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CRANFORD FAMILY CARE RESPONDS TO HURRICANE IDA

The devastation to Cranford caused by flooding from Hurricane Ida has been well documented in the local and national news. While the storm took a significant toll on the town, the inspiring community spirit of the people of Cranford shined through this otherwise dark time.

While Cranford Family Care (CFC) experienced flooding that required that the pantry be moved to temporary space, the organization was able to respond quickly to address the needs of the community. Immediately after the storm, our Director, Julie Carroll, was at the Center ensuring that impacted residents received the support they needed.

For several weeks following the storm, Cranford Family Care mobilized to provide daily hot meals to over 165 residents. In addition, CFC provided cleaning supplies, school supplies, paper goods and gift certificates for Home Depot, Target, grocery stores and local restaurants. Hundreds of Cranford residents took advantage of the services, many for the first time. As one homeowner stated “I’m usually a donor, thank you for letting me be a recipient.”

CFC could not have responded as effectively without the incredible support of the community. Volunteers, community organizations and local businesses donated their time, talent, and monetary donations to help make this all happen. Some examples include:

- Immediately after the flood, members of Scout Troop 80 and Sunny Acres Civic & Improvement Association relocated the pantry to a temporary location. At the same time, Szeles Construction helped remove the damaged materials and flooring. This was significant, they came within 36 hours to remove all 3 rooms of carpet.
- TimberRidge Construction is helping CFC with new flooring.
- Cranford children raised over \$6,200 by making and selling rainbow loom lanyards and bracelets, opening lemonade stands and selling desserts and other snacks.
- Residents from all corners of town dropped off gift cards, supplies, food and volunteered to help at the center and pick up the meals



Photos by Cranford Family Care

from local restaurants.

- FLAG of Cranford provided financial support for many of the meals.
- Our local restaurants provided meals
- The Cranford Woman’s Club provided home baked goods.

There were so many acts of kindness. One family even donated a new refrigerator to CFC when we lost one of ours due to the flooding.

If you would like to make a donation, please visit our website cranfordfamilycare.com and or mail a check to: Cranford Family Care, 61 Myrtle St, Cranford, NJ 07016.

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Jersey Central Art Studio's, with support from the Cranford Jaycees, will host the 2021 Great Pumpkin Carve Out on Saturday, October 23rd (Saturday, October 30th rain date. For updates check jcas.org). All the activities 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 23rd, along with a completed registration form (also available on site).

Everyone is invited to come to Hanson Park starting at 6 -9 p.m. to stroll along the pumpkin lighted garden paths to see the 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; 4-8, 9-16 and 17 and up.

In addition, a big screen outdoor showing of a surprise favorite movie will start at dark. Bring your 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 seventh Great Pumpkin Carve out, which has drawn hundreds of visitors throughout the area. This is a Jersey Central Art Studio's (JCAS) Event, with much support from the Cranford Jaycees. JCAS is a group of artists and citizens dedicated to raising awareness of the arts and the artistic process as well as integrating the arts into the community through education, events and economic development. We see art as a vital component to our lives and one that will also enrich our community.



