



New Pool House to be ready for Opening Day!

Get ready to make a splash! Crafton's new pool bathhouse is set to open just in time for the summer season. The modern facility boasts renovated changing rooms, a family restroom, direct access to the pool, and accessible features designed to accommodate all visitors. With a fresh and inviting design, the bathhouse promises a delightful experience for pool-goers. Construction is currently wrapping up as Crafton Public Works completes the concrete work at the entrance. This in-house work has saved about \$60,000. The \$250,000 DCNR grant further reduced the remaining \$660,000 Borough cost to approximately \$410,000.

Borough officials, contractors, and the Crafton Public Works crew worked tirelessly to ensure the new amenity benefits all pool goers. Residents and visitors can look forward to enjoying the new bathhouse while swimming, sunbathing, or attending events at the Crafton Pool this summer.



Demolition began in October 2023.



Construction Started in November 2023. Walls are down and trenching underway.



Plumbing roughed in during January 2024.



Also in January, the walls started going up.



Finally, by March the interior partitioning walls, plumbing and electrical are nearing completion.

Opening Day is Saturday, May 25, 2024



The pool will be open for the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. The regular season will begin on Saturday, June 1 and run through Sunday, August 18. Additional limited hours/

days during the weeks after the regular operating season ends may be added depending on weather and staff availability.

Pool pass applications will be accepted beginning May 1st. You will need a photo to complete the application process. Pool pass rates remain the same as last year. While you must re-apply for your pass each year, those with e-passes or physical passes from last year will keep the same ones they have. Please go to www.craftonborough.com/crafton-pool or use the QR code below to apply for your season pass.

Member passes are available only to Crafton residents. Non-resident passes are available to Ingram, Thornburg, Rosslyn Farms, and Carnegie Borough residents only. Proof of residency is required.

All non-pass holders will pay the FLAT RATE of \$15 per day for general admission.

Information on Swim Lessons and Pool Rentals will be available when the pool opens in May. Stop down and speak with Pool Management.

Go to www.craftonborough.com/crafton-pool or use the QR code for more in-depth information.



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Community Pool

Crafton Pool (412) 458-0677

Community Resources

Crafton Public Library (412) 922-6877

Crafton Volunteer Fire Department (412) 875-0022

Crafton Elementary (412) 429-2500

Waste Management (Missed Pickups) (800) 866-4460

Waste Management (E-Waste Pickup) (800) 449-7587

Jordan Tax Service (724) 731-2310

Public Meeting Information

All Borough Council Meetings are currently being held in Council Chambers. Meetings are also available live via Zoom. Log-in and call-in information available on the Borough's website:

www.craftonborough.com/borough-council

Council Chambers in the Community Center
140 Bradford Avenue, Crafton, PA 15205.



Crafton Borough Council 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Meeting announcements and schedule changes are publicized on the SavvyCitizen App and the Borough website.



Savvy Citizen[®]

Sign up for SavvyCitizen to stay up to date on community events, crime watch alerts and notifications.



Go to www.craftonborough.com/get-notifications and follow the instructions on the page.



The Calendar of events can also be viewed on the Borough's website under www.craftonborough.com/calendar



Over the past 86 years, the mission of CPL to be a resource center for the community has grown beyond being a repository of printed materials. Today, CPL welcomes visitors to do homework, use public computers, play in the children's room, and more! The staff strives to be helpful and friendly and makes an effort to welcome patrons by name. We invite you to check it out—whether you visit virtually on Facebook or Instagram or in person.

www.craftonpubliclibrary.com

for the latest information.



Hours of operation

Mon. & Fri.: 9 AM – 5 PM / Tues., Weds., & Thurs.: 10 AM – 6 PM

Sat.: 10 AM – 5 PM

412-922-6877

Program Calendar:

www.craftonpubliclibrary.com/programs



Are you interested in getting involved to help out this wonderful community? Crafton has a few current and upcoming vacancies on the various boards and commissions that help serve the community. If you are interested in applying for any of these open or upcoming spots, please do so at craftonborough.com/commissions. Below is a list of current and upcoming vacancies. Looking forward to working with you!

