

#I CRAFTON



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Crafton Elected Officials

Borough Manager

Manager's Message

Welcome to the Fall/Winter edition of the Crafton Borough Newsletter! I'm honored and excited to update the community on what's happening around the Borough as the seasons change, kids head back to school, and the administration begins to prepare the roadmap for 2020.

It would be difficult to fit all the little details into this Manager's Message, so be sure to check out our spotlight pages for spring highlights from the Shade Tree Commission, Community Farm, and Police Department; Crafton Public Library's celebration of Love Your Library Month; our new Monarch Butterfly Waystation at Crafton Circle; our very first "I ♥ Crafton" Downtown Block Party; and important fire safety info from the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department for upcoming Fire Prevention Week in October.

Working Towards a Modern Zoning Ordinance

This summer, the Borough continued laying the groundwork for local economic revitalization by publishing a call for planning consultant proposals to complete a comprehensive, modern update of our zoning ordinance. The zoning ordinance governs what types of properties and structures are allowed in specific areas of the borough – residential, commercial, industrial, and so on. The last comprehensive update of Crafton's zoning ordinance took place in 2004. Think about how much has changed in the last 15 years! It's easy to see how our regulations for size, shape, and use of commercial structures could become outdated compared to the needs and demands of a walkable, Main Street-style community like Crafton.

Commercial development – more specifically, local business revitalization – was identified via community feedback as one of the top priorities for Crafton in the 2017 Comprehensive Plan. The key first step to any community development program is a modern zoning ordinance that encourages interactive businesses in walkable commercial districts, provides smart and supportive regulations for big-box stores where they're appropriate, and protects the good, solid foundations of our residential neighborhoods by opening the door for a bright future. The Borough received several exciting responses from qualified consultants to our call for zoning ordinance proposals. As the selection process begins, we're eager for the day we can announce that we've found the right team to help Crafton put our best foot forward at this next step.

Capital Projects Information

We're also continuing our work on the Comp Plan focus area of Communication by implementing our new Capital Projects Hub via ClearGov. ClearGov is an online platform that allows the administration to upload descriptions, budgets, timelines, and other useful information about the Borough's current capital/infrastructure projects. Our ClearGov page can be accessed from the Borough website by visiting the Current Capital Projects page under the Government tab. The 2019 Road Program already has its own page – and with pending grant applications for over \$200,000 in park upgrades and nearly \$4 million in sewer separation projects, our ClearGov page may be seeing a lot more activity soon.

This will be our last newsletter for 2019, so I'll wish everyone a safe back-to-school season, Happy Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Merry Everything-in-between until I'm writing the first Manager's Message of 2020. Keep an eye out for four newsletters – one for each season – next year.

As always, if you ever have any questions, comments, concerns, or just want to share an idea – please don't hesitate to contact me at 412-921-0752, ext. 19, or via email at rsusko@craftonborough.com.

RJ Susko
Borough Manager

Council President Message

Thank you for taking the time to read the Borough newsletter! Reviving this newsletter is just one of the ways that the Borough and Borough Council have been working to connect with you, our community. Special thanks go to Carissima Kerns for her dedication and hard work on making sure we have an informative and timely newsletter. We've heard from many of you that you genuinely appreciate hearing from the Borough in this medium.

The Borough staff have also been busy adding more useful information to our website and at the same time making the information easier to find. Please take a few minutes to explore at craftonborough.com.

One of the highlights is an easy way to make a "Service Request". Just click on the link and you will find a form that you can fill out at any time. Your request will be forwarded to the administrative staff who will review, respond, move your request forward as appropriate as well as track its progress.

Awhile back Crafton Borough adopted the Savvy Citizen application. It runs the calendar section of the website. There is a mobile app, if you'd like to keep up-to-date on the go. It does NOT require setting up an account and you can set preferences for whether or not you want to receive notifications or not. You can even elect to get notifications about activities in surrounding communities that subscribe to the service.

