



## Crafton Blvd. Sewer Separation Project Gets Underway



**Pictured left to right:** Crafton Council Member Colton Chandler, Huntington Nation Bank Senior Vice President Joseph Miller, ALCOSAN GROW Program Lead Timothy Prevost, Crafton Council President Phillip Levasseur, Crafton Mayor James Bloom, State Senator Wayne Fontana, State Representative Daniel Deasy, Crafton Council Vice President Coletta Perry, Carlynton School Board Vice President Joseph Appel, Carlynton School District Superintendent Dr. John Kreider, Crafton Council Member John Oliverio.

On Friday, May 14th, 2021, Crafton Borough held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Crafton Boulevard Sewer Separation Project across from the Crafton Elementary School. Crafton Borough Council President Phillip Levasseur welcomed an audience of project stakeholders inclusive of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Allegheny County Sewer Authority (ALCOSAN), Carlynton School District (CSD) where he briefly discussed the forthcoming improvements with Engineer Alberto Jarquin which will include new underground storm water management facilities, streetscapes, and parking lot. State Senator Wayne Fontana and State Representative Dan Deasy also addressed the audience and discussed the importance of working together on these critical projects as they ensure the future vitality of our communities.

Approximately 85% of the cost of this project, as well as several of our other projects outlined in the following pages, are being covered through grants.

The main goal of the project is to separate storm water from our combined sewer system in order to help reduce waste water flowing to the Alcosan water treatment plant. It will also directly benefit the community in several ways. Flooding and sewer backups will be reduced or eliminated as will the amounts of raw sewage being discharged by our community into the surrounding waterways.

The Borough will separate storm water runoff of approximately 25 acres from the combined sewer system. It will consist of constructing a new storm sewer main line from the intersection of Crafton Boulevard and Noble Avenue to the Clearview Avenue Extension. Installation of new storm sewer through Clearview Avenue, Sterrett Street, and Barr Avenue will separate inlets in these

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| Total Project Cost                  | \$3,273,900       |
| ALCOSAN Grow Grant                  | Up to \$2,647,400 |
| PA H2O Grant                        | \$250,000         |
| <b>Borough's Cost Share (11.5%)</b> | <b>\$376,500</b>  |

areas. In addition, installation of a new storm sewer through Harris Avenue and Keever Avenue will separate inlets in these areas.

The drainage from this system will be collected into underground detention tanks located in the property across from Crafton Elementary School. After the tanks have been installed, a new 28 space paved parking lot with landscaping, sidewalks, and lighting will be constructed for the school.

In addition, streetscape improvements on Crafton Boulevard are proposed between Baldwick Road and Dinsmore Avenue. These improvements will include landscaped areas, decorative street lighting, concrete sidewalks and curbing, and repaving of the roadway.

**Crafton Borough has been awarded over \$5,376,130.00 in grants to offset over \$6,216,710.00 in Capital Improvement Projects for the 2021 construction season. See article on page 3 for more details.**

For more information scan this QR code or go to [www.craftonborough.com/capital-projects](http://www.craftonborough.com/capital-projects).



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### Be a Good Neighbor – Keep a Lid on It!

The borough ordinances state that all solid waste shall be stored so as to prevent the attraction, harborage or breeding of insects or rodents, and to eliminate conditions harmful to public health or which create safety hazards, odors, unsightliness or public nuisances.

*Containers shall be kept tightly sealed or covered at all times. Solid waste shall not protrude or extend above the top of the container.*

Containers shall be placed at the collection point no earlier than 4:00 p.m. of the day preceding the pickup.

And, with the exception of pickup days, containers shall be properly stored on the customer premises at all times and screened from public view; however, in no case shall the containers be stored in the front yard.



### 2021 Recyclables Collection Schedule

Regular weekly trash pickup is on Tuesdays  
except when there is a legal holiday on Monday.

| JUNE |     |     |     |     |     |     | JULY |     |     |     |     |     |     | AUGUST |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| SUN  | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN  | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN    | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|      |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 6    | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 4    | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 8      | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  |
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| 27   | 28  | 29  | 30  |     |     |     | 25   | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  | 29     | 30  | 31  |     |     |     |     |

| SEPTEMBER |     |     |     |     |     |     | 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!**

### Would you like to participate in The Haunted Crafton or The Celebration of Lights tours?



The Recreation Board is looking for volunteers to participate in this annual family-friendly event. Please let us know if you are interested in being on the tour by submitting your home via the Crafton Website. Requirements include; interesting stories about your home, decorated yards, and homes.

