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TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Cranford's Memorial Day Parade was canceled due to rain. In its place a standing room only crowd attended a solemn service at the Community Center on Sunday, May 29th to honor and remember the citizens of Cranford who gave their lives in the armed forces of our country and to remind us all that our freedom, our liberty, our tremendous benefits and privileges that we enjoy and which we too often take for granted, are the result of blood, sweat, and sacrifice of those who have gone before us. Residents were invited to VFW Post #335 after the service for refreshments.

Cranford resident Peter Klein a World War II Veteran of the D-Day invasion in France was selected by Cranford's VFW Post #335 to be the Grand Marshall for the 2017 Memorial Day Parade. Post Commander Jay Boxwell stated "It is a great choice, as we have picked a true hero to lead us on this very important day. He is truly deserving of our recognition for his enduring, patriotic service to our country."

Klein, originally born in France, came to America as a 1 year old and settled with his family in Elizabeth, NJ. He was drafted into the Army in April, 1943 as the war was raging in Europe. He had originally wanted to be a pilot but because of his lack of citizenship at the time, he was denied. As a result he was made an infantryman and medic. Determined to be a citizen, in November 1943 while serving his adopted country, Klein proudly became a naturalized US citizen. Within 7 months of that, he was tending to wounded and dying soldiers on Omaha Beach at Normandy during the great D-Day invasion.

His Army record reads like an unbelievably incredible tale of dedication to our country. Klein fought with the 5th Corp at Omaha Beach, Normandy France, in Belgium and Luxembourg, at the Battle of the Bulge and the end of the war found him fighting in the famous Battle at Hurtgen, in the forests of Germany.

After the war Klein married his wife Theresa and eventually they moved to Cranford where they raised their two children Peter J. and Michael. His wife unfortunately passed away in 2009. Klein spent his post-war career as a chief estimator for 38 years at Saxon Construction Company, retiring in the 1980's.

Klein who received a standing ovation both before and after his remarks told the audience he remembered his experiences on the battle field even though it was 72 years ago. "I am so proud to be part of this great day. During the war I found myself in some terrible situations that I really don't like to talk about or even remember. But like all the



(above, l-r) VFW Post #335 Commander Jay Boxwell, Grand Marshall Peter Klein, United States Army Veteran of World War II; Jeffrey Mullins, Rebuilding Warriors; and Mary Leonard, Crane's Ford Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.



(pictured) 86 gold banners depicting the names of each of the 86 Cranford service members who made the ultimate sacrifice and the war they served in were designed and donated by Cranford Corner. These flags are carried during the Memorial Day Parade.

other young men with me, we just did our job," Klein said, showing a typically unassuming and modest attribute of the "Greatest Generation". Referring to the part of the service where the names of the war dead were read he stated "These are the people we have to remember, the people who gave their all."

The service can be viewed on Cranford's TV 35 throughout the month of June. It can also be viewed on demand on the station's Facebook page.



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CALL FOR A CURE CONCERT SET FOR JUNE 6TH

The Cranford High School performing arts community is once again coming together to raise money to fight a disease that has taken at least two young Cranford residents in the last few years.

Call for a Cure, a concert started in remembrance of Colin Maher, will be a 7:30pm Tuesday, June 6 at the Cranford High School. The concert, started by Cara Costa five years ago, will feature students and alumni from the talented Cranford community. Admission is \$10 at the door; \$5 for students. For advance ticket sales, e-mail catherine@friendsofcolin.org.

The concert is unique in that the students are given the freedom to choose their own music and performance, a choice they may not have had during the school year. For many, it will be the last time they are on the CHS stage.

“It is an honor to put together this show for the community and to fight Ewings Sarcoma,” said this year’s organizer, senior Catherine Hoffman. “Please come out and support us for Colin and for those who have to face this cancer.”

All the money raised in ticket and bake sales goes to the Friends of Colin, a non-profit formed

to raise money specifically to fight Ewings Sarcoma, a pediatric bone cancer that is often fatal. It is rare but not uncommon and little money is dedicated towards research. Friends of Colin has donated tens of thousands to Dr. Jeffrey Toretsky, a Georgetown University researcher who currently has developed a drug going to clinical trials.

Friends of Colin was formed after the death of Colin Maher, a dry-witted 16-year-old Cranford resident who loved Pez, Halloween, turtles and his dog Casey. His close-knit neighbors came together and vowed to continue his fight until

there is an effective treatment.

CHS graduate and dancer Alessandra LoConte was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma while studying at Muhlenberg college. She passed in 2015. Also that year, 16-year-old Arthur L. Johnson student, Tylor Collins, succumbed to the sarcoma.

Friends of Colin hopes that the Cranford and Ewings Sarcoma community can come together and put an end to the finality of this disease.

Donations also can be made to Friends of Colin at 365 Retford Ave., Cranford, New Jersey 07016.

