



# *The* CRAFTON *Courier*

CRAFTON BOROUGH COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER • FALL 2025

## CRAFTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IS HERE TO SERVE



The Crafton Volunteer Fire Department has continued on with its busy year and through July 31, 2025, the fire department has responded to 259 dispatches. On July 1, 2025, the department was dispatched along with other mutual aid companies to assist Greentree Fire with a commercial fire at a business on Noblestown Rd., which housed two auto repair shops with apartment housing on the top floors. Through hard work and coordination, the fire was brought under control within a few hours. On June 18, 2025, we responded to McMunn Ave., for a roofing company pick-up truck that was fully engulfed. The fire was quickly brought under control. We have also responded to numerous other service calls throughout the summer and early fall. The Crafton Volunteer Fire Department participated in the Fourth of July celebration at

Crafton Park as well as community parades in Carnegie, Thornburg, and Rosslyn Farms. On Sept. 14, 2025, we hosted the "911 Open House" in conjunction with the Crafton Ingram Rotary, and other local first responders including the Crafton and Ingram Police Departments, and Northwest EMS. This event was a great success.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- The Crafton Volunteer Fire Department members will be out in the Fire trucks for the annual Halloween Night Trick or Treat helping to keep everyone safe on October 31st.
- Santa Claus will visit Crafton by Firetruck (tentatively) on December 20, 2025. More details to come.

As we move into late fall and the winter months, it is time to make sure those smoke detector batteries get replaced and the units are in good working condition. Always abide by the manufacturer's recommendations concerning the operation and replacement of your detectors.

Lastly, if you have an active fireplace, it is always recommended to have a professional chimney company sweep and inspect the chimney before being used. As always, we thank our local borough administrators, elected officials, borough staff, the Crafton Police Department, DPW, and the residents, visitors, and business owners of the borough. With your continued support, we are able to succeed. Anyone who wishes to learn more about us message us, on Facebook or stop by the station on any Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM.

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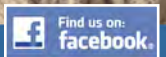
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## FALL LEAF COLLECTION

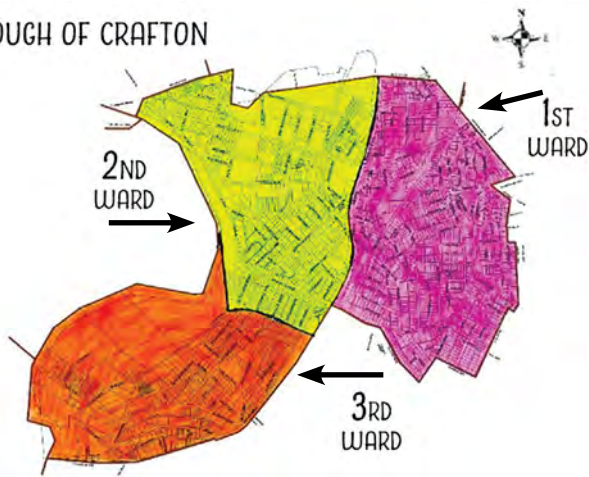
Crafton Public Works Department collects and composts leaf waste generated in the Borough each year. Fall leaf collection generally starts during the month of **October and runs through early December**, weather permitting. Leaf collection may conclude earlier in the season if winter weather requires the trucks to be converted to plowing and winter maintenance equipment.

To participate in fall leaf collection, please rake leaves to the curb/street. Bagged leaves will also be collected **upon request**. Leaves should be placed in biodegradable/eco-friendly bags. Please contact the Administrative Office for pickup of bagged leaves. Bagged leaves must be free of twigs, dog waste and other debris. You do not need to contact the Borough for Curb/Street Collection.



## CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

BOROUGH OF CRAFTON



**Mondays – Ward 1 – Pink Shaded Area**  
**Tuesdays – Ward 2 – Yellow Shaded Area**  
**Wednesdays – Ward 3 – Orange Shaded Area**

**Note: Please be aware that the leaf vacuum equipment does generate "leaf dust," which is unavoidable. Leaf dust may accumulate on parked vehicles during the operation of this equipment. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.**

### Woodchipper & Bagged Yard Debris Pickup Service

Residents may request the removal and chipping of eligible tree limbs and wood waste by calling the Borough Administrative Office. 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 use by the resident (upon request).