<https://www.craftonborough.com/haunted-crafton-tour>

<https://www.craftonborough.com/celebration-of-lights>



### CRAFTON Crafton Performing Arts Association 2021 CONCERT SCHEDULE THURSDAYS JULY 15 - AUGUST 19 7:30 PM - CRAFTON PARK

#### July 15..... WEST HILLS SYMPHONIC BAND

Sponsored by: Crafton-Ingram Rotary  
Shaw's Beer Distributor  
Woltz & Wind Ford

#### July 22..... PURE GOLD

Sponsored by: Dennis R. Joyce, Attorney  
Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Sewickley  
Sisters Floral  
Craft Heating & Cooling

#### July 29..... SWINGIN' BOPCATS BIG BAND

Sponsored by: Crafton-Ingram Rotary  
DEP Technologies, Inc.  
North Star Communications

#### August 5..... UPTOWN RHYTHM AND BLUES

Sponsored by: Schepner-McDermott Funeral Home  
Wolbert Auto Body  
Smith Construction Management, LLC  
Diehl Automotive

#### August 12..... DR. ZOOT

Sponsored by: David E. Wooster & Associates  
Giant Eagle - Crafton  
Mark Grenadier, DDS, Oral Surgery

#### August 19..... TIGER MAPLE STRING BAND

Sponsored by: Charles H. Sakai, DMD  
G.A. Wozniak & Associates, Energy Consulting Services  
Hon. Jack Kobistek, Magisterial District Judge



### Elected Officials

Jim Bloom, *Crafton Mayor* ..... jbbloom@craftonborough.com

### Borough Council Officers

Phillip Levasseur, *Council President* ..... plevasseur@craftonborough.com  
 Coletta Perry, *Council Vice President* ..... cperry@craftonborough.com  
 Brad Crouse, *President Pro Tem* ..... bcrouse@craftonborough.com

### Borough Council Members

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 Colton Chandler ..... cchandler@craftonborough.com  
 Mike Crown ..... mcrown@craftonborough.com  
 John Oliverio ..... joliverio@craftonborough.com

### Magisterial District Judge

Hon. Jack Kobistek ..... (412) 921-5559

### Municipal Contacts

#### Interim Borough Manager

Douglas Sample ..... dsample@craftonborough.com  
 (412) 921-0752 x 19

#### Chief of Police

Mark Sumpter, Chief of Police ..... msumpter@craftonpolice.org  
 (412) 921-2016

#### Administration

Police Secretary ..... (412) 921-0752 x 11  
 Borough Administration ..... (412) 921-0752 x 10  
 Code Enforcement ..... (412) 921-0752 x 26  
 Building Permits & Zoning ..... (412) 921-0752 x 18

#### Community Pool

Crafton Pool ..... (412) 921-9482

### 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, Boards, Commission and/or Committee Meetings are currently being held via Zoom Webinar. Some meetings are concurrently held in Council Chambers. Log-in and call-in information available on the Borough's website:

[www.craftonborough.com/borough-council](http://www.craftonborough.com/borough-council)  
 Council Chambers in the Community Center  
 140 Bradford Avenue, Crafton, PA 15205.



#### Crafton Borough Council

2nd & 4th Thursdays at 7:15 pm

Emergency Preparedness Committee ..... 1st Wednesday at Noon  
 Finance & Administration Committee ..... 1st Thursday at 8:00 am  
 Communication, Recreation, and  
 Community Events Committee ..... 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
 Crafton Recreation Board ..... 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
 Crafton Planning Commission ..... 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm

*All of Crafton's Boards, Commissions and Committee meetings are held monthly. 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](http://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/](http://www.craftonborough.com/calendar/)



## CRAFTON-INGRAM Rotary



**Help us support our communities and charities by ordering Ribs & chances for the famous Llama plop. Here are just a few of our charities:**