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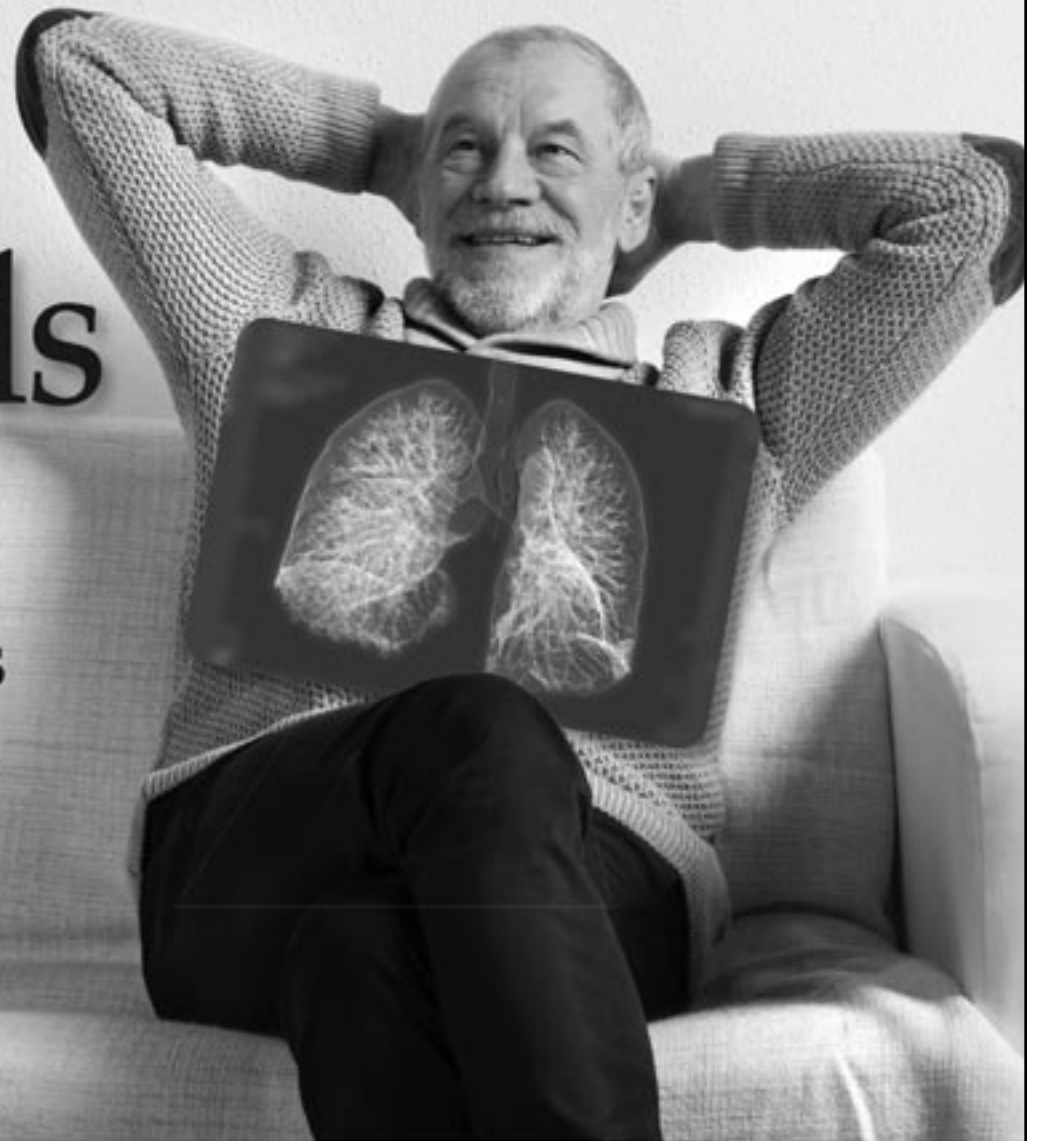


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The Cranford Historical Society has announced that Margaret Gerlach was re-elected at its June board meeting for the twelfth consecutive two-year term through 2023 making Gerlach the longest president to hold office since the incorporation of the Cranford Historical Society in 1927.

Under Gerlach's leadership, the Cranford Historical Society has accomplished a lot through the years.

Gerlach joined Cranford Historical Society as a member in 1996 and has chaired and co-chaired many events for the Society.

As President, she oversees the Cranford Historical Society, the Hanson House, the Crane-Phillips House Museum, and the Hanson House Landscaping Committee.

In 2001, Gerlach was elected to the Cranford Historical Society Board of Trustees and in 2011 was elected President. Gerlach has said it is an honor to serve as President for this nonprofit educational organization that preserves and perpetuates the history of the township of Cranford, especially being President during the 150th Anniversary of this town.


Gerlach hopes that more people from the community will join the Cranford Historical Society as members, as we need their support.

Gerlach, a lifelong resident of Cranford, is a realtor associate with Century 21 Supreme Realty in Cranford.

Anyone interested in becoming a member can obtain a membership form at our Cranford Historical Society office, 38 Springfield Avenue, Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and on our website cranfordhistoricalsociety.org.

Anyone with questions is asked to call the Cranford Historical Society office at 908-276-0082 or email cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net.

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Submitted by John Doolan

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Pentagon and on Flight 93 that crashed in Shanksville, PA as well. We surely will keep everyone in our thoughts and our prayers and support this worthy Memorial now and in the future.

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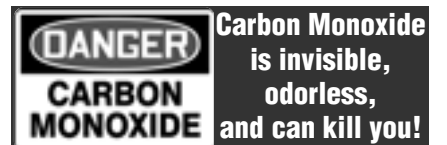
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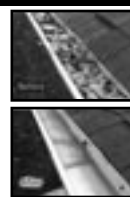
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There's nothing quite like a bowl of steaming soup or chili on a nippy Fall day to make you feel warm and cozy. Back by popular demand, 7 fabulous homemade soups and chilis will be available for take-out at the church kitchen on October 30.

Everyone knows the soups at the church's annual Christmas Shoppe and Soup Fest are out of this world. No need to wait until December! Now is your opportunity to get some of those soups to take home. No cooking, no mess....just enjoy some of the best soups in town.

