

CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP

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Township Introduces “Property Finder” on Web

Cranberry Township residents will have the ability to access information about land use and planned development at their fingertips with the new property finder tool located on the Township’s website. Cranberry Township officials unveiled the program at the July 26 Board of Supervisors meeting.

“The new program will enhance our policy of ‘customer service’ to residents,” says Dick Hadley, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, who hopes that potential homebuyers and residents will take advantage of the website in order to access factual information about land use and planned development throughout the Township.

Because of the market, growth is expected to continue in the Township. Residents should be aware that what looks like an open field adjacent to a plan of homes today could be developed into a large retail complex in the near future.

According to Dan Santoro, Director of Planning and Engineering, potential homebuyers and residents are always welcome to check with staff in the Planning and Codes department at the



Residents can access the property finder on the website at <http://www.twp.cranberry.pa.us> and press “property finder.”

Municipal Center if they have questions about land use and proposed developments in the Township.

Often residents who attend planning meetings or call the Township with concerns about growth in the municipality, comment, “We don’t need another fast food restaurant. Why don’t we have an upscale department store?” What can the Township do?

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PROPERTY TAX COLLECTOR

The 2000/2001 Seneca Valley School District real estate taxes were mailed August 1, 2000 and are payable at a two percent discount until September 30, 2000. Taxes can be paid at face value from October 1, 2000 until November 30, 2000. The current millage rate, 99.72, remains unchanged from the 1999/2000 school taxes. Currently, the 2000 County/Township taxes are due at the penalty amount. The last day to pay all current year property taxes is December 31, 2000.

The office will continue to be open on a full-time basis, including Monday evenings and Fridays. The hours are Monday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also, the office will be open Saturday, September 30, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Appointments are always available. The office is located in the Municipal Center on Rochester Road in the front hallway with the other elected officials and the Chamber of Commerce.

Please stop in or mail payments to P.J. Lynd T/C, 2525 Rochester Road, Suite 402, Cranberry Township, Pa. 16066. If you should have any changes in your mortgage company or are no longer using an excrow account to pay your property taxes, please contact the tax collector's office by phone at 724/776-1103 or by fax 724/776-3011.

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It is important to note, Santoro says, that while the Township aggressively implements all of the planning tools permitted local governments, Pennsylvania law requires that municipalities allow for every possible category of land use in their zoning plans. Further, a municipality cannot discriminate against any legitimate use including adult book stores. Within each category of use, municipalities cannot pick and choose which developments will be allowed. If a parcel of land is zoned retail, for example, Cranberry Township cannot say "We have enough mega-discount stores, we want an upscale department store."

However, the Township can address the impact of growth with an effective comprehensive zoning plan. Cranberry Township has spent significant time and energy in order to create a positive master zoning plan for the municipality that addresses growth and development well into the future. This plan was originally approved in 1995.

Additionally, the Township has enacted standards to help address the impact of growth, such as the traffic impact fee program. The Township cannot, however, determine that there are enough fast food restaurants and restrict the type of restaurants that will be approved in the future.

Community members are encouraged to review the property finder on the Township website as well as information about the Township's Comprehensive Plan and other issues about planning and codes, or call Dan Santoro at 724/776-4806 ext. 1106 or email santorod@twp.cranberry.pa.us.

Chamber of Commerce

"A TASTE OF CRANBERRY"
Wednesday, September 13
5 - 8 p.m.

You won't want to miss this fun, family-oriented event under the tents at the Municipal Center. Area restaurants will be offering samples of their most popular dishes. Participating restaurants include Domenico's Ristorante, Gordon Bros. Water, Hartner's, The Log Cabin Inn, Monte Cello's, North Park Lounge Deckhouse, Panera Bread, Quaker Steak & Lube, Safari Sam's, Sheraton Inn Pittsburgh North, and Sweet Licks of Cranberry.

In addition, there will be entertainment for all ages and the Sample School House will be open for tours. Presale tickets are \$5; \$7 at the door. Children ages six and under are free. Proceeds to benefit the Cranberry Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, with a portion earmarked for the School House renovation.

