a bilateral mastectomy – a decision that proved beneficial as the disease was present in both breasts. To complete the reconstruction surgery, Karen used donated human skin grafts.

The double mastectomy was the first of five surgeries, plus ongoing drug treatment to mitigate recurrence. However, in looking back, she is thankful for early detection.

"I'm grateful for skilled surgeons who removed all the cancer, and grateful for so many reconstruction options," she said. "I look around and see so many women who are going through a much harder treatment than I am. I can never complain."

Karen's support network would never complain, either.

"My husband Bruce has taken care of me and has been endlessly patient," she said. "My kids are my biggest cheerleaders. My sister, having already been through it, gives me advice, information, and empathy. I was sincerely overwhelmed with gratitude for all my friend's support that truly made all the difference."

"I'll never be able to explain how grateful I am for the gift of life," Hezlep added. 📞



Karen Hezlep is married to her husband Bruce, and they have a son Nathan, and daughter, Anna. The Hezlep family also has a dog, Ember, and cats, Link and Zelda. Karen has been a Cranberry Township resident for 29 years. She is a manager at PNC. She is in complete remission.

I never felt afraid.

~ Karen Hezlep



Faces of Cranberry

SARGENT CONQUERS KILIMANJARO

Cranberry Township is roughly 1,100 feet above sea level, and its terrain, while rolling and green, isn't exactly treacherous.

Chip Sargent had that in mind as he trekked around Cranberry amassing 533 miles in 70 days and over 1 million steps. It was enough to prepare him for the challenge of a lifetime: climbing the 19,341-foot Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Sargent knew he needed to be at his absolute best for the trek and all the trip entailed. That included amping up his cardio

at Young Brothers Tae Kwan Do, where he is a fifth-degree master instructor, as well as hiking around more challenging parks in the region.

"I was not a hiker before this," the Park Place resident said. "I was constantly walking, and eventually a couple neighbors said 'wow, you're really getting in shape.'"

Despite his lack of experience – and supplies and equipment – Sargent said he was never fearful. That's because of the team behind him.

Sargent, who teaches at Wexford Elementary School, learned of the Kilimanjaro trip from Pine Richland Wrestling Coach Caleb Kolb. Kolb is the Executive Director of Adventures in Training with a Purpose. The agency partners with K2 Adventures for the climb, and a group had completed it the previous three years.

Sargent and his friend Rob Hunt were part of a group of 12 that set out in July on a 32-hour trip to Arusha in Tanzania. After the grueling travel time, the group spent two

days volunteering at Summit Happy Home, an orphanage constructed by K2.

Armed with day packs and accompanied by porters who carried supplies and camp items, the group began their six-day climb and quickly bonded as they shared in the ultimate mission. Sargent noted he was the oldest in the group at age 58, and though he was surprised by the terrain and the amount of rock climbing, he never had a second thought about finishing.

On the final day of the ascent, the group set out before dawn donning headlamps to light the way. As the sun rose, Sargent knew he would soon be joining the roughly 65% of climbers to complete the journey. After six days of mental and physical tests, they reached the summit, where they spent just 30 minutes due to the limited oxygen levels.

After touching the sign and taking hundreds of photos, Sargent decided to make his mark at the summit by breaking a Tae Kwan Do board – a possible world record, he joked.

After a day-long descent, Sargent went on a safari before beginning the trip back to Cranberry. Though he was surprisingly able to get a cell signal while on the mountain and was able to check in with his wife, Nancy, and son, Ryan, he had stories and photos to share.

"It was like celebrating all over again," he said of his arrival home.

In the months since, Sargent has regaled anyone who will listen with tales of his trip. He said he's met with the most obvious question: would he do it again?

"From a cost standpoint, no time soon," he said with a laugh. "But I would absolutely do it again."

Keep that in mind if Sargent is spotted hiking loops around the Township in the coming months. 🏠





Rotary & Parish DEFINE COMMUNITY

[kə-mü-nə-tē]

noun

a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.

According to the Oxford English Dictionary, Cranberry Township exemplifies the definition of "community" in many ways.

The "characteristic in common" is giving.

When it comes to "giving," the Cranberry Township Rotary clubs and Divine Grace Parish lead the way.

