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## EARTH DAY RAHWAY RIVER CLEAN-UP - APRIL 23

All volunteers are invited to celebrate Earth Day 2022 with Boy Scout Troop 330, Cub Scout Pack 30 and members of the Rahway River Watershed Association in a clean-up of the Rahway River on Saturday, April 23rd (with a rain date of Sunday, April 24th). The clean-up will focus on areas upstream and downstream of the dam at Winfield Park, New Jersey throughout Rahway River Park. Please plan to stop by the parking area adjacent to the waterfall of the Rahway River by the dam at Winfield Park at 8:45 a.m. to register, pick up bags, gloves, bottled water and snacks, and receive safety information.

Teams will be encouraged to travel to any part of the river within the park where they would like to perform cleanup activities but we specifically will ask folks to always work in small groups for safety purposes with folks socially distanced.

Cleaning up a river and park area is a great way to celebrate Earth Day and if you haven't participated in an event like this before, you will find it invigorating, and you will feel good about what you have accomplished. It is also fun and educational, especially for scouts and young adults as they always find something interesting. Over the 20+ years this cleanup has occurred thousands of folks have participated, including girl scouts, cub scouts, boy scouts, fishermen, local activists and citizens, and we pulled some amazing things from the river.

The clean-up will generally be between 9a.m. till noon, but any amount of time or effort that folks can volunteer is appreciated. There is always a large volume of floatable debris to pick up, and this year there remains substantial debris in the floodplain from Hurricane Ida last fall. The team working registration will provide suggestions on areas with large volumes of floatable debris.

All participants should wear jeans, long-sleeved shirts, gloves and boots, waders are welcome for folks who like to get a little wet. Each participant should bring a standard 5-gallon carry bucket with a handle (put your name on the bottom), this makes for easy carrying of "stuff" for transfer to the



*(above) Some interesting things have been pulled out of the river during the annual Earth Day River Clean-up events*

large garbage bags. A mulching rake is also a great asset to have to enable reaching out and pulling debris into shore from the river bank. When we complete the event we do a basic inventory of the "big stuff" that we removed, and within approximately 24 hours Union County Parks removes and disposes of all the trash. There is no RSVP required but if you need more information or think you will attend please let us know by e-mail at [rivercleanup@comcast.net](mailto:rivercleanup@comcast.net).



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## THE CRANFORD JAYCEES' – APRIL EVENTS

### CRANFORD EASTER EGG HUNT RETURNS

The Cranford Jaycees' annual Easter Egg Hunt is back on Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. sharp (arrive by 9:45 a.m.), behind Orange Avenue School. This event is typically for ages 9 & under, but the Jaycees are extending it to 12 & under for all the kids who've missed out the last two years. There will be separate fields by age group.

The event is free, but please bring non-perishable food items to donate to Cranford Family Care. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

#### BENEFITTING CRANFORD FAMILY CARE

The Cranford Jaycees' annual pancake breakfast is back at the Cranford VFW on Sunday, April 10th from 7:30 a.m.-noon with eggs, sausage/bacon, coffee, juice, and of course pancakes (with optional chocolate chips). Tickets available at the door and are \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids, or \$25 for a family (plus a to-go option).

The Easter Bunny will be there, along with face painting and a Guess the Jelly Bean contest. New for 2022: there's a raffle to win one of two Blackstone flat-top grills. Proceeds benefit Cranford Family Care.



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## MICHAEL ALAN PFAHLER 1966 - 2022

*Submitted by Carol & Ed Pfahler*

On January 22, 2022 our son Mike Pfahler passed away from Parkinson's Disease. Mike lived most of his life in Cranford. He was known as "Mike the Bike." Mike was retarded since birth. This handicap did not slow him down in any way. He attended area schools, and their related special needs programs.

Mike was known by just about everyone in Cranford, and Garwood, because of the time he spent on his trusty bike. Every parade, as well as street fairs, found him at those events. Most serving on the police and fire departments, and rescue squads, as well as store owners, and everyday residents knew him. He so enjoyed those times riding around the towns.

