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and Christmas

2024 E-Waste & Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates:

October 26

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CranberryTownship.org/Collection

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Cranberry Township Board of Supervisors

October 3, 30

November 7, 21; December 12
6:30 p.m., Municipal Center

Planning Advisory Commission

October 7, 28

November 25

6:00 p.m., Municipal Center

Zoning Hearing Board

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Third Monday of the month
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October 28, November 25
6:30 p.m., Library

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Communication is key in all aspects of life, but especially on the gridiron. Players and coaches in the Seneca Valley Junior Football & Cheer Association rely on clear, concise communication to ensure on-field success.



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CONNECT



Say it Like You Mean It

Township thrives on communication



The average American spends four hours daily seeing and hearing information via social media.

That amount of information increases dramatically when incorporating statistics on messaging services, email, and good, old-fashioned human interaction.

That's why – perhaps more than ever – ensuring the information is accurate and clearly understood is vital.

Cranberry Township has long worked to cut through the noise of rumor, innuendo, and misinformation. As one of the early adopters of a municipal website, newsletter, social media channels, and a text alert system, the Township has focused on bringing information to the community's fingertips. That's in addition to the close working relationships with local media partners.

That focus on communication starts at the top.

"This Board has always seen the value of engaging our community in whatever way we can," said Mike Manipole, Board of Supervisors Chairman. "We want to keep the community aware, plus hear and understand feedback."

Communication can be a two-way street, but often, it's more of a roundabout, with multiple pieces of information coming from several directions. In 2023, three companies undertook cable expansion

projects in various neighborhoods. Logistics coordination with the PA OneCall system, multiple contractors and subcontractors, and the community was required.

It was so involved that the Township dedicated a staff member to coordinate the moving parts and keep the community updated.

"That was a perfect example of the importance of communication," said Tina Fedko, Communications Director. "We were taking all of the information, coordinating and planning from a Township perspective, and then making sure our community was aware of the impacts."

The Communications Department frequently uses the Cranberry Connect alert system, updating over 6,500 subscribers on upcoming road construction projects, urgent traffic matters, and weather alerts. That information is sent in real-time directly to those it impacts the most.

The alert system and the Township's social media platforms have proven invaluable in combating rumors and speculation that could effect the community. Police Chief Kevin Meyer relied on those channels during incidents that required public response.

"When an emergency happens, rumors quickly follow," he said. "Being able to reach out to the community directly allows us to spend less time fighting misinformation and

more time keeping the community safe."

Keeping the community safe requires communication in the same way.

During incidents, several departments work together to find a resolution. Scott Garing, Chief of Fire and Emergency Services, said incidents often involve responders from neighboring communities following a chain of command. Constant interaction at the scene not only helps speed up a resolution but also ensures safety.

"We train on every aspect of incident response, and communication is a major part of every scenario," he said. "Time is precious, and everyone has to be on the same page working toward the same goal."

Communication is Cranberry's goal and one the Township will continue to emphasize in all aspects of operation. After all, knowing is half the battle. 🏠



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Supervisor Commentary

John Skorupan

The X's and O's of Communication



It's a cliché to say that communication is key, no matter what the setting.

However, I'm privileged to have seen the importance of solid communication from two different perspectives.

On the football field at Penn State University, I saw how crucial it was for our defense to be on the same page. Who was blitzing? Who was dropping into coverage? What could we see in the offense as they came to the line?

With hundreds of little details happening over a few seconds of each play, our unit had to operate as in sync as possible. That ultimately required top-tier communication during games, as well as in practices and meetings leading up to them.

When I was drafted into the National Football League, it became even more important to communicate clearly and succinctly. Over those eight seasons, I grew more confident in conveying and receiving information.

Those experiences on the gridiron prepared me for perhaps the biggest accomplishment of my life: serving as a member of Cranberry's Board of Supervisors. For 25 years, I've been honored to represent the community and help grow the Township to a regional leader where people want to be.

The Board has faced challenging decisions over the years. As always, we communicate and discuss matters thoroughly and clearly to ensure we make the right decision for the community.

Perhaps even more importantly, the Board has always emphasized clearly communicating our thought process and the impacts of those decisions on the community. Cranberry Township was one of the first municipalities to create a website. Meanwhile, our quarterly newsletter has grown from a four-page, text-heavy roundup of Township news to an award-winning, magazine-style publication that touches on all aspects of life in Cranberry.

That's not to mention the numerous other printed publications and social media pages at our disposal for getting a message to the community. And, as always, in-person conversations and discussions allow us to take the pulse of the community and ensure they're a vital part of our work as a Board.

With so much information – and misinformation – floating around all day, every day, it is more important than ever to have clear, concise communication and dialogue with the community. We're all on the same team, working together to win the "big game" of continuing to make Cranberry a championship community.

John P. Skorupan

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GROWTH CORNER

Why does the Township undertake so many studies and plans?

There's a Plan in Place ←

Attend a monthly Board of Supervisors meeting, and there's a good chance a new study or ad-hoc committee is on the agenda.

For good reason, Cranberry Township uses careful planning to guide every decision. However, as President Dwight D. Eisenhower put it, "Plans are worthless, but planning is everything."

Indeed, the process itself is more vital than the outcome. Cranberry's leaders have long seen the value of gathering community members to sit on committees or using outside firms to undertake studies to better understand what's happening in the Township.

Just in the last year, the Township has undertaken or updated several committees, studies, plans, and analyses.

Each item comes with specific, focused intentions, but the general goal is shared: to improve Cranberry Township in a way that the community desires.

Better termed: it creates a sense of place – the connection between people and their community. That connection influences the well-being of the community and its people by emphasizing what is valued.

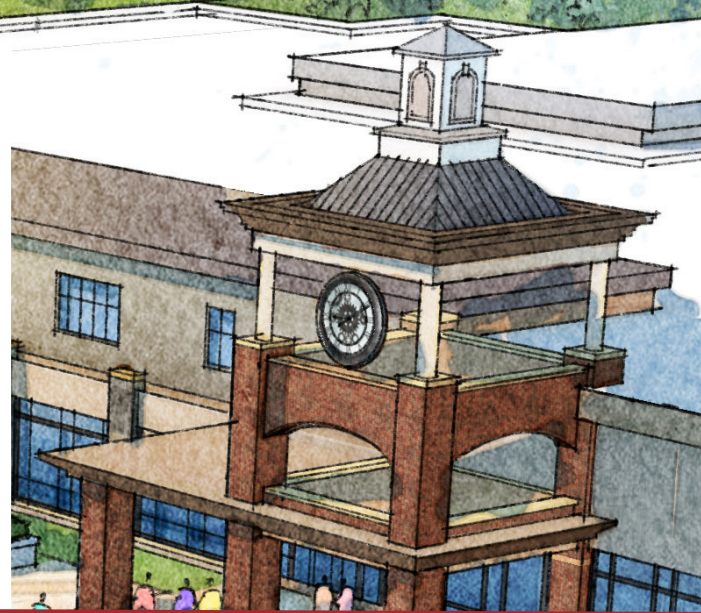
As evidenced in the list accessible via the QR code, Cranberry is a community that values its parks system and believes it is an asset to overall quality of life. As transportation is a common source of community feedback, the Township frequently looks for ways to improve and expand the physical roadways and traffic control mechanisms that regulate them. And, Cranberry remains committed to providing the highest quality safety by continually evaluating police, fire, and EMS services.