AUDITIONS FOR THE SUMMER HISPANIC THEATRE FESTIVAL AT CDC THEATRE

CDC Theatre in Cranford, New Jersey’s oldest continuously producing community theatre, is planning a new, summer Festival de Teatro Hispanico/ Hispanic Theatre Festival. To celebrate the beauty of the Spanish language, in comedy and drama, the Festival will present an evening of one act plays entirely in Spanish and span two weekends, July 28/29 and August 4/5.

The plays will explore the richness of the Hispanic experience as reflected in plays that mirror the pride, drama and comedy of the human experience. Ana y las Langostas (Ana and the Locusts), by Argentine playwright Alicia Dolonsky, s a coming of age story of a young, teenage girl in a world of turmoil, where the mysteries of what is outside her walls intermingle with the mysteries within. The playwright will be

directing the production in this, its theatrical debut in the United States. Bony y Kim (Bony and Kim) is written by Carlos Canales. A young couple takes to robbing fast food places and finds themselves media darlings. The comedy casts doubt on their “heroes against the machine” status, while making fun of the society that gives them celebrity status.

The festival is seeking actors of all ages and levels of experience, men and women. While Spanish speaking is a must, fluency is not. Auditions will be held at CDC Theatre, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford, NJ on Sunday, June 11 from 7-9 pm and sides will be provided; monologues are not necessary. For more information visit www.cdctheatre.org or contact redmount@comcast.net.

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POLICE OFFICERS HONOR FALLEN HEROES IN ANNUAL POLICE UNITY TOUR

Cranford Police officers proudly represented the township's police force in the Police Unity Tour bicycle ride to honor the sacrifices of police officers killed in the line of duty. Officers from around the United States and international officers from across the globe converged on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. on May 12, 2017. Four current officers and one retired officer participated in this year's ride. Captain Guy Patterson, Sergeant Joseph Stulpin, and Officer Daniel Donnerstag were joined by first year rider, Officer Matthew Siessel. Retired Lieutenant Robert Colaneri provided support for the four riders along their 300 mile trip. They departed New Jersey on May 9, 2017.

The Police Unity Tour was started by Chief Patrick P. Montuore of the Florham Park Police Department, with the hope of bringing public awareness of Police Officers who died in the line of duty and to honor their sacrifices. The first event included 18 riders on a four day fund-raising bicycle ride from Florham Park, NJ to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. Over time, the event has grown to encompass nine chapter organizations consisting of over 2000 members nationwide. In addition to officers representing 40 different states, participants have traveled to the event from Australia, Canada, England, India, Israel and Italy.

Officers participating in the Police Unity Tour raise funds that are donated to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF). Captain Patterson, Sergeant Stulpin, Officer Donnerstag and Officer Siessel participated in the May 2016 event which resulted in over 2.5 Million Dollars being donated to the NLEOMF, bringing total donations to the fund since inception to over 20 Million Dollars. All five Cranford Officers have committed to raising over \$2,000 each through their participation in the tour. With the help of local businesses and organizations they had a great ride in 2017. The officers would like to thank Barry O'Donovan and Kilkenny House, Dottie Baniewicz and Barbara Bilger of the Cranford Chamber of Commerce, Cranford Jaycees, Cranford PBA Local # 52 and the Cranford PAL for their support.

According to Capt. Patterson, participation in the Police Unity Tour is a great opportunity to represent the Cranford Police Department and all the men and women in law enforcement across the country. "Having the ability to ride in honor of these fallen officers and their families is something none

of us take lightly. We pass thousands of people along our route to D.C. Overwhelmingly, people are extremely supportive. We can see the impact the sheer numbers of officers on bicycles passing by has on them. Making the ride into D.C. and raising the money for the NLEOMF and the families of fallen officers is always a rewarding experience." Cranford Police Chief James Wozniak is an ardent supporter of his officers' participation in the Police Unity Tour. "In the United States, more than 900,000 law enforcement officers protect the citizens and communities they work in. Unfortunately, that protection comes with a price. In 2016, 144 officers lost their lives protecting and serving. This event is one way of showing support to those families who's loved one made the ultimate sacrifice. The Cranford Police Department is committed to this event and I couldn't be more proud of our team and the effort they have, once again, put forth. "



(above l-r) Captain Guy Patterson, Sergeant Joseph Stulpin, Chief James Wozniak, Officer Matthew Siessel, Officer Daniel Donnerstag and Retired Lieutenant Robert Colaneri.

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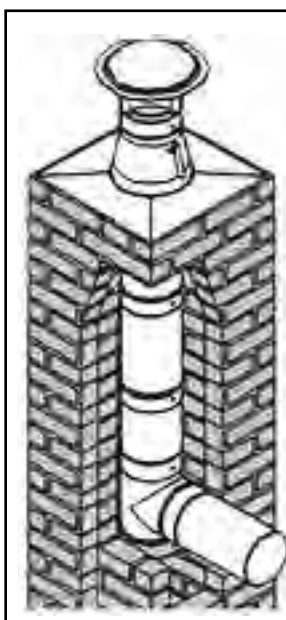
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(above) To celebrate their 50 years of marriage Angie and Ron enjoyed a 24-day European cruise.

