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GIRL SCOUT TROOP REMAPS BIKEWAYS FOR SILVER PROJECT

Submitted by Anne-Marie McGuinness

Girl Scouts of Cranford Troop 40534 has recently completed a Silver award project. The Silver Award is the second highest award in Girl Scouting. To complete the award, three girls from Troop 40534 worked together on a project to improve their community. The girls decided to focus their project on Cranford's bikeways.

Upon investigation, the girls discovered that Cranford's old bikeways map was in fact illegible. That is because the map was made from an architectural drawing, resulting in the street names being too small and difficult, or often impossible, to read. As such, the girls wondered how helpful the old map was to the township's residents, or to the numerous "through bikers" who ride the East Coast Greenway, which passes directly through town from north to south.

With the support of Lt. Davenport and the Cranford Police Department's Traffic Bureau, the bikeways project team remapped the Cranford Bikeways using a program called Scribble Maps. The new Bikeways of Cranford map is web based and interactive, allowing users of the map to zoom in and out and easily read street names. The girls also pinned information on Cranford's parks to the map as well, including information on the available amenities at each park (such as parking and bathroom facilities, playground equipment, special features, etc.).

In addition to mapping the Cranford Bikeways, the bikeways project team also rode the bikeways, documenting needed improvements and reporting those issues back to Lt. Davenport. This varied from discovering large potholes and cracks in the pavement, to debris in the bikeways, to missing bikeways signs or, in a couple of instances, bikeways signs facing in the wrong direction.

In late April the girls also set up a booth at the Cranford Street Fair to get the word out about their project. Finally, they created a website with important information relating to bike safety and the benefits of bicycling to a person's health and wellbeing.

Now that their Silver project is complete, the girls hope their fellow Cranford residents, neighbors and friends find that riding the Cranford bikeways and utilizing Cranford parks is both easier and much more enjoyable now. They hope the new bikeways map will encourage more Cranford residents to use the Cranford bikeways.

Township residents can find links to the Bikeways of Cranford map and website on the Township of Cranford website under Departments / Police Department / Traffic Bureau.



(above, l-r) Ariadne Mahadeo, Elaina Michetti and Tess Hagstrom, Girl Scouts of Cranford Troop 40534, completed their Silver award project to remap the Cranford Bikeways.

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The Cranford Historical Society's Crane-Phillips House Museum will once again participate in Union County's annual program, "Four Centuries in a Weekend". The museum will be open Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 21 from 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.

This year's theme is "Inventions of the 18th and 19th Centuries." There will be several displays throughout the day showcasing these inventions. If weather permits, we will also welcome Joe Colangelo, a long time Cranford resident, to give a demonstration outdoors of his woodworking machines of the 18th and 19th centuries. A campsite will be on the grounds along with a volunteer who will be dressed in a Civil War uniform to tell you how soldiers lived during the Civil War. Volunteer docents will be on hand to speak with visitors and provide a guided tour of the museum.

The Crane-Phillips House Museum is available as our own local history museum through the hard work of volunteers and members of the Cranford Historical Society. It has received generous support from the Cranford Historical Society, Union County Freeholders, Cranford citizens and the Township of Cranford.

Various materials about the weekend-long self-guided tour are available from the Office of Union County Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Materials will also be at many of the sites. A booklet features photos and information about each site with a map showing the location. For further information about Union County's Four Centuries in a Weekend program, please call

Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550.

The Crane-Phillips House Museum, located at 124 North Union Avenue in Cranford, is open the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from September thru May from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. or by

appointment. Admission is free. Founded in 1927, the Cranford Historical Society's mission is to preserve and perpetuate the history of Cranford. To see the rest of our schedule, please visit our website at cranfordhistoricalsociety.com or call our office at 908-276-0082.



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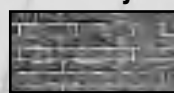
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Hilltop Bicycles of Cranford donated a new bicycle to the Cranford Police Department as part of their ongoing efforts to start a Bicycle Patrol Unit. The bicycle donated, a Raleigh Cadent electric bike, has an estimated value of \$2,800. The Cranford Police Department has two officers who've started bicycle patrol training in mid-September and plans to increase this number to

eight by next year.

Chief Ryan Greco was appreciative of the donation from Hilltop Bicycles and stated, "Having a Bicycle Patrol Unit in Cranford provides several advantages for us. It will be used for improved community relations, patrolling our parks and bicycle routes and the obvious cost savings and environmental benefits."



(above l-r) Tom Dunn, Co-Owner of Hilltop Bicycles; Dan Cooper, Manager of Hilltop Bicycles; Police Chief Ryan Greco, Det./Lieutenant Edward Davenport and Captain Joseph Van Bergen.

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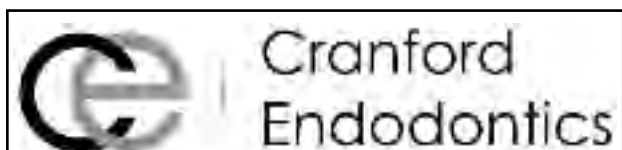
Current President Joe Leo and recent past president Liz Howard.

