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*Risky business...*

## Rt. 228 Corridor Improvement Package Teeters At The Brink

Cranberry officials expect to learn soon whether a series of major improvements which have been proposed for Rt. 228 between Rt. 19 and Myoma Road will actually happen. And the outcome will likely determine whether Simon Properties, which has been working for the past five years on a large-scale retail and office development along I-79, just north of 228 in Cranberry, will be able to move forward or decide to withdraw altogether from their \$300 million project.

“Right now, we are crafting a last-ditch effort,” according to chief strategic planning officer John Trant, Jr. “We will know, in the next few weeks, whether or not we have a project. And key to that is identifying and designing a project we can actually afford to build. Right now there’s a pot of money and there’s no additional funds available to put into that pot.

“Our options are: A., don’t build anything, or B., build something we can afford with the pot of money we have. So we are now working with Simon and PennDOT to craft



a project we can afford with the money that’s already earmarked for this project. It’s taken us over five years to get to this point, so hopefully in the next several weeks, we will develop a plan that everyone can sign off on and that we can put forward. But it’s been a challenge.”

The financial package Trant referred to – involving funds from Simon Properties and Township impact fees – is \$64.25 million.

That includes \$23.75 million in state transportation funds available for the project. But the project as originally designed and planned is well over \$80 million just from Rt. 19 to Myoma Road on Cranberry’s eastern border.

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## Graham Park Attracts A Major Underwriter

Graham Park, Cranberry’s newest and largest public park, took a major step forward in January when the Township’s Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with Dick’s Sporting Goods that will help finance its construction.

The \$2.2 million, 10-year agreement applies to the baseball, football and soccer campuses of the new park, which will be collectively identified as the Dick’s Sporting Goods Sportsplex at Graham Park. The park is situated along the eastbound side of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, two miles west of the Cranberry exit. A sign identifying the park by name will be easily seen by Turnpike travelers.

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## Market Assessment Finds Cranberry Both Richer And Poorer

Everyone knows that Cranberry is growing rapidly and that it's been growing for years. But when you're creating a 25-year community plan, as Township planners are currently doing, just how much and what types of growth should you assume when you formulate your plan? Not only that, since growth is driven by the market economy rather than by government decree, exactly what are the market forces at work in Cranberry? And what are their likely impacts on the Township's population and landscape?

To help answer those, as well as related questions about the economics and demographics driving Cranberry's development, the Township prepared a market assessment of Cranberry and compared it to other parts of the region. What they found confirmed the impressions of many local observers. But it also signaled some potential challenges as the Township grows to maturity.

For example, Cranberry's population is somewhat younger, wealthier, and better educated than most comparable communities in the area. It also pointed out that more people from Pittsburgh and other parts of the region commute into Cranberry for work than the other way around. And the reason appears to be that the average income for people who work here is lower than the incomes of Township residents who commute to Pittsburgh and elsewhere for their jobs.

Home ownership rates, home sales, and home prices are all high in Cranberry – among

the top communities in all of southwestern Pennsylvania. And the concentration of professional and technical workers who live in the Township is also high. But it is less ethnically diverse than comparable communities in the region. And top-level executives of large corporations and enterprises have a minimal presence in the Township, the study found.

Cranberry's economy is reliant on the wholesale and retail trade sectors, according to the study. It currently includes 3.8 million square feet of retail space, nearly one-third of which was added in just the past ten years.

And more than half of its retail sales are from people who live outside the Township, attracted by Cranberry's easy highway access from anywhere in the region.

There are other advantages for businesses in Cranberry as well.

Office rentals here are very competitive. There is enough flexibility in rental space and land use to accommodate growing businesses. And its economy is surprisingly diverse, making it less vulnerable to turn downs in any one sector.

But Cranberry has no public transportation linking it to Pittsburgh or other key regional



destinations. That void has forced the Township's 21,000 workforce commuters to use private cars, increasing traffic congestion for everyone.

There is also a decline in what the study referred to as Cranberry's 'social capital' – the level of civic involvement in non-profit organizations that reinforce a community's social fabric. These assets have not kept pace with the Township's population growth, the study found, and it applauded the formation of organizations like the Cranberry Township Community Chest to strengthen Cranberry's sense of community. ~

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*How are we doing?*

## Benchmark Opinion Survey Measures Township Performance

A detailed opinion questionnaire, prepared by a national association, was mailed to a random sample of 3,000 Cranberry households in March as part of the Township's 25-year comprehensive planning effort, now underway. The results will allow Township leaders to identify the issues that concern residents and to compare their opinions about local programs, services, and quality of life with those of similar communities across the nation. Follow-up surveys in the future will enable Township officials to gauge their own progress over time.

Final results of the survey won't be known until June. But a glimpse of what they might disclose was revealed in the findings of two pilot versions of the questionnaire. One was completed by 61 members of the

Township's Citizen Advisory Panel, or CAP. Another, an online version, was submitted by more than 100 other respondents as of mid-March.

On a number of questions, CAP members rated the Township more highly than did the online respondents. But not all. For example, when asked to rate Cranberry as a place to live, most CAP members said Excellent, while most online respondents said Good. CAP members also had a slightly more favorable view of the Township as a place to raise children and its overall quality of life. But online respondents had a better opinion of Cranberry as a place to work and as a place for educational opportunities.

Neither group, however, had a favorable opinion about the ease of walking in the Township.

Cranberry's rating as a place to retire was ranked as only Fair. And essentially no one regarded lack of growth as being a problem for Cranberry.

In addition to asking people to rank various aspects of life in Cranberry, the online survey also included several open-ended questions. Respondents didn't hesitate to share their thoughts about the schools, the pace of development, the need for special services, property prices, traffic, shopping centers, and much, much more – all of which are being reviewed by Township planners.

For its survey, Cranberry selected a modified version of a questionnaire prepared by The National Citizen Survey – a project of the International City/County Management Association in cooperation with National Research Center, Inc. Using a standard template, the organization has administered the survey for local governments of all sizes in twenty different states including Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma, California, and South Carolina. ~

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don't know what the project is at this point," Trant said. "If we're building the full project all the way out to Myoma Road, it's upwards of \$80-85 million. So that project is severely underfunded.

We need to recognize that we have \$65 million, \$40 million of which is funding assembled by Simon. So we've got to try to capitalize on that. Otherwise, if we miss the opportunity, we're going to be faced with a deficit of tens of millions of dollars."

Even before Simon became involved in its Cranberry development, PennDOT had proposed a project

for Rt. 228 that included adding new travelling lanes in each direction, providing a six-lane cross section through Cranberry from Rt. 19 to Rt. 8. When the Simon development project was proposed, new requirements were added including extra turning lanes, a flyover ramp, and more. That led to a partnership between PennDOT, Simon and the Township. But as the scope of the project grew, it reached the point where it was no longer affordable with the money in hand.

"Simon is bringing to the table well over half the funds needed for a first

phase of this project," Trant noted. "But at this point it doesn't make business sense for them to keep injecting money into design and land costs when they don't really have a project that all parties are comfortable with and that we can all move forward and build. So they've put a hold on everything except what's minimally necessary to keep negotiations moving forward. It's on life support now. We should find out soon whether we are going to go forward or not." ~



*Cranberry turns green***Board Adopts Sustainability Principles**

Talk with any community planner and pretty soon phrases using the term ‘sustainability’ are going to find their way into the conversation. But what do they really mean?

The specifics vary from place to place, but their essence is to plan as though the community in question is going to be around for a long time. That means planning which doesn’t encourage development that would hurt future generations. And it means working to actively engage residents in the rising fortunes of their community.

Now it’s Cranberry Township’s official policy as well. On February 28, Cranberry’s Board of Supervisors adopted its own set of sustainability principles. Their goal is to inform the Township’s policy decisions over the 25-year period covered by Cranberry’s comprehensive plan.

Cranberry’s five sustainability principles appear in the box below. But they are more than just lofty principles; they are also practical guidelines, and the process of benchmarking the Township’s current practices against them has already begun. Sustainable Pittsburgh – a regional organization which has been a high-profile proponent of these principles in western Pennsylvania – is working closely with the Township to implement them.

“The next phase is a sustainability assessment,” according to Cranberry’s chief strategic planning officer John Trant, Jr. “That’s where we take a close look at what Cranberry Township is actually doing from a physical plant and policy standpoint to promote sustainability. It will help us inventory what we’re already doing that’s sustainable. And it will help us build on those things to make them even better.”

Some of that involves how efficiently the Township uses utilities and other energy resources for heating, lighting, cooling, fleet mileage, and maintenance. An initial series of reconnaissance visits from Sustainable Pittsburgh’s assessment team members will help to plan for detailed evaluations, department by department. But there’s more to it than that. “We’re headed down the path of incorporating aspects of sustainability into our land development ordinances,” Trant said.