To request branch and limb chipper service, please use the QR Code below to submit a service request. This service is offered **April 15th through November 15th** of each year.

**NOTE: Hedge cuttings, limbs and branches should not be placed in your regular weekly garbage collection. These are considered "prohibited materials" by PA Act 101 and are recommended to be composted. Waste haulers have been notified to NOT pick these items up.**



For more information on these Public Services go to [www.craftonborough.gov/publicworks](http://www.craftonborough.gov/publicworks)

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the warm weather fades and we prepare for the holidays, there is a lot going on in Crafton! We have many infrastructure projects happening at once, and I continue to ask for your patience as we make improvements throughout our community. Since the last newsletter, we had quite a few accomplishments including:

- **Crafton Website** – Based on public feedback, a brand new website was launched with easier navigation, calendar of events, and easy to complete online forms.
- **Linden & Steuben Traffic Signals** – Funded by a GLG grant from PennDot (and a 20% match), the busy intersection was updated to meet regulations with all new traffic signals and ADA crosswalks.
- **Pool Season** – The season started off with heavy rain, however there were many beautiful days to follow, ending one of our busiest pool years in history (with over 75% of staff returning).
- **Bird Town Pennsylvania** – Crafton earned this honorable designation based on meeting the state's criteria, joining only 10 other communities in the County.
- **TriCOG Land Bank** – Crafton joined the land bank to recover and sell vacant, abandoned, and deteriorating properties, a big focus area for our residents.

We are working on the following projects:

- **Broadhead Sewer Separation Project** – Last Alcosan required project that will improve our sewer systems in addition to fixing the corresponding roads with \$7M in grants awarded. Construction has begun with estimated completion by October 2026.
- **Pedestrian & Transit Connection Improvements** – Several beautification options are being considered with public input for the \$325K Multi Modal grant from DCED for our central business district.



John Oliverio  
Council President

- **Trails Study** – Public survey feedback was completed in July, and the feasibility and roadmap documents are under development.
- **C-20 Sewer Separation** – The project is nearing completion in November, including the addition of paving Duncan Avenue.
- **Road Paving** – 5 roads have been paved this year, and 8 roads will be paved/brick repaired through the Broadhead Sewer Separation Project.
- **New Public Works Building** – Funded by grants and the borough, the build out is progressing, and final phases will be completed by year end.

- **2026 Budget** – The Finance committee is preparing the budget with community input at Budget Workshops prior to Council meetings. The budget will be up for approval in early December.

Our future projects include:

- **Ewing Road** – The Infrastructure Committee is meeting with our Engineers to review options for the unstable road. Public input will be critical prior to a decision being made.

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 questions about the agenda or items in the community, please feel free to reach out to me.

It was good seeing many of you at the July 4th celebration/ Police Chief Retirement, Fall Fest, mini golf, 911 Open House, and Rotary BBQ. There are a lot of activities planned in these last few months and look forward to seeing many of you enjoying our community. I continue to appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

*Respectfully,*

John Oliverio, Council President



### Join Us for Spooky Mini-Golf!

**Spooktacular Crafton Mini-Golf** is set to haunt you again this October on Friday and Saturday evenings from 7-9PM through October 25th. Wear your costumes. Get your selfie with our werewolf and enjoy Halloween fun right here in Crafton across from our main park on Steuben St. **Only \$2 per person.**





# ATTENTION: FREE BALANCE SCREENS

Find out your balance score  
Are you at risk for falling?

## What Is Balance and Why Does It Matter?

Balance is your body's ability to stay upright and steady. It helps you whether you are standing still, walking, or moving in different directions. This ability depends on several systems working together. Your muscles and joints, your eyes, your inner ear (which controls equilibrium), and your brain all play a role. When one of these systems is disrupted, problems can occur. Injury, aging, illness, or even certain medications can cause dizziness, unsteadiness, or a higher risk of falling. That's why it's important to find the cause of balance problems. With the right evaluation, a program can be created to restore stability, reduce risk, and build confidence.



