

## Crafton Borough

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## Crafton Borough

### Municipal Offices

**(412) 921-0752**

Police Secretary	x 11
Administrative Office	x 10
Borough Manager	x 19
Public Works Director	x 16
Code Enforcement Officer	x 26

## Crafton Borough

### Community Resources

Crafton Public Library	412.922.6877
Crafton Vol. Fire Dept.	412.875.0022
District Magistrate	412.921.5559
Jordan Tax Service, Inc	724.731.2310
Waste Management	1.800.866.4460
	Missed Pickups
	1.800.449.7587
	E-Waste Pickups



One of the

## Best-kept Secrets of Pittsburgh



Crafton, PA, a “Tree City USA” community, is one of the best-kept secrets of Pittsburgh. With its beautiful, historic Victorian homes, tree-lined streets, and safe neighborhoods, it’s a gem of a borough just 7 miles from downtown Pittsburgh. Crafton’s residents benefit from their close proximity to the Parkway, Interstate 79, the Port Authority busway, and the Airport. Top this off with a beautiful scenic valley by Chartiers Creek, and you’ll know why generations of families call Crafton home.

For more information on resident resources or to sign up to receive community alerts go to  
**[www.craftonborough.com](http://www.craftonborough.com)**

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## Special Thank You & 2018 Wrap Up!!

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The Crafton Borough Elected Officials, Administrative Staff and Borough Residents would like to recognize two outstanding residents for their time, energy, commitment, and compassion for the Crafton Community.

First, Thank You to Alice Pescuric! AJ served as chair of the Crafton Civil Service Commission from 2012 to 2018 and in that time streamlined the process to allow the Borough to hire three Crafton Police Officers! In addition, AJ has spent many years leading the Crafton Elves by organizing the Holiday Decorating of the Borough Building, Traffic Circle and Park areas on W. Steuben Street. In 2018, AJ and the Crafton Elves, through donations, and sponsors, fully funded the upgrade to LED bulbs by raising \$1,000 toward the Holiday Lights displayed at the Borough Building! Your time and commitment is truly appreciated!

Second, Thank You to Mary Luxbacher! Mary has served as chair of the Crafton Shade Tree Commission for many years and is a true advocate for the preserving of shade trees throughout Crafton Borough. Mary also serves on the Crafton Recreation Board, organizing and leading many community events, such as, the annual Gingerbread House Making, Light Up Crafton, the Doggie Paddle and the Crafton House Tour. In 2018, the Crafton House tour successfully added an additional \$6,000 to the Recreation Fund, which goes toward the Crafton Pool and Park Improvements. Mary also is involved in the organization of the monthly Senior Dinners, the creation of the Community Garden, and organizing Mini-Golf fundraisers use.

Both AJ and Mary have spent countless hours working towards the betterment of this Community and Crafton Borough is lucky to have these two as residents and friends!!

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The Borough of Crafton depends 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 is 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", Holiday Decorating of the Borough, the annual Doggie Paddle, Concerts in the Park series and so much more.

### **How can residents get involved in the community?**

If you are interested in serving on any of the Crafton Boards or Commissions please submit a letter of interest to the Administrative Office, 100 Stotz Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, Attention to the Borough Manager. Please include, in your letter, your name and contact phone/e-mail, your address, years of residency, any qualifications.

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## Community Notifications

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- 2/18/2019 Presidents Day - Borough Administrative Offices Closed
- 2/28/2019 Trash Payment Collection – 1PM to 4PM in the Community Center
- 3/16/2019 Senior Dinner - Doors open at 5 PM
- 4/19/2019 Good Friday - Borough Administrative Offices Closed
- 4/20/2019 Senior Dinner - Doors open at 5 PM
- 4/25/2019 Real Estate Tax Payment Collection – 1PM to 4PM
- 4/27/2019 Crafton Volunteer Fire Department Night at the Races
- 4/30/2019 Real Estate Tax Payment Collection – 9AM to 12PM
- 5/4/2019 Deasy/Fontana Shred Event - 8AM to 11AM
- 5/18/2019 Senior Dinner - Doors open at 5 PM
- 5/21/2019 Primary Elections - Voting Day

### Monthly Senior Dinners

Doors open at 5:00PM, Dinner served at 5:30PM, Entertainment at 6:30PM.

