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Township kicks off long-range plan update process

Two major public meetings held in March marked the official launch of an 18-month effort to revise Cranberry Township's Long-Range Community Development Plan – the document



which will shape the agenda of Township policy, legislation, and spending for years to come.

The two meetings, which offered a quick overview of the planning process, provided a forum for residents to share their thoughts about key areas of community development including land use, infrastructure, housing, transportation, recreation, economic development, municipal finance, administration, environmental protection, and intergovernmental relations. A number of invitational meetings with local civic, service, neighborhood, and business organizations have also been planned.

Early stages

In the early stages of the plan's public input phase, which began with a survey mailed to every Township household in late February, the objective is to identify Cranberry's perceived strengths and weaknesses, and to determine their relative importance. Those results will set the priorities for further analysis. That initial phase will conclude in May.

By June, a document outlining the vision and goals derived from public input will be circulated for review and comment. In a follow-on phase, a more detailed technical analysis will be undertaken and a document summarizing the community's key strengths and weaknesses will be issued. Those findings will be presented at a public meeting in November.

Previous plan

The last time Cranberry adopted a long-range plan was ten years ago. It outlined a series of priorities affecting the Township's future. Today, almost all the measures called for in that 1995 plan have become realities. They have helped to protect open space, increase opportunities for public recreation, facilitate traffic flow, improve aesthetics, expand the range of housing types, foster local employment opportunities, and hold down the cost of government services.

Since the Township's 1995 plan was adopted, the social and economic climate of Western Pennsylvania has undergone significant change. Cranberry's residential population has both grown and experienced significant turnover. Personal lifestyles have undergone considerable transformation. The technologies we now depend on have changed dramatically. And our national priorities have shifted in unexpected directions as well.

New challenges

"We expect that this coming decade will be just as important in shaping our community's future," Cranberry Board of Supervisors Chairman John Skorupan observed, "but the challenges will be different – and so will our goals."

Skorupan noted that the purpose of long-range planning is to assess our opportunities and risks, and to focus the Township government's resources on reaching shared goals. "That can't be done in a vacuum," he said. "It is something that requires active participation from as many of our residents as possible."

In addition to the initial public meetings, a series of reports, workshops, focus groups and Web surveys will be used in developing the plan. More information about the process and the issues is available on the Township's Web site, www.cranberrytownship.org.



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Yard Waste pickup begins in earnest

Weekly collection of yard waste, which is provided at no additional charge to Collection Connection customers, resumes April 1 and continues through the end of November. The curbside service, which takes leaves, grass clippings, shrub trimmings, tree prunings and houseplants, as well as garden and flower bed cleanup material, is available to customers using Township-provided green-top yard waste carts as well as 30-gallon kraft paper bags. There is no limit on the number of bags that can be set out for pickup. However there are some other restrictions:

- No dirt or rocks
- No plastic bags in or outside of carts
- No cart overflow; lids must be closed
- No tree branches over 4-feet long or 4-inches in diameter
- No bags over 25 lbs.

CranberryToday goes full color

Notice anything different? This issue of *CranberryToday* is the first to be produced in full color, the result of a new



contract between the Township and Knepper Press of Oakmont. Back in February, the

Township advertised two alternative specifications for printing Cranberry's official quarterly newsletter. One option was to remain a three-color publication; the other was to move to a four-color process.

Fortunately, color technology has come a long way in the printing trades. As a result, the price for the two alternatives was essentially identical. So the choice was easy.

We hope you enjoy the brighter, livelier appearance of your community's newsletter.

Recycling rates skyrocket; state DEP awards Township \$500k

Recycling by Cranberry residents has gone through the roof. Figures for the first full quarter of the Township's Collection Connection program, which began November 1, show that 98 percent of the households now participate – up from just 57 percent last year. Before the program began, approximately 9 percent of the material put out at the curb was recovered for recycling; during the program's first three months, it reached 31 percent. Even more significant, the absolute volume of waste disposed of in landfill fell by 23 percent; cutting back the amount of waste disposed of at state-regulated landfill sites has been a key objective of the program.

Even before those results were available, the Township was notified that it had been awarded a \$500,000 grant from the state for innovative recycling efforts – the largest of the 162 awards made under the statewide Department of Environmental Protection recycling program. DEP Secretary Kathleen McGinty announced the recipients on February 18. The DEP grant, which Cranberry applied for at the time it organized its new residential solid waste collection service, was awarded in support of the Township's curbside recycling and recycling education initiatives.

"We are tremendously pleased by the state's action," John Skorupan, Chairman of Cranberry's Board of Supervisors said. "This will not only help our program advance more quickly, the grant award also validates the concept behind it – that the more you recycle, the less you should pay for trash collection."

Under the state's recycling program, Commonwealth grants reimburse local governments for some of the costs associated with municipal recycling and composting activities. Pennsylvania's recycling program,

which was created under Act 101 of 1988, mandates recycling in the state's larger municipalities and requires counties to develop municipal waste management plans. Cranberry Township is one of four mandated communities in Butler County. Grants are financed by the state Recycling Fund, which is supported by a \$2 per ton fee on all material disposed of in Pennsylvania landfills.

Starting this month, Cranberry's Collection Connection program will expand the volume of material removed from the waste stream even more. That's when weekly yard waste collection resumes, taking garden waste, tree trimmings, leaves, and grass to a newly constructed facility where it will be composted for resale to gardening organizations throughout the region.

In addition to DEP's \$500,000 grant, which had not been anticipated in the Township's budgeting for its waste collection program, Cranberry received a Butler County startup grant of \$250,000 and an annual performance grant, based on recycling volume, of \$125,000 from the state.



Cranberry shares planning do's and don'ts with neighbors

Rapid growth can be a blessing. But not always. It depends on the community's planning, or sometimes its lack of planning, officials from two nearby townships learned on a recent visit to Cranberry.

On February 18, a group of officials from Clinton and Buffalo townships took a fact-finding trip to have a first-hand look at Cranberry's evolution. The two communities, which are situated several miles east of Cranberry along Butler County's southern tier, are currently working on their own joint comprehensive plan.

Cranberry Township officials, including members of the Board of Supervisors, met with the visitors who were shown a presentation about Cranberry's growth. Then they were taken on a community tour to see various residential, retail, and business developments, including Cranberry Highlands Golf Course, retail malls, and Cranberry Woods business park.

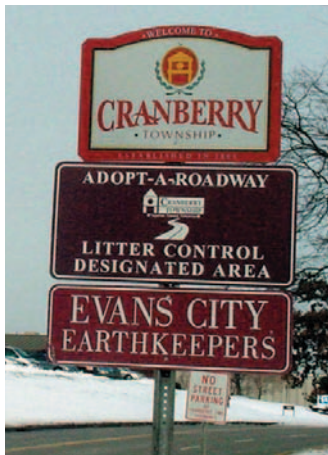
It hasn't always been easy to keep up with rapid growth the visitors learned. What allowed it to happen was strong leadership, according to Michelle Mixell, Director of Cranberry's Department of Community Development.

But the Township learned a lot along the way. "Our elected officials have been very receptive and open to sharing our failures and successes. And they are open to learning from other municipalities," Cranberry Township Manager Jerry Andree pointed out, noting that Cranberry officials made visits of their own, including a bus trip to Gaithersburg, Maryland, to learn how other communities plan for growth.

Kenneth Tasker, a member of Clinton Township's planning commission, acknowledged that his municipality is not currently facing the type of growth that Cranberry has experienced. But he felt they could learn from the ways Cranberry planned and handled its growth. What impressed him most, he said, was the use of impact fees and the planned green space in developments.

Jim Halstead, a Clinton Township supervisor agreed. "It showed us what we can require from developers," he said, noting the positive impact of the tree and grass islands along Route 228.

Buffalo Township planner Mary Ann Townsend said that she and her colleagues took home a new list of ways to handle development issues. "People say they don't want to be like Cranberry," she said. "But we should be *more* like Cranberry. We should tell developers how *we* want things done."



