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90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR BOY SCOUT TROOP 80

Submitted by Tom Usinowicz

Cranford Boy Scout Troop 80 celebrated its 90th anniversary at Hanson Park on June 9, 2018. Over 250 current scouts, alumni and family members were in attendance to commemorate this significant event.

Troop 80 has been sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford since the unit's inception in 1928. Over these last nine decades, countless young boys have gone through its Scouting program as they have journeyed toward manhood and a life living the 12 points of the Scout Law. Scouts earn merit badges during meetings, camping activities, high adventure trips and independent achievements, all while having a fun experience as they try to obtain the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

The day's events started with a flag ceremony led by Cranford VFW Post #335's color guard, followed by an invocation and comments from Reverend Chris Kile, and opening remarks from Troop 80 Committee Chair Bob Scheurer. In addition, both Betty Jane Kowalski from the Union County Board of Freeholders and Cranford Mayor Tom Hannen presented honorary proclamations to the unit, praising its long history and contributions to the community, with the Office of State Senator Tom Kean providing a proclamation as well.

Festivities included a barbeque, music, canoeing and "Gaga pit", a popular game at summer Scout camp. In addition, organizers, led by Katy Bursack, Donna Marino, Bob Scheurer and Tom Usinowicz, coordinated a commemorative program, specially designed tee-shirts and an alumni tent complete with photographs and memorabilia showcasing the last 90 years.







ABOUT THE UNIT:

Photos courtesy of Boy Scout Troop 80.

Troop 80 was founded in 1928 and currently has over 60 boys involved in a program that advocates personal growth, characterbuilding and a love for outdoor life as well as offering leadership and athletic activities. Scouts go on weekend camping trips, attend summer camps, participate in high adventure activities such as canoe treks and backcountry backpacking and seek to attain a wide universe of merit badges. Its sponsoring organization, The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, has been a consistent and generous supporter of the unit. For info contact: 90thanniversarytroop80@gmail.com



(above) Over 250 current scouts, alumni and family members who celbrated the 90th anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 80.



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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY IS OPEN IN UNAMI PARK

The Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey is a local nonprofit. In an effort to share books, bring families together and create communities of readers, they recently placed a Little Free Library in Unami Park which is located in Cranford, Garwood, and Westfield. The public is now free to stop by and pick up or exchange a book.

Little Free Libraries are being installed all over the country. The book exchanges have grown to 36,000 around the world in 70 countries. Locally, you can find little libraries popping up on front lawns.

Group member Nicole Eng stated "One of our missions at the Mothers' Center is to pursue opportunities to make the local community a better place for moms and their children and partners. By installing a Little Free Library in our local park, it is our hope this this Little Free Library will bring the surrounding communities together through literacy."

To learn more about the Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey, please visit motherscentercnj.org.



(above) Little Free Library newly installed at Unami Park.



(above) A Story Time was held at Little Free Library Launch Party held in July in Unami Park.



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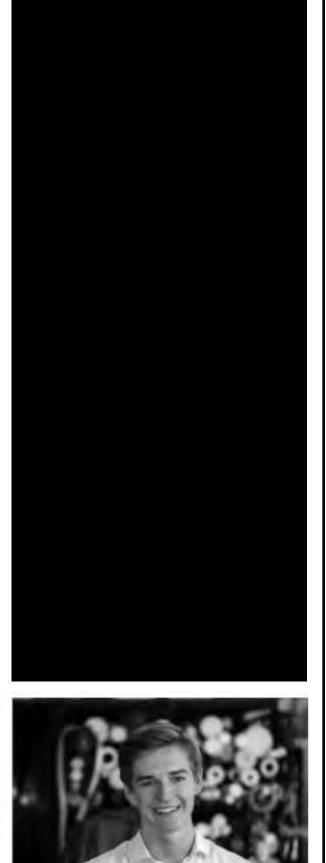
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CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT HOSTS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2018

On Tuesday, August 7, 2018 the Cranford Police Department invited the community to join millions of neighbors across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide for National Night Out.

This year's event included many activities for the children and free giveaways.

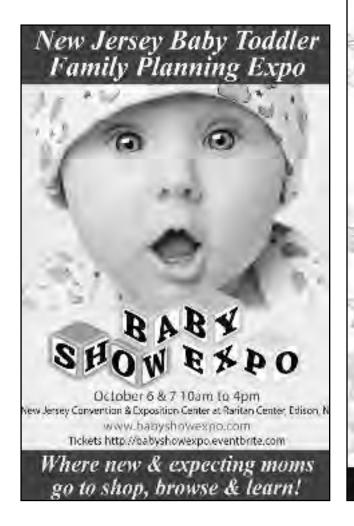
The "Dunk-A-Cop" raised \$500 for Cranford Family Care.

Over 100 photos of the event can be found on the Cranford Police Department page on facebook.com where they stated "The men and women of the Cranford Police Department would like to thank everyone who came out to support us at National Night Out! We loved meeting everyone and hope the kids enjoyed collecting our trading cards."