After looking for ways to positively address a need, the Cranberry Township Rotary clubs (Sunrise, Sunset, and Noon) hosted a collection drive for household furnishings that benefits those in need at no cost.

The drive was held in conjunction with The Blessing Board, a local non-profit that exists to improve and rebuild the lives of impoverished people. The Rotary answered the call and filled an entire box truck in a matter of a few hours.

"We were humbled by the enthusiastic giving level of Township residents, who didn't think twice about donating," said Teresa Gadberry, President of the Sunrise Rotary, and co-organizer of the event.

Just a few feet to the right of The Blessed Board donation truck in the back lot of

the Municipal Center, an enormous family festival hosted by Divine Grace Parish raised more than \$100,000 for the mission of the church.

After the pandemic shut down the popular festival for two years, church members were eager to bring their community together for a worthy cause. Volunteers staged a fabulous festival that featured food, live music, raffles, bingo, fair games, a kid's play area and a grand white elephant sale.

The festival also marked the newly formed Divine Grace Parish bringing together St. Ferdinand, St. Gregory Catholic Church in Zelienople, and Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church in Ellwood City.

"We were excited to see so many parishioners and people from the community attend and truly enjoy the festival," said Festival Co-Organizer Jamie Shearer.

The next time the definition of a "remarkable community" is needed, look no further in the dictionary under the name Cranberry Township, pronounced [kran-be-rē township]. 🏠



BY THE NUMBERS:

- The Blessing Board receives **800** calls a month for assistance
- The Blessing Board services **140+** requests a month for assistance
- The Blessing Board has **2** distribution centers located in the north and south
- The Divine Grace Parish sold approximately **700** meals with proceeds benefiting the church mission
- Items not sold in Divine Grace's White Elephant Sale went to **15** local charities
- Over several weeks of parishioners donating, Divine Grace Parish's White Elephant Sale featured **tens of thousands** of items
- Divine Grace Parish Festival volunteers numbered at **500**
- How many people does it take to volunteer to make a difference: **1**



A group of Girl Scouts recently earned their Bronze Award for a community project that is gold-medal worthy.

Members of the Morning Star Service Area Girl Scouts Junior Troop 20546 restored the trail head sign at Community Park as part of their Bronze Award Girl Scout project.

The award is earned by fourth or fifth grader Girl Scout Juniors who have completed a Junior Journey. Participants identify a community project to complete.

Troop 20546 set their sights on the Nature Trail sign in Community Park, which had been untouched for many years and was surrounded by weeds. Members cleaned the area around the sign and added a new trail sign outlining the trail and hiking tips.

The project was completed in conjunction with the Township's Department of Public Works who printed and installed the signage.

The Scouts officially unveiled their project earlier this fall and beamed with pride as

they admired their hard work. The project will stand as another example of the Cranberry communities' commitment to service. 🏠



Kids Castle Sculpture Signals COLLABORATION, FUN

Art comes in all shapes and sizes. For Alex Howland, the sizes are often life-size, the pallet steel and iron, the paintbrush replaced by a welding torch.

No stranger to the Township, Howland's work is on display at the North Boundary Park Disc Golf Course, as well as the Library MakerSpace. Working in collaboration with the Cranberry Artists Network, his prompt is simple: go big or go home.

Howland did just that, creating a massive sculpture that will be a permanent fixture of the Kids Castle Playground in Community Park. The piece was created at Twisted Iron Fabrication, Howland's architectural metal fabricating company with Lead Fabricator Matt Lowry and Master Blacksmith Austin Fisher.

According to Noele Reynolds of the Cranberry Artists Network, Howland and his team's talent is often pushed to the limits

by big ideas, but they never say no.

"He is able to apply the ideas we toss out and pull in his expertise of metalworking to bring it to life in a big way," she said.

The project was completed in conjunction with the "Royal Refresh" of the play area. Reynolds said it's the perfect location for a stunning piece of art.

"Art belongs in more places than just museums," she said. "Art is such a vital part of any culture and community, installing pieces where we shop, play, relax, and walk reminds us how integral it is."

Howland's work, Reynolds said, is an inviting and a visual landmark to let kids know that Kids Castle is built for them.