We've recently begun the launch of ClearGov which you will find at the "Current Capital Projects" item under the Government tab. This is where you'll find detailed information about the 2019 Road Program including information about the Green-Light Go Grant that will be helping to pay for new traffic lights that will be going up on our State Route roads over the next 24 months.

The Government tab is where you'll find all of the most current budget and report information as well as the Borough Council agendas, minutes and videos.

Watch for an upcoming council meeting where we'll be highlighting the progress and ongoing plans for executing our 2017 Community Thrive comprehensive plan. You'll be surprised at how far we've come!

Please take a few moments to check it all out!

As always, our staff always welcomes you to call the Borough office with any questions or concerns. 412-921-0752.

Have a safe and enjoyable fall!

Coletta Perry
Crafton Borough Council President

Public Meeting Information

Crafton Borough Council - 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:15 PM
Crafton Recreation Board - 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 PM
Crafton Celebrates Committee - 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Crafton Planning Commission - 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM

All of Crafton's Boards, Commissions and Committee meetings
are held in the Crafton Community Center
located at 140 Bradford Avenue, 2nd Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.
All meetings are publicized on SavvyCitizenApp.com.

Spring Highlights

Arbor Day Celebration

Mayor Jim Bloom and Crafton Shade Tree Commission Chair Mary Luxbacher celebrated Arbor Day with the Crafton Elementary 1st Grade Students. Students learned about the history of Crafton as a “Tree City” and discussed the different types of trees throughout the Borough. Each child received a sapling from “PA Seedlings to Schools” to take home and plant.



Crafton Community Farm

Did you know there is a naturally grown food garden in Crafton Park? With robust support from Crafton Borough, a group of dedicated volunteers, and Grow Pittsburgh, Crafton Community Farm has been in operation since 2015, and has donated thousands of pounds of super-fresh and local produce to the Crafton Ingram Food Pantry. The 2019 growing season is still going strong, with harvesting, planting fall crops, and weeding!

If you would like to learn more, please contact us CraftonCommunityFarm@gmail.com, Like us on Facebook, @CraftonCommunityFarm or call garden coordinator Andrea Marquis at 412-303-4409.

Remembering A Hero

On May 5th, 2019, the Crafton Police Department held a memorial dedication in honor of former Crafton Police Officer and resident, Officer Henry Louis Hufnagel. Officer Hufnagel was killed in the Line of Duty on September 8th, 1919.



Located on the top of the monument is a medallion that can be scanned by any free bar-code app on a smart phone or tablet. Citizens are encouraged to stop by to scan the medallion and read the story of Officer Henry Louis Hufnagel.

Crafton Public Library

CRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

140 Bradford Avenue | Pittsburgh, PA 15205 | 412-922-6877 | craftonlibrary@einetnetwork.net

September is Love Your Library Month! We are asking all library patrons to show their love for our library by making a monetary donation of any amount. Every little bit helps, and in September, the Jack Buncher Foundation is generously matching all donations up to \$500 made to our library on a pro-rated basis. Donations can be made to the library by mail, in person, or online at craftonpubliclibrary.com/support-us.

You can also grab some LYL swag at the library to show your support for us! We have yard signs, pins, and window clings for the taking!

MINI GOLF FUNDRAISER! SEPTEMBER 27TH & 28TH, 7-9 PM

LOVE YOUR
LIBRARY 

Join us for TWO NIGHTS of mini golf at Crafton Park! Admission will be \$3 per person, and all proceeds will benefit the library (and will be eligible for the Love Your Library Month match)!

BE A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY!

If you are interested in finding out what you can do to help our library offer more to the Crafton community or if you just like Tracey's brownies, join us for a Friends of the Library interest meeting on September 17th at 6:30 PM!

CHILDREN

FAMILY STORYTIME

Children 6 and under are welcome to join Miss Mikayla for stories, singalongs, and activities!

MONDAYS at 11:00 AM

HOMESCHOOL ART CLASS

All families who currently homeschool or are thinking about homeschooling are invited to join Tracey for afternoon art activities and conversation!

