

## Where the ribbon meets the road



*PennDOT secretary Al Biehler joined local officials, elected representatives, and Turnpike Commissioners for the official opening of the Cranberry Connector on June 22. The \$62 million project, which had been Cranberry's top transportation project for many years, includes ramps and flyover bridges linking the Turnpike and I-79 to Routes 19 and 228 as well as to one another.*



*The ribbon-cutting, which culminated more than a decade of planning and five years of construction, was covered by all of the region's major news media.*

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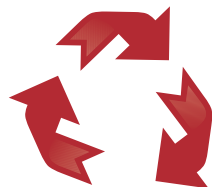
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# Cranberry today

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## Township continues to explore waste collection

No determination has been made so far, but with the second round of hauler bids now at acceptable levels and the \$250,000 supporting grant from Butler County on the table, Cranberry



Township officials are poised to decide whether to take an entirely new approach to waste collection – one which would

not only satisfy an impending state mandate, but also result in major environmental advantages for the community as well as long-term cost saving to residents.

Their decision follows two years of discussions with County and State municipal solid waste authorities. If Cranberry decides to select one collector, it would join the ranks of Butler City and Butler Township – the two other communities in Butler County falling under the same mandate – as well as all the other North Hills communities which have contracted with single contractors for years. However, Cranberry's contract would go well beyond most municipal agree-

ments, offering a far wider variety of services. According to Department of Environmental Protection and County officials, it could become a model for other communities throughout the state.

The Township's decision could be made as soon as July 29. Should Cranberry's Board of Supervisors decide to award a contract, collection of household waste by the chosen contractor could begin as soon as November.

### What's inside?

The five year contract under review would provide ordinary trash collection as well as an expanded menu of recyclable items for all 7,500 households in Cranberry. Those requesting yard service would also receive weekly collection of grass, leaves, and other yard waste from April through November, at no extra charge. A special Christmas tree collection would be offered in January.

The combined service, which would be provided at rates that vary according to the size of the customer's trash container, would be billed quarterly by the Township. Base rate for the combined

service is expected to be about \$13.50 a month. That service would include a 96-gallon cart for yard waste, a 64-gallon cart for recyclables, and a 96-gallon cart for ordinary garbage. Smaller carts would be available for even less. Prepaid tags, which would be sold by the Township, would be used for pickups involving extra trash bags, appliances, or bulky items. Additional recycling carts would be available at no extra cost.

### Why now?

Cranberry's decision to reconsider its waste collection approach was prompted by Butler County's adoption of a plan in February which mandates that yard waste be separated from ordinary trash going into the landfill. During growing seasons in previous years, leaves, grass clippings, tree trimmings, and garden waste represented as much as half the volume of material disposed of in landfill operations. An act passed by the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 1989, which formed the basis for Butler County's plan, attempts to preserve the state's limited landfill capacity by restricting its use to non-recyclable waste.

As a result of falling under the mandate, Cranberry has come under pressure from Pennsylvania's DEP to provide curbside collection of leaves. Cranberry's proposed plan combines both the DEP mandate and the County regulations into a single curbside collection program.

*(see waste collection contract, next page)*

### Open House on Waste Collection

**When:** Thursday, July 15, 4 - 8 p.m.  
**Where:** Cranberry Twp. Municipal Center  
**Why:** Update on waste collection initiative



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**waste collection contract (cont. from p. 1)**

**What else?**

Alternative waste collection options for Cranberry had been studied and debated at public forums since the beginning of this year. The contract approach, if selected would represent a partnership between Butler County, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania’s Department of Environmental Protection, and the private sector. For a summary of the options bid and the bid results, see our Web site – [cranberrytownship.org](http://cranberrytownship.org)

A central goal of the waste collection effort would be to expand the volume and type of material eligible for recycling. As visualized in the contract, no separation of items would be required; all recyclables could be placed together in the same recycling cart. Higher levels of recycling would reduce the volume of ordinary household trash collected and, under a variable rate system, reduce the price of service to the homeowner. See the table on the right for additional items that could be recycled.

**How can you recycle more?  
By expanding the range of items eligible for recycling**

<p><b>What you can recycle today</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspaper (some haulers)</li> <li>• Glass Bottles</li> <li>• Aluminum and Bi-Metal Cans</li> <li>• Plastic Bottles #1 &amp; 2</li> </ul>	<p><b>What you may be able to recycle tomorrow</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspaper</li> <li>• Magazines</li> <li>• Glass Bottles</li> <li>• Aluminum and Bi-Metal Cans</li> <li>• Aluminum Foil &amp; Foil Products</li> <li>• Plastic Containers: #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 &amp; 7</li> <li>• Catalogues, Phone Books</li> <li>• Office Paper, Junk Mail</li> <li>• Styrofoam Packaging Blocks</li> <li>• Supermarket Meat Trays</li> <li>• Metals</li> <li>• Juice Boxes, Milk Cartons</li> <li>• Paperboard Items</li> <li>• Cardboard Boxes, Brown Paper Bags</li> <li>• Leaves, Branches, &amp; Garden Waste, Grass Clippings</li> </ul>
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**Model community plan unveiled at public meeting**

Local residents are playing an active role in planning for Park Place, a proposed traditional neighborhood development in the heart of Cranberry. A series of public forums on the so-called Brush Creek Smart Growth initiative has attracted more than 100 participants to join in the planning process. Park Place is one of three major projects including Graham Park and a nearby Main Street-style town retail and civic center being developed as part of the initiative.