Volunteers needed for set up and serving.

RSVP on or before the Tuesday before the event to 412-921-0752 x 10

### Carlynton Presents! Mamma Mia

March 28, 2019 through March 30, 2019

More information to come.

### Crafton Celebrates

June 28, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

### Crafton Performing Arts

Concerts In The Park 50<sup>th</sup> Season will begin July 11, 2019 7:30PM

### Crafton/Ingram Rotary—Annual Rib & Chicken Fest

August 1, 2019

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Sign up through SavvyCitizen 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/)

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## Council President's Message



Dear Crafton Residents,

It is a privilege to greet each of you and share with you Savvy Citizen, <https://savvycitizenapp.com/Citizen>, a community events calendar and notification system and a new website, <https://www.craftonborough.com/>. Your Borough of Crafton Council continues to work with the committed and hardworking employees of the Borough to maintain and improve the quality of life in Crafton. Council and the Administration are excited for the forthcoming year as we evaluate opportunities to invest in our community's infrastructure, services and personnel. We look forward to hearing from you throughout the year and we encourage you to consider attending a regularly scheduled Council meeting to share your ideas. Therefore, from our homes to yours we hope this newsletter will be of service to you.

Respectfully,

Phillip G. Levasseur, President of Council

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Borough Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday's of every month at 7:15 PM, located in the Council Chambers of the Community Center, 140 Bradford Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. Borough Council Meetings videos are posted on the Tuesday following each meeting and can be viewed on the website, [www.craftonborough.com](http://www.craftonborough.com), or on Youtube.com.

All board, committee, and commission meeting dates and changes will be posted on the Borough website, [www.craftonborough.com](http://www.craftonborough.com) and via the SavvyCitizen notification system.

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## Manager's Message

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I am thrilled to be writing my first message as Borough Manager in the inaugural edition of Crafton's fully redesigned newsletter! It's been an honor to serve the community for the last several months, and I look forward to providing many more updates in future newsletters about all the exciting things happening in Crafton.

Bringing back the quarterly newsletter is just one of many ways the borough is improving access to and communication with your local government. In 2018 Crafton's Borough Council initiated a website re-launch, which has enabled administrative staff to make changes to the website in-house, and contracted with the Savvy Citizen mobile app to provide residents with quick, convenient updates about community events, construction alerts, and other important public notices. If you can't find the information you need online, don't be afraid to email us or pick up the phone! The Borough Administrative Office is here to be your connection to your local government.

As we prepare for the rest of the year, I wanted to share some of the borough's major projects and goals for 2019:

**Community Revitalization** – In my many conversations with residents, business owners, and other local stakeholders, I've heard loud and clear that Crafton is a community with a lot of hometown pride. To make sure that Crafton has much to be proud of for years to come, we'll be initiating a comprehensive review of our property maintenance, land use and zoning regulations to encourage sustainable care of our existing homes and businesses, and thoughtful, responsible redevelopment of properties that provide opportunities for community and economic growth.

**Bringing Back Main Street** – Crafton is a hidden gem in the Pittsburgh region with a highly walkable core business district and easy access to the West Busway. With sidewalks and storefronts, a little curb appeal goes a long way! This year we'll be exploring design ideas for "streetscaping and place-making" – renewing our pedestrian infrastructure by repairing the existing sidewalks, establishing wayfinding features like community entryway signs and decorative street poles and banners, and supporting our local business core in engaging the community.

**Infrastructure Improvement and Restoration** – As a community with a combined sanitary-stormwater sewer system and streets that come in lots of different materials and sizes, ensuring the long-term health of our infrastructure is extremely important. We'll be working with the borough engineers to develop repair plans for significant structural issues in our sewer lines and roadways, and pursuing grant funding for solutions to reduce peak flow during major rain events.