BUSINESS EXPO 2000

The Chamber will sponsor a Business Expo on Monday, October 30, 2000 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Sheraton Inn Pittsburgh North. Over 80 area businesses will showcase their products and services. Hourly door prizes and an Expo Grand Prize will be awarded. All Cranberry Township residents are invited to attend: Admission is free.

For more information on these Chamber events, call the Cranberry Chamber of Commerce at 724/776-4949.

New Port Authority Bus Route Debuts Next Month

Port Authority of Allegheny County's 13K Cranberry Express bus route, which will connect Allegheny County residents with one of the region's fastest-growing job centers, will debut on Monday, September 11, 2000. Cranberry Township residents will be able to use Port Authority's new 106-space park and ride lot at Warrendale-Bayne and Brush Creek Roads in Marshall Township to make the 13K Cranberry Express a new option for efficient transportation to and from the City of Pittsburgh. The 13K will operate as an express route between the park and ride lot and downtown Pittsburgh.

In addition, Port Authority is expanding local bus service to Cranberry Township with the creation of the 11K Cranberry route, which will debut on Sunday, September 10, 2000. While the 13A North Hills Express will continue to serve McKnight Road and portions of Perry Highway during weekday mornings and afternoons, the 11K Cranberry will serve the same areas during midday, weekends, and holidays in addition to extending service to Thorn Hill Industrial Park, the Cranberry Business District, and Port Authority's new park and ride lot.

"We are pleased to be working with our transportation partners in surrounding counties to promote regional transportation initiatives and improve access to jobs and economic development," said Port Authority Chief Executive Officer Paul Skoutelas. "Recently, Port Authority entered into an agreement with the Heinz Endowments to develop a regional public transportation plan and vision for the next 25 years which will involve the public and numerous stakeholders. The establishment of new service to Cranberry Township is an example of the kind of improvements that can be made by working together."

Port Authority's plans for the 13K Cranberry Express and 11K Cranberry routes have been formed with the help of several partners, including Cranberry Township, Cranberry Area Chamber of Commerce, Butler County Planning Commission, Butler Area Rural Transit, Butler Township-City Joint Municipal Transit Authority, BCTA, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, the Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

For additional information, call Port Authority Customer Service at 412/442-2000. ●

13K CRANBERRY EXPRESS

The 13K Cranberry Express will link downtown Pittsburgh to Thorn Hill Industrial Park and Cranberry Mall. Operating every 15 to 30 minutes from 5:42-10:05 a.m. and 3:30-7:08 p.m., the 13K Cranberry Express will use Routes 279 North and 79 North to provide quick access to and from Pittsburgh. The 13K will make nine inbound trips and seven outbound trips in the morning and four inbound trips and nine outbound trips in the afternoon. The new route will serve Downtown stops at Seventh Avenue and Smithfield Street, Liberty Avenue at Seventh Street, and Seventh Street at Fort Duquesne Boulevard, in addition to a North Shore stop at Sandusky Street at Isabella Street. Fare for the 13K Cranberry Express will be \$2.30.

11K CRANBERRY VIA MCKNIGHT ROAD

The 11K Cranberry route will travel via McKnight Road and Route 19 to and from Cranberry and will operate weekdays from 9:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and from 6:06 p.m. to 12:06 a.m.; Saturdays from 6:50 a.m. until 11:15 p.m.; and Sundays and holidays from 9:20 a.m. until 6:05 p.m. On weekdays, this new route will serve the same Downtown stops as the 13K; on weekends it will serve stops at Ninth Street and Penn Avenue, Liberty Avenue at Seventh Street and Seventh Street at Fort Duquesne Boulevard. The fare to Cranberry on the 11K Cranberry route will be \$2.30.

Tax Notice Reminder! The Seneca Valley School District's flat occupation tax notices for the 2000-2001 school year are due to be mailed August 1, 2000.