CDC THEATRE IN CRANFORD CELEBRATES 100 YEARS WITH THE NJACT'S THEATRE OF THE YEAR AWARD AND A FEW GOOD MEN.

CDC Theatre in Cranford is celebrating its 100th Season this year and has been honored by the NJ Association of Community Theatres, NJACT, with the New Jersey Community Theatre of the Year Award. Representing membership, current President Joe Leo accepted the honor on behalf of "Members who are here, those who cannot be here and the thousands of people over the years who have shared their energy and talent to make sure CDC Theatre continues as a performing arts institution; Nurturing Imagination Since 1919!"

The first show of the theatre's centenary season will be A Few Good Men. Aaron Sorkin's

groundbreaking debut tells the story of a group of military lawyers assigned to defend two Marines in Guantanamo Bay. During the course of the trial, they uncover a high-level conspiracy designed to eliminate weaker soldiers in the name of patriotism. The production will run from October 19 – 27. Active military and veterans will be eligible for a special \$15 ticket at the door with id.



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CONNIE DWYER BREAST CENTER AT TRINITAS NOW OPEN

In alignment with Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Trinitas Regional Medical Center announces the early October opening of the \$3.4 million Connie Dwyer Breast Center. The Center is located at Trinitas' main campus, 225 Williamson St., Elizabeth.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the U.S., according to the American Cancer Society, and far too many women in the greater Elizabeth community go without prevention, education or proper care.

Trinitas has partnered with The Connie Dwyer Breast Cancer Foundation to bring a highly empathic approach to screening, diagnosis, treatment, and community outreach and education to all women, regardless of financial status, in a brand new facility that evokes comfort and a sense of well-being.

The Breast Center, staffed with board-certified bilingual specialists, offers the most up-to-date equipment and services available, such as 3D imaging, which allows radiologists to view the breast tissue in several layers. This breakthrough technology can detect 41 percent more invasive breast cancers and can reduce false positive results by up to 40 percent.

The American Cancer Society recommends that all women over the age of 40 have regular breast exams and mammograms. Most women who undergo screening will be healthy and not require further services until their next scheduled

screening. However, patients who require continued care will meet with a Breast Navigator, a highly trained guide who answers questions and assists patients through the process of diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Adriana Suarez-Ligon, Breast Surgeon, says, "With the generosity of Connie Dwyer, the new breast center at Trinitas will be a beautiful, calming and comprehensive center for women in our community to have everything from their yearly screening mammograms to the latest diagnostic studies. In addition, it will be a one-stop shop where care will be coordinated for the patient among our dedicated, compassionate multidisciplinary care team."

Connie Dwyer's story is one of bravery and enormous good will. A known philanthropist, Connie was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1999 and had a double mastectomy. Inspired by her own ongoing battle, she became mindful of the fact that many women who are uninsured or

under-insured and low-income often have limited or no access to critical care. That's when she and a dedicated group of friends began a grassroots effort, where she worked tirelessly to create awareness and raise funds. By 2005, the doors of the first Connie Dwyer Breast Center had opened.

"My experience is a testament to the fact that early detection, quality care, and being monitored by knowledgeable professionals makes the difference between life and death," says Connie, who after 19 years, was re-diagnosed here at Trinitas with metastasized breast cancer in December 2017, and yet, remains steadfast in her determination to help others.

"In partnering with Trinitas, the Connie Dwyer Breast Cancer Foundation has joined a collaborative team of doctors, technicians, patient advocates, and professionals to design a breast center that will provide access to the best science has to offer – by way of breast cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment."



(above) Robert and Connie Dwyer share their joy and approval in light of the brand new Connie Dwyer Breast Center in its final stages before opening to the public at Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth.



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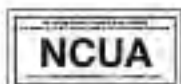
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CORPORAL JUAN BARGOS, ONE OF OUR CRANFORD 86 HOMETOWN HEROES IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARMISTICE DAY

By Don Sweeney, Stu Rosenthal Lt. Col. and Steven Glazer (ret.)

The upcoming centennial of Armistice Day, which marked the end of fighting during World War One (WWI), turns our attention to the early citizens of Cranford who answered the country's call to arms. The Cranford 86 timeline begins with 306 townspeople who were the first from Cranford to serve during wartime, fifteen of whom perished, including Juan Burgos. We previously profiled two of our WWI heroes -- Newell Fiske and William Hale -- inspired by records available at the Cranford Historic Society. But information about our other WWI fallen was scant, despite a trove of post-WWI materials assembled by the late historians Bob Fridlington and Lawrence Fuhro. We were originally intimidated by this lack of information and unsure we could properly profile Juan and his WWI brethren. But our researchers scoured untold sources to reveal Juan's astonishing journey, despite personal tragedy and ill fate. We were newly encouraged about future Cranford 86 stories for all our WWI heroes.