The administrative office has also started to track flooding incidents directly reported to us by residents in an effort to identify consistent problem areas in need of infrastructure improvements.

**Code Enforcement** – The Borough Council made increased and consistent code enforcement activity a major priority in 2018. We're here to work with property owners to find solutions that keep the community beautiful, clean and safe. Administrative and code enforcement staff are in the process of compiling a list of community resources for those who may need help maintaining their property – keep an eye on our website for more details soon! If you have questions or concerns about Crafton's property maintenance requirements, please don't hesitate to contact the code enforcement office at 412-921-0752 ext. 26.

This list is only a brief picture of the vision set out in the 2017 comprehensive plan update, Crafton-Ingram Thrive. Your elected officials and borough staff are committed to continuing to develop creative solutions to the many challenges that municipalities will face in the coming years. As always, please feel free to reach out to the administrative office or myself directly if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or just want to share an idea.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude that Crafton's residents, borough staff, and elected officials have all welcomed me with open arms in this new role. I'm excited for what we can all accomplish together.

RJ Susko  
Borough Manager

# Code Enforcement Memo

When a person buys a property in Western PA a few things are generally assumed. Firstly, at some point in time there will be a bunch of consecutive cloudy days that are a little depressing. Secondly, flying a flag other than a Steelers flag in the fall will most-likely be seriously frowned upon by neighbors. Thirdly, summer will not feel long enough but Autumn will be beautiful. And lastly, dealing with snow and ice will be unavoidable. Here in Crafton these things are no different. We are currently in the throes of another Western PA winter. This means waking up to remove ice and snow from your car or sidewalk, getting your kids to school maybe, and then yourself to work by car or busway. I'd like to focus on the snow removal for a second because lately I have been dealing with it daily as have all of the residents of Crafton.

Buying a house in Western PA, and specifically in Crafton Borough, means homeowners and to a certain degree tenants, are bound by the code here. When it snows, according to the code, "It shall be unlawful to allow ice, snow or debris to remain on the sidewalk longer than 24 hours after its accumulation." (Chapter 193-42 B) So we all have about 24 hours after the snow or ice storm stops to clear the sidewalk. I have been out in the Borough and what I have seen so far this year is a lot of ideas about what "clearing the sidewalk" means. The code says allowing any of it-ice, snow, debris—is unlawful. I have seen sidewalks completely untouched, sidewalks salted but not shoveled, and shoveled and not salted. None of those options are really safe for pedestrians. Salting snow makes touch points to walk but not a clean ice free surface, unshoveled snow is tramped down and turns into dangerous ice, and shoveling without salt makes for a nice smooth icy surface. Sidewalks that are hazardous or have this remaining debris can be cited.

In order to comply and make your sidewalk safe it is best practice, so to speak, to shovel and then salt/melt the ice and snow. That generally clears everything. And since it is Western PA, it might have to be done multiple times a week until the weather breaks. Many residents live on streets with very busy sidewalks that are used by kids to get to their bus stop or to school. Or perhaps their sidewalk is a part of someone's walk to work or the busway or to a business. This is a heavily walked community by all of us. It is very important to keep sidewalks clear so that no one is injured— I have already received multiple slip complaints—so we all need to do our part.

Sometime in April the weather will break and we will all get a chance to put the salt and shovels away. There will still be some cloudy days, our Steelers flags will sadly be put away still, but we will all be anticipating Memorial Day. In the meantime, please be a good neighbor and keep your sidewalk safe.

Season Ciechanowski  
Crafton Borough  
Code Enforcement Officer  
412-921-0752 ext 26





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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**REPORT TO THE PEOPLE**

As part of my continued initiative to keep you up-to-date on the wide range of services at your disposal, I wanted to let you know about the upcoming, beneficial events my office will be hosting.