Sponsorship opportunities are available to businesses who'd like to be part of the art installation at Kids Castle. Scan the QR to learn more! 🏠





DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT HAS TOWNSHIP *Flying High*

North Boundary Park was the site of flying discs recently, but those objects weren't unidentified.

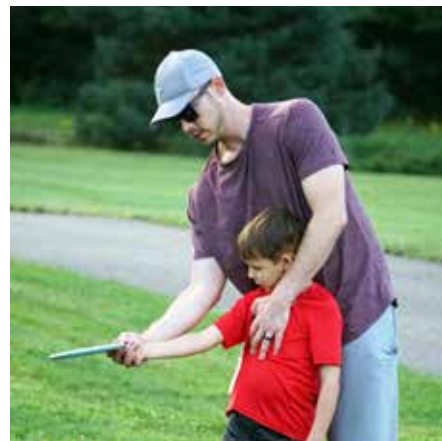
As part of the Disc Golf Pro Tour's Butler County Disc Golf Classic, hundreds of the top men and women disc golfers in the world tried their hand at one of the toughest courses on the tour.

Sponsored by the Butler County Tourism & Convention Bureau and hosted by Pittsburgh Flying Disc and Cranberry Township, the tournament was the largest in Southwestern Pennsylvania since the 2015 Professional Disc Golf Association Pro Disc

GolfWorld Championships.

Since the course was opened as part of the 2018 Cranberry Township Community Chest Project of the Year, the Township and Pittsburgh Flying Disc have worked to create a challenge for the best players in the world. That challenge includes long distances, steep elevations, and wooded fairways.

But the weekend wasn't just for the pros, as it kicked off with lessons and demonstrations by touring professional disc golfers who provided tips and perhaps helped create the next generation of competitors.



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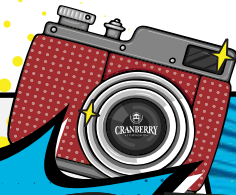
Thanks for a Great Event!



SAVE *the* DATE

JULY 13 - 15, 2023

OH SNAP!



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





We like to feature residents' best images which were captured from anywhere in the Township to show the beauty and joy of people, places or things!

Give us your best shots via email
CommunicationsTeam@CranberryTownship.org
 Photos must be submitted without copyright infringements.

UPCOMING

events



EMS CPR & First Aid Classes

October 15, December 17
9 AM - 12 PM, 12:30 - 3 PM, Municipal Center
724-776-4480 ext. 1911



Cranberry HHW Collection

October 22, 9 AM - 1 PM, Public Works
Fees apply & registration required
Register: www.nobleenviro.com



Last Day to Pay County/Twp Taxes

December 31
More information at
www.cranberrytownship.org/taxes



ELC Open House

Wednesday, November 16, 5 - 7 PM

We're all about

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Scan for more info!



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HOLIDAY Village Market

at the Cranberry Municipal Center

CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP

Support Local

Saturday, December 3

5:00 - 8:00 PM

HOLIDAY VENDORS
GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST
LIVE MUSIC
HOT CHOCOLATE
& MORE!
FOOD TRUCKS

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- Showers and More!

CranberryHighlands.com/Banquets



The region's most comprehensive breast cancer care is right here north of Pittsburgh.

As the home of western Pa.'s only NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center and the pioneers of 3D mammography, UPMC offers access to more breast cancer experts and clinical trials than any center in the region. From genetic testing and risk assessment to innovative surgical approaches and immunotherapies, experts at our renowned UPMC Hillman Cancer Center and UPMC Magee-Womens are transforming breast cancer care every day. **To learn more, visit UPMC.com BreastCancerAwareness.**

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Santa Claus

is coming to town

Santa's First Stop (Free Event - No Registration Required!)

November 18 - 6:00PM, Cranberry Municipal Center

Milk & Cookies with Santa (Register in Advance!)

December 17 - 11:30AM, 12:45PM or 2:00PM

December 18 - 11:00AM or 12:15PM

Pet Photos with Santa (Register for a 10 Minute Session!)

December 18, 2:00PM - 5:00PM

More info: Cranberry4FUN.com/Programs



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