TUESDAYS at 12:30 PM

AFTERSCHOOL ARTISTS

Elementary school students ages 8 and up will tackle a new art project after school each week!

WEDNESDAYS at 3:30 PM

STEAM NIGHT

Kids of all ages are welcome to join us for a night exploring Science, Tech, Engineering, Art, or Math!

THURSDAYS at 6:00 PM

TAILS & TALES STORYTIME

Animal Friends brings a furry friend to the library for this very special storytime! Children 6 and under.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH at 3:30 PM

MONSTER MASH BASH

Put on your costume for a night of spooky fun at the library! There will be crafts, pizza, and everyone's favorite... Halloween BINGO! Call to register beginning in October.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH at 5:00 PM

TEENS

ANIME CLUB

Come hang out, play games, watch anime, & enjoy all things related to your favorite Japanese art form!

EVERY OTHER MONDAY, STARTING SEPTEMBER 9TH at 3:30 PM

TEEN SPACE

Drop into the library to see what we're getting up to in the former "teen zone" (now dubbed Studio C)!

TUESDAYS at 2:30 PM

HELP US HELP YOU!

We want to hear from anyone ages 13 - 19! Tell us how we can make the library better for you!

ADULTS

YOGA

All skill levels are welcome! Each class is \$5.00. Please bring water and a mat or towel!

MONDAYS at 7:00 PM

TECHNOLOGY HELP

Need help with your cell phone or computer? Let us help! Call us to set up a time slot!

BY APPOINTMENT ON WEDNESDAYS

SCRABBLE

Retirees or adults with a free afternoon are welcome to join us for games of Scrabble!

THURSDAYS at 1:00 PM

MOVIE CLASSICS

Join us for an afternoon film, whether you're a classic movie lover or you've never seen a single one!

SATURDAYS at 1:00 PM

CONVERSATION SALON

Join us for a wonderful hour filled with conversation (NOT cell phones!) fueled by those who attend!

SEPTEMBER 17TH & OCTOBER 8TH at 6:00 PM

WHAT'S COOKING IN CRAFTON?

Stop in to choose a recipe from the month's chosen cookbook & prepare it to share it at the meeting!

SEPTEMBER 25TH & OCTOBER 23RD at 6:00 PM

What's New in Crafton?

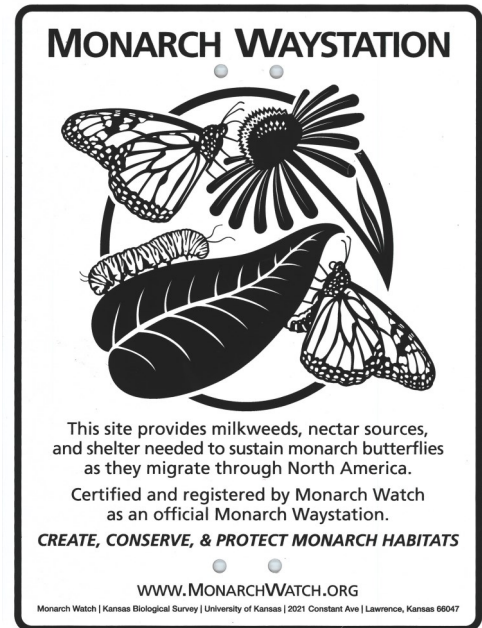
Crafton Borough is doing our part to help save the Monarch Butterfly. The Parks and Shade Tree Commission planted Monarch-friendly native plants this spring to make a habitat for them. We already have had butterflies and caterpillars in the first year!

As a result, after contacting and applying to Monarch Watch, our traffic circle is now a certified Monarch Waystation! That means we are part of sustaining the Great Monarch Migration every year now. Look for the Waystation sign in the circle as you pass.

The Monarch Butterfly has been in trouble for many years with numbers in decline. It is currently being studied to be put on the Endangered Species list. Monarchs migrate to Mexico to overwinter in the mountains where they are facing habitat loss. As Monarchs migrate through Eastern North America, they need **nectar** plants for the butterfly and **milkweed plants** for the caterpillars—the caterpillars **only** eat milkweed. Both are being mowed down as land is redeveloped along their migration route, along with places to rest and take cover.