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(above) Angie and Ron Dailey with their 3 children Darren, Darlene, and Deanna; and 6 grandchildren, Mary, Megan, Kailey, Peter, Brian, and Jake.



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UNDERSTANDING NEW JERSEY'S CHILD CUSTODY ARRANGEMENTS

By: James McGlew II, Esq.

In New Jersey, there are two basic concepts of child custody. The more familiar concept is “physical” custody which refers to where and with whom the child will live. When parents share “joint physical” custody, the child lives with each parent for a certain amount of time during the year. A parent with whom the child spends most of their time is designated as the Parent of Primary Residence (“PPR”) or the primary caretaker. The parent with whom the child has time-sharing is designated as the Parent of Alternate Residence (“PAR”) or secondary caretaker. Generally, unless there is a concern that the parent of alternate residence will harm the child, parenting time or visitation rights will not be withheld.

The less familiar but equally important concept is “legal” custody which refers to a parent’s right to make decisions concerning their child, such as medical treatment, selection of healthcare providers, education, engaging in what might be considered hazardous activities and other significant decisions. In most cases, parents will have joint legal custody of a child and share the decision-making responsibilities. In some instances, however, the judge may award sole custody where only one parent has legal and physical custody. This is a relatively rare occurrence that is ordered only when the other parent is absent or legally unfit. A parent may be unfit if he or she has engaged in child abuse or neglect or is struggling with an addiction to alcohol or drugs. Absent such circumstances, a joint legal custodial relationship among parents is the preferred arrangement since it is likely to foster the best interests of the child.

A recent Court decision restated that “the prime criterion for establishing a joint legal custodial relationship between divorced or separated parents centers on the ability of those parents to agree, communicate, and cooperate in matters relating to the health, safety, and welfare of the child notwithstanding animosity or acrimony they may harbor towards each other. The ability of parents to put aside their personal differences and work together for the best interests of their

child is the true measure of a healthy parent-child relationship.”

Once the parties have agreed or a Court has ruled that they will have joint legal custody of their child, the issue becomes implementing and exercising such a joint custodial arrangement. Joint legal custody requires the parents to discuss and consult with each other regarding “major” decisions affecting the health, education and welfare of the child. Sometimes there is often a conflict as to what is a “major” decision versus a “day-to-day” decision. Such “day-to-day” decisions are generally determined by the primary custodian.

Major decisions can be as varied as the children they affect. The most common major decisions parents face are medical or health related issues of the child, choice or change of religious affiliation, choosing a summer camp, international travel, interstate travel for time-sharing when one parent has relocated, the appropriateness or cost of extracurricular activities, choice of private school and/or college, course of study or selection of major course of study at college, etc.

Unfortunately, the acrimony the parties displayed during the marriage does not always subside after the matter is resolved. The parents often continue the battle between themselves when discussing issues affecting their child. When discussion and compromise does not result in a resolution by the parties, our Courts are called upon to make decisions regarding these major issues regarding the child. This is seldom the best remedy.

If you find yourself involved in such matters Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook and Cooper can assist. Our firm prides itself on treating each family matter individually and advocating on behalf of our clients and their children to achieve the most equitable result. Call James McGlew II at (908) 233-6800 or email to jmcglew@lindabury.com for a consultation. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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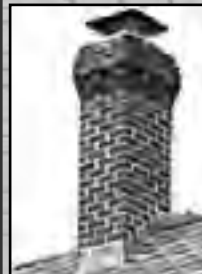
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CRANFORD PAL FALL REGISTRATIONS

CATHERINE FELEGI HONORED

The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless has announced their 2017 annual reception, affectionately titled "There's No Place Like Home," on Wednesday, May 17 at the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit, NJ. Proceeds from the event will go towards Bernice's Place, an after-school and summer program for homeless and at-risk children. Honorees include: Catherine Felegi, First Presbyterian Church of Cranford. "This esteemed woman has exemplified the mission and values of the Coalition and have made a valuable impact on the community. For this reason, the Coalition has chosen to recognize her work and personal efforts at this year's event."



"The Cranford Police Athletic League (PAL) has announced that its fall sports registrations is open until June 26th 2017. The fall programs include PAL Flag Football for 1st and 2nd Graders, PAL Tackle Football for 3rd-8th Graders, and PAL Cheerleading for 3rd-8th Graders. The participant's grade level is the grade of the athlete as of September 2017. All registrations and payments must be completed online at www.cranfordpal.org.