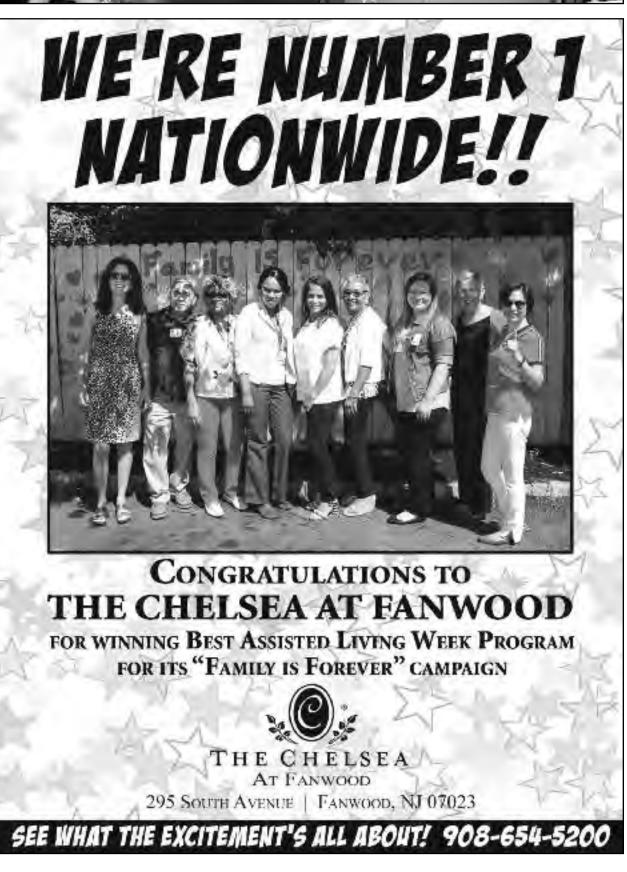
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National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more. For more information visit natw.org.







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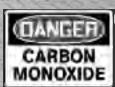
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SUNNY ACRES OFFICIALLY A CRANFORD LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Submitted by Maureen Strazdon

At the Cranford Township Committee Meeting held on August 14, 2018 the Committee adopted an ordinance making Sunny Acres the first Cranford Local Historic District.

Carole Esposito of the Sunny Acres Civic and Improvement Association stated "we've worked a long time to get Sunny Acres recognized as a Historic District and we are more than delighted that the recognition is finally here."

The designation is based on Sunny Acres being a historically significant example of a planned residential suburban development, especially since it was the first such housing development that was entirely planned and executed by Sears Roebuck Modern Homes Division.

"These were not the usual Sears "kit" homes," adds Carole, "but rather a new concept in development that Sears started here and later used across the country."

Maureen Strazdon, Chair of the Cranford Historic Preservation Advisory Board (HPAB), said "the designation celebrates the architectural significance of Sunny Acres, its sense of community, and what Sunny Acres meant to the economic and social development of Cranford. It demonstrates that preservation should not focus only on great landmarks but also on modest sites of cultural significance." HPAB sponsored the ordinance and worked with Sunny Acres on the process for designation.

Loretta Smith, a member of HPAB and the Sunny Acres Civic and Improvement Association, and who has been a resident of Sunny Acres for over 51 years, noted that a proposal, and a detailed inventory of all 172 houses that had been built between 1940 and

1943, had been provided to the Township Committee, along with a report on the open meeting that had been held in May for public comment. All 172 homes are part of the District, and 134 (about 78%) are considered contributing from a preservation standpoint, meaning their original designs are still recognizable.

A Local Historic District designation does not prevent an owner from making any changes to a property, nor does it require the owner to restore the property. Any modifications are governed by the Zoning regulations that cover all buildings in

Cranford. With the designation, HPAB will work on style guidelines to help anyone who wants to make changes while retaining the character of their house.

From a local perspective, Sunny Acres is significant in that it was the largest planned development of single-family homes in Cranford the first half of the 20th century, and it is the first development in Cranford that made 30-year mortgages available to potential home owners, making home ownership an option for working and middle class families.



(above) Members of the Township Committee and the Historic Preservation Advisory Board join residents of Sunny Acres at the designation of Sunny Acres as a Cranford Historic District.

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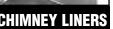






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CRANFORD POLICE ISSUE NEW SET OF TRADING CARDS

Submitted by Detective Lieutenant Edward R. Davenport

Trading cards featuring photos and biographies of 52 Cranford Police Department officers, including Chief Ryan Greco, were unveiled in July and are now in the hands of those officers. They will be distributed by officers as a way to open up communications with the public.

"These trading cards are going to provide us



(above) What makes a night of ice cream even better? Getting a cop card from Patrolman Chamra! Posted by Cranford Police Depart. on Facebook Aug. 1.

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with a valuable tool to connect with children and show the human-side of policing; as well as an aid to get to know your local police department," Chief Greco said.

Cranford officers were last featured on similar trading cards in 2000 and the project was a huge success. Several of our veteran officers who were featured in the first set are also in this year's

In addition to active police officers, this year's trading card set will also feature some of the Cranford Police Department's civilian staff. Chief Greco added, "The cost of the cards was funded by sponsorship money from local residents and businesses."

Each officer was given 800 trading cards to share with the children in the community. The timing of this year's trading cards works well since the celebration of National Night Out was held on August 7th. However, the Cranford Police Department is adding some incentive to collect the trading cards. Any child who collects 10 different trading cards will be given one entry into a prize drawing to be held later this year. Those children collecting 20 trading cards will be given two entries. Entries for the drawing can be simply obtained by showing your trading card collection to the Cranford Police Department Communications Center in the Township's Municipal Building. The winners of the prize will not need to be present at the time of the drawing.

The project was spearheaded by the Cranford Police Department Community Policing Unit and is part of a series of initiatives aimed at encouraging interactions with our local youth and presenting the officers as role models.

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CRANFORD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Submitted by John J. Doolan

Chaplain Monsignor Tim Shugrue installed the new Cranford Knights of Columbus Officers for the 2018-2019 Columbian Year during a ceremony recently held at St. Michael's Church.

The Cranford Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Fraternal Organization dedicated to our Four Core Principles, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The Cranford Council supports many charities and civic causes locally, statewide

and nationally and is committed to be a viable part of our Community. For information about joining the Council, please contact Membership Chair John Caprio at 732-306-5634 or visit cranfordknights.org.



(above) Pictured with Monsignor Shugrue are District Deputy Joe Kilroy, Grand Knight James Vari, Deputy Grand Knight Jim Feehan, Jr., Chancellor Don Barone, Recorder Larry Guariglia, Treasurer Bob Margherito, Warden Joe Starkey, Advocate Walter Krako, Inside Guard Ed Nestor, Lecturer John Doolan, 3rd Year Trustee James Winter, 1st Year Trustee Wally Shackell and Financial Secretary Rick Ferraioli. Not pictured are Outside Guard Kevin Tobin and 2nd Year Trustee John Caprio.