**Model Community.** A three-dimensional scale model of the proposed Park Place traditional neighborhood plan was unveiled at the Municipal Center’s Town Square for a June 16 public meeting on the Brush Creek Smart Growth Initiative. With appropriate approvals, the project could begin construction as early as next year.



## Cranberry blaze draws firefighters from all over the region

The flames and smoke were real. So were the 30 fire fighters on the scene from nine different fire companies as the Florida Boulevard bungalow, near the Butler Auto Auction, burned to the ground on June 6. But there were no injuries, and no financial loss. In fact, there was no emergency.

The fire which ultimately destroyed the house had been carefully planned months earlier by the Butler County Fire School – the region’s largest firefighter training facility. On the weekend of the Florida Boulevard blaze, fire companies from as far as Mt. Lebanon and Monroeville had sent their newest volunteers to attend the school’s course on fire essentials; the Cranberry structure fire marked the conclusion of an 88-hour course, which included both classroom instruction and hands-on

practice with equipment such as the self-contained breathing apparatus firefighters wear in combating structure fires. Using a combination of flares, diesel fuel, hay, and wooden palates, different areas of the 50-year old house – which had been slated for demolition to accommodate a new YMCA building – were set ablaze while a succession of 5-man teams rotated practice assignments including command, attack line, backup line, rescue intervention, and emergency. Experienced instructors guided the newer fire fighters in such



*Florida Blvd. structure burned to the ground.*

fundamentals as how to advance a hose, how to ventilate a building once the fire is out, how to crawl through a building filled with smoke, and how to use side walls to navigate through a burning building.

In the end, after all the planned instruction had concluded, fire was allowed to consume the building as the firefighters stood by and watched. “There were no surprises; it went just as planned,” reported Cranberry Voluntary Fire Company Chief Todd Rice. “The instructors had everything under control.”

### Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company 2003 Statistical Summary

Total Alarms	565	Total Fire Prevention Hours	611
Average time on scene (minutes)	59	Total Man Hours for Alarms	6,487
Average Firefighter Turnout	13	Total Training Hours	3,536
Average Response Time (minutes)	10	Total Station Hours (Maintenance, Standby, etc.)	4,503
		Total Volunteer Hours	15,136
		Firefighter Injuries	2

## Public Safety expansion near completion



**Taking shape.** An 18,000 square foot expansion along the eastern side of the Municipal Center is on schedule for September 3 move-in. Most of the new space will accommodate Cranberry’s Public Safety department, with the remainder housing the Township’s Finance and Administrative offices.



# PUBLIC Safety

## Emergency radio system upgrade begins this summer

Field testing of a new and greatly improved emergency radio system adopted by Butler County is expected to begin this month. The upgraded system, which uses ultra-high radio frequencies in the 470 MHz range, could become operational as soon as the end of this summer, according to Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company Chief Todd Rice.

“Right now, it’s very hard for radio communications to reach from one handheld portable to another, even on the scene of a fire. We can’t reach Butler with the portables, so we have to use truck-mounted mobile units,” Rice said. “With our new system, we can use portables from one end of the system to the other.”

The new system, which is similar to the Newcom emergency dispatch system already in place in Allegheny County, will include ten towers to broadcast sig-

nals throughout the 800-plus square mile area of Butler County. A test for poor reception spots in the county will help to determine the exact placement of the transmitters.

At its June 3 meeting, Cranberry’s Board of Supervisors approved \$100,000 to purchase the new UHF mobile, handheld, and base station units as well as the pagers each volunteer carries to alert them to emergencies. “It’s a one-time expense of taking the old ones out and putting the new ones in,” Rice said. “It should be a good system.”

The transition to UHF-band radios will not take place all at once, however. A number of fire companies in Butler County will remain on the older low-frequency bands for at least a few more years. Both bands will continue to be monitored until all emergency units have implemented the new system.



*Without parallel.* A new practice stall to help learners master the art of parallel parking has been placed behind the Municipal Center. Until now, the nearest parallel parking practice area had been in the city of Butler, 45 minutes away. Parallel parking, a maneuver which is required for the state drivers license road test, is seldom used in Cranberry Township.

## Todd Rice named CTVFC Chief

Volunteer Firefighter Todd Rice, 46, who has served with the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company since 1993, has been appointed its Chief. Rice, who had served with the Avalon Fire Company for eight years before moving to Cranberry, was named by the Fire Company’s Board to fill the remainder of Mark Nanna’s two-year term as Chief. In March, Nanna was hired by the Township as Administrative Assistant with responsibility for Fire Company affairs; Township employees are not eligible to hold the office of Chief.

Prior to being named as Chief, Rice, whose day job involves producing hardened steel dies and stamps for the Pannier Corporation in Glenshaw, held a succession of posts with the CTVFC including Lieutenant, Captain, and Assistant Chief. He is also a member of the Butler County emergency radio committee. Rice becomes eligible for election to a full term as Chief in November.