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Orders can be picked up on Sat. Oct. 30th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the kitchen of the church's education building at 201 Lincoln Avenue, corner of Walnut and Lincoln Avenues, Cranford. There is plenty of free parking.

Questions? Please call Shanyse at (908) 276-0936 or send an email to office@cranfordumc.com.



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"I like Rumors specifically because it's an over the top, silly, high-energy farce and I knew it would be a blast to direct, as well as to see," said director Zach Mazouat recently. "I enjoy that it

is truly an ensemble piece with lots of evenly sized roles and not a star vehicle. For a play, a cast size of 10 is pretty large, which gives the audience a chance to experience a lot of ridiculous characters to enjoy. Even though I proposed it pre pandemic I think it's a great show for audiences to come back to the theater with. It's fun and light-hearted and should have the audience laughing from start to finish. Coming out of a rough year I think we all need a good laugh and a healthy dose of escapism."

The cast includes, Sean Lynch-Littlejohn, Lori Travers, Ian Fedegreen, Elle Michaeli, Mark Zebro, Shannon Ludlam, Byron Hagan, Victoria Navarro, Joe Leo and Rod Belle. Information on how to get tickets can be found by visiting the theatre's website cdctheatre.org.

USED BOOK SALE

Cranford Public Library

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite you to attend a used book sale which will be held in the library's "Friendly Book Cellar" on Thursday, October 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., on Friday, October 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On Saturday, which is "Bag Day," you can fill a paper shopping bag with books for \$8.

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CRANFORD PORCHFEST – OCT. 9

On Saturday, October 9th, the 5th Annual Cranford Porchfest will kick off with bands rocking and rolling all over town. Eleven homes will host four bands each, starting at 1:30 in the afternoon until 5:15 p.m. There will be a grand finale show at 5:45 p.m. at the Downtown Clock. Rain date is October 16th.

Bands will play music from a variety of genres and most are New Jersey locals to boot! Some folks walk or ride bikes from one porch to another checking out their favorite bands while others park themselves with friends on a single lawn for hours of live music.

Due to the continued pandemic, safety, as with all Cranford Community Connection events, is our number one priority. We are working hand in hand with the Cranford Police Department, Office of Emergency Management and the Health Department for this year's event. The event will comply with national, state, and local health guidance.

We encourage people to be respectful of each

others' space and to be mindful of safe social distancing. Masks are not required outside but if you feel safer wearing one, you may.


We will also be continuing a virtual component this year for those who are unable or uncomfortable to attend in person. We will provide a live Facebook stream in conjunction with Virtual Cranford.

We are thrilled to host Cranford Porchfest for the 5th year in a row. We are motivated by the consistent positive feedback we have received from the residents. It is wonderful to read how Cranford Porchfest has become the number one event for our town. We cannot wait to see people out having a great time with neighbors, enjoying this amazing event safely!

Be sure to go to our website to find all event information, an interactive map and a list of bands. Also look for our commemorative Porchfest T-shirt sold at Think D'sign Print.

For more information visit <https://cranfordporchfest.wixsite.com/porchfest>





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(above) Ella Seeto

ELLA SEETO IS WINNER OF LOGO CONTEST

Cranford Police Department

This summer, the Cranford Police Department collaborated with Cougar Headquarters to hold a Logo Contest for all youth artists in the community. Using the existing Cranford Police Department Logo as inspiration, participants were asked to create their own community-oriented artwork that integrated the police patch in their rendering. The Community Outreach Unit is pleased to announce that Cranford resident Ella Seeto is the first annual logo contest winner for her blue-and-gold themed design.

In the past, Cranford officers were polled to ask which words represented the tradition and history of the organization, and the words “community, honor and integrity” became common responses. Ella’s design included these 3 words along with the “Cranford cougar paw”, hearts, Cranford’s zip code, and a togetherness-inspired illustration of the people in our community. In addition to being honored as the winner, Downtown Cranford provided Ella with a Vanilla Bean Creamery gift certificate.

Ella’s artwork was provided to Cougar Headquarters where Donna Marino and her staff collaborated to incorporate this design on a t-shirt. Once the t-shirt was created, Cougar Headquarters established a designated “online store” so residents could conveniently purchase their own t-shirts with Ella’s designed logo. All proceeds from the sales will be donated to Cranford Family Care, a not-for-profit organization that assists families in need in our community.



(above, l-r) Detective Matthew Siessel of the Juvenile Bureau, Ella Seeto, and Patrolman Ali Muhammad of the Community Outreach Unit.