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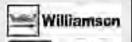
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PETER KLEIN GIVEN UNITY AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT BY MILITARY/VETERAN

Fifteen individuals and seven organizations recently received the Union County Human Relations Commission's prestigious Unity Award for Achievement, an honor given to role models who dedicate their time and efforts to activities and programs that raise and honor the human spirit.

The awards were handed out during a special presentation held at the Kean University's STEM Building in Union Township on May 7, 2018. The 2018 awards marked the 17th year in which the Commission has named honorees.

Cranford resident Peter Klein, along with Fanwood residents Joseph Nagy and Edward Miller received the Unity Award for Achievement by Military/Veteran. They were recognized for "incredible life-altering service to our country, and for carrying all of us on your shoulders for a lifetime."

Below is preprinted from the event's program. PETER KLEIN,

WWII UNITED STATES ARMY VETERAN

Cranford resident Peter Klein was born in 1922 in Alsace-Lorraine, France, in an area that shares a border with Germany. If you were born before the Franco-Prussian War, you became German. After WWII you were French again. He sailed to America as a one-year-old and settled with his family in Elizabeth.

He attended Holy Rosary School, and graduated in 1940 from Thomas Jefferson High School. As a child, he worked in machine shops, including Singers in Elizabeth. He later became a mason, laying brick with his father and uncles, until he joined what eventually became Saxon Construction Company. He became the chief estimator purchasing agent, a position he held for 38 years until his retirement at age 75.

Peter was drafted into the U.S. Army in early 1943 as the war was raging in Europe, while he was looking for a full-time job. He wanted to be a pilot, but was denied because of his lack of citizenship at the time, owing to a 1920 law mandating a person had to be 21 years old to apply for citizenship. "That was the bombshell,"

Peter has said. Instead, he was assigned as an infantryman and combat medic. It was not something he chose. Because he had some command of the German language, the Army also used him as a translator.

Determined to be a citizen, Peter proudly became a naturalized US citizen in November 1943 while serving his adoptive country.

He sailed across the ocean to Scotland, and then on to England, before heading to France.

Peter saw some of the worst of the worst of the war. Within seven months, he was tending to wounded and dying soldiers on Omaha Beach at Normandy during the D-Day invasion.

Peter fought with the Fifth Corps at Omaha Beach, Normandy, France, in Belgium and Luxembourg, at the Battle of the Bulge, and toward the end of the war in the slaughterhouse Battle of Hurtgen Forest in Germany. Peter said it was a nightmare that is hard to talk about, especially having been a medic, and he always speaks of and remembers the fellows who never came back.

He was discharged in late November 1945. After the war, Peter married his late wife Theresa, and eventually moved to Cranford, where they raised their two sons, Peter J. and Michael. After retirement, the couple did a lot of traveling and really enjoyed themselves.

Peter is a proud member of the Cranford VFW Post 335. They selected him to serve as the Grand Marshall of Cranford's 2017 Memorial Day parade.

We truly salute our veterans, for their service to our country and particularly for carrying us on our shoulders for their lifetimes.

Each has lived through many horrors firsthand, and have carried them with them for over three-quarters of a century.

Perhaps the most fitting way to close our salute is to borrow from Peter Klein's public remarks at last year's Cranford Memorial Day Parade, borrowed from former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. These words are carved in granite at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Site:



(above, l-r) VFW Post #335 Commander Jay Boxwell, and Grand Marshall of 2017 Memorial Day Parade Peter Klein, United States Army Veteran of World War II.

Dear Lord, Lest I continue My complacent way, Help me to remember Somehow out there A man died for me today. As long as there be war, I then must Ask and answer Am I worth dying for? Gentlemen, we truly salute you, we thank you, and we all promise to try to be worthy.



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By Stu Rosenthal with Don Sweeney and Lt. Col. Steve Glazer (USA, Ret.)

The snowiest Cranford winter in memory melted into tears for young Jacquelin (Gearrick) Ellis in frigid January of 1945. Eleven-year-old Jacky arrived home from school for lunch and entered the house, perhaps still brisk because of the coal shortage. Jacky was startled, her mom inconsolable. Elizabeth McGarry Gearrick was just informed that son Gene was missing at sea. Just weeks earlier, Jacky ran down the driveway excited to see half-brother Gene, home on a limited pass before Christmas. They shared mom's homemade pies and ice-skated on the nearby frozen river, but it was all too brief. By May, when winter was long forgotten and Europe was liberated, another chill descended upon Cranford. Mrs. Gearrick was informed that twenty-two-year-old Gene would never return home.

Similar stories of Cranford families devastated by lost service members were too often recounted during the war. For Mrs. Gearrick and her family, the episode was nearly repeated that year when her oldest son Walt was twice wounded while serving in the South Pacific. These narratives were recently shared with us by Jacky, now eighty-five years old, who still resides in Cranford only a few blocks from her childhood home. She also led us to her younger brother Warren, now eighty-one years old, and retired in North Carolina. Warren recalled a time as a young boy when he and Gene would lay back in a local hay field, gaze overhead and fantasize about flying. Remarkably, Warren then spent his career as a pilot with Eastern Air Lines (since defunct), assured a "guardian angel" escorted him on every flight.

Eugene George McGarry was born Aug. 18, 1922, to Walter and Elizabeth McGarry in Chicago, IL. Following the death of Walter Sr. from pneumonia when Eugene was very young, Elizabeth remarried and eventually settled in Cranford with older son Walter Jr. ('Walt') and Eugene ('Gene'). Jacquelin ('Jacky') was born a few years later, followed by Warren.