By listening to the community's desires, Cranberry's leaders can continue focusing on the things that matter most while making educated, supported decisions about the future.

Sound like a plan? 🏠

View current plans and proposed projects on our website.





MUNICIPAL CENTER, GREAT LAWN NEAR *Finish Line*

Nearly two years of work at the Municipal Center will wrap up soon, introducing a renovated campus and even better service to the community.

Constructed more than 60 years ago as a foundry, the building has been the epicenter of Cranberry's government since 1991. While expansion and renovation projects have occurred in the years since, none have been as notable as the Municipal Center Modernization Project, which kicked off in 2022.

Visitors are greeted by a modern new paint job and color scheme on the building itself, as well as expanded parking in the rear and east sides of the building. A playground area has replaced the former Mazzoni Reading Garden, providing outdoor play opportunities to students in the Early Learning Center. A renovated and updated clock tower serves as the building's beacon.

Inside the building, new paint and carpets lead to an updated Parks & Recreation Department and a relocated Customer Service Department. The new space also houses public meeting rooms and is adjacent to the new Council Chambers.

The first official Board of Supervisors meeting was recently held in the new Chambers, which is awash with natural light

through large floor-to-ceiling windows. It also offers more seating capacity and expanded technical elements to accommodate meetings better.

The Administrative offices have been expanded, allowing for better use of collaborative space. The building's tenants, State Rep. Stephenie Scialabba and the Pittsburgh North Regional Chamber, also received upgraded spaces.

At the same time, the Armstrong Great Lawn has transformed the area along Rochester Road from a parking lot into a grand, green gathering space.

The Great Lawn was constructed as the Cranberry Township Community Chest's Project of the Year. It features a paved pathway, pedestrian connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods, and plenty of areas to gather and relax. It also features a relocated Mazzoni Reading Garden, a water feature, and a library walk.

Santa's First Stop will serve as the unofficial unveiling for the new space, with a more formal ceremony planned in the coming months. 🏠



Courting More Fun in Community Park

A new look is being served for the Township's oldest park, and it stands to be an ace.

The Community Park Court Complex Project will improve and maintain existing assets as one of the first projects to address recommendations in the newest Comprehensive Parks and Open Space Plan.

Phase 1 of the project focuses on resurfacing the existing tennis courts, including milling and overlaying with a new color coat system. The surrounding fence will be updated.

The highlight is the construction of two public pickleball courts, which provide even greater access for players of the most popular game in the Township.

Future phases could include upgrading the basketball court, expanding the sand volleyball courts, improving the parking area and lighting, updating the restrooms, providing access to the Amphitheater via a walkway, and creating a dedicated ADA viewing space.

Demolition and site preparation for the first phase is anticipated in late 2024. 🏠



Project rendering - actual designs subject to change





TAKE A WALK

Sidewalk Missing Links Solved

The Township's Missing Links Program continued in 2024 with the goal of improving pedestrian access throughout Cranberry.

Greater pedestrian connectivity has routinely been identified as an important community desire in the Cranberry Plan. The original plan in 1995 recommended amending building codes to require sidewalks be built as part of new developments. The 2009 Cranberry Plan further recommended pedestrian connections and other design elements, as well as stressing the need for pedestrian connectivity throughout the community.

While a significant amount of progress has been made in the last three decades, several key connections remain to be addressed. The Missing Links Program was created to focus on areas of greatest need, with the Planning and Development Services Department identifying those projects.

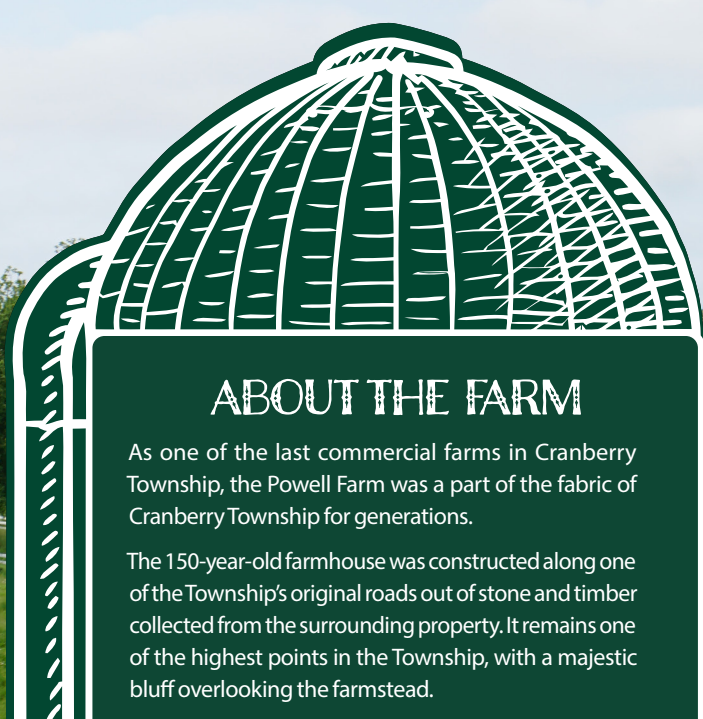
Using a full set of data and with

an eye for active and future development, the Department ranks the significance of possible improvements, identifies sources of potential funding, evaluates utility rights of way, reviews handicap accessibility concerns, and determines how best to secure public input to the planning effort. They also work with the Engineering Department to identify, design, and contract the projects.

The 2024 Project addressed connections at the intersection of Goehring Road and Fairview Drive, where four new pads were poured.

By improving that intersection, pedestrian and traffic safety is improved between Franklin Ridge and the Franklin Crossing development. Additionally, it creates direct, uninterrupted access to North Boundary Park once the adjacent Park Meadows development is completed and sidewalks are installed.

The return of this can't-miss program is paying dividends and keeping Cranberry connected. 🏡



ABOUT THE FARM

As one of the last commercial farms in Cranberry Township, the Powell Farm was a part of the fabric of Cranberry Township for generations.

The 150-year-old farmhouse was constructed along one of the Township's original roads out of stone and timber collected from the surrounding property. It remains one of the highest points in the Township, with a majestic bluff overlooking the farmstead.



FOCUS ON FARM, FOOD, & FAMILY

POWELL'S VISION BECOMES CLEARER

Since forming in early 2023, the Powell Farm Committee has focused on the best path forward at the 71-acre farmstead.

No matter the scenario and actionable steps, the core mission remains: to preserve Denton Powell's farm in perpetuity while actively producing farm-fresh items for the community.