His wake was held at Dooley Funeral Home on February 13, 2022. It was attended by family, and friends, and it would have been Mike's shining moment meeting all those who attended.

He will be missed by everyone who knew him, and his bright smile. Pedal on "Mike the Bike."



*(above) Mike the Bike at the May 26, 2008  
Cranford Memorial Day Parade*



*(above) When Mike's bike was stolen in 2011,  
members of the Cranford Police Department replaced it.*

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## BOOK SALE APRIL 28 - 30

For great books at bargain prices, come to the Friends of the Cranford Public Library's upcoming book sale from April 28 to April 30 at the Friendly Book Cellar. All books will be sold at bargain prices. Most young children's books will be priced at 25 cents and 50 cents. Books for adults and older children, CDs, DVDs, as well as recorded books will be priced at only \$1 or \$2. Only a few special books will be priced higher. All books will be easy to find because they are arranged alphabetically.

The dates and times of the sale are: Thursday, April 28 from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m., Friday, April 29 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30 is Bag Day—you can purchase a large bag of books for just \$8.

When the pandemic started, the Friends reduced the number of people at its book sales. This turned out to have a wonderful effect on attendees who said that the lack of crowds made their shopping easier and more enjoyable than it had ever been. Because of this, the Friends will continue to regulate attendance, so please make sure you register early.

In order to keep everyone safe, all attendees are required to wear a mask. Only people who wear masks will be allowed into the sale.

To learn more and to register go to [cranfordlibrary.org/friends.php](http://cranfordlibrary.org/friends.php).

## LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS SOUGHT

*Friends of the Cranford Public Library*

The Gerard Paradiso Scholarship, offered by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, is now available. Eligible candidates are Cranford residents, or employees of the Cranford Public Library who are currently pursuing or intend to pursue a graduate degree in library/media information science or media specialist.

Named in honor of former Friends of the Library President Gerard Paradiso, the scholarship is for \$1,000.

The award is not based on need. The candidate must furnish proof of acceptance to an accredited university, a letter of reference, and an essay. Applications are available online at: [cranfordlibrary.org/friends.php](http://cranfordlibrary.org/friends.php). Submission deadline: May 1, 2022.

For more information, contact Library Director Michael Maziekien at 908-709-7272 or [m-maziekien@cranfordnj.org](mailto:m-maziekien@cranfordnj.org).

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## LOCAL TEEN RUNS INTERNATIONAL CHARITY

### *Girls Run Sri Lanka*

Cranford teen Leila Cader founded Girls Run Sri Lanka, an international 501c3 charity, based on her own experiences as a young teen that loves to run. Leila, a junior in high school, has run cross country and track and field for Cranford High since her freshman year and is a junior coach at Girls on the Run in Cranford.

After helping young girls develop confidence skills and running techniques for Girls on the Run, she wanted to reach out to young women in Sri Lanka. Girls Run Sri Lanka's mission is to empower young Sri Lankan girls while helping them become active—both on the track and in their communities.

Leila's dad, a 10-time marathon runner, was born and raised in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and Leila has traveled to Sri Lanka several times. "I am so grateful to live in this town and country. I am fortunate enough to have participated in sports as a child, and I want to use my privilege to help girls who aren't as lucky as me." Leila wants to take her experience and inspire girls to be confident in themselves.

Girls Run Sri Lanka is partnering with the Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association (similar to the Girls Scouts in the US) and is traveling to Sri Lanka this August for in-person seminars and camps.

"Our goal is to raise \$10,000 this year and we are doing that through cookie sales, tote bags, bracelet sales, and donations. People can buy items or donate online at our website ([girlsrunsrilanka.org](http://girlsrunsrilanka.org)) or via Venmo (@girlsrunsrilanka). We would be happy to deliver any purchases to your home."