As a boy, Gene attended Roosevelt Elementary School and received communion at St. Michael Church. An unbounded curiosity fed Gene's varied interests, which included scouting, flowers, books, the school newspaper and model boats and planes. He was voted into the National Honor Society at Cranford High, where he had joined the science and aviation clubs, and graduated in 1939 when only sixteen. He attended Union Junior College followed by Cooper Union College of Engineering. Gene also spent time in Oregon on environmental projects with the Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps. Before enlisting in the US Naval Reserve in Oct. 1942, Gene was working in nearby Kearny in the engineering department of Western Electric, which was supplying half of all military radar electronics.

Gene dreamed of flying and had applied to the Navy's highly competitive aviation training program. He had the fortitude, having spent part of his early childhood in a Newark orphanage. He



(above) A young officer-intraining Eugene McGarry during happy times.





(above) Eugene McGarry's formal naval portrait after receiving his gold Naval Aviator wings.



(above) Eugene McGarry dressed for work in the traditional Navy aviator flight uniform including goggles.



Gene McGarry posing in the open cockpit of a "Yellow Peril," a double-winged biplane used in training.

(left) The arm patch that would have been worn by Gene's night fighter training unit in the Pacific. Note the reference to the night flying bat with the radar antenna on its right wing.

also had the intelligence 'bug,' as joked recently by his family, and may have skipped a grade in school. But Gene still needed to prove to the Navy he had the 'right stuff.' He appeared before a selection board for intensive psychological and medical examinations in Dec. 1942. Gene successfully completed a battery of tests, met the qualifications and was sworn in as a cadet in the Navy's V-5 program, an aviation and officer training program.

Cadet McGarry arrived at the Navy's Pre-Flight School at Chapel Hill on the campus of the University of North Carolina in March 1943. This demanding three-month screening program involved intensive physical training, athletics and indoctrination in basic military and naval disciplines. Future President George H.W. Bush had just completed the same pre-flight training, an experience he would later say "shaped his life." Led by expert instructors and demanding coaches, many cadets failed the rigorous program and would serve elsewhere in the Navy in a non-flying enlisted job.

After passing pre-flight training, Gene arrived for Primary Flight School at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, FL. He was introduced to flight, acrobatics and night flying. In addition to classroom instruction, Gene learned how to fly with instruments and as part of a formation. Many classmates failed the training but Gene progressed to intermediate flight training. By fall 1943, Gene was flying mostly with instruments or 'blind flying.' He learned how to recover from an engine stall, a flipped plane and a descending spin. As the pool of qualified cadets narrowed further, Gene continued to advanced flight school where he learned dive-bombing runs, fighter approaches, live firing and underwater egress. By March 1944, with over 500 total flight hours, McGarry had earned the coveted 'Wings of Gold' worn by naval aviators and was commissioned an ensign in the US Naval Reserve. Those with top gunnery skills also qualified for subsequent fighter training. This select group included Gene.

Conceived before the US entered the war, the Grumman F6F 'Hellcat' was developed in Bethpage, Long Island as a carrier-based fighter with greater speed, armament and firepower than its predecessor. The single-seat, single-engine Hellcat vastly improved contests against the Japanese A6M 'Zero,' the most common enemy aircraft encountered by US Navy fighter pilots. By the end of the war, Hellcat pilots were credited with 5155 overall kills compared to just 270 losses, an unparalleled 19:1 win-to-loss ratio.

Following graduation from Pensacola in

ENSIGN EUGENE G. MCGARRY (continued)

March 1944, Ensign McGarry began operational armada of US carriers and battleships. With training at NAS Atlantic City. Not too far from home, McGarry had arrived at the newest premier training facility for naval fighter pilots. He was taught advanced gunnery, combat tactics and fighter navigation. Ensign McGarry learned how to catapult and land on aircraft carriers, dodge enemy aircraft and initiate a dogfight. The Cranford kid who adored the Iris flower had transformed into a genuine, perhaps cocky fighter pilot.

Gene was known to visit the Cranford skies unannounced. According to Jacky and Warren, he would buzz low or strafe over their house at 408 Manor Ave. in a Corsair airplane, but discontinued once a neighbor complained to police. The summer heat swelled in 1944 and Gene may have been itching for an even greater challenge. He was accepted for specialized 'night fighter' training and reported on Aug. 8, 1944 to Charlestown Naval Auxiliary Air Field near Quonset Point, RI.

The US fleet faced a daunting task early in the war -- how to counter Japanese air attacks. Ships were particularly vulnerable at night, often unable to mount a defense or respond with antiaircraft gunfire unless the enemy could be heard or visibly sighted. The British were having early success with new radar technology for tracking incoming warplanes, which provided early warning and time to launch a counterattack. Now, the US Navy sought to develop an airborne version of radar, intended for bombing, ship detection and air superiority. The Navy believed radar could be affixed to fighter planes to hunt enemy aircraft from miles away, under the veil of the night sky.

Ensign McGarry's new training unit was conceived from a top-secret program begun early in the war to develop a night fighter capability with tactics that could protect US ships from enemy attack. Working with top engineers from industry and MIT scientists, the Navy ordered Hellcats modified with radar and enhanced instruments so it could fly missions around the clock. By the end of the war, night fighter Hellcats were credited with protecting carriers from nighttime enemy attacks and suppressing lethal Kamikaze attacks.

Night fighting required novel and distinct skills, even among top naval aviators. A pilot needed to balance conventional daytime fighting and making visual contact with the enemy, against nighttime fighting and relying solely on radar and cockpit instruments. In his Hellcat, Gene would plunge from the clouds like a nocturnal bat or zoom forward only feet above the breaking waves. On moonless nights, he practiced how to detect, intercept and destroy enemy aircraft. In preparation for combat, Gene would render split-second decisions soaring above the open seas at speeds near 400 mph.

Ensign McGarry remained at Charlestown through Dec. 1944. After a brief visit home, he left San Diego aboard the aircraft carrier USS Bennington on New Year's Day 1945. One week later, he arrived at Pearl Harbor, greeted by an nearly 300 flying hours under his belt in the Hellcat, Ensign McGarry arrived at the 'finishing school' for night fighter training in the Pacific --NAS Barbers Point, HI. Near the end of his first week, he wrote home to his mom and family. It was his last letter.