Juan Burgos was born on October 19th, 1888 in Mexico City, Mexico, and moved to the U.S. at a very early age with his widowed mother, Rosa Burgos. We picked up on Juan's life in Cranford in 1894, when he and his mom moved into a new home on Willow Street. Tragedy soon befell the Burgos family when, on March 7, 1896, their house was struck by lightning and, owing to no nearby fire hydrant, it burned to the ground. Rosa Burgos had been suffering from pneumonia and was initially carried to the nearby home of Edward Burley, and then to the home of Emeline Dunham. Friends called on Ms. Burgos while infirmed at Emeline's residence at 301 Orange Ave, but Rosa died four days later. Her funeral service was held at Emeline's home, attended by the newly orphaned Juan.

Emeline Dunham, an active Presbyterian parishioner, was praised for caring for seven-year-old Juan and his mother during this traumatic period. Emeline was descended from the prominent Dunham family, which had settled a local farm and homestead in 1730. Following Rosa's death, Juan took up residence with Emeline and her adopted daughter, Florence Peterson. Juan was informally adopted by Emeline, with whom he lived for many years into adulthood. Miss. Dunham appears to have fostered in Juan the stability and altruism that would safeguard his remaining childhood, and perhaps inspire him to later volunteer for military service.

At Cranford's public schools, Juan was lauded for his singing and patriotic recitals. As an eighth grader at Grant School in Dec. 1902, he recited Longfellow's Woods in Winter during the holiday concert, the words would prove to be prophetic of Juan's life that would follow. Read them on Cranford86.org. For Decoration (Memorial) Day in May 1903, Juan sang for a Civil War veteran who had visited the school. During a school assembly in Feb. 1904, in honor of Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, Juan recited the Gettysburg



A noble Juan Burgos, leaning on a Ford Model T, as was depicted in a 1918 Elizabeth Daily Journal story about his death.

Address. Ironically, Juan would later train on the same battlefield in Gettysburg, PA near where President Lincoln spoke these famous words forty years prior.

Juan had a passion for athletics and excelled in sports as both a player and leader. He was a star pitcher at Cranford High School, but also an apt base runner unafraid to steal home plate. Juan was captain and goalie of the local hockey team and played halfback on the school football team. While just a freshman, Juan was voted president of the new Cranford High School Athletic Club. As a young adult, he was a star player at the Cranford Tennis Club and competed in canoe races on the Rahway River with the Cranford Canoe Club where he was elected Trustee. Juan also played broomball, a hockey-like game played with brooms on ice.

As a young man, Juan experienced a freak accident in July 1907 which presaged more heartbreak. He was a passenger on the Central Railroad of NJ, traveling from Cranford to Elizabeth, where he worked as a clerk at the Union County Trust Company. During the trip, Juan somehow pinched off three of his fingers from the door of the railroad car. Despite this injury, his tennis game did not appear diminished, nor would it disqualify him from military service.

In 1910, the adopted daughter of Emeline Dunham, Florence Peterson, with whom Juan had lived for many years, died at the age of 32 years following an extended illness. Florence's death surely afflicted Emeline and unsettled the household balance now familiar to Juan for many years. Two years later, in December 1912, Emeline Dunham, the oldest native of Cranford, passed away at the age of 82. Cranford would later create Dunham Ave. in memory of Emeline,

to recognize her volunteerism and outstanding citizenship.

Following Emeline's death, Juan took a room at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Carey of North Ave. and continued at the Elizabeth bank. Following the outbreak of war in Europe in 1914, Juan, along with several other Cranford men, volunteered for the Citizen Military Training Camp (CMTC), a summer military encampment designed to prepare for a war many believed would inevitably engross the United States. Juan was perhaps inspired by Newell Fiske, who had recently completed CMTC training, and was an early activist, inspiring young Cranford men to join. Juan attended the month-long training in Plattsburgh, N.Y., in the early summer of 1916.

After CMTC training, Juan returned to Cranford, continued with his banking job and honed his tennis game. In July 1917, he was paired with Beatrice Sherman for a mixed doubles tennis tournament in nearby Elizabeth. By now, the U.S. had entered the war and several drafted men from Cranford were enjoying the remaining days of summer before they would depart for military training and the European battlefields. Juan had registered for the draft but was not selected. Yet, he must have felt the need to serve his adopted country since he volunteered for military service anyway.

Juan joined the U.S. Army and arrived at Fort Slocum, NY, near the city of New Rochelle, for recruit processing and examinations on Apr 25, 1918. One week later, Private Burgos transferred to Camp Colt, which was located on historic Pickett's Charge battlefield in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Led by future President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the camp had been transformed into the first U.S. training facility for tank warfare. In his first command assignment as a young officer, Eisenhower's mandate was to assemble and lead a unit of volunteers to train on tanks, thereby ushering in the modern era of the U.S. armored forces.

Camp Colt was ill-equipped and void of any tanks when Burgos reported for duty. Nevertheless, Juan was assigned to Company 'C' of the 327th light tank battalion and was trained in basic drill. The men improvised tank operations by attaching machine guns to flatbed trucks and assembled car chassis made to look like tanks. They played competitive sports, where Juan probably stood out among his peers.