The flat occupation tax should not be mistaken for the occupation privilege tax, which is the \$10 that your employer withholds from your paycheck. The flat occupation tax was enacted by the Seneca Valley School District on July 1, 1979 and is billed the beginning of August each year.

NOTE: If you are RETIRED, (Social Security, annuities, pension monies, etc. are not wages), under the age of 18, homemaker, on disability, or if your wages are under \$3,200 you are EXEMPT FROM THIS TAX. If YOU ARE NOT liable for this tax, simply write on the tax bill you receive the reason you are exempt and mail the notice back to the address on the notice.

Young Drivers Raise Money for D.A.R.E. Program



Young drivers between the ages of seven and 12 years got their first driving experience and a chance to commit to be “drug free” on July 8 and 9, 2000 as they participated in Kmart’s Kids Race Against Drugs (KRAD). Those who came out drove a sleek aerodynamically designed miniature race car, sporting the features of a convertible Ford Mustang. The vehicles were battery powered and even rode on racing style Goodyear tires.

These young drivers, from the Seneca Valley and Mars Area School Districts didn’t get to drive the car alone, they were accompanied by a safety driver. The safety drivers were volunteers and local police officers from Cranberry, Evans City, Jackson, Mars, and Zelenople police departments.

“We’d much rather meet our children in this type of situation than on the streets later,” stated Sergeant Dave Lewis, Support Services Commander for the Cranberry Township Police Department and coordinator of this event.

The course was a challenging one for the drivers. They went over bridges, through S-curves, around hairpin turns, and through a tunnel to the finish line. The drivers were timed with professional electronic timing equipment similar to those used in drag racing.

The entire KRAD experience was FREE and every child walked away a winner, complete with a KRAD t-shirt and baseball cap. Since many of the drivers brought their families, including younger brothers and sisters, this was truly a community, family event. Although the younger ones were not able to drive, the safety drivers took them for a quick lap around the course and were rewarded with uncountable smiles.

The Kmart Kids Race Against Drugs family event travels to 90 cities making more than 665 stops to show America’s children that drugs and alcohol are a dead-end street. The race track is specially designed to be set up in local Kmart parking lots to bring the anti-drug, alcohol, and violence message to more than 700,000 children throughout America.

For every child that raced over the two days, the Seneca Valley and Mars D.A.R.E. programs will receive a \$5 donation from the Kmart Family Foundation. These funds are used to assist in bringing the D.A.R.E. program to the school districts FREE of charge and without assistance of local tax dollars. In 2000, local officers graduated over 650 students from D.A.R.E. at Seneca Valley, Mars, and St. Gregory’s Schools.

The final numbers for KRAD in Cranberry for 2000 . . . 654 riders, raising over \$3000 for the local D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Programs. The organizers estimate that over 150 younger riders were also treated to a free ride on the course. To all those who helped and those who came out, the local school districts and police departments applaud you. Thank you! ●



County Bicentennial Celebration Planned

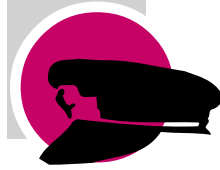
In honor of the Bicentennial of Butler County, there will be an event co-sponsored by the Township and the Butler County Bicentennial Committee. It will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

The featured entertainment will be "The Showstoppers." This group is made up of both singers and musicians who will perform a medley of songs from the 1920s to the present ending with a patriotic salute. This rousing event will take place in the Amphitheater in Cranberry Community Park, Route 19. It is free to the public. Remember to bring your blanket or lawn chair!

Additional events set in motion by the Butler Bicentennial Committee that are included during their "Week of Celebration" include: August 20, Butler County Community College Summer Concert Series, and the 32nd annual AACA Auto Show; August 21, Business and History Day; August 22, Government and Law Day; August 23, Education and History Day; August 24, Agriculture Day and Countywide Interfaith Worship Service; August 25, Health Care Day. For additional details, call the Butler County Bicentennial Committee at 724/283-2222.

