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Township Presses PennDOT for Freedom Road Improvements

Cranberry Township supervisors have targeted the proposed improvements on Freedom Road between Powell Road and Route 19 as a number one priority for state road projects, and they are requesting that the state Department of Transportation approve a plan to widen and improve the road. The Township has presented its preliminary vision to alleviate daily traffic backups along the just over two-mile stretch of road to PennDOT District 10 officials, the Butler County Commissioners, and state and federal representatives.

The plan calls for the widening of the road to four lanes and adding right and left turn lanes at key intersections from Powell Road east to Route 19 (for a complete description of proposed improvements on Freedom Road, see the diagram on pages 2 and 3).

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FOR 20 YEARS. PENNDOT CANNOT WALK
AWAY FROM IT NOW. – DICK HADLEY**

To date, PennDOT has neither approved the plan, nor made a commitment to fund it. Township officials have expressed that they will continue to

put pressure on PennDOT to put this project at the top of its priority list.

The need to improve the Freedom Road corridor dates back to the mid-1980s, when the proposal to construct an expressway from Route 65 in Beaver County to Route 19, the Crows Run Project, was first introduced. Cranberry Township supervisors passed a resolution in regard to the Crows Run Project and how the portion of Freedom Road should be improved in 1997.

Plans to construct the Crows Run project were scrapped last year by District 11 of PennDOT (which covers Beaver County but not Butler County), but Cranberry Township wants to ensure that needed improvements on the Township portion of Freedom Road are not scrapped.

This project has been held hostage for 20 years. PennDOT cannot walk away from it now,” says Dick Hadley, Chairman of the Township Board of Supervisors.

PennDOT District 10 already has extended itself to complete the three-phase Pennsylvania Turnpike/Interstate 79 connector project. Phase III of the Turnpike/Interstate 79 connector project began the third week in February and is scheduled to take two and a half years to complete.

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Thorn Hill Ext. #1 Priority

“The Board of Supervisors has made the Thorn Hill Road Ext. project its number one local road construction priority for the coming year,” says Township Manager Jerry Andree.

The project will include completion of Thorn Hill Road Ext. and the realignment of the intersection with Rolling Road to encourage traffic to flow on the new portion of the road as a “shortcut” from Freedom Road on the way to Route 19 and/or Interstate 79. Currently, traffic flows through residential streets such as Sun Valley Drive, which were not designed for the heavy traffic.

RIDC has agreed to build Thorn Hill Road Ext. at a cost of \$2 million. The Township will pay at least \$250,000 to realign the intersection of Thorn Hill and Rolling Road.

“The completion of Thorn Hill Road Ext. will open up 55 acres for development by RIDC and bring approximately 1,000 new jobs to the Township,” says Dick Hadley, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Andree says that construction should begin by the end of this year. Environmental permits have been issued, and the only holdback is PennDOT approval. The construction schedule is subject to the PennDOT process.

PennDOT wants the Township and RIDC to contribute additional money to add a westbound lane on Freedom Road between the intersection with Thorn Hill Road Ext. and Haine School Road to accommodate existing traffic flow along with additional traffic generated from the opening of Thorn Hill Road Ext. Township officials believe that PennDOT should make the improvements to accommodate existing traffic on Freedom Road, which is a state-owned road.

Township Presses PennDOT, contd.

Cranberry Township has long been in favor of the connector project as necessary to alleviate traffic flow problems from the two major highways onto Route 19 through Cranberry Township. However, Township officials believe that the Freedom Road project is just as essential to the future economic development of the region and that PennDOT must make it a top priority.

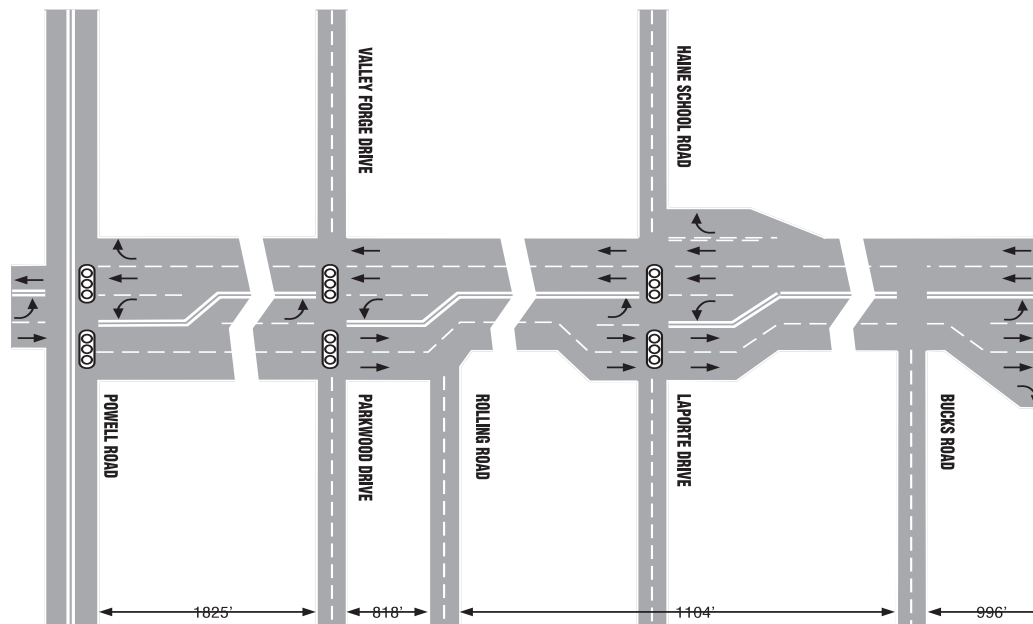
According to Dan Santoro, Assistant Township Manager for Planning & Policy Development, traffic studies show that the portion of Freedom Road in Cranberry is exceeding its current capacity. The Township predicts, taking into account any future development that could occur in Cranberry as well as in adjoining New Sewickley Township, that the proposed \$20 million project would serve traffic flow volumes for the next 20 years.

The most recent study of the Freedom Road corridor conducted by Cranberry Township reconfirms the initial study completed in 1991 as a part of the Cranberry Township Transportation Capital Improvements Plan. The Transportation Capital Improvements Plan, which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 1991 and re-adopted in 2000, addresses the Township’s projection for future development and the resulting transportation needs. It also establishes a formula to determine the impact fees that developers must contribute in order to get approvals for development plans in the Township.

Township officials have enlisted the aid of the Butler County Commissioners as they press for approval and funding by PennDOT for the project. The Township and the County Commissioners worked in conjunction to seek approval and funding from PennDOT for the completion of the Turnpike/ Interstate 79 connector project.