"This year, the PAL Football Program is under the direction of Andrew Hooey who will oversee the operation of both the Tackle and Flag Football Programs. Working with Mr. Hooey is Mr. Ken Hoefling who will serve as the Flag Football Coordinator. The 3rd-8th grade Tackle Football program's registration is \$175.00 and players should expect some additional costs for required personal equipment. The 1st and 2nd grade Flag Football Program registration is \$75.00.

"PAL Cheerleading Director Jenn Mooney returns once again to guide our lady-cougars through another successful year of cheer. This year, PAL Cheerleading has opened for 3rd graders as a result of high demand. All cheerleading registrants and their parent/guardian must attend a mandatory uniform fitting and kickoff meeting on June 28th 2017 from 7 PM until 9 PM at the Cranford Community Center. The cost of the PAL Cheerleading Program is \$75.00 plus the cost of uniforms.

"The Cranford PAL is a not-for-profit youth sports organization that provides programs supervised and coached by Cranford Police Officers and volunteers in the community. The PAL Programs help create a positive, trusting relationship between youth and the Police Officers of Cranford.

"For more information on the Cranford PAL and registrations, visit www.cranfordpal.org or call 908-709-4313."

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS AT CRANFORD RECREATION & PARKS BEGINS JUNE 7

The Cranford Recreation & Parks Department would like to announce that registration for summer programs begins on Wednesday, June 7, at 10:00am. Our brochure, which lists all programs, was recently mailed to Cranford residents and may also be viewed online at www.cranford.com/rec or by following us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CranfordRecreationAndParks. All programs are for Cranford residents only.

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READING PROGRAM “BUILD A BETTER WORLD”

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Children simply track the amount of time they spend reading or being read to each day. Once they’ve recorded a week’s worth of reading, they stop by the library to receive a reward. This year’s prizes, generously donated by local businesses, include a cone at Dairy Queen, a summer of bowling at Linden Lanes, and tickets to a Somerset Patriots game! To participate, stop by the Children’s Department in June or July and register. Upon registering, you’ll be given a log in which you can record your reading.

In addition to logging reading, the library runs weekly programs for children of all ages. Every Monday morning at 10:30, we’ll host an enhanced story time for children ages 2-5 called “Budding Builders.” Each story time will focus on some simple STEM concepts and will be followed by an open-ended, hands-on activity. Children and their caregivers will have fun learning together at a pace that works for them!

Elementary-aged children are invited to learn through creation at “Maker Mondays,” a drop-in

program held June 26-July 31 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Children ages 6+ will take on a new challenge each week. We’ll be creating stop motion movies, participating in the egg drop challenge, playing with our food, and more!

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The Summer Reading program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Enrollment in the program runs from June 17th through July 28th and is open to all Cranford and Winfield Park residents. Visit the library or the library’s website, CranfordLibrary.org, for a full list of summer events.

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Roots & Wings, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the critical needs of young adults who have aged out of New Jersey's foster care system, will host its fourth annual tennis outing and dinner at the Westfield Tennis Club on Saturday, June 10, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. The benefit event is open to tennis players of every level as well as those who just want to watch the fun and enjoy a casual, catered dinner.

"We will have Round Robin doubles for both USTA rated players as well as an opportunity for advanced beginners and intermediate level players to be on the court with state or club

champions who will provide tips," said Roots & Wings event chairman Joe Masterson. "This fun event is open to the public so we hope lots of tennis players and friends will join us."

To learn more or for a sign-up link, email joemasterson1@gmail.com, visit rootandwingsnj.org, or call Joe Masterson at 908-403-8621.

About Roots & Wings: Roots & Wings, headquartered in Morris County, expanded into Union County in 2014. First Lady Mary Pat Christie has recognized the organization with a New Jersey Heroes award.



(above l-r) Roots & Wings 2016 tennis fundraiser volunteers: Ben Evans, Bob and Cynthia Evans, Lori Kraemer, Wendy Masteller and Bob Evans.



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GIRL SCOUTS OF CRANFORD SOW GARDEN FOR THOSE IN NEED

Largest Troop Collaboration Will Benefit Cranford Family Cares.

Several Girl Scout troops of Cranford (48) have come together to create a vegetable garden that will provide healthy options to those in need throughout the community. The garden is a result of the "Sow What?" Girl Scout Leadership Journey for Senior Level troops in 9th and 10th grade. The Journeys encourage girls to learn about environmental topics such as clean water and air, noise pollution, global warming, soil contamination, and agricultural processes. Each Journey is packed with current environmental information and offers ways to improve life for everyone on the planet. Sow What? is all about food: how and where it's grown, harvested, processed, distributed, and consumed, and why it matters. Seniors share their knowledge, inspire others to eat locally, and plan a community vegetable garden.

The project, which was started in the Fall of 2016, is a massive collaboration between Senior troops from Cranford High School, Mt. Saint Mary's, Roselle Catholic and Abraham Clark High in Roselle.