*Fire Chief Todd Rice*

## Innovative multi-school campus set to open this fall

### Cranberry Woods' new one-stop educational mall



*Aerial view of new Regional Learning Alliance Center in Cranberry Woods.*

Put your old school loyalties aside. A new Regional Learning Alliance Center, scheduled to open in Cranberry Woods office park on September 1, will offer training on one campus by faculty representing a dozen different schools.

Formed by a consortium of colleges, universities, and technical schools in the region, the center is designed to meet the needs of private employers as well as those of nontraditional students. It is in essence, a shopping mall of educational services.

The only organization of its kind in the nation, the Regional Learning Alliance Center will bring together the best that participating institutions have to offer, according to James Kushner, Dean of Lifelong Learning at Slippery Rock University, whose job it is to get the Alliance up and running by this fall.

According to Kushner, Slippery Rock researched the educational and training needs of 24 businesses and industries in the area and determined that cost-effective delivery of technical and professional education was essential to maintaining economic growth in the region.

“That was when Mine Safety Appliances stepped forward and donated the land in Cranberry Woods,” Kushner said. The state Attorney General assisted in fund-raising for the \$16 million project by helping the Alliance establish non-profit status. Construction on the site began last October.

### All together now

The Regional Learning Alliance Center, whose governing body consists of private sector leaders, will serve as a model to showing how business and industry, education, and government can collaborate to improve workforce skills in a changing economic market.

In addition to Slippery Rock University, which will manage the facility, other participating colleges and universities include: Robert Morris, Carlow, Pitt, Penn State, La Roche, Geneva, Clarion, Triangle Tech, Pittsburgh Technical Institute, Art Institute of Pittsburgh, DeVry University and Butler County Community College. Each of the institutions already has a presence in the Cranberry and North Hills area.

“No one institution can provide what we have in this facility,” Kushner said.

The 20-acre campus features a 76,000 square foot building designed to look more corporate than academic. It includes different size meeting rooms and state-of-the-art technology incorporating a triple-screen lecture/theater, advanced computer networking and videoconferencing capabilities.

At the facility's hub is a wellness education center, a library/bookstore, student study areas, document copy facilities, a child development center for students who are parents, and on-site food services.

### Night and day

By day, the Regional Learning Alliance will provide customized, flexible job training seminars and programs for businesses and industry in the region. By night, Kushner expects close to 800 students to enroll in the Regional Learning Alliance Center for evening classes, starting this fall.

Students may enroll in both credit and non-credit classes through the school they attend or by enrolling through the Center. However, some classes offered by different schools may be consolidated and taught by one instructor to maximize course offerings and efficiency. “There will be two sessions each evening, so students could complete two courses by attending class just one day a week,” Kushner said.

The goal of the Center is to provide the kinds of workforce training and education which ensure the region's economic vitality.

Information about enrollment in evening classes is available from Pat Gerity at 724-933-8150.

# crantech profile



## Symbol Technology's move to Cranberry area more than symbolic

**Great space, local amenities, and an easy commute attracted the bar code giant**

Today, more than 50 years after receiving their initial patents, bar codes are everywhere. Employees in hospitals, factories, supermarkets, and retail stores routinely use the computer-friendly marking systems, based on patterns of vertical lines representing long strings of numbers, to track deliveries, manage inventories, and speed up checkout lines.

But in Cranberry, one of the industry's leading suppliers is working on ways to put the advantages of bar code technology directly into the hands of consumers.



In what is almost certain to be the next step beyond the now-familiar self-service super-

market checkout lines, customers carrying electronic scanners can essentially ring up their grocery purchases while loading their baskets. As they stroll through the aisles, a screen on the top of the device displays running totals, product promotions, loyalty program savings opportunities, and more. Then, when they're done, they return the scanner to its rack, pick up a receipt showing the amount due, and simply pay a clerk. No further scanning of merchandise is required.

This concept of a wireless portable shopping system is not just someone's far-off vision. At Symbol Technologies

in Thorn Hill Industrial Park, it is a fast-emerging line of business with pilot installations already operating in selected supermarkets of the Albertsons and Food Lion grocery chains. Working with its retail partners on ways to enhance the in-store technology and improve shoppers' experience is a core activity at the Thorn Hill operation, according to Marketing Director John Lucke. So are the engineering, software development, and collateral support activities required to manage and maintain wireless in-store systems.

Symbol, which employs more than 5,000 people in locations throughout the world, has been in the Pittsburgh area since 1990, and in the Cranberry area since the end of 2002 when it moved into a much larger building in Thorn Hill, originally built for Marconi. That turned out to be a huge advantage. "We use a lot of devices for testing and validating customer systems. We needed a lot of lab space," Lucke said. "Having the ability to create the wireless network we use meant the lab space was not just for testing and production work, but also for demonstrations. That was really important."