If you want to see how easy it is to help these gorgeous creatures just look at how small the circle is. Even a small habitat like that helps. Imagine if we all grew a little patch of nectar and milkweed plants! To find out how you can help the Monarch Butterfly or certify your property as a Waystation go to www.monarchwatch.org. Who knows, if enough Crafton residents grow and register lots of waystations perhaps Monarch Watch will designate Crafton in some way as a Monarch-friendly Borough!

One more thing, in addition to the Waystation you might have noticed the circle changing over the years. It's being filled with more and more native plants in order to support local food webs and local



ecosystems by providing food to insects/birds that nonnative plants often cannot provide. Monarch caterpillars are only one species struggling due to habitat loss. If you want to find out how you can help our local ecosystem and make an immediate impact with a few simple changes, check out www.panativeplantsociety.org/

The Crafton Elves are looking for a new Head Elf and lots of Volunteers to help decorate around the Borough the week of November 17th through November 23rd. Anyone who is interested should contact the Borough Office at (412) 921-0752 ext. 10 or via e-mail at craftonclerk@craftonborough.com.

Calendar of Events



SEPTEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 POOL OPEN 1PM to 7PM	2 LABOR DAY Borough Offices Closed POOL OPEN 1PM to 7PM	3 No Trash Pickup → Holiday Delay	4	5	6	7 7th Annual Doggie Paddle
8	9 Council Meeting → 7:15 PM	10 CHS School Board Meeting → 6:00 PM Recreation Board Meeting → 6:00PM Celebrates Meeting → 7:00PM	11	12	13	14
15 Crafton Awake @ D&O Wine → 2:00 PM	16 Crafton Performing Arts Meeting → 7:00 PM	17 Crafton Library Board Meeting → 7:00 PM CHS School Board Meeting → 7:00 PM	18	19	20	21 National Thank A Police Officer Day! Senior Dinner → 5:00 PM
22	23 Council Meeting → 7:15 PM	24 Vendor Fair Workgroup Meeting → 6:00 PM Crafton/Ingram Planning Comm. Meeting → 7:00 PM	25	26	27	28
29	30	Community Farm Harvesting—Tuesdays at 5PM, Thursdays at 9AM, Sundays at 10AM				



NOVEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Borough for the Annual "Light Up Crafton" the week of November 17th through November 23rd.					1	2
3 Day Lights Sav- ings Ends	4	5 Election Day!! 	6	7	8	9
10	11 VETERANS DAY Borough Offices Closed	12 CHS School Board Meeting → 6:00 PM Recreation Board Meeting → 6:00PM Celebrates Meeting → 7:00PM Council Meeting → 7:15 PM	13	14	15	16 Senior Dinner → 5:00 PM
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OCTOBER



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6 #LOVE CRAFTON Pop-Up Event	7	8 CHS School Board Meeting → 6:00 PM Recreation Board Meeting → 6:00PM Celebrates Meeting → 7:00PM	9	10	11	12 Senior Dinner → 5:00 PM
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20 Animal Vaccine Clinic @ CVFD → 10AM to 2PM Crafton Awake @ D&O Wine → 2:00 PM	21 Crafton Performing Arts Meeting → 7:00 PM	22 Planning Comm. Meeting → 7:00 PM	23	24	25	26
27 Council Meeting → 7:15 PM	28	29	30	31 Trick or Treat 6PM To 8PM		



DECEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Gingerbread House Making → 10AM to 12PM	2	3 CHS School Board Meeting	4	5	6	7
8 Annual "Christmas in Crafton" House Tour → 1PM to 6PM 	9 Council Meeting → 7:15 PM	10 Recreation Board Meeting → 6:00PM Celebrates Meeting → 7:00PM	11	12	13	14
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22 Hanukkah Begins 	23	24	25 Christmas Borough Offices Closed	26 Kwanzaa Begins Borough Offices Closed	27	28
29	30	31 				

Pop-Up Event

#I CRAFTON

Join us on Sunday, October 6 for Crafton's inaugural Downtown Block Party! This is the first (but likely not the last!) "open streets" event the Borough will hold in support of raising awareness of the downtown business district as an up-and-coming destination with lots of potential. Between 10 AM and 4 PM, volunteers and representatives from local businesses will transform a block of Noble Avenue into a pedestrian-only space with games and activities for all ages, "Touch-a-Truck" with the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department, interactive art spaces including a call for residents to share what they "♥" about Crafton, and information on how to get involved with the Borough's downtown revitalization efforts.