After just five weeks of military training, Juan was promoted to Private First Class. He was granted leave and returned to Cranford where he married Beatrice Sherman, his former doubles tennis partner, on June 5th, at her home on Norman Place. The newlyweds enjoyed a brief honeymoon before he reported back to Camp Colt and encountered his first tank. The Renault FT-17 tank had just arrived in Gettysburg, and the curious residents turned out to see the peculiar vehicle as it chugged along the streets, kicked up dust and sputtered with exhaust. Additional tanks were soon delivered from France.

CORPORAL JUAN BARGOS (continued) *Additional Photos of Corporal Juan Bargos appear on page 18*

The Tank Corps volunteers at Camp Colt included alien residents who yearned for U.S. citizenship. This included Juan who had previously declared his intent for citizenship on his draft registration card. During the war, lawmakers simplified the naturalization process for aliens serving in the armed forces, often through special court sessions convened at military camps. We know of multiple such courts convened by the Adams County, PA clerks in mid-1918, when several hundred trainees were naturalized in a YMCA tent outside of Camp Colt. We believe Juan Bargos was among those soldiers granted U.S. citizenship in an early session but were unable to confirm his naturalization as of this writing.

Beginning in July 1918, thousands of Camp Colt soldiers, including Juan's 327th battalion, were moved to Fort Tobyhanna in the Pocono Mountains, Northeastern Pennsylvania. The site provided a larger acreage for tank training. Its lack of treasured national war monuments, unlike the Civil War battlefields encompassing Camp Colt, also allowed for live fire training exercises. We believe Juan remained at Fort Tobyhanna through mid-September, culminating in his promotion to Corporal on September 11th. As a qualified tank driver, Juan was in transition again after nearly five months of training.

None of our research reveals Juan's exact whereabouts in mid-September 1918, or right before his fateful journey across the Atlantic. However, we are fairly confident Juan shared precious, albeit fleeting moments with his new wife, Beatrice. She subsequently gave birth to their daughter, Jean Bargos, nine months later, on June 6th, 1919. It is unlikely Juan ever knew his wife was pregnant.

Juan's battalion was among 1,836 troops crowded aboard the SS Orontes, beginning Sep 24th, awaiting departure from the 56th Street pier in New York Harbor. Juan's vessel was part of a vast convoy, the HX-50, comprising 12 ships hosting at least 20,000 American soldiers bound for the west coast of England. They would travel the submarine-infested Atlantic waters, guarded by six destroyers, a battleship, a dirigible and several sea planes. But the military planners had miscalculated the real threat, which was microscopic compared to the formidable German U-boats.

Aboard the SS Orontes was a delegation of newspaper reporters invited to visit the Allied Western Front. One reporter, E. Lansing Ray, kept a daily journal of detailed notes. According to his early entries, the SS Orontes was dirty before it departed NY and 70 members from its prior crew had to be removed due to a contagion of Spanish Influenza, an H1N1 virus related to swine and avian flu. Yet, the ship departed NY on September 25th at 11:30 am, despite an official memo that same day from the Acting Surgeon General of the Army recommending that U.S. troop shipments overseas be temporarily halted for flu-infected organizations. The disregarded memo correctly surmised that overcrowded troop ships would endure thousands of influenza cases,

and numerous deaths.

Mr. Ray's log indicates that many soldiers aboard the Orontes were sickened by the second day of the voyage. The ship was at double its normal capacity and packed with civilian passengers housed four to a room. Soldiers teemed throughout its decks. By the third day, the sun yielded to stormy weather and the U-boat threat had receded. But the waves began breaking over the lower deck onto sleeping soldiers. The civilian passengers remained in their smoke-laden staterooms while the soldiers marched outside when they weren't lying around on the drenched deck. By Sep 29th, the weather had turned much colder, thick fog brimmed and the seas surged with heavy swells. The Orontes and its convoy had steered directly into an Atlantic hurricane. Many aboard became critically ill with incessant coughing. Mr. Ray recorded the first death on Oct 1st, triggering a daily ritual of deaths and burials at sunrise. By October 6th, wind gusts of 80 mph generated mountainous waves that broke windows, flooded staterooms and injured passengers tossed from chairs. It was hardly a peaceful setting for burials at sea. The violent weather caused navigation problems, and the convoy flagship, HMS Otranto, crashed off the Irish coast, killing an estimated 470 men. Before the Orontes reached Liverpool on Oct 7th, at least 1000 were sickened and 25-30 men were lost to disease. Sadly, Juan died on Oct 5th, just two days before he would have reached England.