So was making its employees' travel to work as easy as possible. With two Interstates coming together, Cranberry was really attractive," Lucke said. "We wanted something that was accessible



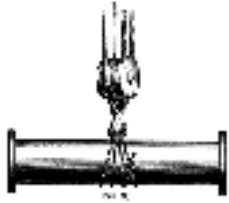
*In a conference room of Symbol Technology's Thorn Hill Park facility, Marketing Director John Lucke demonstrates the company's Portable Shopping System wireless scanner, a consumer-friendly self-service bar code scanner designed for customer use in supermarkets.*

for our people who live throughout the region. At first, they were very concerned about what their commute here was going to be like, but they adjusted fairly quickly. And they really like the fact that they're up here during the day."

*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.*

## Fernway's sewer rehab program extended throughout neighborhood

A program to rehabilitate the aging sanitary sewer lines in Cranberry's Fernway neighborhood, which began as a pilot program on Sussex Drive last year, has been extended to include the entire 452-home neighborhood over the next three years at an estimated cost of \$1.5 million.



Based on readings taken before and after repairs to a 1,100-foot section of sewer line in 2003, the reduction of unwanted infil-

tration from rain and groundwater measured an impressive 50 percent. That much surplus water leaching into the sanitary system could exhaust the treatment capacity of the Brush Creek waste water plant years before it would otherwise reach its limit.

In staging the remaining phases of rehabilitation, remote TV camera inspections of the 8,850 feet of sewer mains along Chadborne Court, Sherwood Drive, Sandalwood Drive, Queenswood Drive, and Devonshire Drive were conducted this past December. Sections of the terra cotta sewer mains serving those streets will be repaired, relined, or replaced as needed, and the roads above them will then be repaved. In addition, the laterals – smaller lines connecting individual homes to the main line – were inspected to determine which segments falling into the Township's 25-foot right of way required replacement. Work on this phase is expected to conclude by September.

Staging of the sanitary sewer line rehabilitation is being coordinated with work on a separate but related project, the reconstruction of Fernway's stormwater drainage system. Particularly where stormwater cul-

verts or drainpipes cross Township rights of way, those repairs will be made concurrently with any sanitary line work. Synchronizing the two projects is being done to make sure that roads remain open as much as possible and that no new pavement will be disturbed.

Earlier this year, engineering on the voluntary driveway pipe replacement program fell somewhat behind schedule, according to Township officials. However every homeowner participating in the program is being sent an individualized engineering specification sheet that indicates the exact contours and pipe dimensions required to assure adequate flow in the re-set driveway pipe. During the same survey, several new points of drainage into Brush Creek were also identified, and access channels will be built as part of the reconstruction effort.



## Upcoming events

### Real Estate Tax bill to be mailed August 1

Bills for the 2004-2005 Seneca Valley School District real estate taxes will be mailed on August 1 and are payable at a two percent discount until September 30. Taxes can be paid at face value from October 1 until November 30. As of now, the 2004 Butler County/Cranberry Township real estate taxes are due at the penalty rate. The last day to pay all current year taxes is December 31.

The Municipal Center office of tax collector P. J. Lynd will be 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 in September from 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](mailto:lyndpj@cranberrytownship.org), by phone at 724-776-1103, or by fax at 724-776-3011.

### Household hazardous waste collection day scheduled for Butler County

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Household Hazardous Waste Task Force is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, August 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Butler Fairgrounds. The fee is \$2 per gallon in cash.

For specific information about the Butler County event, call 724-284-5300, contact the Southwestern Pennsylvania

Household Hazardous Waste Task Force at 412-488-7452, or visit the Web site at [www.swpahhw.org](http://www.swpahhw.org)

### Taste of Cranberry

The annual Taste of Cranberry, a local restaurant food sampling event sponsored by the Cranberry Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center. Tickets will be available for \$12, beginning on August 23 at the Chamber office. For more information, contact 724-776-4949.

### BCCC Cranberry Classes set to begin August 25

Fall classes begin at Butler County Community College Cranberry Campus on August 25. Registrations will be accepted until the first day of classes. For more information, call 724-772-5520 or on the Web [www.bc3.edu](http://www.bc3.edu)



## Good dogs for great suburbs: A guide to doggie etiquette

Your new puppy was so cute when he'd wag his tail and jump up the instant you stepped in the door after a long day at work. But before you knew it, that little puppy had grown to become the un-disciplined, 65-pound, one-year-old who just knocked over your neighbor. And now that you're living in Cranberry Township, what can you do to turn your dog into a model citizen?

### First steps

The first thing is to see that your dog wears a current license. Annual licenses are issued by Butler County and available from the Cranberry Public Library. They are required for all dogs older than three months. If your dog should stray from home and be picked up by an Animal Control officer, or even by a neighbor, that license can help protect the animal and reconnect him with your family. And besides, owners of unlicensed dogs are subject to a maximum fine of \$300.

Second, consider having your dog spayed or neutered. A lot of the behavior people find hardest to live with comes from expressions of the dog's mating impulses. Beyond that, the population of dogs is growing so rapidly that every year millions of animals are put down for lack of an adoptive home. To encourage the procedure, Butler County gives a \$2 annual discount for licensing spayed and neutered dogs.

Third, you want to make sure your dog is inoculated against rabies, which is a state requirement in Pennsylvania, and that those vaccinations are kept up to date. There are a number of capable veterinarians in and around Cranberry who can provide that service and protect your pet against other serious diseases as well.