Welcome. Visitors to Cranberry are being greeted by signs carrying the new logo at every approach road to the Township.

Cranberry Chamber of Commerce Events

Days of Caring

The Cranberry Area Chamber of Commerce annual Chamber Days of Caring are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. This



year's event takes place at Family Resources on Freeport Road, whose goal is to prevent child abuse by strengthening families and neighborhoods through interaction in a nurturing atmosphere.

Volunteers will work on projects including construction of wood benches, painting, running drainage pipe, and structural support for the gazebo. Volunteers include not only Chamber members, but individuals from the community including scout troops, Rotary members, and church groups. For more information, please call the Cranberry Chamber office at 724-776-4949.

Golf Outing

June 8 has been set for this year's Chamber Annual Golf Outing at Cranberry Highlands Golf Course. The day will include lunch and golf, followed by dinner and door prizes. Both individuals and foursomes are welcome. For more information, call the Chamber office at 724-776-4949.

5K Run/Walk

Start training for the 16th Annual Thorn Hill 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, July 24. The race is run through Thorn Hill Industrial Park and begins at 8 a.m. Registration is at 7 a.m. Both runners and walkers are invited to participate. Proceeds benefit the Cranberry Chamber Scholarship Fund. Call 724-776-4949 for more information.

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Preserving the paper trail

The key to immortality for millions of books, comics, newspaper clippings, and priceless documents lies tucked away in the corner of an unobtrusive building in Thomson Business Park, just half a block from Cranberry's Municipal Center.

Preservation Technologies, L.P. is not a well-known company. But its legacy of preserving the works of famous writers and composers, as well as historically important government and family records, is giving new life to documents which have been crumbling away as a result of age and the high-acid papers on which they were printed.

"Most people have certain documents and books they want to keep forever," said Jim Burd, president of the company entrusted to treat millions of books for libraries, organizations and individuals. Using a patented process to safely neutralize the acid in wood pulp paper, Preservation Technologies is ensuring that future generations will be able to hold history in their hands – for up to 800 years.

In addition to its Cranberry headquarters and plant operations, Preservation Technologies – the world's largest document preservation firm – also has plants in Canada and The Netherlands, with plans to expand into Spain and Japan as well.

The company's own history began when CEO Richard E. Spatz retired from supervising lumber preservation at Koppers in 1986 and realized that he could apply the same process to paper.

Together with partner Randy Russell,

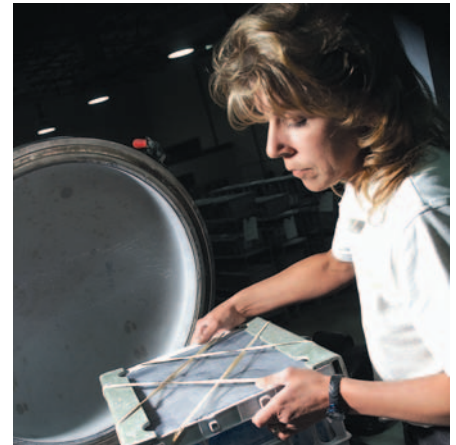
Spatz started Preservation Technologies in a plant on Route 8, after the pair secured a contract to de-acidify books for the Library of Congress in 1993. "It was a small building and we built the first machine for the Library," he recalled. "But the machine filled the whole building, so we had to move."

In 1995, after scouting out other likely locations, Spatz and Russell eventually chose to base their growing company in Cranberry Township.

Spatz found that the Township's proximity to the Turnpike was a real advantage for shipping books back and forth to Washington, DC. "The building was previously occupied by a check printing company, and that was desirable because it had high ceilings in the plant area. I also heard about Cranberry's growth and was impressed by that," he said.

Preservation Technologies' 45 employees work in shifts around the clock, bathing books in a substance that has the same ingredients as an over-the-counter antacid. "We agitate them a bit, then dry them and clean the covers, pack them up and send them back," explained Burd.

The company's trademarked process of de-acidifying paper is called Bookkeeper, and the chemicals it uses to remove the acid are safe for colors. That's why the Library of Congress recently commissioned the company to preserve its comic book collection, culminating in a \$17 million long-term contract to treat 1 million books and another 5 million loose documents.



Eternal life. Preservation Technologies employee Darcy Green carefully places a crate of priceless documents into a re-acidification cylinder at the firm's Cranberry headquarters plant. Following the company's carefully guarded 2-hour treatment process, the life expectancy of paper documents is estimated to be extended by 300 years.

According to Burd, the plan is to treat 300,000 books a year for our national library.

Other libraries, including Michigan State University and University of Pittsburgh, are also taking advantage of the opportunity to save their aging and brittle collections. Even Cranberry's own public library has gotten into the act.

"Most of our work is aimed at preserving research collections used for graduate school programs or public policy," noted Spatz. "But public libraries also contain local history information that's important. We're quite pleased to have Cranberry's library as a customer, and we're very happy out here."

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

Water system flushing schedule, 2005

Cranberry Township began its annual fire hydrant and distribution system Flushing Program on March 28. The program is a regular Township maintenance operation 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 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. A week-by-week schedule is included here; for detailed information on the date for your own street, call Cranberry 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.

Week of March 28

Pennwood Place, McKinney Warehouse, Keystone Drive, Commonwealth Drive, Residence Inn, Freedom Road from Commonwealth to Route 19, Old Mars Road between Route 19 and McElroy Drive, Cranberry Woods - MSA Complex, Cranberry Woods, Knockout Development, Cranberry Mall, Dutilh Road between Freeport Road and Home Depot, UPMC Medical Center, Fairfield Inn, Norberry Court, Dutilh Road south of Route 228, 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.

Week of April 4

McElroy Road, Fox Run, Buckingham Trail, Franklin Road, Franklin Ridge, Shadow Creek, Bristol Creek, St. Leonards Woods, Timberline, Peace Street, Peters Road between Franklin Road and Old Farm Road, Old Towne Apartments, Scenic Ridge, Peters Road between Franklin Road and Burke Road, Forest Knoll, Crystal Springs, Lakeview Estates, Walden Pond, Windwood Heights, Rowan Road between Marshall Road and Old Farm Road, La Grande Drive, Rowan School, Leonberg Road, Marshall Road, Geohring Road, Preserve East and West.

Week of April 11

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, Wisconsin Avenue, Route 19 from Rochester Road north to Kenny Ross, Wiegand Drive, Goehring Road from Route 19 to Marshall Road, Butler Auto Auction, Ogle View Road, TRACO, Progress Avenue, Park Road, Ernie Mashuda Drive, North Boundary Road, Marshall Woods, Cranberry Water Park, Plains Church Road, Shadow Creek.

Week of April 18

Pinehurst, Ehrman Road, Foxmore, Grace Estates, Garvin Road, 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.

Week of April 25

Glen Eden Phase 2, The Maples, Glenbrook, Glen Eden Townhouses, Manor Creek, Cedarbrook, Freshcorn

Road, Glen Eden Road west of Powell Road, Briar Creek, Cranberry Heights, Kingsbrook.

Week of May 2

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.

Week of May 9

Freedom Road from Commonwealth Drive to Thorn Hill Road, WESCO, Rolling Road Regency Apartments, Freedom Road from Thorn Hill Road 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.

Week of May 16

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.

Week of May 23

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

Week of May 31

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

Let my people flow! Partnership with Township to alleviate drainage woes in Fernway

Ponds of stagnant water could become a thing of the past in Cranberry Township's Fernway plan. But only if homeowners there replace malfunctioning and nonfunctioning drain pipes that cross their driveways.

To help, the Township's offer of free pipe and grading, initially made last year, is still available, according to environmental projects manager Lorin Meeder. About half of Fernway's 452 households have already taken advantage of the offer, Meeder said.

Originally constructed in the 1950s and '60s, many of the driveway pipes and culverts in the Fernway housing plan have become clogged or broken over the years. Repeated freeze-thaw cycles have moved many pipes to where they no longer effectively conduct water. As a result, during recent wet seasons, much of Fernway has been affected by poor drainage and ponding of stagnant water.

