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WINTER 2023

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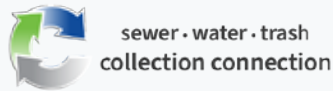


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## 2023 WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR

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**1 DAY DELAY**  
(Due to weekday holiday)

**LIVE TREE COLLECTION**  
Jan 9 - Jan 20

**YARD WASTE COLLECTION**  
Mar 27 - Dec 8

Scan the QR for more information on trash!



### HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

If one of the holidays listed below occurs on a weekday, collection will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week:  
**New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas**

### E-WASTE & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DATES:

March 18, July 1, and October 28  
Fees apply- details at [CranberryTownship.org/Collection](https://CranberryTownship.org/Collection)



### PUBLIC MEETINGS

#### Cranberry Township Board of Supervisors

January 26; February 2, 23;  
March 2, 30; April 6, 27  
6:30 PM, Council Chambers

#### Planning Advisory Commission

January 30; February 6, 27;  
March 6, 27; April 3, 24  
6:00 PM, Council Chambers

#### Zoning Hearing Board

(As needed)

Third Monday of the month  
7:30 PM, Council Chambers

[CranberryTownship.org/Calendar](https://CranberryTownship.org/Calendar)

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DIFFICULTIES OF  
SNOWSTORMS FOR  
YOUR NEIGHBORS-  
VOLUNTEER TO BE  
A SNOW ANGEL!



[CranberryTownship.org/SnowAngels](https://CranberryTownship.org/SnowAngels)

### Winter Reminders:

- Avoid travel if possible during a snow event so crews can efficiently clear roads.
- Keep roadways clear of parked vehicles for emergency access, snow removal, and trash collection.
- Keep sidewalks safe this winter. Clear snow & ice within 48 hours of a snow event.
- Visit [511PA.com](https://511PA.com) for PennDOT traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts and more.
- Sign up to receive Cranberry traffic alerts, local travel advisories, and community announcements at [CranberryTownship.org/Alerts](https://CranberryTownship.org/Alerts).

### State Roads Maintained by PennDOT:

- Route 19
- PA Turnpike- I-76
- I-79
- Route 228
- Rochester Road
- Glen Eden Road
- Freedom Road
- Franklin Road
- Callery Road
- Plains Church Road

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**Save-A-Life Saturday**  
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## ON THE COVER



*Cranberry Township in collaboration with UPMC Passavant unveil new signage at Graham Park along with a new community partnership.*



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# UPMC Passavant, Cranberry Township

UNVEIL GRAHAM PARK

*Partnership*

**W**eekend warriors and aspiring athletes alike have long had a home in Graham Park.

With a new title sponsor on board and expansion plans on tap, that home is set to become even more welcoming to all members of the community, with improved health and wellness as the goal.

Now dubbed the UPMC Passavant Sportsplex at Graham Park, the facility opened in 2009 to provide health and wellness opportunities to the community through both organized and individual recreation.

The 115-acre municipal park was built on farmland purchased by the Township from the Graham family in 2003. The three distinct campuses focus on a different type of activity, with the overall complex containing three football, four soccer, and six baseball fields, as well as a dek hockey rink, pickleball complex, fishing pond, community garden, and much more.





"Graham Park exemplifies the community spirit of collaboration that is needed to move Cranberry forward," said Mike Manipole, Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman.

That's why the UPMC Passavant logo emblazoned on many signs throughout the park represent more than letters - it represents a partnership focused on creating a healthier community.



## It's a win-win for UPMC Passavant and Cranberry Township.

~ Susan Hoolahan, President, UPMC Passavant



"UPMC Passavant is committed to working with communities to encourage prevention and healthy living with various wellness initiatives that lead to a healthy lifestyle," said Susan Hoolahan, President of UPMC Passavant. "By partnering with communities like Cranberry we can, together, provide important resources for everyone, not just our patients. It's a win-win for UPMC Passavant and Cranberry Township."

For the Township, it's a connection between the community and a world-class health organization that improves quality of life for those using Graham Park.

"Graham Park, like all of our parks, is such an amazing asset," said Dan Santoro, Township Manager. "When our Board of Supervisors outlined the vision for this park in the mid-2000s, they pledged to create a world-class facility that would bring dozens of individual activities together in one location. Through this partnership with UPMC Passavant, we continue expanding on that mission and provide the opportunities our community desires most."

The new signage and namesake are just the beginning for changes at Graham Park.

Work to install a seasonal pickleball air dome is set to begin in early 2023. As part of that expansion, the tennis and basketball facilities will be relocated and updated. The park's future will also be under the microscope as a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan process continues.

"We're lucky to have a world-class facility like Graham Park in Cranberry, but we can never rest on our laurels," Manipole said. "Through this partnership with UPMC Passavant, we have a renewed opportunity to continue creating a facility that exceeds the needs of the entire community." 🏠

# GRAHAM PARK CHRONOLOGY

**1837** Title to property deeded to Matthew Graham for \$42.

**1952** Turnpike Authority condemns a corridor of land running through the property for construction of a toll road.

**2000** Turnpike proposes acquiring additional property.

**2001** At the suggestion of the Graham family, Cranberry expresses interest in acquiring a portion of the farm for future park development; Brush Creek Smart Growth Initiative planning group identifies property as appropriate site for a park.

**2003** Negotiations to acquire the parcel conclude with a title transfer ceremony.

**2004** Final archeological report finds no major obstacles to park development; a park master plan with extensive public input is created.

**2005** Detailed designs prepared following extensive public input to the planning process.

**2007** Groundbreaking ceremony is held; Mashuda Corporation contributes grading to the park, saving Cranberry approximately \$1 million; bids for construction including roads, bridge, trails, utilities, sports fields, utility lines are prepared.

**2008** Field irrigation system installation begins, grass planted; bids for remaining infrastructure awarded; bathrooms, concessions, field lights, fencing, scoreboards, and dugouts are constructed.

**2009** Much of the park opens for play.

**2012** The Centennial Scouting Plaza and stocked fishing lake is opened as the CTCC Project of the Year.

**2014** CTCC's Project of the Year installs fitness stations in different parts of the park.

**2016** The Miracle League Field is renovated, plus the addition of a new playground, as part of CTCC's Project of the Year.

**2017** CTCC SportCourts named in honor of CTCC's 40th anniversary, opens with pickleball, tennis, bocce and basketball courts, plus horseshoe pits.

**2020** Five additional pickleball courts are added as Cranberry Township Pickleball Association expands.

**2021** UPMC Passavant signs a 10-year agreement to serve as the title sponsor for UPMC Passavant Sportsplex at Graham Park.







Volunteers paint dugout



Community builds playground



Little Free Library

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS DOT CRANBERRY'S

# Pride in Parks

**T**here's no pride in ownership, and Cranberry is the best example.

While the Township has long been committed to creating, maintaining, and growing the parks system, the spacious fields and miles of courts actually belong to the community.

And looking around Community, North Boundary, and Graham parks, the evidence is everywhere. From civic groups to high school students seeking service projects, the parks contain community contributions that not only improve the overall quality of each space, but do so while creating a close-knit community.

"Our parks are never finished projects – if anything, they're the perfect canvas for our community to be creative and give back," said Pete Geis, Parks and Recreation Director. "We're very fortunate to have so many longstanding community creations within our parks system."

Those projects range from shelters and signage to dog park obstacles – and the dog park itself. In some instances, organizations collaborate with the Township to fill a need. Organizations like the Cranberry Rotary are

also quick to find beautification projects like a recent tree-planting effort to spruce up the parks themselves.

Other projects are efforts of individuals or organizations who come armed with an idea of their own. Community Park's Little Library remains filled with best sellers, while heroes are remembered via Blue Star Memorials secured by the Southwest Butler County Garden Club in both Graham and North Boundary parks.

Still, some projects are a bit more unique. Scouts in Pack 406 installed owl boxes behind North Boundary Park to help protect and preserve the Township's owl population. Just across the lawn, a gaga ball pit was recently installed by resident Jordan Courtney as part of Girl Scout Silver Award project.

