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## THE MASON'S MEMORIAL DAY PARADE FLOAT RENOVATED TO HONOR CRANFORD HEROES OF THE PAST AND PRESENT

*Submitted by Don Sweeney, Cranford Memorial Day Parade Committee member*

For over 50 years, the Craftsman's Club at the Masonic Temple in Cranford showed respect to Cranford's war dead by having a float in our Memorial Day Parade. In recent years, the float trailer had been unused and had fallen into a state of disrepair. As a result of the temple property being sold, the float was to be discarded. It was literally on its way to the scrap yard when I stepped in front of the tow truck and stopped the junk man. Mayor Giblin got involved and made a connection with the Cranford Jaycees and the V.F.W. and the rejuvenation plans began.

Temple members built the float from scratch in the 1960's and it has had a few different identities in our parade. For a while, each year it carried mannequins portraying the U.S. Presidents that were Masons (Washington, Monroe, Jackson, Polk, Buchanan, Johnson, Garfield, McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft, Harding, FDR, Truman and Ford). Later, their display was updated to inverted military rifles with helmets on top, commonly recognized as a Soldier's Cross.

Giving new life to the Masons' float, the Jaycees offered to provide some funds and manpower to renovate and modernize it. This gave the V.F.W. a rolling stage to allow the older heroes that formerly marched proudly in our 100-year-old parade, to continue to safely participate.

A team of Cranford Jaycees, under the leadership of Geoffrey Semler, worked feverishly to extensively renovate the float to get it parade-ready in just four short weeks. A new plywood floor with carpeting, new railings, and bench seating were installed for comfortable transport of the Cranford veterans.

Introducing the faces behind the engraved names that we honor each year in Cranford on Memorial Day is the ongoing mission of the Cranford 86 group. In support of this mission, the float features a full-color, 45-foot skirt, featuring portraits of 28 of the Cranford 86 Hometown Heroes. The float was placed in the first division of the parade following the 86



*(above) A team of skilled and dedicated members of the Cranford Jaycees worked weekends through May to finish the project in time for the Memorial Day Parade.*

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Gold Star flags that bear the names of every Cranford hero that fell during American wars since World War One.

The project has been partially funded by the Cranford Jaycees, Cranford Knights of Columbus Council #6226, and the Cranford 86 Project. O'Connor Construction provided the benches, Dreyer Farms donated the patriotic floral decoration to complete the look and Cranford Auto Repair replaced the wiring to make it roadworthy.

Donations to offset the remaining renovation costs can be sent to V.F.W Post #335 479 South Ave. E. Cranford, NJ 07016. Mark your donations "Float".



*(above) A 45-foot banner surrounds the float introducing the faces of twenty eight of the 86 Hometown heroes.*

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## "POETRY BY HEART" AT THE CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

To celebrate National Poetry Month, The Friends of the Cranford Public Library held its second annual "Poetry by Heart" program on Saturday, April 27, 2019.

The event took place in the Cranford Public Library's Raddin Room and was attended by 11 children. To the applause of friends and relatives, nine children recited poems from memory by the authors Robert Louis Stevenson, Shel Silverstein and Jack Prelutsky and two children recited poems which they had written.

The program included a word game in which the children listened to limericks with missing words and tried to find rhyming words to replace them. Then there was a raffle in which

everyone won a game or a poetry book.

Afterward, the children were divided into pairs for "Back and Forth" which is a way to read poetry aloud. For this activity, each pair received a different poem and the partners took turns reading individual lines until the poem was finished. This provoked much laughter and was enjoyed by both the children and the audience. After the last poem was read, the participants were rewarded for their efforts with pizza and lemonade.

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library believe that programs like "Poetry by Heart" can help to instill in children a lifelong love of poetry. They look forward to sponsoring the program for many years to come.