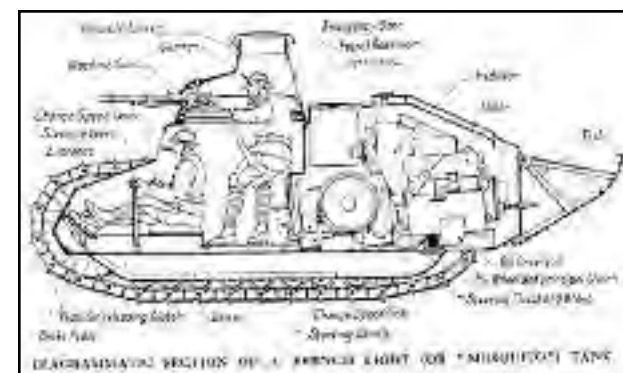
The Influenza Pandemic of 1918-1919 affected one-third of the world population, and was considered the world's deadliest natural disaster, killing an estimated 50-100 million people including 675,000 Americans. It sickened 20-40% of U.S. Army and Navy personnel and was responsible for more wartime deaths (57,460) than direct battle (50,280). Juan Bargos was among at least four Cranford service men believed lost to disease during WW1, including Fred Heins, Sidney Craig and George Haskins.

Captain Eisenhower ('Ike'), to his chagrin, was never assigned to a combat position during WW1. The first tank brigade to see action in France was commanded by another young West Point graduate, a few years senior to Ike, Captain George S. Patton. While not as battlefield effective as planned, the Renault FT-17 tanks added an awe effect against the German enemy. There were reports of immediate retreat by enemy forces at just the sight of the rolling armored artillery. As in many of the new creations of engineering and manufacturing that initially appeared on the WW1 battlefields, there would be advancements and perfections that would appear some 20 years later, in the same battle theaters, that would change the outcome of a war that would save the world from fascism.

Beatrice Bargos never remarried and spent a career at Reel-Strong Coal Co. in Cranford, which remains in business today. She retired after 40 years as a Vice President. Their daughter, Jean, would marry and have two sons, Mat and Chris Parker, whom we located in Vermont and Pennsylvania, respectively. They supplied us with



A 1918 training exercise at Camp Colt in Gettysburg PA. The tank held two men and the platoon followed behind.



This line drawing of the Renault FT-17 gives you a feeling of what the battlefield experience for a tanker might be like.



Juan travelled among 1836 U.S. soldiers aboard The SS Orontes bound for Europe. It was a horrific trip, travelling through a category 2 hurricane and an outbreak of The Spanish Flu. Juan succumbed to the virus and died on board on October 5th, 1918 and was buried at sea with full military honors.

some of the photos displayed here, and the letter to Juan's widow from his Commanding Officer. He described Juan as "a man of character, self-sacrificing and cheerful to the end, the life of his company, and dearly beloved by all, God saw fit to choose him, he was buried at sea with full military honors befitting the servant of his country which he was."

The young Mexican boy who immigrated to America with his mother for a better life, lived a storybook existence, and overcame every other obstacle thrown his way. He made his mark on the country that claimed him as a genuine citizen in the end. Juan Bargos was an American hero and one of our Cranford 86 Hometown Heroes.

With gratitude to Sue Buontempo, a resident of Bargos Place in Cranford, for sponsoring the banner of this month's hero. Please visit us at Cranford86.org for additional stories and contact us at info@Cranford86.org or (908) 272-0876 if you would like to donate to our project or purchase volume one of the bound stories from year one.

CORPORAL JUAN BARGOS (continued)



An avid canoer, Juan was elected Trustee of the Cranford Canoe Club in 1910.



A family picture on Juan and Beatrice's wedding day. Juan is at the top right and his bride is at the bottom right. Beatrice was the Vice President and manager at Real Strong Coal Co. in Cranford for 40 years.



Bargos place was named in memory of Juan Bargas. It replaced 1st Avenue and may explain why many wrongly believed Juan was the first Cranford fatality. Alphabetically however Bargas lists first on the Cranford 86 roster.



As a member of Cranford Tennis Club as well as Elmora Country Club, Juan Bargas was a competitive Tennis player throughout his adult life.



A family snapshot of the newly widowed Beatrice Sherman Bargas and daughter Jean in front of their home at 20 Norman Place in the fall of 1919. Jean was born on June 6th, 1919. Eight months after Juan's death.



The Union County Trust Company in Elizabeth, NJ as it looked in 1915 when Juan was a clerk there.

Bargos		-1-
6/6/94	- Mrs. Rosa Bargas new home on Willow St.	
3/11-18/96	- Mrs. Bargas died	
9/15/10	- Juan Bargas elected Trustee of Cfd. Canoe Club.	
3/11/96	(20 yrs. Ago 1916) Mrs. Rosa Bargas died 3/11/96.	
11/7/10	- Juan Bargas, 30, of 20 Norman Pl. died of pneumonia on board a transport to France on 10/5. His wife was Beatrice Sherman whom he recently married. Earlier, made his home with Mr. & Mrs. James Carey of North Ave., for many years.	
6/12/19	- Mrs. Juan Bargas has a daughter born on 6/3/19	
3/11/96	- Mrs. Rosa Bargas died this morning.	
	- Home of Mrs. Rosa Bargas on Willow Ave., struck by lightning & burned to ground on 3/7 because there was no hydrant within reach. Neighbors carried Mrs. Bargas who had pneumonia, to home of Edw. Burley & later to home of Miss Emeline Durham. Firemen saved most of household goods, doors, shutters, etc., loss about \$151	
3/18/96	- Mrs. Rosa Bargas died on 3/11/96 of pneumonia.	
5/2/46	- Jean Bargas, daughter of Mrs. Juan Bargas of 20 Norman Pl., engaged to Richard Parker of Portland, Maine-to marry 5/4 at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Plummer, 420 Riverside Dr.	

