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## Borough Council News

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Crafton Borough welcomed three new members to the Crafton Borough Council at the 2020 Reorganization Meeting on January 6, 2020. Newly elected members, Edward Alo, Roy Niemann and Anthony Saba, as well as, returning member Coletta Perry, were sworn into office by Magisterial District Judge, Honorable, Jack Kobistek. The Borough Council voted to elect Phillip Levasseur as President, Edward Alo as Vice President and Brad Crouse as President Pro-Tem. Council Meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month starting on January 27, 2020.

### Public Meeting Information

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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 Performing Arts - 3rd Monday at 7:00 PM  
Crafton Planning Commission - 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM  
All meetings are publicized on SavvyCitizenApp.com.

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



**DAN DEASY**

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

***REPORT TO THE PEOPLE***

As your state representative, I work hard to bring state resources to my district and to provide information on programs and services to my constituents. Below is some information that you might find interesting and helpful.

### **Funding awarded to Crafton Borough**

I am delighted to report that after meeting with Crafton Borough Manager RJ Susko and hearing about the recreational needs of the borough, I was able to secure \$375,000 in grants for the borough for park improvements. For the Crafton Pool to open for the 2020 season, a new pool liner is needed. This cost is covered under these grants. Additionally, safety improvements will be made to Crafton, Noble and Linwood parks, including resurfacing, fencing, and all associated erosion and sedimentation grading, site preparation and clean up.

### **Free income tax preparation available at my office**

As you might be aware, my office partners with AARP Tax Aide service to provide free income tax preparation services for seniors and low-income residents. This year marks the 12th year of this program at my office. This free service is for individuals and couples who must file a basic return. You cannot be self-employed or have rental income to take advantage of this service. Additionally, this program is geared toward those with an annual income of \$55,000 or less. If you must file a return and believe you might be eligible for this free service, please call my office at 412-928-9514 for more information and to make an appointment.

### **Get your Port Authority Senior Connect Card**

My office continues to partner with the Port Authority of Allegheny County to assist older riders in securing the new Senior ConnectCard. If you are 65 or older, you can ride Port Authority Transit for free with a Senior ConnectCard. To secure this card, please visit my office during normal business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You must have a valid photo identification card. Additionally, my staff will be at the Crafton Borough Building on Tuesday, February 10th, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, March 21st, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The March 21st date will coincide with the Saturday Senior Dinner at the borough building. If you need more information, please call my office at 412-928-9514.

### **Deasy Employment Center**

Are you seeking employment? Do you need help with job searches, resumes, cover letters, etc? Come to my office during business hours to utilize my employment kiosk as well as obtain information that may be helpful during your job search. If you are seeking employment and hitting roadblocks, my office may be able to help. Please stop in and learn about what services are available.

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# Fall Wrap Up

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Crafton would like to give a big thank you to all of the Board and Committee Members, Businesses and Organizations and Volunteers who worked together to bring us the first annual I ♥ Crafton Block Party Pop-Up Event. Special Thank You to the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department for keeping everyone dry, fed and entertained!

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## Crafton Youth Presents to Council

On Monday, October 28, 2019, five year old Malachi Brown, resident of Crafton, read a written statement regarding recycling and environmental peace to the Crafton Borough Council and the present audience. Mr. Brown spoke about his love for animals and the environment. He also spoke about the amount of trash that Americans produce that end up in landfills and gave examples of how we can reduce the amount of waste we create by following recycling and waste reduction plans from other countries such as Sweden. Mr. Brown gave examples of how waste is harmful to animals on land and in the ocean.



Anyone wishing to read the full statement may stop at the Borough Administrative Office or watch the presentation on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/px9sRidoBOE>.

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## Hindsight in 2020

The Borough of Crafton relies on residents to get involved. One way to do this is to serve as a member on one of our many boards and/or commissions; The Civil Service Commission, Crafton Planning Commission, Crafton Zoning Hearing Board, Crafton Building Appeals Board, Park & Shade Tree Commission, Crafton Library Board, or the Crafton Recreation Board.



In addition to boards and commissions, there are a wide variety of volunteer organizations that provide entertainment and knowledge for our community. Organizations like, Crafton Celebrates, Crafton Elves, Crafton Performing Arts, etc... prepare and organize community events such as “Crafton Celebrates”, (our 4-Day Fourth of July Celebration), Holiday Decorating of the Borough, the annual Doggie Paddle, Concerts in the Park series and so much more. Community Involvement starts with one letter, U!