The Township will continue to provide information on these important transportation issues. For information and updates on transportation issues and road construction projects that affect Cranberry Township, please visit our web site at www.twp.cranberry.pa.us and click on Focus on Transportation. ●

PRELIMINARY VISION TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC BACKUPS ON FREEDOM ROAD



Meet Mike Sedon

Mike Sedon, assistant manager of plant operations, supervises 10 “highly skilled and dedicated operators” at the Township’s Brush Creek sewage treatment plant. Their job involves the operation, monitoring, and control of the equipment at the sewage treatment plant and two pump stations, as well as ensuring that the drinking water distribution system is providing an adequate supply of high-quality drinking water. He and each of the operators must meet current Department of Environmental Protection certification requirements and continuing education for the various operations in the sewage treatment and drinking water distribution systems.



In addition to the normal operations, Mike and the other operators track complaints reported on the odor control hotline that was set up as a means to investigate problems that may occur in the sewage treatment. They also conduct several tour groups of students each year at the sewage treatment plant.

A lifelong resident of the area, Mike graduated from Seneca Valley High School and earned a degree in biology from Clarion University. He has been working for the Township for 12 years. In his spare time, Mike enjoys sports, especially golf.

BERKHEIMER ASSOCIATES: TAX SITTING DATES

Tax sitting dates for 2002 are scheduled for the following Saturdays from 9 until 11 a.m. at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building: April 13, 2002, April 27, 2002, July 27, 2002, October 26, 2002, and January 25, 2003.

REMINDER NOTICE

- The 2001 Final Return must be filed by April 15, 2002, along with verification/documentation of earned income.
- First quarter earned income tax for 2002 is due on April 30, 2002.
- Berkheimer Associates is your Act 511 Tax Collector. Verbal assistance may be offered, but the taxpayer is responsible for completing and signing the return.

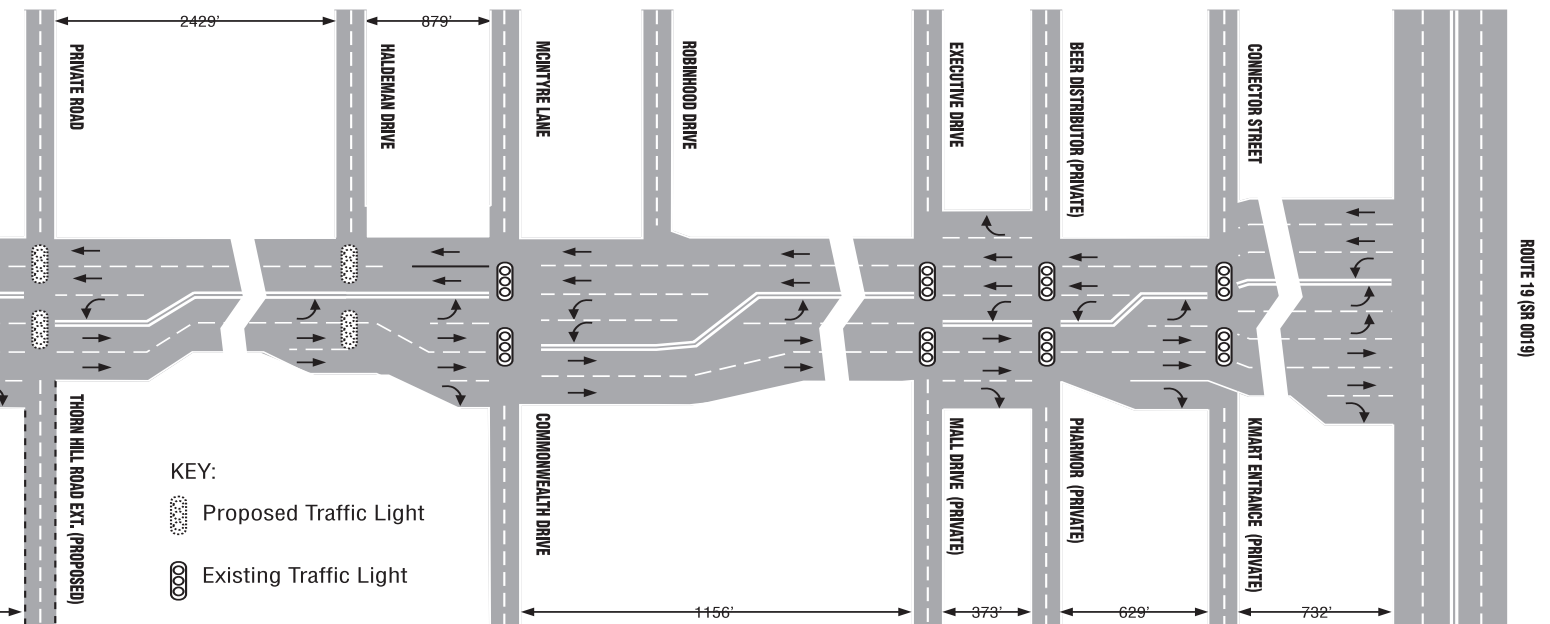
CRANBERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

‘Docents’ Needed

School bells will be ringing again at Sample School and the Cranberry Historical Society needs your help! With the coming of spring we will be working to set regular visiting hours for the school house and will need docents to reach this goal.

The word “docent” is derived from the Latin “to teach” and we will need volunteers to learn a bit about Sample School and the early school system, greet visitors as they come in, and share Sample School history. The Historical Society will provide the information, so no research is involved (unless you would like to delve into our history a little further!) and it will give you an opportunity to “teach” the community about early education in Cranberry.

Without the help of volunteers, it will be difficult to make the best use of Sample School, and what a shame it would be to waste such a resource. If you are interested in the Historical Society’s Docent Program, please call Joey at 724-776-3234 and make arrangements to join us in preserving Cranberry’s past for our future.





**FOR YOUR
INFORMATION**

**PROPERTY TAX
DEADLINES**

The 2002 Butler County/Cranberry Township real estate taxes were mailed March 1, 2002. There was a property tax increase this year for Cranberry Township of 0.5 mills which is dedicated to the fire company. The millage rate is now 12.75 mills from 12.25 mills. Butler County had a 3 mill increase which raises the millage to 24.50 mills from 21.50 mills. Two mills of the County increase is listed as a line item on the tax card and is being allocated toward the debt service on the Government Center (located behind the Court House in Butler). Taxes are currently due at the discount amount until April 30, 2002. Then taxes can be paid at face value from May 1, 2002, until June 30, 2002. Penalty starts July 1, 2002 and ends December 31, 2002.

Office hours are Monday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments are always available. Also, the office will be open Saturday April 27, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The office is located in the Municipal Center on Rochester Road in the front hallway with the other elected officials and the Chamber of Commerce.

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

We Asked – and You Told Us What You Wanted!

**RESIDENT SURVEY PROVIDES PARKS AND RECREATION
DIRECTION FOR THE NEXT DECADE!**

Cranberry Township adopted a Master Plan for Parks and Recreation in 1992 listing specific needs and goals to be completed by 2012. However, population and park development grew together at an accelerated pace, and in 2001, they fulfilled need and service levels anticipated for 2012.