(above) Participants at the "Poetry by Heart" program held on Saturday, April 27, 2019: (back row) Luz Fernandez, Lily McMullan, Leah Scott, Cheyenne Cora, Celeste DelGuercio, Aashritha Jinaga, Luigi Lancellotti; (front row) Aayush Jinaga, Franklin Lucas Kutner, and Frankie Lancellotti. (Missing from picture: Karly Ohngemach)

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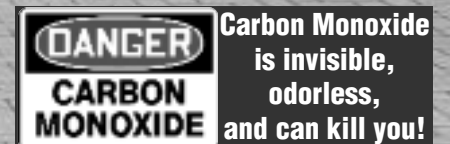
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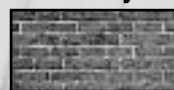
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## HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECEIVES NATIONAL DAR GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

*Submitted by Mary Leonard*

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently announced their National Good Citizen Award and Scholarship would be presented to Bridget Dineen, a senior at Cranford High School. The high school senior selected must have the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. The scholarship portion of the program consists of two parts. The student describes how they have tried to manifest the qualities of a good citizen and secondly writes an essay on a topic chosen by the National Society. This year the topic was titled "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It".

Ms. Dineen was sponsored by the Crane's Ford DAR chapter in Cranford and won the chapter award. She will be receiving the chapter award at Cranford High School Senior Award Program in

June. She was subsequently awarded 1st place among 46 New Jersey DAR chapters at a banquet held in Princeton. Attending were her parents along with Mark Cantagallo, principal of Cranford High School and Mary Leonard, Crane's Ford chapter Regent and chair of the Good Citizen committee. She was next judged at the NSDAR Eastern Division which included 6 states and again won 1st place. Having won the Division, Bridget was entered into the National level, which consisted of 8 Divisional winners from across the United States and she was chosen as the National winner. She will be invited to attend the NSDAR 128th Continental Congress at Constitution Hall in Washington DC in late June to be recognized for her achievement and accept her award. The New Jersey DAR will host a luncheon at the Willard Hotel in Washington DC which she will also be invited to attend.

The Crane's Ford chapter has been sponsoring

the Good Citizen Award since 1950 and this is the first time the chapter has had a National winner. The National Society has been awarding the Good Citizen Scholarship for 85 years and this is only the second time a New Jersey DAR chapter has had a National winner.

The DAR, founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. Currently there are 185,000 members and 3,000 chapters. There are chapters in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and other countries. The Crane's Ford chapter, founded in 1944, is currently celebrating its 75th Anniversary. DAR 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.



(above, l-r) Bridget Dineen, National Good Citizen Award winner and Mary Leonard, Regent and Good Citizen Chair, Crane's Ford DAR.

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(above) Cassady Leonard was awarded a NSDAR Nursing Scholarship.

## CRANE’S FORD CHAPTER MEMBER AWARDED NSDAR NATIONAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution has announced that Cassady Leonard of Oakland, New Jersey has been awarded the Madeline Pickett Cogswell Nursing Scholarship. This national award, based on merit, is given each year to a student who has been accepted or enrolled in an accredited school of nursing, meets the criteria of honors and scholastic achievement, and demonstrates participation in community and school activities. Additionally, an essay must be included which states their career objectives. Applicants for this scholarship must be descendants of DAR

members. Cassady is the granddaughter of Mary Leonard, the current Regent of the Crane’s Ford Chapter, and she is also a member of the Chapter.

The NSDAR awards multiple scholarships each year to students showing dedication to the pursuit of degrees in diverse disciplines including history, law, nursing, medical and education.

The NSDAR is a volunteer women’s service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, historic preservation and education. 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

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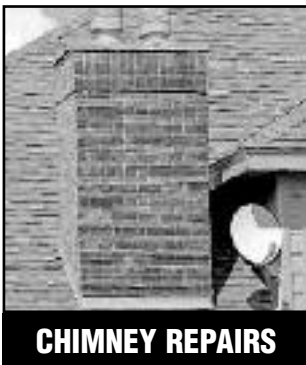




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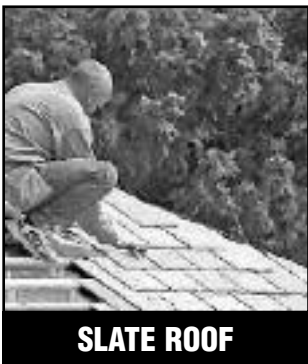
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Many business owners and residents currently operate surveillance systems at their businesses and/or homes. As crimes occur nearby, they are not always aware that their system may have captured information that could help solve the crime, thus keeping our community safer. In turn, the police are also not always aware who may or

may not have this potentially vital information. The Police Department is requesting residents and businesses across town to register their privately-owned surveillance camera systems.