With 25 scouts in all, troops 40004, 40050, 40229, and 40113 researched the importance of healthy foods by touring Dreyer Farms where Jessica Dreyer helped to educate the young ladies on how a local farm works to provide its community with healthy produce. The troops also visited ACME in Kenilworth to fully understand the Journey.

"We are extremely proud of what these ladies have accomplished throughout this Journey. Not only will the garden provide fresh vegetables to local organizations, but it will also help to teach others what we have learned about the importance of the food we eat", said Anne Caldwell, Senior Advisor for Senior Troop 40229.

The garden, located at the United Methodist Church in Cranford, will provide vegetables and herbs to Cranford Family Cares. The troop members are also working on a recipe book filled with healthy meals that incorporate the produce grown at the garden. The young ladies hope to

engage other Girl Scout troops to take part in the watering and collecting of produce during the late Spring and early Summer months. The Girl Scouts would also like to thank Carl's Landscaping of Cranford for providing garden materials and an extra hand with constructing the garden itself.

The Girl Scouts of Cranford boasts over 1,139 Girl Scout Members in 67 troops and Juliette's

making it one of the largest non-profit organizations in town. The Cranford Service Unit is a part of the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey (GSHNJ) Council which is part of the Girl Scouts of the USA. If your family is interested in learning more about local Girl Scouts or to find out more information on the Girls Scouts of Cranford, please visit www.cranfordgirlscouts.com



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"Small businesses use technology to increase productivity and capabilities. Just imagine how losing control over these necessities can set them back?" said David Margulies, Director, Union County SBDC at Kean University. "We all need to be well versed on how to best mitigate this risk to ensure business continuity."

The Internet of Things refers to the diverse array of networked devices, ranging from cars and kitchen appliances to heart monitors, able to collect and exchange data through embedded sensors. The seminar will explore potential risks the IoT poses to small businesses and best practices for securing networked devices.

"While smart devices and systems are making life easier for users, the steady adoption of the Internet of Things and the integration of more smart systems into critical infrastructures are making industries and consumers more vulnerable to attacks—possibly with life-threatening repercussions," said Walter Rant, Managing Assistant Director, Cybersecurity Center at Kean University.

David Weinstein was appointed New Jersey's first ever Chief Technology Officer by Governor Chris Christie in June of 2016. Weinstein serves in Governor Christie's cabinet, oversees the New Jersey Office of Information Technology (OIT), and is responsible for developing and implementing strategic policies, information security standards, and requirements for all state departments and agencies.

Several expert speakers will provide valuable insights, industry best practices, and even a glimpse of the "DARK WEB" at The Internet of Things seminar. This is a free event. Breakfast will be served. To register visit: bit.ly/IoTSBDC

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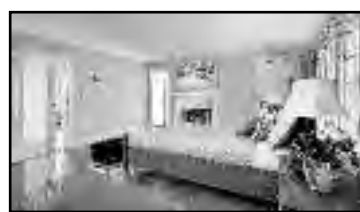
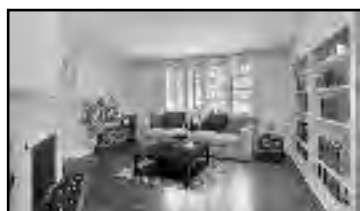
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On Tuesday, July 4, 2017 a fireworks display will be the highlight of Cranford's Annual Fourth of July Celebration. The day-long community festival will offer something for everyone, including canoe races, a one-mile fun run and a four-mile run, plus food vendors in the park. There will also be amusement rides and games.

The festivities will begin at 8:00 a.m. with canoe races scheduled at the Cranford Canoe Club, 250 Springfield Ave., Cranford, NJ. Registration will be immediately before the races at 7:30am on July 4th at the Canoe Club.

The Jaycees will conduct their Annual Firecracker Run beginning with a one-mile Fun Run at 8:30am and a four-miler at 9:00am at Nomahegan Park, Springfield Ave., Cranford, NJ. For more info regarding registration and the race go to www.cranfordjaycees.com.

The fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m. at Nomahegan Park, Cranford, NJ. Limited parking will be available at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave, Cranford, NJ, however, residents are urged to walk if possible. Rain Date for Fireworks will be on Wednesday, July 5th.

For more information call the Cranford Recreation & Parks Department at (908) 709-7283.



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Cranford Alliance Church is again offering the GriefShare Series and Support Group on Thursdays at 6:30 PM from through August 31, 2017.

GriefShare is a special 14-week series and support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It's a place where you are surrounded by people who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. At GriefShare, you'll learn valuable information that will help you through this most difficult time in your life as you journey through grief.