Residents were asked to participate in a survey to re-evaluate, and answer the question, "Do we have adequate facilities and programs to serve the community for another decade?" The survey was conducted in two ways. To ensure residents of Cranberry Township were heard, a random mailing of 1,000 residential addresses invited those households to respond by computer through a service call CustomInsight.com. A second sampling was taken from any individual who chose to participate with paper questionnaires manually tallied at the Parks and Recreation Department.

As an indicator of the survey's validity, we compared basic demographic information from the survey and compared it to the 2000 Census. Our survey was a statistical match with minor variations.

Parks and Recreation also ranked high on the list of criteria for selecting Cranberry Township as the community in which to live. Virtually tied with Schools, only Lower Taxes and Public Safety were deemed of greater importance.

The new survey indicated 96 percent of our respondents feel that parks, recreation programs, and public open space enhance their quality of life. This compares with 77 percent of those responding to a similar question asked in 1991. This was a good indication as to why 34 percent responded that some of our facilities are over-used. Our residents enjoy our services and facilities, but with success comes the beginning of overcrowding.

The most heavily used facilities are the Municipal Center used by 75 percent of the respondents and the Waterpark used by 55 percent. Playgrounds, picnic shelters, and trails filled in the next tier with 48 percent to 43 percent of the respondents with use in their households. The last significant percentages of users were reserved for baseball and soccer facilities with 21 percent and 22 percent, respectively.

We asked how often Township park facilities were visited each year, and an amazing 52 percent responded 16 or more times each year. This equates to 260,000 resident visits each year.

WHERE SHOULD WE PLAN FUTURE GROWTH?

Our respondents indicated the greatest needs were more programming in the areas of Cultural Activities and Outdoor/Nature Activities. They also recognized additional offerings were needed for sports and special events.

We are fortunate to have a newly completed Amphitheater available for 2002 in Cranberry Community Park. The Amphitheater was made possible through a generous grant from the Cranberry Rotary Club whose members participated in the planning, design, and construction. Additionally, the Carpenters' Union Local 922; Ralph Sterzinger, architect and Rotary member; and Ducky Hendrick, President AAA Crane and Multi-Phase, Inc. and Rotary

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Parks & Recreation Survey, contd.

member, made significant personal and professional contributions to completion of the structure.

Outdoor/Nature activities will also be receiving immediate attention. As indicated in the survey finding, 91 percent of respondents strongly support an interconnected system of open space and greenways. We are committed to opening new access to these areas and a renewed effort to teach and explore the importance of these assets in our community.

Population growth has made park growth inevitable in our community, and the Township is moving to secure the land and resources to accommodate this growth. New active park facilities will be included in a balanced mix of conservation space.

In summary, we found that a large percentage of our population use our services. It is imperative that we continually evaluate the mix of programs and limited facility space. We have clear directives to explore all potential for future expansion of both services and facilities.

The most immediate needs list includes:

- An Interconnected Open Space and Trails System;
- More Cultural and Nature Programming;
- A Skate Park;
- Active Park Areas such as Ball Fields.

Highlights of the survey results are shown on the graphs, see at right. For a copy of the completed Survey Report, please visit our Website www.twp.cranberry.pa.us and click on ‘Results of the Recreation and Open Space Questionnaire – 2001.’

We thank all those who participated in the survey. You have provided us the needed direction as we work “Together Toward Tomorrow.”

INTERNET SURVEY RESPONSE ANALYSIS

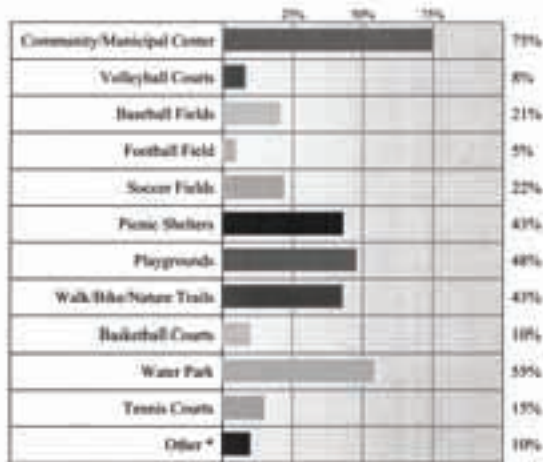
Quality of Life

1. Do you feel the parks, recreation programs, and public open space in Cranberry Township enhance your quality of life as a resident?



◆ 26% of respondents feel that parks, recreation programs, and public open space enhance their quality of life to some degree.

7. What Township park facilities do you use now?



Comments submitted for 'Other'

- parking lots
- Library
- none (7)
- Concerts
- sledding hill

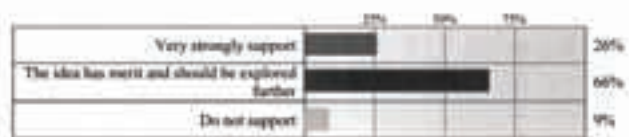
◆ Seventy-five percent (75%) of respondents use the Community Center. Second to the Community Center was the Water Park, which fifty-five percent (55%) of respondents indicate they use. According to the responses, the least used facilities are the football field (5%) and volleyball courts (8%).

8. How often do you visit Township park facilities and/or the community center?



◆ The responses to this question give some insight to how frequently residents use facilities. Based on averaging the frequency of visits categories, and interpolating the responses of the random sample of survey participants to the general population of the Township, residents visit parks facilities and the community center over 260,000 times/year.

14. Do you support an interconnected system of open space throughout the Township?



◆ Ninety-one percent (91%) of respondents strongly support an interconnected system of open space or would like to see the issue further explored.



Cranberry's Modified Neighborhood Watch Program format is simple:

1. Programs informing the public on prevention techniques are held upon request by neighbors and groups. Numerous methods are demonstrated on how homeowners can secure their homes and make them less attractive to a burglar.
2. Residents are instructed to dial 9-1-1 to report **suspicious activity**. It is stressed that anything suspicious to them will be suspicious to the police.
3. Residents are also instructed on how to be a good witness and what information they should attempt to get to relay to police: description of person, description of any vehicle (type, color, special characteristics), last seen direction the person or vehicle went, license plate number (color, numbers/letters, state).
4. Residents are urged to familiarize themselves with their neighbors. Get out and meet them, know what vehicles belong in the neighborhood, who belongs, and who does not.
5. Promote prevention programs in the schools and share crime prevention tips with students who, hopefully, will take them home and practice.
6. Work with local community groups to promote prevention.

What is Neighborhood Watch?

The formal history of neighborhood watch can be traced back to 1972 when local sheriffs and police chiefs banded together to develop a program to battle the increasing number of residential burglaries throughout the country. The driving force behind this effort was the National Sheriffs Association. This principal of "neighbor helping neighbor" was nothing new. Neighbors, those who got along, had a natural tendency to watch out for each other and assist whenever necessary. Now, law enforcement was orchestrating neighbors to reduce crime.