For just \$30, you can sponsor a Girls Run Sri Lanka athlete with a confidence journal and T-shirt. All donations are tax deductible as Girls Run Sri Lanka is an IRS approved public charity.

Girls Run Sri Lanka will have a spot at the Cranford Fair on May 1, so, please stop by and say hello!



(above) Leila Cader, runner and founder of Girls Run Sri Lanka, is on an international mission to inspire confidence in young women.

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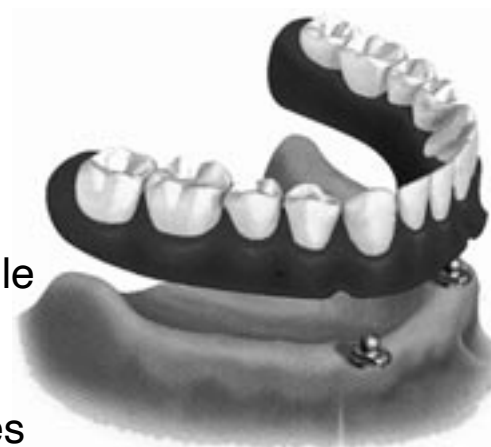
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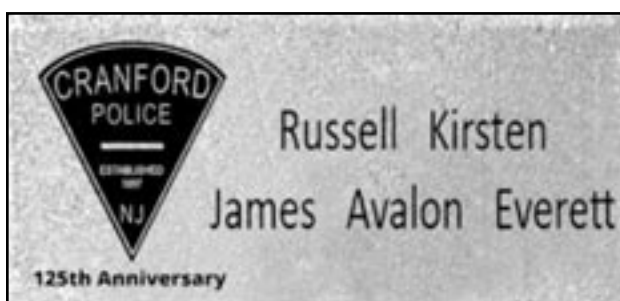
As the Cranford Police Department continues to celebrate its 125th Anniversary this year – March 27th, 1897 – the department has announced the launch of its 125th Anniversary Commemorative Brick Sale.

Residents may purchase a commemorative brick honoring active and past members of the organization, or simply showing support of the organization during this celebration year. These bricks will be part of a commemorative project to be completed in 2022.

Each 4" x 8" Brick includes up to two lines of text with 21 characters per line (including spaces). All bricks will include the Department 125th Anniversary logo. Logo and text will be arranged on the brick based on best fit and the brick-designer will reach out with any design questions if the need arises. Upon submitting your order, those placing orders will be redirected to the Cranford PBA's website to remit an online payment. Each commemorative brick costs \$100, and proceeds will offset the cost of completing the entire dedicatory project slated for this year.

To order a commemorative brick, visit <https://bricksengraving.squarespace.com/cranford-pd> or visit our free Cranford PD app and click on "125th Anniversary Brick Sale".

An accredited law enforcement agency since 2006, the 53-officer highly-specialized municipal police agency consists of a Patrol Division, Investigative Division, Community Support Services Division, Training Division, Detective Bureau, Juvenile Bureau, Traffic Bureau, Records Bureau and a Community Outreach Unit. Earlier this year, the Cranford Police Department was awarded reaccreditation through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP), confirming the organization's dedication to optimal law enforcement professionalism.



(above) To order a commemorative brick, visit <https://bricksengraving.squarespace.com/cranford-pd> or visit our free Cranford PD app and click on "125th Anniversary Brick Sale".

## RELIEF FROM CHRONIC KNEE PAIN FDA Approved Treatment to Avoid Surgery

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### If Knee Surgery Sounds Scary, It Should

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?

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- Guided fluoroscopic injections are virtually pain free, unlike blind injections.
- No lost time from work or family.
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- No potentially addictive prescription medications.
- Recovery time is almost instant, not months or years.