Thefts by Juveniles

There have been 88 reported thefts from vehicles in the Township this year. The activity has been most common in the Crossings, Blue Ridge Estates, and Glen Eden Plans. In June, Cranberry Police arrested five juveniles and charged them with Theft by Unlawful Taking, Receiving Stolen Property, and



Conspiracy for several thefts that took place in the Township. The youths' ages ranged from 14 to 17, and all of them resided in Cranberry Township. Three of the juveniles were released to their parents and two were remanded to a juvenile detention facility. One of those arrested was involved in a similar series of crimes that took place in the summer of 1999.

After the arrests took place in June, Cranberry residents have continued to be victimized by juveniles taking property from unlocked vehicles or unsecured garages. Eight additional cases were reported since the arrests.

Investigation of all these crimes shows the same pattern: Unsupervised youths wandering through neighborhoods in the early morning hours, trying the handles on car doors to see if they are locked. If they're not locked, the suspects enter and remove anything that can be grabbed quickly. If the doors are locked but there is something of apparent high value the suspects have occasionally broken the windows to enter the vehicle. One of the youths who was arrested admitted entering approximately 15 cars in a single morning to steal money and other items of value. Items taken from vehicles included money, wallets, purses, keys, cellular phones, power air pumps, cameras, radar detectors, portable CD players, two-way radios, and book packs. Bicycles and a scooter were removed from opened or unlocked garages. ●

Advice for Residents:

- Lock your vehicles wherever they are located.
- Keep garage doors closed and locked.
- Turn those porch lights on and leave them on throughout the night. It costs pennies.
- Be observant. If you see suspicious activity, REPORT IT! Dial 9-1-1. Don't think someone else will do it. The police would much rather verify that something is "OK" than have to investigate a crime later.
- Be a good witness: Get a description of the individuals, the vehicle, and a license number if possible, then dial 9-1-1. Remember: All calls to the police are dispatched through 9-1-1. There is no nonemergency number in Butler County.
- Call when you see curfew violations. Children under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. or they must be going to or returning from work, school, or church activities. If these young people are walking through the plans at 1 a.m., call 9-1-1.

Looking Ahead - SNOW SEASON 2000/2001

TIPS FOR WINTER

Roadside Vehicle Parking

anticipated, remove vehicles from the roadside shoulders. This allows plows to clear the area the first time through, making return trips unnecessary.

Vehicles parked in a "No Street Parking" area will be referred to the Township Police Department.

If a storm/ inclement weather is

some by the county, and some roads may be private (as in developments where roads have not yet been dedicated).

Township employees will clear and treat those roads maintained by the Township in the most timely manner possible.

Driveway to Roadway?

Do not shovel snow into the road or have your driveway plowed into the road. This can cause a serious traffic hazard. If possible, it is best to place snow on the side of your driveway opposite the direction the plow is traveling. By implementing this technique, the plow will push snow away from your driveway rather than back into it. If possible, wait until the road has been plowed before cleaning out the end of your driveway. There is no practical way to plow the road without depositing snow into your driveway.

Township snow removal crews do not clear private driveways or driveway entrances of accumulated snow.

Do not shovel snow into the road or have your driveway

Mailboxes & Mailbox Posts

Help reduce the possibility of a damaged/broken mailbox or mailbox post. Plow operators are urged to take precautions to avoid hitting mailbox posts. Experience has shown that reduced visibility during a storm makes it difficult for a driver to see a post in time to avoid striking it or pushing it over with plowed snow. *Any installation within the right of way, including a mailbox/post, is placed there at the owner's risk.*

Therefore, owners are encouraged to install mailboxes at the maximum usable distance from the edge of the roadway. Posts should also be checked for deterioration to reduce the possibility that the weight of the plowed snow may simply break or push the post over. The Township shall not repair or replace mailboxes or posts damaged by the force or placement of plowed snow.

Protect Driveways

Prior to snow removal season apply a driveway protectant. This will help eliminate the possibility of damage from snow removal materials.

The municipality is not responsible for damage to private driveways, etc. due to snow removal materials.