Looking for **help with employment**? If so, we have a number of resources to help you, including my **Employment Center**, which is located at my district office, 436 S. Main St, Suite 100, Pittsburgh, PA 15220. My center has a computer that allows you to access a list of employers looking to fill job vacancies. You also can quickly access information on transportation, developing a resume, tips on interviewing and much more. Job seekers can utilize my employment center weekdays during my office hours, which are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To schedule a one-hour time slot at the Employment Center, contact my office at 412-928-9514.

And, don't forget about my **Workshop Wednesdays**, which take place every second Wednesday of the month in my district office. Our upcoming dates include Feb. 13, March 13, April 10 and May 8. This is a great opportunity for those looking for employment! You'll have the opportunity to use the Employment Center's computer, get feedback on resumes and cover letters, learn about post-secondary education opportunities and more.

Our Workshop Wednesdays also are in partnership with Building Bridges for Business. We also are joined by staff members from PA Career Link at workshops every other month (March 13, May 8, and July 10) to assist job seekers and those having issues with unemployment. On March 13, PA Career Link will host a Job Fair Readiness workshop to prepare job seekers for upcoming job fairs. Call my office at 412-928-9514 for more details.

Speaking of job fairs, on **Thursday, March 28**, my office, in partnership with Sen. Wayne Fontana, PA Career Link and Building Bridges for Business, will host a **job fair** at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall in Beechview. The event will run from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and will feature dozens of employers who will be on-hand to talk with job seekers about employment opportunities. We will also have representatives available to discuss apprenticeships and other technical training programs to help you gain information on acquiring new skills to become gainfully employed.

Aside from employment events, I wanted to let our veterans know about our **Veterans Outreach Clinics**, which are hosted by my office, in partnership with U.S. Rep. Mike Doyle and the Veterans Leadership Program of Western PA. These outreach clinics take place every third Friday of the month (Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15, and April 19) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Veterans AND their families are invited to these events.

I also want to remind our seniors about the **monthly senior information sessions** I host at senior centers across the district. Each month features new topics dealing with programs and services available to you. I frequently have special guests lined up for sessions. February will feature a special guest from the Area Agency on Aging to talk about available services through their network. We also have sessions lined up with the Port Authority of Allegheny County to talk about senior transportation services, including Access and OPT. **If interested, call my office for dates and locations.**

Lastly, I wanted to remind residents about the **free, upcoming SHRED EVENT** at Crafton Park on **Saturday, May 4**. This event, hosted by my office and in partnership with Sen. Wayne Fontana and Crafton Borough, will run from **8 a.m. to 11 a.m. – or until the shred trucks are full!**

As always, if you have any questions about the upcoming events, feel free to call my office at **412-928-9514**.



**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



**Chief of Police**  
Mark A Sumpter

The Crafton Borough Police Department has joined the social media era by establishing a Facebook page. Social Media will assist the police department with community outreach, investigations and crime prevention objectives. Facebook will not be monitored 24 hours a day and does not replace 911. Please call 911 if you require police assistance. Please check out our page at Crafton Borough Police Department - Facebook

Spring is approaching and we will see a lot of familiar outdoor activities returning to Crafton. Unfortunately, the arrival of warmer weather usually brings with it a rise in criminal activity. Burglars, thieves and vandals all prefer the warmer months to practice their activities. Residents are reminded to keep their homes and vehicles locked at all times. So far this fall/winter time, we have experienced numerous thefts from vehicles. In almost every case, the cars were left unlocked and items of interest to the thief were left in plain sight. This is a combination that is almost too good to pass up. Crafton is a safe community but we should make every effort to deter criminal activity by taking basic precautions to prevent crime.

### **Scams**

Phone and mail scams are becoming more common, elaborate, and harder to detect. Unsolicited phone calls could be an attempt to obtain your personal and financial information. Do not provide any personal or financial information to anybody that calls you. A very common phone scam is the IRS phone scam. Thieves call taxpayers claiming to be IRS officials. They demand that the victim pay a bogus tax bill. They con the victim into sending cash, usually through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. Here are several tips, taken directly from [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov), to help you avoid being a victim of these scams:

#### **The IRS will not:**

Call you to demand immediate payment. The IRS will not call you if you owe taxes without first sending you a bill in the mail. Demand that you pay taxes and not allow you to question or appeal the amount you owe. Require that you pay your taxes a certain way. For instance, require that you pay with a prepaid debit card. Ask for your credit or debit card numbers over the phone. Threaten to bring in police or other agencies to arrest you for not paying.