On January 12, 1945, following two years of intensive naval training, Ensign Eugene G. McGarry flew for the final time. He was piloting an F6F-5N Hellcat practicing night strafing maneuvers at sea with other pilots from his squadron. According to the Navy accident report, the night was "exceptionally dark" and Ensign McGarry was in a steep dive. His wingman believed he never pulled out or maneuvered the plane horizontally before it crashed into the sea. McGarry and his aircraft were never recovered.

When word circulated in Cranford about the loss of Gene, Mrs. Leonora Sjursen called on his family to offer comfort and support. Mrs. Sjursen, also a Gold Star Mother, had lost her son Paul just 11 months earlier. (A prior Cranford 86 article featured Corporal Paul Sjursen.) A mass was offered at St. Michael Church in May 1945 and repeated annually by Mrs. Gearrick. Ensign Eugene G. McGarry is forever memorialized on the Tablets of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii.

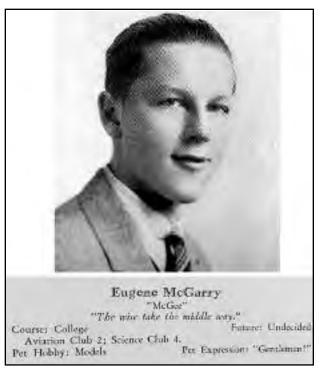
Brother Walt survived his battle wounds, returned to Cranford, married and named his son after Eugene. Jacky remained in Cranford and at a recent Memorial Day ceremony, thanked the Boy Scout who carried the Blue Star Flag in memory of Gene.

We salute Ensign Eugene George McGarry, a great American fighter pilot and one of our Cranford 86 Hometown Heroes. Please visit us at Cranford86.org for additional pictures on the Eugene McGarry story and other stories of the Cranford 86.

"I felt a personal connection to Eugene McGarry's story, having grown up on Long Island where the Hellcats were manufactured. My first assignment in the U.S. Air Force was to help manage and deliver the E-8C Joint STARS, a ground surveillance and battle management aircraft also developed by Grumman with innovative radar technology. Having recently joined the Cranford 86 project, I asked to take the lead on this story and thank Don and Steve for their assistance." - Stu Rosenthal



(above) While training in Atlantic City, Gene McGarry was known to make periodic strafe passes over his Cranford home at 408 Manor Ave. He would sometimes wave his wings as he passed from his exceptionally loud Corsair 4FU fighter. The visits ended when neighbors complained to Cranford Police.



(above) Eugene as he appeared in the 1939 Cranford High School yearbook.



(above) St. Peter's Orphan Asylum on Lyon's Ave. in Newark NJ where Eugene (8) and Walt (13) McGarry resided for a period after their father Walter Sr. died of pneumonia. Their mother Elizabeth married, moved to Cranford and eventually brought the boys there to live.



Pre-flight training at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill put cadets through a 3 month program that would qualify men for primary flight school. Several top American Universities were used in this manner. The allin mentality of our nation joined industry, education and personal sacrifice for the common goal of victory.



(above) The Naval golden wings proudly worn by Eugene McGarry after 2 long years of grueling training. He never wore them in battle, dying in a training exercise off Hawaii weeks before he likely would have entered combat in the So. Pacific.



CENTENNIAL VILLAGE GROUP'S MUSIC FEST TO TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 15

On Saturday, September 15, 2018 the Centennial Village Group will be holding its 11th annual Music Fest outside of Lincoln School, 132 Thomas Street 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 and enjoy an evening of fun family entertainment featuring live music from local artists. The event will be headlined by Brother John Brown and Michael Reisman. Other local talent who will be performing include Alexa Adubato and Mike Young. In addition to musical entertainment, there will be a 50/50 raffle and Tricky Tray. The Tricky Tray will feature one month of unlimited yoga lessons at Home Power

Yoga, Riverside Inn gift cards, New York Giants tickets, and more. Stop by to try your luck with the Tricky Tray and enjoy an afternoon of great music, food, and time with neighbors. All proceeds will go towards helping Centennial Village Group's beautification efforts in the area.

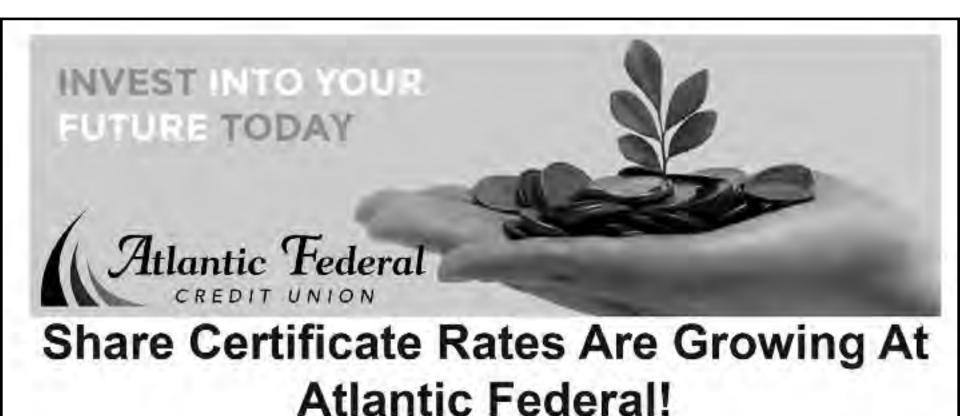
The Centennial Village Group is made up a volunteers dedicated to the revitalization and beautification of the Centennial Village area in Cranford. In addition to Music Fest, the group holds an annual 5K race to raise funds for its continual efforts to improve the community.

For more information about the Centennial Village and the group, visit facebook.com/CentennialVillageGroup.



