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Union County Superior Court Judge Daniel R. Lindemann recently administered oaths to 16 Union County residents among them Nicole DellaVecchia of Cranford — to serve as extra eyes and ears for Family Court judges on cases involving abused, neglected or abandoned children currently in foster care. This marks the 30th training class since Court Appointed Special Advocates of Union County began in 2005. A 17th volunteer was sworn in at a later date.

The new CASA volunteers completed 30 hours of training over six weeks. After performing the oath, Judge Lindemann stepped off the bench and thanked each advocate for committing to serve children in need of a voice. A member of the nonprofit's board participated, and each new advocate was provided a commemorative pin and certificate. During a celebratory luncheon that followed, advocates were matched to their new case. Before starting that work, though, they observed court proceedings to see other CASA volunteers in action. Already, most are in the trenches, working their cases and making inroads for their assigned youth.

DellaVecchia noted, "I just had my first court appearance for the girl I'm working with, and I'm really enjoying my experience as a CASA volunteer. You not only get the opportunity to give and help a child, but you learn a lot about yourself along the way. We tend to live only in our day-to-day experiences, forgetting there are kids living in our very own communities that need us. I'm honored to be involved with an organization whose mission is to help children and give them a voice!"

Volunteers with varied backgrounds and experiences make successful advocates, and this class is no exception: Ages range from 33 to 80 and include parents, empty-nesters and non-parents; careers include health professionals, school personnel, attorneys and stay-at-home parents. Several experienced abuse in their own childhoods, and one was a CASA years ago who returned to help another child now that her schedule allowed. Most have no prior knowledge of the foster system.

CASA volunteers have court-ordered access to all parties in a child's life, including foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers, and incorporate into court reports findings from these contacts as well as time spent with the youth. Volunteers advocate both in the community and court to ensure their youth's needs are met and time in care is as short as possible. There are 600 Union County children in foster care; CASA of Union County advocates for approximately one-quarter of those and its mission is to provide an advocate for every child that needs one.

The next training class kicks off Sept. 27 in Westfield. For details on that training class, or other ways to help stand up for foster children, contact Lisa at (908) 527-7048 or lporis@casaofunioncounty.org.



(above) Shown with CASA of Union County's Interim Director Lori Morris, far left, is the newest graduating class of volunteer advocates, Team 30. From left are Vanessa Chivers, Summit; Susan Boykin, Scotch Plains; Cynthia Galligan, Summit; Linda Fuller, Berkeley Heights; Delores Perkins, Roselle; Caroline Parker, Elizabeth; Erica Sack, Summit; Sharyn Perlstein, Springfield; Kristin Sanborn, Summit; Anne Koons, Westfield; Nicole DellaVecchia, Cranford; Tracy Forsyth, Summit; Janice Fusaro, Westfield; Lorraine Loza, Kenilworth; and Bev Luehs and Ellen Moore, Summit. Not shown: Tawana Love of Linden, sworn in at a later date.



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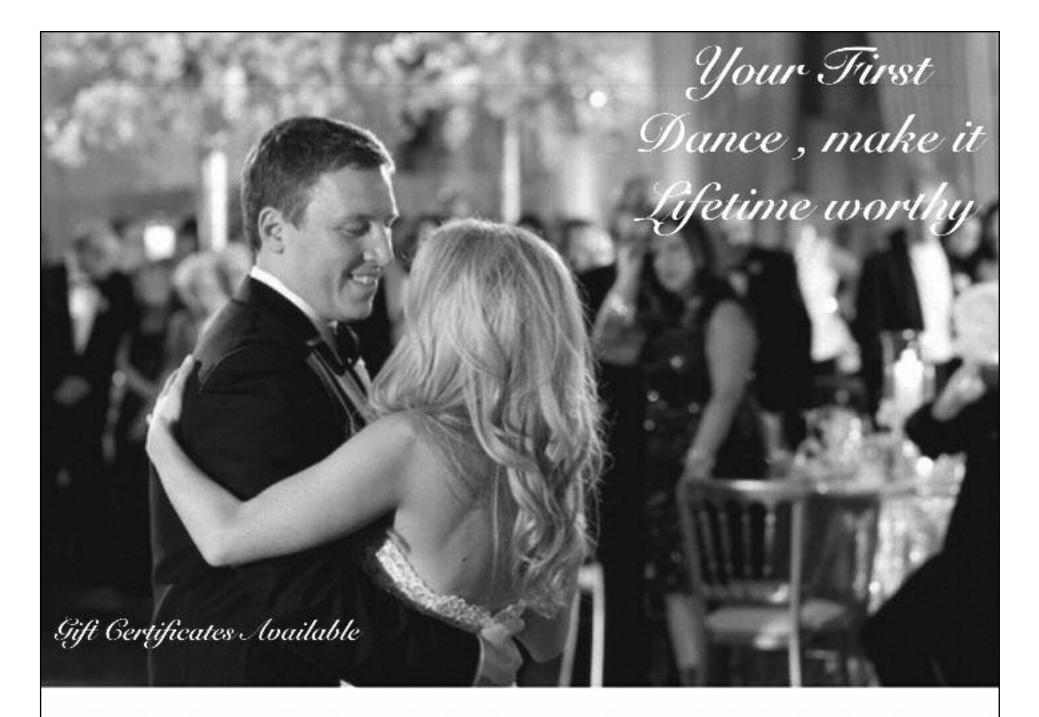
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CRANFORD FAMILY CARE SEEKING DONATIONS TO REPLENISH THEIR FOOD PANTRY