- Crafton-Ingram Food Bank
- Presents for Patients (Merakey)
- Polio Plus (eradication of polio)
- Crafton Performing Arts
- Scholarship Programs
- Third Grade Spelling Bee & Dictionary Program
- Crafton Elementary Savings Bond Awards
- Senior Citizen Programs
- Crafton Library
- Family Promise
- Food Drives
- CIT Programs
- Meals on Wheels
- And many more

### Llama Plop Tickets - \$20 ea.

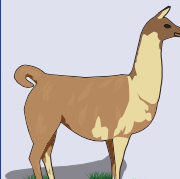
Winner of each color receives \$1,000

Only 100 tickets per color

Drawing August 7th, 12:30 pm

Live: [www.facebook.com/cirotary](https://www.facebook.com/cirotary)

Ticket Sales are limited



## Rib / BBQ Pulled Pork Sale

**Baby Back Ribs Pre-Cooked & Vacuum sealed in sauce  
 BBQ Pulled Pork in 18oz Container**

- 1 Rack Ribs & 1 BBQ Pulled Pork ..... \$32
- 1 Rack Ribs ..... \$23
- 3 Racks Ribs ..... \$62
- 1 BBQ Pulled Pork ..... \$12
- 1 BBQ Sauce ..... \$6

(Apple & Huckleberry Habanero BBQ)

**Orders must be submitted by July 30th**

**Orders can be picked up at Crafton Fire Hall  
 Saturday August 7th – 9am to 1pm**

**There are NOT Rib Dinners and do not include any other items.  
 Ribs and Pulled Pork are refrigerated.**

**Call for Tickets and Orders: 412-595-1026  
 or email: [info@cirotary.org](mailto:info@cirotary.org)**

**Accepting VENMO: @Craftoningram-Rotary &  
 Paypal: [donate@cirotary.org](mailto:donate@cirotary.org)**



Mark Schuster (right) receiving the Commander's Medallion from Legion Member Carl Smith.

### Memorial Day Service

May 31, 2021 marked the 17th annual reading of the names of 103 Crafton veterans who gave their lives in the service our country. Sadly, this is the first year that none of the Memorial Committee's WWII veterans are still with us. The ceremony has been held at noon on every Memorial Day since 2005 – the year the first plaque of names was added to the Crafton War Memorial.

It was 2004 when a group of Crafton veterans –The Elders – banded together to form the Memorial Committee who would do the work of searching out the names and stories of their brothers and sisters who had not returned. The oldest name was John Mackin who served in the Civil War and who had lived on the site currently occupied by Crafton Ice Cream Delite on Steuben Street.



The committee is always searching for information about other local veterans who died in service as well as details about the veterans already memorialized on the plaques. Find out more [www.craftonfallen.org](http://www.craftonfallen.org) Scan QR code to go to the memory medallion site.



## Crafton Planning Commission

**COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS:** The Planning Commission has been holding a series of collaborative public workshops that started in the fall of 2020 and will continue in 2021. Past workshops have covered a range of topics including current initiatives, community visioning, and development opportunities. Our most recent event was an information session on Eco-Districts and what value this could offer to Crafton. The Eco-District webinar was conducted with participation from Ingram, building on our previous Crafton/Ingram collaboration for our joint Comprehensive Plan.

**VIDEOS** of all past workshops and information about upcoming workshops can be viewed here: <https://www.craftonborough.com/community-visioning>.



Workshops are held via Zoom. Join us to learn more about what is happening in the borough and to share your ideas on how to shape the future of Crafton!

**SURVEY:** We also have a new community survey that opened at the end of April and will remain open for the next several months. Please complete the survey and let us know your interests, needs, thoughts about Ecodistricts, or other topics you would like to see addressed. Participants can complete the survey or sign up to get involved at this link: <http://bit.ly/CraftonEcoDistrict>



## Shade Tree Commission News



TREE CITY USA

On April 30th, 2021 the Crafton Park and Shade Tree Commission celebrated Crafton's 32nd year as a Tree City USA participant.

The past year has seen many changes to our street trees. Some of these trees have been showing their age, some have overgrown their limited space in the tree lawns, and some have been pruned by Duquesne Light as part of their tree and line maintenance program. The Commission is working diligently to find a solution to maintain our tree canopy.

We know the community loves our spring floral corridor on Steuben Street which is why we are exploring an assortment of slow growth native spring flowering trees for replanting in this area.