Using the geographic locations of the registered cameras, the Cranford Police Department will be able to directly e-mail or call citizens in an area in which a crime occurred. A standard e-mail may ask the citizen to check their video surveillance system for a specific date and time for video capturing a suspect, getaway car or a crime. If the citizen finds any video evidence, they can contact the Police Department to make arrangements for video retrieval. Installing video surveillance is a great example of community-police partnerships and is something we highly value as a police agency serving our community.

Interested citizens can register their cameras by filling out a short application that is located on our website [cranfordnj.org/police-department](http://cranfordnj.org/police-department). The applications can also be picked up at the police department. The Cranford Police Department is committed to our partnership with the community and believes this is yet another powerful solution in fighting crime.

For more info, contact the CPD Community Policing Unit at 908-272-8989, or e-mail Officer Gregory Federici at [g-federici@cranfordnj.org](mailto:g-federici@cranfordnj.org) or Officer Ryan Gerrity at [r-gerrity@cranfordnj.org](mailto:r-gerrity@cranfordnj.org) or Detective Sergeant John Swandrak at [jswandrak@cranfordnj.org](mailto:jswandrak@cranfordnj.org).

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All games are played in Warinanco Park, on the border of Elizabeth and Roselle, Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. The games are coached and supervised by Union County Baseball Association staff. The season will begin in late June and end the first week of August.

Players are divided into three age groups: Minor League 8-10 year olds, Major League 11-12 year olds, and Teen League 13-15 year olds.

The Union County Baseball Association has added indoor clinics to the Summer League program. UCBA staff will utilize the new state-of-the-art Warinanco Park Skating Center, which is equipped with artificial turf and indoor batting cages, to provide players weekly clinics focused on hitting, fielding, pitching, and catching. This added benefit is included with the player registration fee.

The registration fee for the Summer Baseball League is \$50 and players can register online at [ucba-nj.org](http://ucba-nj.org). In-person registration will also be held on June 15th and June 22nd from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Warinanco Park Boathouse.

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*(above) Members of Cranford's Green Thumb Garden Club recently planted beautiful flower beds at Cranford Memorial Park.*

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# CRANFORD VETERAN LEE BLOWE IS 2019 GRAND MARSHAL OF MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Local Veteran Lee Blowe was selected by VFW Post #335, and Steve Robertazzi, Director of the Cranford Parks and Recreation Department, to be the 2019 Grand Marshal of Cranford’s Memorial Day Parade. Blowe, a former sergeant, was a combat squadron leader with Charlie Company of the 1st Marine Division in and around Chu Li, Viet Nam during 1966.

He and his wife Karen have lived in Cranford for 22 years residing with their 17 year old twin children, Patrick and Catherine, who attend the Technology Academy and Allied Science Programs respectively, at Union County Vocational-Technical High School in Scotch Plains.

“Memorial Day is a very special day for me,” Blowe explained, “it’s a day I sadly remember all my buddies who didn’t come home from Viet Nam, like I did. For that reason alone, I am truly honored to be our Grand Marshall this year.”

Blowe, a recent retiree, spent 35 years as a chief operational manager in the Walgreen Drug Store chain. His primary function with Walgreens was establishing and setting up new store locations for the company and getting them up and running as working, profitable entities.

Born and raised in rural Murfreesboro, North Carolina, Blowe has become a well known and active part of the greater Cranford community.

He currently serves as a director on the Cranford Area Chamber of Commerce. He also serves on the Memorial Day Parade Committee. At the Cranford VFW he is a Senior Vice Commander, Buddy Poppy Chairman, and a member of its Post #335 Centennial Celebration Committee.



