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Cutting through the FOG

Wastewater Treatment Plant Put Onto Strict Low-Fat Diet

For years, workers at Cranberry's Brush Creek wastewater treatment plant have quietly battled against FOG. And it's not the hazy, airborne type that rolls in from time to time on a misty morning. Instead, it is the waste-treatment industry's acronym for Fats, Oils, and Grease. FOG, together with such non-conventional pollutants as herbicides, pesticides and heavy metals, raise treatment plant costs, harm the environment, and degrade the wastewater treatment process when they are put into drains connected to the Township-owned facility.

But now they've taken their battle to a higher level. In a February presentation to Cranberry's Board of Supervisors, the plant's senior staff outlined a program to combat FOG as well as industrial pollutants which require pretreatment before entering the sewage

system. The program, which will be administered by a yet-to-be hired coordinator, will include the creation of a permitting process to regulate the discharge of pollutants, inspection and monitoring of commercial operations where problems have previously existed, investigation of non-compliance, and public education about the importance of the program.

Non-conventional pollutants hurt the biological phase of sewage treatment, killing bacteria used to break down wastes. FOG of animal or vegetable origin – which typically originates in home kitchens and commercial restaurants – can clog sewer pipes, overloading the plant's lines and causing overflow of untreated waste into local streams.

Currently, about 1,000 pounds of animal fat ends up at the plant

every day. Most of it floats to the surface, where it's skimmed off and carted away to a disposal unit. Some of it clings to the pipes, whose insides take on the appearance of a clogged human artery. And the

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Scum of the earth. Fats and grease sent down the drain create foul odors adding to the cost and difficulty of sewage plant operation. Here, veteran wastewater plant worker Walt Koach opens a valve to skim off the surface grease accumulated over a four hour period at the Brush Creek facility.

Now You Can Crack The Code At Home!

A major update of Cranberry's Municipal Code – the collection of ordinances that govern many aspects of life in the Township – is now available for free online at www.cranberrytownship.org. The Code, which provides regulations governing land use, traffic, construction, business licensing, waste disposal, and certain aspects of personal conduct as



well as the administration of government affairs, includes an index to every local ordinance enacted by the Board of Supervisors since 1954. Copies of the entire 500+ page code book on CD-ROM are available from the Township for \$15. Hard copies of individual ordinances can also be purchased from the Township for \$15 each. ~

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Water System Flushing Schedule Set

Cranberry Township's annual fire hydrant and distribution system flushing program is now 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 on each street. Flushing is conducted Monday through Friday between 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM. A week-by-week schedule is included 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 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.



2006 Water Distribution System Flushing Schedule:

March 27-31. 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, AmeriSuites, 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 3-7. McElroy Road, Fox Run, Buckingham Trail, Franklin Road and Peace St, Franklin Ridge, Shadow Creek, Bristol Creek, St Leonards Woods, Timberline, Peters Road between Franklin Road and Old Farm Road, Old Towne Apartments, Scenic Ridge, Peters Road between Franklin Road and Burke Road, Forest Knoll, Lakeview Estates, Walden Pond, Windwood Heights, Crystal Springs

April 10-14. 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, Walmart, Cranberry Square, 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, Route 19 from Butler Auto Auction south to Lincoln Mercury, Wiegand Drive, Route 19 from Smith Drive north to Goehring Rd, 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, Cranberry Water Park

April 17-21. PineHurst, Ehrman Road, Grace Estates, Garvin Road, Foxmore, Ehrman Farms, Oakview Estates, Unionville Road, Cranberry Business Park, Winchester Lakes, Winchester Farms, Old Route 19, Settlers Grove Phase 1 & 2, Glen Eden Road, Glen Eden Phase 1, Settlers Grove 3, Antler Ridge

April 24-28. The Maples, Glen Eden Phase 2, Glenbrook, Glen Eden Townhouses, Manor Creek, Cedarbrook, Freshcorn Road, Glen Eden Road west of Powell Road, Briar Creek, Cranberry Heights, Kingsbrook

May 1-5. 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 8-12. Freedom Road from Commonwealth Drive to Thorn Hill Road (RIDC), WESCO, Rolling Road Regency Apartments, Freedom Road from Thorn Hill Road (RIDC) to Parkwood Drive, Parkside Place, Carriage Drive, Kira Circle, 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 15-19. 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, Creekwood Commons, Creekwood, Freedom Woods

May 22-26. Forest Park, Crossings, Mystic Pine Trail, Blue Ridge Estates, Berkley Manor, Hampshire Woods, Autumn Hill

May 30-June 2. Powell Road between Rochester Road and Glen Eden Road, Highland Village, Havenwood, Hunters Creek, Stonefield & Farmview, Greenfield Estates, Avery's Field, Woodbine Estates ~

Wastewater treatment plant put onto strict low-fat diet

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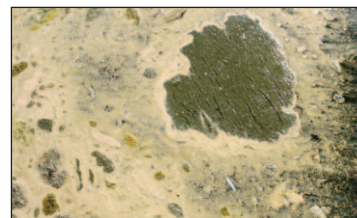
rest goes through the plant's biological cleanup process, taxing the system's treatment capacity and emitting foul odors into the air.

One important component of the program would involve mandating the installation of oil and water separators for certain commercial and industrial operations in the Township. Self-regulation and regular reporting of FOG-handling and grease management measures, coupled with periodic inspections by Township staff, would also be central to implementing the program. So would the development of a fee

structure designed to encourage the voluntary elimination of FOG and damaging chemicals from wastewater.

An ordinance enacting key elements of the program and reiterating federal EPA standards that apply to the discharge of such hazardous materials into sewer lines as poisons, paints, and gasoline, is expected to be presented for the Board's consideration later this spring. Both the state DEP and federal EPA empower local governments to enforce national standards and then audit them for compliance in their home communities. ~

Lose ugly fat.



Never pour liquid grease or oil into a drain. Collect cooled oil and grease in a sealable glass or metal container and allow it to solidify. Dispose of it in your regular trash. Wipe plates, utensils, pots, and pans with paper towels or napkins before rinsing. Regular cloth towels will only transfer grease into your washing machine rinse and then back into the sewer. Encourage everyone in your household to follow proper grease handling steps.