Cranford Family Care is heading into their 81st year of service to the community. They offer temporary emergency assistance to qualified residents. The organization was incorporated in 1936 by local residents, houses of worship, organizations and clubs. Their mission is to assist individuals and families to become selfsufficient, there is true concern for the dignity of the individual. They are a non-profit 501(c) 3 run by a Board of Directors. They are grateful for the support of the community.

Summertime is a challenging time to keep a food pantry stocked and at this time their food pantry is very low-- main needs are mac and cheese, sauce, peanut butter, jelly, coffee, sugar, canned milk, canned vegetables, baked beans, rice, instant mashed potatoes, tuna, mayo, ketchup, mustard, pickles, relish, cereal, cereal bars, snacks, juices, juice boxes, cake mixes, oil, paper products, detergents and personal products. They have two freezers and a refrigerator. They are happy to accept super market gift cards and monetary donations. And also offer "In Memory Cards" and "In Honor Cards" for people to remember their loved ones. Kathleen Willis, Director of Cranford Family Care stated "Cranford Family Care is unique as we are the only agency of this type in Union County. We are able to offer these services with the help of donors. We hope you will consider our agency when thinking of donating to a charity." They are located at 61 Myrtle Street, Cranford, NJ 07016. Hours are Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm. No appointment is necessary to make a donation, however it's advisable to call ahead to made sure someone is there. Nonperishable goods and gift cards to any supermarket can be dropped off during operating hours only. NO ITEMS MAY BE LEFT IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING! Supermarket gift cards and checks made payable Cranford Family Care can be mailed. For more information please call 908-276-3530.







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11 CRITICAL HOME INSPECTION TRAPS TO BE AWARE OF WEEKS BEFORE LISTING YOUR HOME FOR SALE

Cranford NJ - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

To order a FREE Special Report, visit www.njhomeinspectiontraps.com or to hear a brief recorded message about how to order your FREE copy of this report call toll-free 1-888-243-5861 and enter 3002. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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PROJECT HOME OF CRANFORD TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

the annual Town Wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday October 1, 2016, Rain or Shine. This is a great opportunity for residents to clean out items they no longer need, make some cash for themselves and most importantly help support township residents in need.

Project Home will be posting signs prior to October 1st announcing the garage sale, taking care of the advertising for you.

Those who register by September 24, 2016 will have the address of their sale and brief description of what they have to offer for sale included on the web-site listing that will be posted for those wishing to find sale locations. The registration fee to participate is \$25.

To participate in the Town Wide Garage Sale, send your completed registration form, which can be found on the Project Home website:

Project Home of Cranford has announced that www.cranfordprojecthome.org or a note with your name, address, telephone number and brief description of what you are selling, along with a check for \$25 to Project Home of Cranford, PO Box 724, Cranford, NJ 07016. Note, only your address and what you are selling will be posted to the site for shoppers to see.

> For 25 years Project Home of Cranford, a 501(c)3 charity has been working through Cranford Family Care to keep Cranford families in crisis in their homes.

> The Town Wide Garage Sale is one of the events that Project Home runs to raise funds for Cranford Family Care. For questions about the garage sale or just find out more about Project Home and our mission please email us at info@cranfordprojecthome.org, visit us at www.cranfordprojecthome.org and Like us on www.facebook.com/ProjectHomeOfCranford.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOC. GARAGE SALE

On Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 9 a.m. -3p.m., the Cranford Village Improvement Association (VIA) will be hosting a garage sale fundraiser at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., Cranford. Come on out to find a great selection of household goods, clothes, jewelry, books, furniture, etc.

