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Plans Underway for Local Government Day

Plans are underway for the annual Local Government Day to be held next month in Cranberry Township. Local Government Day is sponsored in Cranberry Township by the Board of Supervisors.

This year, the event will feature the Public Safety and Public Works Departments as the main attraction on Saturday, April 21 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The staffs of both departments will be on hand at the Cranberry Township Park Fire Station on Rt. 19 to introduce themselves to constituents and demonstrate the use of the technical equipment that is essential in an emergency or for a maintenance project. Visitors will have the opportunity to get a close-up view of the equipment.

The 2001 Local Government Day celebration will showcase the Township Water Pollution Control Facility and the new golf course development site. Those residents interested will be able to board buses at the Park Fire Station to take a tour of the plant and the site of the proposed golf course. They will be shuttled from the fire station to the plant for a tour, and on the return route, to the Township's golf course site.

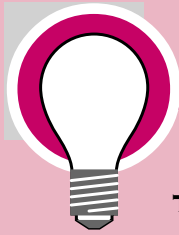


Cranberry residents have the opportunity to get a "closer look" at the equipment used by the Public Works Department.

Be sure to stop by and enjoy some free refreshments while getting a knockout tour of the many inside operations of your Township!

Treatment Plant Tours:

- 10:30 a.m. - Bus leaves Fire Hall
- 11:30 a.m. - Bus leaves Fire Hall
- 12:30 p.m. - Bus leaves Fire Hall
- 1:30 p.m. - Bus leaves Fire Hall



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TAX SITTING DAYS

- Tax sitting dates for 2001 are scheduled for the following Saturdays from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building: April 7, April 28, July 28, October 27, and January 26, 2002.
- 2000 final return must be filed by Monday, April 16, 2001 along with verification/documentation of earned income.
- First quarter earned income tax for 2001 is due on April 30, 2001.
- Berkheimer Associates is your Act 511 Tax Collector. Verbal assistance may be offered, but the taxpayer is responsible for completing and signing the return.

TOWNSHIP INCREASES WATER STORAGE CAPACITY

Cranberry Township has built a new water storage tank located in the northern portion of the Township. The three million gallon storage increases the Township's water storage capacity from 2.5 million gallons to five million gallons. The increase in storage will provide for heavy water use periods and fire protection.

Tips for Control of Gypsy Moths

It is gypsy moth season again, and some residents have questions about what can be done to control gypsy moths and similar pests. Hopefully, the following article will offer some solutions. The following was written by Sandy Feather, Extension Agent, Consumer Horticulture, at Penn State Cooperative Extension, Pittsburgh, Pa., and is reprinted with permission from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Q. I have two weeping cherry trees in my yard that have cobwebs on their branches. On closer examination, I noticed caterpillars in the cobwebs that are defoliating the affected branches. What are they and how do I get rid of them?

A. They are the nests of fall webworms. These caterpillars usually begin their activity in late June or early July. At first, their webs are so small that they escape notice. Fall webworms build their nests on the ends of branches and feed within the web, enlarging it as necessary to obtain more food. They feed on a wide variety of deciduous trees.

Small infestations within reach can easily be pruned off the tree and disposed of in the trash. Larger infestations, or those out of reach, can be controlled with *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) when the caterpillars are still small, say under one-half inch long. Bt is a bacterial disease that infects caterpillars and is very safe for use around children and pets. You must thoroughly spray the foliage inside the web and just beyond it, because the caterpillars ingest Bt for it to be effective. Once the caterpillars get larger, Bt does not provide adequate control. Orthene (acephate), BioNeem (azadirachtin), Sevin (carbaryl), or diazinon are more effective on larger caterpillars. All of these products are labeled to control fall webworms on a wide variety of plants. Be certain that the product you choose is labeled for application to the affected plant.

It is very difficult to spray through the large, tough webs you see in late summer. The webs will remain until they weather away, even if you get the caterpillars under control. Next year, start scouting the affected plants in your yard in late June or early July so that you can take steps to control them while the caterpillars and webs are still small.

You do have the option of living with them, particularly if they are only affecting a branch or two on a large tree. Fall webworms do their worst damage late enough in the season that the tree's buds for next year are already set. An otherwise healthy tree will not sustain life-threatening damage. If an affected tree is already stressed by drought, disease, or damage from other insects, it is a good idea to control them. Also, newly planted, small trees should be protected from complete defoliation.