While there are a handful of new projects unveiled each year, there is always room for the community to swing a hammer, slap on some paint, and make their marks on the parks. 🛠️

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Garden Club & VFW #879



Girl Scout Silver Award Project



Eagle Scout project



North Boundary Park's New Gaga Ball

### What's Gaga Ball?

Learn all about the popular, fast-paced game through the video at [CranberryTownship.org/NorthBoundaryPark](http://CranberryTownship.org/NorthBoundaryPark).





# Going Green?

## CRANBERRY'S BEEN THERE!

*By Bruce Mazzoni, Board of Supervisors*

People think I am crazy when I say Cranberry residents own and manage more green space than any other municipality in Butler County - or, for that matter, in the state.

That includes acres and percentage of total acres in a municipality.

### **CRAZY? NO, IT'S A FACT.**

Cranberry contains 14,800 acres, or 23 square miles.

Our three parks contain 345 acres, and our golf course has 309 acres. Our other parklets, the Municipal Center campus, and other right of way equals account for 71 acres.

And, as part of our vision decades ago, we also have locked in 2,037 acres via green space requirements for planned residential developments and other developments in neighborhood and commercial areas to date, with more sure to come.

We also have an extensive sidewalk infrastructure - one of the largest in the county - with more added each year. These required sidewalks also come with streetscape that make Cranberry look great.

All together, we have assured that 20% of the Township will remain green and undeveloped. That equals roughly 3 square miles.

The remaining land is privately owned property, and what those landowners do with their land is up to them to a point. If they choose to sell that undeveloped plot of land to a developer, that is their right by law to do so.

It's important to remember that Cranberry Township would be sued - and lose - if we



stop any development that meets the requirements of state and local law.

But we do protect you with some of the strongest development requirements in the state to assure a minimum amount of buffering and green space that will never be developed. Those requirements recently were crucial in ensuring two recent developments not only met the minimum green space requirements but exceeded them.

In fact, in the years since these requirements have been implemented, we've found that many developers choose to exceed the minimum requirements, recognizing the importance we as a community place on green space.

We continue to focus on how we can expand and improve green space, even in these winter months. In this edition of 'Cranberry Today,' you'll read about more about these efforts, including ways we intend to make our parks even better. We do this through ongoing, comprehensive planning for our parks system, with a commitment to preserve and maintain green, open space as the goal.

We're always looking for more ways to grow and improve our community - it's why we as Board members chose to become involved. Rest assured that conserving and protecting the beauty of Cranberry is at the heart of our decision-making process.

So, get outside in any season and enjoy what makes Cranberry this amazing community.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Mazzoni'.





## CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP 2023 Budget

Foundations for a BRIGHT FUTURE



# BUILDING BALANCE

## 2023 BUDGET ACCOUNTS BOTH NEEDS AND WANTS

**W**hether for an international corporation or a family household, striking a balance between needs and wants is a delicate strategy.

In Cranberry Township, finding that balance for the overall benefit of the community has become the mission, and 2023 will be no different.

The fiscally sound budget simultaneously pursues value-enhancing community assets while advancing critical infrastructure needs, all while adding value to the Township and its stakeholders. And, perhaps most notably, the 2023 budget keeps the existing tax rates for the General Fund and continues the stalwart practices that have earned Cranberry a Aaa Moody's Rating.

"The budget ensures efficient government services and operations while supporting an engaged, safe, and healthy community," said Mike Manipole, Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. "It provides quality utility services to our residents, focuses on infrastructure integrity and maintenance, and enhances the overall quality of life in Cranberry."

The budget balances the infrastructure needs including improving water, sewer, solid waste, and stormwater projects.

Areas of focus include:

- Phase II of Fox Run sewer and stormwater improvements designed to reduce flooding during significant storm events

- Design for the Brush Creek Water Pollution Control Facility solids handling process

- A comprehensive Infiltration and Inflow study to reduce extraneous flows in the sewer system

- Design and construction of the Franklin Acres pump station and force-main project

- System integrity improvements in water pumping capacity and water distribution system

- Continued efforts to meet state-mandated MS4 requirements

The budget also accounts for high-quality maintenance of 136 miles of Township-owned roads, as well as the next phase of work on the ongoing Freedom Road expansion project.

But it isn't all about the nuts and bolts of the Township, as the budget includes several carefully vetted capital projects aimed at upgrading and expanding the quality of life in the community.

This includes additional planning efforts like the completion of the Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan; a recommitment to diversity initiatives that support a welcoming community through the completion of the Culture & Diversity section of the Cranberry Plan; the completion of the Golf Course Master Plan; and the initial stages of a redevelopment plan that focuses on the mature core commercial areas of the Township.

The Municipal Center Modernization Project will create a more user-friendly gathering space for the community at the 31-year-old Township center. Those efforts are aided by a \$1.25 million Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant.

Elsewhere, Graham Park will see the installation of a seasonal pickleball air dome and upgrades to the tennis and basketball facilities, while the Waterpark is set to add exciting new features.

While 2023 poses potential challenges due to record-high inflation and continued supply chain issues, Cranberry Township's decades of planning and responsible financial practices position the Township to weather any storm that may arise. That same planning is present in the 2023 budget.

"The community trusts the Board of Supervisors to make the best decisions with their tax dollars, and we take that trust very seriously," Manipole said. "For decades, we've worked hard to build that trust, and we will continue to do so while making sure Cranberry remains on stable financial ground for years to come." 🏠

Scan the QR for  
information or visit  
[CranberryTownship.org/Budget](https://CranberryTownship.org/Budget).



## MUNICIPAL CAMPUS

Few things are as frustrating as circling the Municipal Center on a busy evening, and hunting for an elusive open parking space.

The Municipal Center Modernization Project will not only cut down on that parking quest but create a more user-friendly gathering space for the community.

A multi-phase effort addressing stormwater, parking capacity, and the general appearance of the building - began in August, highlighted by the reconfiguration and expansion of the rear parking lot. It's a critical first step that allows for future phases to remove parking in the front of the building while netting an overall increase in the number of spaces at the facility. The overall increase in parking capacity will prove valuable during large events like Santa's First Stop and the Cranberry



Township Farmers Market.

The stage is now set for the Modernization Project, which received a boost in late 2022 thanks to a \$1.25 million Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant.

Work is slated to include expansion of the side parking lot, as well as modern makeover of the entire facility. Interior renovations will take place while work continues on the exterior of the building, with careful planning in place to minimize the impact on visitors.

Improvements include expanded Customer Service operations, bringing easier access for residents and others doing business in the Township. There is also a focus on adding programmable spaces, including an overhaul of an existing room and the addition of two more. Such spaces are in high demand from groups and organizations using the Municipal Center as their home base.

Once completed, the Municipal Center will be better equipped to serve the community for another 30 years and beyond. 🏠



## Freedom Road Facing the Finish Line

The long road to making Freedom flow more freely is reaching its final destination.

The second of two projects using Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grants on Freedom Road will break ground in 2023. It signals the next significant step in expanding the heavily traveled roadway, a process that has been a priority for the Township for a decade.

The Board of Supervisors, recognizing the importance the Freedom Road corridor plays

in making the Township a regional hub, the Board of Supervisors committed to working with PennDOT and Butler County to get the ball rolling.

Since 2020, the Township in conjunction with Butler County received two U.S. Department of Transportation grants through the BUILD program.

The first project expanded Freedom Road from Commonwealth Drive to Haine School Road. Using a \$20 million BUILD grant, construction wrapped in late 2022.

The next phase using a \$25 million BUILD grant will expand the road from Haine School Road to Powell Road is set to begin in 2023.

These projects follow the full replacement and expansion of the Freedom Road Turnpike Bridge which was completed in 2021.

And while different entities have taken the lead on these projects, they showcase the Township's longstanding commitment to working together to keep projects moving down the road. 🛣️



# THAT'S A WRAP!

## Snowplow Features Contest-winning Name

Cranberry Township's Public Works Department may not be able to cancel winter weather, but they can delete its impact.