Come celebrate with us as we look forward to Crafton's bright future and launch the official I ♥ Crafton business district brand.

Come See What Makes Crafton Special!

Crafton Pop-Up

Sunday, October 6
10am to 4pm

Noble Avenue
will be transformed
into a pedestrian street
with art and activities:
explore our main street
district!



Stop by Crafton Fire station for
Fire Prevention Week, and stay
for more...

- Steelers game
- Interactive art
- Fire trucks on display
- Samples and games
hosted by Crafton's
own businesses



Business participants and activities are still being finalized. Please contact the Borough Manager at 412-921-0752 ext. 19 if you own a local business in the downtown business district (area surrounding the traffic circle such as Crennell Ave, Noble Ave, E Crafton Ave and others nearby; or the Crafton Blvd shops) and are interested in setting up a table to promote your business.

2019 National Fire Prevention Week



**FIRE
PREVENTION
WEEK**

Home Fire Escape Planning and Practice

Home fire escape planning and drills are an essential part of fire safety. A home fire escape plan needs to be developed and practiced before a fire strikes.

Home fire escape planning should include the following:

- Drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows.
- Going to each room and pointing to the two ways out.
- Making sure someone will help children, older adults, and people with disabilities wake up and get out.
- Teaching children how to escape on their own in case you cannot help them.
- Establishing a meeting place outside and away from the home where everyone can meet after exiting.
- Having properly installed and maintained smoke alarms.

Home fire escape practice should include the following:

- Pushing the smoke alarm button to start the drill.
- Practicing what to do in case there is smoke: Get low and go. Get out fast.
- Practicing using different ways out and closing doors behind you as you leave.
- Never going back for people, pets, or things.
- Going to your outdoor meeting place.
- Calling 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone.

Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarms detect and alert people to a fire in the early stages. Smoke alarms can mean the difference between life and death in a fire.
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half.
- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.

Cooking

- Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Thanksgiving is the leading day for fires involving cooking equipment.
- The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly and stay in the home.

Sunday, October 6th, through Saturday, October 12th.

Heating

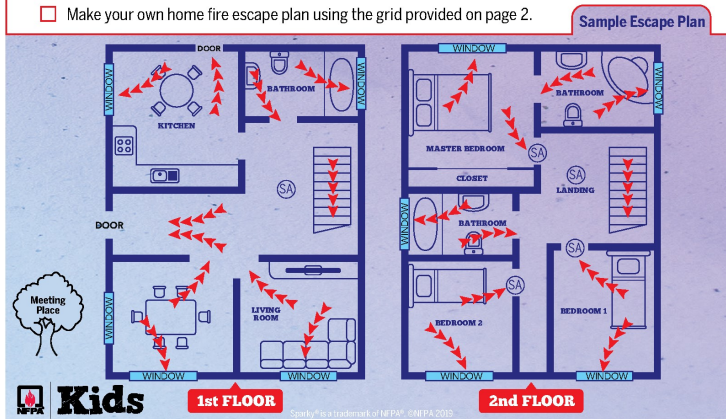
- Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fires during the winter months.
- Space heaters are the type of equipment most often involved in home heating equipment fires.
- All heaters need space. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from heating equipment.
- Have a 3-foot (1-meter) “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Purchase and use only portable space heaters listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Have a qualified professional install heating equipment.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional at least once a year.