Current Openings:

- Civil Service (1 alternate)
- Zoning Hearing Board (1 alternate)
- Library Board (1 opening)
- Shade Tree Commission (1 opening)

Upcoming:

- Civil Service expiring 7/1/2024
- Recreation Board expiring 9/30/2024
- Recreation Board expiring 9/30/2024
- Zoning Hearing Board expiring 12/31/2024
- Zoning Hearing Board expiring 12/31/2024
- Zoning Hearing Board (alternate) expiring 12/31/2024



2024 Crafton Recreation Board Events

Get ready for an exciting lineup of community events!

Senior Dinners

May 4, August 3, and November 2

A great opportunity to socialize and enjoy a fun evening.

5-7 pm - Dinner at 5:30 pm / Cost: \$10 cash only

Includes dinner, entertainment, and prizes!

Community Room of the Borough Building

register at craftonborough.com/senior-dinner

or call 412-921-0752 ext. 10

Clean-Up/Arbor Day Saturday April 27



Help us beautify our community as we come together for a clean-up event in honor of Earth and Arbor Day. Let's work together to keep Crafton clean and green!



1st Annual Music Festival & Vendor Market Saturday June 1st at Crafton Park

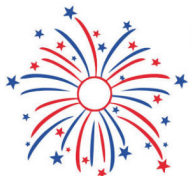
Get ready to groove! Enjoy live performances by talented local artists and bands, and support local businesses and artists that will be set up throughout Crafton Park.

Crafton Mini-Golf Opens June 1st! Come one! Come all to the best deal in town!

Crafton Mini-Golf opens its season on June 1st during Crafton's Music Fest & Vendor Market at 1:00PM at the vintage course on Steuben St. across from the pool and park main parking lot.

Price is only \$2 for the newly renovated 18 hole mini golf course.

Bring your family, your friends or even just yourself and have a fun time. The following weekend, the course will open Friday and Saturday evenings from 7-9PM through mid-August and then reopen again for Haunted Mini -Golf in October. All funds raised stay here in Crafton to benefit Recreational activities and our library. See you soon!



Fourth of July

Fun - Fireworks
Food Trucks
and more!



Get your 4th of July off to a running start!

The annual Thomas J. Witt Memorial Firecracker Fun Run is free and open to runners and walkers of all ages. Strollers and wagons welcome. **We leave the start line at 8:00 AM**, so get to the parking lot early to get warmed up and ready to roll!



Saturday
September 28th

Embrace the autumn spirit! it's the perfect way to welcome the fall season. Plenty of Seasonal activities, tasty treats, and family-friendly fun, .



Haunted
Crafton
October
19th-31st

Haunted Crafton will thrill and chill visitors with its haunted attractions and Halloween festivities. This year, we'll kick off with a "Trunk or Treat".

www.craftonborough.com/haunted-crafton-tour



Saturday, December 7th

Join us as we light up the holiday season and Crafton Park on December 7 as we kick off our Celebration of Lights. Join in the festive cheer with dazzling light displays, seasonal music, and more.



Stay tuned for more details
on these exciting events!

Keep an eye on Savvy Citizen

and the Rec Board's social media for updates

www.craftonborough.com/parks-recreation



Christmas House Tour Sunday, December 15th

Experience the magic of the holiday season with our Community Christmas House Tour. Explore beautifully decorated homes and spread joy and cheer.



Meet Michael Hough, our newest Council member

Michael was officially sworn into office earlier this year at the January 2nd reorganization meeting. "I'm looking forward to serving on Council, where I can be a voice for my neighbors and the residents of Crafton," said Mike. "Crafton

is a wonderful neighborhood that I am proud to call my home, and it's an honor to be elected to represent it and to help make the decisions that affect our community."

Mike was born and raised in Butler, PA, and attended Robert Morris University for his communications degree. In 2014, Mike and his wife Natalie bought a home and moved to Crafton, and started their family. "My wife Natalie was born and raised here in Crafton, so our family has strong ties to this neighborhood," he said. They have 3 children who attend Crafton Elementary.