Cranberry Township took ownership of the farm in spring 2023 to keep the land a protected, secured farmstead. The second step of that process was forming the 10-member Advisory Committee. This group of stakeholders was tasked with advancing a plan and recommendations for utilizing the property that honors the preservation status, explores educational opportunities that highlight farming and agriculture, provides opportunities to share farming and agricultural activities with the public, and promotes fiscal and operational sustainability.

Members come from varied backgrounds and perspectives. They have focused on conservancy, agriculture, and education for working farms.

In fall 2024, the committee is expected to present the Board of Supervisors with a vision, mission statement, and path forward. That includes a plan for the 43 acres of tillable field that allows for a diversity of crops to be cultivated and how they will ultimately be made available to the community.

It's the next step in the quest to help the Powell Farm advance the community's appreciation and understanding of the agricultural roots and environmental sustainability in Butler County and Southwestern Pennsylvania. 🏡

Originally operated by the Hendrickson family, the dairy farm was purchased by William Powell in 1945 when he moved to the area from the Beaver Valley. It was later taken over by Denton Powell, who often worked the land alone and maintained a herd of beef and dairy cattle.

Over the years as surrounding fields and barns turned into homes and business centers, Powell was often approached to sell the farm as development surrounded his homestead. However, he remained committed to farming and preserving his family's legacy. An agricultural security easement was granted for the land in the 2000s, and in 2006, the farm was identified as a top 10 historic preservation opportunity by the Young Preservationists of Pittsburgh.

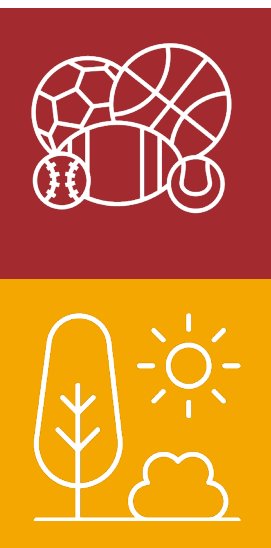
That identification noted that while the farm was in danger, it also had high potential for survival.

And so it did until Powell's passing in late 2021. Powell's longtime friend and neighbor, Andy Hack, continued caring for and maintaining the farm, serving as executor of Powell's estate. He approached the Township in 2022 to initiate the property transfer.

However, it was Powell's determination that made that sustainability happen – something for which he and his family will be remembered in perpetuity via this Cranberry Township endeavor.



LET PARKS BE YOUR GUIDE TO FITNESS, FUN, & MORE!



Whether hitting a game-winning three-pointer or mastering the ABCs, Cranberry's Parks and Recreation Department has long offered residents of all ages a chance to grow, learn, and have fun.

The Department is taking a new approach to promoting its world-class programs.

The re-designed Parks and Recreation Program Guide was released in August, marking a significant change in how the Department presents its programs to the community. Gone are the days of program codes and lengthy descriptions.

Instead, the revamped guide provides high-level examples of the programs offered and fast-paced photos showcasing the smiles those offerings create.

While the cutting-edge design aims to reduce the amount of information presented, it also better utilizes the Township website for delivering programs and scheduling services.

"Most of our Parks participants register for events and programs via the website, and this new guide allows us to direct more traffic there," said Dave Blair, Parks and Recreation Director. "At the same time, we see the value of a printed guide, and we believe this guide allows us to better serve all residents."

Blair added that while online registration is a focus, interested registrants can still register in person or via phone through Customer Service during business hours.

Get with the program and get in the game – register for a Parks and Recreation program now! 🏠

Scan the QR code to view the newly designed Parks & Recreation Program Guide and register for programs.





**COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
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GETS IN FRONT OF LEADERSHIP

In the wise words of American Author John Naisbitt, "Leadership involves finding a parade and getting in front of it." The Community Leadership Institute of Cranberry does just that and embarks on finding community leaders who want to champion ideas and deliver them to family, friends, and neighbors.

Enter 41 graduates who jumped on the opportunity and prepared themselves to become the new leaders of the next generation. After three years, 24 sessions, and 36 hours of coursework, these graduates are ready to put their "education" to good use.

The Institute's graduates attended the inaugural Alumni Reception at Cranberry Highlands Golf Course this fall. The event gathered alums to begin the stewardship aspect of becoming community leaders. Several non-profit organizations were present, along with Township and County representatives who offered insight into serving the community.

The Institute continues to 'drum up' excitement with residents and business owners alike, who want to fill the seats of the next session in 2025. The Institute's unique program offers an outstanding opportunity for those passionate about their community. The coursework highlights Cranberry Township's inner workings as a local government agency and its impact on the community.

Registration is now open for the 2025 Community Leadership Institute of Cranberry. The sessions begin in February 2025 and run for eight weeks through May 2025. Register early, as a waitlist is anticipated. 🏠



Register for the 2025 Community Leadership Institute of Cranberry class by scanning the QR code.



For more information
and to become a
Friend of the EAC, visit
cranberrytownship.org/EAC.

EAC SEEKS OUTSIDE SUPPORT

Want to dig in and make Cranberry Township a more sustainable, environmentally friendly community?

The Environmental Advisory Committee wants to be your friend!

After several years of work in the Township, the EAC is creating the Friends of the EAC - a group of environmentally conscious residents who want to help promote sustainability and assist with projects and events.

Formed in May 2019, the Environmental Advisory Committee is tasked by the Board of Supervisors to find new ways to implement and support the Cranberry

Plan's environmental goals. That includes everything from land development patterns and density issues to green space preservation and stormwater regulations.

Opportunities are available to assist with projects like the later phases of the Pollinator Meadow at North Boundary Park and Glen Eden Stream Restoration project. Events such as the annual Earth Week celebration always need more voices to spread the word, and there are plenty of campaigns and programs on the horizon that require creative assistance. That's in addition to the group's recurring events, including the annual trash clean-up and bare root tree planting.

As a year-round friend of the EAC, participants

will receive educational opportunities and participate in programs that help positively impact the future landscape of Cranberry Township.

That includes ecosystem enhancement and sustainable development, which were identified as pressing matters in the Cranberry Plan. To address those items, much public engagement and collaboration is required, with the Friends of the EAC assisting in starting the public conversation.

Are you ready to lend a helping hand? 🤝





Addressing Stormwater WITH AUTHORITY

Even the best weather forecasters can't get it right every time. Indeed, the only thing predictable about Mother Nature is its unpredictability.

With that in mind, the Cranberry Township General Authority has been busy finding ways to reduce the occurrence of stormwater events and flooding while improving infrastructure.

Since its inception in 2020, the General Authority has undertaken dozens of projects throughout the Township. Those projects are primarily funded through the Stormwater Utility Rate paid by home and business owners on all developed land in the Township.

The fee was first rolled out in early 2020, with the COVID-19 pandemic putting a pause on the Authority's work. However, almost five years later, the projects are piling up.

"Most people believe that these projects are linear where we start one and see it all the way through," said Kyle Beidler, Assistant Township Manager. "But that isn't how this works – any given project is a 4-to-5-year process."

The Stormwater Authority first identifies and analyzes potential projects. After a year of study, the second year includes design and engineering, as well as determining whether work can be done in-house or if outside support is needed. Projects requiring contractors are typically bid in the third or fourth year.