Then there's the matter of good behavior. In addition to being a nuisance to owners and neighbors, an unruly dog

can be a threat to its own safety. In Cranberry, dog owners are required to have their pets under control at all times. Dogs are not permitted to run free. Nor are they allowed in Township parks. Of course, you are free to walk your dog in your own neighborhood, but you'll need to use a leash.

While walking the dog, be sure to carry a "pooper scooper" or a shovel and plastic bag to clean up after your animal. Besides the etiquette issue – nobody wants to step in your pet's droppings – dog feces contain parasites and bacteria which can be harmful.

### Be consistent

According to most animal training experts, the key to successfully modifying a pet's behavior is based on its owner's consistency. Yet owners often send mixed messages that confuse dogs and condemn them to failure. For example, the concept of taking 'special' days off of a training regimen, or treating weekends, holidays, and other exceptions to the animal's routine as though they were acceptable, is baffling to a dog.

According to local dog trainer Betsy Crouse, "We want things of our dogs that are unnatural and undermine the dog's confidence." As an example, she cites allowing the puppy to jump up on family members. "It is not unreasonable for the dog when he gets older and larger to expect that jumping up on visitors is still appropriate."

Dogs, by nature, are territorial; they want to establish their territory rights. Marking fire hydrants is a classic example. But it's not a good idea. Crouse suggests that while on walks you train the dog to keep moving and not allow it to assume the squatting position.

### The right tools

One solution used by many local dog owners, in place of a traditional yard fence, is to install an underground con-



*Pardon me. Have you any Grey Poupon?*

tainment system which uses a radio transmitter, an electronic collar, and buried wires to set boundaries for the pet. The system works by sending a warning signal to the dog as it approaches the wire. If the dog attempts to cross the line, it receives a shock from the collar. Ideally, the system should be installed, and the training begun, when the dog is four to six months old. Pet owners in Cranberry seem pleased with the results.

As a result, Invisible Fence, the company that supplies most of the containment systems, now offers several other products to modify pet behavior including a system to eliminate unwanted barking and one that sets "pet-free zones" inside the home to keep dogs away from areas that are off limits.

Whatever the method, effectively training a dog – particularly when everyone in the household is away for a significant part of the day – isn't easy. But by using consistent, clear rules, and behavior modification products as appropriate, unwanted pet behavior can be curbed and the relationship of both owner and dog enhanced. Also, you'll keep the neighbors happy.

# library



## Libraries look for modest increase in state funding

Public libraries across Pennsylvania, including the Cranberry Public Library, are anticipating passage of next year's state budget as they plan their own budgets for 2005. The Governor, State Senate, and House have each proposed different funding amounts. At press time, there was no official word on which plan was approved. The state budget was expected to have been passed by the June 30 deadline.

The Governor's budget calls for \$52.5 million in funding for public libraries across the state, or \$4.28 per resident. Although an increase over the 2003-2004 state budget of \$47.7 million, it still falls short of the \$75.2 million included in the 2002-2003 budget. On May 10, the state House of Representatives passed a budget bill that included an amendment restoring the full 2002-2003 funding level. A second amendment was passed that would actually increase funding by an additional \$5 million to \$80.2 million or \$6.54 per person, per year. The senate bill, while \$5 million above Governor Rendell's budget proposal, is less than the House version.

Last year, the state budget slashed funding for public libraries by 50 percent. Libraries across the state scrambled to make up the difference, even after the state scaled back the severity of the cutbacks.

As a result of last year's state funding cuts, the Cranberry Public Library conducted its first annual fund-raising drive which was able to restore a portion of its new materials budget, as well as Sunday hours that would have otherwise been cut.

Sunday hours are now scheduled to resume September 12. Library summer hours: Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Fridays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



## Township adopts state Uniform Construction Code

Township Supervisors have passed an ordinance adopting the state's Uniform Construction Code as the official building code for Cranberry Township. The ordinance went into effect May 1.



According to Ron Henshaw, Cranberry's Manager of Code Administration, the intent of the new Construction Code, which includes provisions formerly covered under separate sets of rules that apply to commercial and residential structures, is for local municipalities to act as primary enforcers of all Code requirements.

The updated state Code prescribes building methods as well as intended results for both new and renovated structures. For example, the Code sets out detailed formulae for calculating a building's energy efficiency and the effects of different construction materials, window types, insulation techniques, and wall dimensions on the energy needed to heat and cool that space.

The Code also requires that all Code administrators be appropriately certified to conduct inspections and issue approvals. In Cranberry, Township employees will conduct all of the required inspections, except for electrical work, a job which is being contracted with Code Systems, Inc. of Pittsburgh.

According to Henshaw, the new Code provisions will only apply to building plans approved after May 1. In addition, the Township's new ordinance includes fire safety standards, such as minimum door widths, which exceed state Code requirements. Those standards had also been part of Cranberry's previous Code.

For more information about the Code, contact the Department of Community Development at 724-776-4806, ext. 1104.