(above) Veteran Lee Blow

Free Outdoor Gardening Presentation with Environmental Educator Althea Llewellyn

When: Saturday, June 15th at 2:00 PM

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## CRANFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The Cranford Historical Society Membership Committee announces that the Society's 2019 membership campaign is under way. The Cranford Historical Society is a non-profit educational organization whose mission since 1927 has been to preserve and perpetuate the history of Cranford for now and for future generations. We cordially invite you to join us. Being a member, you support the continuation of our archives, costume department, the maintenance of the Hanson House and Crane-Phillips House Museum, our 3rd grade school tours, our History Award program given out to a Cranford High School Senior every year and our community outreach programs and events for visitors of all ages. Also, members receive 5 issues a year of our newsletter, the "Mill Wheel," which is always informative. For more info about joining the Cranford Historical Society, please call our office at 908-276-0082 or e-mail us at [cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net](mailto:cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - PROVIDE GRIEF SUPPORT

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss currently seeks volunteers to serve as peer support group facilitators for children and families coping with loss due to death. Upcoming summer trainings will be held June 27-30th and July 26-29th, 2019.

Imagine groups are facilitated by trained adult volunteers who attend a 32-hour training and quarterly continuing education, and receive ongoing supervision. Volunteers come from all walks of life and need no special background other than a willingness to listen and the ability to be with children and adults in pain without trying to fix, solve problems, or give advice. Volunteers must be 21 years or older and attend the Imagine four-day Facilitator Training. No prior experience is necessary.

"For the first time in our seven-year history we have a waiting list," said Mandi Zucker, Imagine Program Director. "As our programs continue to grow, so does our need for volunteers. We are currently serving over 380 participants every two weeks in our peer support programs and will be adding another night of support so we can serve an additional 60

people." Volunteers say the training is "life-changing" and a wonderful opportunity for learning about themselves and how their own losses have affected the way they grieve and how they support others. People that complete the training leave feeling empowered to be a supportive person to people grieving.

Imagine is a free year-round peer grief support center located in Mountainside and Newark New Jersey, serving children age 3-18 who have had a parent or sibling die, with concurrent support groups for their parents or guardians. Support for children and teens living with a parent or sibling with a life-altering physical illness is also available. Free year-round support groups are also available for young adults who have had a friend, sibling, parent or other important person in their life die, or who have a parent, sibling or friend living with an illness.

If you are interested in learning more about the upcoming trainings scheduled for June 27-30th or July 26-29th, 2019 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily, please contact Mandi at [Mandi@imagine-nj.org](mailto:Mandi@imagine-nj.org) or visit [imagine-nj.org](http://imagine-nj.org) to schedule a tour.



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# RESTAURANT WEEK - JUNE 3RD TO 7TH

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The Kenilworth Mayor & Council is proud to announce the "2nd Annual Restaurant Week" from Monday, June 3rd through Friday, June 7th, to spotlight the global cuisines of Kenilworth's renowned restaurants. Diners can enjoy Italian, French, Portuguese, Irish, Thai, Greek, Indian, Mexican and more, thanks to specials and prix-fixe menus from participating eateries.

Kenilworth's Restaurant Week makes dining an experience like no other. This 5-day event is designed to showcase the variety and unparalleled quality of the restaurants in the Borough. It gives food lovers the opportunity to score limited-time lunch and dinner deals at some of Kenilworth's finest restaurants.

"Restaurant week is back and promises to be even better than last year. Showcasing the impact that our local businesses have on Kenilworth's dining scene in creative ways is crucial to boosting our local economy," says Council President Linda Karlovitch, one of the

event organizers. She added, "Locals and foodies already embrace Kenilworth's amazing restaurants and now it's time for others to discover them."

To enhance the experience of Restaurant Week, activities have been included uptown at various locations along the Boulevard from North 20th Street to North 24th Street.

- Open Mic Monday, showcasing Kenilworth's very own local talent;
- Wellness events;
- Boogie Down the Boulevard Thursday and Friday – LIVE MUSIC; Jazz, Pop and original Singer/Songwriters

Mayor Anthony DeLuca commented, "We are excited to again host this culinary event that promotes Kenilworth's best, while taking the opportunity to get together and reconnect with family and friends."

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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, June 5, 2019, 4 - 8:30 p.m., Thursday, June 6, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Friday, June 7, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Items for sale include more than 10,000 adult and children's books, as well as CDs, DVDs, and recorded books. Prices

range from \$.25 to \$2.00, except for a few specially marked items. Saturday is Bag Day; fill a bag with books for just \$8.00. The library is located at 224 Walnut Avenue. Entrance to the sale is through the side door, just off the main parking lot. The sale is wheelchair accessible. Proceeds benefit the library. For more information about the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, go to [cranfordlibrary.org](http://cranfordlibrary.org) and click on Friends of the Library.