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Storm Conditions? Please, Emergency Calls Only

Avoid calling municipal offices during a storm except in an emergency. Personnel are extremely busy dealing with storm conditions. Please keep telephone lines clear for emergencies.

Snow Removal Trucks w/ Plows Raised?

A truck with a raised plow does not always mean the driver has completed your area. They may be:

1. Returning for fuel or vehicle service.
2. Returning to the maintenance yard for additional treatment material.
3. Responding to a call to assist Emergency Services:
 - a. Police Department
 - b. Fire Department
 - c. Volunteer Ambulance
 - d. School District Transportation Department
4. The municipality may not maintain all roads in the area. Some roads may be maintained by the state,

A truck with a raised plow does not always mean

Emergency calls during snow removal season should be placed to the Cranberry Township Public Works Department, 724/776-4806 ext. 1500, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Weekends and evenings, please call 9-1-1. ●

PLOWING PRIORITY AREAS - LOCAL TOWNSHIP ROADS

PRIORITY #1. Main arteries linking development areas to main roads, have plowing priority.

PRIORITY #2. Housing developments are next:

•**Plowing Districts** – The Township is broken up into plowing districts and there are individual drivers assigned to each district.

•**Steep Roads** – Housing plans with steep roads are generally given priority under severe conditions.

•**Drivers** – It is primarily the discretion of the driver to decide which development in each district is plowed first. To make that determination the driver shall utilize:
–His/her overall knowledge of the plowing area;
–Previous plowing experience;
–Current road and weather conditions.

PRIORITY #3. Cul-de-sacs – Because cul-de-sacs in a housing plan are not thruways to the majority of motorists or school students within a development, customarily they are given last priority.

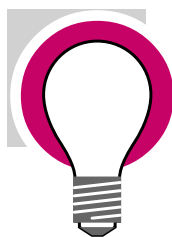
HELPFUL NOTE: Snow plows do not have the ability to lift and carry snow from one area to another. The plow pushes the snow. The driver pushes the snow to an area most suitable to:

- **Expedite** the plowing;
- Open the roads for the **majority** of residents.

STATE & PRIVATE ROADS THAT ARE NOT MAINTAINED BY CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP

The following is a list of roads/developments that are not maintained by the Township (they are either maintained by the State or receive private maintenance):

A	M
Anderson Road	Manor Road
Andrew Drive	
Ashford Manor	O
	Oak Springs Mobil Home
B	
Brandt Road	P
	Pennsylvania Turnpike
C	Pioneer Drive
Callery Road	Plains Church Road
Central Drive	
(plowed to Ten Pointe Ln)	R
Commerce Park Drive	Ridgeview Estates
Cranberry Pointe Ln	Rochester Road
Cranberry Vig Mobile Home	Route 19
Park	Route 228
	Rowan Road
D	
David Hill Drive	S
	Scenic Ridge Ct.
F	Sherwood Oaks
Flamingo Drive	(plowed to entrance gate)
Florida Blvd.	
Forest Park Mobile Home Pk.	T
Franklin Road	Thorn Hill Road
Freedom Road	Timberview Development
Friendship Lane	
G	W
Glen Eden Road	Walden Road
	Weigand Road
H	
Harvest Drive	
Hillcrest Terrace	
Holiday Drive	
I	
Interstate 79	
L	
Landis Ave.	
Laurel wood Apts.	



**FOR YOUR
INFORMATION**

FIND US ON THE WEB!

The Township has its own World Wide Web site. Check it out for information on Township administration, zoning and planning, public safety, and more. Here's where to find it – <http://www.twp.cranberry.pa.us>.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS UNDER REVIEW

Have you heard rumors about a piece of property being developed and wonder how you can find out if it's true? For a listing of proposed developments and their status, along with a description and a property location map, visit the Cranberry Township website at <http://www.twp.cranberry.pa.us> and click on Departments, Community Planning and Codes, and Proposed Developments Under Review or for the specific URL, <http://www.twp.cranberry.pa.us/codes/plans.html>.