People often confuse fall webworms with eastern tent caterpillars or gypsy moths. Eastern tent caterpillars build their webs in the crotches of trees—especially cherry, crabapple, and apple trees—in the spring, just as trees are starting to leaf out. Unlike fall webworms, eastern tent caterpillars leave their nests to feed, and return in the evening or when threatened. The same products labeled for control of fall webworm are effective against eastern tent caterpillars. Be sure to spray or mechanically remove their webs in the evening when they have returned to their nests for the night. Gypsy moth larvae are also active in the spring, just as oak trees are leafing out. They do not spin webs at all. They spin threads of silk that carry the small larvae from tree to tree in the wind. That is why they are called gypsy moths. Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*), Orthene (acephate), and Sevin (carbaryl) are labeled to control gypsy moth larvae. Be sure to hire a certified arborist to spray very large trees. They have the training and equipment to do the job safely and thoroughly. ●

Meet Mike Schneider

Mike Schneider began working for the Township as Public Works Director on February 1.

Mike, who graduated with a civil engineering degree from the Coast Guard Academy, gained a broad base of experience in facilities management and planning while on various assignments for the U.S. Coast Guard. He developed and managed a shore construction project while stationed at the Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, D.C. During that time, he also completed a Master's Degree in civil engineering and was licensed as an engineer in his home state of Pennsylvania. While on duty in Cape May as the chief of public works, Mike said he began to think he would be interested in the day-to-day operations and facilities management of a community. After eight years of active duty in the Coast Guard and a three year stint working in facilities management for Enron Building Services, he was provided that opportunity here in Cranberry Township.

Mike's responsibilities include establishing procedures for the operations and maintenance of all the capital assets of Cranberry Township – not only streets and properties, but the buildings and parks, and sewer and water facilities. Mike says he will be working closely with other departments in the Township to ensure that the day-to-day facilities operations are managed.

A resident of Cranberry Township since 1997, Mike served on the recruitment and retention committee for the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company. He is also still active in the Coast Guard Reserves. He and his wife, Lorrie, have two children, a 3 1/2 year old daughter and a newborn son.

Property Tax Collector

The 2001 Butler County/Cranberry Township real estate taxes were mailed March 1, 2001. There has been no property tax increase this year for Cranberry Township – the millage rate remains the same at 12.25 mills. Butler County had a 4-mill increase which raises the millage to 21.5 mills from 17.5. Taxes are currently due at the discount amount until April 30, 2001. Taxes can be paid at face value from May 1 - June 30, 2001. Penalty starts July 1, 2001 and ends December 31, 2001.

The property tax 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 28, 2001 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,

Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER/THORN HILL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

The Cranberry Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 2001 Student Essay contest for members of the senior class at Seneca Valley, Mars, and North Allegheny High Schools. Four \$500 scholarships will be awarded for top entries submitted on the topic "Pros and Cons of a Profession."

Scholarship applications may be picked up at school guidance offices, the Chamber office or in the Cranberry Public Library. Essays must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 23. For more information, please call the Chamber at 724/776-4949.

ANNUAL THORN HILL COUNTY LINE 5K RACE AND WALK

The Cranberry Area Chamber will sponsor the 12th Annual Thorn Hill County Line 5K Race and Walk on Sunday, July 22 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 article above).

Registration forms will be available at the Chamber office in June. The deadline for early registration (\$11) is July 13 for runners. After that date, the fee is \$13. Walkers may register for \$7. Call the Chamber for additional information.

WHAT'S THIS PINK STUFF IN MY BATHROOM?

Have you ever looked at your bathroom fixtures and noticed a pinkish substance appearing in the shower, the sink, and along the water line of your toilet bowl? You may be wondering – what's this? The pink residue is not a problem associated with water quality, but rather one from naturally occurring airborne bacteria.

The bacteria produces a pinkish film, and sometimes a dark gray film, on surfaces that are regularly moist including toilet bowls, showerheads, sink drains, and tiles. Additionally, the pinkish film often appears during and after new construction or remodeling activities as the dirt and dust probably contain various species of bacteria that seek moist environments. If you should find that your fixtures show these characteristics, the best solution is to keep these surfaces free from the bacterial film through continual cleaning. A chlorine compound is best, but use care with abrasives to avoid scratching the fixtures, which will make them even more susceptible to bacteria. Chlorine bleach can be periodically stirred into the toilet and flushed into the bowl itself. As the tank refills, more bleach can be added. Three to five tablespoons of fresh bleach should be all that is necessary. A toilet cake that contains disinfectant can keep a residual in the water at all times.

Cleaning and flushing with chlorine will not necessarily eliminate the problem, but it will help to control these bacteria. Keeping the bathtubs and sinks wiped down and dry will also help to control this problem. Additionally, the use of a cleaning solution that contains chlorine will help curtail the onset of bacteria.