Planting trees in the tiny tree lawns, especially along heavily trafficked roads, such as Steuben Street, may not be viable. One solution may be planting trees in homeowners' front yard – if there is adequate room of course. We will be reaching out to homeowners on Steuben St. to gauge interest in receiving a tree.

There are still many Crafton streets that can continue to have trees planted in their tree lawn. If you are interested in either option, please contact the Borough and they will forward us contact information. We will be planting trees in the fall this year, but need to know as soon as possible please.



John Oliverio, Mary Luxbacher, James Bloom, Susan Mucha, James Peterson

**TREE TIPS: Remember, by ordinance, street trees cannot be removed or heavily pruned without permission of the Borough.**

Normal maintenance and establishing a tree circle around your trees is always a good idea. Do not pile up mulch against the bark, but more of a "donut" effect to prevent decay.

Also, please be careful when weed whacking as your tree base can be permanently damaged. Also, if there is extended drought or very hot weather, your young trees or less established trees may need a soaking to help them make it through.



## Crafton's Excellent Rating is Big Win for Bond Sale

Crafton Borough completed the sale of a General Obligations Bond on March 2 of this year.

The largest portion is for the matching funds the borough must provide on grants that have been, or will soon be, awarded for infrastructure improvements. Additionally, several complete road reconstruction for streets in the poorest condition will be undertaken. The remaining portions will be put towards other capital improvement projects.

The goal was to raise \$9 million. It was thought that it would mean selling \$9.5 million face value.

The borough received an S&P Global Rating of "AA-" due to the borough's solid financial position, our reserves, and excellent bond

interview preparation. The bonds sold at a premium as a result of this excellent rating.

Bonds that trade at a premium mean that its price is trading at higher than the face value of the bond.

The premium translated to the borough receiving the \$9 million while only having to issue \$8,625,000 of aggregate principal. The additional \$500,000 came from the "original issue premium."

"Original Issue Premium" means an amount paid by bondholders for bonds that exceeds the face amount of the bonds.

This better than anticipated bond sale reduced the anticipated bond costs by roughly \$900,000 in principal and an additional \$200,000 in interest over the life of the bond.

Crafton currently has only one part time Code Enforcement officer who works approximately 30 hours a week. In addition, the borough is advertising for a full time position to augment code enforcement efforts and to handle building inspections that are currently outsourced.

There is a very detailed process for citing a violation and working towards its resolution. Nonetheless, the process is constantly being evaluated and improved.

Contact our Code Enforcement Officer Season Ciechanowski at 412-921-0752 ext. 26 with questions or for more information.

### Code Enforcement Notes

The main duties of the Code Enforcement Officer are to enforce our Local Borough Code of Ordinances and the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code. In addition to general Property Maintenance Code enforcement, the Code Enforcement officer is also tasked with ensuring that Rental Property Owners are compliant with current Operating Licenses/Permits.

Residents and Property owners can expect to see a continued push in this area of Code Enforcement from Crafton Borough to help fight nuisance, blight, and vacant properties.

### Did you know?

It is illegal for any person to allow a dog under their control to bark, yelp, howl, or make similar noise continuously or repeatedly for more than 15 minutes whether the dog is on private property or not. The only exception is for noises made in response to a trespasser. Complaints should be to the Crafton Borough Police Department at (412) 921-2016.



All dogs shall be kept under restraint when not within the exclusive premises of the owner.

Chapter 71 of the Crafton Borough Code discusses the responsibilities of dog owners to control their pets. Scan the QR code to learn more.



### Permits are required for the following:

(By Ordinance)

- Zoning Use/Occupancy Permit
- Home Security/Alarm Systems
- Dumpster/Storage Containers
- Garage and Yard Sales
- Keeping of Chickens
- Replacements resulting in structural changes
- Interior and Exterior Renovations (Building, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing)

(By Building Code)

- Decks, Fences, Sheds
- Sidewalks, Driveways, and Parking Pads
- Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs (including temporary)

For more information: <https://www.craftonborough.com/permits>

When in doubt, contact the building inspector with your questions.



Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2021.

The pool will operate daily through Sunday, August 22, 2021 with limited weekends following. Pool Passes are on sale now on the Borough's website. General Admission will be limited. Please go to [www.craftonborough.com/crafton-pool](http://www.craftonborough.com/crafton-pool) for the most up to date information, hours of operation, and pool membership.