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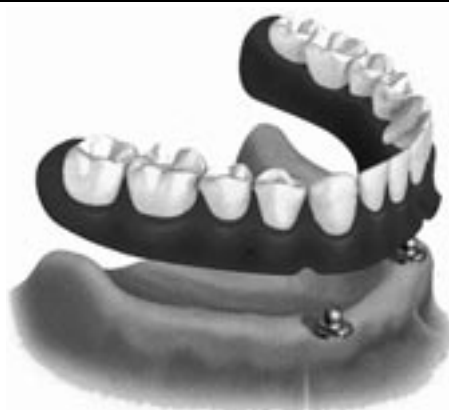
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Have you have been told you are facing knee replacement surgery? Have you been told about all the downsides you could be facing? First and foremost, there are NO guarantees that knee replacement surgery will be the answer to your pain, but let's look further:

- Surgery is costly, regardless of the percentage of services covered by insurance.
- Surgery requires lost time from work and typically requires a regimen of rehabilitation and medications.
- With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you could be back to where you started, or worse.
- Medications will be required for relief from surgery and you have been down that road before. Addictions to these pain medications can cause potential side effects, something you do not want to experience.
- Rehabilitation can take years.

Consider This Alternative To Surgery

Northeast Spine & Wellness Center offers you a real opportunity and a painless way to say goodbye to your knee pain without any surgery. Here are just a few of the important benefits you should consider?

- Diagnostic fluoroscopy accurately targets the pain, unlike blind injections.
- Guided fluoroscopic injections are virtually pain free, unlike blind injections.
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Do you Suffer from any of these Symptoms?

There are a number of reasons why you developed Osteoarthritis pain. It can develop with age or because of heredity. It could be from repetitive stress from a job or some glory days in athletics. Of course your concern is with the symptoms you face daily and how to make them end, hopefully without surgery or the use of potentially addictive medications. **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** understands the symptoms you have been living with and can help. If you have any of the symptoms below, please call us today. Relief is a phone call away.

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- **Stiffness** - Getting up out of bed or after sitting for a period of time gets more and more difficult. This loss of mobility can be more than a hindrance. It can be dangerous if you need to move quickly.
- **Loss of muscle strength** - This can lead to balance issues and the strong possibility of falling.
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The Cranford Fire Department will be lighting up the Firehouse Pink during the month of October in an effort to bring awareness to breast cancer. According to Breastcancer.org, approximately 1 in 8 women in the U.S. will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime. Men are also affected by this deadly disease and have a 1 in 833 lifetime risk.

"The Cranford Fire Department is determined to bring awareness to this deadly disease," said Fire Chief Dan Czeh. "We all know someone who has been affected by breast cancer. Some people were able to beat the disease while others were taken from us. It is our hope that all females go for an annual mammography. Early detection is critical for surviving breast cancer. Males should also be proactive and see a doctor if they detect any abnormalities."

The Cranford FMBA Local 37 and Local 237, in conjunction with Downtown Cranford and the Cranford PBA, will be hosting a Pink Out Festival on October 3 from 12-4 p.m. in Lot 1. The Central NJ Pink Heals will be bringing a pink fire truck and there will also be a dunk tank and games. All proceeds will go to the Cranford Bosom Buddies. You can find out more at downtowncranford.org

Cranford Fire Department members will also be wearing "pink" shirts during the month. A limited supply of shirts will be available for purchase via Venmo (@Cranford-Local) or by visiting Fire Headquarters located at 7 Springfield Ave. Cost of the shirts are \$25. Proceeds will go towards Cranford Relay for Life. If purchasing a shirt in person, please have exact change. Checks will also be accepted and must be made out to Cranford FMBA Local 37. All in person visitors are kindly requested to wear a face covering.

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FOUR CENTURIES IN A WEEKEND

The Cranford Historical Society once again is participating in Union County's Four Centuries in a Weekend on Saturday, October 16 and Sunday, October 17 at the Crane Phillips House museum from 12-5 p.m. for a museum tour. Our theme this year is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Township of Cranford with photos before and after of different places in town and how this town evolved from farmland without electricity and plumbing to a suburb of today. We hope you will visit us and enjoy the tour of the house, barn, and outhouse. Masks are required.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEEKING MEMBERS

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. By becoming a member you will help support the continuation of our archives collection, 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, our members receive 5 issues a year of our electronic newsletter, the "Mill Wheel" which is full of informative and interesting facts and stories about Cranford and its people.

A 2021 Membership Form can be found on the Society's website at cranfordhistoricalsociety.org.

For more info about joining the Cranford Historical Society, please call the Society's office at 908-276-0082 or e-mail cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net.

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Check-in will be at Eastman Plaza, Wednesday, Oct. 13 (rain date Thursday), 3-6 p.m. At check-in you will receive: a nametag, pole assignment and zip-ties to secure your scarecrow.