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ST. MICHAEL RELIGIOUS ED DONATES MONEY TO ST. JOSEPH'S

St. Michael Religious Education of Cranford, NJ has donated \$5,000 to St. Joseph Social Service Center, located in Elizabeth, NJ. Throughout the 2017-2018 catechetical year the children and youth of the religious education program donated Mass envelopes and contributed money collected to charity organizations, including St. Joseph Social Service Center.

St. Joseph Social Service Center serves the materially poor and homeless community of the greater Elizabeth community by providing basic human needs such a food, clothing and medication as well as a wide range of services and programs to help clients acquire the material goods and social support needed to live with integrity. For more information or to make a donation, please visit sjeliz.org. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

St. Michael Religious Education assists parents in forming and enriching children's Catholic faith.



(above l-r) Lisa Durant, Erin Miklencic, Bernadette Murphy, Samantha Burns, and Margaret Silva.





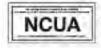


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SAMARITAN SANDWICH-MAKING EVENT FOR FAMILIES

Submitted by Sue Caruso-Green

Join local families as we help feed other families in need. We are making sandwiches for St. Joseph's Social Services Center in Elizabeth. We'll be gathering at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 16, 2018 in the Education Building of the Cranford United Methodist Church, 201 Lincoln Ave. in Cranford.

Bring your children and grandchildren. This is a great project to do with children to help them

to understand that hunger and poverty exists. The need is great. Parents with children, the unemployed and the elderly all wait in the heat for the food to be distributed and the line starts to form early in the morning.

We will have some bread, cold cuts and event on November 18. sandwich baggies available, but please bring some as well. Some suggestions for sandwiches: ham and cheese, turkey, chicken, roast beef, peanut butter and jelly, etc.

Girl Scouts, Brownies, Boy Scouts and Cubs -- all are welcome! Many hands make light work as we share our blessings with others.

Can't make it that day? Send us your email address and we'll let you know about our next

Questions? Send an email to Sue Caruso-Green scgreen@aol.com or call her at 908-272-1209.

Thank you for caring for others in need.



(above) Join the Cranford United Methodist Church in making sandwiches for St. Joseph's Social Services Center in Elizabeth on September 16.





Calvary Nursery School & Child Care (CNSCC), has received a 4-star rating from the state's Grow NJ Kids assessment program. CNSCC is one of only three early childhood centers in Union County to receive the 4-star distinction, and only 38 have been issued in total in New Jersey. Currently over 1,200 centers in New Jersey participate in the program.

CNSCC offers a morning Nursery School Program, a full-day Child Care Program and a Kindergarten Wrap-Around Afternoon Program. The play-based, year-round program focuses on nurturing and educating the whole young child in a Christian setting and serves over 150 students age 2½-6 years.

"We are excited to begin our 25th year of ensuring our children are offered the highest quality educational experiences during this critical time in their development," said Director Stacy Nick. "The Grow NJ Kids program has allowed us to raise that bar even higher by providing additional resources and materials to our children and staff to enrich our program."

"Our congregation founded our school in 1993 based on the belief that educating and nurturing young children are ways of sharing God's grace - helping them to love and respect others, themselves and all creation," said The Rev. Dr. Carol A. Lindsay, Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church. "Our school's ministry continues that important work today by bringing our congregation's welcome into the lives of people in our community.

Grow NJ Kids is a rigorous, research-based rating program administered by the New Jersey Departments of Children and Families, Education, Health, and Human Services. It offers child care and early learning programs access to training, professional development, staff scholarships for continuing education and targeted technical assistance. Professional raters visit a program to review quality standards, and program participants receive ratings by meeting an extensive list of quality benchmarks. CNSCC is located at 108 Eastman Street, Cranford.

For more information visit www.calvarycranford.com or www.facebook.com/CNSCC or call 908-272-3962.



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To register and for additional information about the events: cranfordchamber@comcast.net or call 908 272 6114

The Cranford Area Chamber of Commerce unites and energizes the business community to improve members' success by providing networking, educational opportunities, encouraging business and community development.



NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR PRIDE IN CRANFORD AWARDS

On Wednesday, November 7, 2018 from 6:00 - 9:30 p.m., at the Galloping Hill Inn, 325 Chestnut Street, Union, NJ, the Cranford Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its Pride in Cranford Awards.

As in prior years, the nominations for those receiving the awards are made by the public. If you know of a friend, neighbor or organization who you feel should be acknowledged for their efforts in making Cranford a better community through their volunteer efforts, please pick up an application at one of the locations listed below and submit their names to the Chamber of Commerce before Friday, September 21, 2018.

There are two categories for nominations – Community Service Award which is for an individual, group or organization that has helped make Cranford a better community through its

volunteer efforts; or a Community Development Award which is for a business or individual who has developed or remodeled its exterior commercial property within the last two years, consistent with Cranford's guidelines.

The nomination forms will be available at the following locations: Cranford Library, Cranford Community Center, Simply - 11 N. Union Avenue, Chamber of Commerce Office (lower level in Municipal Bldg.), or NJ Driver – 108 Walnut Avenue.

Nomination forms are also available on-line from the Chamber website cranford.com/chamber. Nomination forms should be completed and returned to the Chamber office by September 21, 2018. If you have any questions, please call Dottie Baniewicz at the Chamber office at 908-272-6114.