## Crafton Recreation Board Update

**POOL UPDATE:** Construction continued through the winter at the pool with the new pool liner installation on both the deep end and the zero entry. The 2020/2021 planned Bathhouse renovations were postponed due to COVID related restrictions. However, we are pleased to share that Crafton Borough has been given the opportunity to submit applications for grant funds of up to \$500,000. Planned renovations have been drafted from the Comprehensive Plan and include updates to the changing facilities as well as addressing improved accessibility. We are hopeful that Crafton will receive a portion of these grant funds as they will be of great assistance in making our facilities more inclusive.

**PARK RENOVATIONS:** The renovations to Crafton Park and Linwood Park are nearing completion. There has been safety surface installed and new equipment at both of the parks. Also underway is the Master Site Plan for updating the parks, which is slated to be completed this year. This will help put Crafton in a better position to receive park funding to help keep our parks up to date.

**JULY 4th:** Crafton Borough is happy to welcome back Gibson Fireworks for the 4th of July festivities, including Pittsburgh's own Trainwreck, who will be performing on the stage for the evening. Please check the website and Savvy Citizen for more details.

The Haunted Crafton and Celebration of Lights tours were so successful, the Recreation Board would like to make this an annual family-friendly event. See page 8 for details on applying to have your house featured on one of these tours.



CRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY IS OPEN AGAIN! That's right! We're back!

Please check [www.craftonpubliclibrary.com](http://www.craftonpubliclibrary.com) for the latest information.

Lobby pickup will continue for those who cannot come into the Library or are more comfortable with no-contact service. Please call during business hours if you wish to use our lobby pickup.

**Hours of operation (at time of printing)**  
Monday & Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM  
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 10 AM - 6 PM  
Saturday: 10 AM - 5 PM



**SUMMER READING IS HERE!**  
Find out more at [craftonpubliclibrary.com/summer-reading-2021](http://craftonpubliclibrary.com/summer-reading-2021)

### WHAT'S COOKING IN CRAFTON (PARK)?

Choose a recipe from the month's chosen cookbook & prepare it to share it! Stop by the Library to pick your recipe, and join Tracey in the Hoffman Shelter at Crafton Park at 6 PM on the following dates:

Weds, June 23rd • Tues, July 20th • Thurs., August 19th

Crafton Mini-Golf will be open Friday and Saturday evenings 7-9pm starting June 25-26 throughout the summer and in October for haunted mini-golf.



The retro course is located on Steuben St. in the Athletic Field complex with plenty of parking across from Crafton's main park. Make it a family fun night or a date night for the very affordable price of only \$2 per person. We follow all COVID guidelines.

**Fireworks in the Park**  
presented by  
**Crafton Borough Parks and Recreation Board**  
**Sunday, July 4th**  
**at Crafton Park**

**7:00 p.m. - Kona Ice, PGH Crepes, Concessions by Local Non-Profits**  
**7:30 p.m. - Band: Trainwreck**  
**9:30 p.m. - Fireworks**



☆☆☆ **NEW IN 2021** ☆☆☆  
**FREE Leaf Compost and Wood Chips are available for daily pickup**  
Bins are located in the Parking Lot behind the Amphitheater at Crafton Park on W. Steuben Street



### Join Our Team !!!

The Crafton Fire Department is made up of 100% volunteer members; we are your friends, your family, and your neighbors. Among our ranks are students and retirees, teachers and engineers, mechanics and military personnel. Why not add yourself to our organization and join our 131-year-old legacy. We will provide you with all the training and equipment you need to protect our community safely and effectively. Stop at the station on Tuesdays between 7:00 and 9:00 PM to pick-up an application.



## Council President's Message

Summer 2021 is here and our community is returning to a state of normalcy. Children are playing together in Crafton Park, residents will soon be swimming at the pool, and we are all breathing a little easier as restrictions are easing. These last 16 months has challenged our nation in ways never seen or experienced in over 100 years. As a community, we did our part in managing the spread of COVID-19 and minimizing the stress on our region's healthcare system. Moreover, Crafton Borough did not retreat in the face of adversity; we persevered, and we achieved major milestones in this time that advanced strategic investments in our cherished community.