“Our form-based building code, for example, includes a discussion about sustainable development because the Board of Supervisors thinks it’s important to lead by example. So we’re going to highlight the things we’re already doing, and then get recommendations on additional things we could be doing from a sustainability standpoint.” ~

**Principles to Guide Cranberry’s Sustainable Development**

The following principles were adopted by the Township’s Board of Supervisors on February 28. They will help to guide the formulation of Cranberry’s operating practices, legislative policy and spending priorities over the next 25 years.

**Be distinctive.** Cranberry Township’s character is fundamental to its long-term success. That character grows out of a combination of its own unique qualities as well as the distinctive ways its government and residents manage the day-to-day issues which are common to people and communities everywhere. Identifying the distinctive qualities of the Township’s character and leveraging them in the formulation of policies, programs, projects and promotions will be a bedrock principle for Cranberry’s management.

**Be prosperous.** A successful community is one in which every resident has the motivation as well as the opportunity to advance his or her own life and career. Success also occurs when the community benefits that accrue from prosperity are available to all. As a matter of policy, that means working to remove obstacles so that anyone in the community can fully participate in the Township’s rising good fortune. As a personal matter, it means helping one another to succeed.

**Be healthy.** An economy that builds upon and contributes to a healthy environment is the foundation for continuing

economic prosperity in Cranberry Township. That means practicing sound environmental stewardship, working to attract knowledge-based industries, and fostering a diverse base of environmentally-friendly business enterprises.

**Be engaged.** People who are actively engaged in their own governance and civic life lead happier, more constructive lives than those whose involvement in their community is passive. Civic engagement also drives transparent, accountable, and effective governance. Everyone should strive to create opportunities for individual residents, businesses, and nonprofit organizations, to participate meaningfully in advancing shared goals and improvements throughout their Township.

**Be committed.** Cranberry and its residents will maintain a long-range vision and respond to emerging trends and signals in making their decisions. Accordingly, Township officials and administrators will provide steady leadership in educating staff, residents and local businesses on the implementation of these principles when addressing challenges that face the Township.

## Giving Business The Lowdown

Township Supervisor Bruce Mazzoni is no stranger to business. Before taking early retirement seven years ago, he was in charge of several companies of the Cannon Group, a major capital equipment supplier based in Europe with North American headquarters on Freedom Road, here in Cranberry.

As a result, he knows first hand the interest that entrepreneurs and business managers have in understanding the Township's long range vision for their community. And since December, as frequently as six times a day, he's delivered that message along with an explanation of the role played by CTCC – the Cranberry Township Community Chest – in implementing that vision.

"It's been very well received," Mazzoni noted. "People are pleased to learn what is going on and impressed to see the degree of detail and analysis that's going into our comprehensive plan. I always challenge them to compare

us with other communities to see if they're doing anything similar to what we're doing. They also appreciate our determining the strengths and opportunities that Cranberry has. But we also focus on our threats and weaknesses and the programs that we've initiated to handle those threats."

One of the programs Mazzoni has been working to bring about is an economic council of some sort that would focus on regional growth in dealing with local government, school districts, Harrisburg and Washington. "It's about uniting to help move our region further. It's not just Cranberry, it's our area as a

whole. And the businesses I've talked with definitely see a need for doing something like that."

The presentation looks closely at one weakness in particular that was identified in the Township's Market Assessment study:

the need to strengthen Cranberry's voluntary sector. "The social fiber of

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our community – what makes for a healthy, sustainable community – is the focus of CTCC," Mazzoni said. It's to help increase membership of the nonprofit and civic groups. And business people appreciate how it all ties in together into the direction and vision of the Township.

Obviously they have a lot to gain from it because business success, for a lot of people, is determined by the success of their community. So they're pleased to see the detailed planning that's being done for the growth and stability of Cranberry Township."

Anyone interested in hearing Supervisor Mazzoni's presentation – whether they represent a business, a nonprofit organization, or just themselves – should contact the Township's administrative office at 724-776-4806 x1103 to learn the schedule and reserve a space. ~

## Cranberry's Traditional Neighborhood Developments Are Underway

Park Place and BelleVue Park – two large-scale traditional neighborhood developments on the north side of Rochester Road – are now officially underway. Between them, the two projects, which sit on adjacent parcels of land totaling 1,386 acres, will eventually create as many as 1,070 new housing units in the heart of Cranberry with more than 40,000 square feet of commercial space, including 19 so-called

'live-work' units with apartments above stores or shop fronts.

"They're moving dirt and they expect to begin pulling building permits this year," Cranberry's chief strategic planning officer John Trant, Jr. reported. "Those projects are now underway."

The two new neighborhoods, together with nearby Graham Park



Park Place images courtesy of Creative Development

and a civic center development proposed for a farm site at the corner of Rt. 19 and Rochester Road, represent the fulfillment of a vision that grew out of the Brush Creek Smart Growth Plan prepared

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at the start of the decade. That plan visualized a number of innovations including mixed housing types within a single plan, multiple uses of the same pieces of property, and the integration of undisturbed open spaces within each development. But its full realization required changes in the law.

One of those changes in the Township's zoning practice, known as a form-based code, was adopted by the Board of Supervisors at the end of February. "This is the first concrete step toward implementing

a town center project. Getting that property zoned right is part of it," he said. "This is one of the initial steps toward making that a reality."

But Trant emphasizes that enabling developers to create traditional neighborhoods featuring compact lots as well as other small town and Main Street features should not be interpreted as a rejection of more conventional housing plans. "The bottom line with the form-based code and everything else we're doing with land use policies is that it's about options. "We're not saying

that standard, single family-type development isn't desirable," he insisted. "It's that we know there will continue to be a growing demand for alternative residential and non-residential development. Things like our traditional neighborhood development ordinance are mechanisms to help us accommodate those different types of developments. It's so that 20 years from now we're able to tap into a more diverse market of buyers, both residential and non-residential, which will help us maintain a strong, vibrant tax base."

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*Snakes in the grass...*

## Rattlesnake Hunt Bites Into Heights Drive Extension Schedule

The long-planned Heights Drive extension to Rt. 19 has run into a bit of a snag. *Sistrurus catenatus* – a venomous pitviper also known as the Massasauga Rattlesnake – may be in residence along its right of way. Then again, it may not. Nobody knows for sure, and police have never had any complaints from people who've encountered them. But the normally shy snake, which a number of states list as an endangered species, is native to the northern United States and southern Canada. And that's triggered an extra step in moving ahead with road construction.

"They've required us to hunt for the Massasauga Rattlesnake," assistant township manager Duane McKee explained, describing the arcane process involved in securing

road construction permits from an assortment of state and federal agencies. "Cranberry is included in a broad swath on a map that shows the original habitat of the snake. So all projects that cross streams in this area will potentially have to look for the species. We've had to search for it several times now and we haven't found any. The most recent time was during the Route 19/Rochester Road intersection improvement two years ago."

And what happens if one shows up? "If snakes are found, it may be that you can't disturb the area because you can't simply relocate the snakes somewhere else," he said. "Or it may just be how the construction sequence would take place so you could take steps to protect any snakes that were there. For example, it could be that you

couldn't work in the winter during hibernation."

That represents part of the delay. The other part involves searching for human artifacts. "We're going to have to do a Phase I Archeological investigation, which can easily add two months onto a project, as well as expense," McKee said. "The Phase I Archeological people say 'well, I know that there have been substantial finds in the area and it may contain artifacts, so we need to take a look.' In Graham Park we had to hire a consultant to do an archeological Phase I and a Phase II study. So it's a little touchy-feely about how fast we can move with these projects." ~



**Don't tread on me.**  
A search for the shy and elusive Massasauga Rattlesnake will need to take place before

state permits to build Heights Drive Extension can be issued. Most Massasauga snakebites occur after people deliberately handle or accidentally step on one.



# Local Government Is Where Things Get Done

by Dick Hadley, Chairman, Cranberry Township Board of Supervisors



Badmouthing government agencies and officials is nothing new in Pennsylvania. It's been part of our political culture from as

far back as I can remember. And the closer to home a unit of government happens to be, the more often it gets put down. So hearing negatives about local government is neither new nor surprising. But lately, that criticism has become institutionalized. And as I've discovered, it is largely misplaced.

That's because I've had the privilege, over the past few years, to serve as President of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors. This association, PSATS, includes 1,456 municipalities that cover 95 percent of Pennsylvania's land mass and represent about half of Pennsylvania's population – more than 5.4 million people who have chosen to make townships their home. I became involved with the association some time ago because I felt then, as a newly elected member of Cranberry's Board of Supervisors, that there were serious issues affecting local government at the state and federal level.