More than 20 projects are in various stages of the process at any given time, which ensures efficiency in correcting issues and financial prudence.

"We evaluate the watershed to see why issues are occurring and how we can reduce the occurrence," said Township Engineer Mike Malak.

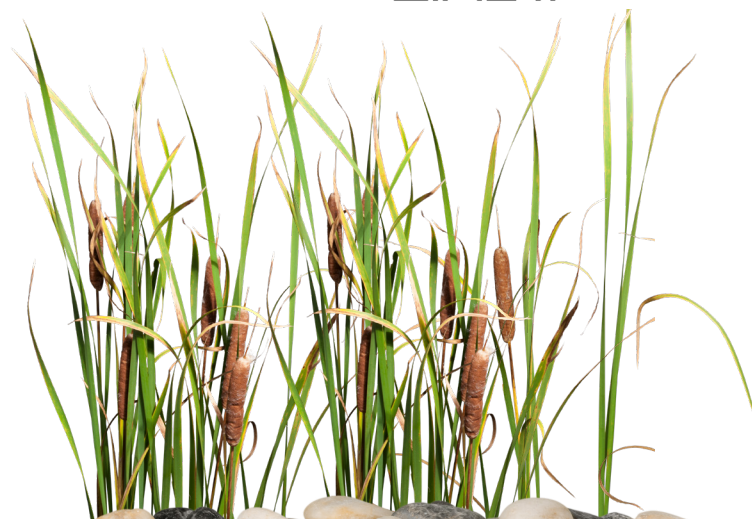
"We also want to ensure we don't do something that impacts another location downstream."

The planning process also allows coordination with the Public Works Department to ensure previously completed projects are not destroyed to make way for new efforts. The Township benefits from being able to do most of these projects in-house.

"We have the equipment, the staff, and the expertise to do this work," Beidler said.

With a series of successful projects, the General Authority stands to keep work flowing smoothly in the years to come. 🏡

*Scan the QR code to watch a recap of
Phase 1 of the MS4 Brush Creek Tributary
Stream Restoration Project.*





INTERN FILES

Township Collegiate Program Graduates to New Levels

Cranberry Township's newly revamped internship program prioritizes providing interns with real work in real time.

The program went from having one intern for the Township to receiving hundreds of highly qualified applicants to fill over a dozen positions.

The success can be attributed to the program's overhaul by the Township's Human Resources Department.

HR's Holly Hopkins, who manages the program, said, "The quality of applicants is reassuring that we are on the right track in providing real-life work experience that is helping college students secure good jobs after graduation."

The program also emphasizes the work of local government – an opportunity that is often hard to find and which many people think very little about.

"Local government needs more good people

to serve citizens," said Mary Soroka, Assistant Township Manager. "Our goal is to provide a quality learning experience for young professionals so they, too, can understand the importance of sound local governance."

Local government is the form of government closest to the people and the one that impacts their daily lives the most. A model of local governance comes in the form of the response of local police, plowing snow from roads, or cutting the grass in parks. Local governments, like Cranberry, serve its citizens every single day.

In January 2025, the Township will again open the internship recruitment process to the next group of learners. Recruitment efforts generally are geared toward students interested in local government-related work that aligns with their college major or skill set. Those interested in applying should visit CranberryTownship.org/employment. 🏠

Colleges & Universities represented:

- Penn State
- Carnegie Mellon
- IUP
- Pitt
- Duquesne
- Carlow
- Bucknell
- Kent State
- Butler County Community College
- American Public University
- Slippery Rock
- Palm Beach State
- Geneva
- St. Vincent College
- Mercyhurst
- Grove City

CTCC community days

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RECAP

See a recap of Community Days 2024!

Champions of Cranberry: Community Days creates cheers, celebration

A few new wrinkles and familiar favorites combined to make the 2024 edition of CTCC Community Days one for the record books. The three-day community celebration, held July 11-13, was presented by CTCC and UPMC Passavant and offered hundreds of vendors, food trucks, carnival rides, games, live music, a craft ale and wine garden, and much more.

The weekend kicked off with the annual Martinis with Monet gathering in the Municipal Center, offering an evening of art by the Cranberry Artists Network and music by Seneca Valley High School students.

Thursday's festivities included the opening ceremony and the awarding of CTCC funds to community organizations. The Cruisin' Cranberry Car Show welcomed dozens of classic rides to the park.

Friday was highlighted by the Battle of the Badges, with the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company and Cranberry EMS facing off in a series of competitive dodgeball games. The competition was hot – and wet, with the final game featuring hundreds of water balloons.

Saturday kicked off early with a record-breaking number of runners in the Community Chase 5K. The fun continued as Buzz Lightyear, Iceburgh, Steely McBeam, Santa Claus, and more roamed the festival grounds, greeting children of all ages. As always, a fireworks display capped off an unforgettable weekend of fun, food, and family.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Community Days 2025, which will be held July 10-12. To get involved as a vendor, musician, or sponsor, visit yourctcc.org/communitydays. 🚗





2014

Project of the Year Recap: Focused of Fitness and Fun

With miles of paved and unpaved trails, there's no shortage of room to run in Cranberry's parks.

But for those looking for a full-body workout, loud, stuffy gyms were the only option – until CTCC stepped in to offer a lift.

As part of the 2014 Project of the Year, four outdoor fitness stations were added in North Boundary Park and UPMC Passavant Sportsplex at Graham Park. Three are installed throughout Graham Park, while North Boundary's offerings are near the Waterpark.

Each machine offers 15 pieces of fitness equipment in one specifically designed apparatus built to endure Cranberry's four-season climate. Users can focus on specific muscle groups while building strength, increasing agility, and enhancing flexibility. All equipment relies on the user's body weight for resistance.

The machines can accommodate several users simultaneously, while several can be operated from a wheelchair. These features allow for a more social, community-focused workout experience for those using the facilities. Each machine also features a QR code linking to a video demonstrating how to use various elements.

In addition to community donations funding the project, volunteers assisted with the construction and installation of the equipment, further demonstrating the strength of CTCC and the community. 🏠





SCOUT'S HONOR: COYLE FUND HONORS SERVICE

The Cranberry Township Community Chest shares quite a bit in common with the Boy Scouts of America. For more than 100 years, Scout Law has directed members to be “trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.”

Tom Coyle believed strongly in those directives. A lifetime Scout, Tom earned his Eagle Scout designation in the late 1930s. Following service as a Marine during World War II, he made a career out of his love for Scouting, eventually serving as Executive Director of the Moraine Trails Council of the Boy Scouts in Butler County from 1962 to 1984.

Meanwhile, Tom’s wife of 52 years, Lee, also dedicated her life to serving others as an instrumental music teacher in the Butler Area School District and an active member of the Artist Association of Butler County.

Though Tom and Lee passed away in 2004 and 2001, respectively, their lifetime commitment to community and passion for helping others lives on via the Tom and Lee Coyle Legacy Fund.