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The Cranford Elmora Soup Kitchen, founded in 1989 at the former Elmora Presbyterian Church, has served over 140,000 meals to vulnerable guests in the city of Elizabeth. With the advent of Covid in March of 2020, the Soup Kitchen went from serving meals inside the First Baptist Church of Elizabeth, to serving “mobile

picnic lunches” outside of the church.

FPCC has hosted homeless families through the FISH program for many years and in recent years has hosted homeless guests through Operation Warmheart, a program of the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless. While Covid has forced FPCC not to support the programs, “in person,” both programs are sponsored with financial contributions.

Since 2000, FPCC has sponsored a weekly Grief Recovery/Journey to Wholeness Program to support those who have suffered different

personal losses. This program has continued on a virtual basis during the pandemic. Over 3,600 individuals have participated since its inception.

For the past ten years, representatives of First Presbyterian have traveled to Nicaragua, working with organizations that assist people suffering from domestic abuse, both children and adults, special needs children and rural communities looking to improve their sanitation conditions.

Our members and friends volunteer to make macaroni and cheese and lasagna to feed the guests at the Agape Community Kitchen, a feeding program in Elizabeth operated by the Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Through the efforts of the Board of Deacons and the Service and Mission Team of FPCC, financial support is provided to over 30 organizations and missionaries.

First Presbyterian has been a longtime sponsor of Boy Scout Troop 80 and Cub Scout Pack 103 and has assisted in organizing and hosting the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on the annual holiday that bears his name.

We at First Presbyterian are thankful for the caring and cooperative efforts of all the volunteers within Cranford and the surrounding communities. Without their ecumenical efforts and kindness, our work would not be possible.

This is the fifth in a series of articles by churches of the Cranford Clergy Council. This article was written by Alice Dietze. Submitted by Skip Winter.



(above) Members of First Presbyterian Church of Cranford's ecumenical soup kitchen team.

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CASA SALUTES ITS VOLUNTEER CHILD ADVOCATES AT BBQ

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County, the only local nonprofit advocating for youth from birth to age 21 involved in the child welfare system due to abuse, neglect and abandonment, took time-out on a recent sunny Sunday afternoon to fete its community members who are trained as child advocates and continuously give of their time to ensure the best interests of Union County’s most vulnerable youth are protected and their needs are met.

Seeley’s Picnic Grounds in Watchung Reservation was host to a guest list that included each of the organization’s nearly 170 current volunteer advocates and their families and dogs, its funders, and court personnel with whom the organization regularly works as cases are heard by Union County Superior Court. CASA staff and several members of the Board of Trustees

served guests such grilled fare as ribs, pulled pork, hotdogs, burgers, and sides and dessert galore. Executive Director Mariel S. Hufnagel’s husband Anthony was grill master.

Amid the frivolity of lunching, chatting and even competition at the cornhole and KanJam playing fields, CASA volunteers and staff still managed to make time for advocacy work, too. Each year as the summer draws to a close, the organization runs a school supply drive to ensure every foster youth served has a new backpack chock-full of needed supplies so their first day feels full of promise. The park’s pavilion became backpack depot where advocates checked in to secure their foster youth’s backpack, lunchboxes, and supplies.

Anne Collart, President of the Board of Trustees, was among those welcoming advocates. “It was a gorgeous day, and the

perfect setting for CASA of Union County to give its time for all those who gift their time for local foster youth, and keep the organization moving forward in its mission. Today, we wanted to be in their corner, and encourage each advocate to relax, connect and enjoy our gratitude for all they do.”

Since 2005, the nonprofit has recruited, trained, supported and supervised nearly 600 volunteers to advocate for more than 900 youth, protecting best interests in the courtroom, classroom and community, and helping ensure already experienced trauma is not exacerbated as youth await permanency in a safe and loving home.

For details on the advocate experience and joining upcoming information and training sessions, email Lucia at info@casaofunioncounty.org.



(above) Among the CASA volunteers attending were, from left, James Walker Jr. of Elizabeth, Isabella Blumberg of Springfield, Barbara Bagger of Westfield, Arlene Sumner of Linden, Carmen Iyala of Scotch Plains, Quetzali Sevillano of Rahway, Lara Gibbemeyer and Robert Bridgeman of Westfield, Flor Maria Mendez of Elizabeth, Mollie Yang of Mountainside, Fernando Porras of Clark, Katherine Romano of New Providence, Shelley Grobe of Cranford, Kristen Kim of Westfield, Rebecca Muston of Summit, Teresa Lastella of Clark, Kevin JeanCharles of Roselle, Donna Isidron of Clark, Karime Herrera of Elizabeth, Komal Nankani of Summit, Lisa Kalichman of South Orange, Sean O’Leary of South Plainfield, Carolyn Colonna of Fanwood, Cynthia Evans of Scotch Plains, and Lydia Pernia of Linden.