Engineering studies by the Township concluded that reconnecting and restoring the original system was the most effective approach to solving the problem and that replacing drainage pipes and regrading drainage ditches would alleviate much of the problem.

Following discussions with neighborhood residents who asked the Township for help, Cranberry agreed to expedite the process by providing residents with free drainage pipes for a limited period of time. In addition, they would grade the drainage ditches and mark elevations for pipe replacement. Residents, however, would be responsible for removing their old pipes and replacing them with the new ones. Information packets sent to Fernway residents last fall explained the rehabilitation program, as well as the limited-time offer of Township assistance.

In addition to refurbishing Fernway's storm water drainage system, the Township is continuing to work on rehabilitating the neighborhood's sanitary sewer lines. Phase II of the project, which includes the repair, relining, and replacement of lateral service lines, was completed last year. This past fall, as part of the project, Sherwood, Bryan, Queenswood, Sandalwood and Devonshire drives were repaved. Dover Court, Lincolnshire Drive, and Edinboro Court are scheduled for repaving following Phase III of the sewer rehabilitation project this fall. The final phase, along Robinhood Drive, will be completed next year.



A program to replace damaged driveway pipes in Fernway is helping to restore the neighborhood's original storm water drainage system.

Township engineers are coordinating the roadwork in Fernway with both the stormwater and sanitary sewer refurbishing projects so that neighborhood roads will remain open to traffic as much as possible. As a result, newly paved roads will not have to be disturbed by future sewer and water projects for years to come.

Zoning changes allow projects to advance

Three significant zoning changes, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on February 3, will enable several important projects to move forward in the Township.

An Overlay District that sets out requirements and prohibitions for a residential area west of the Turnpike and north of Rochester Road will allow Park Place, a proposed new Traditional Neighborhood Development in an undeveloped area adjacent to the site of Graham Park, to advance.

A Mixed Use District that defines standards which apply to an area along the west side of Route 19 north of Unionville Road will allow the concept of a Main Street style Town Center which includes civic, commercial, and residential units, to advance on land which is currently in agricultural use.

Progress Park, an area currently used for light industry, has been designated as a Transitional Light Industry district. That designation enables companies currently situated in that location,

which is adjacent to Cranberry's Route 19 Community Park, to expand on site as their business needs dictate.

The intensive retail district north of Freedom Road and west of Route 19 where Wal-Mart, Barnes & Nobel, and other stores now operate has been designated as a Regional Commercial zone. That designation brings the zoning into conformity with its current use; the change would also slightly expand the footprint of that retail area.

Cranberry Highlands to host Senior Olympic Golf Tournament

On June 13, approximately 150 senior golfers from all over the country will descend on Cranberry Township for practice rounds before competing in the



Summer National Senior Games at the Cranberry Highlands Golf Course starting the following day. Altogether, more than 10,000 athletes ages fifty and older are

scheduled to take part in the 18-sport biennial competition which Pittsburgh is hosting this year in various Oakland and North Hills venues. They include more than 450 golfers, each having finished either first or second in their home-state elimination rounds last year.

Athletes compete in age groups clustered into five year increments for both men and women. Also known as the Senior Olympics, the Senior Games held their inaugural competition in 1987 and have taken place alternate years ever since. Sports represented in

the games include archery, swimming, cycling, and tennis, as well as golf.

Cranberry Highlands, which opened in August 2002, was chosen along with the North Park and Deer Run courses, to host the golfers during the three-day competition. "Cranberry Highlands was selected because I feel it is one of the premier public courses in the Pittsburgh area," explained Kent Biggerstaff, Director of Competition and Venues for the 2005 Senior Olympic Games. The senior golfers will compete from morning until early afternoon. Then the golf course will re-open for public use each afternoon until dusk.

The tournament will be a 54-hole medal competition with 18 holes per day played from rotating tee positions. Awards will be presented for first through eighth place within each age division. Although men and women will play in separate competitions, all rules of play will be the same, according to Mr. Biggerstaff.

Three consecutive age groups of men 55 through 69 years old will be playing at Cranberry Highlands, while the other male and female groups are divided among the North Park and Deer Run courses. Because all three courses will generate revenue according to the number of golfers they host, it was important to distribute the players on each course as evenly as possible, according to Biggerstaff. "I wanted to be fair to all three courses," he explained.

Cranberry Highlands, on Freshcorn Road, is owned and operated by Cranberry Township. The course is open year-round, and operates from 7 a.m. until dusk during golf season. Spectator admission to the Senior Games golf tournament is free of charge. Television coverage will also be provided by WPXI-TV.

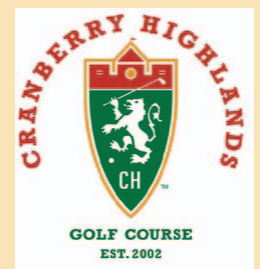
For a complete listing of all Senior Olympic events and times, go to www.2005seniorgames.org.

Have a ball. Or a banquet. Or both . . .



Cranberry Highlands' scenic par-70 Golf Course may be the ideal site for your next golf outing. But the Clubhouse of Cranberry Highlands may be the perfect spot for your next event – be it a graduation, anniversary, reunion, birthday, bridal shower, wedding reception, office party or business meeting – any time of the year, whether you're a golfer or not.

Our banquet room offers flexible seating for groups of 24 to 175 with a commanding view of the golf course. We also offer a wide selection of affordable food packages ranging from casual dining to elegant cuisine. Let our staff take care of you so you can take care of your guests. Call us at 724-776-7372 with your ideas or visit our Web site, www.cranberryhighlands.com and fill out our online event planner. You'll have a ball.



New connector road opens 2005 construction season

Wisconsin and Smith drives, together at last

Construction of a connector road joining Wisconsin to Smith Drive has begun. The approximately 700-foot connector will link the two parallel roads that currently travel east from Route 19 and dead-end behind the new Village Shoppes of Cranberry. Work is expected to be completed by late summer.

The new road, actually an extension of Wisconsin Drive, will allow traffic from both streets to access the rapidly developing business area they serve using the traffic signal at Route 19 and Rochester Road. Once the project is completed, Smith Road will become a right-in/right-out only at its intersection with Route 19, a significant safety improvement, according to Assistant Township Manager Dan Santoro.

The road's construction is a shared project between the Township and the developer. Under that partnership, the actual paving of the connector roadway will be completed by the developer, Public Works Director Duane McKee said. Cranberry's portion of the project, approximately \$150,000, will be paid out of transportation impact fees.

Intersection improvements planned for Rochester Road at Route 19

Plans are underway to begin a \$2.6 million improvement at the intersection of Rochester Road and Route 19 by next year. A joint project of the Township and PennDOT, improvements will include the addition of turning lanes on both roads to improve traffic flow.

A second left turn lane will be added to Route 19 at its intersection with Rochester Road. The right turn lane on Route 19 heading south will be lengthened. There will be an additional lane