It's time to embrace the opportunity to travel safely and see our friends and family. It is time to go out on the town and have dinner at

our favorite local establishments, and it is time to go down to the park on the Fourth of July to see the fireworks and hear a live band play. It is our time to be with one another.

We are thankful to Crafton's police, fire, EMS, public works, administrative staff, and all of the essential services employees for their efforts throughout these trying times. We all need to continue to do our part, heed the advice of our public health professionals, and continue to take personal responsibility to maintain good hygiene and use situational awareness to avoid circulation of COVID-19 to vulnerable populations. As a community and as a nation we will recover, we will remember those that we lost, we will heal, and we will be there for one another, because we are here in Crafton together.

Respectfully,  
Phillip G. Levasseur, Council President

## Message from the Manager

I want to thank Borough Council, members of our Boards and Commissions, the employees of Crafton Borough, as well as the residents for welcoming me back to your wonderful community. I was honored to serve your community from 2005 to 2010 as your Borough Manager and am excited to be back to help facilitate the important infrastructure projects that Borough Council has prioritized.

In the next several years you will see over \$18 million dollars of infrastructure investment ranging from numerous combined sewer separations, storm water improvement projects, Public Works Facility addition, Pool Bath House renovation, park improvements, road

reconstructions, paving, sidewalk repair, and tree plantings. Over \$9 million of these projects will be coming through various grant funds. This is a tremendous opportunity for the Borough to address much needed investment in its infrastructure. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding during the construction season. It is always a stressful time with road closures, noise disruptions, and safety concerns for your family and pets. As you will read, Code Enforcement reminds us to be mindful of our pets during this time. I want to again thank the Borough for allowing me to serve your community and I look forward to a great 2021 Summer Season!!!

Sincerely,  
Douglas Sample, Interim Borough Manager

## Meet Our New Council Members: Colton Chandler and John Oliverio

Colton and John were appointed earlier this year to fill vacant council seats until the end of 2021



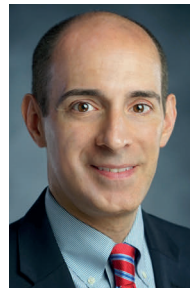
Colton Chandler

After growing up in Crafton, when it came time for my wife and I to buy our first house, this was definitely on our list of areas to look. Having no luck for a while, we were able to find our home on Union Avenue in May of 2019.

I started attending the council meetings shortly after moving in and knew I wanted to get involved with the community. I was appointed to a vacant planning commission seat in March of 2020 and was more recently appointed to the vacant council seat in February of 2021. I wanted to be a part of council

to try to make a difference in our community. I am so grateful to have been appointed to the council seat.

I will always put the community first in my decision making and I welcome anyone in the community to reach out at any time with anything they would like to discuss about our wonderful community. You will often see Lisa and I out walking our dog Ollie! I am looking forward to serving the citizens of Crafton to help preserve the charm that Crafton has to offer, while still working towards the future!



John Oliverio

I have a passion for making sure Crafton thrives - preserving our history and progressing our future. I am a lifelong Pittsburgh resident and attended college at Pitt. Upon graduation, I needed to select an area to begin my professional life. A co-worker recommended Crafton, and I was immediately drawn to the charm of the houses and the people along with being close to everything! It has now been 23 years of living in our great community where I bought/sold a single family house on E Crafton Ave and built a Victorian house on N Emily

Street. After becoming a Tree Tender, I joined the Crafton Park and Tree Commission in 2020.

I was honored to be appointed a Crafton Council Member in March and chair the Communication, Parks & Events Committee. I enjoy participating in Crafton's amenities, supporting our businesses, walking our streets, and learning the history of our town. I also spend time in my yard and garden and volunteer as a board member for Humane Animal Rescue. Crafton is my home, and I felt I had an obligation to get involved and make a difference for our community. I look forward to engaging our residents, as there are so many ways to have an impact. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with your ideas and comments.

### Summer Lunch Program Gets Underway

Several community organizations are once again banding together to provide the **free breakfast/lunch distribution for children and teens at Crafton Elementary School each weekday throughout the summer, from 11 am until noon, beginning June 7th through**

**the end of August.** All are welcome, you do not have to be from the Carlynton School District. Also, on Fridays we will distribute weekend food bags for any interested family. Thanks to the District Magistrate, Crafton-Ingram Rotary, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carnegie Elks and the community volunteers who make this program possible.