Since that time, I've had the opportunity to visit and get to know local, county, and state officials throughout the Commonwealth. And what I've discovered is that local government – not state or federal government – is America's real source of innovation and leadership in figuring out how to get things done. Local officials, almost without exception, are inventive,

undemanding, and prepared to meet important challenges, day after day. They routinely go the extra mile to stretch their limited pool of dollars and to keep their taxes low. And they deliver a level of service whose value far exceeds what people would have any reason to expect for what they pay in taxes.

Problem is, some people can't seem to recognize success when it hits them in the face. So they tend to misplace the blame for what they see as our collective shortcomings. One result of that has been an orchestrated effort to consolidate local governments into regional governments – to attack local governments for attracting new residents away from the high-tax, low-service urban areas – and to push for sharing tax revenues in ways that would subsidize big cities at the expense of local communities. It holds up Pennsylvania's major cities as models of economies of scale and promotes the belief that in government, bigger is better.

That might have been true in the good old days when cities were thriving and everyone lived close to work. But times have changed and market forces are driving people out to greener pastures. That's not the result of anything local government created; it's individuals making choices. And why are they making those choices? Because they want a quality of life where their kids can play soccer and have good schools and live safely and

afford good housing. They want to invest in communities where they know they will get a return on their investment. That's a success nobody can deny.

The reason local government works is because what it does is done by consensus – by working together. What we are seeing now at the federal and state levels is people's inability to work together. Whether it's their political affiliation or their philosophical point of view that holds them back, we've created a gridlock where people can't accept an idea that's only part of what they want, even when it's better than what they already have. Today, it's either my way or the highway. That's why things don't get done and good ideas fall by the wayside. It's also what makes local government more effective: local government works at the level of the people where values are stronger, less politicized, and

more immediate; if you make a bad decision, people will tell you right away.

What I've also learned is that throughout the Commonwealth, among local governments

of every size, Cranberry Township is cited as a model of building consensus, investing in its community, capitalizing on opportunity, creating partnerships, planning for the future, and doing things right. It's been a privilege to serve with PSATS, and a special honor to represent Cranberry Township in that capacity. ~

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## Township Web Site Gets A Makeover

Starting April 18, Cranberry Township's Web site, [www.cranberrytownship.org](http://www.cranberrytownship.org), will have a new look. It will also include a new navigation system as well as a number of features to make it work better, and do more, than it ever did in the past.

The Township's decision to make the change was driven by constantly growing use of the Internet, the expanded range of services available online, and the upward climb of traffic to the Township's Web site, now averaging more than 2,500 visitors a week.

When Cranberry's Web site first went live in the mid-'90s, it provided a static display of information about the Township that rarely changed. That was typical of most first-generation Web sites. Over time, however, what had started out as essentially an electronic

version of its printed brochures, became increasingly interactive, with frequent content changes and a wider range of functions. Web-enabled services such as recreational program registration, odor complaints, and waste tag purchases not only helped Township staff to be more efficient, they were also quickly becoming an expectation on the part of Web-savvy residents.

But even though the Township kept updating its site, the more it grew, the harder it became to manage and keep current with the available software. Some information got out of date. Some pages displayed the wrong logo.

And sometimes

bottlenecks in posting data would arise, keeping the site from displaying up-to-the-minute information.

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**New Look.** Cranberry's Web site address hasn't changed, but what you'll see when you get there has. The new home page, shown above, will ease navigation and provide a convenient portal to every type of Township information and service. Stop by for a visit.

was selected to build Cranberry's new site following a long search for suppliers of internet content management systems. The new site is designed to allow each department in the Township to maintain the information about its own operations rather than centralizing that function.

Each page has an expiration date so that outdated information will be automatically deleted. And a variety of new modules will be available, allowing attractive new features such as blogs, news flashes, opinion polls, and interactive forms to be quickly and easily placed online. ~

## Find Yourself Electronically

Property Finder, a popular feature of the Township's Web site for the past six years, will also have a new look. Until now, Property Finder has allowed anyone with an interest in the Township to pull up a screen showing its streets, property lines, fire hydrants, residential developments, land contours and more. So much more, in fact, that it was often slow and hard to use.

But, according to Database Development Manager Tim Book, a new version, which will be

released around the same time as the Township's new Web site design, will have a simpler interface and be considerably more user-friendly. For example, you won't have to know the full name of a street or to enter it precisely as it appears in the system's database; just key in the first few letters and the system will provide a list of suggestions.

Instead of piling on layer after layer of data, the new system will actually divide the data among several linked sites that enable users to find what

they're looking for more easily. So, for instance, a map showing water and sewer lines won't compete for attention with displays of the Township's environmental features or land use district lines.

In addition, the map will use a more recent aerial image of the Township that shows everything built through 2006. And a zoom feature will allow residents to see their homes up close and personal, from directly above. ~



*Shared intelligence:***North Hills Communities Jointly Acquire Satellite Survey System**

A barely-visible change along the roofline of the Cranberry Township Municipal Center is about to trigger major changes in the accuracy of mapping throughout the North Hills. A small receiving antenna – part of the base station for a sophisticated Global Positioning System, or GPS – was installed atop the Municipal Center in early March. The 14-inch antenna, mounted on an 8-foot mast, receives radio signals from more than 30 different satellites. The system then processes that data and connects with mobile units as far as 20 miles out in the field, enabling them to fix their own positions within centimeters.

That represents a big improvement over earlier GPS technologies whose accuracy was limited to two or three feet of their true location horizontally. Vertically, however, it was often much worse – frequently six to ten feet off of their true elevations. While that still may not sound like much, when you're building a sewer system which relies on gravity to move the water, it's huge.

Providing precise coordinates for municipal assets will be the system's primary mission in Cranberry. Among those assets: survey control markers, sanitary sewer manholes, water valves and junctions, road signs, storm catch basins, and pipe elevations. When fed into the Township's computerized water, sanitary and storm hydraulic models, the data will improve their accuracy, showing how stream levels and storm

drains relate to one another, and helping builders avoid potential flood conditions.

By enabling each of the participating municipalities to collect their own data, the GPS system will result in significant cost savings, according to Cranberry Database Development Manager and GPS specialist Tim Book. Those savings will allow the municipalities to quickly recoup their modest \$3,045 investments; the project is being jointly financed by the state Department of Community and Economic Development and eleven members of the North Hills Council of Governments. "We could probably gain back the money we paid to get into the system two or three

times over on just one project," Book said.

The decision to locate the base station in Cranberry rather than any of the ten other participating communities is largely due to the background that Book himself brings to the project. Prior to joining Cranberry's IT staff, Book had worked for a consulting firm that used equipment from Trimble – the company that supplied Cranberry's GPS system components – and helped build one of the first base stations of its kind in the country. As part of the Township's contribution to the project, Book will be responsible for maintaining the system on behalf of all eleven communities.

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**Scanning the skies.** Cranberry Database Development Manager Tim Book will be overseeing a new precision global positioning system shared by eleven North Hills communities. The system's antenna disc, atop a Municipal Center mast, can simultaneously track satellites belonging to the European Union, Russia and the United States and apply their data to local mapping and surveys.

**Down To Earth**

**Cranberry's 2008 Farmers' Market** opens for the season on June 6. Fresh produce will be sold every **Friday from 3:30 to 6:00 PM** behind the Municipal Center and each **Saturday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM** behind the Rt. 19 fire station.

## Cranberry Township Water System Flushing Schedule Set

Cranberry Township's annual fire hydrant and distribution system flushing program is underway. It is a regular maintenance operation designed to flush sediment from the water system, check fire hydrant operation, and test chlorine levels in the water lines throughout the Township. Flushing is conducted Monday through Friday between 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM. A week-by-week schedule is shown here; for detailed information on the date for your own street, call the Township's Customer Service Center at 724-776-4806.



Discolored water and fluctuations in water line pressure are normal during flushing. The Township advises customers to refrain from using water or from doing laundry as much as possible when discolored water is present. If the water does not clear or return to normal pressure within a reasonable time, or if service is interrupted, call the Customer Service Center.