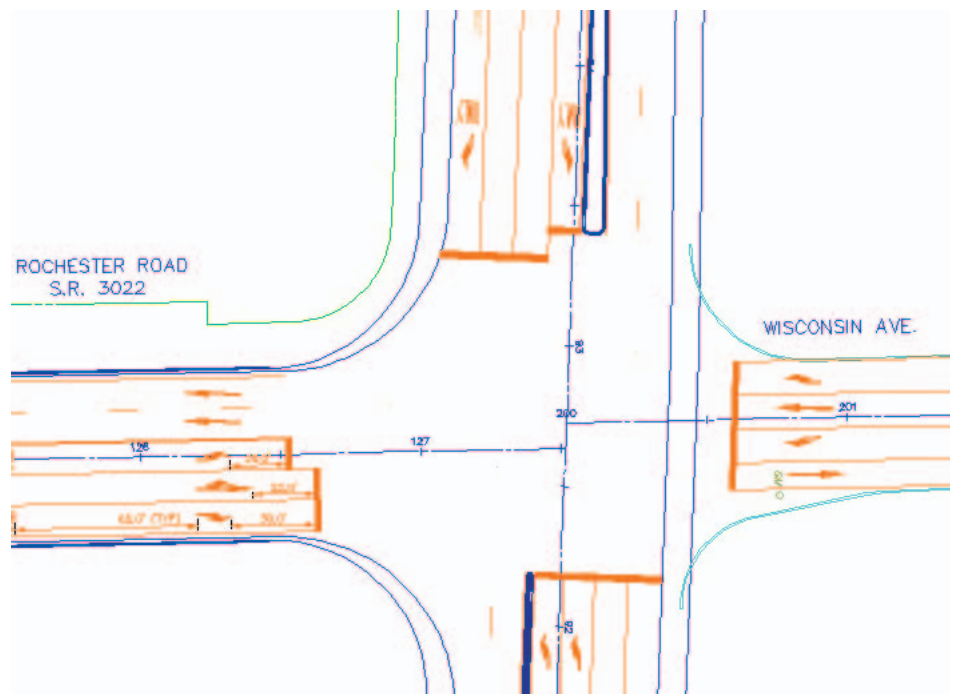


on Rochester Road, heading west-bound, extending to Commerce Park Drive to accommodate the dual turn lanes from Route 19. Heading east on Rochester Road, a new lane will be added so there will be a left turn only lane, a combined left and straight lane, as well as a right turn only lane onto Route 19.

Upon completion of the project, Unionville Road will become right-

in/right-out only at its intersection with Route 19.

PennDOT will contribute approximately \$800,000 to the project, according to Township Assistant Manager Dan Santoro. The Township will pay for the rest through transportation impact fees, as well as from contributions made by the two developers, Gigliotti Properties and Continental Real Estate Company.



Graham Park master plan approved

A more refined version of the master plan for Graham Park which was unveiled at a public meeting last August has been formally adopted by Cranberry Township's Board of Supervisors. The plan, which now visualizes four clusters of activity referred as 'campuses,' will become the basis for developing the park over a period of six to eight years.

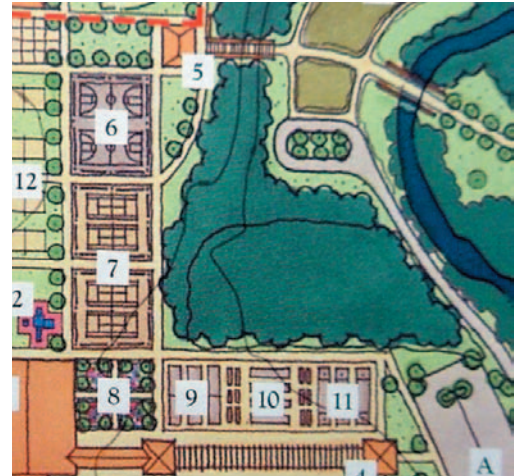
At its March 3 meeting, the Board also authorized \$83,000 for creating a schematic plan to guide the engineering studies required before the Township can apply to Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection for permits to do the actual construction. State permits are required because much of the parkland is in a flood plain. Wetland grading and watershed issues, including the construction of stream crossings, fall under the authority of the DEP. Engineering studies are expected to provide detailed information on soil composition, ground stability, utility line location,

and other factors affecting park development.

During the public meeting last summer, residents were outspoken about the need for what is now identified in the Master Plan as its 'Rec Campus' – an outdoor facility for users of all ages including court games, tennis, bocce, and shuffleboard as well as a multi-purpose building with opportunities for nature education. That campus is now an integral part of the plan.

Graham Park is one of three major elements visualized in the Brush Creek Smart Growth Initiative, a development area bounded by Rochester Road, Unionville Road, Powell Road, and Glen Eden Road. Progress on another component, a traditional neighborhood development known as Park Place, is expected to advance more quickly than the park itself.

Although the Township expects to eventually create a direct access route to Graham Park from Rochester Road, the



developers of Park Place have agreed to give Graham Park visitors a right of way through their neighborhood streets during the interim.

"We hope to be finished with the preliminary engineering and design phase so that construction permits can be sought in August," according to Township Parks and Recreation Director Mike Diehl. "That process will take six months to a year to complete, so breaking ground in 2006 is still a practical possibility."

Skateboard park plan soars on American Eagle's wings

Plans for a community skateboard park took a major step forward at the Board of Supervisors' March 3 meeting.



By unanimous vote, the Supervisors adopted a resolution authorizing the Township to pursue a potential partnership agreement with

a national non-profit organization, KaBOOM!, to assist in the funding, design, and construction of a skateboard park on a quarter-acre site behind the Township's Municipal Center originally built to hold impounded vehicles.

Just a few days later, the concept took an even bigger leap. That was when KaBOOM! announced that American Eagle Outfitters, headquartered in Thorn Hill Industrial Park, will be financing the Cranberry skatepark – the

tenth such park in the United States underwritten by the company's charitable foundation.

"We were excited when KaBOOM! told us we might be able to do one in our own backyard," Marcie Eberhart, American Eagle Outfitters Foundation Director said. "Their skateboard effort supports people that match our own customer demographic. The teen and college student population gets overlooked a lot as far as human services are concerned. So we're excited that we're serving teens and certainly we're excited to get our employees involved in volunteer activities in the community."

Major components of the new park facility, which had been on the drawing board for years, will be delivered as modules and assembled in a single day using labor donated by local residents and American Eagle employees, accord-

ing to Cranberry Parks and Recreation Director Mike Diehl. That is expected to take place June 18. Preparation of the site, include fencing, grading, and surface drainage improvements, would be provided by the Township. A public meeting of skateboarders and their families with Township planners will be held at the Municipal Center at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 7 to help design the new park.

Since its beginning ten years ago, KaBOOM!, has raised more than \$10 million for community playgrounds through a network of corporate, foundation, association and individual donors, including American Eagle Outfitters. Over time, the Township hopes to secure financial support for additional ramps, pipes, obstacles, and other performance accessories for the skatepark.

FRI	1	Yard waste pick up resumes through November 30	SUN	17	
SAT	2	Computer Program, E-Mail Basics, Library at 9 a.m. Registration required	MON	18	
SUN	3	Daylight Savings Begins	TUE	19	3-5 Yr Old Storytime, Library at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
MON	4	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers at 7 p.m. Book Discussion Group, Cranberry Library at 7 p.m.	WED	20	Book Discussion Group, "Footprints of the Gods," Library at 10 a.m. Health & Wellness Series, Cancer Control Month, Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. Community Day 2005 Committee meeting, Municipal Center at 7 p.m. Family Pajama Time, Library at 7 p.m.
TUE	5	3-5 Yr Old Storytime, Library at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.	THU	21	3-5 Yr Old Storytime, Library at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
WED	6	Special Board of Supervisors Meeting with Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Council Chambers at 7 p.m. Family Pajama Time, Cranberry Library at 7 p.m.	FRI	22	
THU	7	3-5 Yr Old Storytime, Library at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Community Skateboard Park Planning, Municipal Center at 5 p.m. for children; 6 p.m. for parents	SAT	23	Waterpark Swim Lessons, Waterpark members only on-line and in person only at Municipal Ctr., 8:30 a.m. - noon Computer Program, Intermediate Excel, Library at 9 a.m. Registration required
FRI	8		SUN	24	Waterpark Swim Lessons, Public Registration, on-line and in person only at Municipal Ctr., beginning 8:30 a.m.
SAT	9	Computer Program, Beginning Word, Library at 9 a.m. Registration required	MON	25	Planning Commission Meeting, Conference Room #203 at 5:30 p.m.
SUN	10		TUE	26	3-5 Yr Old Storytime, Library at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Library Program, "Toilet Training," presented by Bellevue Pediatrics at Library at 7 p.m.; call for registration
MON	11	Library Program, "Osteoporosis," presented by AGH at Library at 7 p.m.	WED	27	Library Program, Identifying Backyard Birds at Library at 7 p.m.; call for registration Family Pajama Time, Library at 7 p.m.
TUE	12	3-5 Yr Old Storytime, Library at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Library Program, "Boys will be Boys," presented by NH Youth Ministry at Library at 7 p.m.; call for registration	THU	28	3-5 Yr Old Storytime, Library at 1 a.m. and 1 p.m. Board of Supervisors Meeting, Council Chambers at 7 p.m.
WED	13	Family Pajama Time, Library at 7 p.m.	FRI	29	Blood Drive, Sponsored by Central Blood Bank, Cranberry Twp., Cranberry Ambulance, Cranberry Senior Center and CVFC at The Surgery Center at Cranberry on Brandt Road at 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
THU	14	3-5 Yr Old Storytime, Library at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.	SAT	30	Computer Program, Microsoft Access, Library at 9 a.m. Registration required Real Estate Tax Discount ends
FRI	15	Lunch at the Library, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.			
SAT	16	1st Day of Registration for Summer Parks & Recreation programs on-line and in person only beginning at Municipal Ctr. at 8:30 a.m. Computer Program, Beg. Excel, Library at 9 a.m. Registration required			