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## "THE BEATLES: THE MAKING OF THE WHITE ALBUM" AT THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library are rocking out to the sound of the sixties this June with "The Beatles: The Making of the White Album," on Monday, June 3, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center.

Beatles Scholar and Sixties Rock Historian Vincent Bruno presents an entertaining, interactive, and informative session for casual listeners as well as hardcore Beatles fans. This lecture will follow in the footsteps of the Beatles' journey through the turbulent year of 1968 as they embark on the creation of the group's ninth studio album - The Beatles (aka 'The White Album'). We will explore the genesis of their songs, the influence of transcendental meditation, and their increased studio output despite personal and creative differences.

Vincent Bruno is a Beatles Scholar and Sixties Rock Historian. He is recently retired as the

Director of First Year Programs at LaGuardia Community College (City University of New York). He holds an MPA from Baruch College and as an adjunct professor for the past 25 years, he has taught courses in numerous disciplines including Humanities, Business, Mathematics, and Cooperative Education. As a Beatles scholar and storyteller, he looks to both embrace not just their legacy but to present an entertaining, interactive, and informative session for both the casual listener as well as the hard core Beatles fan. He currently resides in both New Jersey and Arizona.

No registration is required for this free event. The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016, and is accessible to all. For more information about the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, visit [cranfordlibrary.org](http://cranfordlibrary.org).

## OPEN HOUSE AT THE CRANFORD POOL ON JUNE 2ND

All are invited to attend the Cranford Pools Open House to be held on June 2 from 12 - 6 p.m., at both 401 Centennial Avenue, and 1025 Orange Avenue, Cranford, NJ.

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(above, l-r) YWCA Board President, Delaine Bailey, Honorees Dana and Ryan Felmet, and YWCA CEO Janice C. Lilien.

# YWCA UNION COUNTY HONORS EIGHT ALLIES

Submitted by Shannon Myre

The YWCA Union County honored eight individuals and organizations for their committed effort on behalf of domestic violence survivors during their Annual Meeting held at the Clark Public Library on April 25, 2019.

Each honoree received a certificate and resolution in their name for their partnership in empowering survivors of domestic violence throughout the county. The honorees were Theresa Cosmas; Sgt. Mahasin El-Amin; Ryan & Dana Felmet; First Presbyterian Church of Cranford; Garden State Bank: A division of New York Community Bank; Annette Ferrigno, Kids For Kids: A Mindfulness Movement; Gail Veltre, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Rahway – Barnabas Health; and Lauren Thorne.

The YWCA’s mission is eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Locally, the YWCA Union County is on a mission to empower survivors of domestic violence to become safe and free from abuse through comprehensive, client-centered services, and

through education, collaboration and advocacy that builds safe, informed and supportive communities.

Domestic violence crosses all barriers of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender and socioeconomic status and it is a crime that impacts our entire community. It is estimated that 1 in every 4 women will be affected by domestic violence in her life- more than breast cancer, lung cancer, and ovarian cancer combined. The monetary cost of domestic violence in the United States in dollars has been estimated to exceed 9.3 billion a year in medical and mental health services, loss of productivity, and loss of paid earnings. An average of 3 women per day in the United States are killed as a result of domestic violence.

If you or anyone you know is experiencing domestic violence, call the 24-Hour Hotline at 908-355-HELP (4357).

For more information about YWCA Union County’s services or how you can get involved, visit [ywcaunioncounty.org](http://ywcaunioncounty.org).

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CRANFORD HONORED BY THE YWCA

*Submitted by Shannon Myre*

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford was one of the eight individuals, organizations and companies honored for their volunteer work in support of the YWCA Union County. The presentations were made on April 25, 2019 at the

Clark Public Library.