Should you have any questions, please contact the sewer and water division of the Township Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Annual Flushing Program

Cranberry Township will conduct its annual fire hydrant and distribution system flushing program beginning April 16, 2001. 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 will be flushed. Please **do not** phone 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 office.

2001 Flushing Schedule

Week #1 – April 9

Commonwealth Drive, Pennwood Place, Keystone Drive, Freedom Road to Thornhill Road, Residence Inn Complex, Cranberry Mall, Route 19 north to Rochester Road, Cranberry Square, Cranberry Shoppes, Wal-Mart, Dutilh Road, Fairfield Inn, St. Francis Medical Center, Norberry Court, Red Roof Inn, AmeriSuites, Holiday Inn Express, Old Mars Road, Grandshire, Cranberry Commons Mall, Spring Meadows, Cranberry Woods/Mine Safety Appliances, Hazelwood.

Week #2 – April 16

Freedom Road west of Commonwealth Drive, Clearbrook, Cranberry Estates, Sun Valley, Cranbrook, Woodlands, Swift Plan, Freedom Woods, Hampshire Woods, Autumn Hill, Blue Ridge Estates, Mystic Pine Trail.

Week #3 – April 23

Rochester Road from Route 19, Harvest/Holiday Drives, Kimberwicke, Powell Road south to Darlington Road, Haine School Road, Haine School, Valleybrook, Pineridge, Deer Run, Ashford Manor, Cranberry Pointe, Cranberry West, Creekwood, Creekwood Commons.

Week #4 – April 30

Executive Drive/Thomson Park Drive, Cranberry Corporate Center, Laurelwood, Sherwood Oaks, Fernway, Wisconsin Avenue, Route 19 north to Township Line.

Week #5 –

Powell Road north to Glen Eden Road, The Crossings, Forest Park, Highland Village, Havenwood, Hunters Creek, Averys Field, Green Fields Estates, Woodbine, Freshcorn Road, Cranberry Heights, and Kingsbrook.

Week #6 –

Glen Eden Road from Freshcorn Road to Route 19, Cedarbrook, Manor Creek Farms, Glen Eden Townhouses, Glenbrook, The Maples, Glen Eden Plan, Antler Ridge, Settlers Grove, Old Route 19, Ogle View Road, Unionville Road, Cranberry Industrial Park, Cranberry Community Park, Cranberry Business Park, Winchester Farms, Winchester Lakes.

Week #7 –

McElroy Road, Fox Run, Canterbury Heights, LaGrande Drive, Rowan Road, Rowan School, Marshall Road, Mashuda Industrial Park, Old Towne Apartments, Scenic Ridge, Peters Road, Burke Road, Lakevue Estates, Crystal Springs, Timberline, Peace Street, St. Leonards Woods, North Boundary Road, Cranberry Water Park, Pinehurst, Franklin Road, Bristol Creek, Ehrman Road, Ehrman Farms, Grace Estates, Garvin Road, Oakview Estates. ●

New 10-Digit Dialing Takes Effect



Beginning July 12, 2001, all telephone customers in the 412 and 724 area codes, as well as those in the new 878 area code, must dial ten digits for all phone calls within and between those area codes. Dialing to all other area codes will continue to require 1 + area code + seven-digit number.

Customers are reminded that telephone rates will not be affected and that local calling areas will not change. What is a local call currently, will remain a local call with the new area code. Additionally, existing area codes and phone numbers will not change, only new phone numbers.

Customers may begin using ten digits when making phone calls, as a permissive dialing period has been in effect since July 17, 2000. However, after July 12, all calls that are not dialed correctly will go to a recorded announcement reminding callers to dial the area code. ●

VOICe Victim Outreach Center

Victim Outreach Intervention Center (VOICe) is a private, non-profit agency, which provides free and confidential services to all victims of violent crime and their families in Butler County. VOICe was formed through the merger of the Volunteers Against Abuse Center of Butler County, Inc. and Crime Victims Services and is the first in the state to be born from a domestic violence program and a rape crisis/other violent crime center.

What began as two grassroots groups of volunteers has grown into a comprehensive victim-service center, staffed by 33 trained professionals. VOICe provides a range of crisis intervention and on-going supportive services designed to meet the needs of those we serve. VOICe operates out of four sites around the county: Butler, Slippery Rock, Cranberry, and the shelter location.