You can also link to the appropriate meeting agenda for each development and a calendar of "dates to remember."

BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Fall Course Offerings

Butler County Community College is right here in Cranberry Township. Come on over to our site at 250 Executive Drive, just beyond the Cranberry Township Post Office. We have opportunities for you to go back to college or to obtain training to enhance the work you already do.

For the Fall 2000 semester, there are credit and non-credit classes to help you move ahead in your work or personal life. Take a look at the following choices – there is something for everyone!

Credit Classes:

NEW: Destination and tourism geography (toward the travel and tourism certificate), mass communication, hospitality management (also toward the travel and tourism certificate)

In addition, we offer over 50 courses in subjects such as English, graphic design, mathematics (ranging from preparatory courses to College Math I), literature, Spanish, philosophy, economics, computers (beginning to JAVA and COBOL), courses for business and education degrees, music, speech, sociology, and psychology.

Noncredit Classes

NEW:	Quickbooks	Microsoft Publisher
	HTML	Sports reporting
	Portrait workshop	Figure drawing
	Children's drawing classes	The Model Railroad World
	Cooking classes	
	(held at the Versatile Gourmet	
	on Rte. 8)	
	Auctions: What to do and when	

We will be offering a new 5-course business series, which may be taken separately. These seminars include employment law, human resource management, Total Quality Management, team building, and public relations in the workplace.

Additional courses include computer courses, (ranging from beginning classes to our especially for Seniors series), quilting, Interior Design II, writing, financial planning, genealogy, aqua aerobics, low impact aerobics, introduction to golf, and Italian I and II. We are also offering a seminar for folks who want to buy a home, but who may not be sure of the best way to do so.

Real estate fundamentals and practices will also be available for persons who want to prepare themselves to make a career in the real estate industry.

NEW: Several courses are being sponsored by the BCCC Cranberry Center and offered at Glade Run Lutheran Services in Zelienople. Equine care, horticulture, and introduction to the art of counted cross-stitch will be available at that site. ●

WEBSITES FOR GENEALOGY RESEARCHERS

To research your family tree, try these addresses:

- <http://www.cyndislist.com> – a comprehensive list of genealogy sites on the Internet;
- <http://www.familysearch.com> – Mormon Data;
- <http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/genindex.html>–genealogical research at the National Archives.

UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

ALL BEGIN AT 7 P.M.:

- Monday, August 7, 2000, Book Discussion, "Joy Luck Club" by Amy Tan
- Tuesday, August 22, 2000, Myofascial Trigger Point Therapy Seminar
- Monday, September 11, 2000 Book Discussion
- Tuesday, September 26, 2000 Cranberry Historical Society Program
- Thursday, September 28, 2000 Bellevue Pediatric Associates Seminar
- Tuesday, October 24, 2000 Bellevue Pediatric Associates Seminar
- Tuesday, November 28, 2000 Bellevue Pediatric Associates Seminar

Youth Programs at the Library

Registration for the October session of **Daytime Storytime for three, four, and five year olds** will begin on Monday, September 11, at 10 a.m. This 45-minute program will be held on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. from October 10 or 12 through November 14 or 16. Children must be registered in order to attend. No telephone registrations will be accepted.

Infant/Nursery Rhyme Time, a half hour for babies, birth through 23 months and their caregivers, will be held at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, September 5 through September 26. No older children are allowed. No pre-registration is required.

Two-Year-Old Storytime, a half-hour storytime for two-year-olds and their caregivers will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., September 6 through September 27 or Thursday mornings at 11 a.m., September 7 through September 28. There is no pre-registration required. In order to keep this a quality one-on-one experience, no older or younger children are allowed.

Family Pajama Storytime, a half-hour storytime for children of all ages and their caregivers, will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. from October 11 through November 15. There is no pre-registration. Parents must accompany children.

All programs are free and will be held in the Library Meeting Room.