One of the participants from a previous series had this to say: "As I walked into my first session of GriefShare, I was taken aback by the sound of gentle music and the sight of candles on the tables. I still wondered how I could go from mourning to joy in thirteen weeks. Now that it is over, I see that that's exactly what happened. Years ago we'd lost our 25-year-old daughter to suicide. Within the last eighteen months I'd lost my mother and sister just a week apart, and then my beloved sister-in-law. My grief was overwhelming and I thought that my sadness would never end. It was during the GriefShare sessions that I met people who were just as devastated as I was, all with stories not so very different from my own. It was during these sessions that I came to learn that this was a profoundly moving journey that I had undertaken. Our facilitator was soft spoken,

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The ministry team consists of thoroughly trained, caring individuals who bring to this group their own experience of walking through grief. One participant had this to say about the Ministry Team, "They are amazing, caring people who provide for all of us what we cannot get from our families and friends. It is a safe place where we are understood."

Please join us on Thursdays at 6:30 PM at Cranford Alliance Church, 7 Cherry Street, Cranford, NJ. Family members and friends of the bereaved are welcome at any time as well. There is a \$10 registration fee to cover materials. Scholarships are available. For more information, you can go to the GriefShare website, www.griefshare.org, or contact the church office at 908-276-1617 or office@cranfordalliance.org.

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MIX AND MINGLE EVENT CELEBRATES NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County kicked off National Volunteer Week with a Mix and Mingle event at Rosie's Wine Bar in Garwood for its corps of volunteer child advocates as well as those in the community interested in learning more about the volunteer-based organization that works with Union County children in foster care.

Said Executive Director Marla Higginbotham, "The evening was about celebrating those who commit to the foster children in our own community and sharing with others the mission of CASA, but also, on a larger scale, we wanted to celebrate the tenor and intention of National Volunteer Week, and the significance of service to others."

Among those attending were numerous current CASA volunteers, eager to visit amongst each other and share experiences with those curious about their advocacy work. Board members and staff celebrated the volunteers and shared ways others can also give back to their community through CASA of Union County, as it works to reach the two-thirds of Union County foster youth awaiting a CASA volunteer.

National Volunteer Week began in 1974 as a way to recognize and celebrate the contribution of volunteers, and since has expanded to a nationwide effort urging Americans to give their time to community outreach organizations. The theme is "Celebrating People in Action" and

nonprofits like CASA of Union County recognize their volunteers as well as celebrate and foster a culture of service.

Most CASA volunteers have no prior knowledge of the foster system and successful advocates have varied backgrounds that contribute toward success with the youth. For example, the most recent graduating class of CASA volunteers ranged from age 21 to 81 and had parents and non-parents, recent retirees, students, business professionals, a teacher, nurse, attorney, professor and homemakers. CASA volunteers train 30 hours to become an extra set of eyes and ears for Family Court judges. They have court-granted access to all parties in the child's life, including foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers, and incorporate into court reports findings from these contacts as well as visits with the youth. Volunteers advocate in the community and court to ensure their youth's best interests remain a priority while working toward a safe, stable and permanent home for each child served.

Today, there are 600 Union County children in foster care; CASA of Union County's goal is to provide an advocate for every foster child that needs one. For information on the next training or to learn other ways to help the nonprofit reach its goal, contact Courtney at cgreen@casaoofunioncounty.org or (908) 527-7045.



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IMAGINE CELEBRATES THEIR VOLUNTEERS AND LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

Over 100 volunteers and their family and friends filled the new space at Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss, on April 27th for the fifth annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Dinner, music, coffee and awards were provided to show the volunteers how special and appreciated they are!

The evening was catered by Castle on a Cloud who donated all of the food, desserts and staff. Guests were also treated to live music by The Have Some Hotel band who donated their services, and delicious coffee from Rockin' Joes in Westfield, also donated. The event theme was candy, to exemplify how "sweet" the volunteers are, and they received awards such as the Starburst Award for painting all of the color on the walls of the new center and the Rock Candy Award for the pure energy they provide to the youngest of participants.

"Our volunteers are priceless," said Mandi Zucker, Imagine's Program Director. "As our programs continue to grow, we absolutely could not make it happen without the time and commitment from the volunteers. We use over

100 volunteers every two weeks to facilitate our support groups, work in the office, serve on committees, the Board of Trustees, and set up and clean up the space before and after the groups meet. We hope this event shows our volunteers, in some small way, how much we appreciate them and how grateful we are to be able to do this work along side them."

Imagine's next Volunteer Facilitator Training, which will prepare us to start up our fifth Night or Support serving 60 new children and adults, is July 7-10th, from 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. daily. One recently trained facilitator, Stephanie Naphtali of Wyckoff said, "The training restored my belief in the compassion of all. It was a transformative experience. I learned so much and my life has been enriched by the knowledge I learned."

Please contact Mandi Zucker at 908-264-3100 or mandi@imagineinj.org if you would like to learn more about the training and the commitment involved to be a facilitator or visit our website at www.imagineinj.org.