Proceeds from this fundraiser support the VIA Nursing Scholarship Fund.

The VIA is a philanthropic organization that has been in existence since 1996. Every year since 1952 the VIA has awarded scholarships to Cranford students seeking a nursing career. This year nursing scholarships were awarded to two Cranford students, Amy Jackson and Ava Laverty. In addition to awarding scholarships, the VIA regularly contributes to several Cranford charitable organizations.

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FREE YOGA DAY AT HANSON PARK

Please join the Hanson Park Conservancy on Sunday, September 18 for Free Yoga Day with Bridget Briant of YogaToGoNJ.com at Hanson Park, 38 Springfield Ave. in Cranford from 10:30 AM-1 PM. Come enjoy nature as we kick off the day at 10:30 AM with a free yoga session accompanied by Adam Laboz on sitar and Mark Johnson on tabla. At noon there will be a meditation session, also with music. Or just come to enjoy the beautiful park and listen to the music. Please bring your yoga mat!

Bridget Briant is a classically trained yoga instructor who attained certification in 2002 at Nicole's Yoga Center in Garwood, NJ. She has studied many forms of yoga including Hatha, Ashtanga, Kriya, Raja and Kundalini. She started teaching children in 2002 and adults at Rutgers University in 2003. Her style has evolved into a practical form of yoga, as her classes are tailored to meet the needs of her clients.

Adam Laboz is a unique sitarist and composer who specializes in Indian Classical music, but also Indian/Western fusion. He is one of the few sitar players who has had the distinct honor of performing at Madison Square Garden with the band, Weezer.

Mark Johnson started playing the drums at the age of 12 and at age 14, he began playing in clubs with his father, Scat Johnson. His career took off as he started playing and touring the world with many artists such as: Freddie Hubbard, Jackie McLean, Abbey Lincoln, Steve Coleman and David Murray.

Yoga Day is presented by the Hanson Park Conservancy and brought to you by a grant from Merck.

For more information on the Hanson Park Conservancy please find us at www.HansonParkConservancy.com or like us on Facebook.

IDENTITY THEFT PROGRAM OFFERED BY CRANFORD POLICE

presentation on computer safety and identity theft on Saturday, October 8th at 1pm at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue, Cranford. During the presentation the public can learn about how identity theft occurs, how to

The Cranford Police Department will offer a protect your social security number, credit and debit cards, and how your garbage says a lot about you. The program is free and opened to the public and is being hosted by the Crane's Ford chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Refreshments will be served.

STEP BY STEP GUIDE FOR WHEN YOUR SPOUSE FILES FOR DIVORCE

By: James McGlew II, Esq.

Whether you have been served with notice that your spouse has filed for divorce, or if you are contemplating filing for divorce yourself, there are important steps anyone facing this scenario should undertake.

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The first is to stay calm. This is obviously easier said than done but it is important as many people do or say things while processing this major life change that they later come to regret.

If you have children, take whatever steps necessary to distance them from the proceedings you or your spouse are considering. At this early stage of the process there is no benefit to advise them of the situation and they should not be involved in any discussions between you and your spouse. Children should never be compelled to "choose sides" regardless of their age.

Do not post or share any form of information regarding the situation on social media! While venting about your feelings may make you feel better in the present, any negative and inflammatory comments about your spouse will have a detrimental long-term effect on the disposition your case. Once comments are posted online, even if they are deleted, they are never completely gone.

Do not allow your spouse to intimidate you with threats or claims of withholding access to children or financial support. The Courts are available to you and can resolve these immediate

issues before your divorce is finalized.

Organize and secure any and all financial or other legal or family documents in your possession. These would include prior tax returns, bank statements, credit card statements and retirement account statements. If any person or child suffers from a serious medical condition, secure copies of medical records. The more information you can collect and which does not need to be obtained from a third party such as the IRS, an employer or a bank or credit card company, can save significant costs over the duration of your case. If you and your spouse signed a Prenuptial Agreement, be sure to maintain a copy and provide it to your attorney.

Do not transfer any significant amount of financial assets or property, nor should you incur any major debt. Do not change beneficiaries on any insurance policies or modify your existing health and life insurance coverages. You should also confirm that your spouse has not taken any of these actions.