**EMERGENCY DIAL 911**  
**NON-EMERGENCY (412) 921-2014**  
**OFFICE (412) 921-2106**  
**FAX (412) 921-1818**

To receive Crime Watch Reports and Alerts, sign up for [SavvyCitizen.com](http://SavvyCitizen.com) at  
[www.craftonborough.com](http://www.craftonborough.com)



# Crafton VFD

Crafton, Thornburg, Rosslyn Farms



The members of the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department are volunteers; but more importantly, they are our friends, neighbors and family. They give their time freely and generously to protect you and those you love. They are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They are continuously upgrading their skills and knowledge of fire-fighting by attending training sessions and practices in the evenings and week-ends. They protect your most valuable possessions ... yourself, your family and your home. How much is that worth? Your donation to the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department is fully tax deductible and your support is appreciated and needed. The CVFD fundraiser campaign begins in May and you should receive something in the mail; if you do not receive anything and want to send a contribution, you may mail it directly to: Crafton Volunteer Fire Department, 8 Stotz Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

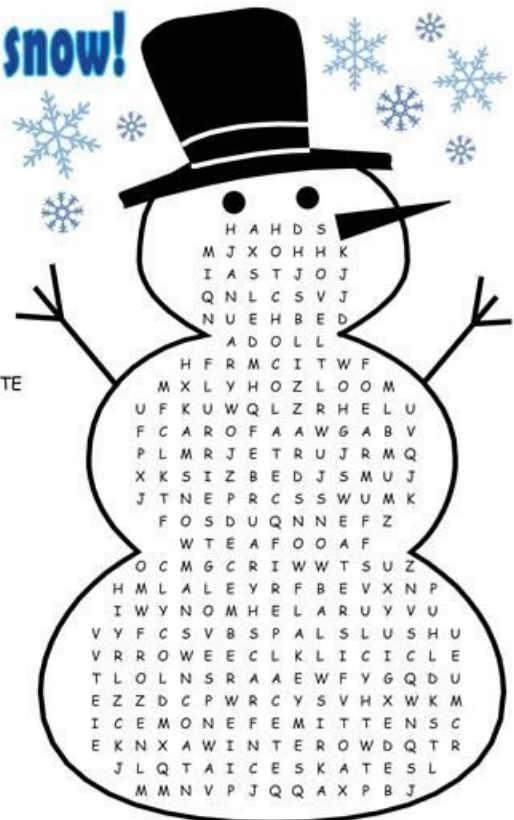
2018 was an extremely busy year for the fire department. We responded to a total of 341 incidents. 28 of these were assisting EMS on medical calls. That leaves a balance of 313 fire related responses. In our first due area of Crafton, Rosslyn Farms, and Thornburg there was a total of 178 calls. 25 of these were in Rosslyn Farms and another 9 were in Thornburg. We also responded to 135 requests for mutual aid service to our surrounding communities. Of these calls, 19 were building fires to varying degrees of severity, but over a dozen of them being major multi company incidents. We would like to thank everyone that makes these statistics possible. We could not do it without the public's support.

## Volunteers Needed

Anyone wishing to join the Crafton VFD , please stop by the station on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM or reach out to any member of the fire department or contact the CVFD at 412-875-0022.

Let it snow!

BLIZZARD  
COAT  
COLD  
DECEMBER  
EARMUFFS  
FEBRUARY  
FIREPLACE  
FLURRIES  
FROZEN  
GLOVES  
HOT CHOCOLATE  
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ICICLE  
JANUARY  
MITTENS  
SCARF  
SHOVEL  
SLED  
SLUSH  
SNOWBALL  
SNOWFLAKE  
SNOWMAN  
SWEATER  
WINTER



**Single Stream Recycling:** The following can all be placed in the same container, marked CLEARLY as “Recycle” (RCY). 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.**

**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.

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

The figure displays 16 monthly calendars arranged in a 4x4 grid. Each calendar is a table with days of the month. Days 1 through 29 are marked with green circles containing the day number. Days 30 and 31 are marked with red diamonds containing the day number. The months are: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December.