Mike owns and operates a video production company that specializes in business marketing, branding, and communications videos. "I think my experience being self-employed and running my own business will really help me bring a different perspective to council and decision making for our community."

Mike is into classic video arcade and pinball games. "Playing them, collecting them, and even repairing and restoring them," he said. "Arcade and pinball games offer unique challenges, and I like those types of challenges; I'm always learning and trying something new."

Mike also serves on Council's Communication and Recreation Committee. "I think my professional background will really help when it comes to communicating with residents," he said. "And my favorite annual neighborhood event is Trick-Or-Treat, just seeing the sidewalks flooded with kids, and neighbors decorating their homes. The whole community is out and about together. I'm really looking forward to being more involved in events like that."

As far as his goals as a member of Council, Mike thinks it's important to keep an open mind. "It's really not about my goals; it's about listening to residents, and understanding their wants and needs and concerns for our community, and then taking those into consideration when making decisions for our community. So if you have a concern or a suggestion, please let me know!"



Manager's Message

Trash Talking

As many residents have undoubtedly heard, garbage collection rates are skyrocketing across the region. Some communities have had to pass difficult tax increases, and several have

had to put their contracts out to bid multiple times because they didn't get acceptable options.

But why hasn't Crafton seen these changes? Crafton never lost the ability to recycle glass (as much of the region did) and we have not yet seen a significant jump in our prices. Why? Crafton did not experience these changes because the Borough has been operating under a ten-year contract that started in 2014. This has protected Borough residents from the significant changes happening in the industry. That will change in 2025 as the Borough's contract expires at the end of this year.

Why are these changes happening? Contrary to what some people are saying, it is not primarily due to inflation. Though inflation undoubtedly plays a part. The most significant change happened in 2017 when China launched a policy called National Sword which placed very strict contamination limits on recyclable materials sent to China. And, in 2018 they started to require secondary materials that were less than 0.5% contaminated.

This dramatically changed the ability of the US market to sell its secondary materials. Because U.S. haulers primarily rely on single stream recycling (throwing all materials into a single bin) American recycling often had contamination rates over 10%, far higher than is acceptable to produce good secondary materials. This change brought material recycling in the U.S. to a standstill. In fact, many jurisdictions in the U.S. incinerated their recycling or dumped it in the landfill for many months after the policy change.



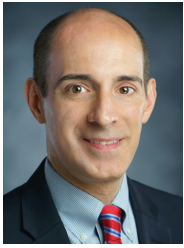
For the last 5 years, the industry has been investing heavily in equipment and systems designed to improve sorting capabilities and lower contamination. Haulers are also automating collection with specifically designed bins and mechanical arms to pick up them up. Those haulers are pushing those investment costs onto municipalities

and residents around the region.

The Crafton Borough administration is working hard to prepare for this change next year by exploring all possible options. The Borough plans to put out our request for proposals for a materials hauler early and is working to ensure we have options when Council has to select a provider later this year. No matter which option is chosen, Craftonians will see a dramatic increase in their annual trash collection bill next year, possibly more than 100%, and may see new requirements such as using waste and recycling bins provided by the hauler. Resident feedback in the selection process will be important and encouraged.

We will keep residents informed as we seek the best and most reasonably priced provider for Crafton.

Jim Price, Crafton Borough Manager



Council President's Message

As we look to warmer weather, Crafton continues to progress forward with the interests of our residents at the forefront. Since the last newsletter, we have quite a few accomplishments including:

1. **2023 Financials** – Ended the year with a small net surplus that will go into our reserves.
2. **2024 Budget** – A fiscally responsible and balanced budget was passed by Council in December.
3. **Board/Commission Vacancies** – Filled 13 open seats in 2023. For this year, there are 10 upcoming openings for all residents to apply for consideration.