In honor of those snow-busting efforts, one of the Township's plows features a new name and graphic chosen by Township residents: Ctrl+Salt+Delete.

The name was chosen from more than 1,000 other suggestions from hundreds of participants during a month-long Name That Snowplow contest in the spring of 2022.

The tech-influenced name garnered nearly



30 percent of the vote, defeating nine other names selected from the entries by the Public Works crew. Multiple participants suggested the winning name.

Graphic professionals from SpeedPro placed the wrap on the plow just in time for snow to start flying in November. The plow, driven by

Jeff Richmond, can be seen clearing the way along the Route 228 corridor in Cranberry Springs, Cranberry Woods, and the MSA Thruway.

Even when snow, sleet, and ice seem to be at their worst, remember that the Public Works Department has it under CTRL. 🚚



When Cranberry calls in the cavalry, the community comes quickly.

That's been the case for the Township's Leaf Angel and Snow Angel programs for the past several years. With dozens of volunteers at the ready to spread their "wings", those in need of assistance don't have to wait long for clear driveways and lawns.

The Leaf Angel program rolled on this past fall, with dozens of eager helpers armed with rakes and blowers picking up and bagging

the last signs of autumn. The program coincides with the Township's yard waste collection dates.

With leaves solidly in the rear view, another team of assistants stood at the ready with shovels and snowblowers as part of the Snow Angel program. These volunteers are matched with senior residents or those with mobility issues and remain on call for shoveling when snow is impactful.

Not only do the Leaf and Snow Angel programs help the community, but they

also provide the opportunity for camaraderie. Several of those signing up to assist were groups or teams who recognize that work is faster – and more fun – with a few friends.

The Snow Angel program runs through the last snow event of winter. Even though winter has started, there is always a need for more volunteers. It's not too late to sign up to help out a neighbor! 🚚

Scan for the Snow Angels request site:  
[cranberrytownship.org/snowangels](https://cranberrytownship.org/snowangels)



## THINK GLOBALLY



## Act Locally for the Environment

Information can be both a blessing and, at times, overwhelming.

An internet search for “environmental improvement strategies” returns 657 million results in less than a half second.

So how does a well-intentioned Cranberry citizen stem the melting of glaciers in Greenland or clean up acres of floating plastic trash in the Pacific Ocean?

Obviously, that can’t happen. But, residents can take on smaller projects that have real, tangible impacts closer to home.

Cranberry Township’s Environmental Advisory Committee has planted a dozen trees in North Boundary Park; participated in the Roadside Clean-up Project; and launched a plan to develop a multi-acre pollinator meadow at the entrance to North Boundary Park.

These are small projects with a local impact. But small efforts add up.

Residents working in unison with the EAC will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the environment and keep Cranberry a destination of beauty. 🏡



### THINK AHEAD... how you can work in unison with the EAC this spring!

- Consider replacing power yard tools, explore battery operated lawn mowers, weed whackers, hedge trimmers, and other items. Electric tools are much quieter than gas-powered implements and do not produce the exhaust gasses typical of a two-cycle engine.
- If fall leaves remain in a garden bed, leave them in place until temperatures reach the 50-degree range multiple days in a row. Beneficial insects will emerge from the leaf litter as temperatures rise and provide early pollination for spring plants and food for migrating birds.
- Choose native flowers for spring and summer gardens that will support pollinating insects, butterflies, and birds.
- Place suet cakes in bird feeders, as the cakes provide high-calorie fat. Birds keep warm by metabolizing fat deposits and suet provides needed energy.





# Township Utilities Director

## PRESENTS AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE



### LOGGING WATER

**R**oughly 71% of Earth is covered by water. And while the amount within Cranberry Township's boundaries is but a fraction of that number, the practices and thought being put into treating and maintaining that water is world-class.

The Mid-Atlantic Utility Conference, recently held in Hanover, Maryland, brought utility leaders from around the globe together to learn and network, sharing their experiences with some of the most challenging aspects of providing top-tier services.

Across two days of presentations and panel discussion, utility leaders shared best practices on important topics such as aging infrastructure, employee motivation, asset management, funding, innovation and technology, and general utility management.

Presenters from across the country included Greg Hoover, Cranberry's Director of Utilities. Hoover's presentation "Beyond the Meter" focused on the innovation and technology of the Township's Advance Metering Infrastructure, which is used for more than just acquiring billing consumption readings.

The technology captures valuable data that identifies water loss within the water system as well as inflow and infiltration within the sewer collection system. The goal is to recognize an issue before the customer realizes there is an issue, providing the most effective and efficient service residents.

Lucas Martsolf, Assistant Township Manager who oversees the Township's utilities, was thrilled that Cranberry is not only on the forefront of technology, but also educating utility leaders on best practices.

"Having representation from the Township present at such a highly regarded conference fortifies the hard work we put into our water system," he said. "It was significant that Greg was able to share his education and experience in hopes of helping other water and wastewater professionals."

It's a reminder that the next time a tap turns on, the focus, expertise, and technology behind it is helping solve water challenges on a global scale. 🏠

### AT-A- GLANCE

#### The Brush Creek Treatment Plant

- 3.2 million gallons of water run through the Brush Creek Treatment Plant every day.
- Most clean water from the plant is discharged into Brush Creek where it eventually enters the Ohio River.
- Daily testing for a variety of critical process indicators is conducted at an on-site laboratory.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the treatment plant.





## Time to Play at the Municipal Center

It's never too early for a child to socialize. That's why Cranberry Township is hosting the Playtime Pals program for children 18 months to 5-years-old.

Held at 10:30 a.m. each Thursday through February 23 at the Cranberry Township Municipal Center, the program offers a space for children to learn, play, and make friends during supervised indoor play time.

Play times begin with circle time and songs, then transition to open play. Children will develop both motor and social skills in the interactive class, giving them the opportunity to burn energy and beat boredom during the winter months.

This drop-in program costs only \$3 per child. To register, visit the front desk of Parks & Recreation Customer Service.



## Township Supports BC3 Food Pantry

Hunger knows no boundaries. And when hunger strikes, completing even simple tasks can become difficult.

The Cranberry community is joining an effort of Butler County Community College to help feed and fuel students in need of a meal.

BC3's Pioneer Pantry gathers food through drives, drop boxes, and financial gifts and provides it to students, faculty, and staff regardless of income or county of residence. The Pantry also provides meals to qualifying students through the Alliance for Nonprofit Resources, a Butler management company that provides food to 5,000 income-eligible residents using 25 Butler County pantries.

To donate, drop non-perishable goods in the boxes located outside of Customer Service, or visit: <https://amzn.to/3i6X2vr>



## Collection Law Amended

Taxpayers will be able to catch a break if a real estate tax notice gets lost in the mail.

The Board of Supervisors amended the Local Tax Collection Law to authorize the waiver of certain additional charges that are assessed against taxpayers who fail to pay their real estate taxes due to the failure to receive notice.

According to the resolution, additional charges will be waived if the taxpayer provides a waiver of additional charges to the tax collector within 12 months of a qualifying event and attests that a notice was not received. The taxpayer must also provide a copy of the deed or title showing the date of the transaction. They must also pay the face value of the tax notice with the waiver request.



## Seasonal Employees Keep Township Humming

Cranberry's workforce is a well-oiled machine. And the additive that keeps that machine running are the dozens of seasonal employees who not only keep the Township functioning but who give back to the community.

Seasonal workers in the Public Works Department typically join the Township in March and work through November. They do everything from mowing and repairing athletic fields, maintaining restrooms, and caring for playgrounds and pavilions.

According to Kelly Maurer, Director of Public Works, these seasonal jobs are often taken on by retirees, many of whom have some extra time on their hands. But it isn't just about keeping busy. "A lot of our seasonal employees see this as a chance to get out in the community and do their part to keep Cranberry the great place they've come to love," she said.

For others, it's about the love of the game, so to speak – the chance to be outside tending to work that others may find tedious. That's the case at Cranberry Highlands Golf Course, where seasonal groundskeepers put their precise abilities to work on the highly rated turf.