VOICe is an agency committed to assisting victims of violent crime, including, but not limited to, domestic violence, sexual assault, incest, attempted homicide, assault, burglary, and arson. VOICe serves an average of 150 individuals every month. VOICe provides the following free and confidential services: 24-hour toll free hotline, emergency crisis shelter, individual and group counseling, welfare/medical/legal advocacy, comprehensive children's programming, and community/prevention education. If you or someone you know is a victim of a violent crime, please call our 24-hour toll-free hotline at 1-800-400-8551. ●

Red Cross Month

March is Red Cross Month, a time designated by the President of the United States to recognize the lifesaving differences the American Red Cross makes for people around the world everyday. During the past year, the efforts of dedicated American Red Cross volunteers and employees in our community have helped 50 families faced with disasters such as fires and flooding receive immediate assistance. Thousands of people in Butler County and across the country received the gift of life from hometown heroes who donated blood. Over 11,000 people attended local Red Cross classes and received the skills they may need someday to save a life. It is the gifts of time and money from people right here in this community that make these lifesaving services possible. For more information on volunteer activities, classes, or how to make a financial contribution, please contact 724/779-6388 or visit us on the web at www.zbzoom.net/~redcross. ●

Lead and Copper Testing

The Township's Public Works Department will be testing for lead and copper in your drinking water this summer to comply with the regulations set forth by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Water Department has been testing for lead and copper in our customers' homes since 1992 when the law was enacted.

Lead seldom occurs naturally in water supplies such as streams and lakes. Lead enters drinking water as a contaminant primarily as a result of corrosion or wearing away of materials containing lead in the water distribution system and household plumbing. These materials include lead-based solder used to join copper pipe, brass, and chrome fixtures. In 1986, Congress banned the use of lead solder containing greater than 0.2% lead and restricted the lead content of faucets, pipes, and other plumbing materials to 8.0%.

When water stands in plumbing systems containing lead for several hours or more, the lead may dissolve into your drinking water. This means the first water drawn from the tap in the morning, or later in the afternoon after returning from work or school, may contain elevated levels of lead.

Cranberry's water system currently meets drinking water standards of less than 0.015 ppm for lead and less than 1.3 ppm for copper.

Naturally, we cannot test everyone's home. Therefore, we have selected homes that represent our customer base. If you have plastic piping in your home, or a newer home that was built after the government's lead ban, you won't be seeing us. If you do see us, we appreciate your cooperation. ●



**FIRE
DEPARTMENT**
KEEPING PACE

The Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company (CTVFC) continues to keep pace with the needs of the community. The new Aerial Platform Apparatus – designated Tower 21 – has proven to be valuable since its inception into service. It has been used on almost every call.

The firefighters continue an aggressive and progressive training schedule designed to enhance our capabilities and service. All 50 firefighters have to pass an 88-hour Essentials of Firefighting course. In addition, 18 firefighters completed the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania certified Firefighter I course (20 intensive hours of pragmatic application of principles and techniques), and two firefighters completed the certified Firefighter 2 course, an additional 16 hours of advanced techniques and applications.

2000 STATISTICS

The firefighters maintained a high standard of performance and preparedness.

Total training hours: 3,625 hours
Total alarms: 546
Average Response Time: 9.5 minutes
Total time on Station: 5,258 hours
(other than calls or training)
Total Volunteer Hours: 12,727 hours

- Most of the fire calls were on Thursdays (89 or 16.69 percent) and Fridays (80 or 15.9 percent).
- The busiest hours were 3 p.m. (8.3 percent), 5 and 6 p.m. (7.1 percent each).
- Approximately 77 percent of the calls were on week days, and 62 percent of the calls were between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Volunteer Fire Company Update

The Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company (CTVFC) conducted its election of company and brigade officers in November and the successful candidates assumed office in January. Dick Hadley, Chairperson of the Cranberry Township Supervisors, administered the oath of office at the annual awards dinner. The guest speaker was Ed Mann, the Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioner.

2001 Company Officers

President	Criss DeCree
Vice President	Lee Nanna
Secretary	Steven Dunham
Treasurer	Jim Cole
Director at Large	Gary Brewer
Director at Large	Dave Berneburg

2001 Brigade Officers

Chief	Mark Nanna
Assistant Chief	Todd Rice
1st Captain	Brian Kovac
2nd Captain	Leo Wilson
1st Lieutenant	Dale Hall
2nd Lieutenant	Dave Piroth
Rescue Officer	Jordan Greene

2001 Fire Police Officers

Captain	Bill Sexton
1st Lieutenant	Ray Wetzel
2nd Lieutenant	Jim Sines

2001 Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President	Ruth Nanna
Vice President	Terri Brewer
Secretary	Sheila Brown
Treasurer	Mary Lou Lehr

Outstanding achievement awards were presented at the annual dinner to the following:

Company Member of the Year:	Dave Piroth
Brigade Member of the Year:	John Poepoe
President's Award:	Ed Hestin
Chief's Award:	Jordan Greene
Rookie of the Year:	John Poepoe
Most Calls for the Year:	Steve Zorbas



The Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company donned the new uniform at the Annual Awards Dinner. The members unanimously agreed to introduce their new uniforms at their premier event. In the photo: the outgoing brigade officers for the year 2000.