Lindabury's Family Law Group has decades of experience representing clients in both contentious and civil divorces. We provide the full range of divorce and family law services and are easily accessible from our Westfield New Jersey office. Call today to schedule a consultation with James McGlew at (908) 233-6800.



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(above) Ty, a former Raphael's mom who shared her experience at last year's Golf Tournament dinner, is pictured with Cranford residents and golf committee members (l - r):Donna Maginelli, Barbara Bilger, Ann Beams, (Ty), and co-founder of Raphael's Life House, Edie Coogan.

RAPHAEL'S LIFE HOUSE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Monday, October 3, 2016, the 13th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit Raphael's Life House, will be held at Colonia Country Club. It is a fun-filled event beginning at 10AM, and the \$225 golf fee includes a full breakfast, barbeque dinner with cocktails, and many exciting raffle prizes and golf contest awards. This year the two "Hole-In-One" prizes are a House has cared for and housed over 600 2016 Buick from Miller Buick GMC in Woodbridge and a Rolex watch donated by Martin Jewelers in Cranford.

residents Edie Coogan and Mary Orrico, is Covenant House New Jersey's Mother Child Program, and provides non-sectarian transitional housing for homeless, pregnant women and their babies when born, for up to one year. The goal is to assist the women in establishing an independent living situation for themselves and Raphael's Life House. their babies.

Each mother shares quarters with her baby in a 272-5608 or abeams4@gmail.com.

safe, homey environment. The women in the program are 18-23, alcohol and drug free, mentally and physically capable of caring for themselves and their baby, and willing to obey the house rules while either working or going to school.

Since opening in December 1993, Raphael's women and babies.

Enjoy a wonderful day with friends and colleagues while supporting this worthy cause. Raphael's Life House, founded by Cranford The tournament this year is being sponsored by Ruth and Tom Sharkey of Cranford, and there are also several levels of tournament sponsorships still available, as well as ad pages in the tournament ad journal. All proceeds of the Golf Tournament will be used for the sole benefit of the women and babies housed at

For information on tickets, sponsorships or The house shelters 12 women at one time. journal ads, please contact Ann Beams; 908-



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BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIME FOR FOSTER KIDS, TOO

Cranford residents needed to serve as advocates

Just as the kids head back to school, you may find yourself with more free time — and thrilled at the possibilities! How about changing the life of an area foster child? Train in Westfield later this month with like-minded locals and enjoy a light dinner, guest speakers and a team of trainers that equip you with all the tools needed to become a successful Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer. While many Cranford students happily settle into school routines, buoyed by active parents readying for Back to School Night, there are foster youth without that support system who face educational challenges. Your commitment to their success helps ensure access to an education that meets their specialized needs:

Five-year-old Samantha is severely autistic and almost completely nonverbal. Due to excessive violence in the family home, a concerned neighbor called for help and, after investigation, Samantha was removed from her parents' care and placed in foster care. Although primarily nonverbal, the two phrases Samantha does say graphically depict the violence she witnessed at home and confirm the trauma she

endured. Since entering care, it has become clear Samantha also is a victim of educational neglect. At age three, Samantha was entitled to an Individualized Education Plan from the Department of Education to ensure continued in-home speech and behavioral services to move her toward enrollment in a half-day program. educational Unfortunately, Samantha's parents neglected to utilize these services and she is now two years behind others her age! A CASA volunteer can advocate for Samantha's educational rights and needed services, among other things, and make recommendations to the family court judge that will ensure her best interests remain prioritized.

CASA of Union County is seeking Cranford residents to be the voice for one of the nearly 600 Union County youth, ages 0-21, in foster care through no fault of their own, as there are currently only enough volunteers to serve onethird of those youth. Trained CASA volunteers are sworn in by a judge and empowered to speak to foster parents, teachers, doctors, lawyers, tutors, therapists and more. They visit the youth regularly, incorporate findings into court reports and attend court hearings quarterly, working to ensure best interests are considered and a safe and permanent home is secured as quickly as possible. Although not required, there is a particular need for advocates who speak Spanish.

Fall training kicks off Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016 and includes 10 sessions over several weeks. A swearing-in at the Union County Courthouse by a family court judge and luncheon follows. Training is 6 to 9 p.m. at the County Clerk Building, 300 North Avenue East in Westfield, across from the diner. A light dinner is provided.

Attend an information session to learn more: Evening sessions are Tuesday, Sept. 6 and Wednesday, Sept. 21 at the County Clerk Building in Westfield; morning sessions are 10 a.m. Sept. 9 and Sept. 23 at CASA's offices, 1143-45 East Jersey Street in Elizabeth.