We are working on the following projects:

1. **Pool Bathhouse Renovation** – Construction is near completion. Look for a ribbon cutting ceremony in late May prior to the pool opening.
2. **Garbage/Recycling** – Our 10 year contract with Waste Management ends this year. We have begun to look at reasonable cost and service options for 2025 and beyond.
3. **Multi Municipal Zoning Project** – Over 80 residents attended a public forum on Feb 3rd to learn about the project and provide feedback. The project will be finalized this year.
4. **2024 Road Paving Project** – Utilizing Vitalytics program to determine the roads to be paved this year based on the data.
5. **Stairs Projects** – Belvidere railing replacement will be completed soon. The remainder of the grant funds will be used for Clearview/Crafton/Walnut and Fountain/Promenade stairs.
6. **Crafton Logo** – Crafton School of the Arts was awarded the contract to update our logo.

Our future projects include:

1. **Broadhead Sewer Separation Project** – This is a major project that will improve our sewer systems (as required by Alcosan consent decree) in addition to fixing the corresponding roads with \$7M in grants awarded. Construction to begin later this year.
2. **Consent Decree for C-20 (Shopping Center)** – Final smaller project for the Sewer Separation Project is in the planning stage.
3. **Trails Study** – A steering committee of residents will be formed to lead the study based on the \$39.1K DCNR grant.
4. **Recent Grants** – Awarded \$2.3M from the Commonwealth of PA for the Broadhead Project due to the efforts of Senator Fontana and Representative Deasy.

As a reminder, Council meetings are open to the public, and I encourage residents to attend (2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM) in person or via Zoom to keep up to date on what is happening in our community. If you have any questions about anything on the agenda or happening in the community, please feel free to reach out to me.

It was good seeing everyone at the Zoning Project Forum, All In Allegheny, Celebration of Lights, and Senior Dinner. On February 13, we recognized the Rec Board and Shade Tree Commission for their incredible efforts last year. I hope to see everyone at the Clean-Up/Arbor Day, May Senior Dinner, Music Festival, and July 4th Celebration. I wish you and your families joy and fulfillment as we start the Spring season, and I continue to appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

Respectfully,
John Oliverio, Council President

Mayor's Message

I was honored to begin my mayoral duties this year at the Reorganization meeting where I presided over swearing in our council members who were elected in November 2023. They included returning members Kirsten Compitello (left) and Pamela Pulkownik (far right) as well as our newly-elected member Michael Hough. All three have been elected to four-year terms.

My last order of business before turning over the gavel was to conduct the election of the Council President. John Oliverio, who has been our President for the last two years, was unanimously re-elected.



Kirsten Compitello continues to serve as Vice President and Vincent Ridilla is once again serving as President Pro Tem.

Another important initiative getting underway is preparing for our Police Chief Mark Sumpter's retirement at the end of the year. We have a search committee who is helping to put the process in place. Besides myself, Colton Chandler and Michael Hough are serving on the ad hoc committee. We will be engaging the Pennsylvania Police Chief's Association to conduct the search and to help council through the final approval processes. Council and I believe this to be the best and most impartial process that will give everyone who is interested in the position an equal opportunity.

Finally, after editing and designing the newsletter since late 2021, I will be handing over the baton to Hometown Press, the professional organization who will be taking over. I have really enjoyed making the newsletter colorful and interesting. I especially enjoyed making all those photo collages!

Coletta Perry, Mayor



Introducing Our New Membership Option: The Impact Club of Crafton-Ingram Rotary

Crafton-Ingram Rotary is thrilled to announce the launch of a groundbreaking membership option: The Impact Club. This new initiative is designed to provide members with a unique and impactful way to contribute to the community. Members have the option of being full Rotarians when their schedule allows, and it does not require them to attend weekly meetings, although they are welcome to at any time!

"Crafton-Ingram Rotary has a longstanding commitment to service, and The Impact Club is an exciting addition to our array of membership options," said Joe Orbovich, Assistant Governor/President of the Crafton-Ingram Rotary. This innovative approach aims to empower members to make a substantial difference in the lives of those we serve.