First Presbyterian has supported the YWCA in many different ways. Since 2014, the church has donated many household and personal care kits prepared by volunteers during their annual Martin Luther King Day of Service in honor of

the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Cranford Elmora Soup Kitchen, which celebrated its thirtieth anniversary on March 24, donates food from their Soup Kitchen which serves those in need every Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Elizabeth. First Presbyterian is a member of the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council, who donated bags of gloves, socks, hats and scarves collected at their annual Homeless Vigil in December of 2018. Through the efforts of First Presbyterian's Nicaragua partnership with Axayacatl, a women's organization that works with victims of domestic and sexual abuse, the Executive Director of Axayacatl visited with the YWCA in September to exchange their best practices. First Presbyterian also participates with the YWCA Union County on their Anti-Racism Task Force, and through their Service and Mission Team makes an annual contribution to the work of the YWCA Union County.

For more information on the work of the YWCA Union County, please contact them at (908) 355-1995 ext. 114 or for immediate assistance on their domestic abuse hotline at (908) 355-4357, also on their website at [ywcaunioncounty.org](http://ywcaunioncounty.org), or please visit their Facebook Page.

To learn more about the work of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, located at 11 Springfield Ave. Cranford, please call the church office at 908-276-8440, go to their website at [firstprescranford.org](http://firstprescranford.org), or visit their Facebook page.



(above, l-r) Front row: Jean Wands, Janice Grevious, Skip Winter, Jan Lilien (Chief Executive Officer of the YWCA Union County); Back row: Bob Wands, Carol Berns, Jeff Berns and Barb Binder.

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## DON SWEENEY, LOCKEY MAISSONNEUVE, AND JAMES SILKENSEN PRESENTED WITH UNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Nineteen individuals and four organizations were recognized by the Union County Human Relations Commission at the 18th annual Unity Achievement Award presentation held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at the Kean University STEM Center in Union Township.

The award recipients were nominated and selected for their philanthropic and volunteer efforts, and for fostering and promoting human rights and dignity among the people of Union County.

The mission of the Union County Human Relations Commission is to actively encourage, develop, promote, and strengthen respect for human rights and cultural diversity among the people of Union County.



*(above) Don Sweeney with wife Joanne, and son Todd. Don was honored by the Union County Human Relations Commission at the 18th annual Unity Achievement Award presentation held on May 6, 2019.*

The following is reprinted from the event program with minor edits:

### **DON SWEENEY, THE CRANFORD 86 PROJECT**

Recognition for dedicated service to bring the community together to remember and honor the lives and memory of Cranford's fallen veterans.

At the Cranford Memorial Park stands a granite monument with the names of 86 20th century hometown heroes who answered a call to duty and paid the ultimate price in defense of freedom for a country they would never return to.

These fallen veterans are being publicly honored and remembered in an ongoing effort to document their lives and legacy, thanks to the heartfelt and enthusiastic dedication of Don Sweeney, who created the Cranford 86 Project, in cooperation with the Cranford Historical Society and other members of the Memorial Day Parade Committee.

He and others associated with the Project have devoted themselves to researching and documenting the lives of these deceased veterans, and then sharing that information with the public. The biographies have been published in a 36-page commemorative booklet, Cranford Monthly, and on [www.cranford86.com](http://www.cranford86.com).

Following the 2018 Cranford Memorial Day

parade, the Cranford 86 Project dedicated an initial set of banners depicting the name and likeness of these local fallen heroes. The banners were displayed throughout Cranford's Memorial Park, and have been subsequently displayed on telephone poles throughout the town.

The current banners were made possible because of sponsorship by family members of the fallen, plus several of Cranford's civic and charitable organizations. The Project is soliciting donations, and is working to ensure that each fallen hero has a banner and a biography.

In the past year, Cranford residents whose streets are named in memory of these veterans have raised funds to raise those banners. On Memorial Day 2019, banners will be raised on (Juan) Bargas Place, Alan Okell Place, and Roger Norton Place, as well as banners honoring Stanley H. Smith, Roderick W. Smith Jr., and, thanks to donations by his classmates, Viet Nam veteran Raymond Ashnault.

We honor Don Sweeney and the Cranford 86 Project for their patriotic spirit, and for their leadership in bringing the community together so that we all remember and honor these local heroes.

### **LOCKEY MAISSONNEUVE, AUTHOR**

Recognition for her willingness to share her personal story and add her voice to eradicate human trafficking in our state, our country, and our world.

Lockey Maissonneuve was born to alcoholic parents, and sold into sex trafficking by her father as an adolescent. Years later, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent chemotherapy and two mastectomies. During that time, her mother, to whom she was estranged, was murdered.