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ST MIKE'S ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY – OCT. 23

It's a new way to Tricky Tray at St. Michael School in Cranford!

You're invited to St. Michael School Cranford's Annual Tricky Tray on Saturday, October 23rd located at 100 Alden Street in Cranford.

Doors will be open for Tricky Tray ticket purchases and drops from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Masks/face coverings are required inside of the school building. Guests may enter through St. Michael's Lane, located at the back of the school.

Hundreds of amazing prizes including gift certificates for local dining and shopping, Nintendo Switch, Powerbeats Pro Wireless Earbuds, HP 14" Chromebook and designer handbags just to name a few. Great gifts for everyone on your holiday shopping list.

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1 set (8) White Level Tickets, 1 set (5) Gold Level Tickets. A \$60 value for only \$50. This offer is advance order only and will be available for pick-up at the event. Payment must be received by Saturday, October 16th. Order as many bundles as you'd like! Please note that ticket bundles will not be available for purchase day of event.

More chances to win at the event including a 50/50 Raffle. Ticket prices are 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10. As well as a Calendar Raffle with dates at \$5/each.

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Winners may collect their prizes on Sunday, October 24th at the school between the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Winning tickets must be presented to collect prizes.

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Or you may contact the school directly at saint.michael@verizon.net or call 908-276-9425.

CRANFORD CANDIDATES' FORUM – OCT. 21

The Cranford Jaycees and the Union Area League of Women Voters are proud to host the Annual Township Committee Candidates' Forum on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 8:00 p.m in the Committee Chambers of the Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue. Members of the public are again invited to attend the forum in person.

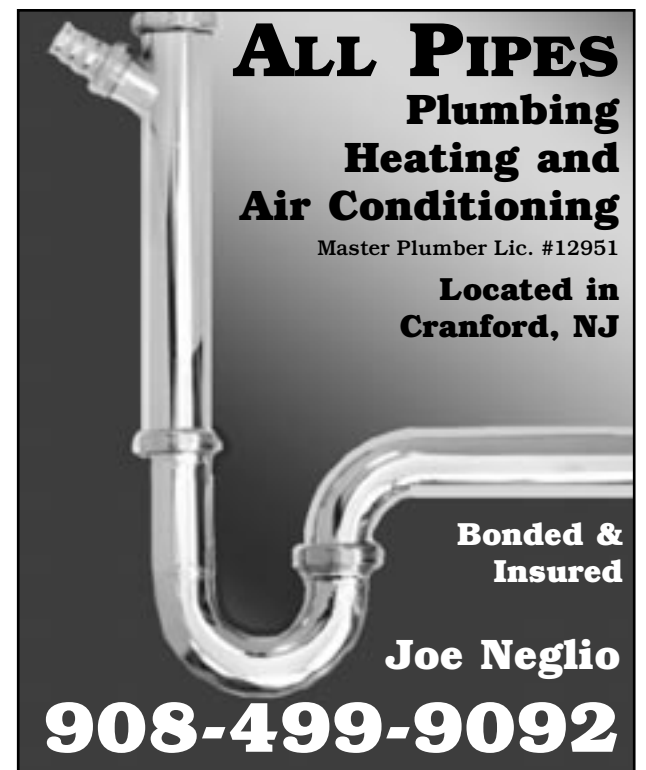
There is one three-year term committee position on the ballot this year. The candidates this year are Democrat Kate Rappa and Republican Gina Black. This

forum is an opportunity for candidates to present their platforms and answer questions regarding topics of interest to the Cranford community.

The forum will be broadcast live on Cranford TV35, and will be rebroadcast on later dates as well.

As in years past, questions will be solicited from those in attendance for consideration of topics to be discussed.

Questions can also be submitted via e-mail to cranfordcandidateforum@gmail.com.



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GIRL SCOUTS OF CRANFORD HONOR SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Submitted by Kerry Rokicki

The Girl Scouts of Cranford Service Unit 48 is proud to announce that 24 of its members recently earned the Silver Award, which is the highest honor a Cadette Girl Scout can receive. To achieve the honor Cadettes identify an issue they care about, research it and take action. Cadettes, who are in sixth, seventh, or eighth grade, work solo or collaborate in small teams to earn the award. The projects, which require a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer work, addressed a wide range of needs, from supporting veterans to helping children in need.