And it wouldn't be summer without a full Waterpark, as seasonal staff keep that facility swimming along. The Parks & Recreation Department welcomes dozens of lifeguards, concession employees, guest relations representatives, and maintenance attendants aboard each summer at the Waterpark. Elsewhere, Camp Cranberry staffs seasonal workers to propel the popular kids program.

The plethora of seasonal opportunities are a great way for eager workers of all ages to make a few extra dollars while helping Cranberry offer the services residents have come to depend upon.



Scan the QR code to view job opportunities listed at [CranberryTownship.org/Employment](https://CranberryTownship.org/Employment).



# CTCC ROOTED IN THE

## *Cranberry Community*

Though the Cranberry Township Community Chest's branches are still budding, the organization has deep roots in the community.

The concept of an organization created to raise funds for the betterment of the community was initially presented in 1976, when Cranberry was a rural community of roughly 7,500 people.

The Cranberry Rotary led by Frank Petrone sought to create an organization that took responsibility to raise money for the fire company, library, and ambulance services. Rather than three volunteer organizations running separate fundraisers, CTCC would operate one large effort and split the money between the organizations.

Rotarians drove mailbox to mailbox to drop off envelopes announcing the plan, along with donation envelopes. More than 75% of the community donated to that initial drive.

By 2005, Cranberry had grown to a community of more than 20,000 people. As growth occurred, so did new funding mechanisms for the fire company, library, and EMS.

However, a need for fundraising efforts remained. With the creation of The Cranberry Plan, the community and Township discovered a decline in non-profit and civic organization

involvement. Members of the Plan committee determined a single entity would be helpful in organizing and encouraging residents and businesses to get involved.

CTCC, which had been inactive and on the brink of disbanding, became that entity. A new 15-member Board was elected – including Petrone, a founding member of the original Community Chest. A new set of by-laws was created as the roadmap for CTCC's new mission, including:

- Encouraging residents and businesses to volunteer, donate, or join with a non-profit or civic group to improve the community.
- Promoting those non-profits and civic groups through various avenues.
- Encouraging new investments in the community that improve the quality of life.

More than 47 years after its initial creation and with more than a dozen major Projects of the Year under its belt, CTCC has become the glue that holds Cranberry's volunteering sector together. And with the community still growing, there remains a commitment to finding new, creative ways to make Cranberry an even better place to live, work, and play. 🏡



## Organization Continues **SUPPORT OF KIDS CASTLE**

Playtime is more fun with friends. As the title sponsor of the Kids Castle Playground, the Cranberry Community Uniting People (CUP) recognizes that the royal play place is the perfect backdrop for bringing people of all ages together for safe family fun.

As the 2013 Cranberry Township Community Chest Project of the Year, the playground in Community Park replaced the existing wooden Playtime Palace with state-of-the-art equipment and a past, present, and future theme. While the facility itself was an incredible upgrade for recreation offerings in Cranberry, it also served as a great way to bring the community together. More than 300 volunteers built the area from the ground up.

Cranberry CUP was the presenting sponsor for that project as it adhered to the group's mission of bettering and uniting the community.

Since then, Cranberry CUP has shifted focus to supporting and encouraging individuals



and families facing hardship, including those battling serious illness. Most of the funds are raised through an annual golf outing, as well as the hotly contested softball tournament each August. To date, the group has raised more than \$2 million, with a benefactor family chosen each year.

However, after nine years of heavy use, Kids Castle required royal treatment, and Cranberry CUP once again stepping up to help.

"When we set out to help someone in our community, we're committed to helping for as long as we're needed," said Anthony Bertolino, President of Cranberry CUP. "We have that

same commitment to Kids Castle, and we see the value and joy it brings to families in our community. We're proud to continue supporting such a wonderful project."

Renovations repaired and improved the play area, making it safer for parents and children. New features like a zipline and more swings have been added. Engraved pickets on a large picket fence surrounding Kids Castle are a featured component to the playground and still available to purchase. Engrave your personalized picket today by visiting [yourctcc.org](http://yourctcc.org). To learn more or get involved with Cranberry CUP, visit [cranberrycup.org](http://cranberrycup.org). 🏠

## Kids Castle Sculpture Signals **COLLABORATION AND FUN**



"Fun" may not be Chris Camp's middle name, but it's the first thing many think of when he's mentioned. As the owner of Fun Fore All Family Fun Park, 8 Progress Avenue, Camp has dedicated his life to creating a safe, family friendly space where memories are made.

A recent donation to the Cranberry CUP Kids Castle Playground Renovation Project in Community Park is just one more way for Camp to champion community celebration.

The \$8,000 donation to the Cranberry Township Community Chest's renovation of the popular playground helped bolster fundraising efforts that began in 2022.

"Our mission as a business is to provide safe family fun to the community," Camp said.

"Kids Castle is a perfect example that CTCC and the Township share that same mission, and we're thrilled to once again partner to make the community a better, more fun place."

The initial construction of the Playground was CTCC's 2013 Project of the Year, with the renovation project serving as a commitment to maintaining and continuing efforts to better the community. Upgrades include new equipment, maintenance to existing pieces, and improved safety measures.

Fun Fore All's donation is noted on a large, fabricated metal childlike structure. The massive sculpture was a creation of artist Alex Howland through his architectural metal fabricating company, Twisted Iron Fabrication.

It was a collaboration with the Cranberry Artists Network and is a permanent fixture of the Kids Castle Playground in Community Park. That continued support from Fun Fore All is the definition of a community supporting each other, according to CTCC President Bruce Mazzoni.

"Cranberry Township would not be the amazing community that it is without the exceptional residents and businesses that come together to make a difference," Mazzoni said. "Time and time again, Fun Fore All has gone above and beyond to support the Township and community. Chris and his group are the definition of being a community champion." 🏠







**STORRS' LIFE COMMITTED TO**

## DOING GOOD DEEDS

It's rare that an experience in one's youth lasts a lifetime.

In 2009, a newly retired Dan Storrs had the realization that for decades he had unknowingly been living by the Boy Scout motto. It was something engrained in him at 9 years old, and helped shape his approach to life: to do a good deed every day.

He re-committed to working with Boy Scouts in Butler County, working to increase participation in Cranberry, where he moved in 1995 with his late wife Cheryl Storrs and their children Matt and Sara.

When the idea of Scout Plaza and a fishing pond in Graham Park was pitched as a CTCC Project of the Year, Storrs became involved.

"The more I got involved, the more I realized the impact that Scouts had on my life," he said.

Via that project, Storrs became a CTCC Board member focusing on Community Days. His involvement led to a deep dive into the efficiency of non-profit organizations, and a

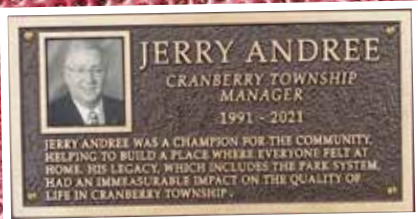
search for one that allowed the largest impact from a contribution.

Storrs selected a French organization focused on providing mosquito nets to malaria-prone parts of the world. Eventually though he sought a way to give back on a local level. He determined an endowment through CTCC would give him the biggest "bang for his buck" while also being an easy, accessible way to donate.

Though he had left the CTCC board, Storrs said he believes in its mission and knows firsthand its impact.

"I trust the people involved, and trust that the money will be well spent to move the community in the right direction," he said.

As the endowment enters its third year, Storrs continues to give back in other ways. He facilitates adult discussion groups in Allegheny and Butler counties, including a well-attended meeting at the Cranberry Library. And he'll continue finding ways to put his belief of the Boy Scout motto to work. 🏠



## What's Your LEGACY?

Consider creating an endowment for the CTCC Project of the Year.

**\$12,500 Legacy Endowment**, an 8x8" paver is installed on all future Projects of the Year.

**\$25,000 Heritage Endowment**, a dedicated bench and plaque are placed on the Graham Park Legacy Trail, and an 8x8" paver is installed on all future Projects of the Year.