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**ITEMS NOT  
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UNDER OUR  
CONTRACT:**

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

\*LEAF COLLECTION

# Property Maintenance



## **HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS**

As established by Borough Ordinance the height of grass and weed growth is not to exceed six inches. Please maintain a clean and well kept lawn; and don't forget to trim the grass between the curb and sidewalk. Also, sweeping or blowing the grass clippings into the street is prohibited.

## **SNOW REMOVAL & SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE**

**CRAFTON BOROUGH ORDINANCE:** It shall be unlawful to allow ice, snow or other debris to remain on the sidewalk longer than 24 hours after its accumulation. Also, sweeping, shoveling, or blowing snow into the street is prohibited. It is illegal to drive or park a vehicle on a sidewalk, or portion of a sidewalk. It is the responsibility of the Property Owner to maintain all sidewalk areas in a good state of repair and clear of any obstructions.

## **HOUSE NUMBERS**

**CRAFTON BOROUGH ORDINANCE:** A house number must be properly posted in order to quickly and accurately identify all structures in the Borough: *Numbers must be placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street fronting the property, numbers shall contrast with their background, numbers shall be Arabic numerals a minimum of 4 inches high and minimum stroke width of .5 inch.* If not sure, contact the Borough Offices for assistance.

## **SEWER BACK-UPS & STORM WATER RUN-OFF**

In the event you are experiencing a sewage back-up, contact the Borough Public Works Department at 412-921-0752 ext. 16. First the Borough will check its main sewer line for any back-up problem in the area. If no back-up is detected in the main sewer line, the problem may be in your lateral (from the main line to your structure). It is your responsibility to remedy the problem and make any repairs to your lateral.

**Storm water run-off:** Drainage from roofs and gutters on the premises shall not be discharged in a manner that creates a public nuisance; it may be discharged directly into the Borough's combined sewer system. Storm water run-off must not discharge on to adjacent properties, sidewalk or street.

The following are Permits Required by Ordinance:

- Home Security/Alarm Systems
- Dumpster/Storage Containers
- Zoning Use/Occupancy Permit
- Garage/Yard Sales
- Keeping of Chickens
- Recreational Burning Permits

The following are Permits Required by Building Code:

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

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

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

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

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Pittsburgh, PA  
PERMIT 2354

## Borough Services

**TREE BRANCH/LIMB CHIPPING:** Crafton Borough received a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP) in 2011 to purchase a Woodsman 730 Wood Chipper. This equipment is used to process and facilitate the recycling of wood waste in the Borough.

Residents may request the removal and chipping of tree limbs. Requirements: Single limbs cannot be more than 5 inches in diameter and no longer than 10 feet in length, placed at the curb. Volume of materials should not exceed what would generally fit into a pick-up truck. Materials will be chipped onsite and removed or left for use by the resident.



Hedge cuttings, limbs and branches – PA Act 101 prohibits these materials from inclusion in the waste stream, and recommends they be composted. Do not set out with your weekly garbage, the Waste Haulers have been notified to NOT pick these items up.

Arrangements will be made Monday through Friday, from 7:00am to 3:00pm, April through November by calling 412-921-0752 x 10.



**LEAF COLLECTION:** The Public Works crew collects and composts leaf waste generated in the Borough each year commencing on or about Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> through Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>; weather-permitting. During this time, kindly rake leaves, free of twigs, dog waste and other debris, to the curb. Please do not call the Borough offices for pick-up of leaves raked to the curb. Public Works will pick up bagged leaves, in eco friendly paper bags, please contact the Borough Office for pickup. Also, be aware that our 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 this inconvenience.