A typical Burditt file card that is found at Cranford Public library. It catalogues every mention of anyone in The Cranford Chronicle or Citizen since the late 1800s. It is among our first sources when researching a Cranford 86 Hometown Hero.

BRIANNA BOXWELL OF CRANFORD ATTENDS THE BATTLES WON ACADEMY

Submitted by Jay Boxwell, Past commander VFW Post #335

Cranford High School senior, Brianna Boxwell, recently returned from attending the four day Battles Won Academy in Washington D.C. She was chosen to be part of the Semper Fidelis All American Program, which is a highly selective program that started in 2017. It is sponsored by the United States Marine Corps. This program recognizes athletes who succeed not only athletically but also academically and play a role in their community. In order to qualify, students must have a GPA of 3.5 or more, play a competitive sport and be a leader in their community.

There were over 6,000 applicants for this program. Brianna was chosen as one of only 96 student athletes to attend from around the country. She was nominated by her Varsity Volleyball coach, Kari Bagniewski.

When her coach was asked why she decided to nominate Brianna, she responded by saying, "Part of the criteria for nominating a student-athlete for this program was they have 'the conviction and determination to succeed.'" The second I read that, Brianna came to mind. Not only does Brianna show conviction and dedication on the volleyball court, she shows this off the court with her teammates, within the community and in the classroom. She takes a leadership role in everything she does and works hard to be successful; never giving up."

The all expense paid trip to the nation's capital featured an itinerary designed to emphasize leadership and make the students leave their

comfort zones with challenges. This included a crossfit challenge.

Brianna said, "crossfit pushed us to our limits, but definitely taught me that whatever the struggle is, you can always get through it with a good mindset and the people around you."

It also included a trip to Quantico Marine Base for a Boot Camp experience.

As for the experience, Brianna said, "It was a little scary because we had a drill sergeant yelling at us very early in the morning, but it taught us so many things."

They also built bicycles for the Boys and Girls club of D.C., which was a humbling experience for Brianna. Private tours of the National archives and National Marine Museum were also highlights of the trip. They also had time to network with a group of inspirational public figures.

Brianna said the most powerful and inspirational quotes she took from the trip were, "take the harder right, not the easier wrong," and "if not me, then who?" Speakers included the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Olympic Wrestler Robby Smith, 2018 Carolina Panthers running back Christian McCaffrey, and ESPN personality Sage Steele among many others.

Brianna says, "this entire trip really changed my mindset on different things like myself and my community. Thank you to everyone who helped me get to this point and during the entire trip. It was definitely an unforgettable experience." Aside from all of the educational

value, Brianna was able to meet other All Americans from across the country and build what she hopes will be lifelong bonds and friendships.



(above) Cranford High School senior, Brianna Boxwell, at the Battles Won Academy in Washington D.C.

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All profits from the event will go to help Cranford Family Care, a local charity that assists Cranford families in need. For over 30 years Project Home of Cranford, a 501(c)3 charity has been working through Cranford Family Care to keep Cranford families in their homes during times of financial crisis.

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If this sounds appealing, we have just the event for you!

On Saturday, October 13th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Cranford will host its second annual Porchfest!

Cranford residents are invited to selected porches throughout town that will feature three, one-hour musical acts. Two new exciting locations this year include Augusta Mae and Dryer Farms. Some of this years acts include

performances by two Schools Of Rock, soloist Tam Garcia, Cranford's own Binge, The Alden Street Band and The Lovehandles. Plus long-time Cranford residents White Lightning and new-to-town Jampagne plus many more.

Porchfest will close the day out with one final performance downtown at 5:30 p.m.

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LIBRARY EVENTS

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December 4 & 18.

Experienced and learning players are welcome.

Game On!

The Cranford Public Library will be running Game On! for teens every first and third Wednesday through December at 5 p.m.

The future dates for the meetings are:
October 3 & 17, November 7 & 21,
December 5 & 19.

Teens can enjoy video games, card games.

Teen Advisory Group

The Cranford Public Library will be hosting our Teen Advisory Group on the second Monday of the month through December 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

The future dates for the meetings are:
October 15, November 12, and December 10.

Teens in the community are welcome to share their thoughts on the Teen Zone and make suggestions for purchase and programming. All those in attendance will earn community service hours.

To see other upcoming programs at the Cranford Public Library, go to cranfordlibrary.org and click on Calendar or Upcoming Events.

CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY FAMILY PROGRAMS

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THE THEATER PROJECT PRESENTS WELCOME THE STRANGER

The Theater Project will present a staged, script-in-hand reading of Welcome the Stranger, including a discussion between the audience and playwright Stephanie Griffin, on Saturday, October 13, at 2:00 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. The Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue.

In Welcome the Stranger, homeowner Audrey puts her faith in a tale which says that if you bury a statue of St. Joseph upside down on your front lawn, he will help you sell your house quickly

and for a profit. Audrey buries a statue and her life changes when a real-life Joseph digs his way out. Stephanie Griffin's plays have been produced by many theatres across the NY-NJ metropolitan area.

Headquartered at the Burgdorff Center in 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.

LITERARY CAFÉ RETURNS TO THE CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Literary Café, the book chat group of the Cranford Public Library, is scheduled for Saturday, October 13, at 10:15 a.m. in the Library's Raddin Room. The program format is simple. Just bring a few of your favorite books and tell the other members of the group what you like about them. The books can be new or old, fiction or non-fiction, classic or contemporary.

Sessions are one hour long. There is no required reading, and you will have the opportunity to learn about books recommended by other group members. Refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Friends of the Cranford Public Library. Registration is not required. Subsequent sessions will take place monthly on Saturdays at 10:15 a.m., on November 10, and December 8.

OCTOBER BOOK SALE AT THE CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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 Cranford Public Library's Friendly Book Cellar on Wednesday, October 10, 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, October 11 and 12, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, October 13, 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 \$0.25 to \$2.00, except for a few specially marked items. Saturday is Bag Day; fill a bag with books for just \$8.00.

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CRANFORD GIRL SCOUTS SUPPORT LOCAL FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

The Girl Scouts of Cranford Service Unit 48 were pleased to assist in a flag retirement ceremony on Saturday, September 15, 2018 held at Post Office Plaza Park. The event, which was coordinated by Cranford VFW Post 335, also included representatives from local Boy Scout troops, the Cranford Police Department, the Cranford Fire Department, and other local dignitaries including the mayor. During the ceremony scouts spoke about the history of the flag and rituals related to its care and retirement.

Protocol requires worn flags to be retired through incineration by an authorized organization. Girl Scouts from various stages of scouting including Daisies, Brownies, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors participated in the ceremony and proudly represented Troop 40113, Troop 40194, Troop 40480, Troop 40541, Troop 40525, Troop 40583, Troop 40706, and Troop 40951. This is the third year that the Cranford Girl Scouts have supported this solemn and special event designed to recognize and commemorate

one of our most honored national symbols. The Girl Scouts of Cranford boasts over 1,139 Girl Scout Members in 71 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 cranfordgirlscouts.com.





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The 1-mile fun run is perfect for kids (and adults!) of all ages while the 5k provides a great opportunity to show your kids you value health and wellness and --lets be honest--burn off some Halloween candy. With a DJ, kids activities and delicious treats from Cranford businesses, there is something for the whole family!

Join us on November 4th and help us bring the Cranford community together! Follow us on Facebook or register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Cranford/BloomingdaleOrangeFall5K!> 5K Participants who register by October 15 will be guaranteed our fabulous new tech T-shirts so sign up now and see you on November 4th!

CRANFORD GIRL SCOUT OPEN HOUSE

Girl Scouts of Cranford Service Unit 48 will host an Open House on Monday, October 15, 2018 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue.

Please join us if your family would like to find out more about being part of the Girl Scout movement. To RSVP or for more information, email SU48@CranfordGirlScouts.com

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CRANFORD'S 18TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department in partnership with the Cranford Jaycees are sponsoring our 18th Annual Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 28, 2018. Gathering and registration will begin at 1 p.m. in the parking lot at the Cranford Community Center. Judging will start at 1:30 p.m.

The parade will begin at 2 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center. It will continue west on Walnut Avenue, north across South and North Avenue, up North Union Avenue, across Alden and end at the Gazebo in Parking Lot #1 (near the Fire Dept.).

Don't miss the Pumpkin Chunkin at 2:30 p.m., followed by the awards presentation. Judging will be done by the following categories: Ages 0-3, 4-

5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, and 12-16. Other categories include: adult/child team, group, hand-pulled mini floats. Please enter only 1 prize category per person (or creature).

Parade escorts include the Cranford High School Marching Band, Cranford Police Department, Cranford Fire Department, and the Cranford Emergency Squad.

The Halloween Parade and Pumpkin Chunkin, now in its 18th year, has become a Cranford tradition. This is a great family event that the kids are guaranteed to love. Please be sure to bring out your little ghouls and goblins for the parade or just come down to cheer them on.

For questions, please contact the Cranford Recreation Department (908) 709-7283.



(above) 2017 Cranford Annual Halloween Parade.

Photos from this and other events can be found online at rennamedia.com and on Cranford Monthly page on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/cranfordmonthly). Feel free to "Like," "Tag," and "Share."