**Hess Physical Therapy is offering a FREE Balance Screen Week, October 27th-31st.** This event will help you learn why you may be experiencing balance issues or falls, and guide you toward the right solutions.

## THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27th-31st

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## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR COLETTA PERRY



This year's Crafton July 4th celebration marked the culmination of our year long process searching for and hiring our new police chief. I was honored to officiate the early evening ceremony where we bid our heartfelt farewells to Chief Mark Sumpter and then welcomed our new Police Chief, Rick Ford.

Joining me to express our appreciation and best wishes for Chief Sumpter were Thornburg Mayor - Tom Mackin, former Crafton Mayor - Jim Bloom, Council President - John Oliverio, and Council Member - Colton Chandler.



Coletta Perry  
Mayor

Chief Ford's son Dylan joined in to pin his father's Chief's badge, as he has done at several of Chief Ford's previous promotions. Both Chief Sumpter's and Chief Ford's families were in attendance, as were some of our off-duty officers.

Chief Ford has been very busy since he came on board.

We are prioritizing more community outreach with several community meetings to deliver safety and scam avoidance tips, participation in the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department's Sept. 14th "911 Open House" and the Community Fall Fest on Sept. 27.

He and I are meeting regularly to plan and implement our goal of state accreditation for the department. While the department received generally good marks in our voluntary 2023 state assessment, accreditation goes well beyond and signifies our commitment to adhering to best practices and professional standards. The process involves rigorous self-assessments and external reviews to ensure the department's operations, policies, and procedures meet a comprehensive set of standards.

Upgraded firearms and tasers have been ordered and are expected to arrive about the time you are reading this newsletter. All officers will undergo training and will be certified before the new equipment can be put into service.

Officers are taking on new assignments and responsibilities to help meet cross-training goals.

If you visit the borough offices, you will see new signage around the station. Conversion of space downstairs for an actual officers' break area and expanded locker room facilities are well underway. This, in turn,

is making way for enhanced evidence management and storage.

Concurrently, there is an intensive ongoing project to obtain all the proper approvals needed to clear and dispose of our substantial outdated evidence backlog.

We are at the very beginning stages of this multi-year process towards accreditation. We will keep the community informed as the department progresses towards this goal.

On another note, I'd like to thank my friends at Baker Creek Rare Seeds ([rareseeds.com](http://rareseeds.com)) for donating hundreds of seed packets for the Community Garden's 10th Anniversary party this past May. It was so much fun to watch people's excitement as they flipped through the selections in that big box and picking out seeds for their gardens. It was such a wonderful event. I wish the community garden had a party every year!

Coletta Perry, Mayor



## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER

### *Strategic Investment: How Crafton Borough Leveraged \$9 Million in Bonds to Deliver \$22+ Million in Infrastructure Improvements*

As you read about our ongoing sewer separation projects and infrastructure maintenance in this month's newsletter, I want to share the financial strategy behind these critical improvements and how we've maximized every tax dollar to benefit our community.

**The 2020 Bond Decision: A Strategic Investment:** In 2020, Crafton Borough Council made a pivotal decision to issue a \$9 million bond to address our infrastructure needs while taking full advantage of ALCOSAN's generous GROW Grant program. This wasn't just about fixing sewers—it was about positioning our Borough for decades of improved infrastructure, successful economic development, and enhanced quality of life.

**Sewer Separation Projects: Maximum Impact for Minimum Cost:** The centerpiece of our bond-funded initiatives has focused on five major sewer separation projects totaling nearly \$16 million:

- Crafton Boulevard Sewer Separation: \$4,555,769
- Woodlawn/Fountain Sewer Separation: \$1,426,710
- Broadhead Sewer Separation: \$6,841,086
- C-20 Steuben Sewer Separation: \$2,660,134
- Perrine Street Sewer Separation: \$468,000

Through aggressive grant pursuit and strategic partnerships, we secured \$12,412,708 in grants to fund these projects. This means that for just over \$3.5 million of Borough funds, we've been able to complete (or commit to completing) almost \$16 million worth of essential sewer infrastructure improvements.