Key Features of The Impact Club:

- **Focused Impact:** Members of The Impact Club will have the opportunity to direct their contributions towards specific community projects and initiatives, allowing for a more targeted and meaningful impact—without the commitment of a weekly meeting.
- **Networking and Collaboration:** The Impact Club provides a platform for like-minded individuals to come together, share ideas, and collaborate on projects that align with Crafton-Ingram Rotary's mission of service.
- **Exclusive Events:** Members will enjoy exclusive access to events and activities that showcase the direct impact of their contributions, fostering a sense of pride and accomplishment.

To learn more about the Crafton-Ingram Rotary and the new Impact Club model, please reach out to any member of the Crafton-Ingram Rotary Member or Call: 412-596-4346 / Email: info@cirotary.org

About Crafton-Ingram Rotary

Crafton-Ingram Rotary is a dynamic community service organization dedicated to making a positive impact in Crafton-Ingram and surrounding City of Pittsburgh neighborhoods. With a focus on service, leadership, and fellowship, the organization strives to address local and global challenges through collaborative initiatives and community engagement.

**We meet each Wednesday morning at 7:20 AM
in the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department Banquet Hall
on the second floor of the building.
Hope to see you there!**

Volunteer Fire Department Report

The Crafton VFD finished off 2023 as busy as ever. We finished the year with a total of 445 emergency and non-emergency responses. 321 of these responses were fire related and the balance were medical responses. We had two "first due" house fires. "First Due" fires are those in our locale for which our department is responsible to be the first responders. Many of our calls for service are to assist our surrounding communities to respond to their fires and other emergencies.



2024 has kept pace. As of the end of February, we have responded to 52 calls for service and have assisted a few mutual aid fire departments with building fires already this year. This past winter also marked a new endeavor for the fire department, as its members finished a remodel and obtained all the necessary permits for its new club, Crafton Club 128, located on Station St. across from the municipal building.

Time to Check your Smoke Alarms!

Did you know?

Almost three out of five home fire deaths were caused by fires in properties with no smoke alarms (41%) or smoke alarms that failed to operate (16%)

The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms.

Safety Tips

- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and install alarms on every level of the home including the basement.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Develop a home fire escape plan and make sure everyone in the home knows the plan
- Working smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

For assistance with checking your alarms, replacing the batteries, or installing new alarms contact

**Borough Fire Marshal DJ Glancy
412-921-0752 ext 18**

or

**Crafton Volunteer Fire Department
at 412-875-0022**



Here's what's happening at Crafton Community Farm...



The Crafton Community Farm in Crafton Park is not your ordinary community garden!

Established in 2015, the garden is planted, mulched, watered, weeded and harvested by volunteers who then donate most of the produce to Crafton Ingram Food Pantry and others.

With a generous support grant from The Allegheny Grows branch of Grow Pittsburgh, as well as ongoing cooperation with Crafton Borough, the garden is thriving. The amount of produce harvested has ranged from 1100-1400 pounds each growing season.

For our 2024 Growing Season, we would love for you and your family to get involved. Gardening is a wonderful and fulfilling outdoor activity, and there is no experience necessary. We have tools, gloves, and knowledge to share! One of our volunteers has this to say:

"We've loved the welcoming atmosphere at the Crafton Community Farm, where we meet and learn from our neighbors and build skills around self-sufficiency, while giving back to the community through food pantry donations."

Please consider joining us this season. Whether you become a regular volunteer, or just come for a one-time tour, we would love to see you at the garden! Here is our upcoming schedule:

April 20 and/or 27 – continue planting and weeding, build supports and cattle panel arches, improve soil with borough compost and mulch, reinstall irrigation system.

May 18 or 25 – Spring planting of seeds and seedlings.

June 15 and/or 22 – Summer planting

Open Gardening and new volunteer orientations will be every Saturday at 10am from May to October, weather permitting, or by appointment.

All dates are weather dependent. More information about the garden can be found on its Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/craftoncommunityfarm>, or by contacting CraftonCommunityFarm@gmail.com. Events and workdays will be announced on Savvy Citizen and on the electronic sign at Crafton Park.



Helping hands prepping and maintaining the Crafton Community Garden.



Do I need a permit for that?

The answer is YES!