### Flushing Schedule 2008

**March 31 – April 4** Pennwood Place, McKinney Warehouse, Keystone Drive, Commonwealth Drive, Residence Inn, Freedom Road from Commonwealth to Route 19, Cranberry Woods - MSA Complex, Cranberry Woods, Knockout Development, Cranberry Mall, Old Mars Road between Route 19 and McElroy Drive, UPMC Medical Center, Fairfield Inn, Norberry Court, Dutilh Road south of Route 228, Dutilh Road between Freeport Road and Turnpike Ramp, Route 19 south of PA Turnpike to Bravo's Restaurant, Hyatt Hotel, Brush Creek Commons, Red Roof Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Marguerite Road, Emeryville Drive, Old Mars Road between McElroy Drive and Franklin Road, Cranberry Commons Mall, Grandshire, Spring Meadows, Franklin Road between Old Mars Road and Beacon Hill Drive, Hazelwood

**April 7-11** McElroy Road, Fox Run, Buckingham Trail, Franklin Road and Peace Street, Franklin Ridge, Shadow Creek, Bristol Creek, St. Leonards Woods, Timberline, Peters Road between Franklin Road and Old Farm Road, Redmond Place, Old Towne Apartments, Scenic Ridge, Peters Road between Franklin Road and Burke Road, Forest Knoll, Lakeview Estates, Windwood Heights, Crystal Springs, Walden Pond and Burke Road

**April 14-18** Rowan Road between Marshall Road and Old Farm Road, La Grande Drive, Rowan School, Rowan Towers, Leonberg Road, Marshall Road,

Goehring Road, Preserve East and West, Route 19 between Freedom Road and Rochester Road, Cranberry Shoppes, Wal-Mart, Cranberry Square, Streets of Cranberry, Doyle Equipment, Ogle Station, Boston Market, Jerry's Car Wash, Home Depot, Smith Drive, Route 19 from Butler Auto Auction north to Kenny Ross, Victory Family Church, Penn Detroit, YMCA, Route 19 from Butler Auto Auction south to Lincoln Mercury Dealership, Wiegand Drive, Route 19 from Smith Drive north to Goehring Road, Goehring Road from Route 19 to Marshall Road, Wisconsin Avenue, Ogle View Road, TRACO, Progress Avenue, Park Road, Ernie Mashuda Drive, North Boundary Road, Marshall Woods, On a Roll, Cranberry Water Park, Pinebrook Manor

**April 21-25** Pinehurst, Ehrman Road, Grace Estates, Garvin Road, Foxmore, Ehrman Farms, Oakview Estates, Unionville Road, Springfield Manor, Cranberry Business Park, Winchester Lakes, Winchester Farms, Old Route 19, Settlers Grove, Glen Eden Road, Glen Eden Phase 1, Settlers Grove 3, Antler Ridge

**April 28 – May 2** The Maples, Cedarbrook, Glen Eden Phase 2, Glenbrook, Glen Eden Townhouses, Manor Creek, Freshcorn Road, Glen Eden Road west of Powell Road, Briar Creek, Cranberry Heights, Kingsbrook, Madison Heights, Glen Rape Rd.

**May 5-9** Rochester Road from Route 19 to Robinhood Drive, Thompson Park

Drive, Executive Drive, Costco, Brandt Drive, Commerce Park Drive, Cranberry Corporate Center, Hampton Inn, Laurelwood, Sherwood Oaks, Fernway

**May 12-16** Freedom Road from Commonwealth Drive to Thorn Hill Road (RIDC), WESCO, Rolling Road Regency Apartments, Freedom Square, Iron Mountain, Freedom Road from Thorn Hill Road (RIDC) to Parkwood Drive, Parkside Place, Carriage Drive, Kira Circle, Georgetown Square, Haine School Road, Haine School, Pine Ridge, Rochester Road from Robinhood Drive to Alps Avenue, Valleybrook, Deer Run, Sun Valley, Cranbrook, Woodlands Townhouses, Kirkwood Drive, Swift Homes, Woodlands Houses

**May 19-23** Clearbrook, Cranberry Estates, Ashford Manor, Cranberry Pointe, Cranberry West, Rochester Road from Haine School Road to Powell Road, Kimberwicke, Harvest Drive, Holiday Drive, Powell Road from Rochester Road to Blue Ridge Drive, Orchard Park, Creekwood Commons, Creekwood, Freedom Woods

**May 27-30** Forest Park, The Crossings, Mystic Pine Trail, Blue Ridge Estates, Berkley Manor, Hampshire Woods, Autumn Hill

**June 2-6** Powell Road between Rochester Road and Glen Eden Road, Highland Village, Havenwood, Hunters Creek, Stonefield & Farmview, Greenfield Estates, Avery's Field, Woodbine Estates ~

## With A Few Tweaks, Brush Creek Odor Control Unit Proves To Be A Breath Of Fresh Air

January's startup of a much-anticipated odor control unit at the Township's Brush Creek wastewater treatment plant was a huge success. But that was before an unexpected design issue forced a temporary shutdown.

"We had it up and running for about three weeks – long enough to test everything and take

samples and get

results back," Assistant Township Manager Duane McKee reported.

"They were spectacular. We had no olfactory. We had great results. But then we had to turn it

off; we ran into an issue with outside air temperature on the vessel creating condensation on the insides

of the walls, allowing water to run down on the carbon."

However the shutdown is only a temporary measure. "This thing has to be up and running in some fashion before windows open up in the spring, prior to air conditioning season," McKee vowed. "We're working with the supplier of the

carbon, the designer, the supplier of the unit, the contractor and others to find a resolution."

Part of that involves learning from the experience of other communities using the same technology. "In Arizona they have an example of condensation issues

happening where it's 95 or 100 degrees during the day and drops

down to 40 at night. But if you're in Pennsylvania, you're going to see sub-zero winter temperatures and high summer

temperatures. The vessel should withstand those temperatures."

Although fixing the unit may get complicated, the fundamentals of the system are sound, according to McKee. "It works very well. It works better than the design parameters we initially set out for success. One of the measuring factors was particles per billion. It's just measureable. The odor was essentially removed. We will get this situation under control," he said. "It's just going to take a little time." ~



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### Smoke or dye:

## Township Interceptors Monitor, Block Infiltration

Cranberry public works employees are at it again: systematically flushing infiltration and inflow out of sewer lines buried in the southeast corner of the Township. "It's a dirty job," Pretreatment Administrator Mark Wolinsky admitted. "But somebody's got to do it."

Several months ago, silent monitors, hidden deep in manholes surrounding the neighborhood, fingered Interceptors 13 and 14 – the Township's code for major sewer lines serving homes and businesses in the area – as potential sites of infiltration from underground sources of dihydrogenmonoxide, or H<sub>2</sub>O as it is sometimes known. "Smoke and dye testing is triggered if we've seen issues in particular

areas or at a particular property," he said. "We're waiting for the weather to improve before we do more smoke and dye testing."

You never really know where infiltration will show up. "It really doesn't matter whether it's a relatively new neighborhood or an older neighborhood; we still see the same things," he said with a knowing shrug. "We work hard to locate intruders to our wastewater collection system, whether they are there intentionally or not. When it rains, it flows like crazy."

Still, Wolinsky and his comrades, Environmental Programs Coordinator Lorin Meeder and Field Operations Manager Joe Leavens, have a plan. "Right now, we're

looking more at individual residences. We have portable flow monitors out there that have been moved into other areas to monitor flow. They're left in place for at least six months, so we're getting different weather seasons. Smoke and dye testing is going to begin as soon as the weather breaks. We will post hangers on doors in the area before we actually do it."

Cranberry's campaign against infiltration is part of an ongoing effort to reduce the flow of rainwater and ground water entering the Brush Creek sewage treatment plant. Excess flow reduces the facility's wastewater treatment capacity and shortens its lifespan. ~