### How Does This New Treatment Work?

Relief begins almost as fast as it takes to pronounce the treatment. It's called Viscosupplementation Therapy. To begin with, it starts with **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** investing in the use of diagnostic fluoroscopy. This enables them to target the exact location of your knee pain with pinpoint accuracy. What follows is a simple injection that causes little to no pain, especially when compared to what you may be living with daily. That explains what you will see on the surface of this revolutionary treatment. What's taking place below the surface is how and where the natural healing process takes place. The injection of a Hyaluronic acid called Hyalgan. This gel-like substance was approved by the FDA in 1996. Hyalgan is a natural substance that mimics the synovial fluid that is already produced by your body in your joints. Osteoarthritis sufferers in particular see a reduction in this much needed synovial fluid in their knee joints. Without that cushioning layer of protection, the cartilage in your knee can begin to wear away leading to the rubbing of bone on bone. Through Viscosupplementation Therapy, this natural substance immediately goes to work reducing the swelling and inflammation in the joint and adding a coating layer of protection. Think about Dorothy taking the oil can to The Tin Man. You'll begin to feel that same kind of relief and quite possibly feel like you're ready for a dance down the yellow brick road to recovery yourself. And with a success rate of over 85% in alleviating pain associated with osteoarthritis, it's easy to see why this treatment is so readily covered by Medicare and by most major insurance providers. Diagnostic fluoroscopy to target the pain, Viscosupplementation Therapy to relieve the pain. Simple, fast and no surgery!

### 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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- **Swelling** - This can cause tenderness and soreness to the entire knee area, making walking or going up and down stairs painful, getting in and out of bed or bathtubs difficult and dangerous just name a few activities affected by swelling.
- **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.
- **Joint deformity** - Not just unsightly, but painful as well.
- **Creaking Joints** - Can be painful and a sign of more discomfort to come.
- **Sleepless nights** - Losing sleep over your suffering is not just irritating, but potentially dangerous because of so many other health concerns that can be affected by loss of sound sleep.

### Let Me Show You Targeted Relief From Your Knee Pain

Every day, I see patients suffering from knee pain due to arthritis, osteoarthritis, sports injuries or other conditions. Many have been told that they are in need of knee replacement surgery. Other patients say they have been prescribed various prescription medications to deal with the pain.

Something else I see almost every day, are patients that have tried viscosupplementation knee injections elsewhere and found it to be a painful and ineffective experience because the injections were not administered using fluoroscopic guidance. Instead of using the incredibly accurate diagnostic fluoroscopy we use at **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** these patients experienced a blind injection technique, which can be as inaccurate as playing pin the tail on the donkey.

Once I am able to explain to my patients about the pin point accuracy of using diagnostic fluoroscopy and the amazing results viscosupplementation can provide, they are thrilled to get started. They are even more thrilled when they feel the relief. Please contact **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** today to schedule your RISK FREE consultation.

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These problems and the severity are dramatically worse in poorer areas with more industry, diesel fumes and NO TREES. (please see "Earth Day turns 50" in the Star Ledger, it touches on what are children and their children are facing. One of the things they speak of are the "Large bodies of polluted water" we are leaving behind.

Despite these facts and my efforts: dozens of these trees, our "Oldest Residents", are killed in our local neighborhoods each year. Among the many losses: Shade, Solace the Filtering of our Air and Water, the oxygen they provided, ...they also release the Carbon they have accumulated for hundreds of years.

On June 8th, 2021, I hired a tree expert to help save some of the trees in our area. I showed him dozens of trees in Westfield, New Providence, Summit and Scotch Plains. He used the word "disgusting" to describe what he saw. In his report he writes "that many of these trees can be saved if prompt action is taken".

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## KATIE RABIECKI SWORN IN AS ADVOCATE FOR LOCAL FOSTER YOUTH

### CASA of Union County

The new class of community members to step up and train as advocates for Union County foster youth have taken their oath before Union County Superior Court Judge Lara K. DiFabrizio and become the newest volunteers with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County.