**Beyond Sewers: Building for the Future:** The bond funding allowed us to accomplish much more than sewer separations. The Borough has also invested an additional \$6,812,601 in projects that directly enhance residents' daily lives:

- \$2.4 million for our new Public Works building, providing modern facilities for the crew that maintains our Borough every day



Jim Price  
Borough Manager

- \$750,000 for the renovated pool bathhouse in Crafton Park, creating a welcoming space for families
- \$700,000 for rebuilt and renovated public stairs, ensuring safe pedestrian access throughout our hilly community
- Additional investments in parks, buildings, and infrastructure improvements. Even for these community enhancement projects, we secured over \$2 million in additional grants and offsets, further stretching your tax dollars.

**The Bottom Line: Exceptional Return on Investment:** When we total everything up, the numbers tell a remarkable story:

- Total project value (completed or committed): \$22,762,602
- Total grants and offsets secured: \$14,437,409
- Actual Borough investment: Approximately \$8.3 million

This means that through strategic planning, aggressive grant writing, and careful project coordination, we've delivered more than \$22 million worth of infrastructure improvements for just \$8.3 million in Borough funds—a nearly 3-to-1 return on investment.

**Looking Ahead:** These investments position Crafton Borough not just to meet today's needs, but to thrive for generations to come. Our sewer separation projects ensure compliance with environmental regulations by protecting our rivers from sanitary sewer contamination and they improve the Borough's ability to invite new investment. Our community improvements enhance property values and quality of life. Our new Public Works facility ensures we can maintain all this infrastructure efficiently.

Every project you see underway—from the construction crews on Broadhead Avenue to the new building approaching completion by Chartiers Creek—represents careful financial planning and a commitment to maximizing the value of your tax dollars.

Thank you for your continued support as we build a stronger, more resilient Crafton Borough together.

Jim Price, Borough Manager



**Crafton does not discriminate on basis of race, national origin, sex, age, or disability in all Borough related programs, policies, and activities.**

## SHADE TREE COMMISSION NEWS

**Got street trees?** Contact the Borough for help: the Borough and Shade Tree Commission provide the care and maintenance for all street trees, including removals. Street trees around Crafton are located on the sidewalk typically in the narrow grassy area that abuts the street, known as the tree lawn. Call the Borough at 412-379-5620 if you think your tree needs some attention. We work with a licensed arborist who gives us expert advice when it comes to individual tree care and maintenance.

**Free Front Yard Shade Trees:** The Shade Tree Commission will provide and plant a shade tree in your front yard this fall. How does the program work? Under the guidance of the Shade Tree Commission, homeowners receive a free shade tree species appropriate for the location. Public Works professionally plants 2" diameter ball and burlap trees, stakes and mulches them, and installs deer protection. Homeowners commit to water them during the growing season for two years, and replenish the mulch in the root zone. If you're interested, please contact the Borough at: [craftonclerk@craftonborough.com](mailto:craftonclerk@craftonborough.com) or 412-921-0752 ext. 10. Please include your name, phone number, and address in your message, and note any particular species you prefer.



**Giving Grove Orchard Update:** The Shade Tree Commission held a July workday and weeded and mulched the young fruit trees in the Giving Grove Orchard at Crafton Park. Last fall, Tree Pittsburgh donated and planted 18 trees for our community using volunteer help, providing all materials needed. We received pear, apple, plum, paw paw and cherry trees, all of which are doing very well after their first growing season. Giving Grove, founded in Kansas City in 2013, is part of a national program to plant orchards that, when mature, provide free, fresh fruit for local food banks. Today, more than 650 little community orchards have been planted in sixteen cities nationwide. The program was introduced in Pittsburgh in 2023, and about two dozen communities have received little orchards since then. If you're interested in becoming an Orchard Friend and volunteering at Crafton's orchard, please

complete and submit the form on this link: <https://craftonborough.gov/tree-commission>. Someone from the Shade Tree Commission will reach out to you. We will schedule a Saturday workday this spring to weed and mulch the trees, and we'd love to have your help!

## NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY FARM



The Crafton Community Farm in Crafton Park is not your ordinary community garden! Established in 2015, the communal garden is planted, mulched, watered, weeded and harvested by volunteers, who then donate most of the produce to Crafton Ingram Food Pantry and others.

Along with the usual tomatoes, peppers, lettuce, zucchini, and beans, this year we tried some different crop varieties, including Mousemelon Cucumbers, that you pick when they are about one inch big! We are growing Green Striped Cushaw Squash, which will have fruits of 10-20 pounds each! We have 15 foot tall sunflowers, beautiful mustard greens, ground cherries, and potatoes in laundry baskets. We model all kinds of natural growing practices, from in-ground, no-till beds to container gardening, and trellised climbing plants. If you would like to learn more about what we do, feel free to join us as a one-time or continuing volunteer.

A lot of people think gardens are "done" in the fall, but our micro-farm produces well into November, and we have other tasks that we do to prepare for next spring, such as preparing beds by weeding them and spreading new compost, gathering seeds, and planting crops that will overwinter under a layer of straw mulch. It is never too late to get involved! We would love to see you and your family at the garden. Please check it out when you are in Crafton Park, or come work with us on a Saturday morning, starting around 10 am, weather permitting.

More information about the garden can be found on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/craftoncommunityfarm>, or by contacting [CraftonCommunityFarm@gmail.com](mailto:CraftonCommunityFarm@gmail.com).

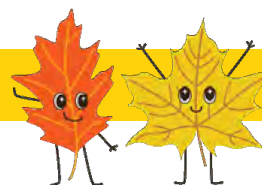
**Events and workdays will be announced on Savvy Citizen and on the electronic sign at Crafton Park.**





# RECREATION COMMISSION EVENTS

*Fall Fun Is Just Around the Corner, Crafton!*



Crisp air, colorful leaves, cozy sweaters — and a whole lineup of fun events happening right here in Crafton! From spooky nights to holiday lights, there's something for everyone this season. Mark your calendars and get ready to make some memories!

## POP-UP HALLOWEEN MINI GOLF: 21+ NIGHT! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Crafton Mini Golf gets a grown-up twist! Join us for a spooky and silly night just for the 21+ crowd. Expect eerie decor, festive drinks, and plenty of mini-golf fun. Details coming soon — keep an eye out!



## HAUNTED MINI GOLF: FAMILY FUN FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS!

OCTOBER 3 – 25 | 7 PM – 9 PM

Mini golf returns with a spooky spin! Every Friday and Saturday night in October, bring the family out for haunted holes, creepy decorations, and tons of Halloween fun. Costumes encouraged ... treats just might be waiting!

## FALL FREE SALE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 CRAFTON COMMUNITY CENTER

Give what you can, take what you need. We're hosting a **FREE SALE** where gently used items can find a new home — and it's all free! Stay tuned for donation drop-off info and other details.



## CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 6 PM – 8 PM CRAFTON PARK

Join us as we kick off the holiday season by lighting up Crafton Park! Enjoy festive music, a visit from Santa, and a whole lot of holiday cheer. It's a magical evening you won't want to miss.



## HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 1 PM – 6 PM

Tour a variety of beautifully decorated homes and soak up the seasonal spirit! This is a ticketed event, stay tuned for more info on where to buy yours. It's one of Crafton's most beloved traditions!

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

We're always looking for volunteers to help bring our events to life. If you'd like to lend a hand (and have some fun!), email us at [recreation@craftonborough.com](mailto:recreation@craftonborough.com). We can't wait to see you out and about this fall - sweater weather and small-town fun await!

## THANK YOU TROOP 26132

Over the summer, girl scouts from Troop 26132 worked on making stepping stones to go in the Crafton Community Farm's strawberry patch. The strawberry patch was difficult to weed without stepping on strawberry plants before. Now, after installation of the stepping stones on August 5th, volunteers have a place to step to access the middle of the bed. Thank you to Crafton's Junior Girl Scouts!