THE MEMBERS OF THE CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY EXTEND OUR SINCEREST APPRECIATION FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE RESIDENTS OF CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP

THANK YOU CHIEF WAYNE KOVAC

Chief Wayne Kovac held the office for four years from 1996 through 2000. He provided outstanding, progressive leadership and brought a professional status to the CTVFC. He initiated innovative programs which serve as a model for others to admire and emulate, and provides us with a challenge to continue and to do better. His indefatigable efforts enhance the reputation of the Fire Company. His leadership and example encouraged all of the members to achieve more. During his tenure he initiated an aggressive training program. He simultaneously held the position of President of the Butler County Fire Chiefs Association and helped to achieve funding for a Butler County Fire School and Training facility. Chief Kovac decided to take a well-deserved respite and spend time with his family.

Thank you, Wayne.

COMMENDATION FROM THE COMMONWEALTH

State Representative Daryl Metcalfe, 12th District, presented the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company with a citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives honoring our members for their service, sacrifice, and dedication to the community.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The CTVFC performs functions other than firefighting in our effort to provide community service. On Halloween night, 21 members assisted the Cranberry Township Police Department and the Fire Police by patrolling in several housing plans to help safeguard the costumed trick or treaters. The CTVFC members patrolled in vehicles with flashing blue lights.

On Friday, December 22, when power failed at 5:50 p.m., in bitter cold, single-digit temperatures, the members of the CTVFC left their homes and families and assisted the Cranberry Township Police in traffic control at 10 major intersections until power was restored about five hours later.

THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION COMMITTEE

The Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company is sponsoring a strong advertising campaign on television and in the newspapers to recruit more volunteers. While our main purpose is to provide the best trained firefighters and emergency personnel to be ready for any situation, we also have other jobs that are very important, such as the fire prevention program, equipment maintenance, administrative programs, and training research. To staff these critical tasks takes more much time and effort. We need more volunteers to help us to help you. If you would like to see what it takes to operate a fire company, stop by the Park Station on Route 19, or the Haine School Station, and we will be happy to introduce you to fire service.

RAPID INTERVENTION TEAM PROGRAM

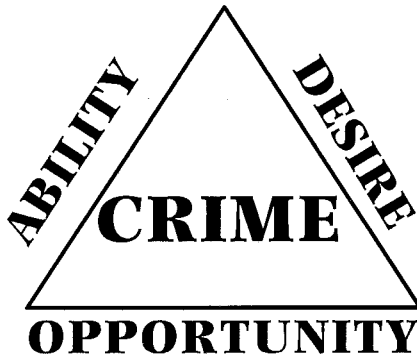
In keeping current with new concepts and techniques, the CTVFC has initiated a new program dedicated to assisting firefighters who become lost, trapped, disoriented, or down due to injury at an emergency incident. Members who desire to be on the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) are specially trained to use tools to enter a building to assist a distressed firefighter or firefighters. The concept has expanded to 11 communities in the Cranberry area in the three county area of Butler, Beaver, and Allegheny Counties. The specially-trained RIT members are readily identifiable by the orange Nomex hoods they have earned and wear. Helmet stickers with the red "RIT" initials also identify the rescuers. The RIT members can be called to any of the 11 communities to assist in the event a rapid entry is needed. The CTVFC has its own RIT program and participates in the tri-county operation, as well.

FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company has a fire prevention program, the keystone of which is the Fire Safety House. If you wish to take advantage of the program for your group or activities, please contact Steven Dunham, fire prevention coordinator at 724/776-1196. ●

Tips to Help Prevent Crime

With warmer weather rapidly approaching as well as a recent series of crime incidents, the police department wishes to share the following quick crime prevention tips. Before providing these prevention tips, however, it's necessary to look at the elements of crime and where efforts actually need to be focused. The following graphic depicts the three element of a crime; (1) Ability, (2) Desire, and (3) Opportunity.



Extensive research has shown that communities, residents, and law enforcement can do little to control a criminals "ABILITY" or "DESIRE" to commit a crime, but controlling the "OPPORTUNITY" factor does have an effect on preventing and reducing crime. Opportunity is actually a double-side sword; first, the "opportunity" to commit the crime needs to be reduced, i.e., securing the property, do not create an "easy" target for criminals to commit a crime, etc., and second, increase the "opportunity" for the criminal to be caught while attempting to commit the crime, i.e. increase lighting, alarm systems, neighbors watching out for neighbors, etc.