SUN	1		TUE	17	
MON	2	Book Discussion, Library at 7 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers at 7 p.m.	WED	18	Book Discussion, "East of Eden," Library at 10 a.m. Health & Wellness Series, Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. Community Day Committee Meeting, Municipal Center at 7 p.m.
TUE	3	3-5 Yr Old Storytime, Library at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Financial Planning for Education, Library at 7 p.m. Call to register	THU	19	2-Year Old Storytime, Library at 7 p.m. 2-Year Old Storytime, Library at 11 a.m.
WED	4	Family Pajama Time, Library at 7 p.m. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Council Chambers at 7 p.m.	FRI	20	Day of Caring, sponsored by Cranberry Chamber from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call 724-776-4949 for information
THU	5	3-5 Yr Old Storytime, Library at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Board of Supervisors Meeting, Council Chambers at 7 p.m.	SAT	21	Day of Caring, sponsored by Cranberry Chamber from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call 724-776-4949 for information
FRI	6		SUN	22	EMS Open House, Free blood pressure screening, displays, games, refreshments at EMS Station, noon until 4 p.m.
SAT	7	Computer Program, Security & your PC, Library at 9 a.m. Registration required Local Government Day, Municipal Center at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	MON	23	
SUN	8	Mothers Day Historical Society, Presentation at Council Chambers at 7 p.m.	TUE	24	Infant Family Time, Library at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Library Program, "Childhood Injuries: Prevention & Treatment" presented by Bellevue Pediatrics at Library at 7 p.m. Call to register
MON	9		WED	25	2-Year Old Storytime, Library at 7 p.m. Library Program, presented by AGH at Library at 7 p.m.
TUE	10		THU	26	Board of Supervisors Meeting, Council Chambers at 7 p.m.
WED	11	Family Pajama Time, Library at 7 p.m.	FRI	27	
THU	12	3-5 Yr Old Storytime, Library at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.	SAT	28	Waterpark opens (weather permitting) at 11:30 a.m.; members admitted at 11:15 a.m.
FRI	13		SUN	29	
SAT	14	Computer Program, Home Network & Wireless Connections, Library at 9 a.m. Registration required	MON	30	Memorial Day
SUN	15				Infant Family Time, Library at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
MON	16				

WED 1	Planning Commission, Conference Room #203 at 5:30 p.m. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Council Chambers at 7 p.m.	FRI 17	Farmers Market, Behind Municipal Center at 3 - 6 p.m.
THU 2	2-Yr-Old Storytime, Library at 11 a.m. Board of Supervisors Meeting, Council Chambers at 7 p.m.	SAT 18	Farmers Market, Behind Rt. 19 Firehall at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
FRI 3	Farmers Market open, Behind Municipal Center at 3 - 6 p.m.	SUN 19	Fathers Day
SAT 4	Farmers Market, Behind Rt. 19 Firehall at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	MON 20	
SUN 5	Camp Cranberry begins with Splash into Summer , Advance registration required; call 724-776-4806, ext. 1129 or visit online Planning Commission, Council Chambers at 7 p.m. Book Discussion, Library at 7 p.m.	TUE 21	
MON 6		WED 22	
TUE 7		THU 23	Summer Concert Series, No Bad JuJu, Rotary Amphitheater at 7 p.m.
WED 8	Chamber Golf Outing, call 724-776-4949 for information 2-Yr-Old Storytime, Library at 7 p.m.	FRI 24	Farmers Market, Behind Municipal Center at 3 - 6 p.m.
THU 9	2-Yr-Old Storytime, Library at 11 a.m.	SAT 25	Farmers Market, Behind Rt. 19 Firehall at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
FRI 10	Farmers Market, Behind Municipal Center at 3 - 6 p.m.	SUN 26	
SAT 11	Farmers Market, Behind Rt. 19 Firehall at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	MON 27	Planning Commission, Conference Room #203 at 5:30 p.m.
SUN 12	Library Summer Reading Program begins through July 22 Flag Day Senior Olympics at Cranberry Highlands – one of three host sites Summer Concert Series, New Morning, Rotary Amphitheater at 7 p.m.	TUE 28	Library Program, Bellevue Pediatrics at 7 p.m.
MON 13		WED 29	
TUE 14		THU 30	
WED 15	Senior Olympics at Cranberry Highlands – one of three host sites Book Discussion, "The Three Miss Margarets," Library at 10 a.m. Community Day Committee Meeting, Municipal Center at 7 p.m.		
THU 16	Senior Olympics at Cranberry Highlands – one of three host sites 2-Yr-Old Storytime, Library at 11 a.m. (No registration required)		

library



Library funding up, but still below 2002-2003 levels

In his budget address to the State General Assembly, Governor Ed Rendell proposed a 2.5 percent increase for state aid to public libraries and a 3.8 percent increase for State Library operations. Funding levels would remain unchanged for all other state-supported library services including statewide card, interlibrary loan deliver, POWER Library, Access PA database and Library Services for the Visually Impaired and Disabled.

The Governor's proposal was presented against a backdrop of lost federal funding, rising health care and insurance costs, and a projected state budget shortfall of \$400 - \$800 million next year, according to Carol Troese, Cranberry Library's head librarian. Although this is the second year in a row showing modest increases in the library budget, the 2005-2006 state aid is still 20 percent less than the amount provided in 2002-2003. "For the third straight year, the proposed budget does not allow sufficient funds to run the state public library formula and the strong incentives that lie at the heart of that formula," she said.

The average public library in Pennsylvania is able to spend, from all sources, approximately \$23 per person on library services. The most recent national average, Troese cites, is about \$28. The average spending for library services is \$34 in Maryland, \$37 in New Jersey, \$47 in New York, and \$52 per person in Ohio.

While many libraries in the state have reduced hours of operation and services over the past two years, the Cranberry Public Library has worked to maintain services to the Township. The library has established an annual fund-raising

The Surgery Center at Cranberry hosts community-wide blood drive

A blood drive is scheduled for Friday, April 29 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at The Surgery Center at Cranberry. The blood drive is being sponsored by Central Blood Bank, Cranberry Township, Cranberry Ambulance, Cranberry Senior Center, and the Cranberry Volunteer Fire Company.

To schedule an appointment, call 724-772-1766. Walk-ins are also welcome. Donors are asked to bring an ID to the blood drive.

The Central Blood Bank supplies blood products and transfusion services to over 40 hospitals. Every 24 hours, 725 donors are needed to meet the needs of our region's patients.

The Surgery Center at Cranberry is located at 105 Brandt Road (next to the old Auction Barn).

Spring 2005 computer classes

The Cranberry Public Library offers free computer classes. Taught in the Computer Reference Room, classes are scheduled on Saturdays at 9 a.m. through May 14. Each class lasts approximately 1 1/2 to two hours. Registration is required. Depending upon registration, participants may be required to share computers.