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APRIL	TUES 1	APRIL FOOL’S DAY 4-5 year old’s Storytime*, Library, 11 am or 1 pm Parks & Recreation Advisory Brd Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm				WED 2	Family Pajama Storytime Library, 7 pm Board of Supervisors Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 6:30 pm				THURS 3	4-5 year old’s Storytime* Library, 11 am or 1 pm				FRI 4	SAT 5	Power Library Class* Library, 9 am Local Taxes Q&A with Berkheimer, Municipal Ctr, 10 am				SUN 6	MON 7	Planning Advisory Commission Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm											
	MON 7	Book Discussion <i>The Namesake</i> by Jhumpa Lahiri Library, 7 pm				TUES 8	4-5 year old’s Storytime*, Library, 11 am or 1 pm Cranberry Senior Citizen Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 1 pm				WED 9	Family Pajama Storytime Library, 7 pm		THURS 10	4-5 year old’s Storytime* Library, 11 am or 1 pm Senior Center Monthly Birthday Party Municipal Ctr, Senior Ctr, 9:30 am - 2 pm				FRI 11	SAT 12	Summer Program Registration Municipal Ctr, 8:30 am Subscription Services Class* Library, 9 am														
	SUN 13	MON 14	Zoning and Hearing Board Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7:30 pm		TUES 15	Deadline for Filing IRS Tax Returns 4-5 year old’s Storytime* Library, 11 am or 1 pm		WED 16	Book Discussion <i>Middlesex</i> by Jeffrey Eugenides, Library, 10 am <i>Feet First</i> UPMC Passavant Wellness Series, Municipal Ctr, Senior Ctr, 12:30 pm Family Pajama Time Library, 7 pm <i>Mothers &amp; Daughters Growing Together – Puberty From 10-13 Years of Age</i> Bellevue Pediatrics, Library, 7 pm																										
	THURS 17	4-5 year old’s Storytime* Library, 11 am or 1 pm Backyard Composting Class Registration Required† Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm				FRI 18	SAT 19	MS Word I Computer Class* Library, 9 am Electronics Recycling Event* Public Works Bldg, 9 am – 2 pm <i>Passover begins at sundown</i>				SUN 20	MON 21	Community Day Committee Mtg Municipal Ctr, 7 pm				TUES 22	Primary Elections 7 am to 8 pm Friends of the Public Library Election Day Coffee & Donuts Municipal Ctr, 7 am to 8 pm																
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	MON 28	Planning Advisory Commission Work Session Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 5:30 pm				TUES 29	4-5 year old’s Storytime* 4-5 years old, Library, 11 am or 1 pm		WED 30	Family Pajama Storytime Library, 7 pm Last Day to Receive Early Registration Discount for Community WaterPark Last Day for Property Tax 2% Discount Period				THURS 1 4-5 year old’s Storytime* Library, 11 am or 1 pm Board of Supervisors Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 6:30 pm										FRI 2	SAT 3	Security Computer Class* Library, 9 am									
MAY	SUN 4	MON 5	Planning Advisory Commission Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm Book Discussion <i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i> by Betty Smith, Library, 7 pm				TUES 6	4-5 year old’s Storytime*, Library, 11 am or 1 pm Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm				WED 7	Family Pajama Storytime Library, 7 pm		THURS 8	4-5 year old’s Storytime*, Library, 11 am or 1 pm Senior Center Monthly Birthday Party Municipal Ctr, Senior Ctr, 9:30 am - 2 pm				FRI 9	SAT 10	MS Excel I Computer Class* Library, 9 am Seneca Valley Prom 6 pm													
	SUN 11	MOTHER’S DAY		MON 12	Zoning and Hearing Board Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7:30 pm		TUES 13	Infant Family Time with children under 2 years, Library, 11 am or 1 pm Cranberry Senior Citizen Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 1 pm				WED 14	2-3 year old’s Storytime Library, 7 pm		THURS 15	2-3 year old’s Storytime Library, 11 am Backyard Composting Class* Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm				FRI 16	SAT 17	MS Excel II Computer Class* Library, 9 am													
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JUNE	SUN 1	MON 2	Book Discussion <i>Jane Austen Book Club</i> by Karen Joy Fowler, Library, 7 pm Planning Advisory Commission Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm				TUES 3	Infant Family Time with children under 2 years, Library, 11 am or 1 pm Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm				WED 4	2-3 year old’s Storytime Library, 7 pm		THURS 5	2-3 year old’s Storytime Library, 11 am Board of Supervisors Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 6:30 pm				FRI 6	SVSD Graduation Ceremony 6 pm Friday Night Lights Night Swim Community WaterPark, 9 – 11 pm				SAT 7	SUN 8									
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	MON 16	Zoning and Hearing Board Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7:30 pm Community Day Committee Mtg Municipal Ctr, 7 pm Summer Reading Program for Children <i>Thinkin’ Lincoln</i>				Tri-State PGA – Amateur Championship Cranberry Highlands, 8 am		TUES 17	Tri-State PGA – Amateur Championship Cranberry Highlands, 8 am		WED 18	Book Discussion Library, 10 am <i>Chronic Pain Management</i> UPMC Wellness Series, Municipal Ctr, Senior/Teen Ctr, 12:30 pm			THURS 19	Thursday Concerts in the Park Ambridge Steel Drum Band Community Park, 7 pm			FRI 20	Summer Begins Friday Night Lights Night Swim, Community WaterPark, 9 – 11 pm															
	SAT 21	SUN 22	The Golf Channel Amateur Tour Event Cranberry Highlands, 11 am		MON 23	TUES 24	WED 25	West Penn Golf Association – Boys Championship Cranberry Highlands Summer Reading Program Ends		THURS 26	Board of Supervisors Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 6:30 pm Thursday Concerts in the Park Jill West and the Blues Attack, Community Park, 7 pm				FRI 27	Friday Night Lights Night Swim Community WaterPark, 9 – 11 pm		SAT 28	SUN 29	MON 30	Planning Advisory Commission Work Session Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 5:30 pm Last day to pay property taxes at face value														
COMMUNITY CALENDAR												* Registration required. For information contact Cranberry Library 724-776-9100. † For information contact Cranberry Customer Service 724-776-4806.												COMMUNITY CALENDAR											

## Cranberry Confidential

Mugging people just to rob them seems so last century. Today, all it takes is a few nimble keystrokes to get everything required to loot someone's bank, credit, and charge accounts while unearthing their most important secrets.

But while most public attention has focused on identity theft involving personal information from individuals, advances in Internet technology have also created the opportunity for a new and different class of theft – one involving the wholesale appropriation of sensitive business, financial, and national security data through peer-to-peer file sharing.

Unlike conventional email and Internet messages, peer-to-peer networks bypass the beefy computers known as servers that sit at the hub of standard networks where they control, direct and speed messages along to their recipients.

Instead of a hub-and-spoke arrangement, messages sent through peer-to-peer networks – or P2P as they are known in the trade – go directly from the sender to the recipient – sometimes inadvertently. That was the principle behind Napster and several other Web services which encouraged file swapping, usually involving copyrighted material. And it bypassed the servers which could have monitored and blocked those transmissions.

Of course, copying protected

material without paying for it is illegal. But the same P2P technology that enabled people to exchange love songs for free also created major security problems for large institutions including financial service organizations, pharmaceutical companies, and government agencies. Not only that, P2P networks make it very hard to know exactly when, where or whether proprietary information has been compromised. That's where Cranberry-based Tiversa comes in.

"Tiversa provides P2P Intelligence Services to corporations, government agencies, and consumers that identify the disclosure and illicit use of their sensitive data on P2P file sharing networks," according to the company's Chief Operating Officer, Chris Gormley.

"Tiversa locates confidential, classified, and sensitive files on publicly available P2P file sharing networks, provides copies to customers, and determines file sources. Even more important, this insight allows a client organization to remove confidential information from those networks before unauthorized users have the chance to take advantage of it."

It's a serious business and cases of misappropriated classified documents, including last year's leak of a confidential assessment of the Chicago Transit System's vulnerability to acts of terrorism, are increasingly in the news – and sometimes in the courts.



Last summer, Tiversa CEO Robert Boback testified to Congress about the growing range of corporate and government documents available on P2P file networks. In June, for example, a Pfizer employee disclosed the personal data files on more than 17,000 former and current employees of his company over a P2P network. In September, a man in Seattle was arrested using consumer data obtained through P2P file sharing networks to commit fraud and identity theft. And P2P searches for ways of making sarin – a deadly nerve gas – have also been reported.

Founded in 2003, the company initially set up shop in Wexford. But last year, following four years of triple-digit growth, it moved to Cranberry where many of its employees already lived.

"The cost per square foot was reasonable. Affordable cost for a space that conveyed the image that we wanted was in short supply," Gormley pointed out. "We found a location in Cranberry that met our combination of requirements for cost, image, and room for growth."

The Township's highway connections also helped. "It's convenient for many of our employees and it's easy for visitors to travel to our offices," he noted, in an email marked 'confidential.' ~

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*Although widely known for its retail businesses, Cranberry is also becoming an important high technology center. Each issue of CranberryToday features the profile of a different local technology company and offers a glimpse into the Township's emerging knowledge-based economy.*



Give me a 'G'

## Seneca Valley Elementary Guidance Inspires School Pride

by Linda Andreassi, Director of Communications, Seneca Valley School District



Seneca Valley School District Elementary Guidance Counselors don't carry around Raider pompoms, but maybe they should.

Most students don't realize it, but these counselors are instilling as much of a sense of school spirit and pride as those energetic high school students wearing the SV cheerleading uniform.

"An array of (support) groups are available for students to be involved in each semester," said Beth Ann Smith, Haine Middle School guidance counselor.

"This experience helps all of the students involved feel a stronger sense of belonging in school, thus making school an inspiring place for learning."

Some of the middle school groups provided include a girls' club and boys' club to build friendship and self esteem, organization and study skills groups, and assertiveness programs.

"Students benefit greatly from their participation in the groups as they develop some very important skills that will serve them throughout their lives," said Smith.

All K-6 school counselors provide classroom guidance activities, educational support groups, conflict mediation, building-wide enrichment programs, and individual student support. Elementary counselors are also members of teams that assist students with various academic, emotional, and social/behavioral needs.

Maybe it's a recent move, the passing of a loved one or a shift in family dynamics. These are just a few examples of life changes that often bring with them a world of struggle for most adults. Imagine then how difficult these can be for young children who, while struggling with the emotions of the situation, are attempting to pursue academic success at school.

The purpose of the K-6 program is to address the developmental needs of all students and provide additional support to students with specific needs.