“Due to the pandemic, we were unable to recognize and celebrate our Silver Award recipients until earlier this summer, so this group reflects two years’ worth of work and service,” explained Elayna Torsone, manager of Service Unit 48. “We are so proud of the Girl Scouts and their volunteer advisors for remaining committed to the community and identifying areas where they could make a positive impact.”

“Power Down, Charge Up!” was the name of Gianna Pantastico’s project. She met with more than 100 children in a series of Book Clubs in an effort to excite kids about reading and encourage them to spend less time on devices like phones and tablets. Gianna is a member of Troop 40814.

Katelyn Shaw of Troop 40332 focused her project on helping children. As part of her efforts, she created 13 Family Game Night baskets that were given to families the day they completed adoptions. She also volunteered with TOPSoccer of the Cranford Soccer Club, a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with special needs.

Hannah Symanski of Troop 40444 wanted to honor the legacy of her grandfather, a veteran, while addressing a community need. Her project involved beautifying the Cranford VFW Post 335.

Breona Pizzuta of Troop 40814 also honored veterans with her project. She hosted a “Veterans Day Palooza” that included education components as well as a card making event.

Emily Doyle of Troop 40583 put her focus on friendship. She constructed two 4-foot friendship benches and donated them to Saint Michael School of Cranford. “I hope that students will be able to talk to each other and make new friends,” explained Emily. “Sitting on the bench can also let other students know a friend is there for them.”

Julia Cook of Troop 40693 held a series of events to safely connect different age groups during the COVID crisis. Projects included painting pumpkins for senior citizens, holiday caroling, and making cards for cancer patients.

Jacklyn Kamm of Troop 40693 collected supplies for a local animal shelter and made donations to benefit the wildlife affected by the Australian wildfires.

Rachel Westervelt of Troop 40753 taught other Girl Scouts how to cook so that they could support friends and family in need. She was inspired after seeing how her own grandparents benefited from meal assistance during a difficult time.

Georgia Barnhard, a Girl Scout Juliette, created a Free Little Library in her neighborhood as a way to encourage reading and build community connection. Girl Scout Juliette’s are not affiliated with a specific troop, but are registered members.

A group of seven Cadettes from Troop 40951 put their focus on Cranford to create social studies resources for 3rd and 4th grade students. They created a pamphlet called “Cranford through the Ages” to complement the curriculum on New Jersey history. In addition, they developed a history lesson that included noteworthy women from the township, historical sites and important events. Grace Donnelly, Maeve Higgins, Abigail Maroney, Sabrina Prata, Adela Rakoski, Madelyn Swanson and Alexandra Toto collaborated on the project.

Ava Lanier and Leah Rogers of Troop 40583 focused on the importance of dog adoption and rescue. In addition to creating a website and

education programs, they held a collection that resulted in a donation of \$1,300 worth of supplies to local animal rescues.

Four Cadettes from Troop 40693 used their creative talents to add inspirational quotes and artwork to Livingston Avenue School in Cranford. The messages focused on good sportsmanship, kindness and striving for achievement. Julia Billow, Sarah Butka, Kristen Fries and Lily Goodwin collaborated on the project.

The Girl Scouts of Cranford boasts over 1,139 Girl Scout Members in 71 troops and Juliettes 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.



(above) Girl Scouts of Cranford was proud to honor its members who recently earned the prestigious Silver Award at a ceremony that showcased their community service projects.

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COLLEGE WOMEN'S CLUB OF CRANFORD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submitted by Cynthia Isaksen

The College Women's Club of Cranford is excited to begin their monthly meetings in person and to welcome new members beginning in October 2021. All our special programs and guest speaker events are open to the public, no membership required.

The club has monthly meetings that include educational and informative programs, as well as socials and fun fundraising events throughout the year.

Save the date for The Third Annual Scholar Tea on October 24. This is our biggest and most treasured event. A fun afternoon with entertainment, raffles, tea, delectable tea sandwiches and cakes. All tickets sold for the 2020 event will be accepted for 2021.

The club's mission is to provide scholarships to Cranford residents graduating from the high

school of their choice. Along with scholarships that are based on academic excellence the club offers the Tribute Award. This award has been established as an additional scholarship to honor a Cranford resident High School Senior who has fulfilled the profile of "The Every Day Hero". The club accepts donations in honor and/or in memory of friends and loved ones to support this award.

If you are interested in finding out more about this wonderful organization and how you can help support our Cranford youth as they embark on their college careers, reach out to the club at cranfordcollegeclub@gmail.com and check out our website, collegewomensclubcranford.com.

We are currently running a Cranford Tote bag fundraiser in honor of Cranford's 150th anniversary! Stay tuned for a fantastic lineup of events and programs for our 2021-2022 year.