**\$50,000 Pillar Endowment**, a dedicated bench and plaque are placed on the Graham Park Legacy Trail, and a 5x7" bronze plaque is installed on all future Projects of the Year.

**\$100,000 Legend Endowment**, a bench is installed with a 6x8" bronze plaque on all future Projects of the Year.

**\$500,000 Omega Endowment**, the next Project of the Year is named after you or your cause, plus a picnic table with an 8x10" bronze plaque is installed on all future Projects of the Year.

**Endowments** are available for other causes too, like the Cranberry Library and scholarships, or any other specific non-profit entity that benefits the community.

For more information, contact CTCC President, Bruce Mazzoni at [brucemazzoni@zoominternet.net](mailto:brucemazzoni@zoominternet.net).

## Ways to Give

It's easy to forget – video streaming, magazine subscriptions, and any other service one can think of automatically withdrawal from a bank account each month.

Why not use that same “set it and forget it” mindset to give back to the community?

The Cranberry Township Community Chest accepts donations through Township utility bills with the click of a few buttons. Donors can select any amount to automatically be deducted from the monthly bill, with 100% of the proceeds going to CTCC to directly benefit Cranberry.

Whether it's \$1 or \$100, each monthly donation adds up and is entirely tax deductible. The donation will be deducted each month until it is canceled by the bill payer.

Visit [yourctcc.org](http://yourctcc.org) to set up automatic utility withdrawals.

### HOW TO SIGN UP FOR AUTOMATIC UTILITY WITHDRAWALS

#### Online

- Visit [cranberrytownship.org/billpay](http://cranberrytownship.org/billpay)
- Complete the online form by entering your information and selecting the amount to be donated each month

#### In Person or Via Email

- Visit [cranberrytownship.org/billpay](http://cranberrytownship.org/billpay)
- Download and print the form
- Complete the form by entering your information and selecting the amount to be donated each month
- Email, drop off, or mail the completed form to Cranberry Township, P.O. Box 6075, Hermitage, PA 16148-1075

For more information, call 724-776-4806 ext. 1103. 🏠

## EVERY DOLLAR DONATED TO CTCC STAYS IN THE COMMUNITY

Thanks to our tremendous supporters, we've invested millions of dollars into the region through Community Days, the Project of the Year, and grants to local nonprofits.

Your support keeps the community vibrant and thriving.

Donations of any size make a difference.



#### CHECK/ PAYPAL / CREDIT

Checks, made payable to CTCC, mailed to 2525 Rochester Rd, Ste 450; Cranberry Twp., PA 16066; Visit [yourctcc.org](http://yourctcc.org) for payment options.



#### CRANBERRY LEGACY ENDOWMENT

Visit [yourctcc.org/cranberry-legacy-endowment](http://yourctcc.org/cranberry-legacy-endowment) to learn how to leave your legacy



#### DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

For information on how to combine favorable tax benefits with flexible giving, email [yourctcc@gmail.com](mailto:yourctcc@gmail.com).



#### SPONSORSHIP

Sponsor events like Community Days or specific programs and projects via the Project of the Year



#### AMAZON SMILE

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of purchases to CTCC. Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and log in for more information.



#### STOCKS & BONDS

Give assets for the maximum tax benefit, including minimum IRA distributions. Email [yourctcc@gmail.com](mailto:yourctcc@gmail.com) for more information.



#### UNITED WAY:

Contribute through your employer's United Way campaign. Contact your employer to see if this option is available.



#### COMPANY MATCH

CTCC is a registered 501c3 organization and qualifies for all employer matches.



## KEEP THE BEAT



### AEDs Installed in Multiple Township Facilities

**W**hen 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.

Additionally, eight police vehicles will be outfitted with the devices, as well as a dedicated device for the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

"Having these AEDs with our officers as they patrol and respond to calls gives us another

great tool to keep our community safe," said Kevin Meyer, Chief of Police

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." 🚒



#### LOCATIONS

- 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



Scan the QR to learn more about the new AEDs and see a quick tutorial.





# SOMEONE SAVED MY LIFE TONIGHT

## First Responders Meet Cardiac Survivors

It was the first time Nancy Kunkel was glad her husband didn't listen to her.

When she began to feel faint inside her Freedom home, Nancy asked her husband, Robert Kunkel Sr., and daughter, Karen Schnatterly, to take her to the hospital.

Robert thought better, instead calling 911. Within moments, Nancy lost consciousness and went into cardiac arrest.

Thanks to the early call for help and the quick response from Cranberry Township EMS crews, Nancy lived to see many more days.

On one of those days, a crisp fall Saturday in November, Nancy was able to meet the first responders face-to-face and thank them for their efforts. It was part of the annual Save-A-Life Saturday event, coordinated by Cranberry Township EMS, the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association, and UPMC. Kunkel was one of two cardiac arrest survivors on hand, and one of five patients in the last year to survive life threatening cardiac arrest via skilled life-saving care from first responders.


In addition to EMS crews, Cranberry Township police officers and Butler County

911 dispatchers, as well as the bystanders who called 911, received special pins and certificates noting their efforts, along with a special treat: a roll of Lifesavers candy!

The emotional event also served as a reminder that hands-only CPR can be crucial when events occur. EMS crews were on hand to demonstrate the method and provide training while stressing the importance of calling 911 as soon as possible.

It's advice that Nancy Kunkel will remember and appreciate for the rest of her long life. 🏠





Flipping,  
**SPINNING,**  
and Squeezing

## THE ANXIETY AWAY

**B**laring sirens, whirring equipment, and bright lights.

An unplanned ride in an ambulance can be anxiety inducing – and even more so for younger patients.

Cranberry Township EMS hopes to calm those fears via the use of sensory bags that provide a distraction for the littlest patients.

The emergency team is gathering items to create sensory bags to be used by young patients during calls, as well as other children who may have witnessed the emergency situation. These bags help create a distraction and calm a tense situation for both the patient and the first responders.

“Children require a different treatment approach than adults,” said Matt Nickl, Cranberry EMS Director. “The items in these bags help calm the child in a scary situation, which in turn helps us efficiently assess the emergency and begin providing care.”

And because every child may not respond the same to certain distractions, the sensory bags contain items that allow children to explore,

imagine, discover, create, and learn while engaging many of their senses.

That includes weighted blankets, sunglasses, glitter wands, pop tubes, fidget spinners, stress balls, and mini pillows. The brightly colored items are stored inside of a drawstring tote bag, which the patient can take with them for continued support.

Cranberry EMS is accepting donations for the sensory bag program, with desired items found on an Amazon Wishlist.

“It may seem small, but these bags truly have a major impact in making our young patients feel safe, secure, and calm during emergencies,” Nickl said. 🚓

☆ *Wish List* ☆

Scan to view the  
**SENSORY BAG**  
wishlist on Amazon.







## SYMPHONY HAS A HISTORY OF EDUCATION, QUALITY

There's precision in their art.

Each pluck of a string, stroke of a bow, and press of a key creates the perfect note, the result of thousands of hours of practice.

Joined together, their notes form a delightful sound. And while the faces have changed the Butler County Symphony Orchestra has spread joy around the area for more than 70 years.

The Symphony, founded as the Butler Orchestral Association in 1949, has become a hidden gem in the county and beyond, boasting a professional makeup that is recognized as one of the finest in the region.

The well-oiled orchestral machine's goal is simple: to make music for and share it with the people. Whether in downtown Butler's Diamond Park or at the Community Park Amphitheatre in Cranberry, the music is accessible and, often, free. The Symphony breaks down barriers and misconceptions about the music, encouraging audiences to be "come as they are" to enjoy world-class music.

As Symphony Executive Director John Furman proudly explains, the Butler Symphony makes music accessible, and offers a chance to enjoy the best musicians in the world perform without traveling or paying for parking.

But it isn't about the sonatas, as the Butler Symphony has long been committed to promoting the study, enjoyment, and understanding of music.