To listen to a recorded story for younger children and a book review for older youngsters, both of which are changed weekly, dial 724/776-5099.

If you have questions about children's materials or children's programs, dial 724/776-9100, ext. 1124.



Cranberry Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #879 presented Carol Troese, Cranberry Township Library Director, with the V.F.W. 100th Anniversary History and a check in the amount of \$100 to purchase books on Americanism and history. From left to right: Harold Brinkman, Phil Stebler, Carol Troese, George O'Brien, Steve Madeja, and Henry Bader.

Library Kicks off Fundraiser for Expansion/Renovation

On Community Day July 4 at the Park, Cranberry Public Library kicked off its fundraiser to help raise money for its proposed expansion project to

provide an enlarged children's addition, a new story time room, an improved young adult area, a separate small meeting room for tutoring/literacy, and a new computer reference/lab with six additional computer workstations.

Construction costs are estimated to be \$500,000. In addition \$100,000 is needed for furniture, hardware, equipment, and shelving to furnish the new area.

We are proud to say that the Cranberry Township Board of Supervisors has committed \$250,000 toward the children's expansion project. The library is now seeking additional funding through a Keystone 2000 Grant for public library facilities as well as other regional foundation grants, and by approaching community business and corporations, local service organizations, and individual friends of the library. If the library is to meet the challenge, significant support from the community must be demonstrated.

Cranberry Public Library trusts you will agree this project is worthy of your generous support. We cordially invite you to fill out the enclosed envelope and send it in with your tax-deductible contribution. Future generations in Cranberry Township will benefit from one of the most valuable and useful assets a community can offer.

DOUBLE YOUR MONEY!

Many corporations have gift matching programs where the corporation matches gifts by employees to charitable organizations in dollar amount. Ask your company if they have a program of investing in the education of their community, and how your community library may qualify as a recipient.

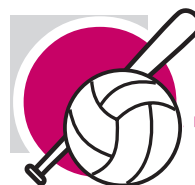
USE YOUR LIBRARY

Visit it often. Teach your children to use, appreciate, and support this valuable resource throughout their lives.

NEW!

UPGRADED AUTOMATION SYSTEM FOR CRANBERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND BUTLER COUNTY FEDERATED LIBRARY SYSTEM

Cranberry Public Library and Butler County Federated Library System will soon be upgrading their automation system. The integrated library automation software package chosen is Library Solution by The Library Corporation, which operates from a single database. Implementation of the new system hardware and software is anticipated in late September/early October 2000.



PARKS & RECREATION

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CLUB

Eighty percent of your child's waking hours are spent outside of school. Does it matter what children do during this unstructured time? Absolutely! Cranberry Township Parks and Recreation's After School Activities Club provides your child with FUN, SAFE and EDUCATIONAL opportunities at an affordable price! This program is designed for children in grades 1- 5 who are looking for something to fight the after-school doldrums. This program is packed with fun-filled activities, a weekly newsletter, an after school snack, and more! Your child can join one class or all of them...it's up to you!

Through the cooperative efforts of Cranberry Township Parks and Recreation and the Seneca Valley School District's Bus Transportation Department, we are able to offer transportation free of charge from each of the district's four elementary schools to the Cranberry Township Municipal Center. What a wonderful opportunity for children of working parents!

Detailed information on the After School Activities Club and Bus Transportation can be found in the Parks and Recreation's Fall Program Brochure or by calling 724/776-4806 ext. 1129.



PARKS & RECREATION

TENNIS COURTS GET A FACELIFT

Cranberry Township put forth efforts to refurbish the tennis courts in the Community Park over the past season. Tennis enthusiasts will enjoy the freshly resurfaced courts and the addition of lights.

Cranberry Township Parks and Recreation is in search of tennis enthusiasts who are interested in teaching tennis programs for the community or being involved in implementing tournaments or clinics.

If you are interested in helping with these types of programs, please call 724/776-4806 ext. 1120 or email borderc@twp.cranberry.pa.us.

SHARE YOUR TALENTS WITH YOUR COMMUNITY!