Created in Tom and Lee’s names by their son Tim and daughters Colleen Coyle Oszustowicz and Conni Coyle Mazzoni, the Fund helped construct the Scouting Centennial Plaza and fishing lake in UPMC Passavant Sportsplex at Graham Park, which was completed as a CTCC Project of the Year in 2012.

The Plaza also features a bench dedicated to Tom’s service. It’s a reminder of the importance of selflessness and commitment to helping others. 🏠



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 to set up automatic utility withdrawals.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR AUTOMATIC UTILITY WITHDRAWALS

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- Visit 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
- 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. 🏠

Give Back This Season

Giving Tuesday, celebrated annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, is a global movement encouraging people to give back to their communities and the causes they care about.

Originating in 2012, this day of generosity has become essential to the holiday season, inspiring millions to donate their time, resources, and voices to those in need.

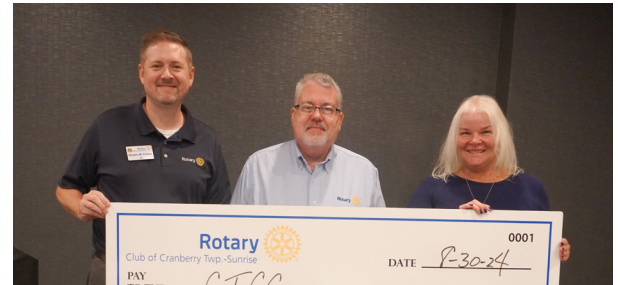
In Cranberry Township, Giving Tuesday is an opportunity for residents to come together and support an organization that has been a community pillar for decades: the Cranberry Township Community Chest. As a nonprofit dedicated to improving the quality of life in Cranberry Township, CTCC relies on the generosity of individuals and businesses to fund projects and initiatives that make the Township a better place to live, work, and play.

A donation to CTCC on Giving Tuesday is not just money, it is an investment in Cranberry Township's future. Thanks to the generosity of CTCC supporters, millions of dollars have been invested in the region through events like Community Days, the Project of the Year, and grants to local nonprofits. This support keeps Cranberry Township vibrant and flourishing.

On this Giving Tuesday, December 3, help support the CTCC and ensure that Cranberry Township remains a place where everyone can thrive. 🏠



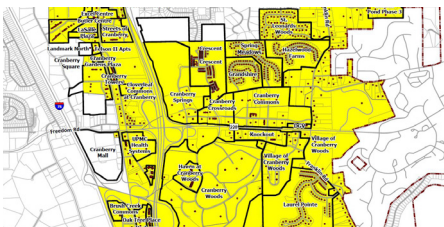
To donate, visit yourctcc.org/donate.





Banding Together to Support EMS

Cranberry Township will join several municipalities, EMS providers, and Butler County in taking a proactive approach to addressing Pennsylvania's EMS funding crisis. The Board of Supervisors opted to participate in the Southwestern Butler County EMS Alliance Alternative Funding Analysis. As a participant, Cranberry will contribute to ROBB Consulting's multi-municipal study. Cranberry Township and its partner municipalities recognize the need for alternative funding models and government partnerships to solve the EMS funding crisis. As a result, Cranberry will join Evans City, Harmony, Seven Fields, and Zelienople boroughs and Forward, Jackson, and Lancaster townships, as well as Cranberry Township EMS and Harmony EMS, to support finding a solution. The study will evaluate potential municipal funding alternatives for EMS agencies without negatively impacting current service areas and operational activities.



Power Outages Planned

Two coordinated power outages are planned for October and November by First Energy. First Energy will perform major power switch replacements for the Cranberry and Pine Township areas. Outages are set for midnight to 6 a.m. Monday, October 21, and 10 p.m. Sunday, November 3, to 4 a.m. Monday, November 4. Commercial and residential customers will receive notifications from First Energy about the outages several times before the event.



Hands-Free Law Now in Place

Hand up if you didn't know; using a hand-held device while driving is now illegal in Pennsylvania. Senate Bill 37, known as Paul Miller's Law, was recently signed into law by Gov. Josh Shapiro. It prohibits the use of hand-held devices, with violators subject to a ticket if caught. Phones may still be used to alert emergency responders, make phone calls, use a GPS, or listen to music via hands-free technology. In 2023, distracted driving was the leading cause of car crashes in Pennsylvania, with traffic deaths rising by 2.25% compared to 2022, according to PennDOT's annual crash information report. The report showed 1,209 deaths in motor vehicle crashes, up from 1,179 in the prior year. There were more than 11,262 distracted driving crashes in 2023, compared to 8,330 alcohol-related crashes.



Progress Made on Route 19 Intersection

A project to improve motorist and pedestrian safety at a Township intersection is complete. The signals at Route 19 and Progress Avenue were officially turned green (and red) this past summer. The Township worked with Chris Camp, owner of Dairy Queen and Fun-Fore-All, to secure \$300,000 through the Automated Red Light Enforcement Grant Program and \$250,000 via a Multimodal Transportation Fund. These funds helped support the signal's construction.



Township Awarded Grant Funding

Cranberry received over \$400,000 from the state Department of Transportation's Green Light-Go program. The program helps municipalities improve congestion and traffic flow by upgrading detection technologies, which allows traffic signals to respond to real-time traffic demand. The grants include:

- \$68,000 for the update and replacement of two traffic signal cabinets on Route 228
- \$131,000 to upgrade signal video detection at Route 19, Route 228 and Rochester Road
- \$212,000 for the modernization of traffic signal equipment at Route 19 and Cranberry Fire Station



Second Round of Trash Rate Increases

The second of two planned increases as part of the Township's recently approved municipal solid waste contract with Vogel Disposal Service Inc. will be seen on utility bills beginning in November. The company was recently awarded a five-year municipal solid waste contract. With the municipal waste industry experiencing much change since the COVID-19 pandemic, the Township worked to ensure the contract meets the community's needs. The five-year contract includes yearly increases from Vogel. Rates will be adjusted to offset these increases. The contract includes the Township's Collection Connection program, which covers residential trash, yard waste, and recycling collection, disposal, and processing. The contract also has extension options after five years.



See a recap of the Miracle League Fantasy Camp.



Field of Dreams ★ Flourishes in Graham Park

For 15 years, UPMC Passavant Sportsplex at Graham Park has been the place where dreams are made.

As the home of the Miracle League of Southwestern Pennsylvania, Graham Park welcomes hundreds of children and young adults with special needs each year. The rubberized turf provides a safe, welcoming environment for the players, volunteer buddies, and fans.

As the first Miracle League field under the Pirates Charities umbrella, the Graham Park facility has provided those opportunities since 2009 and served as the model for seven additional facilities in Pennsylvania and Florida.

More than 50 Miracle League athletes took the field this fall for a Miracle League Fantasy Camp to celebrate the winning relationship. They were joined by Pirates Chairman Bob Nutting, team President Travis Williams, General Manager Ben Cherington, catcher Endy Rodriguez, pitcher Daulton Jefferies, the Pirate Parrot, and the Pirate Pierogies. The athletes received pointers and assistance with pitching, hitting, fielding, and running the bases. Pirates' in-game host Joe Klimchak called the action and provided support.