The early neighborhood watch programs were very structured with block captains, weekly or monthly meetings, elaborate telephone chains, and newsletters. In 1973, Minnesota developed one of the most recognized crime prevention symbols ever used, the "Crime Watch Eye." This symbol is still widely used in neighborhoods throughout the United States.

This format worked well as long as crime was an issue in the neighborhood. However, once problems were reduced, attendance at meetings declined, and information for the newsletters dwindled. Another factor that hurt this structured format of neighborhood watch was the changing demographics of the suburban neighborhood.

With families moving out of the inner city, the suburbs continued to grow. Not only were families moving from the inner city, but many were new residents to the area. This resulted in neighborhoods, not with neighbors who had lived next to each other for years, but neighbors who barely knew each other.

Cranberry Township was one of those communities experiencing those changes. With new families moving in all the time and other moving out, Cranberry's formal Neighborhood Watch Program ran into numerous roadblocks. To remove these roadblocks, the Police Department modified their neighborhood watch concept. There would not be scheduled meetings or block captains, but a unified effort to urge everyone in the Township to do one simple thing, "Report all suspicious activity to 9-1-1."

In addition, when requested, programs are held at homeowner association meetings, local homes, and through the schools. Even though formal meetings are not held, the Police Department is prepared to hold informational community meetings should a major incident occur.

By modifying the Neighborhood Watch Program the police department can still rely on residents to be their "eyes and ears." No matter how many officers a department has, there will never be enough to have one in each neighborhood all the time. That is why residents serving as good neighbors are so important. The residents not only need to rely on their police department, but the officers also need to be able to rely on the residents. Safer communities are built on working relationships between residents of all ages, businesses, and public safety agencies. We're working for your safety, are you? ●

Fire Hydrants – Not Just a Lawn Ornament

Fire hydrants play an important role in providing fire protection to your home and our community. Fire hydrants provide the fire company with a continuous water supply to protect life and property and extinguish fires in an emergency.

The fire department must be able to quickly locate hydrants during the day or night in all kinds of weather. This is done by painting all the hydrants the same colors and pattern so we can watch for that color and design when responding to an emergency. If hydrants were painted different colors or patterns (i.e., the same color as your house) they might blend into the surroundings and make it hard to locate them quickly.

It is also important that shrubs and landscaping not block the view or operation of the hydrants. Fire fighters must be able to walk completely around a hydrant to operate it. The hydrant nozzles on the side and the front must be clear to allow fire hoses to be connected. To allow room to operate these in an emergency and for maintenance, please keep the area around a hydrant (as listed below) clear of shrubs, trees and landscaping:

- Two feet behind the hydrant;
- Five feet on each side of the hydrant;
- Nothing between the hydrant and the street.

When designing your landscaping it helps to keep in mind the size plants and shrubs will eventually grow to be in the future so they do not later obstruct a hydrant.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community a safe place to live. If you have questions regarding the landscaping of a hydrant near your house, please contact the Public Works Department Division of Water and Sewer at 724-776-4806. ●

Sweetheart Bingo Raises Dollars for Charity

Cranberry Township Seniors enjoyed an afternoon of bingo and refreshments at the Second Annual Sweetheart Bingo held on February 13. Participants had a great deal of fun while raising money for a charitable cause. Proceeds were donated to the American Heart Association. This year's event raised \$235 for the organization. Francine Buda, Activity Coordinator for the Parks & Recreation Department, was hostess for this special event. Good times were enhanced with a wonderful selection of prizes donated by local businesses. A special thanks to Brownie Troop # 434 for their beautiful handmade flower pots that were used as centerpieces.

The Parks & Recreation Department would like to thank the following businesses for their generous contributions to this event: Hollywood Video, North Park Deckhouse, Max & Erma's, Panera Bread, Krispy Kremes, Party Light Candle, Dingbats, and Burger King. ●



PUBLIC WORKS STREET SWEEPING

EQUIPMENT & OPERATOR:

Cranberry Township currently has one street sweeping unit. It runs at approximately three miles per hour in the sweeping mode. If there is an excess of debris left from an extreme winter the operator may need to make three to four passes over the same area to do a complete and thorough job of cleaning your street. Material must be dumped from the sweeper when it is full – it may appear the driver is leaving before the job is complete, he will return.

PROGRAM BEGINS: Depending on weather conditions the Township street sweeping program can begin as early as January of the new year.

LOCATION: The initial location to begin the street sweeping program alternates between opposite sides of the Township from year to year. If the program starts on the side your residence is located on, then your streets will be completed in late winter or early spring, if not, then just a little later. The following year it should be just the opposite!

PROGRAM COMPLETION: The street sweeping program which includes all Township maintained roads is generally complete by June 1. All residential streets are given the same priority. Persevere, each road will be swept in the most timely manner possible. ●

Protect Your Child on the Internet

No matter what era you grew up in there was one or more inventions that made your childhood just a little bit better. No matter if it was the telegraph, telephone, or television each of these communication devices made life just a little bit better. This is also true with the development of the Internet.

When discussing this new communication tool, it seems bewildering to many adults, but just a way of life for today's children. It is not surprising when listening to children's conversations to hear statements like, "what's your e-mail address?" "IM me when you get home," or "what do you mean you don't have the Internet at home?" As an adult, the questions being asked are, "what is an IM?" "how does this Internet thing work?" or even more puzzling "how does this computer work?"

With the recent incidents that have occurred in the Pittsburgh area and throughout the United States, parents have to take a strong role to protect their child if there is Internet access in the home. Just as parents of yesteryear would tell their children, "don't talk to or take anything from strangers," so must the present day parents tell their children, "beware of strangers online."

There are very basic steps parents need to take to ensure their child "surfs" the net safely.

1. If this technology is in your home –
 - know it, don't avoid it;
 - learn how to use it;
 - know protection methods;
 - know where they go what they do; and
 - know your child's screen names and passwords.
2. Talk about good places to go, not just the "bad" places not to go.
3. Watch them while they're online:
 - the computer should be in a "public" place in the home;
 - do not allow a child to have Internet access from his/her room;
 - if the screen goes blank when you walk in the room, it's time to take a closer look at what they're doing or where they are going.
4. Know how to check where they've been:
 - push [CONTROL + H] keys together while in Netscape or Explorer to bring up a history of web sites recently visited;
 - check "TEMP" or "DOWNLOAD" folders.
5. Sometimes you have to just say NO!
 - if your child is spending too much time online;
 - if you do find questionable material;
 - if the child is using it in a manner where they may get in trouble (hacking, sending threats, etc.).
6. Install "parental control" software like:
 - CyberPatrol (www.cyberpatrol.com)
 - Cybersitter (www.cybersitter.com)
 - Net Nanny (www.netnanny.com)
 - SurfWatch (www1.surfwatch.com).