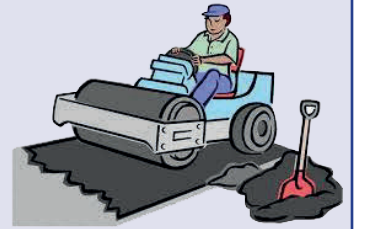
## 2021 Road Program

Crafton Borough's road tax provides the money to fund our annual road paving program and to service the portion of the bond set aside for road reconstruction. The Borough's annual road paving program will include the following streets:

**Hawthorne** (Ewing to Manor)  
**Duncan** (Steuben to Ingram)  
**Ewing** (S. Grandview to S. Grandview)  
**Linden** (Steuben to Maxwell)



**Alley M** (Duncan to Terminus)  
**Alley B** will be completely reconstructed and will include upgrades to the storm water management system in that area.



Estimated Project Cost: **\$350,000**

## Crafton Projects Supercharged by Grant Funds

Crafton Borough has been awarded over \$5,376,130.00 in grants to offset over \$6,216,710.00 in Capital Improvement Projects for the 2021 construction season. Here's a rundown on the projects.

**Crafton Boulevard Sewer Separation Project** - To reduce overflows, the Borough will separate storm water runoff of approximately 25 acres from the combined sewer system. (See article on page 1)

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|------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Total Project Cost           | ..... | \$3,273,900       |
| ALCOSAN Grow Grant           | ..... | Up to \$2,647,400 |
| PA H2O Grant                 | ..... | \$250,000         |
| Borough's Cost Share (11.5%) | ..... | \$376,500         |

**Woodlawn Sewer Separation Project** - In an effort to reduce overflows, the Borough will separate portions of the combined sewers along Fountain Street, Promenade Street, and Woodlawn Street; these improvements consequentially remove storm water runoff from approximately 39 acres of the existing combined sewer system. New storm sewer will be installed on Promenade Street between High Street and Marion Street; on Fountain Street between 39 Fountain Street and the street's intersection with Chartiers Avenue; and on the public property connecting Promenade Street and Fountain Street. Lastly, once all the new storm sewers are installed, the roadways will be restored with new paving, curbing, and sidewalks, as needed.

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| Est. Project Cost               | ..... | \$1,350,000       |
|                                 |       | to \$1,425,000    |
| ALCOSAN Grow Grant              | ..... | Up to \$2,072,730 |
| Est. Borough's Cost Share (15%) | ..... | \$210,000         |

**Public Works Facility Addition** - The project will include the construction of a new Department of Public Works (DPW) garage at the existing DPW facility. The proposed structure will be 5,000 SF and will contain two garage bays, a mechanical lift, and employee areas such as a lunchroom, locker rooms, and bathrooms. Additional site improvements will include clearing and grading of the site area, installation of new utilities, and a paved driveway.

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| Est. Project Cost                                    | ..... | \$940,810 |
| Community Infrastructure & Tourism Fund (CITF) Grant | ..... | \$200,000 |
| Est. Borough's Cost Share (78%)                      | ..... | \$740,810 |

**Crafton Borough Building Complex Renovation** - There have been numerous maintenance issues which need addressed regarding the Borough Municipal Complex. This project will include washing, re-pointing, replacement of damaged stones, and new carpet for the Borough Building. In addition, the Library and Magistrate roof will be replaced.

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| Est. Project Cost   | ..... | appx. \$250,000 |
| Allegheny County's Gaming Economic Development & Tourism Fund (GEDFT) | ..... | \$180,000       |
| Borough's Funding Share (28%)   | ..... | \$70,000        |

**Master Site Plan for Crafton Parks** - The Borough will be performing a master site development plan study to update the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan from 2013. The Borough will use this plan to best improve our parks for community use.

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|---|-------|----------|
| Estimated Project Cost                              | ..... | \$52,000 |
| Department Conservation and Natural Resources Grant | ..... | \$26,000 |
| Borough's Funding Share (50%)                       | ..... | \$26,000 |



**Congratulations!**  
**Joseph Pittinaro**  
**on your retirement**

**Thank you for your 42 years of dedicated service in our Public Works Dept.**