Most importantly, the athletes sported giant smiles and cheers of excitement as they got a chance to live out their baseball dreams. It's the goal of the Miracle League, and it will continue in Graham Park for seasons to come. 🍌

TO PROTECT & SERVE



New position supports department and community

There can be up to a dozen items on a police officer's duty belt – each serving an essential purpose and providing support.

Still, some things an officer may be carrying can't be physically carried, but add weight, nonetheless.

As the Police Department's new Social Services Coordinator, Ashly Nicholas comes to work daily, looking to improve the Department and the community. Armed with a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in criminology and a master's degree in social work from Slippery Rock University, Nicholas interned with the Ross Township Police Department, working with the social services director.

Nicholas' unique skillset allows her to provide comprehensive social services, including crisis support and intervention, short-term counseling, case management, advocacy, and community outreach. Her abilities ease the burden for other department members who are not as well-trained for those time-consuming situations.

In situations where it is safe, Nicholas can accompany and assist officers on calls to help de-escalate and call on her training in mental health support. Contact with an individual doesn't end after an incident—instead, it's an ongoing relationship in which Nicholas can help them find counseling, treatment, or assistance with day-to-day life.

Police Chief Kevin Meyer said Nicholas' role provides a deep knowledge of human interactions and communication, which helps create a more stable environment.

"Not only is she supporting our officers during calls, she's also able to provide them with information and training to handle these situations better," he said.

Nicholas also focuses on helping first responders manage their mental health, offering them the same educated, compassionate support she provides to the community.

"I'm excited to help people and support the community however I can," she said.

Ultimately, it all starts with listening – and Nicholas is all ears. 🏠



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DEPARTMENT

FIRED UP!

CTVFC Gets Community Blazing for Fire Service

A fire requires three things to burn: heat, fuel, and oxygen. Similarly, the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company needs three things to protect the community: thorough training, top-of-the-line equipment, and, most importantly, passionate people.

Two programs aimed at finding those passionate people succeeded in 2024, with dozens of participants getting an up-close look at what makes the Company successful.

The inaugural Citizen's Fire Academy allowed participants to explore the company's operations over eight weeks. Led by Fire Company members, sessions covered apparatus types and functions, such as working in turnout gear, forcible entry, ladders, hose line advancement, and vehicle extrication. The course culminated with a live burn session.


"The knowledge learned is a springboard for participants who want to join the Company as a volunteer and proceed through the firefighter certification and education process," said Chris Snedeker, Fire and Emergency Services Training Coordinator.

The same skills were displayed as the Fire Company's Fire Cadet Academy returned for its fourth year. Participants aged 14-18 learned the basics of firefighting over the five-day course, including suiting up and rolling into a live scenario.

"Being able to experience live scenarios in such a close proximity really displays the professionalism and teamwork required for successfully responding to incidents," said Scott Garing, Chief of Fire and Emergency Services. "We hope these programs get folks excited to get involved with the Company."

The Company is always looking for prospective volunteers to join the ranks. Visit ctvfc21.org for more information. 🚒





EVERY SECOND COUNTS

Cranberry Township Emergency Medical Services nationally recognized for commitment to excellence

Life can change in a heartbeat.

And when every second counts, Cranberry's EMS takes action to save lives.

The organization received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline EMS Gold achievement award for its commitment to offering rapid, research-based care to people experiencing the most severe forms of heart attacks and strokes. The department was also recognized with the Mission Lifeline System of Care Target Heart Attack award, which highlights the collaboration between pre-hospital and hospital providers.

The crew was honored in a ceremony attended by CTEMS Board members, Township and State officials, and community members. State Sen. Elder Vogel Jr., R-47th, and State Rep. Stephenie Scialabba, R-12th, presented certificates of achievement to Executive Director and Chief of CTEMS Matt Nickl.

"Whenever our work is recognized at the highest level, it shines a light on the exceptional quality of care our team provides daily," Nickl said.

The distinction highlights the excellent skills of the emergency medical services crews, who begin lifesaving treatment upon arrival at any medical emergency. Their skills are implemented promptly, as they can efficiently get patients to the hospital. People who arrive by ambulance often do so an hour earlier than someone who self-reports to the hospital. Many may also receive faster treatment in the hospital.

CTEMS staff are also highly trained to provide resuscitation efforts to someone whose heart has stopped.

"Our mission is to save lives," Nickl said. "We take that seriously and believe in making a difference. From emergency medical services to wellness checks for the elderly, we do what we do because we care." 🏠

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Poetry in Motion:

Resident Types Boldly

Poetry is more than a passion for Haley Clancy. She says it's a calling.

"Millions of people write poems," Clancy said. "Thousands do what I do. What makes me so special? It's a gift from God."

The Cranberry native started filling books with ideas when she was eight-years-old and, as a teenager, used her writing and poetry to feel better about herself. But after overcoming addiction, Clancy knew her creativity, passion, and gift could be used for more than just herself, so she took her typewriter to the sidewalks.

"I had a pop-up shop," she said. "All through Seneca Valley, I had signs telling people to come get my poems. Seeing people's reactions to the poems and how they changed their lives is beautiful."

Clancy is behind 'A poems purpose' and has taken her business and typewriter across western Pennsylvania, writing thousands of poems for strangers. From silly rhymes about socks or fish (stay tuned) to thoughtful poems about death, grief, love, and significant life changes, Clancy said sometimes, when people approach her for a poem, she already knows what they'll want it to be about.

"Any walks of life, I have the words to tell them, just to keep them motivated and going," she said. "Life is like a poem, and you are the poetry. You are the words."

Clancy can usually be found at CTCC Community Days each July. She said she had kids exchange Pokémon cards or lollipops for a poem. One man offered her a fish he had won for words typed on paper.

So, she wrote him a poem about a fish.

Clancy said writing for others has changed her life. She's become more social, brave, and courageous. Her self-published book, 'a little hope,' was available at Target and Barnes and Noble. Soon, she'll start a new business venture in Cranberry, 'The peoples poems place,' a traveling poem store.

After her life experiences, Clancy said it's an honor and a blessing to use her poetry to impact a stranger's life and hopes to continue spreading joy and positivity through her writing. 🏠



Scan the QR code to watch a video on Haley's mission to spread joy through poetry.



A Higher Calling

Temple called to Cranberry

Motorists along Powell Road over the past three years may have noticed a large white building taking shape on a nearly 6-acre site near Rochester Road.

That building, the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is the first of its kind in western Pennsylvania and only the second temple in the Commonwealth. Until now, members had to drive to Philadelphia or Columbus to experience the parts of worship that can only occur at a Temple, including weddings, sealing married couples into eternal matrimony, and baptisms of dead relatives.

The Temple was officially dedicated on September 15, nearly three and a half years after the project was announced in Salt Lake City, Utah. It's the 196th operating Temple worldwide.