Since 2005, the nonprofit has recruited, trained, supported and supervised nearly 600 community volunteers to advocate for more than 900 such youth, protecting best interests and ensuring needs are met in the courtroom, classroom, and community. As caseworkers, foster placements, and schools can change frequently, CASA volunteers often are the only consistent, caring adult in a youth's corner, helping ensure already experienced trauma is not exacerbated as youth await permanency in a safe and loving home.

Cranford's Katherine (Katie) Rabiecki, currently pursuing the field of social work and a mentor of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Her journey in advocacy continues now as a CASA volunteer to positively impact kids in the community.

Judge DiFabrizio presided over the Zoom swearing-in ceremony of Rabiecki and her classmates Lynda Sun Lee of Berkeley Heights, Dina Gharaibeh of Kearny, Lila Monroe of Roselle, Julia Dranishnikov of Scotch Plains, and Robert Mallard of Union. In commemoration with gratitude, Judge DiFabrizio noted, "Thank you all for your commitment, passion, hard work, and loyalty to these families that desperately need it. It takes a village and now you're a part of it." Each volunteer will now be matched to a foster youth or foster sibling set, and begin putting their 30-hour training into practice, ensuring their needs are met and best interests are protected while they await permanency.

Anyone passionate about making a difference in a child's life can apply to volunteer; there is no prior experience or background needed to serve as an advocate. Each undergoes a thorough training process and is supported by CASA staff

throughout their work. Successful advocates have varied life experiences and this class is no exception, as professional backgrounds include social work, education, judicial clerkship, health management, and business.

Upon being court-ordered to a case, the CASA volunteer has access to the youth's foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists, and teachers and, through their regular child visits, identify and report to the judge any concerns and needs in order to protect the child's best interests.

As the only nonprofit serving as extra eyes and ears for Union County judges hearing cases of youth in the child welfare system, the organization regularly recruits community volunteers to serve these local child-victims from birth to age 21. To learn more about CASA of Union County, how to join a training class, and other ways to Change a Child's Story, email [info@casaoofunioncounty.org](mailto:info@casaoofunioncounty.org).

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(above l-r) Community members are sworn in as advocates for foster youth.  
 Top row: Berkeley Heights' Lynda Sun Lee, Roselle's Lila Monroe, Cranford's Katherine Rabiecki; Middle row: Union's Robert Mallard, Union County Superior Court Judge Lara K. DiFabrizio, Kearny's Dina Gharaibeh; Bottom row: Scotch Plains' Julia Dranishnikov.

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## APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

The Cranford Fire Department supports Autism Awareness Month throughout April by wearing custom T-shirts and by lighting the Fire Headquarters in blue.

According to Chief Dan Czeh, "The Cranford Fire Department fully supports the Autistic Community and will do whatever possible to show love and support to those affected by this developmental disability. While this initiative started as an awareness campaign, it's more about acceptance. We need to come together as a community and accept and celebrate Autistic people as they are."

According to Autism Speaks, approximately one in 44 children in the U.S. is diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Most children were still being diagnosed after age four, though autism can be reliably diagnosed as early as age two. "We all know someone who is affected by autism. We can only imagine how difficult life is for them and for their parents. Hopefully, we can have a positive impact and let the autistic community feel the love and acceptance they deserve."

The Puzzle Piece T-Shirt is available for purchase via Venmo (@Cranford-Local) or by visiting Cranford Fire Headquarters at 7 Springfield Ave. Cost of the shirt is \$25. Proceeds go towards Autism Speaks. If purchasing a shirt in person, please have exact change. Checks are accepted and must be made out to Cranford FMBA Local 37.

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(above) Cranford Fire Department offers T-shirts in sizes from small to 2XL to support Autism Awareness Month. T-shirts are \$25 each and can be purchased via Venmo or at the Cranford Fire Headquarters at 7 Springfield Avenue.