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# Crafton Public Library

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140 Bradford Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15205  
412-922-6877  
www.craftonpubliclibrary.com  
craftonlibrarypa@gmail.com

## CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY!

### CHILDREN

#### **FAMILY STORYTIME / MONDAYS @ 11 AM & TUESDAY @ 6:15 PM**

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

#### **TAILS & TALES / SECOND FRIDAY @ 3:30 PM**

Each month, a therapy animal will join us for a special storytime about our furry friends!

#### **STEAM NIGHT / THURSDAYS @ 6:00 PM**

Join us for a variety of fun, educational games and activities and learn important skills in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math!

### TEENS

#### **ANIME CLUB / JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup> @ 3:30 PM (EVERY OTHER MONDAY)**

Come hang out with us on Mondays to play games, watch anime, and enjoy all things related to your favorite Japanese art form! Program for ages 10-18.

#### **MAKE IT! / JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> @ 3:30 PM**

Our monthly teen maker program! Project TBD. For tweens & teens in grades 6-12.

### ADULTS

#### **CONVERSATION SALON / SECOND TUESDAY @ 6:00 PM**

Join us for a wonderful hour (or two) filled with conversation fueled by those who attend!

#### **SCRABBLE / THURSDAYS @ 1:00 PM**

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

#### **NO STRINGS ATTACHED BOOK CLUB / LAST TUESDAY @ 6:30 PM**

Read our book of the month and join us for a discussion... or not! No strings attached.

#### **MOVIE CLASSICS / SATURDAYS @ 1:00 PM**

Watch an afternoon film, whether you're a classic movie buff or haven't seen a single one!

#### **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY / A 2020 GOAL!**

If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer who supports the library, please express interest at the library or by phone at 412-922-6877.

### ALL AGES

#### **YOGA / MONDAYS @ 7:00 PM**

For all skill levels! Each class is \$5.00. Bring water and a mat or towel & dress comfortably.

#### **WRITERS' SUPPORT GROUP / FIRST SATURDAY @ 10:00 AM**

Meet with fellow writers to trade tips and share your work. Please bring a current project.

# Community Reminders

## E-WASTE COLLECTION 1-800-449-7587

E-Waste Collection is **FREE** for Residents/Tenants who have trash collection through the Borough of Crafton's trash removal contract with Waste Management.

Please call **1-800-449-7587** to schedule a pickup of electronics such as...

- ✓ Computers & Monitors
- ✓ Televisions
- ✓ DVD/CD Players
- ✓ Hazardous Household Materials
- ✓ Etc....

**ELECTRONICS WILL NOT be PICKED UP** during regular trash or recycle collection.



### BE INFORMED

Keep informed and up to date on Crafton Borough happenings via the SavvyCitizen App. Sign up at <https://www.craftonborough.com/get-notifications>.

### BE INVOLVED

Residents can sign up to receive Borough Notices, Crime Watch Alerts, Borough Events and many other Community Organization Events through the online Calendar at <https://www.craftonborough.com/calendar>.

### BE ACTIVE

#### Suggestions for the upcoming Newsletters?

Residents can submit newsletter requests via the Service Request Portal on the Borough's website at <https://www.craftonborough.com/.service-request>.

## ANNUAL FEE & TAX DUE DATES

### Trash & Recycle Fee

February 28, 2020 (at 2% Discount)

March 31, 2020 (at Face Value)

### Borough Property Tax

April 30, 2020 (at 2% Discount)

June 30, (at Face Value)

### Allegheny County Property Tax

March 31, 2020 (at 2% Discount)

April 30, 2020 (at Face Value)

### Business/Landlord & Mercantile Taxes

May 15, 2020

### School Property Tax

August 31, 2020 (at 2% Discount)

October 31, 2020 (at Face Value)

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**.

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# Department of Public Works

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Crafton's Public Works Department includes six (6) full-time laborers who work under the supervision of the Director of Public Works. Public Works performs a variety of maintenance activities for the Borough's public areas and infrastructure, such as street sweeping and plowing, leaf pickup, basic public sewer maintenance, and general facility repairs.