With this in mind the police department would like to ask residents to utilize this prevention information in an effort to prevent crime and not

Crime Prevention Tips

FOR THE HOME

1. Lighting . . . the best and most economic deterrent –
 - Keep front and rear lights on all evening.
 - Utilize motion detection lighting in driveway and around home.
2. Use timer –
 - Place lights and a radio on a timer in the home.
 - Vary the time they go on and off.
 - Make homes appear to be occupied.
3. Secure doors and windows –
 - Use deadbolt locks on all entry doors (front, back, garage, etc.).
 - Place a bar or a piece of wood in sliding glass doors and windows.
4. Watch what's going on in the neighborhood –
 - Notice strange or unusual people or vehicles.
 - Write down their description; get a license number.
 - Call 9-1-1.
5. Talk to neighbors –
 - Keep an eye on each others' homes while neighbors are away.
 - Know when people should not be there.
 - Know what vehicles should be there.
 - Report anything that raises suspicion.

FOR THE CAR

1. Always secure your car –
 - Even if it is sitting in the driveway or in front of your house.
 - Especially in parking areas . . . this will deter theft of items and/or the vehicle itself.
2. Don't make your vehicle an attractive target –
 - If shopping, put packages in trunk or cover them.
 - Be cautious about personal items left on the seat.
 - Lock the glovebox or center console if possible.
3. Utilize prevention devices –
 - Items like the "Club" and other anti-theft devices make it harder for the criminal and are a good deterrence device.
 - If your car is equipped with an alarm "USE IT."
 - The best method for deterring auto theft is a "cut off switch" (ask your mechanic or a car alarm technician about this).
4. If you're worried about something being stolen from your car, DON'T leave it in there!
5. Park wisely –
 - Always attempt to park in well lit areas.
 - When possible, park as close to the location you are going.
 - Beware of your surroundings . . . watch other vehicles, people, etc.

create that "attractive target" for the would-be criminal.

These prevention tips are not provided to alarm anyone, but to raise their awareness level. By decreasing a criminal's opportunity to commit a crime will force that criminal to move to another location and hopefully, out of Cranberry Township. If anyone

would like additional crime prevention tips or additional information they can contact the Cranberry Township Police Department or stop by the station. Prevention pamphlets on several subjects are available. The most important tip in prevention is . . . "REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS BY CALLING 9-1-1." ●

**UPCOMING ADULT
PROGRAMS AT THE
LIBRARY**

ALL BEGIN AT 7 P.M.:

Book Discussion Group

- Monday, March 5, 2001, Midwives by Chris Bohjalian
- Monday, April 2, 2001, Backstairs at the White House by Gwen Bagni & Paul Dubov
- Monday, May 7, 2001 Left Behind by Tim LaHaye
- Monday, June 4, 2001 The Proud and the Free by Janet Dailey

Any interested adult is invited to participate in any or all of the discussions. To reserve a copy of the next book for discussion, contact Pat at 724/776-9100, ext. 1126, or ask at the circulation desk of the library.

Programs

- Tuesday, March 27, 2001, "Duh, Whatever!" The Teenage Years, presented by Bellevue Pediatrics
- Wednesday, April 4, 2001, "Helping Children and Teens Control Anger," presented by North Hills Youth Ministry Counseling Center
- Tuesday, April 24, 2001, "Making it Safely to Third Base: Common Sports Injuries and Their Prevention," presented by Bellevue Pediatrics Seminar
- Tuesday, May 29, 2001, Bed Wetting, presented by Bellevue Pediatrics

Programs require preregistration. Reservations can be made at the circulation desk at the library or call 724/776-9100, ext. 1126. ●

Youth Programs at the Library

Daytime Storytime for three, four, and five year olds features not only stories, videos, songs, fingerplays, puppets, and simple art projects – it also encourages sharing, taking turns, following directions, and interacting with other children. There are four 45-minute classes available, with 20 children in each class, that are offered weekly for six weeks. Classes are held on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m., or Thursdays at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m., from April 10 and April 12 through May 15. Each child must be registered in order to attend. Registration is Monday, March 5, 2001.

Infant Nursery Rhyme Time, a half hour of nursery rhymes and songs for babies, birth through 23 months, and their caregiver. The four half-hour sessions will be held at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, from March 6 through March 27 and again from May 22 through June 12, 2001. There is no pre-registration nor class size limit. To keep this a special program for infants, **no children older than 23 months are allowed.**

Two-Year-Old Storytime, a half-hour of stories, games, and songs for two-year-olds and their caregivers will be held each Wednesday evening for four weeks at 7 p.m., March 7 through March 28, and from May 23 through June 13; or Thursday mornings at 11 a.m., March 8 through March 29, and from May 24 through June 14. There is no pre-registration nor class size limit. In order to keep this a quality program for the two-year olds, **no older or younger children are allowed.**

Summer Reading/Read-to-me Program is a six-week program designed to encourage pre-school through children in the fifth grade to read during the summer for fun and relaxation. Registration and book selection begin on June 18, and reports begin on June 21. The last day for reports will be July 28. A special celebration will be held at the end of the program. A theme and program guides will be announced at a later date.