(above, l-r) The College Women's Club past presidents got together at the 2021 Scholarship Banquet at the Westwood. Pictured sitting are Marge Szymona, Jane Rosenthal and standing are Christine Haun, Janet Collins, Arline McCloskey, Magdalena De Perez, Elaine Romano, Judy Minitelli.




COLLEGE WOMEN'S CLUB OCTOBER MEETING

The College Women's Club of Cranford will have their first meeting on October 11 in the Youth Center at The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, 11 Springfield Ave. Our first in person meeting is free and open to the public. Join the ladies at 7 p.m. for a little meet and greet with light refreshments. The general membership meeting begins at 7:30 and then stay for an exciting presentation entitled "The Women of Cranford."

You will hear from guest speaker Maureen Strazdon, local author and historian. Ms. Strazdon is a board member of the Historic Preservation Advisory board of Cranford. She has



recently published a new book entitled "Celebrating Cranford". Ms. Strazdon will share some information about her new book as well as highlight women of Cranford who made a difference in the quality of life for the people of town with some having an impact on the nation. Hear the fascinating stories of how these women persevered and contributed to the well-being of the citizens of Cranford. Signed copies of Ms. Strazdon book "Celebrating Cranford" will be available at the meeting for purchase. Ladies talking about ladies! The perfect ladies night out. Contact the club if you have any questions collegewomensclubcranford@gmail.com.



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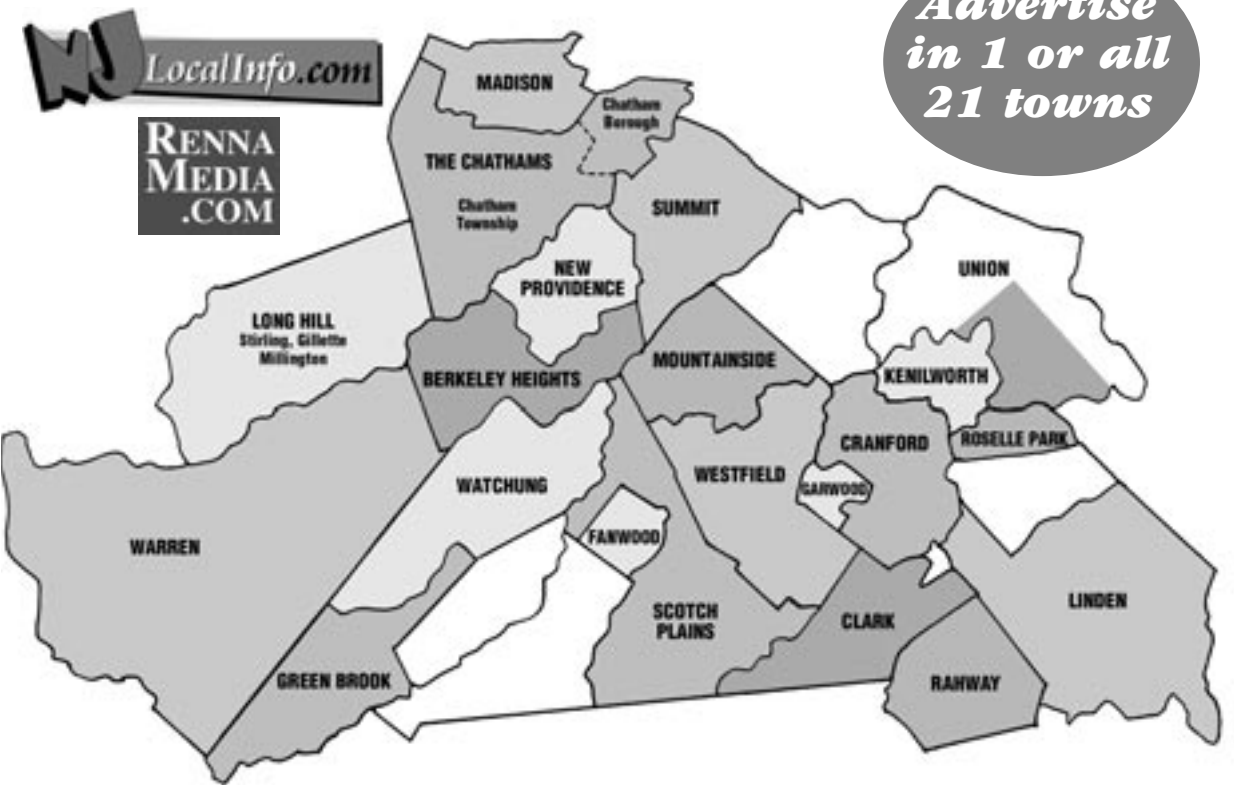
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