During winter months Crafton Department of Public Works crews and equipment convert to winter operations. To prepare for snow removal, trucks will have salt

augers and spinners installed. Crews will begin working split shifts enabling efficient around the clock coverage for snow emergencies. Additionally, Crafton Department of Public Works will continue all basic duties and responsibilities such as pothole cold patching and litter control.



Residents are encouraged to notify the Borough with any service requests. Residents may **submit services requests** by phone (412) 921-0752 x 16 or by submitting an electronic request **via the Borough's website service request portal** at [www.craftonborough.com/servicerequest](http://www.craftonborough.com/servicerequest). All requests will be reviewed, investigated and responded to in a timely manner weather permitting.

## JUST SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS!

**RESIDENTIAL LEAF PROGRAM**—Leaf vac truck service officially ended Friday Dec 13, all leaves must be placed in proper recycling bags and placed near the curb. Bagged leaf pick up will be scheduled and serviced weather permitting.

**SNOW SHOVELING**—When clearing sidewalks and driveways; sweeping, shoveling, or blowing snow into the street is prohibited and subject to significant fines (Ordinance Chapter 193-46).

Thanks, and have a safe winter!

Rob Kaczorowski

Director of Public Works

(412) 921-0752 x 16

[rkaczorowski@craftonborough.com](mailto:rkaczorowski@craftonborough.com)





Mayor  
James G Bloom

**Crafton Borough Police Department**

Crime Prevention Unit  
100 Stotz Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15205  
Emergency Call **911**  
Police Administrative Office (412)921-2016

**Crime Prevention Officers**  
Patrolman Nicholas S. Mollo    Patrolman Joshua J. Withers



TAKE A BITE OUT OF  
**CRIME**

**Chief of Police**  
Mark A Sumpter

**ROAD SAFETY**

The Crafton Borough Police Department would like to remind all motorists to exercise increased caution during wintry conditions in the upcoming months. Be sure to slow down and give plenty of stopping distance between other vehicles to reduce the risk of accidents.



**WINTER HOME SAFETY TIPS**



The weather is getting colder, and people are pulling out their space heaters. NEVER plug a heater into a power strip. These units are not designed to handle the high current flow needed for a space heater and can overheat or even catch fire due to the added energy flow. Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and change the batteries twice a year when the time changes. Prevent water pipes from freezing. Turn off the water valve connected to the outside faucets. Check in on your neighbors.

**STAY INFORMED**

Follow the Crafton Borough Police Department on Facebook for the most up to date information at <https://www.facebook.com/Crafton-Borough-Police-Department-995829923806767/>



Sign up to receive Borough Notification Crime Watch Alerts and to view the Community Events Calendar go to

[www.craftonborough.com/get-notifications](http://www.craftonborough.com/get-notifications).



# Code Enforcement Memo

In response to resident questions about where to find help getting things fixed, one of the first things I did when I started this job was to scour the internet and make a resource list for folks. I may send violation notices, but I like to help give folks options and help as well with abating the violation when I can. This list is not exhaustive I realize. I welcome additions. There are also lots of other resources at The Borough Building, and Dan Deasy's office.

## **Public Resource List for Possible Home Repair Assistance**

Rep. Dan Deasy  
436 South Main Street  
Suite 100  
Pittsburgh, PA 15220  
Phone: (412) 928-9514

## **Allegheny County PA Assistance Programs list:**

***North Hills Community Outreach (NHCO)*** - 412-487-6316

***Allegheny County Department Human Services***

The Human Services Building

First Floor

One Smithfield Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2221

1-800-862-6783 Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

***Allegheny County Weatherization Program*** - 412-281-2102

***AHILP (Allegheny Home Improvement Loan Program)***

[http://www.alleghenycounty.us/economic-development/residents/ahilp/](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/economic-development/residents/ahilp/ahilp-application.aspx)

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***Foreclosure Assistance Program*** - [www.alleghenycountycourts.us/civil/foreclosure.aspx](http://www.alleghenycountycourts.us/civil/foreclosure.aspx)