Computer classes offered include: Beginner's Computer class; Beyond the Basics; Internet class; Intermediate Internet; E-mail How-To's; Travel and the Internet; Beginning Word; Excel (Beginning and Intermediate); Home Networking and Wireless Connections; and Security and Your PC. For more information, call the Cranberry Library at 724-776-9100 or visit the Web site at www.bcfls.org

Summer reading themes begin with letter "D"

The theme for the 2005 Summer Reading program is Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds. Registration and book selection begins on June 13. The program ends July 22. The Summer Reading program is open to students in kindergarten through sixth grade. There is also a Young Adult and Adult Summer Reading program offered during the same six week period.

Ink cartridge recycling supports library

Cranberry Public Library is participating in Cartridges for the Community, a community-based printer cartridge recycling program. A collection container inside the library is the central drop-off point for empty inkjet and laser printer cartridges. There is no special requirement for packaging empty cartridges. Just bring in any old cartridges you have – and help support your public library while also saving natural resources.

Attention Cranberry Township Business Owners: Here, when the taxman comes calling, it has a feminine ring

It may never win her a popularity contest, but keeping pace with Cranberry Township's business community is vital to Jeana Lichina's success as the Township's newly appointed collector of delinquent business privilege/mercantile taxes. For a number of years, the Township has charged a business privilege/mercantile tax of 1 mill, or \$1 for each \$1,000 of gross receipts. It applies to just about every retail and service business in the municipality, although manufacturing companies and nonprofit organizations are exempt. Berkheimer Tax Administrator of Bangor, Pennsylvania, has been the Township business tax collector since 1979. But in many cases, delinquent tax notices the company issued were not followed by legal action.

In response, the Township hired Lichina to follow up on businesses that fail to file their returns or to pay their taxes by the May 15 deadline. Already, she has significantly improved collection rates by keeping tabs on new businesses, new accounts, and changes in business ownership, often through field research. "Just driving around and walking in and out of office buildings helps me to keep track of who is coming in and going out," she said.

Here's how it works: Once the May 15 deadline passes, Berkheimer sends out a delinquent tax notice to those businesses who have failed to file returns or who have not paid their taxes. If the business fails to respond in a timely manner, the case is turned over to Lichina. Hefty fines are also available – \$100 to \$300 per offense for failure to file, plus a one percent per month



Jeana Lichina

penalty and six percent interest charge on back taxes owed – to encourage compliance. Those who make no attempt to pay their tax are turned over to a local magistrate to assess the fines.

Lichina's greatest challenge as the Township's delinquent tax collector is to pursue and follow up with hard-to-track offenders. "I've heard every story imaginable," she sighed, reflecting on her experience as a delinquent tax collector for other communities. Lichina, who was first appointed as a part-time Township employee in January 2004, previously worked in the tax office of the North Hills School District, where she also had the job of collecting delinquent taxes. "It's a dirty job," she said, echoing a familiar refrain. "But someone has to do it."

Real estate tax discount ends April 30

Bills for 2005 Butler County/Cranberry Township real estate taxes were mailed on March 1. They are payable at a two percent discount until April 30, according to tax collector P.J. Lynd. Taxes are paid at face value from May 1 until June 30.

The rate for Butler County increased by three mills this year. It is now 27.5 mills including three mills allocated for debt service. Cranberry Township did not increase its real estate tax rate for 2005.

Any 2004 Butler County/Cranberry Township/Seneca Valley real estate taxes that were not paid by December 31, 2004 must now be paid to the Butler County Tax Claim Bureau.

The Municipal Center office of tax collector P. J. Lynd is open Mondays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays through Thursdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Fridays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office will also be open the last Saturday of the discount period, April 30, 9 a.m. until noon.

Deliver or mail tax payments to: P. J. Lynd Tax Collector, 2525 Rochester Road, Suite 402, Cranberry Township 16066. If you change your mortgage company or are no longer using an escrow account to pay your property taxes, please contact the tax collector's office. You can reach the office by email at lyndpj@cranberrytownship.org, by phone at 724-776-1103, or by fax at 724-776-3011.



P. J. Lynd

For Registered Voters only: Primary elections slated for May 17

Primary elections for Cranberry Township and Butler County offices will be held on Tuesday, May 17. Polling booths will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Among the local offices up for election in 2005 are two of the five positions on Cranberry's Board of Supervisors, each for six-year terms; a District Magistrate, also for a six-year term; and a Township tax collector for a four-year term.

The offices of Township Auditor and Assessor also appear on the ballot, but neither is an active elective office in Cranberry, which contracts with a professional service firm to conduct audits and uses the County to prepare its appraisals. Various Butler County offices, including sheriff, coroner, controller, clerk of courts and jury commissioner, will also appear on this year's primary ballot.

Seneca Valley School District regions 1, 4, and 5 in Cranberry will each have a school board member appear on their ballot; board members serve four-year terms. Region 1 includes everyone east of I-79. Regions 4 and 5 are west of I-79 and south of Rochester Road. For exact district lines, see the map on the Cranberry Township Web site.

The last day to register to vote before the primary is Monday, April 18; the last day to apply for an absentee ballot is Tuesday, May 10. Absentee ballots must be received by the County's Board of Elections by Friday, May 13. Voter registration reopens the day after the primary, on Wednesday, May 18 for the November 8 general election. More information is available from the Board of Elections at 724-284-5309.

New residents should contact the County office or go to the Butler County Web site to get the required registration form. Voters who come to their polling place to vote for the first time will be asked to provide a form of identification. Those new to Pennsylvania should also be aware that primary balloting in the state is limited to those who are registered as electors for one specific party; crossover voting is not allowed in primaries and independents are only eligible to participate in the General Election, scheduled for November 8 this year.

Cranberry Township has six voting districts, each with its own designated polling location. Township residents living east of Interstate 79 and north of Rowan and Peters Roads, are in District East I and vote at the Cranberry Township Park Fire Station on Route 19, in front of Community Park. Voters of District East II, south of Rowan and Peters, vote at Hope Lutheran Church. Residents of Fernway, who fall into District 3, vote at the Haine Fire Station at 1629 Haine School Road.

All other Township residents living west of Interstate 79 fall into Districts West 1, 2, or 4 and vote at the Cranberry Township Municipal Center, 2525 Rochester Road.



What does the Census Bureau do the other nine years?

(Hint: your answer counts)

The U.S. Census Bureau, which is part of the federal Commerce Department, is best known for its comprehensive decennial count of people and housing. That information is used, among other things, for determining how many Congressional districts belong in each state.



But a lot can happen in a decade, and the need for up-to-date information about such sensitive demographics as aging, crime, education, employment, and more is essential for the administration of federal programs as well as for private business use.

To help narrow that 10-year information gap, the Bureau is now conducting monthly studies of key socio-economic indicators through its American Community Survey program. Each month, a sample of households in every jurisdiction, including Cranberry Township, is selected to receive the detailed questionnaire. Response to the survey is mandatory.

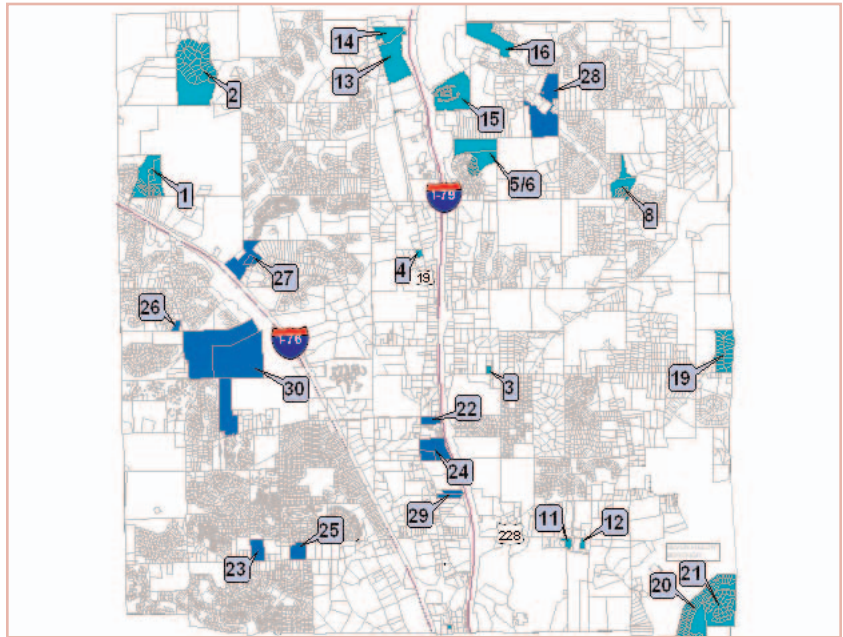
To make sure the selected households actually respond, the Bureau sends employees out to conduct in-person interviews when a response is not received in a timely manner. The Bureau is also looking for permanent part-time workers to conduct those interviews. Application forms can be requested by calling 1-800-262-4236, extension 1.

