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Keep the Beat: AEDs installed in multiple Township facilities

When a cardiac event happens, every second counts.

An initiative to replace and install new automated external defibrillators (AED) on Cranberry Township properties will help buy time in the event one of these unpredictable events occurs.

The Township, along with the Cranberry Township Community Chest and the Passavant Hospital Foundation, pitched in to purchase 18 Physio Control Lifepak CR2 Defibrillators to be placed in strategic locations around the Township.

The defibrillators have clear directions, audible prompts to guide a person through the process, and different settings for adults and children under the age of 8. The devices are also compatible with Cranberry EMS' cardiac monitors, ensuring a smooth transition of care once crews arrive on scene.

"Having standardized equipment buys us extra time when an emergency happens," said Matt Nickl, EMS Director.

Each kit contains the AED device, scissors, a razor for removing chest hair, a towel, gloves, and a pocket mask for CPR.

Locations for the AEDs include:

- UPMC Passavant Graham Park – Pickleball Courts, Football Fields, Baseball Fields, Miracle League Field, and Soccer Fields
- Community Park – Baseball Fields and Kids Castle Restrooms
- Cranberry Highlands Golf Course – Clubhouse and Turfgrass Center
- North Boundary Park – Restrooms and Waterpark First Aid Room
- Municipal Center – Council Chambers and Staff Lunchroom
- Public Works Building
- Public Safety Training Facility
- Brush Creek Treatment Plant

Additionally, eight police vehicles will be outfitted with the devices, as well as a dedicated device for the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. Several of the community access devices will be kept in lit, heated cabinets in the parks from 24/7 access from any visitor.

“The Township is better equipped thanks to these standardized AEDs,” said Scott Garing, Chief of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. “We’re thankful to CTCC and the Passavant Hospital Foundation for collaborating on this project to make Cranberry a safer, healthier place.”

A video demonstrating how to use the device can be found at youtube.com/cranberrytownship.