Odor Control Plan Sniffs Out A Critical Path

The bad smell is still there, at least from time to time. But Township officials are making progress along a two-year path that could substantially reduce the odors coming from Cranberry's Brush Creek sewage treatment plant.

A plan to manage those odors is now in the hands of Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection, which is consulting with the Township on its proposed control strategy. Comments on the proposal's approach, which calls for the installation of a new carbon adsorption unit using technology, could be received as soon as the end of this month.

That evaluation is important because the level of odor reduction that the technology is actually capable of achieving needs to be verified based on authentic case studies from U.S. and European operations that use similar systems. Current calculations are based on design estimates.

Following its initial consultation with DEP, the Township would then solicit engineering proposals for the detailed design of a unit specifically for its Brush Creek facility. The estimated cost for such a unit, based on a preliminary design solicited last year, was approximately \$800,000.

After the detailed engineering design of an odor control unit is in hand – which could come later this year – the DEP would again be consulted on the final design by the spring of 2007. Once their comments have been received, and any necessary revisions are made, bids would be solicited for the purchase and installation of the unit, which could then be up and running by the end of the year. ~



Property Tax Discounts Still Available

Your County/Township real estate tax bill, which was mailed out March 1, can still be paid at a two percent discount through the end of April, according to Tax Collector P.J. Lynd. In May and June, it is payable at face value. After that, penalties are assessed.

Property tax rates for Butler County and Cranberry Township are unchanged from 2005. Seneca Valley School District will determine its tax rate later this year and mail out its bills August 1.

Lynd's Municipal Center office is open Mondays 9 AM to 7 PM, Tuesdays through Thursdays 9 AM to 4:30 PM, and Fridays 9 AM to 3 PM. The office will also be open Saturday April 29, the last Saturday of the discount period, from 9 AM to noon. Appointments at other times can also be arranged. Call 724-776-1103. ~

Green collection service really raked it in during 2005

Popular Yard Waste Pick Up Resumes April 3

Curbside collection of yard waste will resume April 3 for the 7,600 Collection Connection™ households in Cranberry Township. This popular service, which is part of the Township's five-year contract with Vogel Disposal, makes use of a dedicated truck operating on the same route schedule as the garbage and recycling trucks that serve Cranberry's residential neighborhoods. Last year, the yard waste program was used by more than 54 percent of Cranberry's Collection Connection customers, a very successful first full year response according to program coordinator Lorin Meeder.

Between April 1 and the end of November 2005, 1,961 tons of material were collected from Township residents and taken to the Vogel composting site in Jackson. If the summer of 2006 proves to be a rainy one, the volume of waste could become even greater. During the peak of the growing season, yard waste can account for as much as 32 percent of the household material collected for disposal. That material previously went into a sanitary landfill along with ordinary garbage, using up valuable landfill capacity.

Yard waste collection of compostable material is provided at no additional

charge to Collection Connection customers. Materials eligible for the service include:

- ✓ leaves
- ✓ grass clippings
- ✓ tree branches up to four inches in diameter
- ✓ brush
- ✓ flowers and plants
- ✓ roots
- ✓ shrubs
- ✓ sawdust

Customers can use either their own biodegradable Kraft paper yard waste bags or the green-top 96-gallon carts provided by the Township. Plastic bags may not be used for yard waste collection. Not all organic items are eligible for yard waste collection. Prohibited materials include:

- ⊗ loose soil
- ⊗ sod
- ⊗ kitchen food waste
- ⊗ garden or orchard food waste
- ⊗ tree stumps or limbs over four inches thick
- ⊗ lumber or other construction material

Many of these items, however, are well-suited to backyard composting. Cranberry strongly supports backyard composting and offers classes as well as free compost bins to those interested in the practice. ~



Free backyard composting classes scheduled

Compost, the biodegraded form of organic materials such as garden clippings and food scraps, results from a natural process which reduces them into a form suited for conditioning soil. Home gardeners frequently use it to augment the growth of their lawns, shrubs, and trees.

But unless it's done right, in place of compost you can end up with a putrid pile of decay. Doing it right will be the subject of two free hour workshops sponsored by Cranberry Township. Each of the 50 class members accepted under the Township's first-come, first-served registration system, will be given a free Earth Machine Home Composter – a \$70 retail value. Registration is limited to Cranberry Township residents.



Class sessions will be held on Thursday April 6 and May 18 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center. Register by calling Cranberry's Customer Service Center at 724-776-4806.



Up For Adoption

Cranberry's Public Works department is looking for a handful of local families and individuals, as well as for Cranberry-based businesses and organizations with room in their hearts to care for an orphaned stretch of local road. It's a serious commitment.

Anyone contemplating adopting a roadway within the Township must be prepared to complete a minimum of two cleanups each year and to remain in the program for at least two years. They must also observe a series of safety requirements and recommendations designed to avoid injury from traffic and other hazards.

To learn more about the litter cleanup program and to place your name on a waiting list of adoptive parents, call program coordinator Barby Cheetham at 724-776-4806 x1500. ~

Talking Trash...

- **Avoid cross-contamination.** Be sure not to put ordinary household garbage in your recycling or yard waste container. It will end up in the wrong place and create a hazard for the contractor's employees.
- **Tag extra trash.** Any trash that won't fit into your gray-top garbage cart must carry a tag of the appropriate denomination. Untagged trash outside the carts – even including items that would be eligible for recycling if they were in your blue-top cart – will be left at the curb.
- **Celebrate the holiday.** There are no collections on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving or Christmas. If one of those holidays falls on or after your regular collection day, your collection will be postponed one day that week.
- **Bag your trash.** Yard waste and recyclable items should be placed directly in the cart. But garbage must be bagged before going into your cart.
- **Park carefully.** Tell your guests not to park on the street where they would block access to your carts; the mechanical arm of the truck can't reach behind parked cars.
- **Leave room.** Cart placement is important because the truck's mechanical arm needs room to maneuver around each cart. Leave at least two feet between carts and fixed objects like mailboxes, trees, fences, cars, and lamp posts, as well as between your other carts. If you have the room, leave even more space between your recycling cart and other objects.
- **Prepare recyclables.** Rinse out bottles and remove food residue from cans before putting them in your recycling cart. You can leave labels and lids in place.