## Roadway Update

### Maintenance schedules

Cranberry Township is responsible for maintaining more than 100 miles of roadways. To keep them all in shape, the Township's Public Works Department sets an annual resurfacing schedule that runs through the end of September. That five-year maintenance plan is updated annually. According to Duane McKee, Director of Public Works, when they are planning the following year's road budget, engineers not only look at the age of the roads, but also at their condition and any anticipated growth in traffic to factor into their schedule.

### Rolling Road revisited

Township crews are expected to complete reconstruction of Rolling Road from Joan Street to Freedom Road later this month. Improvements, which began in May, will bring that section of Rolling Road to the same standards as the portion completed in 2003 as a part of the Thorn Hill Road extension project. According to McKee, the improvements consist of a storm drain installation, road widening, and resurfacing. The estimated cost of the project, including manpower and materials, will be \$100,000.

### Garvin Road culvert pipe to be replaced

An undersized and deteriorating culvert pipe carrying a stream beneath Garvin Road is scheduled for replacement beginning in mid-July. As a part of the project, the roadway will be raised and improved to meet current Township standards. The segment of Garvin Road between Pinehurst Drive and Franklin Road will be closed during the construction project. A separate culvert replacement project is nearing completion on Goerhring Road. The final cost for the project is estimated to be \$20,000.

### Road resurfacing begins

In addition to the Township's major construction projects, a number of streets and roads in Cranberry will also be resurfaced this season. They include portions of the following collector roads: Progress Avenue, Haine School Road, Powell Road, and Alps Drive. In addition, the following neighborhood roads are scheduled for resurfacing this year: Rolling Road in Sun Valley; Chadborne Court, Sandalwood Drive, Devonshire Drive, Queenswood Drive, Dover Drive, and Sherwood Drive in Fernway; Stonehenge Way in The Crossings; Ironwood Court, Crestwood Court, Harland Drive, two sections of Wood Hollow Drive, Cottonwood Court, and Lynnwood Court in Creekwood Commons; Emerald Court, Hummingbird Court and Hummingbird Hill, Tangerine Trail, and Persimmon Drive in Woodlands; Kilbuck Drive, Windgap Drive, Northfield Road, Huntington Drive, Orchard Drive, and Gable Road in Timberline; Blue Ridge Drive in Blue Ridge; and Joyce Drive, Stacy Court, and Katherine Drive in Cranberry West. For up-to-date information about the status of road projects in the Township, see our Website at [cranberrytownship.org](http://cranberrytownship.org).

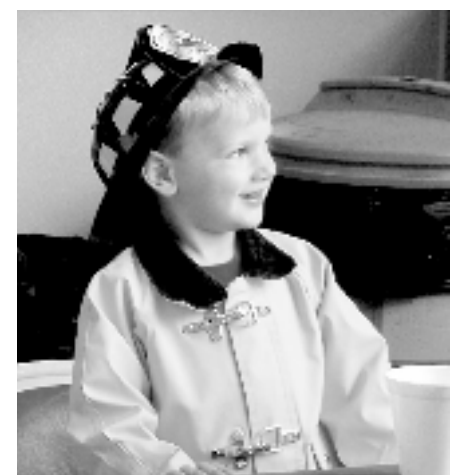
### Without Hope

Residents and visitors to Cranberry's northwest quadrant will have to detour around the temporary closure of a section of Hope Road, just south of its intersection with Plains Church Road. The 1,000-foot portion of Hope Road adjacent to the Shadow Creek housing plan now under construction, is undergoing improvements associated with the new housing. An alternate route along Franklin Road has been posted. Hope Road is expected to reopen to traffic in mid-August.

## What a croc!



*Cranberry's Waterpark mascot, CT, joined in the celebration of Local Government Day on May 1. Each of the Township's operating departments and public safety services participated in the annual event showing their equipment, explaining their work, and distributing food and souvenirs.*



## Learn to golf the Wright way!

A lot of golfers are self-taught; it's just that they usually don't include the good ones. Mastering the fundamentals, as well as advanced techniques of the game, is something best learned from professional golf instructors.

Starting in May, Cranberry Highlands began offering golf instruction for both individuals and groups with a particular emphasis on helping early-stage players build their skills. Herb Wright, a teaching professional and recent graduate of Penn State's Golf Management program, joined the Cranberry Highlands staff in April to help teach classes for children as young as six, as well as adult beginners. A separate set of clinics is being offered to women golfers of all skill levels seeking to improve their game. Individual golf lessons are also available by appointment. Cranberry residents are eligible for discounts on all instructional services.

Use of Cranberry Highlands' new practice driving range and sand bunker, open for the first time this season, are included in the instructional program; a companion practice chipping area will open later this summer.

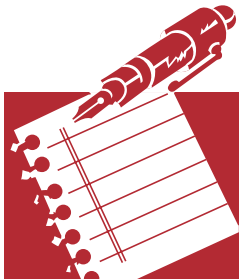
For details concerning course content, schedules, and pricing, visit the Cranberry Highlands Web site at [www.cranberryhighlands.com](http://www.cranberryhighlands.com) or call 724-776-7372.



**Do it Wright.** Golf instructor Herb Wright joined the Cranberry Highlands staff in April. Individual lessons and group clinics are now available for golfers of every age and skill level.