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Submitted by: Mary Leonard, NJDAR

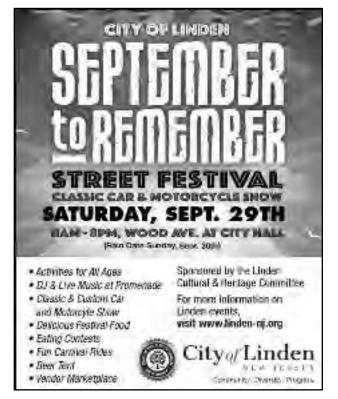
There are two documents of paramount importance to American history: the Declaration of Independence, which forged our national identity, and the United States Constitution, which set forth the framework for the federal government that is still in use today. While Independence Day is a beloved national holiday, fewer people know about Constitution Week, an annual commemoration of the living document that upholds and protects the freedoms central to our American way of life. This year the annual celebration begins September 17, 2018.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) initiated the observance in 1955, when the organization petitioned the US Congress to dedicate September 17 - 23 of each year to the commemoration of Constitution Week. Congress adopted the resolution, and on August 2, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed it into Public Law #915. The celebration's goals are threefold: to encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787; to inform people that the

Constitution is the basis of America's great programs, service to veterans, meaningful heritage and the foundation of our way of life; and to emphasize US citizens' responsibility to protect, defend and preserve the Constitution.

DAR has been the foremost advocate for the awareness, promotion and celebration of Constitution Week. By fostering knowledge of and appreciation for the Constitution and the inalienable rights it affords to all Americans, DAR helps to keep alive the memory of the men and women who secured our nation's independence, whose bravery and sacrifice made possible the liberties we enjoy today.

One of the largest patriotic women's organization in the world, DAR has more than 185,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and even in numerous foreign countries. Membership is open to any woman 18 years or older who can prove lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American Independence. DAR strives to promote historic preservation, education and via commemorative patriotism scholarships and education initiatives, citizenship community service, and more. For additional information about DAR and it programs and membership, visit dar.org.











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This event honors those who lost their lives in the September 11th attacks including families, friends, first responders and all that were affected by this tragedy.

In case of inclement weather, the service will take place in the First Presbyterian Church across the street from the park.





CRANFORD COMMUNITY PAINT OUT

September 15, 2018 from 1 - 3:30 p.m. at the annual Community Paint Out.

The event brings area artists of all ages to Cranford to celebrate the unique and the beautiful about our town. The finished pieces will be on display and available for purchase at Hanson Park from 4 - 5 p.m. that afternoon. This is the fourth year the Paint Out has been sponsored by The Artist Framer in Cranford.

Artists of all ages and abilities are invited to join the fun and can register online at theartistframer.com.

For young artists (age 16 and under) registration is free, and for Community Artists

Artists will be "painting the town" on Saturday, (17 and over) registration is \$10. Artists can also register the day of the event starting at 11 a.m. at The Artist Framer, 17 North Ave. East, Cranford.

> The first 50 Community Artists to register online will get a special Paint Out Survival Bag. Pieces by the Community Artists will be judged and prizes will be awarded at Hanson Park.

> Each Young Artist will receive a certificate of participation and prize.

> The Cranford Historic Preservation Advisory Board will provide a list of sites to explore and portray.

For more information, contact Stefanie Lalor at theartistframer@hotmail.com or 908-931-1133.

TWO NEW SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS THIS FALL

would like to announce that there are two new senior citizen programs being offered at the Cranford Community Center this fall. Registration is open at Cranford Recreation Department. Residents of Cranford only.

"Tone-Up," a class structured for seniors which will incorporate strength training, balance and flexibility. Class will be held at the Cranford 12:00 p.m.

Cranford Recreation and Parks Department Community Center on Friday mornings from 10:30 a.m. − 11:15 a.m.

> "Intro to Pickleball," a paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis. Knowledge of the game is not required.

> Class will be held at the Cranford Community Center on Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. –

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steps to make it easier to help our residents who may be lost or have trouble communicating with officers. Our new Special Needs Registry is specifically designed for those who may be challenged with developmental disabilities such as Autism, Dementia, Down Syndrome, or other special needs.

The program was formed to better assist loved ones who might be at a higher risk for wandering from home and getting lost. By voluntarily registering, the Cranford Police Department will have access to personal information should they encounter an individual who has difficulty speaking or identifying themselves.

Interested family members will be asked to complete a descriptive questionnaire regarding their family member in need, providing the

The Cranford Police Department is taking registrant's height, weight, and other information useful to first-responders, such as emergency contacts, a recent photo of the individual and their home address.

> The information will be kept on file at Police Headquarters and will be accessible at times such as during an encounter where an individual can't tell officers where they live, or in cases where a person is reported missing, so that their information and photograph are immediately available to responding police officers.

> The program is completely voluntary and all the information kept on file will remain confidential within the Cranford Police Department.

> To complete and file a registration form, or for more information, contact Officer John Rattigan of the Cranford Police Department's Community Policing Unit at 908-272-8989.

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"HOW WE DRESS" BY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Cranford Historical Society invites you to a presentation of "How We Dress" on Sunday, September 23, 2018 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Hanson House, located at 38 Springfield Avenue. The Society's popular costume curator, Gail Alterman, will demonstrate how a mid-19th century Victorian woman would get dressed, from the inside out, using reproduction garments. She will show you how clothing effected a

woman's posture and reflected her status in society. Original garments from the collection will be on view.

The program is free and open to the public. All are welcome. For more information, please contact The Cranford Historical Society at 908-276-0082

or by email at

cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPENS FOR A NEW SEASON

"Save The Date" for the following upcoming events put on by the Cranford Historical Society.

On September 9, 2018, the Crane-Phillips House Museum opens for the season every second and fourth Sunday from 2 - 4 p.m. for museum tours and programs. The museum will stay open from September 9, 2018 to May 30, 2019.

On September 23, 2018, our Costume Curator, Gail Alterman, will do a demonstration on "How We Dress" at the Hanson House, 38 Springfield Avenue, from 2 - 4 p.m.

On October 20 & 21, 2018, "Four Centuries in a Weekend" program at the Crane-Phillips House Museum from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 20 and from 12 - 5 p.m. on October 21. Our theme this year is "Inventions."

On October 28, 2018, our Halloween Spooky Stories and Crafts for children 3 years and older. Space is limited so registration is required. To register, please call 908-276-0082 or email cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net.