If a wildfire is threatening your home:

- Create a plan for evacuation that includes alternate routes out of the danger area.
- Have prepacked kits with essentials such as medicine, family records, credit cards, a change of clothing, and food and water.
- Create a family communication plan that designates an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact to act as a single source of communication.
- Prepare a plan for the care of pets and other animals.
- Sign up for wildfire alerts.
- Take steps to protect family, friends, or neighbors who have disabilities.
- Stay aware of local fire conditions. When told to evacuate, go promptly. If you feel unsafe, do not wait for an evacuation order—leave immediately.



- ☐ Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- ☐ Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- ☐ All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- ☐ Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- ☐ Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- ☐ Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- ☐ Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- ☐ Learn the emergency phone number for your fire department.
- ☐ Practice your home fire drill!
- ☐ Make your own home fire escape plan using the grid provided on page 2.



- Draw a floor plan or a map of your home. Show all **doors** and **windows**.
- Mark **two ways out** of each room.
- Mark all of the **smoke alarms** with SA. Smoke alarms should be in each sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Pick a family **meeting place** outside where everyone can meet.
- Remember, **practice** your plan at least **twice a year**!



Grown-ups: Children don't always wake up when the smoke alarm sounds. Know what your child will do before a fire occurs. Get more information on smoke alarms and escape planning at nfpa.org/factsheets.

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Crafton Fire Department

The Crafton Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) was dispatched 708 times during 2018. That equates to almost 2 dispatches per day. During the first 7 months of 2019 the CVFD was dispatched 407 times, again a little over 2 dispatches per day. We consist of all volunteers, which means our members leave family, homes, work and recreational events to head to the station to respond to these dispatches. All this is done without any compensation for their time.

Our members are qualified by a minimum standard of NFPA 1001: Standard for Firefighter Professional Qualifications. This means that our members train and are certified to the same standard as career members that serve the City of Pittsburgh, and this training is done on their own time, again without any compensation. Our members are also trained to other Pro Board Fire Firefighter Professional Qualifications Systems, such as Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, Fire Inspector I and II, Fire Officer I and II, among the many. For our members to meet the Fire Fighter I Professional Certification they must take the PA Fire Academy's Essential of Firefighting which is over 200 hours of training for the basic understanding of fire service.



2019 National Fire Prevention Week is Sunday, October 6, through Saturday, October 12, 2019.

The Crafton Volunteer Fire Department has a very active membership. We currently have 36 members that have all the above qualifications, plus respond to a high percentage of our dispatched calls in order to maintain membership as an active member. With training every Tuesday evening and meetings throughout the month we require that the membership meet a call volume level to assure that they continue to master their craft. Most members respond to over 50% of total calls. Our average response times are well within the National Fire Protection Agency's standards.

Our response times rival career departments. When looking at response times residents must understand that when they call the County's 911 Center, the call then sent to dispatcher, who then places the radio transmission to the fire department members. Those members must then respond to the station, turnout in their gear, get on an apparatus and respond to the scene. This is all done in mind-blowing time, 6 minutes, 13 seconds.

Some folks talk about the consolidation of Fire Departments in Allegheny County, please keep in mind that the CVFD was one of the 1st consolidated departments in the County. We supply fire protection to the residents of Rosslyn Farms and Thornburg Boroughs and have done so for over 70 years. We currently respond when asked to a multitude of surrounding departments through Mutual Aid Agreements which include, but are not limited to, the Boroughs of Green Tree, Carnegie and McKees Rocks, and the Townships of Scott, Stowe and Robinson, to name a few. It must be noted that each of those departments also provide protection to us when needed.

In the new era of emergency services, fire departments respond to a plethora of different events. We have been recently dispatched to calls for cats in trees, animals in sewers, fallen trees, clogged toilets, overflowing tubs and a cat stuck in a wall. We are always happy to serve the residents of the Borough of Crafton.

We are funded through various sources; the Borough of Crafton provides a substantial budget to the CVFD and we must match that through our fundraising events. These events include, to name a few, Night at the Races, Annual Mailing Fundraiser and rental hall donations. So please, when you see our annual mailing, do not throw it away. Follow the directions and send in a donation, any amount is appreciated and helps us provide excellent service.