One such program is the new student "buddy" program developed to provide friendship support to new students who enter the school district. In this program a "buddy" of the same sex, offers friendship by helping the new student get acquainted with the school and the other children. Often times, new students feel apprehensive coming to a new building. However when they hear that they have a buddy to help them, they, as well as their parents, feel more reassured and at ease.

In order to create a supportive environment to enable student success, counselors also collaborate with parents and faculty. Consulting with the parents and guardians, concerning any special issues affecting a child's educational, emotional, and/or social growth and development is one of the department's primary goals.

Because parents are a vital part of every child's development and success, counselors enthusiastically partner with them, and do this through parenting classes and resources. Parents are always welcomed to call or make an appointment to see the counselor assigned to their child's building.

In addition, each building offers a Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) course for parents and others who want their relationships with children to be more satisfying.

"With a little time and effort, STEP has saved me hours of frustration that were headed our way," said an anonymous elementary parent.

STEP is an eight-week parenting class that meets once a week for eight consecutive weeks. In an atmosphere of mutual support, parents have the opportunity to learn communication skills, positive discipline techniques, ways to build self-esteem, and more. A fee of only \$20 is charged for the entire eight week program, which includes the cost of the book.

If you are interested in participating in STEP, you may contact the school office and/or watch for information to come home with your child.



## In Briefs...



### Kudos.

Congratulations to Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company President Chris

DeCree on being named Rotary Distinguished Service Awardee. DeCree, whose career included ten years with the Philadelphia police department, 20 years with the Pennsylvania Crime Commission, and senior security agent for Allegheny Energy, has served with the CTVFC since 1982.



### Smooth guy.

Cranberry Township police Cpl. Dan Hahn's suave roadside manner has earned him PennDOT's

Smooth Operator medal in March for outstanding enforcement of aggressive driving – a form of recklessness that accounted for 60 percent of all highway deaths in the state during 2006. Last year Hahn wrote 256 speeding citations and 203 tickets for running red lights and stop signs. He also gave out 96 citations for other traffic offences.



### Leading the way.

Congratulations to Amber Marburger and Kelly Yocum of Cranberry's

Parks & Recreation Department for their recent Excellence in Programming Award from the State Parks and Recreation Association for guiding Cranberry's innovative Teen Leadership Camp.

**In solidarity.** Five Cranberry Township volunteer firefighters paid their respects at funeral services for 21-year old Brad Holmes, a firefighter from Pine Township in Mercer County who lost his life at a Grove City blaze on March 5. Volunteers from the CTVFD also helped to fill in for calls and to staff the Pine Township Engine Company station during Holmes' wake.



### New golf pro.

Cranberry Highlands has a new teaching pro. PGA member and golf instructor Jody Barrett,

formerly of the Punxsutawney Country Club and Golf Galaxy has joined the staff of Cranberry Highlands. An assortment of instructional packages that Barrett will offer ranging from junior clinics to private lessons for golfers at every level, are described on the Cranberry Highlands Web site.



### No hormones

here. Sorry, but you won't grow an extra set of sex organs from drinking

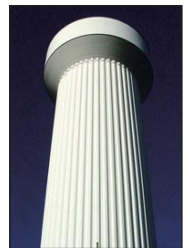
local tap water. A widely-reported Associated Press investigation which found traces of medications including antibiotics, mood stabilizers and sex hormones in the drinking water of 24 communities claimed that male fish in drug-contaminated waters are being feminized. That led West View Water Authority – Cranberry's sole supplier – to conduct the same tests. Their findings: everything came out below the detectable limit of one-half part per billion.

### Vacation at

home. If high gas prices, an extended school year, and a tight economy are cutting into your summer plans, consider vacationing in scenic Cranberry Township. Cranberry's Parks and Recreation department is offering an attractive selection of relaxation, fitness and adventure programs for residents of every age. Look for your Summer program guide in the mail, or check the Township's Web site for details.



**It's no Van Gough.** The Township's west water tank, a million-gallon tower built in 1992, is getting a spring touchup. After blasting away its blemishes and getting a good scrub down, the tower will be primed and painted, along with its internal water holding area, its piping and its valve room. The project, estimated to cost \$400,000, will include a new water recirculation turbine to help keep the water fresh.



### Family support group formed.

The Passavant Hospital Foundation is sponsoring a free, weekly

support group for families affected by substance abuse. Participants in the program, called Bridge To Hope, meet every Thursday evening at 7:00 in the Garden Montessori School at 204 Commerce Park Drive, Building 2, behind the Municipal Center. Call 412-367-6643 for more information.

## Mortgage Mess Oozes Into Cranberry

The deepening crisis among mortgage lenders and financial institutions is continuing to hurt housing markets all over the country. Nationwide, foreclosures are up 60 percent from just a year ago, according to a study released in February.



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their lenders.*

The Associated Press reported that nearly 25,000 Pennsylvania homeowners with adjustable rate mortgages will face higher home payments this year. And last year, throughout the Commonwealth, 34,089 homes were foreclosed – one in every 159 of the state's 5.25 million households.

Cranberry Township homeowners haven't been spared, either. Last year, 31 homes in Cranberry were foreclosed by their lenders, according to Township Finance Director Vanessa Gleason.

Although losing a home is always a huge blow to the families involved, it can also be a burden on the rest of the community. The

Center for Responsible Lending reports that foreclosed properties in urban areas can cost their cities as much as \$20,000 a year in lost property taxes, in devalued properties nearby, and in direct costs associated with demolishing and securing abandoned houses.

"Homeowners with adjustable-rate mortgages should call their lender as soon as possible to determine whether their interest rate will increase and to rework their loan terms," Gleason said. "A lot of people who end up in foreclosure have not sought help. They think the bank just wants to take their house. But banks and other lenders want to avoid foreclosure as much as borrowers do. They don't want a bunch of properties on their hands in a weak real estate market."

Homeowners can call the state banking department's consumer services division at 800-PA-BANKS to learn about avoiding foreclosure, the Homeowners' Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program, and other refinancing opportunities. ~

## Credit Where Credit Is Due

Moody's Investors Service, one of the financial industry's most respected credit rating agencies, has raised its credit rating for Cranberry Township from an already high A1 to an even higher Aa3. The practical result of that increase makes it possible for Cranberry to borrow and refinance bond debt at even more favorable interest rates than before.

The new rating, which was made a matter of record on March 28, was prompted by the Township's recent entry into the bond market for funds needed to finance Graham Park. "Our new rating reflects very favorably on how analysts view the Township's finances," according to Cranberry's Director of Finance, Vanessa Gleason. "That's particularly reassuring at a time when the credit markets generally are very nervous. It will end up saving us tens of

thousands of dollars in interest payments."

Moody's conducts research and issues credit ratings to help investors analyze the risks associated with fixed income obligations including tax-exempt municipal securities, corporate bonds, and other debt instruments. The higher a borrower's rating, the lower the risk to lenders and the less interest a bond issuer will charge.

However, according to Moody's, municipal bonds at every rating level default less frequently than comparably rated corporate bonds. In fact, the New York Times recently reported, since 1970, A-rated municipal bonds have defaulted far less frequently than corporate bonds that carry triple-A ratings, which are considered almost as safe as U.S. Treasury bonds. Furthermore,

the story noted, when municipalities do default, unlike in most corporate bankruptcies, investors usually receive some or even all of their money back. As a result, some government finance officers feel that the system Wall Street uses to set prices for municipal bonds makes borrowing needlessly expensive for many localities.

Contributing to the confusion is that while the rating scale used for municipal bonds looks like the one for corporate bonds, it really isn't the same. So, for example, a municipal bond rating of A1 is the equivalent of a corporate bond rating of Aaa. And a poor municipal bond rating of Baa3 would be the equivalent of a corporate Aa2, according to Moody's Public Finance Credit Committee. ~





## Graham Park attracts a major underwriter *Continued from front cover*

In addition to receiving naming rights for the complex, each of the local sports associations responsible for organizing baseball/softball, football and soccer teams in the Township has agreed to host at least one regional Dick's Sporting Goods tournament a year.

"We are thrilled today to be announcing our commitment to this first-class facility in Cranberry Township," Jeffrey R. Hennion, Executive Vice President & Chief Marketing Officer of Dick's Sporting Goods said when the agreement was concluded. "As the largest full-line sporting goods retailer in the U.S., one of our primary goals is to support the communities in which we do business and the growth of youth sports within those communities. The Dick's Sporting Goods Sportsplex will be the premier youth sports facility in Western Pennsylvania, bringing opportunities for children of all ages to participate in sports."

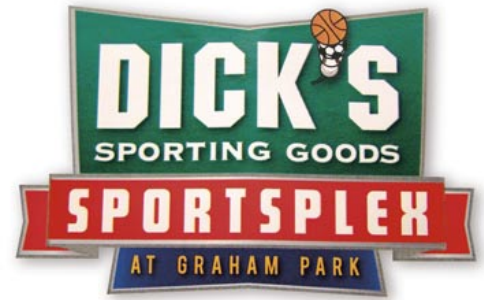
The football campus of the Dick's Sporting Goods Sportsplex at Graham Park is expected to open in September, with its baseball and soccer campuses slated for opening in the spring of 2009.