Day, our Curator, Vic Bary, will give a PowerPoint presentation on "Cranford in WW1." The presentation will detail the events leading to America's entry into World War 1 and Cranford's participation in the great war, both on the home front and in Europe. It will be held at the Crane-Phillips House Museum from 2 - 4 p.m.

We hope everyone will come out to enjoy these programs.

If you would like to become a member of the Cranford Historical Society, a membership form can be obtained at the Cranford Library, Hanson House office, Crane-Phillips House Museum and on our website.

We are also here at the Hanson House office to anyone who would like to do any research on Cranford, on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. Our curator, Vic Bary, is available to help you with any questions you may have.

The Cranford Historical Society has preserved the history of Cranford since 1927. On Sunday, November 11, 2018, Veteran's Email is cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net.

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Paws to read

Some furry friends will be lending us a floppy ear! Emerging readers are invited to hone their reading skills by reading to Therapy Dogs from St. Hubert's. Participants reserve a 10 minute spot

> from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11. Registration is required.

iDiscover Coding

Students are invited to join us as we learn about the basics of coding. Each class will acquaint children with a coding concept through the use of fun, educational apps. Participants will create interactive stories, animation, and even video games! Children in grades 1-3 will meet on

September 4 or September 25 at 6:30 p.m. (please only attend one session per month). Students in grades 4-6 will meet on September 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Story Times

We'll be starting a new story time session, with weekly offerings for children ranging from 3 months of age up to age five!

> All story times meet at 10:15 a.m. and run the week of September 10-October 22.

Babies ages 3-12 months of age can join us for "Lapsit Story Time" every Monday morning. Preschoolers ages 3-5 are invited to "3-4-5 Story Time" on Tuesday mornings. Children ages 12-23 months are invited to "Baby Story Time" on Wednesday mornings, and 2-yearolds can join us for "Toddler Story Time" on Thursdays. No registration is required.

Scribble, Paint, and Make

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SUMMER 2018 TOP READERS

The Cranford Library recognized their Summer 2018 top readers for the annual Summer Reading Program.

Megan Moritz was the top reader, logging over 268 hours. Christian Ferreira came in second place, with 262 hours recorded, and Ava Ferreira came in third place with 240 hours. We were so proud of all of our readers: this year, the children of Cranford read 18,493 hours, beating last year's total by 2,166 hours!



(above) Top summer reader Megan Moritz at the Cranford Public Library.



(above) Christian and Ava Ferreira, getting second and third place for their logged hours.



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The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016. To see upcoming programs, go cranfordlibrary.org and click on Calendar or

OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS WITH THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

from you! The Library Board of Trustees invites the public to participate in the development of our new three-year strategic plan. Three open house meetings will be held on Friday, September 14 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Monday, September 17 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Monday, September 24 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Library's Raddin Room at 224 Walnut Avenue.

Please join us on any of these dates to take part maziekien@cranfordnj.org.

The Cranford Public Library wants to hear in the conversation and share your ideas. Topics of discussion will include a proposed expansion to the Children's Room, increasing our capacity to provide our patrons with new services. Children are welcome. If you are unable to attend in person, we would still appreciate your input. collecting We are suggestions recommendations at the library's circulation desk. You can also send your thoughts to Library Director Michael Maziekien

CRANFORD FIRST AID SQUAD FUND DRIVE

Submitted by Kent Lucas, President

The Cranford First Aid Squad fundraising letter has been mailed to all Cranford residents.

It is a surprisingly common misconception that the First Aid Squad is part of the Cranford Township and that it is funded by tax dollars. This is not the case.

The Cranford First Aid Squad is an all volunteer, independent non-profit agency which must raise all its own funding for its operation. We own and maintain our building and ambulances. It is an expensive undertaking.

We took 1132 calls in 2017 and transported over 700 patients to 11 different hospitals. We do not and never have billed our patients.

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(above) The annual Town Wide Garage Sale, to take place on September 29, benefits Cranford Family Care.

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you'd like to learn more about St. Michael School and all we have to offer. please call the school's office

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to schedule a tour.

TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE ON SEPTEMBER 29

the annual Town Wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday September 29, 2018 "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.

Those who register 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. Mail in registration must be postmarked by September 22, 2018, online registration will be available through September 25, 2018.

To participate in the Town Wide Garage Sale, registration is available online through the Project Home website: cranfordprojecthome.org, or by mailing in the completed registration form, which

Project Home of Cranford has announced that can also be found on the website, or send 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 cranfordprojecthome.org and Like us on Facebook

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Headquartered at the Burgdorff Center in thetheaterproject.org.

Maplewood, The Theater Project is an acclaimed professional theater group and the winner of two New Jersey Tony Awards. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library. Admission is free and all are welcome. For information about the Cranford Public Library, the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, and other upcoming events, visit the Public Cranford Library cranfordlibrary.org. For information about The Theater Project, visit their page

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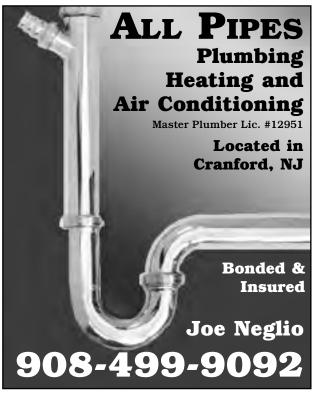
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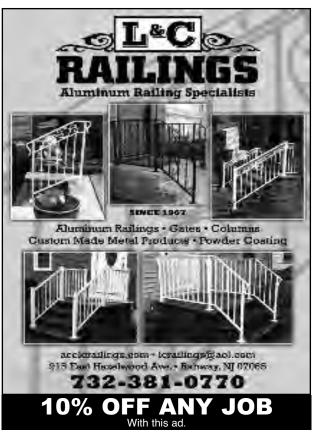
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Calvary's Mattress Fundraiser is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America's (ELCA) "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. "For we can do far more when God's power is at work within us then when we try on our own." (Ephesians 3:20)

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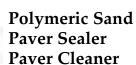


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