Don't Just Recycle – Freecycle!

Why pay to throw it away when you can give it away for free?

The notion that one man's trash is another man's treasure is the premise behind the Butler County Pennsylvania Freecycle® Network.

"If I have something I don't need anymore and I want to give it away, I can post it on the network," explains Peppertina Benardi of Grove City, a local moderator of the free online service. "Likewise, if I need something, I can ask for it from the group. People don't know they have something valuable until someone else asks for it."

When Cranberry Township resident Walt Wroblewski had to get rid of an extra couch quickly, he hopped onto the Freecycle Network and received many responses. "It was a great couch, but we couldn't use it," he recalls. "A young man with his two kids came over – all they had was a loveseat in the living room – and they really needed it. It makes you feel pretty good when you can help someone out."

For Collection Connection™ customers in Cranberry, there's another reason to feel good: giving unwanted items away also saves them money. For example, having a sofa picked up at curbside requires a \$4 disposal tag; major appliances need \$10 tags. Even smaller items outside the waste cart cost 65¢ each to remove.

In the past three years since the first Freecycle Network began in Tucson, Arizona as a grassroots movement to promote waste reduction and help save desert landscape from being overrun with landfills, Freecycle.org has become an international phenomenon with more than 3,400 local networks.

A lifelong fan of thrift shops and garage sales, Benardi was surfing the Internet one day when she came across an article about Freecycle and decided it was time to get Butler County residents into the act. She created Butler County's own Freecycle network in June of 2004 while she was still an undergraduate

student at Slippery Rock University. Today, the group includes more than 1,100 members.

Items posted must be free, legal and appropriate for all ages. Trading is not permitted. Benardi and several other moderators monitor the network's postings to assure compliance. Everything from computers to clothing to used furniture can be found on the network, and the person giving the item decides who gets it.

"I see people put good items on the corner to be thrown away, but there are people who could use them," says Benardi, now a stay-at-home mom who volunteers her time to moderate the popular website. "It's a great cause."

For more information, log onto <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/butlerfreecycle/>. ~



*Profile of a firefighter:***Chris DeCree – Professional Volunteer**

As longtime president of the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company, Chris DeCree takes the business of fighting fires very seriously.

“The key to success is in running it like a business, like it’s your money,” says DeCree, who actually isn’t paid anything for the hours he puts in. “The fire and emergency service is the only organization in the country where volunteers make up the bulk of the service. We save the country billions in salaries and benefits each year, yet we’re held to the same standards as paid firefighters.”

A transplant from Philadelphia, DeCree moved to Cranberry Township in 1981 and joined the Volunteer Fire Company in 1982, just in time to witness the implementation of a ground-breaking contract in which the assets of the Fire Company were turned over to the Township.

“We gave up ownership, but we adopted a partnership with the Township, which agreed to take over the service,” says DeCree, noting that the company still applies for grants. “We provide the expertise, the manpower, maintain the stations and the budget. Most fire companies have to do fundraising, but we substituted that for training and getting our people certified and qualified.”

After 10 years with the Philadelphia police department, DeCree spent 20 years fighting organized crime as the agent in charge of Western Pennsylvania operations for the

Pennsylvania Crime Commission. The rest of his career was spent as a senior security agent for Allegheny Energy until he retired in 2003.

“Since I first became president in 1990, I’ve spent a lot of time with personnel matters, making our firefighters want to stay here,” says DeCree, noting that he uses a “hands-off” style of management. “I tell them what we need, and as long as they don’t do anything immoral or unethical, they just have to let me know what they’re doing – how they do it is their business.”

Having just implemented a wellness program for firefighters and in the process of building a new training facility, DeCree regularly comes up with ways to improve the operation, which consists of 100 company and life members; including 50 active firefighters and a ladies auxiliary.

DeCree works with the Company’s Board of Directors as well as the Fire Chief and the Assistant Chief to make sure the operation runs smoothly. “The chief works the brigade, and I’m responsible for the administration of it,” he explains. “In a lot of the smaller towns the fire station is the social center, but we’ve gotten away from that. We’ve created an aura of professionalism.”

“Chris knows what he’s doing and what he’s talking about,” Fire Chief



Todd Rice said of the man who’s been elected president for the past eight consecutive years. “He’s a good president, and he’s got a lot of good ideas.”

Now 68, DeCree is enjoying his 13th year as company president where he spends about 1,200 hours a year – not including firefighting calls – performing administrative duties out of the company’s Haine School Fire Station. “No one’s run against me for a long time,” DeCree said, “but I want to see the next generation take over. The title of president is not something I have to have.”

Married to wife Florence for 43 years, the couple has 3 children and six grandchildren. “We have to thank our wives who put up with us, because being a volunteer firefighter sacrifices a lot of family time,” says DeCree, adding that the organization itself becomes something of a second family. “There are so many talented people here from all walks of life, when someone needs help, there are always two or three guys around to lend a hand. There’s a lot of camaraderie.” ~

Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company

Vital Statistics, 2005

Alarms answered: 547 / Average firefighter turnout per call: 14 / Average response time: 9.5 min. / Average time on scene: 57.5 min.
Total hours on scene: 524.3 / Total training hours: 4,795 / Total station hours: 6,830 / Total volunteer hours: 19,736

Fire Training In Pennsylvania Is Extensive; But So Are The Risks

Throughout history, Pennsylvania has distinguished itself in a variety of ways. But in the area of public safety, the Commonwealth has distinguished itself in one particularly notorious way: it is the state that leads the nation in firefighter deaths. The only exception in recent history was 2001, when the World Trade Center was attacked, killing hundreds of New York City firemen and more than 2,000 others.

“We have a lot of old facilities, old communities, and wood structures – small towns with buildings crowded together,” Public Safety Director Steve Mannell explained. “Not everyone is as fortunate as Cranberry where most of our facilities are new and updated with sprinklers. We have a lot of fire advantages in this community. But when it comes to training, there is something people don’t usually understand: it’s that when a volunteer firefighter comes to your house, he’s trained just as thoroughly as a paid fireman. In fact, some volunteers have even more training.”