(Parents can preview many of these online or get test copies. Parental controls are built into America OnLine)

ESTABLISH RULES FOR INTERNET USE

The most important thing parents must do when their child is using the Internet is to establish a set of rules. Children should feel comfortable showing parents things they get and not be afraid they will get in trouble. The rules listed on the next page were provided through the courtesy of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Parents should cut out the list, post it near the computer, and reinforce the rules whenever possible.

This amazing information and communication tool can also get the most innocent children into trouble, if they don't have guidance. The sexual predator that lurks online is the "dangerous stranger" of this computer/Internet era. Even though your child is physically sitting at home while online, you really don't know where he or she is (online) unless you check!

There are several handouts available to be used as guidelines for parents. Parents can also visit websites like www.missingkids.org and check the "Education and Resources" section, or the Pennsylvania Children's Partnership site at www.cp.state.pa.us. Upon request, the Township Police Department also conducts Internet Awareness Seminars for groups.

Keeping children safe online cannot be achieved through legislation or a cyber police department. It must start with well-informed parents.

The Police Department has realized that computers and the Internet are the next frontier for the criminal element. It is also the focus for prevention efforts. The goal is to educate parents and children alike on the good and bad elements of the Internet. ●

My rules for online safety

Tear off and keep this pledge at your computer.

•I will not give out personal information such as my address, phone number, parents' work address/telephone number, or the name and location of my school without my parents' permission.

•I will tell my parents right away if I come across any information that makes me feel uncomfortable.

•I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" online without first checking with my parents. If my parents agree to the meeting, I will be sure that it is in a public place and bring my mother or father along.

•I will never send a person my picture or anything else without first checking with my parents.

•I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I get a message like that. If I do, I will tell my parents right away so that they can contact the online service.

•I will talk with my parents, so that we can set up rules for going online. We will decide upon the time of day that I can be online, the length of time I can be online, and appropriate areas for me to visit. I will not access other areas or break these rules without their permission.

For further information on child safety, please contact the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678) or www.missingkids.com.

Fire Company Update

The Fire Company wishes to acknowledge the support we continue to receive from you – the Township residents, business community, and the Township Board of Supervisors and employees. Your support makes our efforts more meaningful.

We especially wish to thank Marie Rieseck, a resident of Oak Springs, who presented our members with a trophy in acknowledgment of our services. And, thank you to Mine Safety Appliances Company and Mr. Mike Weber for a donation of 10 air cylinders, which are critical to our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Program.

2001 STATISTICS

The total statistics for 2001 reflect an increase in performance and a reduction in response time and time on the scene. This is due to an intensive training schedule, the continuation of scheduled on-call crews Mondays through Fridays, 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., and the commitment of our members.

Total Alarms:	496
Total Time on Scene (hours):	436
Average Time on Scene (minutes):	53
Average Fire fighter Turnout:	13
Average Response Time (minutes):	9.36
Total Training Hours:	4,245
Total Station Time:	3,861
(Includes Maintenance, Standby, etc.)	
Total Volunteer Hours:	14,108
Estimated Property Loss:	\$147,000
(-\$56,000 from 2000)	

- 229, or 46.2% of the incidents were on the weekend (Friday - Sunday)
- 167, or 33.2% of the incidents were between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- 63% of the incidents occurred from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

WHAT DO YOU CALL AN ORGANIZATION THAT BOASTS OF:

An Airline Pilot	A Fire Protection Engineer
A Banking Manager	A Greens Keeper
A Dentist	A Health Insurance Manager
4 CDL Operators	2 High School Students
A Chemical Engineer	4 Career Law Enforcement Officers
A Claims Manager	3 Maintenance Engineers
4 College Students	3 Mechanics
5 Computer Programmers	A Plumber
3 Construction Laborers	3 Private Business Owners
A CPA Audit Manager	5 Sales Persons
An Electrical Engineer	2 Sprinkler Fitters
A Financial Analyst	3 Truck Repair Managers

Plus, 3 masters degrees, 14 bachelor degrees, 6 associate degrees, 40 high school diplomas, and 4,000 training hours annually?

What do you call an organization that has all of these? We call it –

THE CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Come and meet some interesting people

Join us!

Contact Lee Nanna, Recruitment and Retention (724) 776-1196



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Each October, one week is designated National Fire Safety Week. But like so many of the designated weeks throughout the year, fire safety is a year-round concern, and one the Volunteer Fire Company likes to keep out in front of the Community.

•In the second quarter Township Newsletter for 2002, we plan to issue a schedule of when the Fire Company's Fire Safety House will visit certain neighborhoods. If you are unfamiliar with the setup, it is a trailer towed by a Fire Company vehicle and intended to show the neighborhood children what to do in case of a fire, and what not to do to help avoid fires.

•In the meantime, please remember to change your batteries in your smoke detectors the first weekend of April when you set your clocks ahead. Even if your battery works now, the greater issue is will it work when you need it. Also, check your fire extinguishers to make sure they are still properly charged, and replace them if they are not. If you have neither item in your home or apartment, PLEASE purchase them.

•Talk with your children about such things as matches, lighters, grills, candles, and especially, evacuation routes from each room and a gathering place outside, such as the neighbor's mailbox.

•The phone number to the Haine School Station and the Park Station on Route 19 is the same – 724-776-1196, if you would like more information about fire safety. But if you need the Volunteer Fire Company in an emergency, call 9-1-1. ●

Fire Company Annual Meeting

Members of the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company gathered at St. Ferdinand's Hall in Cranberry for their annual dinner and swearing-in ceremony of the 2002 Company and Brigade Officers on January 12, 2002. Almost 200 attendees were on hand for the event. Among them was the guest speaker for the evening, Butler County commissioner Joan Chew, who spoke of the state-of-the-art Fire Training Center that will be completed midyear, located on the grounds of the Butler County Community College in Butler. Commissioner Chew also recognized Wayne Kovac, President, Butler County Fire Chief's Association, and former Cranberry Township Fire Chief, as a driving force in the development, construction, and completion of the complex.

After a buffet dinner, Cranberry Township Supervisor Bill Ambrass administered the Oath of Office to the 2002 Company and Brigade Officers for the Volunteer Fire Company. Those Officers for 2002 include: Company President, Chris DeCree; Vice-President, Lee Nanna; Secretary, Steven Dunham; Treasurer, Jim Cole; Directors-at-Large, Gary Brewer and Dale Gould. Brigade Officers include: Chief, Mark Nanna; Assistant Chief, Todd Rice; First Captain, Brian Kovac; Second Captain, Jordan Greene; First Lieutenant, Dale Hall; Second Lieutenant, Larry Clutter; and Rescue Officer, Dave Piroth.