PERFORMING ARTS SEASON AT CHS UNDERWAY

The Cranford High School Performing Arts Department welcomed back students in September and quickly began preparations for their fall season. "From the first day of school, we start working with our students on material for their performances," said Anthony Rafaniello, Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts. "They're excited to get right into rehearsal to explore and grow in their artistic abilities."

The CHS Marching Band has been working since the beginning of August on its half-time show entitled "Journey of Man," music from Cirque de Soleil. The band performs their show, along with pep music in the stands, at all of the varsity football games during the fall athletic season.

The 2018 CHS fall theatrical production is also underway. The Diary of Anne Frank is in rehearsals and will be presented on Friday, November 2 and Saturday November 3, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and \$5 student rush tickets will be available at the door. Pre-sale tickets will go on sale for the public starting October 15 at chs.booktix.com.

Many of the other students in the Cranford High School Performing Arts Department are preparing for the annual Opening Gala Concert on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. The concert has become a back-to-school tradition in Cranford and provides parents and the community a first look at the performing groups for the coming year. The concert features first performances from the Cranford High School Concert Choir, Madrigal Choir, and Unaccompanied Minors a cappella ensemble, as well as the CHS Performing Arts Academy Dancers and Actors, the CHS Jazz Ensemble, String Orchestra, and Marching Band. The Cranford High School spring musical production will also be announced. "The Opening Gala Concert is a community and parent favorite because it's a little taste of everything we do," said Mr. Rafaniello. The Cranford Public Schools Permitted Items Policy will be in effect for the Cranford High School Opening Gala Concert, on Thursday October 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. The performance is free and open to the public.

GREAT PUMPKIN CARVE OUT RETURNS

Carved pumpkin contest and display and movie; for all ages

Jersey Central Art Studio with support from the Cranford Jaycees will be hosting the 2018 The Great Pumpkin Carve Out on Saturday, October 20th (rain date of October 27th). It will take place at Hanson Park, 38 Springfield Avenue in Cranford, NJ. The pumpkin carving contest is a free event and is open to all ages. Individuals can drop off their creatively carved pumpkins from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Hanson Park at 38 Springfield Ave, Cranford on Saturday October 20th along with a completed registration form (also available on site).

All are invited to come back to Hanson park starting at 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. to stroll along the pumpkin lighted garden paths of Hanson Park to see their carved pumpkins on display, each on its own pedestal. Cash awards will be given for funniest, scariest, and most original and will be grouped by ages.

In addition, a big screen outdoor showing of 'Ghostbusters', the Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray 1984 classic will be shown on an outdoor screen, so bring your beach chairs, and blankets. The movie, stroll and contest are all free and hot cider will be available for purchase.

Registration forms will be available online at jcas.org before the event. At the event's conclusion all pumpkins can be picked up.

This will be the fifth Great Pumpkin Carve Out, which has drawn hundreds of visitors throughout the area.

ABOUT JERSEY CENTRAL ART STUDIO

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ANNUAL DUCKY DERBY RETURNS THIS OCTOBER

Hanson Park Conservancy's Eighth Annual Rubber Ducky Derby is scheduled once again for Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 4 p.m. On race day, over one-thousand individually numbered rubber ducks will be released in the Rahway River at Sperry Park and tumble over the falls racing to the finish line at the North Union Ave Bridge. Numerous prizes for the fastest lucky duckies will be awarded. The top prize is a \$250 gift card.

Tickets can be purchased at two locations: Periwinkles, on North Union Avenue downtown Cranford, or the Cranford Canoe Club on Springfield Ave. Purchase a single Duck for \$5 or a flock of 5 ducks for \$20. Please secure your tickets early as ducks are limited and the race has been known to sell out.

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Our guest speaker will be Mr. Nicholas A. Giuditta III, Attorney at Law and former Deputy Mayor of Cranford (2000). Mr. Giuditta will be speaking about the recent changes in New Jersey's Estate Tax Laws and how it impacts estate planning for many families. A discussion of the significance of wills, durable power of attorney and advance directives will also be addressed.

The meeting will be held at the First

Presbyterian Church, located at 11 Springfield Avenue, Cranford. It will begin at 7 p.m. with refreshments followed by the guest speaker. The meeting is open to the public.

All Cranford women, who are graduates of a four year college or university, are invited to join the club. Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month.

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Tuesday, October 9th – 11:30 – 2:00 p.m.

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16 Commerce Drive, Cranford

Fall Street Fair

Sunday, October 14th – 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Downtown Cranford

Cranford Connections Over Coffee

Thursday, October 18th – 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

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16 Commerce Drive, Cranford

Program presented by Jon Best

RSVP to cranfordchamber@comcast.net
or call 908-272-6114

**Interactive Murder Mystery Comedy / Mind Over
Murder Séance**

Friday, October 26 – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Garlic Rose Bistro

28 North Avenue, W.

\$50 includes Buffet Dinner – Cash Bar Available

For additional information call 908-272-6114

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