The State Fire Academy, which sets the curriculum for firefighters in Pennsylvania, recently increased the length of that training from 88 hours, for learning the essentials

of firefighting, to 166 hours. When he completes that training, the candidate becomes eligible for Firefighter I certification. New members of the Cranberry Township Voluntary Fire Company currently take their training at BCCC in the City of Butler where Cranberry’s Fire Brigade Captain Mark Nanna also serves as an instructor.

Part of the reason for that increase in training is the need for new firefighting strategies prompted by changes in building construction. “We trained for years to fight fires offensively – to go in and get to the seed of the fire,” Nanna recalled. “But when we did that

training, we did it on buildings that were built in the 1960s and ’70s with normal timbers. Now, structures are made using lightweight construction with laminated beams. Within minutes, the floors collapse because the laminated beams just burn away – there’s nothing to them; they’re pieces of plywood glued together. ~



Where there’s smoke...

On March 12, 45 firefighters from Cranberry and seven other communities which belong to the mutual aid association that includes the Cranberry Township Voluntary Fire Company, practiced their rescue and fire containment skills on this chalet-style house marked for demolition along Franklin Road.

Chamber Day Of Caring To Care For Family Retreat Center

Family Resources and Family Retreat Center, a nonprofit organization with a 260-acre property along Freeport Road, needs some TLC. With an assortment of cabins, trails, a lake, a pool, and traditional amenities of rural life, the Center is used by youth groups, social agencies, faith-based organizations and others, including hundreds of Camp Cranberry campers, to provide families with a wholesome fresh air experience and to advance its mission of preventing child abuse. Last year, approximately 8,000 people made use of its facilities.

Maintaining and improving the Center’s resources will be the focus of the Cranberry Area Chamber of Commerce annual Day of Caring this year. Between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on both Friday May 19 and Saturday May 20, Chamber members and other interested volunteers will clean cabins, paint, install benches, plant trees, and improve the network of trails serving the facility. Volunteers 13 and older may work either or both days. To schedule time to work on the project, call the Chamber office at 724-776-4949. ~

APRIL

SAT 1		APRIL FOOL'S DAY Registration begins for Summer Camp Municipal Ctr, 9 am, walk in and online only		SUN 2		Spring Ahead! DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME		MON 3		Planning Commission Meeting Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm Yard Waste Collection Resumes		Book Discussion Call for title, Library, 7 pm SVSD No School		TUES 4		Parks & Recreation Advisory Brd Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm 3–5 year old's Story Time Library, 11 am or 1 pm. Registration required		WED 5		Family Pajama Storytime Library, 7 pm							
Board of Supervisors Meeting Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm Kid's Chapter Book Club Grades 1st – 3rd. Library, 7:30 pm			THURS 6		Backyard Composting Class Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm 3–5 year old's Story Time Library, 11 am or 1 pm. Registration required			FRI 7		SAT 8		Waterpark Members register for Aquatic Programs Municipal Ctr, 8:30 am, walk in and online only		SUN 9		MON 10		Registration for Summer & Aquatic Programs Municipal Ctr, 8:30 am, walk in and online only until noon, phone calls accepted after noon			TUES 11		Identity Theft Mary Bach, Consumer Advocate, Library, 7 pm 3–5 year old's Story Time Library, 11 am or 1 pm. Registration required				
WED 12		Family Pajama Storytime Library, 7 pm Kid's Chapter Book Club Grades 1st – 3rd. Library, 7:30 pm		THURS 13		3–5 year old's Story Time Library, 11 am or 1 pm. Registration required Senior Center Monthly Birthday Party Municipal Ctr – Senior Ctr, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm						FRI 14		GOOD FRIDAY All Township offices closed SVSD No School		SAT 15		Parks & Recreation Department Closed		SUN 16		EASTER		MON 17		SVSD No School	
TUES 18		3–5 year old's Story Time Library, 11 am or 1 pm. Registration required SVSD No School		WED 19		Kid's Chapter Book Club Grades 1st – 3rd. Library, 7:30 pm Books & Bagels, Book Discussion Call for title, Library, 10 am Family Pajama Storytime Library, 7 pm		Feet First UPMC Passavant Hospital, Municipal Ctr – Senior Ctr, 12:30 pm				THURS 20		3–5 year old's Story Time Library, 11 am or 1 pm Registration required		FRI 21		SVSD Blood Drive SHS, all day		SAT 22		SUN 23		MON 24			
TUES 25		Toilet Taining Bellevue Pediatrics, Library, 7 pm 3–5 year old's Story Time Library, 11 am or 1 pm. Registration required			WED 26		Family Pajama Storytime Library, 7 pm Kid's Chapter Book Club Grades 1st – 3rd. Library, 7:30 pm		Life Is Too Short To Be Miserable, Women Stress Allegheny General Hospital Woman & Infant Center, Library, 7 pm Band Concert IHS Auditorium, 7:30 pm						THURS 27		Board of Supervisors Meeting Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm Jazz Band Concert SHS Auditorium, 7:30 pm										
3–5 year old's Story Time Library, 11 am or 1 pm Registration required		FRI 28	SAT 29	SUN 30		Last day to receive early registration discount for Community Waterpark Last day for Property Tax Discount Period				MON 1						Planning Commission Meeting Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm Book Discussion Call for title, Library, 7 pm		TUES 2		Parks & Recreation Advisory Brd Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm 3–5 year old's Story Time Library, 11 am or 1 pm Registration required							