## JAN LILIEN EDUCATION FUND

The Hanson Park Conservancy (HPC) is kicking off a new education initiative this spring comprised of events and programs to address sustainability and environmental awareness. Programming will be provided by the Jan Lilien Education Fund, which was made possible by donations in memory of Jan Lilien of Cranford.

Topics will include measures citizens can take on their properties and throughout the community to benefit the environment. Some programs under consideration involve the benefits of trees, native plants, and sustainable gardening techniques. There will also be programs geared towards children to introduce them to sustainability and reinforce what they are learning in the classroom.

The Conservancy is coordinating with the Cranford Environmental Commission, Cranford Green Team, and other township organizations to bring environmental awareness to children and adults. Several programs have been scheduled,

including a presentation in June by Randi Eckel of Toadshade Farm called "If You Plant It, They Will Come," which will discuss the importance of native plants to attract pollinators such as butterflies and birds.

HPC would like to express extreme gratitude to the family and friends of Jan Lilien. Jan was the former Executive Director of the YWCA of Union County and a tireless advocate for social justice issues. Jan and husband Richard spent many enjoyable hours at Hanson Park, making it a very special place for her and her family. Through the many donations in her memory, HPC purchased two new benches and funded educational programs.

For a schedule of upcoming programs and events, please visit our website at [hansonparkconservancy.com](http://hansonparkconservancy.com) or visit us on Facebook or Instagram. Information will be updated as we add programming.

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# IN MEMORY OF DOTTIE BANIEWICZ

Dorothy Ann (“Dottie”) Bowen Baniewicz died peacefully on March 13th.

Dottie was one of a kind. Born in Bloomfield, NJ, she worked for Olsten Temporary Services early in her career. She later moved to Cranford,



where she became an integral part of the community for more than forty years.

Dottie loved Cranford and was loved by many in return. She was a co-founder of the Cranford 9/11 Memorial and monitored the maintenance of the park until her final days. She served on the board of Cranford Family Care for 17 years and contributed to Project Home of Cranford for more than 10 years. She was an honorary member of the New Jersey State PBA and a silver card member.

Dottie was involved in countless projects to improve Cranford’s downtown. Back to Nature, the health food store that Dottie and her husband Charlie owned and operated, was a vital part of the downtown for 30 years. She went on to serve more than 22 years on the Cranford Area Chamber of Commerce, where she was Executive Director for five years. With others on the Chamber, she organized the annual Pride in Cranford awards, Cranford Street fairs, Christmas and Easter activities for children and many other events.

She will be remembered for her many years of service in numerous organizations, including the Parent Teacher Associations at Walnut Avenue School, Livingston Avenue School, Hillside Avenue School and Cranford High School. Cranford Democrats remember her for her service as a Democratic committee woman.

If someone was hurting and needed help, Dottie was there. She volunteered as a crisis counselor for the Cranford public schools. She organized a memorial when her local school crossing guard passed away. She sent cards, meals, and whatever was needed to hundreds of friends and families.

In her free time, Dottie’s favorite things were traveling with her husband, shopping with her

daughter and son-in-law and spending time with her grandson, whom she adored. Her children and grandchild were the light of her life. Dottie would always take care of everyone else before herself and never asked for anything in return. She was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister and friend to all.

Surviving are her husband Charlie Baniewicz, her daughter Megan, son-in-law Michael and her grandson Charlie, as well as many nieces and nephews whom she loved very much.

## EDITOR’S NOTE

Having taken many photos of town events I searched our archives for a photo of Dottie and couldn’t find any where she posed for a photo. Dottie was always in action. Working, helping ... as in this photo she is helping a girl scout place an ornament on the downtown gazebo tree.

Upon her retirement from the Cranford Chamber of Commerce, the Cranford Township Committee honored Dottie with a proclamation on February 11th 2020.