Young Adult Chinese Raffle Reading Program is a six-week program for students in sixth through the 12th grade who want a fun challenge in summer reading. It is a Chinese raffle where reading specially marked and other books gives the young adult chances to win big prizes. Registration begins on June 18 and the raffle drawing winds up the program on July 28.

If you have questions about children's materials or children's programs, dial 724/776-9100, ext. 1124. ●



**ON THE
INTERNET**

The Township has its own World Wide Web site. Check it out for information on Township administration, zoning and planning, public safety, and more. Here's where to find it – <http://www.twp.cranberry.pa.us>.

Progress Continues on Cranberry Public Library Children's Expansion

Upon approval of the blueprints and bid specifications by Pennsylvania Commonwealth Libraries, the Township tentatively plans to have construction bids for the 4300 square foot addition by early spring. This means ground breaking can occur before the summer of 2001. It is estimated that it will take six to nine months to complete the new children's wing.

This is a \$600,000 project – \$250,000 provided by the Cranberry Township Board of Supervisors, \$250,000 provided by a Commonwealth Libraries Keystone Recreation Park and Conservation Fund Grant, and \$100,000 raised through local foundations, area businesses, and interested individuals. You can still support this project expansion by calling the library at 724/776-9100, ext. 1125, and ask to have a contribution envelope sent to your home or business address. Help the library reach and surpass its goal!

QUILTERS AMONG GROUPS RAISING \$\$ FOR LIBRARY PROJECT

The **Cranberry Township Quilting Circle** has made a queen-sized quilt to be raffled off; the proceeds will benefit the Cranberry Public Library expansion project. The quilt is called "cranberry swirl" and is in the log cabin design. The quilted circles represent the circle of women who made it. Raffle tickets are \$5 apiece or five tickets for \$20. The winning name will be drawn on May 31, 2001. The quilt is displayed in the library. Come in and look at it; and get your raffle tickets!

The **Cranberry Rotary Club** presented the library with a check for \$2000 to support the expansion project. **Dutilh Nursery School** students and parents gave the library a gift of 48 new children's books. **North Park Lounge Deck House** and **Maronda Homes** have both sponsored community promotions to contribute to the new children's wing.

Cranberry Public Library has won a complete set of "Arthur" books! Miss Jeanne, our children's librarian, sent in a description of our September "get a library card" program to the American Library Association. Our name was put in with 40 other libraries, and we were the winners. The books have been on special display in the children's room. ●

Summer Options at BCCC

Education never ends – no matter how old we are, we continue learning. Whether you are watching the news on television, reading the newspaper, listening to a speaker, or taking a class, there is something new to learn every day. The Cranberry Center of Butler County Community College provides the residents of this area with many opportunities to learn. This summer our schedule includes credit classes, as well as noncredit courses. If you want to catch up on the latest in computer information, if you want to learn about economics or public speaking, or if you want to expand your knowledge about literature, we have something to offer.

The summer noncredit courses will include Microsoft products like Windows, Word, and Excel. We are planning to offer something new this year. Certificates in Corel Draw 9.0, Desktop Publishing, and Medical Terms. If you have always wanted to learn how to take great photos and to develop your own shots, sign up for black and white photography. For the kids, we are planning a foreign language program and several computer classes.

You can't beat the tuition for the credit classes – just \$60 per credit for Butler County residents. The location of the Cranberry Center is convenient too. So, if you are home for the summer and want to take a class or two to get ahead at your four-year college, give us a call or stop in to pick up a schedule.

Call us at 724/772-5520 for further information or stop in at 250 Executive Drive.

Butler County Community College – The Smart Place to Start!



Join the Walking Club!

Over the years, the Cranberry Township Municipal Center has been a popular place for walkers. After many years of watching these participants walk themselves to health and happiness, Cranberry Township is proud to recognize their accomplishments. This past fall, the Parks and Recreation Department established the 100-mile club, a walking program that allows participants to log their miles walked with the department. After completion of 100 miles, each participant will receive a t-shirt and certificate.