Cranford residents are encouraged to contact Lisa at (908) 527-7048 or lporis@casaofunioncounty.org for details or to RSVP for an information session.





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MEMORIAL FIELD UPGRADES NEARING COMPLETION IN TIME FOR FALL SEASON

A project to install restrooms and a new concession stand at Memorial Field spearheaded by the Cranford Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) and the Cranford Soccer Club (C.S.C.) is nearing the final stages prior to the 2016 PAL Football Season.

Working together to fund this project is the Cranford P.A.L., Cranford Soccer Club, Hull-Vicci Construction, the CAT Fund, the Cranford Booster Club, the Township of Cranford, PSE&G and numerous generous sponsors.

Since 2015, a committee consisting of Police Chief James Wozniak, Police Captain/PAL Treasurer Guy Patterson, PAL President Gregg Wheatley, PAL Executive Director Sgt. Matthew Nazzaro, Project Supervisor John Vicci, Project Supervisor Tony DiGiovanni, Booster Club President Bob Bruns, and Commissioner Tom Hannen have met periodically to help bring this project to fruition.

P.A.L. Executive Director Matthew Nazzaro commented on the progress of the project. 'The

partnership between multiple private organizations, public entities, our township government, and many charitable sponsorships to get this idea off the ground into a meaningful, complete asset has been incredible to witness', he said. 'Our parents, kids and community deserved this addition to Memorial Field and we know it will be enjoyed for generations to come. We look forward to acknowledging all of our charitable partners at the ribbon cutting ceremony later this year.'

The project included the addition of new men's and women's bathrooms as well as a state of the art concession stand and new picnic area.

For more information on how to become involved in concessions for the 2016 fall season, please contact D/Sgt. Matthew Nazzaro at mnazzaro@cranfordnj.org.

Hosted P.A.L. Football games at Memorial Field (including our P.A.L. Cheerleaders) are slated to be held on 9/11/16, 9/18/16, 10/2/16, 10/9/16, 10/23/16, and 10/30/16.







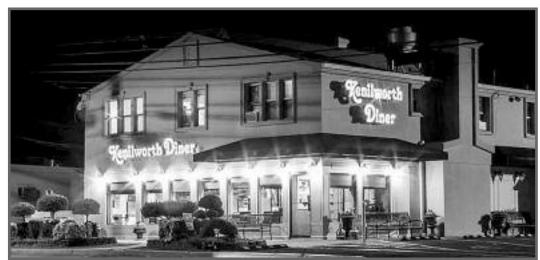
(above) The Cranford Public Library recently completed its annual Summer Reading Program, the theme of which was "On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!" Our Olympic readers outdid themselves this year: together, the children of Cranford read 16,757 hours! The program ended with a carnival celebrating the hard work of all the Summer Reading participants on Thursday, August 11th. Over 300 people braved the heat to play games, win prizes, create crafts, have their faces painted by an artist from ArteVino, and take a spin on the Fun Bus! For a list of other upcoming programs, visit the library Web page at cranford.com/library.

CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

After a break for the summer, the Cranford Public Library's Books & Bagels program will resume on Saturday, September 10, at 10:15 a.m., but with a new name, the Literary Café. Refreshments will still be served, courtesy of the Friends of the Cranford Library, but with a slight change in menu. Sessions take place in the Raddin Room. The program format is simple. Just bring a few of your favorite books and tell the other members of the group what you like about them. The books can be new or old, fiction or non-fiction, classic or contemporary. Sessions are one hour long. There is no required reading, and you will have the opportunity to learn about books recommended by other group members. Registration is not required. For questions about Literary Café, contact program coordinator Sally Hanford at 908-709-7272, ext. 2104, or at shanford@cranfordnj.org.

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library are very pleased to sponsor an evening of country music featuring Acoustic Soul on Monday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue. Acoustic Soul are Joanne Clendining on guitar and vocals and Geno Samero on guitar and vocals. Admission is free and all are welcome. To see other upcoming programs sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, or to learn more about the Friends, visit the Cranford Public Library Web page at cranford.com/library.

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The Cranford World Trade Center Committee and the Cranford Clergy Council will be hosting a 9/11 Memorial Service on Sunday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Cranford's WTC Park at Springfield and North Union Avenues in Cranford. This event will honor those that lost their lives in the September 11 attacks including family, friends first responders and all that were affected by this tragedy. All are welcome to attend. In case of inclement weather the service will take place at the First Presbyterian Church across the street from the park. For more information, please contact Jerry Dobbins @908 447 2492.