The American Community Survey is part of the Census Bureau's new approach to collecting information. It replaces the long form which a number of households received as part of the 10-year census in the past. It also yields nearly ten times more useful data than the previous method. Information compiled from the survey is available on the Bureau's Web site: www.census.gov.

2005 Could be Cranberry's Biggest Construction Year Yet

Development is surging in Cranberry Township. In fact, if all the projects either approved or in the pipeline for approval were to advance to construction this year, 2005 could be the Township's biggest year ever for new development.

The table here summarizes the major residential and commercial projects currently at one stage or another of development. Projects which have been approved for construction, and for which construction is actually underway, are shown on the map in blue. Projects presented for Planning Commission review and approval are shown in green. Check the Township's Web site for progress updates.



Map Description of Development Project Location

- 1 Briar Creek Phase II** 23 single family residential lots on approximately 32 acres located off Glen Eden Road in the PRD Zoning District
- 2 Madison Heights** 34 single family residential lots on 91 acres in the R-1 Zoning District on Freshcorn Road
- 3 Pro Source Digital Printing** A 8,016 square foot printing and publishing facility located on 1.42 acres in the SP-1 Zoning District at 8057 Rowan Road
- 4 Meineke Car Care** A 4,380 square foot automobile repair facility located at 20845 Route 19 on 1.49 acres in the SU-1 Zoning District
- 5 Marshall Woods Planned Residential Development Phase III** 21 single family residential lots on 11.74 acres in PRD Zoning District
- 6 Marshall Woods Phase IV** 15 single family residential lots on 11.74 acres in the PRD Zoning District
- 8 Washington Farms, Phase I** 12 single family residential lots on 13.92 acres in the PRD Zoning District on Franklin Road
- 9 Gillice Transmissions** A 4,050 square foot automobile repair facility located at 20005 Route 19 on 0.55 acres in the SU-1 Zoning District

Map Description of Development Project Location

- 11 Shoppes at Route 228** A 15,200 square foot Neighborhood Shopping Center located on 2.62 acres in the SU-1 zoning district at 1694 Rt. 228
- 12 Red Robin** A 7,032 square foot restaurant located at 1676 Route 228 on 1.77 acres in the SU-1 zoning district
- 13 Victory Christian Fellowship Park A** 312,500 square foot large land development to include a bank, church, truck repair, stores, and offices located at 21150 Route 19 on 64.04 acres in the PIC zoning district
- 14 Penn Detroit Diesel Allison** A 61,449 square foot vehicle repair center and a 3,000 square foot storage building located at 21260 Route 19 on 12.48 acres in the PIC zoning district
- 15 Foxmoor, Phase II** 160 dwelling units in seven apartment buildings
- 16 Ehrman Farms, Phase VIII** 23 single family residential lots on approximately 16 acres located on Ehrman Road in the PRD zoning district
- 18 Deer Run** 73 single family dwellings in 13 townhouses located off Haine School Road in the PRD Zoning District

Map Location Description of Development Project

- 19 Forest Knoll Estates** 21 single family residential lots along Peters Road on approximately 32 acres in the R-1 zoning district
- 20 Southridge Estates** 64 single family residential lots on approximately 52 acres located off Mount Pleasant Road in the R-2 and R-3 zoning districts
- 21 Southern Valley Commons** 169 single family residential lots on 25 acres
- 22 Rite Aid** A 14,564 square foot large retail and drive-thru establishment located on 20480 Route 19 on 2.52 acres in the SU-1 zoning district
- 23 Georgetown Square** Final development approval for a Planned Residential Development of 23 multiple-family dwellings for 77 units located along Freedom Road on 11.63 acres in the RMU zoning district
- 24 Streets of Cranberry** Six buildings for retail, restaurant, and business offices of approximately 147,900 square feet along Route 19 on 20.85 acres in the SU-1 zoning district; future expansion contemplates two additional buildings at the same location
- 25 Freedom Square Neighborhood Retail Center (Haine-Freedom Retail Center)** Proposed approval for a 96,221 square foot neighborhood shopping center and large retail on 15 acres at the corner of Haine School Road and Freedom Road in the SP-1 and C-1 zoning districts

Map Location Description of Proposed Development Project

- 26 Woodhaven (Formerly Havenwood 2)** Proposed subdivision of Parcel A in the Bartling Plan of Lots on Powell Road consisting of 4 lots on 2.8 acres located in the Havenwood Havenwood PRD Zoning District
- 27 Springfield Manor** Proposed Residential Development approval for 25 single family residential lots located along Unionville Road on 27 acres in the R-1 Zoning District
- 28 Mystic Ridge** Planned Development of 43 single-family residential lots located along Garvin Road on 48.14 acres in the R-1 zoning district
- 29 Hannibal Land Investments, Inc.** Proposed Preliminary Development for a 46,301 square foot single-story distribution warehouse/large retail building to be located at Dutilh Road on approximately 7.7 acres in the SU-1 zoning district
- 30 Park Place** Proposed master plan for a multi-phase Traditional Neighborhood Development of approximately 800 dwelling units with single family, townhouse, and apartment structures on approximately 196 acres of land between Rochester and Powell Roads

**Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company
2004 Statistics**

Total Alarms	539
Total Time on Scene (hours)	494
Average Time on Scene (minutes)	56
Average Firefighter Turnout	15
Average Response Time (minutes:seconds)	9:52
Total Man Hours for Alarms	7,410
Total Fire Prevention Time (hours)	693
Total Training Hours	4,859
External Training	2,092
In-House Training	2,767
Total Station Time (hours)	6,969
(Maintenance, Standby, Meetings)	
Total Volunteer Hours	19,930



The Fine Art of Tea with BC3

Butler County Community College's annual Graphic Design Tea, Portfolio and Art Show is a coming-out party of sorts.

"We call it 'The Tea' for short," says Assistant Professor Nancy Jean Rose. "It's a way for the underclassmen, who set up the show, to introduce the school's graduates to the community at large." This year's event, which will take place at the BCCC Cranberry Center between 6 and 8:30 p.m. on Friday, May 13, is free and open to everyone. "It's a fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in graphic design to come and see what we do."

A variety of artistic styles and forms will be on display in the show including drawings, photos, pastels, computer art, poetry, and more. "It's a multi-media art show," Rose observed. "We've had wood carvings, sculpture. You name it, we've had it."

Rose, who serves as coordinator of the school's nationally award-winning graphic design program, notes that the portfolio show featuring the works of graduating students isn't the only debut taking place. "Our Kappa Pi International Honorary Art Fraternity also holds its induction of new members at the Tea, and we have a literary reading to introduce our new and latest edition of *Facets*, BC3's art and literary magazine." *Facets*, which has been repeatedly honored by the American Scholastic Press Association, is a student-produced, juried publication that features many of the works on display at the Tea, which will also showcase the creative efforts of the college's undergrads, faculty and alumni.

As one of three faculty advisors to *Facets*, Rose points out that for the fourth year in a row, the magazine was awarded the association's highest honor in national competition with two-and four-year colleges: First Place with Special Merit. "This past year we

received our highest award ever, called the 'Best in Art and Photography for 2004,'" she says, proudly. "That's a statement about what our students can do."