*It takes a lot of balls to run Cranberry Highlands driving range – about 10,000 altogether. Guests pay just \$4 for a bucket of approximately 30 range balls, which are retrieved by a special tractor at the end of each day. No reservation is required for use of the 280-yard facility, which can accommodate as many as 16 golfers at a time. The range is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day except Mondays and Fridays, when it opens at 4 p.m. and 11 a.m. respectively.*



## Briefly Noted

### Township receives communications awards

Cranberry Township has recently received four awards for its entries in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors 36th Annual Citizen Communication contest. The contest recognizes townships that successfully communicate programs and activities to their residents.

The Township received first place awards in the "Annual Report" category and the "Miscellaneous Communications Media – Video" category for a video produced to introduce Cranberry Highlands golf course. The Township also received two second place awards for its Website and for its Parks & Recreation program guide.

All entries are judged on the usefulness of information presented and how well the information was communicated to Township residents. In addition, publications are judged for their attractiveness and readability.



**Come on in, the water's fine.** Cranberry Waterpark will remain open through Labor Day. Daily admissions are available throughout the season.

WED <b>1</b>	Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Council Chambers at 7 p.m. 2-Yr-Old Storytime, Library at 7 p.m. (No registration required)	FRI <b>17</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Municipal Center at 3:30 - 6 p.m.
THU <b>2</b>	2-Yr-Old Storytime, Library at 11 a.m. (No registration required) Board of Supervisors Meeting, Council Chambers at 7 p.m.	SAT <b>18</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Rt. 19 Firehall at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. <b>Bicentennial Event: Cranberry Historical Village</b> , weaving, tanning, spinning, quilting, dulcimer demonstrations and more, Municipal Center Lawn from 1 - 4 p.m.
FRI <b>3</b>	Farmers Market open, Behind Municipal Center at 3:30 - 6 p.m.	SUN <b>19</b>	
SAT <b>4</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Rt. 19 Firehall at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	MON <b>20</b>	Children's Daytime Storytime Registration begins at Library
SUN <b>5</b>		TUE <b>21</b>	Infant Family Time, Library at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (No registration required)
MON <b>6</b>	Labor Day Township Offices closed	WED <b>22</b>	2-Yr-Old Storytime, Library at 7 p.m. (No registration required) Library Program. "Winterizing you Garden," by Penn State Master Gardener Tim Unkesser, Library at 7 p.m.
TUE <b>7</b>	Infant Family Time, Library at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (No registration required)	THU <b>23</b>	2-Yr-Old Storytime, Library at 11 a.m. (No registration required)
WED <b>8</b>	Taste of Cranberry, Municipal Building, 4:30 - 7 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers at 7 p.m. 2-Yr-Old Storytime, Library at 7 p.m. (No registration required)	FRI <b>24</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Municipal Center at 3:30 - 6 p.m.
THU <b>9</b>	2-Yr-Old Storytime, Library at 11 a.m. (No registration required)	SAT <b>25</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Rt. 19 Firehall at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
FRI <b>10</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Municipal Center at 3:30 - 6 p.m.	SUN <b>26</b>	
SAT <b>11</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Rt. 19 Firehall at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	MON <b>27</b>	
SUN <b>12</b>	Sunday Library Hours Resume, 1 - 4 p.m.	TUE <b>28</b>	Library Program, Bellevue Pediatrics at 7 p.m.
MON <b>13</b>	Book Discussion, Library at 7 p.m. Zoning Hearing Board Meeting, Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.	WED <b>29</b>	Library Program, N.H. Youth Ministry at 7 p.m.
TUE <b>14</b>	Infant Family Time, Library at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (No registration required)	THU <b>30</b>	Board of Supervisors Meeting, Council Chambers at 7 p.m. Real estate tax discount period ends
WED <b>15</b>	Library Program, Books and Bagels, Library at 10 a.m. Library Program, "Preserving Family History through Album Making," Library at 7 p.m. 2-Yr-Old Storytime, Library at 7 p.m. (No registration required)		
THU <b>16</b>	2-Yr-Old Storytime, Library at 11 a.m. (No registration required)		



# Parks and RECREATION

## Summer Concert Series opens with a splash



***It's a gas.** During a break in the concert, the backup group's guitarist played Classical Gas while waiting for the weather to improve.*



***Rain date.** Shrugging off the downpour around them, this couple was determined to enjoy the opening performance in Cranberry Township's concert series from the comfort of their lawn chairs.*



***Singing in the rain!** Despite a vigorous thunderstorm, Cranberry Township's summer concert series opened on June 16 with vocalist Donna Bailey inviting her rain-soaked audience to join her for an intimate performance under the shelter of Community Park Rotary Amphitheatre stage. Check out the calendar section for details on future concerts.*

## Campers learn all the right moves



***All the right moves.** After a brief warmup exercise, this group of Cranberry campers learned a few quick soccer tricks from two players on the Pittsburgh Riverhounds professional soccer team during their visit to Community Park on June 16.*