"I don't think Cranberry was selected by accident," said Chris Hoke, president of Pittsburgh North Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints. "This is a beautiful area, and I love that the Temple adds to the beauty that's already here. It's something that people can look to and be proud of."

The 32,240-square-foot building and serves more than 29,000 members of the Church

in over 80 congregations. The design motifs inside the building pay tribute to Pennsylvania, showcasing the state flower, the Mountain Laurel, and the pink and white blossoms of the dogwood tree, which are common to the area. Outside, a stone bridge leading to the entrance is a tribute to Pittsburgh - the "City of Bridges."

"Cranberry is a community itself that's a place of faith," Hoke said. "It's a place where all religions are welcome and accepted. It's been beautiful how Cranberry has accepted this Church and this faith." 🏠

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In the world of golf, birdies are celebrated achievements.

A birdie is a score of one-under-par and often happens after an excellent chip to the green leaves a short putt. But scoring a birdie isn't so easy, even for professionals. According to Professional Golfers' Association tour stats, the average number of birdies per round made by the world's top golfers is only five. Some players will go their entire lives without managing to score a birdie.

Four Township residents with high handicaps who played at Cranberry Highlands Golf Course earlier this summer birdied for the first time and did so on the same hole.

On hole number 10, Chuck Young, Randy Stachel, Don Vanshine, and Dave Rodrigues hit their golf balls within 22 feet from the pin.

"Then the excitement started," Don said. "Chuck dropped his 22-foot putt for birdie. Dave followed and drained his birdie putt from 12 feet. Randy stepped up and made his 10-foot birdie putt."

All the pressure was on Don to sink his seven-foot birdie putt, which he drilled right in the center of the cup.

"This feat is 1 in 1,605,000 chances of happening with high handicappers," Don said. "Our combined years of playing golf is over 200 years, and this has never happened to us. What a great day at Cranberry Highlands!"

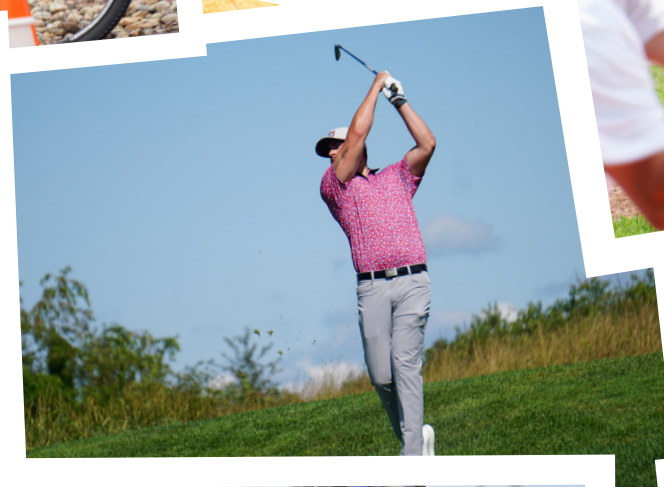
It's an achievement that they'll celebrate for the rest of their playing careers. 🏠



Superior Swings

Foursome achieves unique feat

OH SNAP!







Claus in Cranberry:

Celebrate the Season in Style

*'Tis the season for family
fun! Scan to register for
the programs below.*



For years, Santa Claus has made Cranberry Township his home away from home, kicking off the holiday season with the community. But that isn't the end of the Jolly Old Elf's seasonal plans, there are many more stops planned in the Township.

The annual Santa's First Stop is set for Friday, November 22, at the Municipal Center. It will be both Santa and the community's first chance to see The Armstrong Great Lawn in use following months of construction. Featuring games, caroling, food trucks, live reindeer, and more seasonal cheer, the 2024 edition of Santa's First Stop should be the biggest yet.

The Holiday Village Market, presented by the Pittsburgh North Regional Chamber and Cranberry Township Farmers Market, will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, December 7, at the Cranberry Township Municipal Center. This free, outdoor event features holiday vendors, crafters, food trucks, activities for children, and more.

On Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8, Santa will visit the Municipal Center for the annual Milk & Cookies event. Sweet treats are just part of the menu, as children and their families can take photos with Santa, play games, and do crafts.

Santa will stay for Pet Photos on Sunday, December 8. Participants are asked to bring a camera for the 10-minute session window. Each session offers one to three domestic animals a chance to meet Father Christmas.

Just nine days before his big day on Saturday, December 14, Santa will be back one last time for Brunch with Santa at Cranberry Highlands Golf Course. Attendees will enjoy a delicious brunch of scrambled eggs, sausage gravy with biscuits, carved ham, home fries, and a Danish – all while rubbing elbows with The Big Guy.

The Township also offers families a chance to put their best cookie forward for Christmas Eve via the Christmas Cookie Decorating Class on Saturday, December 14. No experience is necessary to learn the basics of cookie decorating, with participants taking home a half-dozen signature vanilla sugar cookies. 🍪



PULLING THE STRINGS

AMATEUR PUPPETEERS
CREATE CHARACTERS



Passersby gazing through the glass of the The Forge Makerspace in the Cranberry Public Library recently may have wondered: are those people talking to themselves?

The answer? Yes and no.

More than a dozen individuals across a wide range of ages recently brought their craziest, furriest ideas to life during the Project Puppet program. The multi-day course guided participants through the process of creating their very own Muppet-style puppet.

And the possibilities were endless.

Participants selected each colorful component of their hand-and-rod puppet, including the fabric, eyes, mouth, accessories, and more. Armed with an idea and the bones of a creation, participants used The Forge's various tools to breathe life into their puppet.

Coordinated and presented by Makerspace Manager Mary Frances Reutzel, Project Puppet was the Library's first attempt at a multi-day, multi-section program. Based on the success, it won't be the last.

"To watch these pieces of art be brought to life and to see the pride on the creator's faces – it was an incredible experience," Reutzel said.

Stay tuned to cranberrylibrary.org for more information on future sessions – and remember it may not be easy being green, but it is easy to have fun in The Forge. 🏠



Check out the puppet making process.



NIQUEA.D PLAYS THEIR CARDS RIGHT

Nestled in the heart of the Meeder Crossroads neighborhood, a new boutique is pushing the lifestyle shopping envelope.

The opening of NIQUEA.D marked the brand's first brick-and-mortar location and an exciting new chapter in its story.

CEO Dominique Schurman founded NIQUEA.D in 2020 following an impressive three decades of service as CEO of greeting card giant Papyrus and its parent company, the Schurman Retail Group.

Schurman carries on a 70-year tradition of fine stationery retailing with the NIQUEA.D brand, following in the footsteps of parents Margrit and Marcel Schurman. They started the Schurman Retail Group with the creation of their first company, Schurman Fine Papers, in 1950.

Originally from Germany and Switzerland, Margrit and Marcel founded Schurman Fine Papers from their home in California. The company initially functioned as a wholesaler by importing high-end European stationery to supply American stores. The business quickly took off thanks to high demand for its unique offerings. The brand soon evolved to have showrooms of its own across the nation.