GIRL SCOUTS

Troop 26132 is open to 4th and 5th grade girls and currently meets once per week at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on Steuben St. For more information visit [girlscouts.org](http://girlscouts.org) or email [girlscouts26132@gmail.com](mailto:girlscouts26132@gmail.com) with questions.



# CRAFTON BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT - POLICE CHIEF'S MESSAGE

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AND HALLOWEEN SAFETY NOTICE

### School Bus Safety

As we move forward into the fall season, we want to remind motorists that with our children back in school, please be mindful during your travels of children crossing the streets and the increased school bus traffic with children boarding and exiting school buses.

Please note the PA laws regarding School Bus Stopping Laws.

- Motorists must stop at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and stop arm activated.
- Motorists must stop when they are behind a 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.
- 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.
- Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.



- Eyes on the road and hands on the steering wheel.
- Always pull over to a safe area off the roadway to safely use your phone.
- This is increasingly important as we move towards Halloween.

### Halloween Safety Tips

- Walk Safely
- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right, and left again when crossing and keep looking

as you cross.

- Put electronic devices down, keep heads up, and walk—don't run—across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.

• Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

- Join kids under age 12 for trick-or-treating. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, tell them to stick to familiar areas that are well-lit and trick-or-treat in groups.



### PENALTIES

There are two distinct programs related to violations of Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law.

**\*\*Criminal violations:\*\* 75 Pa. C.S. § 3345.0** (Meeting or overtaking school bus) identifies fines and penalties when a police officer pulls you over for a violation, including:

- **\$250 fine and a \$35 surcharge** to be deposited into the School Bus Safety Grant Program Account
- **Five points** on your driving record
- **60-day** license suspension

**\*\*Civil violations:\*\* 75 Pa. C.S. § 3345.1** (Automated enforcement of failure to stop for school bus with flashing red lights) allows school entities to install and operate a side stop signal arm enforcement system for the purpose of enforcing the School Bus Stopping Law. **Civil violations include a \$300 fine and don't reflect any points or insurance ratings.**

### Safe Driving Practices

We want our children, pedestrians, and motorists to all remain safe. Be aware that as we get further into fall, it becomes darker earlier, and that makes it much more difficult to see pedestrians. Make sure you practice safe driving and don't be a distracted driver.

### Costumes for a Safe Halloween

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

### Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians, and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Get rid of any distractions—like your phone—in your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Trick-or-treating hours are 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Be especially alert for kids during those hours.

*On behalf of the Crafton Police Department, we wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season.*





## UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*A Message from Congressman Chris Deluzio*

### Federal Funding for New Sewer Infrastructure in Crafton

*Neighbors,*

I'm glad to announce new federal investments in Crafton's sewer infrastructure system to keep our community safe and healthy.

This summer, the Environmental Protection Agency finalized a grant of almost \$1 million to support the Broadhead Sewer Separation Project—a \$7.4 million project to separate the Crafton sanitary and stormwater sewer systems. This infrastructure improvement will stop combined sewer overflows—when heavy rainfall overwhelms a sewer system and forces raw sewage into local waterways. It will make our water quality and public health better in the Chartiers Creek and Ohio River watersheds.



*Congressman Chris Deluzio*

Everyone should have peace of mind that the water in our local creeks and rivers is clean and safe. But our outdated infrastructure can make that hard. This federal investment will support local construction jobs and help clean up Chartiers Creek and the Ohio River, keeping dangerous pollution from getting into our water and making us all safer and healthier.

I appreciate Borough Council's advocacy for this investment and the Borough management's oversight of this project over the long-term. It's a great example of partnership across every level of government to get stuff done for our community.

Want to learn more about my work in Congress? Sign up for my e-newsletter at <https://deluzio.house.gov/contact/newsletter-subscribe>, or follow me @RepDeluzio on Facebook and other social media websites. My office also provides casework services for constituents in Monaca and beyond who need help with a federal agency like Social Security, the IRS, or the VA. Please get in touch with my office and we will do all we can to help—you can give us a call at (412) 344-5583.