***Area Agency on Aging*** - 412-350-4234



## **Other Resources:**

***Hosanna Industries Inc.***

Home Repair-- Contact Amy Ed at 724-770-0262

***Habitat for Humanity***

Michelle Morgan, Director of Homeowner Services - 412-450-8520 ext. 10

***The Pittsburgh Project*** - 412-321-1678

***Rebuilding Together*** -Pittsburgh 412-922-0953

***Operation Homefront of PA, DE & NJ (for veterans)*** Pete Stinson 800-779-5892

<https://www.operationhomefront.org/>

***Heroes Supporting Heroes (for veterans)*** <https://www.heroessupportingheroes.org/>

***Pennsylvania Care Planning Council*** <http://www.carepennsylvania.org/index.htm>

***Urban Redevelopment Authority Pittsburgh - Keystone Renovation and Repair Program*** 412-255-6677

***PA Housing Finance Agency*** - <https://www.phfa.org/programs/repairs.aspx> (loans and grants)

***AHILP (Allegheny Home Improvement Loan Program)*** -

<http://www.alleghenycounty.us/economic-development/residents/ahilp/ahilp-application.aspx>

## **Crafton Churches**

Crafton United Presbyterian Church - 412-921-2293

Hawthorne Ave. Presbyterian Church - 412-921-2504

St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church - 412-921-1125

Church of the Nativity - 412-921-4103

1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church Crafton - 412-922-5382

St. Philip Parish - 412-922-6300

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Crafton Borough

Code Enforcement Officer

[codeenforcement@craftonborough.com](mailto:codeenforcement@craftonborough.com)

412-921-0752 ext. 26

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## Building & Zoning Code

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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/Rental License
- Garage/Yard Sales
- Keeping of Chickens
- Recreational Burning/Outdoor Firepit

REMINDER: All Businesses & Landlords must be registered and have a license to operate within Borough of Crafton.

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.

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

## 2020 Trash & Recycle Information

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** CONTAINERS SHOULD NOT TO EXCEED A CAPACITY OF THIRTY (30) GALLONS, SECURED WITH TIGHT LIDS. TRASH AND/OR RECYCLABLES SHOULD NOT BE PLACED AT THE CURB PRIOR TO 4:00 PM ON THE DAY PRIOR TO COLLECTION. CONTAINERS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE COLLECTION SIGHT THE SAME DAY AS TRASH COLLECTION. TRASH CANS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE STORED IN THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING.

**Single Stream Recycling:** The following can all be placed in the same container, marked CLEARLY as “Recycle” (RCY). **Recycle Stickers are available in the Borough Office.** Aluminum/Glass food and beverage containers, natural and pigmented placed narrow-neck containers marked with symbols 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7, food and beverage cartons, ferrous (iron, steel, tin) cans, **ALL FREE OF FOOD DEBRIS and LIDS REMOVED.** Newspaper, unbound – black and white or pigmented. Construction paper, craft paper, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, printer paper, computer paper, copy paper junk mail, magazines, or catalogs. **CORRUGATED CARDBOARD MUST BE FLATTENED AND CUT TO 14 x 14 INCHES.** **No plastic bags or “grocery” type bag.**

**E-Waste/Hazardous Waste:** Household cleaners and/or electronic waste will NOT be accepted for normal trash collection. Contact Waste Management and the representative will give you further instructions on how to dispose of these items. 1-800-449-7587

**BULK WASTE:** Such as, Furniture, appliances, washers, dryers and carpeting (cut, bundled and tied) in lengths no longer than 4 FT should be limited to one item per week. UNDER STATE LAW; Refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners **MUST** have the Freon removed by a professional contractor and an evidence sticker displayed. Please limit bulk to one item per week.

### ITEMS NOT PERMITTED UNDER OUR CONTRACT

**BUILDING and/or CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS WOOD/LUMBER, DRYWALL, PLASTER, TILE, PANELING, CONCRETE, DOORS, WINDOWS, PAINT, and DIRT.**

Crafton Borough  
 100 Stotz Avenue  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15205  
 (412) 921-0752

PRSRT STD  
 U.S. Postage  
 PAID  
 Pittsburgh, PA  
 PERMIT 2354

**Please Note!!! Recycle must be placed LOOSE in a container clearly marked recycle. Bagged recycle WILL NOT be picked up!**

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Missed Pickup: 1-800-866-4460

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

 Recycle Collection

 Holiday Delay



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](http://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/](http://www.craftonborough.com/calendar/)