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WED 3	Family Pajama Storytime Library, 7 pm	THURS 4	Board of Supervisors Meeting Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm 3–5 year old’s Story Time Library, 11 am or 1 pm. Registration required			FRI 5	SAT 6	Local Government Day Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 10 am – 2 pm SVSD SAT Test Date SHS, 7:30 am			SUN 7	MON 8	TUES 9	3–5 year old’s Story Time Library, 11 am or 1 pm Registration required		WED 10	Family Pajama Storytime Library, 7 pm	
THURS 11	3–5 year old’s Story Time Library, 11 am or 1 pm. Registration required Senior Center Monthly Birthday Party Municipal Ctr – Senior Ctr, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm				FRI 12	SVSD No School Senior Prom SHS, 8:00 pm		SAT 13	SUN 14	MOTHER’S DAY	MON 15	TUES 16	Infant Family Time with Children under 2 years, Library, 11 am and 1 pm		WED 17	2–year old’s Storytime Library, 7 pm Common Sleep Disorders UPMC Passavant Hospital, Municipal Ctr - Senior Ctr, 12:30 pm		
Books & Bagels, Book Discussion Call for title, Library, 10 am		THURS 18	Backyard Composting Class Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm 2–year old’s Storytime Library, 11 am				FRI 19	SAT 20	SUN 21	MON 22	TUES 23	Promoting Positive Behavior Bellevue Pediarics, Library, 7 pm Infant Family Time with Children under 2 years, Library, 11 am and 1 pm				WED 24	2–year old’s Storytime Library, 7 pm	
THURS 25	Board of Supervisors Meeting Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm 2–year old’s Storytime Library, 11 am			FRI 26	SAT 27	SUN 28 Veterans’ Memorial Service North Boundary Park, 1 pm			MON 29	MEMORIAL DAY All Township offices closed SVSD No School			TUES 30	Planning Commission Meeting Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm Infant Family Time with Children under 2 years, Library, 11 am and 1 pm			WED 31	2–year old’s Storytime Library, 7 pm

JUNE

THURS 1	Board of Supervisors Meeting Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm 2-year old's Storytime Library, 11 am	FRI 2	SVSD Last of School	SAT 3	SUN 4	MON 5	Planning Commission Meeting Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm Book Discussion, Call for title, Library, 7 pm	TUES 6	Infant Family Time with Children under 2 years, Library, 11 am and 1 pm Parks & Recreation Advisory Brd Mtg Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm Totally Tubular Night Swim Community Waterpark, 9-11 pm						
WED 7	2-year old's Storytime Library, 7 pm	THURS 8	2-year old's Storytime Library, 11 am Senior Center Monthly Birthday Party Municipal Ctr – Senior Ctr, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm			FRI 9	SAT 10	SUN 11	MON 12	Summer Reading Program Begins	TUES 13	SVSD School Picnic Kennywood Totally Tubular Night Swim Community Waterpark, 9-11 pm	WED 14	FLAG DAY	
THURS 15	Board of Supervisors Meeting Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm Thursdays in the Park – Ambridge Steel Band Community Park, 7 pm	FRI 16	SAT 17	SUN 18	FATHER'S DAY Father's Day Night Swim Community Waterpark, 9-11 pm			MON 19	TUES 20	Totally Tubular Night Swim Community Waterpark, 9-11 pm		WED 21	Books & Bagels, Book Discussion Call for title, Library, 10 am Hip and Knee UPMC Passavant Hospital, Municipal Ctr - Senior Ctr, 12:30 pm		
THURS 22	Thursdays in the Park – Kardaz Community Park, 7 pm	FRI 23	SAT 24	SUN 25	MON 26	Planning Commission Meeting Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm		TUES 27	Totally Tubular Night Swim Community Waterpark, 7 pm		WED 28	THURS 29	Board of Supervisors Meeting Municipal Ctr, Council Chambers, 7 pm		FRI 30

Prehistoric Cranberry Revealed!

Archeologists uncover ancient shopping center in Graham Park

Everyone knows that over the past 20 years, Cranberry Township has grown from a sleepy agricultural community into a major center of commerce. But a team of archeologists who recently concluded a detailed study of prehistoric Cranberry has made an unexpected discovery: that as far back as 1000 BC, the land which is today's bustling Cranberry Township was also a busy center for Native American trade and commerce.



*No dinosaurs here,
thank you.
But there was a lot
of Indian trade and
commerce in Cranberry
3,000 years ago.*

How did they find out? Before state or federal permits can be issued for the stream and wetland work needed to build Cranberry's future Graham Park, an archeological investigation of the site is required. Christine Davis Consultants, a highly respected team of archeologists who specialize in the prehistory of Southwestern Pennsylvania, was engaged to conduct the study. If their research were to find evidence of permanent settlements or of Indian burial grounds on the site, it could have a major impact on the park project – possibly even killing it. If they didn't, the project could move forward.

After months of excavation, identification, and analysis involving ten sites and more than 3,400

recovered artifacts, the findings came in: Cranberry was never a permanent Indian settlement, nor was it ever a burial ground. But there was clearly a cranberry bog, which attracted game animals of all sorts. So there was plenty of hunting going on and lots of trading in goods from as far west as Wyoming to as far east as the Atlantic shore.

"There were villages within a day's walk of Cranberry," Parks & Recreation Director Mike Diehl told a meeting of the Board of Supervisors in February. "We're quite certain that when the berries were ripening, families would walk from those villages, set up the camp here, and stay as long as the berries were plentiful. That gave them the opportunity to gather food and to hunt animals that were attracted by the berries."

Much of that game was then processed into special cakes using a mixture of dried meat and fruit that Indians frequently carried when they traveled. If they were going a long distance, they would have food to sustain them without the need to stop and gather or hunt. They also used the cakes for trade. And many objects of that trade were unearthed in the investigation.

"There was evidence of artifacts here that aren't native to this area," Diehl

explained. "Flintridge Ohio has a distinctive stone that was used for arrowheads. We found evidence of Flintridge flint here. There was mention of native yellowstone being found here – a very distinctive stone. It opened our eyes to glut of trading that was going on here at the time that hadn't been recognized before."

To provide current residents with a glimpse of Cranberry's early commerce, a small selection of artifacts found at the park site including stone tools, arrowheads, and spear tips, has been assembled into a portable display case. Those artifacts, which are in the safekeeping of the Cranberry Historical Society, are on permanent loan to Cranberry Township. Field trips to local classrooms, as well as visits to the Sample One-Room Schoolhouse at the Municipal Center where the display is housed, can be arranged by contacting Society President Beverly Magill at 724-538-4681 or

Society Docent
Peggy Grinager
at 724-779-9865.



A member of the archeological team holds an arrowhead recovered from Graham Park.



Volunteer of the year...