Dick's Sporting Goods will not be the only company investing in the

new park. "The Township has been negotiating with a number of other community-based businesses that are interested in becoming field sponsors," Township Parks and Recreation Director Mike Diehl pointed out.

Diehl emphasized that the agreement with Dick's Sporting Goods was an investment by its marketing department and that other companies could also consider participating in the park's development as business investments rather than as charitable donations. Ten-year sponsorships of individual playing fields are available for \$10,000 a year. Sponsorship of other park amenities are also available at different levels, according to Diehl.

"We know the park is going to be an economic generator for the community," Diehl said. "It's going to enhance property values. It's going to provide business for the community's restaurants, hotels, and vendors of all sorts. It will have residual effects on the health and well-being for all those who use it. That's not just the athletic fields but also the miles of walking trail and bike riding trails that will be in the park – just the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors." ~



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## Tennis, Anyone?

Two of Community Park's asphalt tennis courts are undergoing major rehabilitation, seven years after the two courts immediately to their west were rebuilt. The reasons, which include cracking and sinking spots, are the result of underground water trapped beneath the courts during freeze-thaw cycles. Repairs, which are expected to be completed in June, involve totally removing the old surface and the stone beneath it, then adding new drains to the subgrade before rebuilding the courts.



*Down boy. Good dog.*

## Cranberry Township Rotary Dog Park On Track For Late Spring Opening

Later this spring, for the first time ever, Cranberry Township dogs and their owners will be able to run freely in their own park. An agreement to accept a bid of \$25,000 to fence in a site adjacent to Community Park was approved by the Township's Board of Supervisors on March 6. And a check from the Cranberry Township Rotary for \$10,000 which was also presented at that meeting – the initial payment of a \$45,000 pledge from the organization – was instrumental in making it happen, together with a companion access road and parking lot.

The dog park project, which was originally expected to open last year, had run into roadblocks – particularly involving access to the 3-acre site. But earlier this year, those issues were resolved. “We finally got our access permits for the road,” a relieved Parks and Recreation Director Mike Diehl reported. “Work will begin as soon as weather permits.”

“I’m meeting with the dog park committee to revisit the things that haven’t been completed, like signage, final regulations, and how we’re going to acknowledge contributors,” he said.

The Cranberry Township Rotary Dog Park will be a basic compound, at least at the outset. “It’s not all the bells and whistles you could put into a dog park – just an open run area for dogs,” Diehl said. “There will be a drinking area just outside the compound, probably just off the parking lot, accessible to both large and small dogs. Many manufacturers have combination fountains with a

dog bowl at the bottom and human drinking fountain up high.”

But at least for now, no hydrants. “Many communities have their water department retire hydrants to their dog park as an attraction,” Diehl noted.

“But we are designing a walking path around the exterior of the pen for people with pets on leashes. Even so, you still won’t be able to bring an aggressive dog, or a dog in heat. The next step is to go out and get site location signs; all the regulations will be included in these signs,” he said.

The Cranberry Township Rotary has remained at the forefront of the dog park project ever since it began, according to Diehl. Rotary member and past president Linda Joa is manager of the Garden Veterinary Hospital, and one of its doctors, fellow Rotarian David Elliott, has been a strong supporter as well. “They’ve seen dog parks succeed all over the country,” Diehl said.

“It’s something our residents have been talking about for years, and

Supervisor John Milius asked us to investigate the possibilities of building one. So we went through a series of site selections. But it was only after we acquired the land adjoining Community Park – the former Lindner property – that we saw an opportunity to

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***Dogged determination.*** At the Board of Supervisors’ March 6 meeting, attended by more than a dozen well-behaved dogs, Cranberry Rotarian Linda Joa approached Supervisor John Milius to present the Township with a check for its initial payment toward a \$45,000 pledge in support of a new municipal dog park, scheduled to open later this spring. The Rotary club stood steadfastly by the dog park idea even after the project had been delayed due to site access issues.

build this in a separate section of the park that wouldn’t interfere with other park users.”

But the final success of the Cranberry park will ultimately be up to its local dog owners. “The Township will maintain trash removal, grass cutting, the water line, the roadway

and the parking lot,” he said. “But it’s absolutely essential that park users be responsible and clean up after their own pets – remove dog debris and dispose of it properly.” ~

*Profile of a firefighter:*

## Second-Generation Kovac Elected Fire Company Captain

Firefighter Brian Kovac has fire in his blood.

Kovac – now *Captain* Brian Kovac – is just 30 years old. But already, he has put in 14 years with the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company. And it's not even his first time as Captain. An earlier stint was cut short four years ago when one of his children developed health problems.

Part of it may be hereditary. His father, Wayne Kovac, is Coordinator of Fire and Hazmat training at Butler County Community College. And before that, Wayne had served 30 years with the Fire Company, where had also be elected Chief.

But even when he's not volunteering, firefighting is never far from Brian's mind. For a living, during the day, he works with the fire protection division of Grunau mechanical systems, for whom he installs sprinkler systems.

Even his wife Jen, a full-time homemaker looking after the couple's two young boys, is active in the Fire Company's Ladies Auxiliary – an organization of firefighters' wives and girlfriends. In addition to managing social events, the Auxiliary prepares food and beverages for firefighters, both at the scene of incidents and after they return to the station, in case a call turns into a prolonged event.

Yet despite all the fire-prone influences around him, Kovac insists that neither his father, his career, nor his wife have pushed him to do anything. "I just said to Dad one day, 'I'd like to come up and see what you do.'" So as an adolescent, he visited the firefighters. "After a couple of weeks, I just couldn't get enough. Part of it is the camaraderie. But the bottom line is that I really enjoy it; those guys are like family to me," he said.

"When I first became an officer, a lieutenant, I was pretty young, and it was amazing how the older guys helped me. Over the years I've done a lot of training and grew up with these guys. Now, with my second election to captain, I guess they

trust me. Anyway, I was very pleased about being elected again," he said.

Even between his two terms as Captain, Kovac maintained his ties to the company, helping to train less experienced members. That eased his full return to the Company. And today he remains convinced

that training is essential to the Company's safety record and effectiveness.

"Safety is always a factor," he says. "Sometimes you try not to think about it, but I know Jen worries when I go out at night – just like the wives of the other guys. But that's why we train so much. We



have a lot of safety officers and guys looking out for us."

Like his father, Brian is a strong advocate of training. And he is grateful for the financial relationship with the Township that allows Company volunteers to spend the time training that other companies have to use for organizing fund-raisers.

"You look at other departments and you see how fortunate we are in Cranberry that we don't have to do the bingo and other stuff. We spend our time training, and that gives us confidence to know we can provide a high level of service."

Of course, the life of any firefighter is a delicate balancing act. "My job comes first," he said. "That's what pays the bills. My wife stays at home with the boys. So if I don't work, it's a bad thing. But that's never been an issue in 14 years."

It is a sentiment echoed by Jen. "We are there to support the firefighters," she said. "We do a lot of things for the firefighters' kids like Christmas and Easter parties and organizing the annual dinner. I definitely enjoy it. I make friends and get to know the wives and girlfriends of the other firefighters who face the same situation I do."

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*Cranberry welcomes new Fire Company volunteers throughout the year. To learn more, call 724-776-1196.*



For hours, strobe lamps from a nearby fire engine punctuated the February night air as smoke billowed out of a four-story structure surrounded by determined firefighters outfitted with life-saving respirators. It was a vivid scene – exactly what photographer Josh Bayer was looking for. And he was pleased.

“Night time stuff just looks so much more dramatic,” he reflected. “We like to do it in the evening whenever we can.”

The ‘it’ that Bayer and his crew of photographers and videographers were doing that night involved

## Lights! Camera! Firehose!

creating images for advertising materials promoting the Mine Safety Appliance Company’s newest self-contained breathing apparatus, the FireHawk M-7 Responder. The smoke-engulfed building was the Cranberry Township public safety fire training tower, near its public works building. And the firefighters were all genuine members of the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company.

Their realism was more than superficial. “Neither myself nor any of my photographers are firefighters,” Bayer admitted. “We don’t know the technically correct way to attack a fire or how you do the different procedures and evolutions. We count on these guys

tremendously for that information because it’s easier to train firefighters to do what we want on camera than it is to get a professional model and then train them to be a firefighter.”

None of the firefighters are paid to appear in the ads. But each participant gets to keep a test fire helmet. Although their time can’t be logged in as official training hours, the opportunity to practice firefighting maneuvers is real.