Any one of these traumatic scenarios could wear a person down. But not Lockey.

An author and presenter -- including as the keynote speaker at Union County's 2018 Human Trafficking Symposium, Lockey always says "it didn't break me" as she speaks about her traumatic past and journey into healing. She will say she has her moments, but knows if she handled that, she can handle anything.

Her debut memoir, "A Girl Raised By Wolves," details her journey, and inspires others to know that healing is possible. The book is about her childhood, the things she went through, and how she stepped through it all and healed from the trauma. She noted she still has flashbacks and triggers, but she has learned to manage them, and that "there is life after trauma."

In her search for healing, Maissonneuve found yoga. She now instructs yoga at Newark Public Schools, Trinitas Hospital, drug and alcohol rehab facilities, and prisons.

Lockey has said that everything she does is a direct result of what she got out of healing from everything she has been through, and from confronting her own feelings about herself and

reconciling the things that happened to her."

In addition to promoting her book and public speaking engagements, Lockey said she is inspired by her two teenaged children, and her husband, Jean-Albert, a Cranford Township Committeeman.

We applaud Lockey not only for finding the strength and courage to heal herself and journey on, but for sharing her incredible story with us to inspire us all.

Nominations are now open for the 2020 Unity Achievement Awards. For more information about the Commission, or to make a nomination, please visit its website at [www.ucnj.org/uchrc](http://www.ucnj.org/uchrc).

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*(above) Lockey Maissonneuve*

# JAMES SILKENSEN PRESENTED WITH UNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

(Continued from page 18)

Recognition for incredible life-altering service to our country, and for inspirational example-setting since he has come back home.

Jim Silkensen is a very humble and unassuming man, who does his job quietly, not asking for anything in return. Jim credits his parents with teaching him from an early age the importance of serving others, which became even more heightened witnessing the terrible impact of the war on the Vietnamese people.

He graduated in August 1968 with an MBA from Oregon State University, and married his sweetheart Candy. Job prospects were limited as employers did not want to hire anyone who might be drafted into the Army. He was hired as a management trainee by the Freightliner Corporation in Portland, Oregon. Four months after graduating and getting married, he was called to serve our country. Inducted into the U.S. Army in February 1970, he went to Fort Lewis Washington for basic infantry training

before being sent to Viet Nam. To help pay the rent, Candy dropped out of college in her senior year to work.

Jim was awarded the Bronz Star, and came home in December 1971 to pick up his career. The family moved to Cranford in 1984 from Washington D.C. so Jim could join what would become the New Jersey Bankers Association. A husband and a father, he and Candy raised their two sons, and served in the community.

He currently is a member of the staff at the Cranford Post 335 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, worked through the posts, and has served as Chaplain for the past two years. He has never refused the opportunity to help a comrade, whether providing support, or a helping hand. He and Candy are also active members of the Cranford United Methodist Church, where Jim sings in the chancel choir.

In addition to honoring him for his service to our country as a veteran, we would also like to honor him for his steadfast community service.

Jim is an inspirational sight to park visitors, and surely sets a great example for adults and children alike. Jim could be seen every day in the park picking up trash for no other reason than to make the park more beautiful. He has said, "I like to get across that one person can make a difference if they put their mind to it." For 25 years, he would simply walk along and pick up trash in Nomahegan and Lenape Parks, and, after retiring, added Black Brook Park. For five years, he also picked up trash along the trails of the Watchung and South Mountain Reservations. Since moving to Somerset, he continues to pick up trash there. He truly has made a difference, and made our world -- and our County -- a more beautiful place.

Nominations are now open for the 2020 Unity Achievement Awards. For more information about the Commission, or to make a nomination, please visit its website at [www.ucnj.org/uchrc](http://www.ucnj.org/uchrc).



(above) Posting of Colors at the 2019 Unity Achievement Awards by Cranford VFW Post 335: James D'Arcy, Lizaro, Col. Andrew Burns (Commander), Braulio, Lee Blowe.

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## TRINITAS CRANFORD DIALYSIS CENTER NOW OPEN

The newly constructed Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Cranford Dialysis Center at Cranford Rehab & Nursing Center, located at 205 Birchwood Ave., opened recently with a festive ribbon cutting ceremony and open house reception.