*if you are planning any of the following:
deck, fence, POOL, retaining walls,
home addition, or structural renovation.*

This is not an exhaustive list. So, check before you undertake any type of change to your property.

**Please call the Building Department with any questions.
412-921-0752 ext 18**

- Plan to submit your permit application at least two weeks before you anticipate construction.
- To limit construction noise and annoyances, Borough Ordinance # 146-14 prohibits activities to begin prior to 7am Monday through Saturday and 10am on Sunday.
- See <https://ecode360.com/CR0203> for the complete borough code.

Annual permit required for backyard fires



As the days get warmer, you may be thinking of hosting fires with family and friends. In Crafton our houses are often close together, so having a fire here isn't the same as at a campground or in a rural area. Crafton has a burn ordinance that is similar to the Allegheny County ordinance. It stipulates that a yearly permit is required and also details what can and cannot be burned.

***Please get your permit!
Residents can be cited for burning illegally.***

The Burning Permit includes an Affirmation of Understanding that stipulates you will be considerate, follow the terms and conditions of the permit, follow safety precautions, not burn without regard to neighbors, and that failure to do so will be cause of revocation of your permit at any time by the Borough. You also agree to assume all damages which may result from burning done under the permit.

- Fires must be 10 feet from buildings & property lines.
- Only adults 18 or older may burn.
- Fires must be 3' wide or less.
- Only clean burning wood may be used for fuel.
- No burning is allowed on Air Action Days.
- A permit is required to burn.
- Burning apparatuses need to have a spark arrestor.
- Trash, books, magazines, newspapers, cardboard, brush, scrap lumber, vegetation, plywood, construction materials, plastic, furniture, garbage, dead animals, excrement, hair, rubber products, roofing materials, bedding, synthetic materials, insulation, and other items are not permitted to be burned.
- Residents with fires that emit smoke or ash that are or may be objectionable, offensive, or deleterious to human or animal health or permeates across neighboring properties can be directed to extinguish their fire. This can be done by the Fire Department, Code Enforcement, or Police Department. It does not matter if the resident has a legal permit.

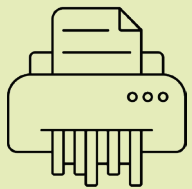
Burning permits are issued on an annual basis and expire on December 31st of every year. The application fee is twenty dollars. Renters are allowed to get burning permits, but you need the declaration of authorization to be signed by the owner in order to be approved.

For permit application and additional information:
<https://www.craftonborough.com/permits>



Crafton Spring Forward Events!

Crafton Park – Saturday, April 27th



Shredding and Medication Take Back

Dan Deasy and Wayne Fontana

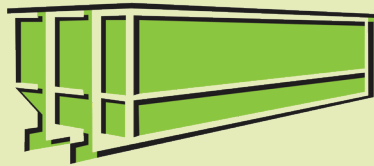
8 am to 11 am

Stay in your car

Items should be in Paper bags or boxes



Dumpster Day
8 am to noon
or when the dumpsters are full



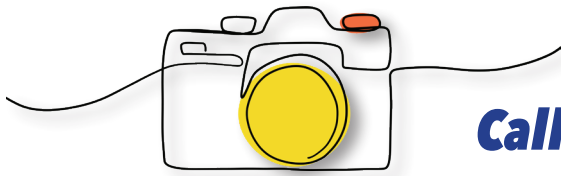
Arbor Day Celebration
11 am

Crafton Borough Building & Beyond

Crafton Clean-up Day

9 am to Noon

Stop by the Crafton Borough Building to pick up supplies and join other community members who will be walking the Borough and picking up litter.



Calling all Shutterbugs!

Announcing the first annual Crafton Borough photo contest!



Crafton Borough is excited to announce a photography competition that celebrates the beauty and charm of our community. We invite all residents and visitors to participate by submitting their favorite pictures of Crafton. If you don't have a favorite yet, grab your camera and explore the borough to capture stunning images!

The contest features four categories: Architecture/Building, Events, People, and Nature. Each category will have a winner, who will be recognized in the upcoming Crafton Courier Newsletter. The winning photographs will be printed in a large format and prominently displayed in the Borough Building or the Community Center for everyone to appreciate.