SUN	<b>1</b>		TUE	<b>17</b>
MON	<b>2</b>	Book Discussion Library at 7 p.m.	WED	<b>18</b>
TUE	<b>3</b>	Night Out Parade, Haine School Road at 7 p.m. Night Swim, Cranberry Waterpark from 9 - 11 p.m.	THU	<b>19</b>
WED	<b>4</b>	Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Council Chambers at 7 p.m.	FRI	<b>20</b>
THU	<b>5</b>	Board of Supervisors Meeting, Council Chambers at 7 p.m. Summer Concert Series, North Pittsburgh Philharmonic, Rotary Amphitheater at 7 p.m.	SAT	<b>21</b>
FRI	<b>6</b>		SUN	<b>22</b>
SAT	<b>7</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Rt. 19 Firehall at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 5th Annual Cranberry Twp. Charity Softball Tournament, Contact Cathy Cortazzo at 724-772-0058 or softball@zbzoom.net	MON	<b>23</b>
SUN	<b>8</b>	5th Annual Cranberry Twp. Charity Softball Tournament, Contact Cathy Cortazzo at 724-772-0058 or softball@zbzoom.net	TUE	<b>24</b>
MON	<b>9</b>	Zoning Hearing Board, Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.	WED	<b>25</b>
TUE	<b>10</b>		THU	<b>26</b>
WED	<b>11</b>	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers at 7 p.m.	FRI	<b>27</b>
THU	<b>12</b>		SAT	<b>28</b>
FRI	<b>13</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Municipal Center at 3:30 - 6 p.m.	SUN	<b>29</b>
SAT	<b>14</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Rt. 19 Firehall at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	MON	<b>30</b>
SUN	<b>15</b>			<b>31</b>
MON	<b>16</b>			

Farmers Market, Behind Municipal Center at 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Farmers Market, Behind Rt. 19 Firehall at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Taste of Cranberry tickets available, Chamber of Commerce

1st Day of Classes at BCCC Cranberry campus  
Classes begin for Seneca Valley School students

Board of Supervisors Meeting, Council Chambers at 7 p.m.

Farmers Market, Behind Municipal Center at 3:30 - 6 p.m.

6th Annual Aquathlon (Run-Swim-Run), North Boundary Park  
Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Butler Fairgrounds 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Farmers Market, Behind Rt. 19 Firehall at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Infant Family Time, Library at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (No registration required)

THU <b>1</b>	Board of Supervisors Meeting, Council Chambers at 7 p.m.	SAT <b>17</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Rt. 19 Firehall at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
FRI <b>2</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Municipal Center at 3:30 - 6 p.m.	SUN <b>18</b>	Bicentennial Event: Fiddler Seth McCall, Sample One-Room School House at 7 p.m.
SAT <b>3</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Rt. 19 Firehall at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	MON <b>19</b>	
SUN <b>4</b>	Independence Day Cranberry Township Community Day Celebration Township Offices closed	TUE <b>20</b>	
MON <b>5</b>	Township Offices closed	WED <b>21</b>	Night Swim, Cranberry Waterpark from 9 - 11 p.m.
TUE <b>6</b>	Night Swim, Cranberry Waterpark from 9 - 11 p.m.	THU <b>22</b>	Summer Concert Series, Trio Bravo, Rotary Amphitheater at 7 p.m.
WED <b>7</b>	Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Council Chambers at 7 p.m.	FRI <b>23</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Municipal Center at 3:30 - 6 p.m.
THU <b>8</b>	Summer Concert Series, Frankie & the Sensations/Car Cruise, Rotary Amphitheater at 7 p.m.	SAT <b>24</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Rt. 19 Firehall at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. American Cancer Society Relay for Life, North Boundary Park begins at 11 a.m., contact Karen Jay at 724-553-0284 or Amy Fuller at 724-452-5092
FRI <b>9</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Municipal Center at 3:30 - 6 p.m.	SUN <b>25</b>	American Cancer Society Relay for Life, ends at 11 a.m. Bicentennial Event: Micky's One-Man Big Band Accordion, Sample One-Room School House at 7 p.m.
SAT <b>10</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Rt. 19 Firehall at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	MON <b>26</b>	
SUN <b>11</b>	Bicentennial Event: Harry Webb on dulcimer, Sample One-Room School House at 7 p.m.	TUE <b>27</b>	
MON <b>12</b>	Zoning Hearing Board, Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. Night Swim, Cranberry Waterpark from 9 - 11 p.m.	WED <b>28</b>	
TUE <b>13</b>	Summer Concert Series, Joe Negri and Friends, Rotary Amphitheater at 7 p.m.	THU <b>29</b>	Board of Supervisors Meeting, Council Chambers at 7 p.m. Summer Concert Series, New Orleans Riverside Band, Rotary Amphitheater at 7 p.m.
WED <b>14</b>	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers at 7 p.m.	FRI <b>30</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Municipal Center at 3:30 - 6 p.m.
THU <b>15</b>	Open House on Waste Collection, Municipal Center at 4 - 8 p.m. Summer Concert Series, Shari Richards, Rotary Amphitheater at 7 p.m.	SAT <b>31</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Rt. 19 Firehall at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
FRI <b>16</b>	Farmers Market, Behind Municipal Center at 3:30 - 6 p.m.		