Cranberry Township Parks and Recreation is always on the lookout for instructors to teach classes on new and exciting subjects. If you have a speciality you would like to share, we want to work with you to develop new programs.

In addition, we are always looking for instructors in the following areas: after-school programs for youth, fitness, teen programs, leisure classes, and the arts.

If you are interested in sharing your talents and skills with others in the community, please call 724/776-4806 ext. 1120 or email us at borderc@twp.cranberry.pa.us. If there is a certain type of program that you would like to see offered call 724/776-4806 ext. 1120 or email us at borderc@twp.cranberry.pa.us.

CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

Sand a Hit at the Community Waterpark!

Patrons of the Cranberry Township Community Waterpark noticed some changes during the 2000 summer season. Young children were drawn to the new Sand Play Area in the park...on any given day one could find children of all ages digging away, building sand castles, and playing with the water structures and sand toys. Enclose sand with a net fence structure, add a few park benches, some shade and sand toys and you have instant FUN! A Shower Tower was added at the exit of the Sand Play Area for participants to rinse off the sand prior to re-entering the pool. Thanks to all of the parents who worked hard making sure their little ones were "sand free" prior to cooling off in the pool. The Community Waterpark staff appreciates your efforts!



Patrons were also able to enjoy the addition of shade structures. These colorful shade umbrellas make a beautiful addition to the waterpark. These shade structures were added in response to the patrons concerns of lack of shade at the facility over past seasons. Patrons can now enjoy the facility to an even greater extent!

The Community Waterpark Cafe has made an effort to improve customer service by adding another cash register. No more waiting in one long line on a hot summer day – patrons are being served faster and more efficiently.

Our new friend C.T. the Crocodile has had an awesome time visiting children at the Community Waterpark and hosting birthday parties. If you haven't met him yet...be sure to ask for him next time you are at the Community Waterpark – he loves children and can't wait to meet all of you!

Patrons and members can look for additional changes for next year's summer season that include relocation and enlargement of the spray play area, the addition of a drop slide in the diving well, a shower tower by the sand volleyball court, and additional shade structures throughout the facility.

Waterpark Memberships will be going on sale for the 2001 season in December. Early bird specials will be available through the end of January! Information will be provided in the next newsletter and Parks and Recreation Winter Program Brochure. ●



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Butler County Chapter of the American Red Cross

The Butler County Chapter of the American Red Cross serves by one motto – “We’ll Be There.” Your chapter provides services to the entire Butler County community and prepares to respond to your needs fulfilling this motto. We prepare daily to be able to respond to disaster – with quality and with immediacy. What does that mean to you – we hope it means and fulfills our obligation – “We’ll Be There.”

Disaster volunteers are trained to respond to the immediate needs in your community during times of disaster. The American Red Cross is mandated by the United States Congress to provide emergency assistance. During the year, locally, we primarily respond to single-family fires but are capable of responding to any emergency. Trained volunteers survey the damage, determine the families’ needs, and provide assistance. Our immediate concerns for food, clothing, and shelter of the family are evaluated and temporary arrangements are made when necessary. Long-term assistance is provided to those in need.

This is just one of the ways your American Red Cross is there for the residents of Cranberry Township. Your swimming pool, recreation department, fire companies, and other employees receive American Red Cross CPR and First Aid training annually to respond to personal emergencies with confidence in their abilities to provide appropriate care until more professional help arrives. Public courses are held through the Township’s Recreation Department.

We also offer babysitters training at Safari Sam’s for our youth 11 years of age and older. This training teaches prospective babysitters emergency first aid, infant care, and professional job skills. Youth confront a series of real-life problems, then decide what to do. The problem solving skills they learn prepare them to act quickly and effectively in a crisis, when clear thinking can be difficult.

These are just a few of the things we do on a daily basis. Our efforts are supported by you – that is why we say that this is your American Red Cross. Your donations of time, blood, and money, prepare us and enable us to serve by our motto – “We’ll Be There.”

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