Nearly three-quarters of a century later, NIQUEA.D continues the tradition of supplying customers with beautifully designed cards to help senders say more than just words. In addition to its wide selection of greeting cards, the boutique also features carefully curated collections of accessories, gifts, home décor, and more, along with featured goods from neighboring local businesses.

NIQUEA.D's vibrant collections are designed to inspire reflection and connection – and customers can do just that as they peruse the boutique, nosh on savory treats, and connect over a shared love of simple pleasures. 🏠

See what's in store at Niquea.D.



Seems Like a

STRETCH

In today's fast-paced world where physical and mental well-being often takes a backseat to daily demands, a new business in Cranberry Township puts flexibility and health front and center, and owner Bridget Phaure is behind it all.

"Our community is full of golfers, pickleballers, weekend warriors, young athletes, retirees, and average Joes - we can all benefit from greater flexibility and a better quality of life overall," Phaure said.

Phaure recently opened western Pennsylvania's first Stretch Zone franchise at 2085 MacKenzie Way in Cranberry Springs. The area's first specialized assisted stretching studio offers individual stretching sessions that promise to unlock a new level of relaxation, mobility, and overall wellness.

"Having many delays and pushbacks, it's so nice to see our studio finally ready for our active clients to start reaping the benefits of Stretch Zone," she said. "We've had many locals patiently waiting alongside us during this pre-opening journey, so I am really grateful for them, our community and so much positive support already."

Unlike stretching at home, practitioner-assisted stretching at Stretch Zone offers a personalized routine using proprietary tables and a strapping system to position, stabilize, and isolate muscles. Each session is tailored to the individual client based on their lifestyle, physical condition, and wellness goals.

"Stretch Zone has helped professional athletes, chronic pain sufferers, seniors, young athletes, and everyone in between realize increased active range of motion and improved quality of movement," she said. "Our clients simply relax on a comfortable stretch table with our patented stabilization system while a certified practitioner works to improve their mobility and range of motion. The client requires no sweat or effort to benefit from the "workout" - we do all the work."

The first session for new clients is free. Phaure said she can also bring her tables to businesses for events like employee appreciation days, wellness days, and races/tournaments.

It's not a stretch to say Stretch Zone will have an impact in Cranberry. 🏠

Get an inside look at Stretch Zone Cranberry.



Make Yourself at Home in Cranberry

Whether for a few nights or a few weeks, Cranberry has rooms to book for visitors, weekend warriors, or long-term workers.

With its position at the intersection of several major highways, including the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Cranberry is a weary traveler's oasis along a stretch of blacktop roads. And, with dozens of parks, international corporations, and other businesses and organizations with drawing power, the Township welcomes thousands each year for sports tournaments, conferences, and more.

So come, be our neighbor for a few days, and sleep comfortably in Cranberry Township. 🏠

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Super 8

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Comfort Inn

924 Sheraton Drive



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BUSINESS BRIEFS



PERKING UP: NEW COFFEE SPOT GAINS APPROVAL

Things are perking up at a new business on Commonwealth Drive. Industry Coffee gained approval to open a drive-thru-only location at 900 Commonwealth Drive, Suite 100.

The 3,000-square foot space previously housed a bank but will be converted to a restaurant serving coffee and breakfast items via drive-thru. In-store ordering and seating will not be available.



DAYCARE GETS THUMBS UP

Another childcare option is on the horizon in Cranberry.

Learning Care Group Daycare gained approval to occupy a one-story, 10,281-square-foot space on 1.69 acres at 1083 Freedom Road.

An outdoor play area of 8,227 square feet is included in the plans, featuring two turf playground areas and a rain garden. The timing of the development will be coordinated with the BUILD 2 Grant Freedom Road Expansion Project.



WAREHOUSE DEFINITIONS ADJUSTED

What constitutes a warehouse in the Township's ordinances has been updated. A public hearing was held on amendments to the Township's Distribution Warehouse Center and Warehouse requirements and regulations.

The changes expand on the definitions of these facilities, the required access and connectivity to them, and the processes used therein.

Now Open!

- **Knichel Logistics**
3000 Westinghouse Drive, Suite 401
- **Vestis Services**
193 Thorn Hill Road, Suite 200
- **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**
2093 Powell Road
- **Spirit Halloween**
20111 Route 19 (Cranberry Mall)
- **The Stretch Zone**
2085 Mackenzie Way, Suite 400
- **Inspired Hearts and Hands**
20 Leonberg Road
- **CDL Nuclear Technologies**
600 Cranberry Woods Drive, Suite 300
- **Commonwealth Charter Academy**
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1187 Freedom Road



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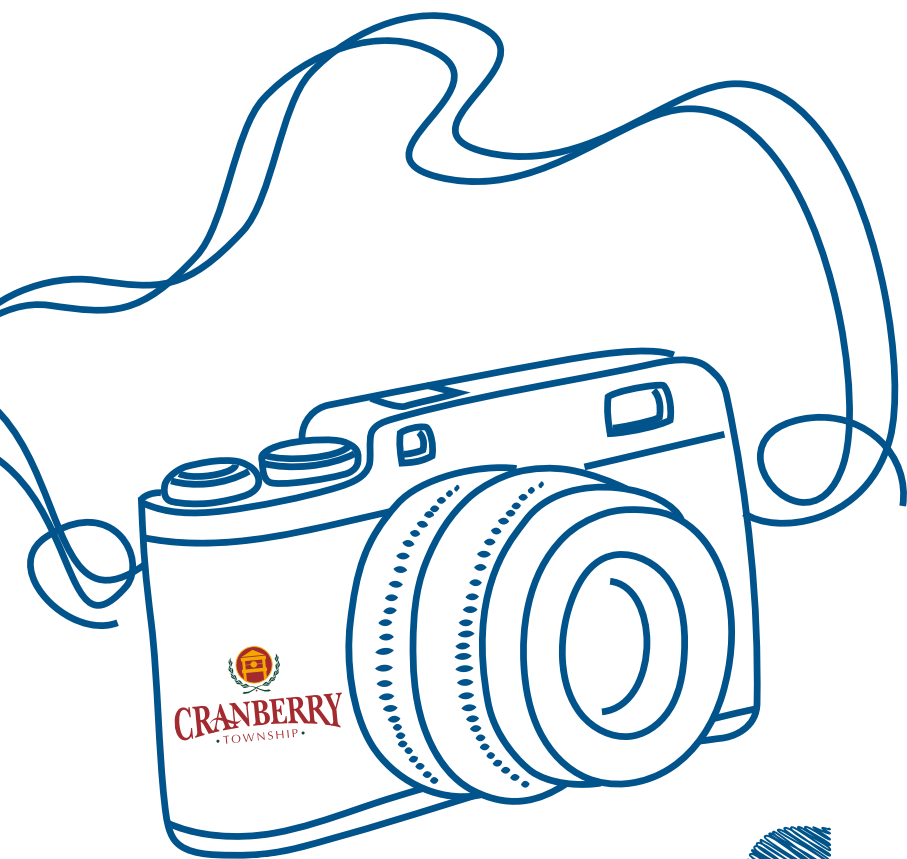




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