The Symphony has a diverse Educational Outreach Program that offers students in Butler County the opportunity to interact with guest artists, orchestra members, and the conductor. Funded in part by community and business donations, the Symphony offers free tickets to college and K-12 students so they can experience and perhaps be inspired to learn more about the music.

Other initiatives include the Educational Outreach Concert Series, an assembly program that teaches students about a specific aspect of music. Initiatives like the Side-by-Side Concert, the Young Musicians of Note Program,

the Orchestra Partnership Program, and the Collegiate Concerto Competition all aim to spark a love and understanding of music.

The next time the baton is raised, and the band warms up, be sure to settle in and escape while supporting an organization that makes Butler County a better, more musical place. 🎵



Scan the QR code to learn more or visit [butlersymphony.org](https://butlersymphony.org)





A photograph of a woman with long brown hair, wearing a dark blue jacket over a white shirt, playing a violin. She is looking intently at the instrument. In the background, other musicians and the warm lighting of a concert hall are visible.

# Faces of Cranberry

## Satteson is a *Master of her Craft*

**M**usic may have taken Tanya Satteson across the continent, but it's also allowed her to make a home in Cranberry Township.

Born and raised in Canada, Satteson ventured to the United States to study at the Cleveland Institute of Music, earning a master's degree in violin performance. That intensive training gave her the skills that led to performances with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Cleveland Pops Orchestra, the Academy Chamber Orchestra in Pittsburgh, and a slew of others.

Perhaps most notably, it was in Ohio where she met her husband, Jason, and the two relocated to the Cranberry area after Satteson took a job as an early childhood music and violin faculty member at the Center for Young Musicians in Wexford.

And though teaching the gift of music to children has become her focus, Satteson

continued to play around the Pittsburgh area, leading to a full-time position with the Butler County Symphony Orchestra. Since 2013, she's served as Concertmaster and Principal Violin 1, taking center stage both in performance and during the Symphony's outreach efforts.

All the while, the Sattesons – including sons Mylan and Ari – have called Cranberry Township home. And much the way the Butler Symphony provides an accessible, laid-back way for concertgoers to experience symphonic music, so too has Cranberry provided the accessibility for the Sattesons to grow.

"If I had total freedom, I'd like to live in the country," Satteson mused. "But Cranberry has been a great central point that has a more relaxed feel than you'd get elsewhere."

Satteson, who homeschools her children, also runs a home studio and teaches lessons

when she isn't on stage around Butler County. She's also heavily involved in the music presentation at the Grace Church of Harmony and strives to stay connected to the community.

That goal is aided by the Butler Symphony, which places emphasis on outreach and education in the community. Satteson is happy to see the Symphony's reach grow, and said there remains a high demand for lessons among children. It's these ventures that have allowed her to make a living and a family as a professional musician.

"People don't realize that we're truly a professional orchestra until they come and see what we do," she said of the Butler Symphony. "They're often amazed that this is a high-quality orchestra that is committed to community involvement."

Cue the maestro! 🎻

# Ready for Registration

## New Students Invited to Grow at **EARLY LEARNING CENTER!**

**R**eading, writing, and arithmetic are undoubtedly an important part of early learning.

But so, too, is gaining the ability to socialize, problem-solve, and work with others.

Melding those two areas is the goal of the Cranberry Township Early Learning Center, a state-certified preschool aimed at preparing young minds to master grade school and the world beyond.

“Learning to become a part of a classroom community is sometimes more important than the ABCs and 123s,” said ELC teacher Laura Wise. “The kids will eventually learn those, but they must be immersed into a social setting to separate from adults at home and try something new.”

Located at the Cranberry Township Municipal Center, specializes in educating children ages 2.5 to 5 years. Students learn values like responsibility, independence, and creativity while hitting educational standards and having experiences meant for kids.

The Center is certified through the state Office of Child Development and Early Learning, an accredited body that sets Pennsylvania educational standards for children to meet while granting teachers the freedom to develop their own curriculum.

Each ELC class curriculum integrates hands-on activities and creative play targeted to the students’ age to develop motor skills, explore each child’s imagination, and allow students a safe space to interact with their peers. Interactive activities also overflow into the Township’s gymnasium, outdoor play space, and the Cranberry Public Library.

The ELC boasts four state-certified teachers who are assisted by aids, who are essential in providing teacher support in the classroom. All staff undergo background checks and receive clearances, and safety training through Cranberry Township’s EMS, Volunteer Fire Company, and Police Department.

The Cranberry Township Early Learning Center has already opened registration to its current students, but new families can enroll beginning at 8:30 a.m. Monday, January 9. For those seeking more information, an Open House is set for February 16 from 5-7 p.m. 🚗

Scan to the QR to learn more about the  
Cranberry Township Early Learning Center  
or visit **[Cranberry4FUN.com/ELC](https://Cranberry4FUN.com/ELC)**.



CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP  
**EARLY LEARNING CENTER**  
A Parks & Recreation Program





## SHELTERS IN PLACE ...TO RENT

**P**arty season is on the horizon.

And whether it's a graduation, family reunion, or a simple lunch with a few dozen friends, Cranberry Township has multiple beautiful gathering spaces to accommodate.

But don't wait, as 2023 shelter rentals opened January 9.

Shelters are equipped with electrical outlets, charcoal grill, and picnic tables. They are situated near restrooms and running water. Access to Wi-Fi during park hours is free of charge courtesy of Armstrong. Full payment must be made to reserve a shelter, and no refunds will be issued after May 1. Available rentals include:

NOW RENTING

**COMMUNITY PARK**

- Rotary Shelter – 35'x20.5'; seats 60-80
- Lions Shelter – 52'x29'; seats 60-80
- Jaycees Shelter – 59'x30'; seats 84-112
- Raider Pride Shelter – 35'x21'; seats 48-64

**NORTH BOUNDARY PARK AND WATERPARK**

- Dan Baker Shelter – 25'x24.5'; seats 72-96
- Penn Power Shelter – 52'x 24.5'; seats 72-96
- North Boundary Shelter – 52'x29'; seats 84-112
- Waterpark Sun Decks – 2 decks available, seats 12 per deck; early admission available with reservation



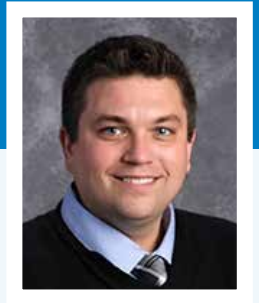
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or visit [CranberryTownship.org/ShelterRental](https://CranberryTownship.org/ShelterRental).





# SENECA VALLEY WELCOMES

## HAINE ELEMENTARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



**T**here is a new face roaming the halls of Haine Elementary School. Mr. Thomas McKelvey has been named the Seneca Valley School District's new assistant principal of Haine Elementary School. He officially joined the staff in January.

A resident of Hampton Township, Mr. McKelvey comes to Seneca Valley after serving in various educator and administrator roles in several Beaver County school districts. He departed Ambridge Area School District where he has been principal of Highland Elementary School for the past year. His previous roles at Ambridge include three years as principal of Ambridge Area Middle School and five years serving as principal of State Street Elementary. He also has previous teaching and administrative experience with the Woodland Hills School District and Beaver Area School District.

"Mr. McKelvey has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills in his previous administrative roles and will bring with him a wealth of experience, most especially in the areas of professional development, special education and community engagement," said Dr. Sean

McCarty, Assistant Superintendent for K-6 Instruction. "We are fortunate to have him joining the team at Haine Elementary School."

Mr. McKelvey earned his bachelor's degree in Education with certifications in Elementary Education, Special Education and Middle School Science Education from Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, Pa. He earned his master's degree in Education with certifications in Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision (K-12 Principal Certification) from California University of Pennsylvania, California, Pa. At the time of this writing, Mr. McKelvey was finishing his work on a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Administration from Point Park University in Pittsburgh.