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And getting a first-hand sneak peak at a new piece of life-saving apparatus before its general release is always welcome. But the chance to appear in a video shown to the thousands of firefighters set to converge on Indianapolis for North America’s premier fire department trade show in April, is priceless. ~

### Watch out!

## Ignore These State Traffic Laws And Find Yourself In Trouble

A series of tweaks to Pennsylvania’s traffic laws during the past few years have changed the rules of the road. And they have teeth. Here’s a summary of some new and established laws you should be aware of:

- 1. Wipe ‘n light.** Drivers are now required to have their headlights on anytime their windshield wipers are operating – regardless of the time of day.
- 2. Steer clear.** Drivers are now required to shift left a lane when they come upon a police traffic stop or tow truck pickup. If that isn’t possible, they need to slow way down. Reports of violations by road workers as well as emergency personnel can trigger citations. Fine: up to \$500 and a 90-day license suspension.
- 3. Move over.** If an emergency vehicle approaches you from behind with its lights and siren on, you have to yield immediately, moving to the right side of the road until that vehicle has passed.
- 4. Clear ear.** The Code prohibits drivers from wearing headphones, earbuds, or other hearing impairment devices while driving. Single-ear Bluetooth devices and hearing aids are okay.
- 5. Litter free.** The Code prohibits littering or depositing waste on any highways, waters, or properties in Pennsylvania. That includes cigarette butts.
- 6. No tint.** The Code prohibits sun screening or non-factory tinting of window glass anywhere on a passenger vehicle.
- 7. No TV.** Television sets and DVD players are only allowed in the back seats. If they’re visible to the driver, there’s a fine of \$108.





## Rocket's red glare? Bombs bursting in air?

# Are Fireworks Really Legal In Cranberry?

Every year, particularly as July 4 approaches, tents and sheds boasting fireworks for sale spring up like dandelions in parking lots and vacant fields all over Pennsylvania. Even mainstream superstores like Costco stock big packages of them.

But are their wares really legal? You've probably heard that they're not. But if that were true, why are the stores allowed to sell them? If you're confused, you're not alone.

"A lot of residents are confused," fire company assistant administrator Mark Nanna acknowledged. "These roadside stores come in, set up a big tent, announce they have fireworks for sale, and say that they're legal."

For the most part, they're right; the fireworks they're allowed to sell – so-called Class C novelty items such as sparklers, caps, ground spinners, cone fountains and illuminating torches – actually are legal, even though they can pose a danger. And nobody needs a license to either buy or sell them.

"They're legal if they don't go up in the air and explode," Nanna explained. "There's a certain amount of powder that makes them either legal or illegal. The vendors that come into Pennsylvania pretty much know what they can and cannot sell and which sorts of items require a state permit to sell."

But there's a catch: the restrictions on buying fireworks only apply to Pennsylvania residents.

"A person from Ohio can buy serious fireworks here in PA and take them back there with them," Nanna said. There's a place up in Barkeyville where you can buy just about any kind of fireworks you want. But they ask for a driver's license. If you have a PA driver's license, they won't sell you anything." Unless, that is, you have a fireworks vendor's permit from the state. And even then, you can't use them unless you have a permit from the municipality where you want to set them off.

But Ohio doesn't operate by the same rules. "You can go over to Ohio and they don't ask for anything. You can walk into fireworks store, grab a

big tube, and walk right out without any problem at all," he said.

But don't even think about bringing them back. "If you get pulled over and get caught bringing them across the line, you can get into trouble. You can buy them in PA with a permit, if you have one. But you better have that permit with you if you get pulled over."

Yet even in the unlikely event that you hold a state fireworks license, you still won't be allowed to set off your display in Cranberry without a Township permit, which Cranberry

issues very sparingly and even then, only after a detailed examination of the site and the applicant's credentials. As a result, nobody other than the technicians running the Township's own fireworks display has even applied for permission in the past few years.

While the risk of injury posed by Class C fireworks is well below that of 'commercial grade' or even 'consumer grade,' fireworks, they're all dangerous, Nanna points out.

"If it's a dry summer, and people are lighting legal fireworks – ground displays or sparklers – that's just as dangerous as if you had explosive fireworks. It creates a problem for the police department every Fourth of July.

"People go out of state, bring their fireworks back, and have their own little backyard displays. Those are illegal. Residents should be aware that they're illegal," he said. "Every year we confiscate lots and lots of fireworks and destroy them. Anything that is explosive in nature is illegal and Township police enforce that law."

Cranberry Township's municipal fireworks display will be held this year on the night of Saturday, July 12 at 9:30; there will be no fireworks show on July 4. ~

***Novelty items such as sparklers, caps, ground spinners, cone fountains and illuminating torches are legal, even though they can pose a danger. They're legal if they don't go up in the air and explode.***

*Not in my backyard. Rockets and all other types of explosive fireworks are prohibited in Cranberry Township. Only small ground display novelty items are allowed, although they can also be dangerous and should be used with caution.*



## Child Seats Aren't Child's Play Anymore

Not all that long ago, putting a child's safety seat into the family car was pretty straightforward. But that was then.

"It used to be that you'd just throw the car seat in the back and strap it down with a seat belt," Cranberry Public Safety Director Jeff Schueler recalled. "But it's not like that anymore; a lot of these car seats are designed to work with certain automobiles and certain types of straps and certain sized children, and you've got to be able to figure that all out."

Problem is, a lot of really smart people need help figuring it out. In fact, according to Schueler, in order to be certified as child seat inspectors and installers, two of his officers have had to take a 40-hour training course. And then they'll need to retrain every few years just to maintain that certification.

The reason is that what had started out as a relatively generic

installation has now grown to become a very involved process, with multiple criteria. As a result, every inspection of a child seat installation takes at least a half an hour – and that's just for one seat. Add in a second seat, or a second family vehicle, and the time involved can easily soar to an hour or more.

That's been a dilemma for the department, because even though child seats are required by law and proven to save lives, they only work if they're installed right. Yet the time needed to perform a proper installation and instruct the parents in their use is prohibitive. As a result, Cranberry's police department has been quietly accepting appointments for child seat installations and inspections for a few hours on the first

Monday of every month. But they've kept the publicity to word-of-mouth – until now.

"We're proceeding slowly on this," Schueler said, "but we're having a big event on Saturday, May 17 sponsored by State Farm Insurance. It will not only include the two technicians we have, but the Safety Kids organization will bring in another 10 or 12 techs so we can do somewhere between 30 and 40 inspection that day from 10:00 to 2:00. State Farm is in charge. They're putting money on it to do the advertising and so forth. And we will clear out the Rt. 19 fire hall for that day."

Details about the free May 17 program will be posted on the Township Web site, [www.cranberrytownship.org](http://www.cranberrytownship.org). ~



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## The Killer Bs Of Springtime



Spring's arrival is always welcome. But, according to Cranberry's Public Safety Department, the season also tends to bring along its own set of safety issues.

**Batteries.** Check and change the batteries in your household smoke detectors. National awareness programs have historically linked battery changes with clock changes. But this year, with the change to daylight savings moved ahead by several weeks, that tie has weakened.

**Burning.** Post-winter yard cleanups and preparations for gardening can generate a lot of yard debris. But outdoor burning – even in regulation burn barrels – is no longer permitted in Cranberry Township. Instead, place the material in your yard waste cart or in a paper lawn and leaf bag for collection.

**Break-ins.** For years, springtime has seen a surge in thefts of items left in unlocked vehicles parked on private driveways and public parking lots. Township police urge residents to remove or hide valuables left in their cars and to lock their vehicles whenever they are parked outdoors.

## Community Day Moves To July 12

For over a decade, Independence Day and Community Day were one in the same for Cranberry Township. But times change.

Starting this year, Community Day becomes Community Days – a two-day affair beginning on Friday, July 11 and continuing all day July 12. It will feature the familiar assortment of amusements, food concessions, and commercial booths from previous Community Days. And it will conclude on Saturday night with a spectacular fireworks display. But this year it will be coordinated by the Cranberry Township Community Chest, CTCC, and serve as a vehicle for showcasing local voluntary civic and nonprofit organizations.

“CTCC is an important part of strengthening our nonprofit and civic groups – something which was pointed out in our Comprehensive Plan’s



Market Assessment study,” according to Township Supervisor Bruce Mazzoni who also serves a chairman of CTCC. “Our goal is to make Community Days a platform for the nonprofit civic groups in Cranberry Township and make it more of a community volunteer event than a Township-supported event. Our goal is to try to let people know what CTCC stands for and what its new mission is about.”

More information on Community Days and how to participate as a vendor, exhibitor, or visitor is available on the CTCC Web site, which is linked from the Township’s own Web site. “We have a call out for a variety of volunteer positions, which fits into CTCC’s new community

service awards program – trying to encourage citizens to volunteer for their community,” Mazzoni said. “The Web site is the way people can register their interest.” ~



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