Fire Police include: Captain, Bill Sexton and First Lieutenant, Jim Sines. Ladies Auxiliary officers include: President, Ruth Nanna; Vice-President, Terri Brewer; Secretary, Sheila Brown; and Treasurer, Mary Lou Lehr.

Awards of Achievement for 2001 were presented to the following: Company Member of the Year, Jason Hawk; Brigade Member of the Year, Mark Van der Feyst; President's Award, Larry Clutter; Chief's Award, Steve Zorbas; and Rookie of the Year, Steve Dancisin.

The Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company wishes to thank the Zelienople and Marshall Township Volunteer fire fighters for standing-by while Cranberry attended their ceremonies. ●



Brigade officers for 2002 are Larry Clutter, Jordan Greene, Mark Nanna, Todd Rice, Brian Kovac, Dale Hall, and Dave Piroth.

Colleges Offer New Programs in Cranberry

BCCC CRANBERRY CENTER

Summer credit classes at the Cranberry Center of Butler County Community College begin May 22. These classes are generally those that will transfer to another college or those that will allow the BC3 student to get ahead in his or her program. The mainstay of Cranberry's summer school consists of liberal studies courses such as the following: speech, general psychology, abnormal psychology, Shakespeare, health science, intro to microcomputing, microcomputing drawing, intro to business, micro-economics, English I, intermediate algebra, environmental biology, Anatomy and Physiology II, and basic accounting. There are preparatory courses also on the schedule. These courses allow the student who needs extra help in math or English to get that help in the summer, rather than doing so during the regular semester.

In addition to the academic courses, there are self-improvement classes, too. We have computer classes of varying types on the schedule for folks over the age of 16. Printed copies of the summer schedule will be available in April.

New Programs for Youth. This year we will provide the youth of the Cranberry area with several exciting new programs. In addition to some computer classes, take a look at these:

- Smithsonian National Space Command for grades 4 through 6 for four weeks.
- Smithsonian T-Rex for grades 1 through 3 for four weeks.

There will also be an art class for children. Interested persons can call us for details. Schedules will be printed and ready for distribution in April.

While we are all looking forward to a great summer, don't forget that learning takes place wherever we go. Come join us as part of your educational journey! For more information, call 724-772-5520. ●

Duquesne Offers MBA Program at Thorn Hill Site

Duquesne University's John F. Donahue Graduate School of Business plans to offer its nationally accredited MBA Program in Thorn Hill Industrial Park starting in the Fall 2002 term. For more information, please contact Linda Scott at 412-396-4109 or scottl@duq.edu

Chamber of Commerce

CRANBERRY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/ THORN HILL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Cranberry Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 2002 Student Essay Contest for members of the senior class at Seneca Valley, Mars, and North Allegheny High Schools. Four \$500 scholarships will be awarded to top entries submitted on the topic "If you lived to be 100 years old, what kind of impact would you make on the world?"

Scholarship applications may be picked up at school guidance offices, the Chamber office or in the Cranberry Library. Essays must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2002. For more information please call the Chamber Office at 724-776-4949.

13TH ANNUAL THORN HILL COUNTY LINE 5K RACE & WALK

The Cranberry Area Chamber will sponsor the 12th Annual Thorn Hill County Line 5K Race & Walk on Sunday, July 21 in the Thorn Hill Industrial Park. This is a fun race for any level of runner, and prizes are awarded for the top three finishers in 14 different age groups. All proceeds from the race go to the Cranberry Chamber Foundation/Thorn Hill Scholarship Fund, which awards four scholarships to area high school seniors. (See above).

Registration forms will be available at the Chamber office in June. The deadline for early registration (\$13) is July 12 for runners. After that date the fee is \$15. Walkers may register for \$8. Call the Chamber for more information.



A full-service U. S. Postal Office unit recently opened at the Shop'n Save store located in the Cranberry Mall. It is one of only a few contract units to have integrated retail terminals available to do electronic postal calculations and transactions. At the ribbon cutting ceremony: Mike Sweeney, Cranberry Shop 'n Save store manager; Bob Turkovich, postmaster of Mars and Cranberry Township post offices; Dick Hadley, chairman of the Board of Supervisors; Gary Triffo, Shop 'n Save general manager, Pittsburgh division; and Dick Cellino, district manager for the U.S. Postal Service territory.

2002 SCHEDULE

Annual Flushing Program

Cranberry Township will conduct its annual fire hydrant and distribution system flushing program beginning April 15, 2002. The flushing program is a regular maintenance function to flush the water system and check fire hydrant operation.

*Flushing will be done Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All hydrants and Township lines will be flushed. Please **do not** call the Police Department or the 911 emergency number with any calls regarding the flushing schedule. **All calls should be directed to the Customer Service Center at 724/776-4806.***

Discolored water and fluctuations are to be expected during flushing. Customers should refrain from using water and 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 water service is interrupted, customers should notify the Township Customer Service Center.

Week #1 – April 15

Pennwood Place, McKinney Warehouse, Keystone Drive, Commonwealth Drive, Residence Inn Complex, Freedom Road between Commonwealth Drive and Route 19, Old Mars Road between Route 19 and McElroy Drive, Mine Safety Complex, Cranberry Woods, Cranberry Mall, Dutilh Road between Freeport Road and Home Depot, St. Francis Medical Center, Fairfield Inn, Norberry Court, Route 19 south of PA Turnpike to Bravos Restaurant, AmeriSuites, 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 #2 – April 22

McElroy Road, Fox Run, Buckingham Trail, LaGrande Drive, Rowan School Rowan Road between Marshall Road and Old Farm Road, Marshall Road, Leonberg Road, St. Leonards Woods, Timberline, Peace Street, Peters Road between Wingap Drive and Old Farm Road, Olde Town Apartments, Scenic Ridge, Peters Road between Windgap Drive and Burke Road, Crystal Springs, Lakeview Estates, Route 19 between Freedom Road and Rochester Road, Cranberry Square, Cranberry Shoppes, Walmart, Doyle Equipment, Ogle Station, Boston Market, Jerrys Car Wash, Home Depot, Smith Drive.

Week #3 – April 29

Wisconsin Avenue, Route 19 from Rochester Road north to Kenny Ross, Ogleview Road, TRACO, Progress Avenue, Park Road, Ernie Mashuda Drive, Goehring Road, Butler Auto Auction, North Boundary Road, Cranberry Water Park, Pinehurst, Franklin Road, Franklin Ridge, Ehrman Road, Ehrman Farms, Grace Estates, Garvin Road, Oakview Estates.

Week #4 – May 6

Unionville Road, Cranberry Business Park, Winchester Farms, Winchester Lakes, Old Route 19, Settlers Village, Glen Eden Road, Settlers Grove, Antler Ridge, Glen Eden Plan, The Maples, Glenbrook, Glen Eden Townhouses, Manor Creek, Freshcorn Road, Cranberry Heights, Kingsbrook.