Mr. McKelvey is filling the role of Mr. Jeremy Womer. Mr. Womer didn't go far, though; he is now serving as the assistant principal for Haine Middle School. 🚗



### ***Who or what inspired you to pursue a career in K-12 education?***

During my undergraduate studies, I became involved in a work-study program where we provided accommodations for college students with disabilities. Working with our students inspired me to change my major to education and pursue a career in K-12 education (with certifications in elementary education, special education, middle school science education and PK-12 principal certification).

the major components to creating a successful, positive school climate where students feel safe, wanted and eager to learn. I would consider a "good day" at work to be any day that we are able to build upon these relationships and reinforce the impact that these relationships have on our students and the overall success of our school.

### ***What would you say is your top career highlight (so far)?***

One highlight in my career has been working with our students and staff to increase student growth and achievement through implementing best practices in teaching and learning. This resulted in an increase of over twelve points in the school performance profile and designation as a Title I Distinguished School through the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) at State Street Elementary, as well as an 18.8 point increase in the Act 13 building level score at Highland Elementary. Another career highlight would be working with

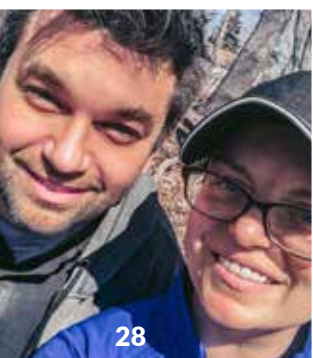
the students, staff, and community in Ambridge to transition our former junior high school with grades 7-8 to a middle school concept inclusive of grades 6-8. As the inaugural principal of the newly formed middle school, I collaborated with various stakeholders to implement systems that supported and engaged all students, families, and staff during this transition.

### ***When you're not at school, you most likely can be found doing what?***

Outside of school, my wife, Kate, and I have three children (David, Caroline, and Thomas) and two dogs (Eloise and Hugo). I am also currently in the process of completing my doctoral dissertation while serving as the president of the educational foundation (HAEE) in my home district. When I am not at school, I most likely can be found spending time with my family, writing my dissertation, or volunteering for the HAEE.

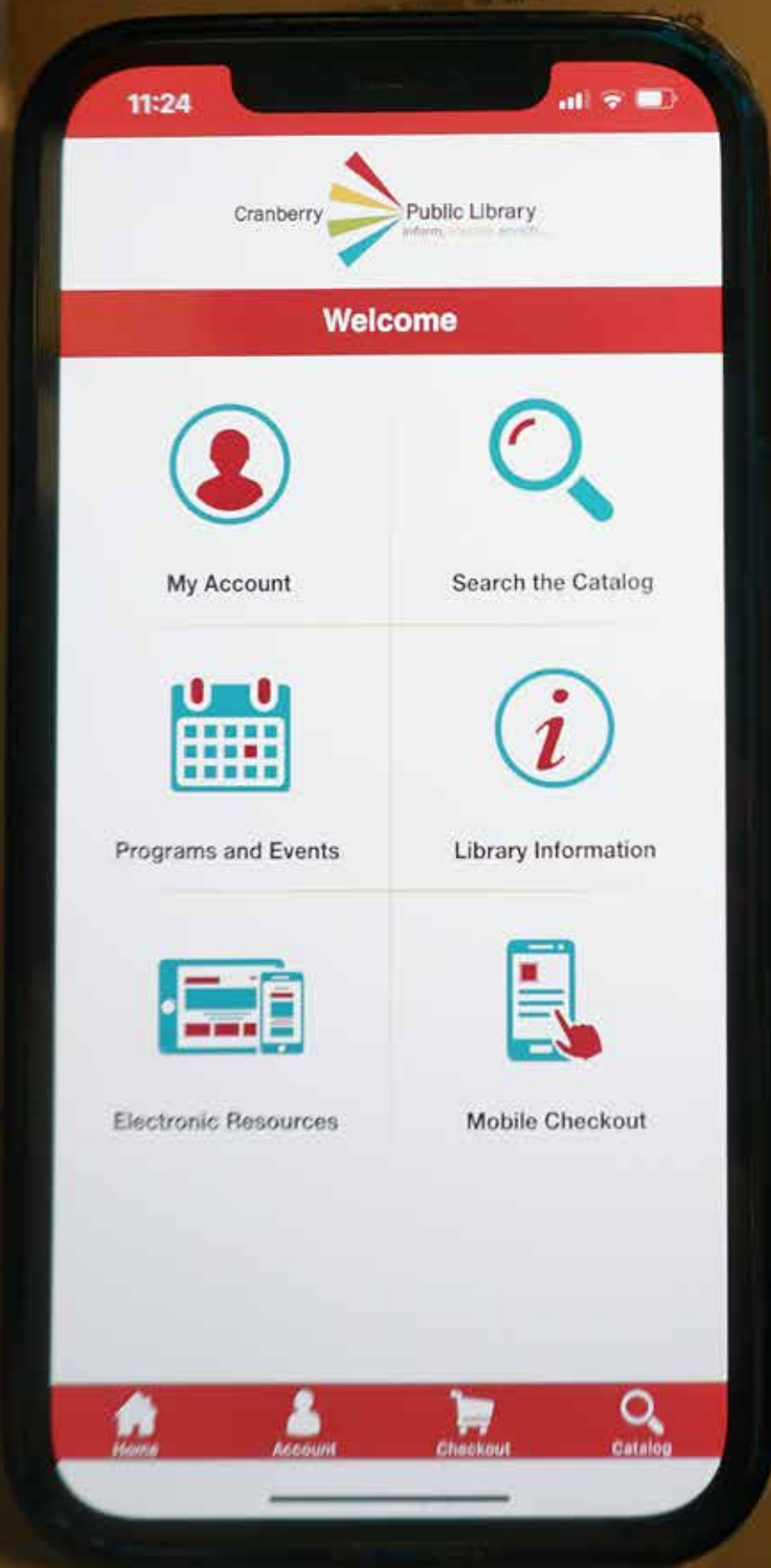
### ***Describe for us what you call a "good day" at work?***

I believe that connecting with students, staff, and the community by creating positive relationships is one of





# Library Turns the Page with New App



**T**here's something about riffling the pages of a hard-backed book, the scent of fresh print and paper wafting about.

Even so, the world is becoming more digital every day. That's why the Cranberry Public Library recently introduced a mobile app to bring the library's offerings – both physical and digital – to a user's fingertips.

The app allows patrons to log in with their library card number to renew items, search the library catalog, and put items on hold. It also contains links to resources such as Libby, Hoopla, and Consumer Reports.

In addition to a fully searchable catalog, the app offers a mobile checkout feature that allows users to scan an item's barcode and check it out without going to the circulation desk. The app can also function as a "digital library card" that can be scanned at the desk. Physical library cards will still be issued and used.

The app was made possible by a surplus in the Library's collection funds, and has already become a popular feature for library users. According to Leslie Pallotta, Library Director, library card sign-up numbers have returned to pre-pandemic levels.

"We average about 150 new cardholders per month, which is actually very, very high," she said. "Due to the fact that Cranberry is a growing community, people move to the area, and they come and get a library card. We are incredibly pleased with that amount."

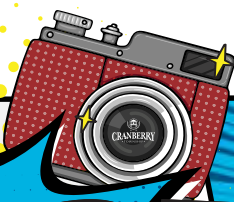
Not a member? Now's the time to turn the page on a world of possibilities. Learn more at [cranberrylibrary.org](http://cranberrylibrary.org). 🏠

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# OH SNAP!



This is a feature that puts an exclamation point on a sampling of the wonderful 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. Enjoy the view!





# UPCOMING

## events



### EMS CPR & First Aid Classes

February 18 and April 15,  
9 AM - 12 PM, 12:30 - 3 PM, Municipal Center  
Fees Apply; 724-776-4480 ext. 1911



### Cranberry HHW Collection

March 18, 9 AM - 1 PM, Public Works  
Fees apply & registration required  
Register: [www.nobleenviro.com](http://www.nobleenviro.com)



### 2023 Tax Day

April 18- Revised Date\*  
(\*When April 15 falls on a weekend, Tax Day  
is moved to the next business day.)