An excerpt: WHEREAS, Ms. Baniewicz’s love of her family and the Cranford community inspired her tremendous contributions to providing the Cranford community with lively, interesting and fun events such as the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Breakfast with Santa and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Trolley Rides, the Downtown Tree Lighting, Street Fairs, Cruiser Nights, the Circus and networking events for business people; and Ms. Baniewicz was instrumental in organizing the Cranford World Trade Center Memorial Committee after the September 11, 2001 tragic events. With this Committee, Ms. Baniewicz has organized Cranford’s annual 9/11 ceremony commemorating the Cranford residents who lost their lives on this day.

## RICHARD RACZKOWSKI



Richard Raczowski, age 93, formerly of Cranford and Newark, New Jersey, passed away Friday, February 18th, 2022. He was born on July 22nd, 1928 to Zenon Raczowski and Jennie Sadowski, both of Poland.

Richard joined the Army early and rose to the rank of Sergeant with procurement responsibilities while stationed in Guam and Saipan. Living in New Jersey, Richard enjoyed deep sea fishing, attending horse races at the track, and watching the Yankees, especially if they were winning. He was a member of the Teamsters working in the trucking industry for many years before his semi-retirement and move to Rio Rancho in 1982.

Before permanently retiring, Richard worked for Amrep and Kmart. He loved being outdoors, gardening, visiting his many friends and neighbors especially when it involved going to the casino or cheering on the Cowboys. A devoted family man, in later years he was a caregiver for his wife, Josephine, assisting her with all her volunteer and advocacy work until her death in 2013. He is survived by his devoted daughter Lorraine Raczowski.

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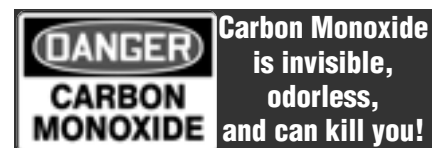
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Project Graduation began in 1979, in Oxford Hills, ME, after the town experienced seven alcohol and drug related teen deaths during the commencement season that year. Cranford adopted the tradition in 1989 and it has become much more than a single event for the senior class on graduation night. It is a community-wide planning process that strives to engage the township, support local business, and create a safe environment for our teenagers. It also gives parents peace of mind knowing their children are at a supervised function and delivers a benefit to the public knowing everyone is safer on the roads on graduation night.

As part of CHS PTSA, Project Graduation is a non-profit organization and relies on fundraising and donations to offset the costs of such a large event. Each year, approximately 85% of the graduating class attends. This year's class has 286 students and 250 are expected to join the event taking place on Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

The Project Graduation Committee is made up of parent volunteers who work closely with many in the community, including the CHS Administration, Cranford Police and Fire Departments, First Aid Squad, and others to

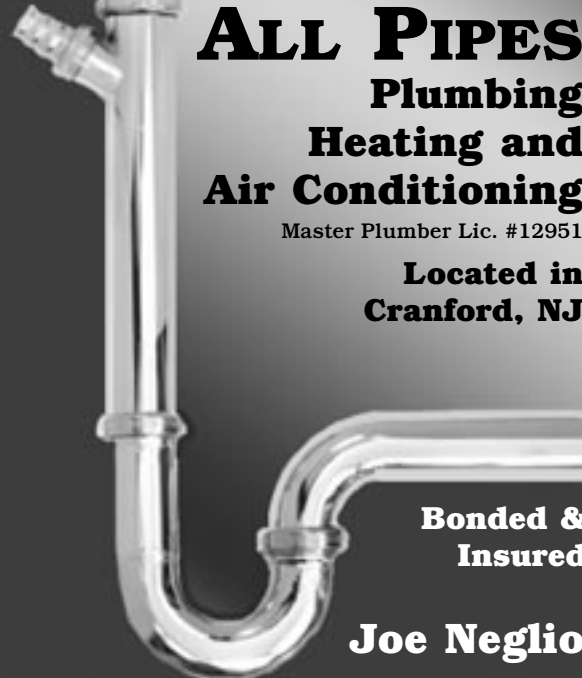
manage fundraising activities and the event itself. Planning began in October 2021 and so far, nearly 65 volunteers have pitched in and run nine different fundraisers such as the Holiday Lights Tour of the Town, the SouperHero Stroll and the CHS Senior Fashion Show. These community-based events leveraged partnerships with Downtown Cranford and local businesses who were essential in providing support. "The community support we've received has been nothing short of amazing and thanks to our partners, we'll be able to give our seniors an extraordinary event," said Laura Romito, Project Graduation Co-Chair.