Week #5 – May 13

Rochester Road from Route 19 to Robinhood Drive, Thompson Park Drive, Executive Drive, Commerce Park Drive, Cranberry Corporate Center, Laurelwood, Sherwood Oaks, Fernway.

Week #6 – May 20

Freedom Road west of Commonwealth Drive, Thorn Hill Road, Sun Valley, Cranbrook Swift Homes, Woodlands, Autumn Hill Drive east of Crimson Court, Crimson Court, Rochester Road from Robinhood Drive to Haine School Road, Haine School Road, Haine School, Valleybrook, Pine Ridge, Deer Run.

Week #7 – May 28

Ashford Manor, Cranberry West, Cranberry Pointe, Cranberry Estates, Clearbrook, Rochester Road from Haine School Road to Powell Road, Creekwood Commons, Creekwood, Kimberwicke, Harvest Drive, Holiday Drive, Freedom Woods.

Week #8 – June 3

Crossings, Powell Road between Rochester Road and Autumn Hill Drive, Mystic Pine Trail, Blue Ridge Estates, Berkley Manor, Hampshire Woods, Autumn Hill Forest Park.

Week #9 – June 10

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

**UPCOMING ADULT
PROGRAMS AT THE
LIBRARY**

Book Discussion Group

Disobedience by Jane Hamilton

- Monday March 4, 2002, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 20, 2002, 10 a.m.
- Monday April 1, 2002, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday April 24, 2002, 10 a.m.
- Monday May 6, 2002, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday May 15, 2002, 10 a.m.

Pediatric Series – Bellevue Pediatrics

Programs are at 7 p.m. Call the library to register.

- Tuesday, March 26, 2002 – Fathers and Sons, Growing Together: Puberty from 10-13 years of age
- Tuesday, April 23, 2002 – Tough Toddlers
- Tuesday, May 28, 2002 –Solve your child's sleep problems

Health Series – Total Chiropractic & Rehabilitation Center

Programs are scheduled on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Call the library to register.

- March 5, 2002 – Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
- April 2, 2002 – Back Safety and Injury Program
- May 7, 2002 – Workplace and/or Office Ergonomics

Financial Series A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc.

All programs are at 7 p.m. Call the library to register.

- 529 Plans = Tax-Free Investing for College
- Thursday, March 21, 2002;
- Wednesday, April 10, 2002;
- Thursday, May 9, 2002
- Your Retirement Plan – Take It, Leave It, or Roll It!
- Thursday March 21, 2002;
- Wednesday, April 24, 2002;
- Thursday, May 23, 2002

Preparation for Divorce Workshop –

presented by Janet Bouma, Certified Divorce Planner, Thursday April 25, 2002 at 7 p.m. Call the library to register.

New Library Wing Opened

The Cranberry Public Library opened its doors on January 2, 2002, with a new look! The library has added a new children's wing that is physically accessible to persons with disabilities, a new children's storytime room, an expanded computer, reference lab, an improved young adult area, and a tutoring/literacy room.

A Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grant is making it possible to install 12 new Internet stations for our patrons. The hardware arrived on February 14 and the system is up and running. The library plans to offer computer workshops.

Patrons will find the new library inviting, warm, open, and expansive. We invite you to use the facilities often!

An **Open House to celebrate the opening of the new library** was held Saturday, February 9. Miss Frannie offered special storytimes and a visit by CoCo the Clown, who intrigued the youngsters with her balloon animals and face paintings.

Thanks to the Cranberry Chamber of Commerce for presenting the library with a check for \$9,845, monies raised from a Harley Davidson motorcycle raffle. This contribution provided the new children's wing with hardware, equipment, and furniture for five new children's computer stations.

THE LIBRARY'S TOTAL CIRCULATION IN 2001 WAS 181,724 – AN INCREASE OF 14 PERCENT OVER THE YEAR 2000. OVER 144,631 PATRONS WALKED THROUGH OUR DOORS IN 2001. THE LIBRARY HAS A MATERIALS COLLECTION OF 65,731!

Youth Programs at the Library

The **new Homework Help** program sponsored by the Cranberry Library provides the opportunity for students in first through sixth grade to receive help with basic homework questions. The program runs on Mondays from 5 until 8 p.m., Tuesdays from 5 until 7 p.m., and Wednesdays from 5 until 8 p.m. On Saturday, the Homework Helpers will be available from 10 a.m. until noon on the odd dates, and from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on the even dates. To reserve a time with a "helper," call the children's office at the library at 724-776-9100, ext. 1124. Those students who show up without an appointment will be helped on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Daytime Storytime registration begins on March 4 at 10 a.m. Daytime Storytime is for 3 to 5 year olds and includes stories, crafts, songs, and lots of fun! Space is limited, and class slots are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. No telephone registrations are accepted. Class times are at either 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning on April 9 and 11, respectively.

Infant Nursery Rhyme Times for babies from birth to 23 months old is scheduled for Tuesday at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. beginning on March 5 through March 27. No registration is required. No older siblings are allowed.

Two-Year-Old Storytime begins on March 6 and runs on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., and Thursdays at 11 a.m. This is for two-year-olds and their caregivers only. No older or younger children are allowed. No registration required.

Check out our **new Juvenile Subjects Lists** or bibliographies. This is a list about a specific subject, like trains, and it includes all juvenile books, tapes, and videos the library owns on the topic.

EASY ACCESS TO LIBRARY SERVICES

Cranberry Public Library's Web Page offers access to its card catalog, "Power Access," and your patron record. Simply, go to our home page at <http://www.bcfls.org/cranberry>



To search the card catalog, click on **ONLINE CARD CATALOG**. To access Power Access, click on "links," click on Access PA Power Library icon, type in the barcode number from your Butler County Library card (this is the number on the back of your library card), and click on "submit."

To see your patron record, you must have an authorized PIN number. Click on "ONLINE CARD CATALOG" and click on "PATRON record review," enter your patron ID (this is the number on the back of your library card), and then tab and enter your PIN number, click on 'submit.'

Come in and look at the **new CDs and DVDs** that the library has added to its collection.

Become a Hero – Volunteer!

With the New Year upon us, many of us in the emergency service field are reflecting on the events of September 11, 2001 and how we have been affected. During President Bush's speech, he made reference to bravery, generosity, and sacrifices by ordinary citizens and that of volunteerism. President Bush stated, "The great story of America is not in our government, but helping a neighbor in need." Have you asked yourself, "What can I do to help my community?" If you are asking yourself that question, perhaps becoming a volunteer is the answer. Cranberry Volunteer Ambulance Corps is seeking people like you – ordinary citizens and friends of the community, both professionals and non-professionals, to take on the roles of today's heroes. Volunteers in our organization fill important positions within the service, they include: drivers, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), paramedics, pre-hospital RNs, wheel chair van drivers, as well as supportive services such as public relations, information technology, fund-raising, etc. Training is provided free of charge. Seize the moment to make a difference in the community – Volunteer!