Jack Haubach, the chairman of Cranberry's Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, was honored by the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society for his outstanding efforts as a volunteer at the organization's annual meeting on March 14. Recipients of the award are selected by a ten-member committee of the statewide association. "Jack's enthusiasm and energy are contagious," according to Cranberry Township's Director of Parks & Recreation Mike Diehl, who nominated Haubach for the Society's award. ~

Parks & Recreation Briefs

Township seeks state, federal construction permits for Graham Park. Township applications to the Army Corps of Engineers and state Department of Environmental Protection for permission to move ahead with construction around the wetland areas of Graham Park are now in the hands of the appropriate officials. Approval normally takes about a year, but if the review process moves as expected, construction bids for the initial park infrastructure could be awarded as soon as March or April of 2007. In addition to Township funds, the park's development costs will be shared with the various local athletic associations who will be its major users.

Connecticut foundation grant funds Municipal Center trees. The McKenzie Foundation of Greenwich, Connecticut has given Cranberry Township a grant of \$5,444 to plant trees along the walkway currently being built outside the Municipal Center as well as for a screen of trees around the skatepark which

opened last June. Trees planted along the parklet path will include Kwanza Cherry, Adams Crabapple, and Pin Oaks. At the skatepark, Canadian Hemlock, Canadian Fir, Royal Red Maple, and Autumn Flame Maple trees will be planted.

Get a Job! Cranberry's Parks & Recreation Department is staffing up for summer. Dozens of employment opportunities are still available for camp counselors, lifeguards, maintenance crews, concession workers, and customer service staff. Applications are available online at www.cranberrytownship.org.

The Art of Summer Camping. This summer, for the first time, art camp for children six to twelve years of age will be offered on a full day as well as a half-day basis. In addition, with more instructors now certified and available to teach, two sessions are planned beginning June 5 and extending through August 14. For details and registration information, go to the Township Web site. ~

Bye, bye birdie...

Cranberry Highlands Hole Six Grows A Lot Harder

From the day it opened, hole six of Cranberry Highlands Golf Course has been a gentlemanly 157 yard par three, when played from its farthest tee. But sometime this summer, it will become significantly harder.

That's because a new championship tee box is being built 40 yards behind the previous pro tee, known locally as the Cranberry Tee. While the hole will retain its par three status, achieving par will become a lot more challenging, according to the facility's operations manager and PGA professional golfer, Jon Shuster.

"It will add some girth to that hole and to the course's five par threes," he said. "It will be a much longer par three. We may not use that tee all the time, but it's there when we want to stretch the course out.

"It's a great view; it makes the hole look totally different because you're higher and you're back further. I think it's going to be exciting." But adding excitement isn't the whole story, according to Shuster; it also protects the course itself. "It spreads out damage to tee space from golfers taking divots," he said.

"We'll have to do some research to see if it's feasible to extend other holes or if it would make them either too difficult or unfair. But number six is really going to change the way people play," Shuster said.

Work on the hole six extension, which includes re-grading, moving material, planting, and installing irrigation, is being done entirely with in-house staff. ~

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Volunteers Needed!

Community Day. Planning for Community Day – Cranberry Township's annual July 4 extravaganza – is still very much underway. New ideas and new volunteers are always welcome. To participate in the work of the Community Day Planning Committee, contact Parks & Recreation at 724-776-4086 x1129.

Athletic Associations. Cranberry's single largest corps of volunteers are the adults who work with the Township's various athletic associations. Without them, there would be no baseball, softball, football or soccer programs as we know them today. Cranberry strongly supports them and salutes the tremendous value they bring to our community. For links to the associations, go to the Parks & Recreation page of the Township Web site.

Dog Park. Planning for a dog park area within Cranberry's expanded Community Park is at a critical point. Volunteers are needed to advocate on behalf of the facility, to solicit donations, to apply for grants, to create support groups who will care for the park day-to-day, and to formulate appropriate educational programming for dog owners.

*Hooks and slices***It Takes More Than Good Weather To Have A Great Year Of Golf**

Last summer was perfect golf weather, and Cranberry Highlands had a great season, with 35,000 paid rounds – just shy of its record 36,000 set in 2003. But for America's golf industry as a whole, according to Cranberry Highlands golf operations director Jon Shuster, the number of rounds played remained fairly flat despite the spectacular weather.

"We're fortunate because we have a great product that's priced right and we feel that we do a good job with golfers. Of course, being in Cranberry and having the luxury of its terrific demographics helped too," he said. But location isn't everything; Venango Trails golf course – which is right across the street from the new Regional Learning Alliance center in Cranberry Woods – has the same weather and local demographics as Cranberry Highlands. But it closed its doors for good just after Labor Day last year.

"Some of those rounds will probably end up at our place because of our proximity; golfers have to go somewhere to play. But running a golf course for a profit is a precarious proposition. And it's a challenge for any operator," Shuster said.

"You have one year of bad weather and the money you made the year before could all be gone because you still have to staff it, you still have to mow the grass. If you lose a



Saturday in June from rain, it can't be made up. There are only so many good days in a year.

"The golf industry overall – not so much here in Pittsburgh – but as a whole, is overbuilt," he explained. "There are still new courses coming on line. Most of those new courses are attached to residential developments where the developer is building the course as an amenity, as a tool to sell those lots. That's not necessarily a good thing; you're going to see a lot of courses get real competitive with pricing and some courses will go out of business.

"But I think Cranberry Township did it right. We get so many compliments on the course and we've built such a good reputation up there. Any time real estate people around here put a house on the market, especially if it's near the golf course, they'll mention it in the ad. Even though they have nothing to do with the golf course, they'll use Cranberry Highlands as a marketing tool.

"And every year, more and more people reserve our clubhouse for business or personal or social events. So it's become a valuable asset to the community and to the area. We want people to take advantage of the fact that there's a great golf course here in town. And if buyers want to buy or build a home near it, hey, that's okay; that's more golfers for us." ~

Exclusive Clubs At Cranberry Highlands

The pro shop at Cranberry Highlands keeps only a small assortment of wedges and putters on hand for sale. But starting this year, golfers who are interested in purchasing individual clubs or entire sets from the prestigious Callaway, Taylor Made, or Titleist lines, as well as clubs from Hogan, Ping, and Odyssey, may do so through the pro shop. Special order arrangements with the club manufacturers were negotiated this past winter, according to golf operations director Jon Shuster.