After only a few short months of walking, four people accomplished this challenge. The first couple to complete their 100 miles were Paul and Mary Green of Cranberry Township. Paul and Mary have been avid walkers of the Municipal Center since the building opened in 1991. Walking two miles a day, six days a week, Paul and Mary are ready for the next challenge, the 1000 mile walking club.

Upon completion of the 1000 mile club, participants will be rewarded with a t-shirt and water bottle. Come on Cranberry! Take the challenge. . .get out and get fit! It's easy. . .just put on some comfy clothes and your tennies and grab a loved one or friend and start walking!

For additional information on the Parks and Recreation walking programs, please see the enclosed Summer Program Brochure or call 724/776-4608, ext. 1129. ●

Annual "Night Out" Slated for August 3 -7

Mark your calendars for Cranberry's 15th annual "Night Out" against Crime and Drugs. This five-day crime prevention event is designed to (1) increase the awareness level of everyone in the community, (2) allow everyone in the community to take an active role in a community prevention project, (3) foster cooperation between Cranberry Township and other communities in reducing crime, and (4) send a strong message to the criminal element to "stay out." The project once again will run over a five-day period with each day targeting a particular group in the community. The proposed schedule is as follows:

- Friday, August 3, 2001 – Cruising against Crime and Drugs, 6 to 9 p.m. Car Cruise (location to be determined).
- Saturday, August 4 – Teens Night Out, 10 p.m until 7 a.m. All night teen program at the Cranberry Township Municipal for students in grades six through nine.
- Sunday, August FREE Family Night Swim (TIMES TBA). A family night at the Cranberry Township Municipal Pool.
- Monday, August 6 – Cranberry's 15th Annual Night Out Parade. Line up at 6 p.m. Haine School. Parade begins at 7 p.m. Haine School Road will be closed during this time.
- Tuesday August 7 – Cranberry Night Out, 5-mile Light Up. Local community groups will light up U.S. Route 19. Neighbors urged to have block parties, cook outs, neighborhood events; all resident porch lights should be turned on for the evening. ●

Cranberry Cares

Cranberry Township Parks and Recreation is a proud sponsor of Cranberry Cares, a volunteer program that began in December 2000. The goal of this program is to get the community involved in a variety of social activities. Volunteering is a way for the community and county that we live in to identify problems and come up with solutions to better the area in which we live. Each month, Cranberry Cares will commit to a special project that provides an opportunity to help the community, meet new people, gain confidence, learn leadership skills, and it also enriches organizational skills.

Cranberry Cares' first project was a Toys for Tots drive. Using the Municipal Center for an official drop site for toys, the program was a huge success collecting more than 200 toys for children in Butler County. The entire county of Butler collected more than 4000 toys that were distributed among 589 children during the 2000 Holiday Season.

Upcoming events for the spring and summer seasons are Cranberry Park Clean Up, Special Olympics, Arbor Day Celebrations, North Boundary Park Cleanup, a vegetable garden, and a graffiti clean up. For detailed information on these projects or additional information on the Cranberry Cares program, please see the enclosed summer program brochure or call 724/776-4806 ext. 1129.



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Dive into Fun!

Get out that beach bag and begin planning a fun-filled summer with your family and friends at the Community Waterpark in North Boundary Park. CT the Crocodile has had a wonderful winter's rest and is anxiously awaiting the summer as he plans to host a season filled with fun and excitement!

Members and residents will be welcomed with some new changes for the upcoming season as crews have been busy relocating the spray pad area which will be about twice the size with an additional spray-play feature. The area will be fenced and benches will be placed inside the fence for parents to relax and enjoy watching their little ones play. Participants will also enjoy the benefit of additional large, colorful shade umbrellas throughout the facility.

New for 2001. . .members will enjoy the benefit of entering the facility 15 minutes prior to opening of the facility. This will give members the privilege of getting their families set up and in place for a day at the pool prior to the daily open swim start time.

The 2001 season will feature a wide variety of aquatic programs for participants of all ages. Back by popular demand will be the American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program, the Cranberry Township Crocodile Swim Team, and Bubblemakers. CT the Crocodile will once again be hosting fun-filled birthday parties for a super celebration of that special day. In addition, we are pleased to offer many adult aquatic programs such as H2O Aerobics and Dawn Patrol.

The Cranberry Township Community Waterpark has something for everyone! It boasts a 120-foot long water slide, sand play area, sand volleyball courts, birthday party packages, Waterpark Cafe Concession Stand, locker rooms, heated water, and a friendly and professional staff.

Don't miss out on the excitement for this summer! Hurry. Memberships are available at a discounted rate until April 30, 2001.

For a complete listing of aquatic programs for the 2001 summer season, please see the enclosed Parks and Recreation Summer Program Brochure, or call 724/776-4806, ext. 1129.

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