2002 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Congratulations to our volunteers who have recently been elected as new officers to the Cranberry Volunteer Ambulance Corps Board of Directors for 2002. They include:

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| Tom Doherty | President |
| Sallie Bailey | 1st Vice President |
| Craig Gordon | 2nd Vice President |
| Pamela Dixon | Secretary |
| Lee Brandenberger | Treasurer |
| Tim Rausch | Director at Large |
| Scott Smith | Director at Large |

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, 24 HOURS/DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK!

Cranberry Volunteer Ambulance Corps (CVAC) is a non-profit organization that provides emergency medical service to the Cranberry area 24 hours per day, seven days per week. CVAC offers a yearly subscription for individuals, families, and senior citizens in the community. The subscription is used by CVAC to help cover the costs of operating the organization. In addition to helping the ambulance corps, it provides the residents who participate a form of insurance which covers the cost difference between the costs covered by their personal insurance and the ambulance bill. Cranberry Volunteer Ambulance Corps also offers transport services with our wheelchair van, for individual transportation to and from hospitals, doctors' offices, and clinics. For more information regarding services provided or for information on becoming a volunteer, please contact Pamela Dixon, Secretary, at 724/266-4994 or by e-mail at cranberry_ems@hotmail.com



ON THE INTERNET

The Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company has joined the Township web page. We invite you to check it out for information on Township administration, zoning, and planning – and now to find out about the Volunteer Fire Company Mission, officer listings, photos, and more. Here's where to find it – <http://www.twp.cranberry.pa.us> Find Departments, click on Public Safety, and there you will find the Volunteer Fire Department.

Adopt-A-Roadway

Cranberry Township Local Roads

Our appreciation to all the volunteer groups and individuals listed below who continue to contribute personal time toward the Adopt-A-Roadway Program. The following is a list of currently adopted Township roads, and those highlighted roads that are available for adoption as of February 1, 2002.

Mile	Road Name	Adopted By
0.5	Progress Ave.	Cranberry Women's Club
0.8	Burke Rd.	The Pindroh Family
0.8	Commonwealth Dr.	Evans City Earthkeepers
0.8	Darlington Rd.	Oakwood Apt Management
0.9	Old Route 19	Louis Zona, CPA
1.0	Executive & Thomson Pk. Dr.	BC3 - Cranberry Center
1.0	Powell Rd. (Rochester to Freedom)	Cub Scout Pack #403 The Flaming Arrows & Wolverine Patrol
1.0	Unionville Rd. (Aberdeen to Glen Eden Rd)	Reale & McIntyre Prudential Realty
1.1	Haine School Rd.	Ashford Manor Condo. Assoc.
1.1	Mars Rd. (Rt. 228 to Franklin Rd.)	I'm available!
1.3	Hope & Woodlawn Rd.	The Treese Family
1.4	Ehrman / Old Ehrman Rd.	The Vogelsang Family
1.4	Glen Rape Rd.	The Hardman Family
1.4	Goehring Rd.	The Graf Family
1.4	Marshall Rd.	Twp. of Cranberry, Employees, & Families
1.5	Peters Rd.	Boy Scout Troop #404
1.5	Unionville (Rt. 19 to Aberdeen) & Ogleview Rd.	Ross & Lacher Construction
1.6	Graham School Rd.	Dutilh UMC Youth Group
1.7	Bear Run Rd.	Plains Presbyterian Church
1.7	North Boundary Rd.	Volunteer Ambulance Corp
1.7	Powell Rd. (Rochester to Glen Eden Rd.)	United Mobile Homes
1.9	Freshcorn Rd.	The Davis Family
2.0	Garvin Rd.	Scott & Charlotte Wood

A minimum two year commitment is required to be an adopting organization, business, family, or individual with a minimum of one spring and one fall organized clean-up each year. For information on participating in the program, contact the Adopt-A-Roadway Coordinator Barby Cheetham at the Township Public Works Office, 724-776-4806 ext. 1500, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Did You Know?

On January 4, 2002, Cranberry Township residents and businesses disposed of 1,502 pounds of oil and grease. We poured it down our kitchen sinks or washed it away in our dishwashers. We drained our bacon fat from cast iron skillets or emptied that quart of old motor oil down the drain. True, this was a heavy day, but like the day before and the day after, Cranberry Township's sewage treatment plant has to treat an average of 850 pounds of oil and grease every day.

These products contribute to the waste load handled at Cranberry Township's sewage treatment plant. The challenge associated with treating this waste increases the operation and maintenance costs of the entire system. Grease is the major cause of clogged sewers as it builds up, decreasing pipe capacity and causing backups. At the plant, it can cause odors. Additionally, the Township's Sewer and Water Division Rules and Regulations prohibit the disposal of petroleum products down the drain, and disposing of certain oils and greases is a violation of state environmental laws.

To save yourself the expense and inconvenience of a clogged sewer line, you should collect cooking grease and oil and discard it in the garbage. An old coffee can or plastic bottle makes a good container. Businesses that use these products must ensure proper maintenance and cleaning of their grease collection traps. For more information, contact Lorin Meeder, of the Sewer and Water Division, at 724-776-4806, ext. 1176, on how to reduce grease and oil discharges into the sewer system. ●



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Comments or suggestions concerning the newsletter are welcome and may be directed to the Municipal Center.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Local Government Day to be Observed in Cranberry Township

This annual, local event originated in 1997 in keeping with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's celebration held each April 15. At the state level, a dinner is held to honor the local municipalities who are being recognized in five categories: building community partnerships, promoting community and economic revitalization, innovative community/government initiatives, fiscal accountability and best management practices, and responding to adversity. Cranberry Township has received several of these awards over the past few years.

The role of local government is ever-changing, as is your community! In order to keep the residents updated on those transitions, the Board of Supervisors invites the Township's families and friends to Local Government Day on Saturday, April 20 at the Park Fire Station, Route 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Both the Public Safety and Public Works departments' equipment will be on the site along with personnel to help you understand how, why, what, and where they fit into the puzzle of local government. The Water Pollution Control Facility will also be open for touring. These are invaluable inner-workings which most do not recognize until their services are directly needed.

Do not miss this opportunity to become acquainted with their functions or just to commend them on keeping the community safe and in working order.

As the new Cranberry Highlands Golf Course is anticipated to be open in September 2002, we will be highlighting this new project as well. Shuttle buses will take participants from the fire station to the golf course to view the progress of this exciting, new venture. The shuttle will, again, have a stop at the water pollution control facility, and staff will be available there for guiding your tour. Additionally, the Board is providing free treats to all who attend.

Mark Your Calendars!

May 15 has been set as the date for the Dedication of Sample School. Watch local newspapers for details and join us to celebrate the opening of our one-room school!

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