"A teaching pro will help you determine what club you need. We can special order it and get the club here quickly without having to keep a large inventory on hand," he said. Eight full sets of clubs are also available for rent from the pro shop at \$15 for nine holes, \$25 for 18. ~



***Call today to reserve
the Cranberry Highlands
clubhouse for your
upcoming business,
personal or social events,
724-776-7372***

Accommodating Cranberry's Growing Student Body

By Jeffrey A. Fuller, Seneca Valley School District Assistant Superintendent, K-6 Instruction

As you may have read, the Seneca Valley School District is planning to deal with the steady growth in enrollment at Rowan Elementary School by shifting attendance for the 2006-07 school year.

Our plan addresses the growing number of students at Rowan by proposing to relocate those who live in a handful of neighborhoods on the west side of Route 19 from Rowan to Haine Elementary, which is also west of Route 19.

Our recommendation is to move students who live in Laurelwood, Highland Village, Havenwood, Hunter's Creek, The Crossings and Avery's Field from Rowan to Haine Elementary School. This will enable the district to provide smaller class sizes and more equitable educational opportunities for students at both Schools.

Here are a few of the key points we considered:

- The projected incoming Rowan kindergarten class is 33 students larger than the current kindergarten class, and 23 students larger than the outgoing fourth graders.
- The projected incoming fourth grade class is 23 students larger than the outgoing fourth grade class.
- Classroom space is available at Rowan for one additional kindergarten class session, but not for additional classes in grades 1-4, even with the use of teachers traveling from other buildings.
- Cafeteria and special activities such as music, art and physical education are full and unable to accommodate additional classes in grades 1-4.
- An additional kindergarten class session is needed to lower class size average.
- Additional fourth grade class sessions are needed to lower class size average; without the addition of these sessions, the average fourth grade class will house 28.6 students and be significantly out of line with the district average range.
- Occupational Therapy and Autistic Support staff are currently serving their special education children in the hallway.
- Six regular education and one special education classes are being held in modular classrooms located outside of the main building.
- The Large Group Instruction (LGI) area is divided into two special education classrooms.

The decision to propose this redistricting was made with a great deal of thought at the administrative level. We do not take lightly the need to make environmental changes at any age, and we understand the emotional impact that a change of this nature will have on children. However, the rapid growth in southwest Butler County puts us in a position where changes must be made in order to continue providing the best possible education for all students.

In addition to these immediate changes, we are working on a blueprint for the construction of a new school on our Ehrman Road property. The plan for this property, which straddles the Jackson-Cranberry line, is still in its infancy stages but it will house students in a K-6 setting much like the Haine and Evans City Schools.

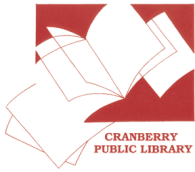
With the approval of our Board of School Directors, the administration will begin by hiring an architect this summer to review the location and create a site plan. This process, from design to building dedication, will take at least three years to complete. Until then, the district feels confident that the redistricting efforts made for '06-'07 will be the last until the new building is up and running.

More information on the proposed redistricting plan as well as enrollment figures and projections are available on our web site: www.svsd.net.

We appreciate your patience and support as we strive to provide the best educational opportunities for your children.

Jeffrey Fuller, Seneca Valley Assistant Superintendent for K-6 Instruction, talks with students in a computer lab at Rowan Elementary School. Rowan is currently home to 895 students in grades K-4 with an average class size of 21.5 students. The redistricting plan will maintain that class size average for the 2006-07 school year.





One Kid, One Book

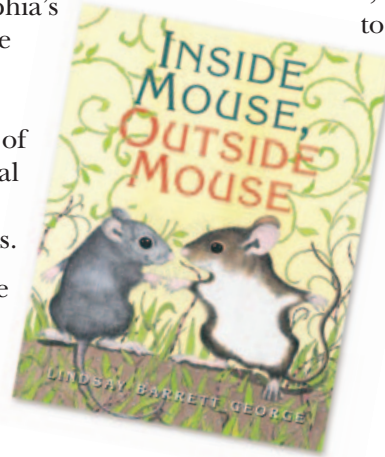
Pennsylvania's libraries are struggling against a tidal shift in reading habits. A 2004 survey on book reading in the United States by the National Endowment for the Arts shows a steep drop in reading literature among all age groups and that the rate of decline has accelerated, especially among younger people. Over the past 20 years, the proportion of Americans aged 18 to 34 who read literature has fallen by 28 percent. Fewer than half the adult American population now reads literature, according to the study. While those with a college degree are more likely to read literature than the rest of the public, a decline in reading among university

graduates during the past two decades follows the national pattern.

In response, Commonwealth Libraries is kicking off a "One Book, Every Young Child" initiative at Pennsylvania Library Association's Early Learning Forum on April 6 in collaboration with the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, Philadelphia's Please Touch Museum, the State Museum of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Public Television Network, and the Departments of Education and Welfare. The goal is to emphasize the importance of developing early literacy skills.

The initial book selected for the project is *Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse* by Pennsylvania author Lindsay Barrett George.

Ms. George will be traveling throughout the state to talk about her book. The state is providing every public library in Pennsylvania with copies of the book. Although Ms. George's itinerary does not currently include a stop in Cranberry, the Cranberry Library will be adding twelve copies of *Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse* to its children's collection. ~



CSI – Cranberry

High-tech crime fighting makes for exciting TV, but most local cases are still solved the old-fashioned way

For the past three years, the crime series CSI has been television's top-rated dramatic program. In it, the characters use cutting-edge forensic tools to examine evidence and solve difficult cases. Their arsenals include such exotic instruments as genetic analyzers, ground penetrating radar, proton magnetometers, spectral comparators, and much, much more.

Although CSI's story lines offer viewers a sense of realism that many find engaging, that realism is largely fiction, according to Cranberry Township Public Safety Director Steve Mannell. "The problem is that it creates false expectations. Everybody thinks we can do that stuff, that we have this big capability, but we don't. Nobody does. We do collect DNA, but it usually takes a while to get it back from the lab."