CRANFORD HONORARY P.B.A LOCAL #52 HAS BEEN REBORN AND IS SEEKING ASSISTANCE

Cranford Honorary P.B.A. Local #52 served and supported the members of the Cranford Police Department. This organization consisted of business owners and citizens who fully supported the Cranford Police Department, the Cranford Policemen's Benevolent Association Local #52 and their respective members. The Honorary P.B.A actively aided in the good and welfare of all Cranford police officers and their families. The Honorary also physically and monetarily supported the Cranford Police Department. with many programs that helped foster better and more professional relationships between the Police and the community.

The spirit that brought about this organization is again alive and well in 2016. Spearheaded by active and retired Cranford P.B.A. members and dedicated community members, the Cranford Honorary P.B.A Local #52 has been reborn. Its mission is simple:

good and welfare of the Cranford Police

During the 1980's and early 1990's The Department and to promote and grow the relationship between the citizens, business owners and the members of the Cranford Policemen's Benevolent Association and the Honorary P.B.A."

> Up until this year the PBA has depended on individual business owners and private citizens when they were in need of assistance- especially in regards to charitable work. With the re-creation of the Cranford Honorary PBA as a standalone registered 501c3, there is now an actual structured organization to simplify these efforts. The Cranford Honorary P.B.A. is seeking individuals who are interested in pioneering the rebirth of this noble organization.

> If you are interested in joining the Cranford Honorary P.B.A. or simply desire more information, please call 908-272-2227 and leave a message for former Local #52 State Delegate and retired CPD Officer Paul Cymbaluk.

You can also drop them a note at: Cranford "To promote the morale, professionalism and Honorary PBA Local 52, PO BOX 1663, Cranford, NJ, 07016.



CRANFORD P.B.A. GOLF OUTING

Submitted by: The Cranford P.B.A. Local #52

golf outing on Monday, September 19, 2016, and we cordially invite you and your friends to join our members for a great day of golfing followed by dinner at the Oak Hill Golf Club in Milford, NJ. This golf outing is one of our main fundraisers for Local #52 and we appreciate your support. Cost is \$195.00 per golfer includeslunch, cocktail hour and dinner.

The Cranford P.B.A. exists to support the community as well our own members. The service we provide to the community dates back to 1897 when our police department was first established. Since that time the members of our

Oak Hill

The Cranford P.B.A. Local #52 is hosting a Local have strived to work closely with the community and those efforts have fostered a positive relationship with the township.

> Our members participate in the Polar Bear Plunge, Law Enforcement Torch Run- both of which benefit the New Jersey Special Olympics. We also support National Night Out Against Crime, the Hillside Spring Scramble and the Centennial Ave 5K (to name a few). Your support for this fundraiser will allow the Cranford P.B.A to continue our sponsorship for these events, support for our members as well as the numerous local charities that we donate to- many of which render aid to families in need.

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SEEKING HOMES FOR "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS" HOUSE TOUR

The 27th Annual "Home for the Holidays" House Tour, hosted by the Cranford Junior Woman's Club (CJWC), is scheduled for Sunday, December 4th. The House Tour is the club's signature fundraising event and its proceeds support philanthropic organizations in and around Cranford such as Project Home. Over the years, the self guided tour has featured some of Cranford's most gracious homes and has allowed the Club to donate well over \$100,000 back to the community.

The CJWC is currently seeking for homes for this year's tour. The responsible volunteers from the CJWC take care of all the details and security the day of the tour. Local florists donate arrangements to the homes which add to the festive, holiday atmosphere. Homeowners can

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CENTENNIAL VILLAGE 9TH ANNUAL MUSIC FEST

On Saturday, September 17, the Centennial Village Group will be holding its 9th Music Fest outside of Lincoln School in Cranford, NJ. The event begins at 4 p.m., with music and festivities lasting until 9 p.m. Admission is free.

Bring your lawn chair to enjoy an evening of fun family entertainment, featuring live music from local artists. This year's Music Fest will include music by Raritan Blues Project, Hugo Furst, and local Cranford High School talent. There will be delicious food from area vendors, lawn games, and face painting, as well as a 50/50

raffle and tricky tray fund raiser. All proceeds will go towards helping Centennials Village Group's beautification efforts in the area.

The Centennial Village Group is made up a volunteers dedicated to the revitalization and beautification of the Centennial Village area in Cranford. In addition to Music Fest, the group holds an annual 5K race to raise funds for its continual efforts to improve the community.