## Save The Date!



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- Cruisin' Cranberry
- Carnival Rides & Games
- Concerts & Fireworks
- Community Chase 5K
- Food Booths
- Pancake Breakfast
- Arts Festival
- And Much More!



[YourCTCC.org/CommunityDays](http://YourCTCC.org/CommunityDays)

# JULY 13-15

# SOMETHING'S BREWING IN CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP

It's the best part of waking up – and Cranberry is full of places to get a morning boost. Check out these places that have a “latte” of options brewing.



## COFFEE BRAKE

305 Tillary Lane  
in the Meeder  
[brake4coffee.com](http://brake4coffee.com)

Founded in 2017, Coffee Brake quickly became a staple on Route 68 in Evans City, offering quality coffee, sandwiches, bakery items, and hand-scooped ice cream. In 2021, the Cranberry location opened its doors in the Meeder development, offering a go-to, cozy, familiar place that owner Stephanie Oliver hopes is a “home away from home” for customers. It’s become just that, serving as the neighborhood stop for those in the housing plan and beyond. Stop by and take a “brake” from a busy day!



## MAXINE'S COFFEE

20424 Route 19 Suite 430  
in the Streets of Cranberry  
[Maxinescoffee.com](http://Maxinescoffee.com)

The time is always right for coffee and conversation. That’s the motivation behind Cranberry’s newest coffee house. Inspired by and named for owner Brandon Grbach’s grandmother, Maxine’s menu is deliciously simple. The shop is situated next to Steel City Clothing, the brand founded and owned by Grbach and his wife, Carly. As is the case at Steel City, Maxine’s is Pittsburgh to its core with coffee exclusively roasted in the city. And for those warmer days, the shop is near a large outdoor patio with a gas firepit, providing the perfect setting for a meeting with old or new friends.



## KAIROS COFFEE ROASTER AND TEA CO.

8001 Rowan Road  
[kairoscoffeeroaster.com](http://kairoscoffeeroaster.com)

While the COVID-19 pandemic was a challenge for all businesses, Bruce Burman saw an opportunity. Burman, who founded Kairos in 2006, was forced to close his Iron Mountain shop due to the pandemic. Enter a 1982 Shoop horse trailer outfitted with everything needed to serve up great drinks. Situated on Rowan Road, the bright red trailer gained an immediate following. Burman then expanded via a vintage 1971 Airstream coffee trailer created just for Kairos. With its shiny silver adorned with lights and seasonal decorations, the only thing better than the high-quality drinks is the friendly conversation.



## STARBUCKS

1713 Mars-Crider Road and  
1302 Freedom Road  
[starbucks.com](http://starbucks.com)

With two dedicated locations, as well as cafes serving the signature brew found inside other businesses, Starbucks offers drive-thru service for those on the go, or cozy gathering spaces for quick meetings or those looking to get some work done. With bakery items, hot and cold foods, and hundreds of drink creations available, it’s easy to get a taste of Seattle in the Township.



## DUNKIN' DONUTS

20411 Route 19  
[dunkindonuts.com](http://dunkindonuts.com)

America runs on Dunkin’, and so do many travelers along the Route 19 corridor. Known for its delicious donuts, Dunkin’ also offers a variety of year-round and seasonal drinks, pastries, and other food items. That’s not to mention options to buy donuts by the dozen, making it the perfect spot to grab a treat for the office or classroom.





# Keep on Truckin'



## PITA MY SHAWARMA HEADS NORTH

**J**ason Taylor has a history of taking matters into his own hands.

As a first-generation Lebanese, Taylor found authentic shawarma options in and around Pittsburgh to be lacking. At the same time Taylor, who earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Marketing from the University of Pittsburgh, was growing unhappy with the corporate work world.

Instead of settling, he decided to do something about both issues in one fell swoop.

They served as the motivation for Pita My Shawarma. Armed with a handful of his grandmother's recipes and a history of stacking shawarma on a

mini rotisserie as a teenager, Taylor began the search for the perfect mobile kitchen.

He found an empty USPS mail truck and set about stripping it to the bones before rebuilding it – by hand – in his driveway. The Pita My Shawarma food truck hit the ground in 2018, serving his authentic dishes at events, breweries, coffee shops, and any other location he could find around the Pittsburgh area, all while building rapport and relationships with customers who soon became regulars.

With the food truck as the foundation, Pita My Shawarma then expanded to a fast-casual, brick and mortar restaurant

in Lawrenceville.

Now, a Cranberry Township location at 20018 Route 19 is the next step in Taylor's journey to bringing tasty, accessible Lebanese street food to the masses.

The simple yet diverse menu offers shawarma, falafel, salads, hand-cut fries, hummus, baba ghanoush, and sweet treats like baklava. And whether at the food truck or one of the permanent locations, Taylor promises a meal worth getting your hands dirty for.

Visit [pitamyslawarma.com](http://pitamyslawarma.com) to see the full menu. 🍴





## CONDADO OFFERS TASTY TACOS AND DELICIOUS DRINKS

### Forget Tuesday - Every Day is Taco Day in Cranberry Township

That's been the case since the opening of Candado Tacos in the Streets of Cranberry, 20430 Route 19. The highly anticipated restaurant was the "tac-o" the Township prior to opening, with hundreds lining up prior to the official ribbon cutting.

And Condado has a reputation worth camping out for.

The original location opened in Columbus in 2014, with nearly 30 additional locations opening in the time since. Specializing in creating unique tacos, tequila, and margaritas at affordable prices, Condado has perfected the build-your-own model by letting guests choose exactly what they want. That includes toppings, protein, and the type of shell. Pair that with endless salsas and dips with chips, and it's a meal worth heading north of the border for.

And that's not to mention an array of drinks from the full-service bar that serve as the perfect compliment to a hand-crafted taco. Condado is a familiar name in Pittsburgh, with the first Steel City location opening at the corner of Liberty Avenue and 10th Street in 2017. Additional locations followed in Lawrenceville, South Hills Village, and East Liberty.

The Streets of Cranberry location boasts ample indoor seating, and a comfortable outdoor patio for easy al fresco dining. See a full menu at [condadotacos.com](http://condadotacos.com). 🏠



### RLA WELCOMES TWO NEW PARTNERS

Two new partners have joined the Regional Learning Alliance's mission of providing educational opportunities in the Cranberry area. Pennsylvania Western University (PennWest) is comprised of three campuses - California, Clarion, and Edinboro. These campuses are now joined and the RLA serves as their regional hub. Also joining the RLA is the Manufacturer and Business Association (MBA). This iconic nonprofit organization, headquartered in Erie, will offer programs, classes, and events to support members in the Greater Pittsburgh region.



### PROPOSED RESTAURANT, RETAIL SPACE FIRES UP ROUTE 19

Something is cooking in a busy section of the Route 19 corridor. The Board of Supervisors approved a conditional use application for a two-building development of 20,000 square feet on 5.2 acres at 20563 and 20575 Route 19.

The first building will include a 7,088 square foot restaurant and 3,392 square foot retail space, while the second will consist of 9,621 square feet of retail space. The restaurant space contains an Ichiban Hibachi & Sushi Bar. As part of the project, a vacant home on the property will be razed.

## Now Open!

- **Jennifer Fuchs LMFT**  
20399 Route 19, Suite 201
- **Marshall's**  
Cranberry Mall (new location)
- **Honey Baked Ham**  
20325 Route 19 (Gardens Plaza)
- **Sunbelt Rentals**  
215 Thorn Hill Road
- **Mintt Pizza**  
1656 Route 228
- **Condado Tacos**  
20430 Route 19 (Streets of Cranberry)
- **Pita My Shawarma**  
20018 Route 19 (Oak Tree Place)
- **Maxine's Coffee**  
20424 Route 19 (Streets of Cranberry)
- **The Lab Sports Performance**  
701 Thomson Park Drive
- **SOMA**  
20418 Route 19
- **Mini Melts**  
220 Commerce Park Drive







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