Trinitas has partnered with Excelerate HCS to open the town of Cranford's first dialysis center. Their common goal is to serve more New Jersey residents with a potentially 5-star service, including the best of equipment, staff, and care in a brand new setting.

"We are happy to introduce our new dialysis center to the community and healthcare professionals," says Gary S. Horan, FACHE, President/CEO of Trinitas Regional Medical Center. "This is the culmination of many years of hard work and to see it finally come to fruition is very satisfying."

The newly constructed center features eight beds, each one with privacy and a TV, and offers Monday through Saturday dialysis services.

There is also a reception area and a private lot with ample parking.

Joseph L. McTernan, DHSc, FACHE, Vice President/Special Operations, who spearheaded the project, says, "Trinitas is proud to expand their Renal Service's center of excellence with the addition of Trinitas Cranford Dialysis. As one of the first dialysis programs in NJ, we are continuing this life-sustaining service to the community. Additionally, the new center offers a major convenience to dialysis patients of the Rehab & Nursing Center, who will no longer be required to travel to an outpatient destination for treatments, thereby saving time and resources for all involved."

Cranford Mayor Patrick Giblin, who was among the invited guests to join the celebration, added, "Thanks to Excelerate HCS and Trinitas Regional Medical Center for their investment in our community."

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(above) Gary S. Horan, FACHE, President and CEO of Trinitas Regional Medical Center, cuts the ribbon at the Trinitas Cranford Dialysis Center with Abe Gutniki, Founding Partner of Excelerate HCS. Looking on (l-r) are Judy Kushner, co-owner of Excelerate; Dr. Aravinda Reddy, Medical Director; and Cranford's Mayor Patrick Giblin, Dr. James McAnally and Joseph L. McTernan, DHSc, FACHE, Trinitas Vice President/Special Operations.

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# CRANFORD POLICE COMPLETE ROLLOUT OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS

*Submitted by Detective Lieutenant Edward R. Davenport*

The Cranford Police Department recently announced that a limited number of officers will now be equipped with body-worn cameras. This initiative is part of a county-wide effort by the Union County Prosecutor's Office aimed at equipping all Union County police agencies with body-worn cameras. The public will see the new cameras being worn by police officers working in the Patrol Division.

Body-worn cameras have been effective in memorializing important information during critical incidents. Cranford Police Officers are required to activate the body cameras when conducting investigative and enforcement actions such as making an arrest, issuing a summons, searches or stopping a person on the street in the course of an investigation. All officers equipped with body-worn cameras have received training on the devices. The body-worn cameras supplement our existing in-car digital video systems which currently record motor vehicle traffic stops.



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## Fun with Robotics

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## Paws for Reading

Some furry friends will be lending us a floppy ear on Tuesday, June 11!

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## Children's Department Book Sale

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## Summer Reading 2019

The Cranford Public Library will be running their annual Summer Reading Program from June 17 - August 17. Program participants will be able to log their reading online through August 12, and our Summer Reading Carnival will be held on Saturday, August 17! This will be the first time logging has been done online, and staff members will be available to assist any community

members who need help. Download the Beanstack app (recommended) or visit [cranfordlibrary.beanstack.org](http://cranfordlibrary.beanstack.org) to enroll in the program. Any adult family member with a library card in good standing will be able to enroll their entire family. There are small incentives and/or prize drawings for both children and adults! The more time children spend reading, the more prizes they will win. Stop by the library for more information!

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*Submitted by James Zatwarnicki*

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Sea Scouting is open to both male and female youth member's ages 14-21 who have graduated the 8th grade; we also have a new Maritime Explorer Club for younger youth in 6th to 8th grade. Adult volunteers with maritime experience or captain's licenses are needed too. Join us for a day on the water and bring a friend! Visit our website for more information visit [ship228.com](http://ship228.com).



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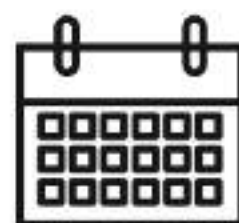
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# 24

Homes Sold in  
the Last 30 Days



# 28

Average Days  
on Market

### AVERAGE:

List Price \$472,600  
Sale Price \$474,365

Sale Price/List Price:

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