For more information about the

Centennial Village and the group, visit www.facebook.com/CentennialVillageGroup.

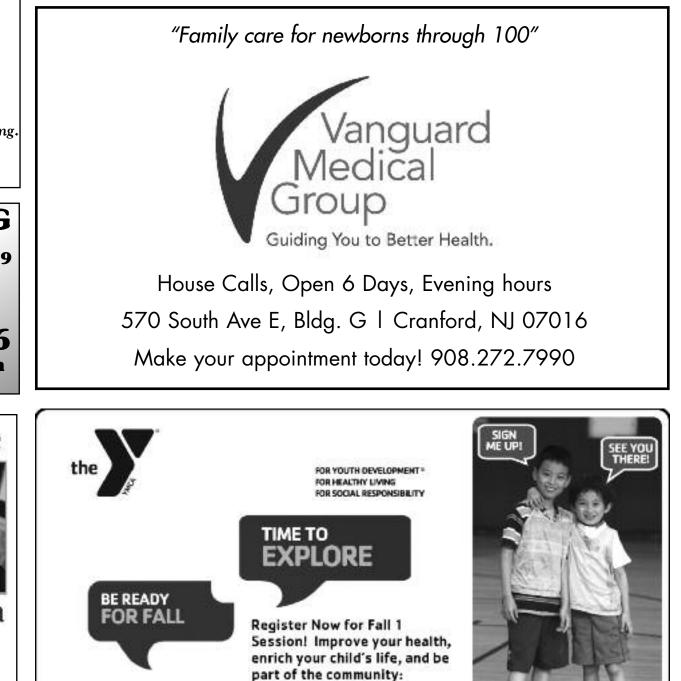
FRIENDS TO PRESENT COUNTRY MUSIC **FEATURING ACOUSTIC SOUL**

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library are very pleased to sponsor an evening of country music featuring Acoustic Soul on Monday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center.

The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue. Acoustic Soul are Joanne

Clendining and Geno Samero on guitar and vocals. Admission is free and all are welcome.

To see other upcoming programs sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, or to learn more about the Friends, visit the Cranford Public Library Web page at cranford.com/library.



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URBAN BURGER TAKES THEIR SHOW ON THE ROAD CRANFORD MONTHLY • Page 19 • September 2016

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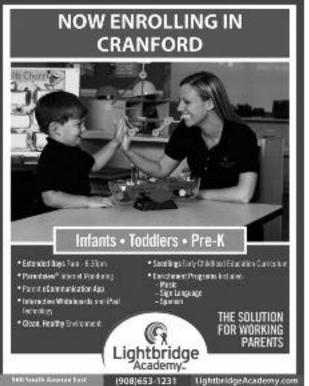
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BUSINESS BLOCK PARTY

Tuesday - September 27 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Hanson House Park** 38 Springfield Avenue Cranford, N.J. Networking, Appetizers, Beverages, Games and Prizes Chance to win a 2017 Chamber Membership \$10 per person RSVP to 908 272 6114 or cranfordchamber@comcast.net

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GRIEF IS A JOURNEY AND A PROCESS, NOT SOMETHING "WE GET OVER"

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, 11 Springfield Ave., will hold their eight week seminar - "Journey to Wholeness- Healing the Grieving Heart" on Sundays evenings beginning on September 11, 2016.

Patti Williams, R.N., and certified pastoral bereavement counselor, and Virginia Waters, PhD. Psychologist, will lead the sessions from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Thompson Youth Center of the church. Patti and Virginia have offered this seminar for 17 years now, and have helped thousands of people experience healing, find a new purpose for their lives, and feel joy once again. This is an experience like no other.

The sessions include learning about the stages of grief and understanding the tasks of the grieving process, coping strategies, how to take care of yourself and why this is so important, the changes, challenges and choices that occur, creating cherishable memories, coping with holidays and anniversaries, and dealing with feelings of loneliness and being disconnected spiritually. A special candle light ceremony is held to remember those we have lost, which includes walking the labyrinth and a time of fellowship.

Both of the leaders and all of the facilitators have experienced loss within their lives and share from "the inside out". It does not matter if your loss is divorce, death or job loss; loss is loss- it must be grieved. It does not matter how long ago you experienced loss. Bring family members and

friends. All faiths are welcome. To register for this life changing event, please call 908-709-1341. No fee is charged.