(above l-r) Front Row: Rachel Furnari, Scotch Plains; Melissa Montalvo, Cranford; Back Row: Ann Furnari, Scotch Plains, Tarajee Wade'ah Russell-Wertz, Hillside; Thomas Greene, Westfield.



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VERY SPECIAL "ALADDIN JR." COMING TO UNION COUNTY JUNE 29-JULY 1

The CAU Community Players will be staging a very special production of "Aladdin Jr." at the Rahway High School Center for Performing Arts June 29, June 30 and July 1. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on June 29 and 30 and 2:00 p.m. on July 1. Saturday's performance will be Family Day. Members of the audience, including children, will be able to have their photos taken with members of cast prior to the show.

The CAU Community Players is a troupe of individuals with developmental disabilities and actors and actresses from the broader community. Formed in 2012 by nonprofit Community Access Unlimited, the troupe allows CAU members to engage in the pleasures of acting, singing and dancing with people from the wider community and to be judged for their talents rather than disabilities.

CAU is a statewide nonprofit providing support programs and services to adults with disabilities as well as youth served under the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to enable them to live independently in the community, providing supports in areas including housing, vocational skills and life-skills training, education, advocacy and recreation.

Each year the CAU Community Players select a play that is representative of the agency's message of inclusion, acceptance and believing in oneself, as well as everyone's worth regardless

of disability. Based on the Disney movie, which itself was based on the folk tale of the same name, "Aladdin Jr." is the story of a street urchin, a princess and a genie all overcoming their respective obstacles to escape the traps of their lives and achieve their fullest potential and happiness.

Tickets are available for \$10 by visiting www.caunj.org, clicking on Upcoming Events, then CAU Community Players Present Aladdin Jr., then the 2017 Ticket Ordering Form. Or contact Cara Pavia, director of marketing, at 908.354.3040, ext. 4376 or cpavia@caunj.org.

About Community Access Unlimited

Community Access Unlimited (CAU), celebrating its 38th year in 2017, supports people with special needs in achieving real lives in the community. CAU provides support and gives voice to adults and youth who traditionally have little support and no voice in society. CAU helps people with housing, life skills, employment, money management, socialization and civic activities. CAU also supports opportunities for advocacy through training in assertiveness, decision-making and civil right. CAU currently serves more than 6,000 individuals and families, with the number served growing each year.

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LIBRARY TO PRESENT PROGRAM ON SENIOR SCAMS

Officer Victoria B. Smith of the Union County Sheriff's Office will present a program on senior scams and how to avoid them on Wednesday, June 7, at 1:00 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue. The program, which is approximately 45 minutes long, will

include a question and answer segment. The program is sponsored by the Cranford Public Library. Admission is free and all are welcome. Registration is not required. To see what else is coming up at the Library, go to the Library Web page at cranfordlibrary.org and click on Upcoming Events.

CHS SPRING ART SHOW: JUNE 1 – JUNE 13

The art teachers and art students of Cranford High School invite you to attend our annual Spring Art Exhibit at the Cranford Public Library. The show will run from June 1st through June 13th. There will be a closing reception on June 13th from 6:30 to 8pm. The event is open and free to the public.

This exhibit highlights the work of over 70 student artists and represents the breadth of our Visual Arts program, including; Photography, Graphics, Drawing, Design, Painting, and Crafts. We hope that you will take the opportunity to stop in and see the exhibit during its run at the library.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Looking for some good reading at bargain prices? The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite you to visit their used book sale in the Friendly Book Cellar at the Cranford Public Library, Wednesday, June 7, 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, June 8 and 9, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 10, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Items for sale include more than 10,000 adult and children's books, as well as

CDs, DVDs, and recorded books. Prices range from \$.25 to \$2.00, except for a few specially marked items. Saturday is Bag Day; fill a bag with books for just \$8.00. The library is located at 224 Walnut Avenue.

Entrance to the sale is through the side door, just off the main parking lot. The sale is wheelchair accessible. Proceeds benefit the library.

TOUCH A TRUCK PROGRAM, SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH

The Cranford Library will be kicking off our children's summer reading program with a special "Touch a Truck" program, happening on Saturday, June 17th from 11:00 a.m. to noon in the library's parking lot. Get a close up look at some amazing trucks, meet the extraordinary people who drive them, and sign up for Summer Reading!

Touch-a-Truck is open to the public; however, our summer reading program is limited to residents of Cranford. The library's Summer

Reading program is simple: children keep track of the time they spend reading using logs supplied by the library. Each week, they stop by the library to report what they've read and claim a prize.

The library will also be running a series of educational events for children and their families throughout the summer, including a used book sale that begins on the same day as Touch a Truck. Visit us online at www.cranfordlibrary.org to view a full calendar of events.

CHILDREN'S USED BOOK SALE

The Cranford Public Library's annual Children's Department Used Book Sale will be held from June 17-23 during library hours. A wide variety of gently used titles will be available: paperbacks cost only \$0.25 and hardcover books are \$0.50. An assortment of puzzles, games, and movies will available for similarly low prices! Drop in and stock up!