Please note that this contest is currently limited to digital photography only. To enter, visit www.craftonborough.com/photo-contest, where you'll find entry forms, release forms, and instructions for uploading your photos. The deadline for submissions is Monday, July 1st, so don't miss this opportunity to showcase your talent and love for Crafton!

The Recreation Board will carefully judge all submissions, and the winners will be announced in the next Newsletter. If you are a professional photographer, we will gladly recognize your

Enter your photography in one of these categories:
Architecture/Building * Events * People * Nature
The contest is currently limited to digital photography.

Entry forms, releases, and photo uploads here:

www.craftonborough.com/photo-contest

The deadline is Monday, July 1st.

business affiliation. Winners will be required to sign a release form confirming that they own the rights to the photograph and will hold the Borough harmless in case of any subsequent claims. By signing the release, you also grant Crafton Borough and its licensees the irrevocable right to use your photo at no cost.

This photography contest is an excellent way to bring our community together and celebrate the unique aspects that make Crafton so special. Whether you're an amateur or professional photographer, we encourage you to participate and share your creative vision with us. Let's showcase the architecture, events, people, and natural beauty of our borough and create lasting memories for generations to come.



Crafton
Performing Arts Association
**2024 CONCERT
SCHEDULE**
THURSDAYS
JUNE 27 - AUGUST 8
7:30 PM - CRAFTON PARK

Summer is fast approaching and we are looking forward to another exciting year for Summer Concerts in Crafton Park. Six concerts are lined up this year with country, swing, classical music and more. Grab your lawn chair or blanket and join us each Thursday evening, from 7:30-9pm. Schedule below.

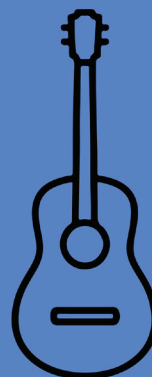
- June 27 RNL Jazz
- July 11 Part Time Cowboys
- July 18 The Mazeroskis
- July 25 This That and the Other Thing
- August 1 Dr. Zoot
- August 8 Beaver County Symphonic Wind Ensemble

MUSIC
FOOD
DRINK
VENDORS
CRAFTS
INFLATABLES
MINI GOLF
YARD GAMES

Crafton Music Fest & Vendor Market



Live Music All Day



Crafton Park
117 West Steuben St.

June 1st
2024
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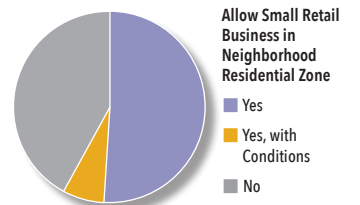
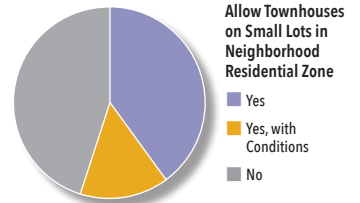


vendor/food sign up

Zoning Update Public Meeting Takeaways

Over 80 people attended the February 3rd Public Meeting to discuss the proposed zoning ordinance update for Crafton Borough. Key points:

- The zoning update aims to implement recommendations from the 2017 Crafton-Ingram Thrive comprehensive plan, adding flexibility where appropriate, enhancing design standards, ensuring compatibility between land uses, and facilitating walkability and transit use.
- Proposed changes include allowing ADUs (accessory dwelling units) and limited neighborhood retail in residential zones, creating a transit-oriented development district near the busway to enable mixed-use development, and providing parking flexibility for businesses.
- There was much discussion around hot topics like ADUs, parking requirements, and the balance between renters and homeowners in the community. Some residents expressed concerns that expanding rental and multi-family housing could negatively impact neighborhood character.
- Borough officials clarified that the zoning changes alone cannot control the renter/owner balance, but they are working to strengthen rental inspection and property maintenance policies separately.
- Residents asked questions about how the zoning update relates to other borough initiatives around blight, infrastructure improvements, and marketing Crafton's assets.
- Next steps include the steering committee reviewing public feedback and working with the consultant to draft the updated zoning ordinance, followed by further public review periods before potential adoption by Borough Council.
- In summary, the meeting provided an overview of the proposed zoning updates and rationale, while giving residents a forum to ask questions and provide input to help shape the final ordinance. Balancing goals around managed growth, neighborhood character, and community development emerged as key discussion themes.