The seminar is dedicated to Patti's late husband, the Rev. Dr. Bruce D. Williams who had a vision for the seminar 17 years ago, wanting to help others deal with their pain and suffering during their time of loss.

A recent graduate of the seminar shrared "A little over one year ago my son Rick passed away after a long illness. Needless to say I was devastated as was the rest of my family. During a Sunday morning service, I saw an announcement in the Church Bulletin about a Grief Seminar at the Church led my Pattie Williams and Virginia Waters. I thought about attending but I did have some reservations. I would be in a room with a group of Strangers.

What would I be required to do? How much would I be required to share?

In spite of my trepidation, I called Pattie and told her I would like to attend the Seminar. It turned out to be a very good decision. Patti and Virginia address all kinds of losses and they give you the tools to cope with your particular loss on a daily basis.

I applaud both Pattie and Virginia for their unwavering commitment to helping others. They captivated everyone at the Seminar with their inspirational message. The whole experience was definitely a godsend for me." - Karen Swackhamer



SEEKING YOUTH TO VOLUNTEER AS FACILITATORS CRANFORD MONTHLY • Page 21 • September 2016 FOR IMAGINE, A CENTER FOR COPING WITH LOSS

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss, a free grief support center for children and adults coping with loss due to death, is recruiting youth volunteers for its Fall 2016 class of Volunteer Youth Facilitators and for the Imagine Youth Advisory Council (iYAC.) Youth Facilitators provide support to children ages 3 to 12 who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling, or caregiver while iYAC provides advice, outreach and event support.

Caroline Sullivan, 17, of Cranford, has served as a youth facilitator in one of Imagine's children's groups for a year after attending a one day, seven hour training. Propelled by her experience as a bereaved child who received support, Caroline is now dedicated to helping other children while they grieve.

The experience thus far has been lifechanging. Caroline stated, "Volunteering for this program has given me the opportunity to provide for others the same support and acceptance that was once provided for me. Imagine breaks down the walls that separate us in the rest of our lives and provides a unique space for coping with loss any way that's necessary."

Volunteers come from all walks of life and need no special background other than a willingness to listen, a heart inclined to serve, and the ability to be with children and adults in pain without trying to fix, solve or give advice. No prior experience is necessary. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old. Volunteers serve as companions and loving listeners for those who are grieving.

Imagine is a free year-round peer grief support center located in Westfield, New Jersey and serving all of Union County and beyond. Imagine serves children age 3-18 who have had a parent or sibling die, with concurrent support groups for their parents or guardians. Support for children and teens living with a parent or sibling with a life-altering physical illness is also available through Imagine's Coping with Illness program. Free year-round support groups are also available for adults 18 and up who have had a friend, sibling, parent or other important person in their life die, or who have a parent, sibling or friend living with an illness.

If you are interested in learning more about the upcoming training scheduled for September 10, 11:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.,

or about Imagine, please contact Connie Palmer, LCSW, Imagine's Clinical Training Director at connie@imaginenj.org or 908-264-3100.

For information about iYAC contact Program Director Mandi Zucker at mandi@imaginenj.org or 908-264-3100 or visit www.imaginenj.org.



(above) You too can be a Teen Facilitator! Pictured are our Fall 2015 Teen Training Class members: Conor Larkin-Westfield; Noelle Blackford-Westfield; Sarah Ward-Westfield; Aleacia Jensen-Scotch Plains; Julia Sikora-Scotch Plains; Caroline Sullivan-Cranford, Olivia Turner-Westfield; Julia Salvato-Westfield; Katie Sullivan-Westfield; Imagine Program Assistant Corev Wisler of Scotch Plains; Patrick Sullivan-Cranford; Kimmi Zimmerman-Westfield.



CHRISTINA FINN RECEIVES DAR HISTORY AWARD

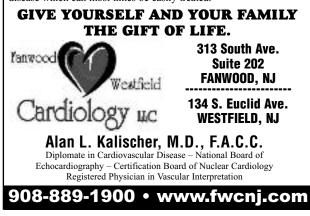
The Crane's Ford Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently awarded the National DAR Excellence in American History Medal to Cranford High School graduating senior Christina Finn. The award is based on outstanding work with the highest average in American History studies.

Christina will be attending Georgetown University in Washington DC in the fall with a major in Biology with plans to become a physician. While at Cranford High School Christina was a member of the State/Regional National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, a NJ STARS Scholarship Recipient and the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Aware recipient. The Cranford chapter has given the award at Cranford High School for over 40 years.

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