Very respectfully,

*Chris Deluzio, Member of Congress*



## PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATE

*Message from State Senator Wayne Fontana*

### Purple Alert System

Last January, a 17-year-old student, who has Down syndrome, went missing after a bus she was on dropped her off at school even though the school was closed that day. Without the ability to enter the building, the student continued to wander throughout the area. Over the next 24 hours, police and volunteers worked to retrace her steps trying to locate the teen. Although they were successful in finding the girl unharmed, there are many stories like this that don't have a positive ending.

Children with disabilities are particularly vulnerable when they go missing. Some are unable to communicate effectively or even nonverbal while others may gravitate to things that threaten their safety such as bodies of water, busy roadways or highways, or even vehicles like fire trucks and trains. The death rate of someone missing more than 72 hours with an intellectual or cognitive disability is as high as 88 percent.

I reintroduced legislation this session creating a "Purple Alert" system in Pennsylvania. Similar to an Amber Alert that is sent out for a missing person 17 years old or younger, my Senate Bill 307 would help authorities notify the public who can assist in locating a missing individual with an intellectual disability, regardless of their age.

Earlier this year, the Senate Law and Justice Committee unanimously passed my Purple Alert legislation. I am hopeful that as we move through the fall, the General Assembly moves this bill forward so this lifesaving measure is made a reality in Pennsylvania.



*Senator Wayne D. Fontana  
42nd Senatorial District*

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# FIRE MARSHALL'S SAFETY TIPS

As temperatures drop and homes heat up, the risk of fires increase. The Crafton Borough Fire Marshal's Office reminds residents to follow these essential safety tips to keep your family and community safe:



## 1. Heating Safety

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from anything flammable (curtains, bedding, and furniture).
- Never leave space heaters unattended or running overnight
- Have your furnace, chimney, and wood stove inspected and cleaned annually.
- Use a fireplace screen to prevent sparks from escaping.

## 2. Candle Caution

- Always place candles on stable, heat-resistant surfaces.
- Never leave candles burning unattended.
- Consider using battery-operated LED candles for ambiance without risk.

## 3. Cooking Awareness

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking- especially when frying, grilling, or broiling.
- Keep flammable items (dish towel, paper towels) away from the stove.
- Turn pot handles inward to prevent accidental spills

## 4. Holiday Decorating

- Use UL- listed lights and check for frayed wires or broken bulbs.
- Never overload outlets or power strips.
- Keep live trees well-watered and away from heat sources.
- Turn off all lights and decorations before going to bed or leaving home.

## 5. Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Test alarms monthly and replace batteries twice a year- a good time is when clocks change.
- Install alarms on every level of your home, and inside of every bedroom.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years and CO detectors per manufacturer's recommendations

## 6. Emergency Preparedness

- Make and practice a home fire escape plan with all family members.
- Keep exits clear of snow and debris in winter.
- Have a fire extinguisher accessible and know how to use it.

### Stay warm, stay safe!

For more safety tips or schedule a fire inspection, contact Borough Fire Marshal Daniel Glancy at 412-921-0752 ext 18 or [dglancy@craftonborough.com](mailto:dglancy@craftonborough.com)

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## 2025/2026 Collection Calendar

○ E-Waste Collection\*

△ HHW Collection\*

□ Observed Holidays

Recycle is Shaded

**2025**

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**2026**

\*Must be scheduled a minimum of 15 days in advance prior to collection date.

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# ENGINEER'S REPORT

## Crafton Borough Construction Projects Update – Summer/Fall 2025

Crafton Borough is making important infrastructure improvements to support a safer, more efficient, and more sustainable community. Here's a breakdown of the key projects currently underway:



### New Public Works Building Under Construction

Crafton is investing in its future with the construction of a brand-new Public Works building. This facility will improve the efficiency and capacity of the Borough's Public Works Department, allowing for better maintenance and service delivery year-round. The new building will provide adequate storage for equipment, improved workspace for staff, and updated systems to meet the Borough's growing needs.