- Call your utility hotline to report outages
- Do **not** touch trees or limbs on power lines
- Stay away from objects or puddles near power lines
- Do **not** call 9-1-1 to report outages - call your utility hotline
- If you see a downed power line, immediately call your electric utility and/or 9-1-1

- Keep your doors & windows locked.
- Secure all lawn & gardening equipment in your locked shed or garage.
- Lock the doors to your vehicle, close car windows, & take your valuables out of your car.
- Be aware of home improvement scams.



2024 Borough Elected Officials

(L to R)
 Michael Hough,
 Pam Pulkownik
 Kirsten Compitello, *Vice President*
 John Oliverio, *President*
 Coletta Perry, *Mayor*
 Erin Bollenbacher
 Vince Ridilla, *President Pro Tem*
 Colton Chandler

From Senator Wayne D. Fontana

Expanded Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program Accepting Applications

As I mentioned in the Winter 2023 edition, the Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program has been expanded for the first time in more than 16 years. The program began accepting applications in mid-January. **Applications are due June 30, 2024.**

Anyone 65 and older, widows and widowers 50 and older, and people with disabilities 18 and older who had a household income of less than \$45,000 in 2023 are eligible to apply. Please note that half of Social Security income is excluded. The maximum standard rebate has also been increased and is reflected below:

INCOME	MAXIMUM REBATE
\$0-\$8,000	\$1,000
\$8,001-\$15,000	\$770
\$15,001-\$18,000	\$460
\$18,001-\$45,000	\$380

The Department of Revenue is encouraging everyone who is newly eligible for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program to submit their applications as soon as possible. Doing so will help the Department more quickly verify and process applications from first-time applicants, who are required to submit supporting documentation to verify their age and eligibility.



Applicants are encouraged to apply online for the fastest review process. Online applications are available at <https://mypath.pa.gov/#1>.

Paper applications that can be mailed and are available at www.revenue.pa.gov. First time applicants must



provide proof of age. If you receive Social Security or SSI benefits and have proven your age with the Social Security Administration, you do not need to submit proof of age.

As always, my staff is able to assist applicants with filing for their rebate. Call the Brookline office at **412-344-2551** or Kennedy office at **412-331-1208** to schedule an appointment.

I'd also like to remind everyone that I publish an online newsletter each Tuesday. My ENews focuses on state issues, legislation, and happenings within the district. You can receive these weekly News & Views editions by signing up at www.senatorfontana.com.



Senator Wayne D. Fontana
 42nd Senatorial District



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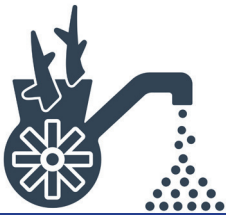
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Public Works Wood Chipping Service
This service is offered
April 15th through November 15th

Residents may request the removal and chipping of eligible tree limbs and wood waste by placing a service request at  www.craftonborough.com/service-request. Single limbs must be less than 5 inches in diameter and no longer than 10 feet in length. Volume of materials should not exceed what would generally fit into a pick-up truck. Materials can either be chipped onsite and removed, or left for the resident.

NOTE: Hedge cuttings, limbs, and branches are prohibited items and should not be placed in your regular weekly garbage collection.

FREE Compost and Wood Chips Available

Compost and Wood Chips are available for self-service pickup in the bins located behind the Stage/ Amphitheater in Crafton Park on W. Steuben Street.



2024 Recyclables Collection Schedule –
Regular weekly trash pickup is on Tuesdays
except when there is a legal holiday on Monday.

APRIL							MAY							JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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JULY							AUGUST							SEPTEMBER						
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OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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Recyclable items must be placed LOOSE in a container clearly marked recycle. Bagged recycle WILL NOT be picked up!



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