Michael Crown
Fire Chief
Crafton Vol. Fire Dept.
412-475-0166

Crafton Police Department

WELCOME OFFICER PASQUALINO

Mayor James Bloom, along with Police Chief Mark Sumpter, welcomed Crafton Police Department's newest police officer! Officer James Pasqualino was sworn in by Mayor Bloom on August 1st, 2019. Officer Pasqualino brings 13 years of Law Enforcement experience to Crafton serving 8 of those years in our neighboring community of Ingram Borough.

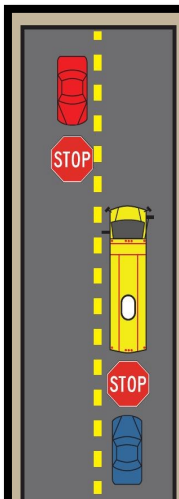


Back To School Safety Tips

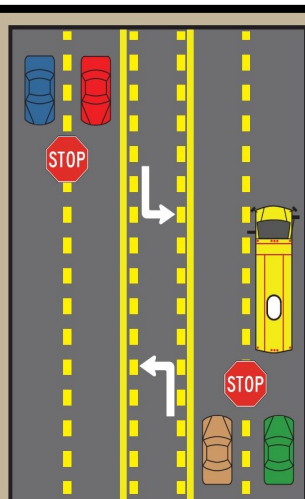


In **Pennsylvania**, it is **illegal to pass a school bus** when its red lights are flashing and stop arm is extended. If convicted of breaking this law you could get a \$250 fine, five points on your driving record and 60-day suspension of your license.

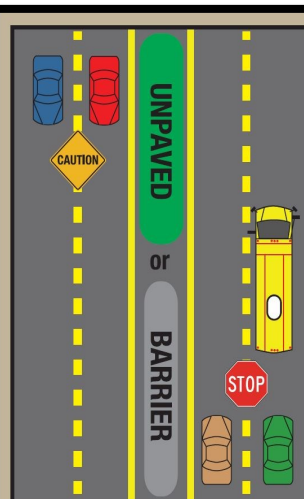
As part of the law, motorists are required to **stop** at least **10 feet away** when behind the bus, meeting the bus, or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped. Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety. It's important to note that if physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails, or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.



TWO-LANE:
Vehicles traveling in both directions **MUST** stop.



MULTI-LANE PAVED ACROSS:
Vehicles traveling in both directions **MUST** stop.



DIVIDED HIGHWAY:
[Unpaved space (Min. 5ft.) OR any raised median or physical barrier.]
Vehicles behind bus **MUST** stop.
Vehicles traveling in the opposite direction proceed with caution.



Code Enforcement Memo

Well Crafton, I am pleased to say I have been your Code Enforcement Officer now for an entire year! I can say for certain I have seen improvement all over the Borough, but it wasn't accomplished alone. Thank you to everyone who has supported me in this role from the hiring process, to guidance in learning the job, to support in the office from the staff and from our Manager, to the input positive and negative from residents, and to residents yourselves for working with me. I have appreciated especially all the stories from residents about life in Crafton "back in my day." I love all of you local historians!

So, over the past year I've had recurring violations and questions. I thought I would put together a little easy to reference list of them. This is, of course, not the exact wording of the code but mine. Please call or check the ordinances for the exact wording if you want clarification.

Cars: Vehicles can't be parked or stored on a property if they're inoperative, unlicensed, pulled apart, or in disrepair; no spraying unless in an approved spray booth.

Trash: It should be in a can, with a lid, stored out of sight and not put out for pick-up until after 4PM Monday. (Residents who put bags out, that consistently get ripped open, are littering up your street, attracting critters, and are in violation. Get a can with a lid or ask your landlord for one.)

Recycling: It's actually an ordinance that you should all be recycling. It's pretty easy to do. Check out the Borough website for more info.

Grass/Weeds: Nothing over 6" unless it's a clearly demarked planned garden—littering and critters increase exponentially when your property is let go. I have a short time frame before it goes to citation.