Currently the new building has its insulation installed, interior underground utilities have been excavated and connected as well as several garage doors installed. Upcoming project work includes pouring the remaining concrete floor and using the Public Works department to aid in installing the underground site utilities. This will include digging the trenches for the proposed gas, water and electric services. Utilizing Public Works with this will help in saving overall project costs as well as Borough in-house resources.

Paired up with its own stormwater detention basin, the Public Works building has been designed to operate for decades to come. New, additional interior spaces will include an office, kitchen/lunchroom, and bathroom/locker room. Plenty of other space will also be provided to allow the staff to customize the area how they see fit with their workstations, tool chests and equipment. Construction completion is scheduled for later this year.

### Sewer Separation Projects to Reduce Overflows and Protect the Environment

Crafton is actively working to separate stormwater from the sanitary sewer system in two major areas, a critical step toward complying with environmental regulations and preventing sewer overflows during heavy rains.

- **Steuben, Duncan and Linden Sewer Separation:** Work is

underway to remove stormwater from the sanitary sewer system near Duncan Avenue, Steuben Street, and Linden Avenue. This project, which is partially funded by an ALCOSAN GROW grant (\$1.66 million), involves installing new stormwater pipes to reduce the volume of water entering the sanitary sewer during storms, ultimately



preventing backups and overflows. Additional construction includes new inlets, curbs and paved areas.

The project has experienced its setbacks including weather delays, utility conflicts and working with a limited schedule on Steuben Street due to it being a State Road (SR 60). However, efforts have been made to make up for lost time and right now the project is still expected to be completed mid-November 2025.

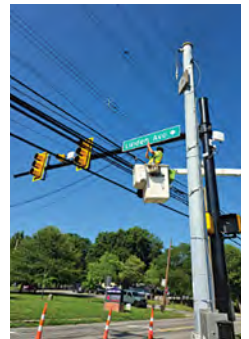


- **Broadhead Avenue Sewer Separation:** This project will continue Crafton's sewer separation efforts along Broadhead Avenue. Similar to the Steuben, Duncan & Linden separation project, it will direct stormwater into new infrastructure designed to

keep it out of the sanitary system. A new sewer will be constructed starting from the bottom of the Crafton Boulevard trailhead, continuing along all of Broadhead Avenue and finishing up next to the stairs along Belvidere Street. The affected streets for this project include: Crafton Boulevard, Broadhead Avenue, Belvidere Street, Rebecca Street, Coulter Street, Parke Avenue, N. Emily Street and Warren Avenue. This project is partially funded by three grants: ALCOSAN GROW Grant (\$3.74 million), a grant from the Commonwealth (\$2.3 million) and a Federal Grant (\$990k).

- **Steuben Street & Linden Avenue Intersection Improvements:** Crafton

has moved forward with significant improvements at the intersection of Steuben Street and Linden Avenue, aimed at enhancing safety and traffic flow. The upgrades include: new traffic poles and mast arms; improved traffic signals; better pedestrian crossings; curb and sidewalk updates and enhanced visibility and signage. Partially backed by PennDOT's Green-Light-Go Grant, these improvements will make the intersection safer for both drivers and pedestrians.



### Thank You for Your Patience

We appreciate the community's patience as we complete these important infrastructure upgrades. These projects are essential investments in Crafton's safety, sustainability, and future growth. For updates and project timelines, please visit the Borough website or follow us on social media.

Larry Keenan, Borough Engineer



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## 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 is available on the Borough's website:

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Council Chambers of the Community Center  
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Borough Council Meetings  
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Meeting announcements and  
schedule changes are published on  
the SavvyCitizenApp and the  
Borough's website.



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## CRAFTON BOROUGH 2025

### HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Thanksgiving Day.....Closed

Thanksgiving Day.....Closed

Christmas Eve.....12:30 pm

Christmas Day.....Closed

Christmas (Day After).....Closed

New Years Eve.....3:00 pm

New Years Day.....Closed



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