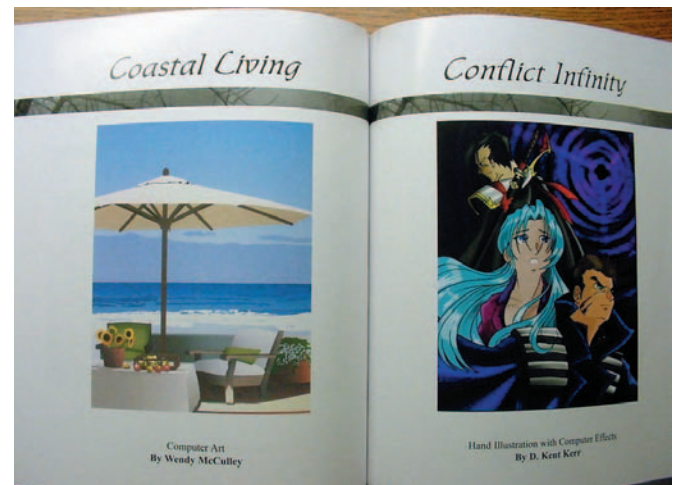
Facets takes submissions from students, faculty and alumni. "It's a good learning experience for the co-editors, who are graphic design students," says Rose. "They learn in-depth what it takes to make an award-winning journal, which takes a lot of commitment."

Rose first joined the college in 1989 as a non-credit, part-time instructor of Humanities before being asked to develop the communications/graphic design program in 1994 along with several colleagues.

BC3 graduate D. Kent Kerr, of Armstrong County, is following in the footsteps of his former professor and will become a non-credit instructor next fall. Kerr is in now the process of establishing himself as a freelance designer.

"I didn't realize just how good the education here was until I was in competition with other schools," says Kerr, who graduated in 2003. As one of the graphic design editors of the 2002 edition of *Facets*, Kerr was thrilled when the magazine won first place in national standing. "That sold me right there. I got more than my money's worth," he said.

Run as an vocational program, BC3's graphic arts curriculum enables students to become professional graphic designers in just two years. And Rose notes that the graphic design field is



A selection of works from the BC3 art show, like these from the school's 2004 exhibit, will be reproduced in the program's award-winning publication, Facets.

especially attractive to people with handicaps. "We've re-trained adults who have been recently injured, as well as students who were born with disabilities, so they can become self-supporting. This is the perfect career for them, because you don't have to stand or run. How and where you work is a matter of personal choice. That's why we have a handicapped-accessible dark room."

Freelance designer Sherie Campbell, a recent BC3 graduate, truly appreciates the significance of that flexibility. After working in the graphic design industry for over 20 years, Ms. Campbell, of New Wilmington, enrolled in the college to upgrade her computer skills. Along the way, she found the program also helped her to reconnect with her fine art capabilities.

Disabled by multiple sclerosis, Campbell explained, "It's difficult for me to work outside of the home. But because of the training I received, I feel competent to take on any job."

More information about BC3's graphic design program, is available from Ms. Rose at 724-772-5520.

BC3 Turns 40, still looking great

In June of 1965, Butler County Community College became chartered as the first locally sponsored community college in Western Pennsylvania. Just over a year later, on September 26,



1966, nearly 500 day and evening students attended the first sessions of the school's first semester.

Today, more than 4,000 students from all over Butler, Armstrong and Lawrence counties are registered in its more than 60 accredited programs. Another 25,500 a year enroll in an array of non-credit courses offered under BC3 sponsorship.

According to Dr. Cynthia E. Azari, who became the college's seventh president in 2003, the community has been the driving force behind its stated mission: "To offer a quality college education, affordable to all."

Azari points to the fact that the Butler

community alone contributed nearly \$4 million to help BC3 build its state-of-the-art Science, Technology and Cultural Center in 2002. "For a small community like Butler to this much money for a new building means that they truly support the college, and that impressed me when I first came here to interview."

The college plans to celebrate its history of accomplishments throughout the year by highlighting different events, including a commemoration of its historical inception during the board's June 15 meeting. "At that meeting, we will unveil a plaque recognizing our former trustees," Azari said.

The board also met with Butler County's commissioners in March to thank them for their support through the past 40 years. "They've continued to support us financially and through the community's involvement," she acknowledged.

In honor of BC3's birthday, students have been working on a calendar chronicling the college's history and growth, which will become available in the college's bookstore in August.

"We've had interesting people on our campus," Azari said. "Jane Fonda came in 1979, Leonard Nimoy in 1986, Vincent Price in 1981 and Ralph Nader in 1980, just to name a few."

She added that the college also boasts a number of distinguished alumni, including Yale University's baseball coach, John Stupor; Drew Matanock, now president of Hudson Valley Community College in New York; and Butler architectural firm owner Jessica Forsythe. "We have a fantastic faculty and outstanding students."

Mais oui! French official trades tips with his Cranberry counterparts

How do the French *really* do it? And how do their American counterparts in local government manage to get by? Good questions.

During a recent State Department-sponsored visit to the Pittsburgh area, Laurent Furst, who serves both as Mayor of Molsheim, a town of 9,600 in the Alsace region of France, and as an official in the district council of Bas-Rhin, met with Cranberry Township Supervisors and senior staff to find the answers for themselves and to see what they could learn from one another.

"It was interesting on our part finding out how their form of government worked," recalled Cranberry Board Chairman John Skorupan who, along with Supervisor Chuck Caputy attended the meeting in downtown Pittsburgh. "His town is smaller than Cranberry, but he also has a dual role as something like a county commissioner.

So there are probably a million people he works for – which brings up a point: different units of their government work very well together. We try to do that too, but with all the regionalism here, it's very difficult to do."

For his part, Mayor Furst – whose medieval town is the site of the legendary Bugatti automobile plant and a 400 year old Chartreuse monastery – was particularly interested in redevelopment, job creation and retention, according to Assistant Township Manager Dan Santoro, who also participated in the meeting.

"One of the issues he was working on was trying to build a bypass road around Molsheim to take a lot of heavy truck traffic out of their historic town," he said. "That seems very similar to what a lot of communities face in Pennsylvania, including Zelienople, which now is in the process of doing a



French Mayor Laurent Furst confers with his counterparts, Cranberry Supervisors Chuck Caputy, left, and John Skorupan, right, during a recent visit.

bypass study. Mayor Furst got approval to build his road, and now he's trying to figure out how to finance it."

"But he didn't like our roads with all the potholes," Skorupan added. "We told him he had come at a bad time."

Township Chairman inducted into PA Sports Hall of Fame

John Skorupan, Chairman of Cranberry Township's governing Board of Supervisors, is a leader. But he's also a team player. Literally. And he has impressive credentials to show for it.

To commemorate that distinguished record of team play, Skorupan will be inducted into the Western Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame at a banquet on May 7. The induction honors his achievements as an NFL linebacker during the 1970s, first with the Buffalo Bills and later with the New York Giants. The Hall of Fame, which is housed in the Four Points Sheraton Hotel just south of Cranberry, displays portraits of sports greats who at one time lived or worked in the region.

Previous inductees to this elite organization, which represents a variety of sports and recognizes the achievements of coaches, owners, and announcers as

well as athletes, have included such luminaries as Roberto Clemente, Stan Musial, Bill Verdon, Arnold Palmer and Art Rooney.

Before being drafted in 1973 to join Buffalo's defensive team, Skorupan, a native of nearby Beaver, had been an All-American linebacker for Penn State. Even earlier, he had been a three-sport star in Beaver High School, where he had distinguished himself as an All-WPIAL player during both his junior and senior years.

"Athletics have been a central part of my life," he said. "It's shaped my work ethic and it's shaped me in learning to work as a member of a team and for the betterment of a team. It also opened up so many doors for me in meeting people and having opportunities to travel. And I think it's shaped my competitiveness – whether it was

football, basketball, or baseball in high school, I was a very competitive person, and it all fed into that."

Each year, 10-12 outstanding sports figures are voted into the Hall of Fame, which marks its 35th anniversary this year.



During the '70s, Cranberry Township Supervisor John Skorupan – an all-star Penn State athlete – spent five years as a linebacker for the Buffalo Bills and another three with the New York Giants.

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