Bushes: Only an issue if they are blocking the sidewalk, an entry/exit or an intersection.

Clutter/Trash/Building debris and materials: Key word here is *accumulation*.

Critters: They must create a health/safety/nuisance issue— i.e. constantly dumped trash, and so on. Otherwise it's a private issue.

Shade Trees: A permit is required to do pruning or removal. If any unpermitted pruning/removal work is completed, and the tree is damaged, a fine will be issued. If a Shade Tree is removed the valuation of the tree will be added to the fine.

Private Trees: Homeowners may cut and prune without a permit—BUT—according to the tree ordinance if your tree overhangs public space like a street, sidewalk, or alley, your tree guy needs to be under the supervision of an arborist. If something is hanging over from your neighbor's property on to yours, work with them to get it trimmed. If not, you are legally allowed to cut anything on your side—tree branches, bushes, etc. (make sure you know for 100% certain where your property line is first!)

Sidewalks: Always needs to be kept clear for foot traffic. Repair trip hazards and blocks that are completely gone or close. You have 24 hours from when snow/icy rain stops to shovel and salt it.

Street Debris: Don't put any debris in the street. Leaves are the only exception during the regular collection time between October 1st and December 1st. Weather permitting.

Occupancy Inspections: Selling your house/commercial property? You need an inspection. Renting units? You need to register as a business and get your property inspected. Then you need a rental inspection each time you have a change of tenant PLUS you need to submit a tenant registration form every May.

That is all the space I have. You can always email or call me with any questions. I hope your holidays go well and your family stays safe and healthy as school starts and all of our lives shift again. I'll continue to do my best here to serve all of you.

Season Ciechanowski
Crafton Borough
Code Enforcement Officer
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Department of Public Works

The Crafton Department of Public Works is the main provider of several operational services within Crafton Borough. Crafton DPW consists of a Director and 6 full time employees. These employees are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all Borough facilities. Crafton DPW utilizes several programs in order to service the residents of Crafton. These services and programs include;

- Street paving and repair ▪ Snow and Ice Control Program ▪ Park & Pool Maintenance/Repair
- Buildings/Structures Maintenance/Repairs ▪ Leaf Program ▪ Chipper Program
- Street Sweeping Program ▪ Sewer Maintenance/Repair ▪ Litter Control program

The services performed by Crafton DPW are services fundamental to the safety and the quality of life of the Crafton community. Crafton DPW also works with Crafton Public Safety officials responding and assisting as needed for various types of emergency situations including storm related emergencies.

Any issues that are Public Works related please contact the Borough either thru the website or call to complete a request for service.

Thank You,
Crafton DPW.



Building & Zoning Code

The following are Permits Required by Ordinance:

- Home Security/Alarm Systems
- Bi-Annual Residential & Commercial Fire Safety Inspections
- Dumpster/Storage Containers
- Zoning Use/Occupancy Permit
- Garage/Yard Sales
- Keeping of Chickens

The following are Permits Required by Building Code:

- Fences, Sheds, and Retaining Walls
- Replacements resulting in structural changes
- Swimming Pools
- Driveways
- Interior and Exterior Renovations such as; Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and/or Plumbing

Residents/Landlords **MUST** complete the New Resident/Tenant Registration Form within 10 days of change in occupancy. Make sure your employer has the correct PSD (730402) code for **Earned Income Tax Withholding**.

Always contact the Building Inspector to ensure you have acquired the proper permits for your project.

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NEW IN 2019!!! Recycle must be placed LOOSE in a container clearly marked recycle. Bagged recycle WILL NOT be picked up!

2019 TRASH/RECYCLE CALENDAR

JANUARY						
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SEPTEMBER						
Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri

Missed Pickup: 1-800-866-4460

E-Waste Collection: 1-800-449-7587

*LEAF COLLECTION



Sign up through Savvy Citizen to stay up to date on community events, crime watch alerts and notifications. Go to www.craftonborough.com/get-notices 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/