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much more entertainment for the whole family! The Cranford Municipal Alliance introduced the town-wide cookout in the Spring of 2015 to help promote its biggest initiative, family dinner night. The event has gained popularity since inception and attracts over 2,000 attendees last year.



Photos from the 2016 Town-wide Cookout event can be found on line at rennamedia.com and on the Cranford Monthly page on facebook.com Feel free to "Like", "Tag" and "Share".

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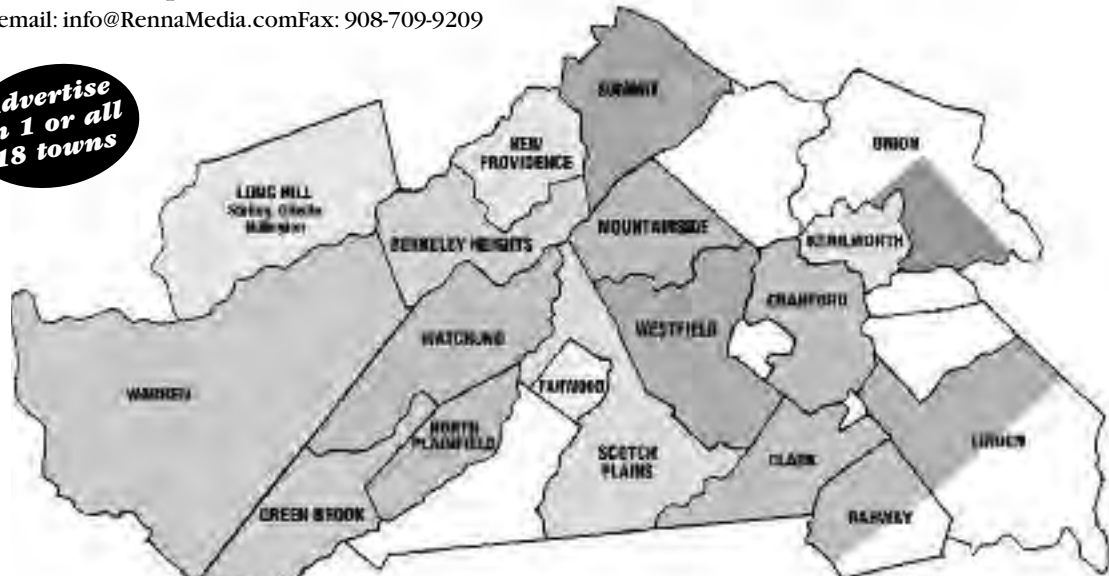
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Cranford Recreation and Parks Department would like to announce that a new Senior exercise program will be held at the Cranford Community Center for all Cranford Seniors who are interested.

Dance-Ercise will combine elements of fitness-cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility. No partners needed. Wear light

clothing and bring water! Let's Dance to great music, make new friends, stay in shape and have fun! Class will be held on Tuesday mornings, 10:15 am-11:00 am beginning September 12, 2017. Registration is open at Cranford Recreation Department.

For further information please contact Cranford Community Center at (908) 709-7283.

CRANFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT DESIGNATED SAFE HAVEN FOR NEWBORNS

The Cranford Township Committee recently authorized the Cranford Fire Department to volunteer as a designated Safe Haven for Newborns. This designation allows the Fire Department to participate in the NJ Safe Haven Infant Protection Act and provides a safe, staffed building where an individual can give up an infant safely, legally, and anonymously.

If an infant is dropped off, they will be quickly assessed by the Department's Emergency Medical Technician trained staff and provided any emergent medical treatment if needed. Then the child will be transported in an ambulance to the hospital, where care will be transferred to ER

staff and eventually to the Division of Children and Family's Child Protection Unit.

Chief Daniel Czeh started this initiative several months ago, working with the NJ Division of Children and Families. "It's critical that we do everything we can to protect some of our most vulnerable citizens. This designation is a simple way we can use our resources help prevent tragedy."

The Safe Haven at Fire Headquarters, located at 7 Springfield Avenue in Cranford, is effective immediately. Specific questions regarding the Safe Haven program should be directed to the NJ Department of Children and Families.

RELAX, RECHARGE, REFRESH WITH MONDAY MORNING MEDITATION

Cranford Recreation and Parks Department would like to announce that a new Senior program will be held at the Cranford Community Center for all Cranford Seniors who are interested. Join us for forty-five minutes of "Relax-Ercise", a program structured for seniors that will oxygenate your brain, increase energy, reduce stress and help improve your immune system. Exercise your inner being to a happier and healthier you, while maintaining a positive attitude. Class is held at the Cranford Community Center on Monday mornings 9:15am-10:00am beginning June 5th, 2017. Registration is open at Cranford Recreation Department.

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