Even those government labs that do have the capability to use high-tech equipment and analyze the results are typically understaffed and under-funded, with backlogs of months before processing the lower-priority evidence that police departments collect, he noted.

The expectation that local police have abundant technical resources is not limited to just the more exotic investigative tools; it also applies to conventional ones. "People are always telling us what we should be doing with fingerprinting," Mannell said. "Typically, we use the state police to help us match fingerprints. But I don't remember a case being solved here in ten years with fingerprints alone, although we have had cases where prints have helped to get a conviction. And we have used plaster casts of shoe impressions to help convict burglars."

Nor is the belief that police routinely use leading-edge forensic tools limited to armchair detectives; it also impacts the judicial system. "Juries expect what they see on TV," Mannell noted, "but they're not going to get it; it's just too expensive. Plus, if you've got a slam dunk case and don't really need the evidence, you shouldn't submit it for processing."

Even though the vast majority of local crimes are solved through more conventional detection methods including tips, confessions, documents, and eyewitness accounts, Cranberry has also been quietly cultivating a new forensic capability – one that has gained increasing importance in recent years: computer crime investigation, where it is particularly useful in cases involving child abuse and Internet-based scams. ~



We're All On The Same Wavelength Now

Communication among Cranberry Township's various operating departments and safety services has never been better since its new UHF (Ultra High Frequency) radio system went live in January.

According to Steve Mannell, director of Public Safety, frequent disruptions in the Township's former VHF (Very High Frequency) system made communications between its emergency and public works personnel unreliable.

"In the past, we had storm events where we couldn't communicate at all because of atmospheric conditions, but with UHF radio we shouldn't have that problem," said Mannell, noting that Township public works and police, as well as the fire company and ambulance corps can now switch to common frequencies and talk with each other. "It also allows us to communicate with Allegheny County departments that are on UHF. There were times when we couldn't communicate even if we were looking at each other."

Recalling the communication difficulties that happened when the World Trade Center was attacked, Mannell is convinced that in the event of a local emergency, Cranberry's first line of response will be secure and reliable. "Everyone can talk to everyone else across all channels throughout Butler County

and into Allegheny," said Mannell.

"If we're handling a localized emergency, like a major car accident, then all Cranberry Township agencies can switch to other localized frequencies, and everyone handling the problem can communicate without interference from people who aren't involved."

It was a spate of destructive storms in 2004 that really spurred Township officials to get on the same wavelength, Mannell said.

He recalled one situation in particular where wind shear destroyed a construction trailer, knocked out power, and rendered the VHF system useless. "We had incredible communication problems that night. Personnel on the scene could not communicate to emergency management and we lost power to our cell phones. It got to the point where we were using runners to relay information. That was when the Township made the commitment to fix the radio system."

Last June, the Public Safety Department received authorization for \$82,000 to purchase new radio technology for police and public works, and Township officials were pleasantly surprised to find that the



actual cost of the new system was just \$52,000. He's especially pleased that its signals can now penetrate buildings, which had been a problem with the VHF system.

"We still need to add some pieces and parts, but we're still under budget and on schedule," Mannell said. "Everyone wants to compare whatever's new with perfection. This may not be perfect, but it is infinitely better than what we had, and everyone's thrilled with the new system."

In February, the Board of Supervisors donated 27 of the Township's old, but still usable, VHF handheld radios to the Butler County Prison and nine vehicle-mounted units to the Butler County Emergency Services for use by the Butler County Constable's Association.

Local volunteer fire companies – especially those in Beaver County which still use VHF – have been able to purchase Cranberry's old units at fire sale prices. "They still have value," noted Mannell. "I sold two radios today, and I feel like a rug merchant. But the taxpayers continue to benefit from the Township's efforts." ~

Spring Is In The Air. Lock Your Car.

Spring means different things to different people. To Cranberry Township's Public Safety Director, Steve Mannell, it means making sure to lock your car.

"Thefts from cars are a seasonal phenomenon around here," Mannell said. "People go into driveways and enter unlocked cars. They remove

unsecured items: money, credit cards, wallets, cell phones, computers, CDs. Every spring we have 30 or 40 incidents. And we're not just talking about things that go on at the mall; we're talking about something that usually happens at people's homes around three or four o'clock in the morning. It happens every year. It's like *deja vu* all over again."

Unlocked cars and open garages are particularly attractive targets for thieves because little or no noise is made while the theft is in progress. Locking both is an easy and efficient way to reduce the risk of being victimized. So is removing valuables before locking the car. ~



Teams Organize For Epic Fund-Raiser In North Boundary Park

Last summer, over a nonstop 24-hour period, 35 teams of runners and walkers took turns circling the 1.1 mile pathway at Cranberry's North Boundary Park. Throughout the night, family members camped on the surrounding park grounds where they were sustained by music, food, and the camaraderie of others taking part in the American Cancer Society benefit event which succeeded in raising more than \$100,000.

This year, the Society will repeat the Relay for Life starting at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 22 and continuing until 10:00 the following morning.

Teams ranging in size from 8 to 15 members



apiece organize through the spring and early summer to take part in the non-competitive, family-oriented event. Money is raised through funds collected by team members prior to the Relay. That money supports cancer research, education and patient services.

One team of teachers will be hosting a \$7 spaghetti dinner at Haine Middle School on April 12. Anyone interested in attending or participating in other ways should contact Tonya Newberry of the American Cancer Society at 412-919-1072 or tonya.newberry@cancer.org. Team

registration is \$10 per person or \$150 for a team of 15. ~

Governor Proposes Big Boost In Aid To PA Libraries

Governor Rendell's budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2006-07 includes \$75.5 million for public libraries. If approved by the state General Assembly, it would represent a 23 percent boost and largely offset the drastic cuts in library funding enacted in 2003.

The Cranberry Public Library staff and board are delighted with this news, according to head librarian Carol Troese. At the same time, she cautioned, their enthusiasm is tempered with the knowledge that much work remains to be done before the proposal becomes law. If enacted, the funds would benefit the library starting next year. ~

For the most up-to-date information, visit us on-line at www.cranberrytownship.com



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