Fundraising efforts are ongoing through May and continue to involve the community with a little something for everyone. Currently there is an Easter Egg Hunt Service, where the seniors hide eggs in your front yard the night before Easter, a lawn sign sale for all graduates in all schools (K, 5, 8 and 12), and a keepsake graduation program which invites businesses, family, and friends to submit their congratulatory ads for the seniors.

This year, the Class of 2022 will be treated to a carnival-like event at Orange Avenue Pool. Giant inflatable obstacle courses, a mechanical bull, boardwalk games, a DJ, and tattoo artists are just some of the highlights they'll enjoy. Other activities include a hypnotist, prize raffles, and swimming if the weather permits, plus a variety of food, beverages and a midnight visit from a food truck.

The tremendous support and involvement from the community is an important part of making Project Graduation a fun, safe, and memorable evening for our graduates and is greatly appreciated by everyone involved! As a 501c3 non-profit organization, donations are tax deductible and can be made at any time via Venmo to @CranfordHSPG2022 (code: 4371). For more information, please email: chspg2022@gmail.com.

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## GAMING NIGHT 4/ 11

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On April 11th, at the first Presbyterian Church in Cranford, in the Youth Center, the College Women's Club will host a meet and greet at 7:30 p.m. with light refreshments, and then we will jump right into some gaming at 8 p.m.

The community is invited to this free program. This month we will be having a little fun dabbling in interactive gaming. Wii sports is a fun way to get up and move at any age or any skill level. Everyone is welcome to attend our version of a gaming tournament. We are pleased to have Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ return to bring us this fun free event as part of their community outreach program.

The College Women's Club of Cranford is committed to providing free educational and fun programs to the community as well as fundraise exclusively to provide college scholarships to Cranford residents. Please contact us for more information about membership, scholarship or our educational programming.

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## 9TH ANNUAL GIRL SCOUTS' PINWOOD DERBY

The Girl Scouts of Cranford (Service Unit 48) recently held its 9th Annual Pinewood Derby, boasting entries from 44 different troops. More than 160 Girl Scouts of all ages participated with Cadette Troop 40688 of Hillside Avenue School and Senior Troop 40444 of Cranford High School, who coordinated the event. The races were held on Saturday, February 12 at the Cranford United Methodist Church.

Girls of all ages used their engineering skills and creativity to turn blocks of pine wood into miniature cars which were then raced in heats on a specialized track. In addition to winning trophies for the fastest cars in each heat, other awards were given such as; Best Vehicle Not a Car, Best Sports Themed Car, and Best Book Themed Car among others.

Erin Esteves and Stephanie Patterson spearheaded the Girl Scout Pinewood Derby in 2013 to help encourage girls to design, be creative, and learn how to build something with their own two hands.

The four Grand Champion winners were:

1st place: Scarlet Oberhamer, Brownie, 2nd gd.

2nd place: Kate McNulty, Junior, 5th grade

3rd place: Evelyn Gannon, Junior, 4th grade

4th place: Julia Fonseca, Brownie, 3rd grade

Kyle Schoenfeld, a father of one of the Girl Scouts, was also instrumental to the success of the derby. He coordinated the tech team which brought the races right into the homes of the families. Troops 40444 and 40688 are extremely grateful for his help! The Girl Scouts of Troops 40444 and 40688 emceed the race from start to finish.

"It's been exciting to watch how the girls, their families, and the many troops embrace the challenge. Each year we see lots of new entrants, as well as girls who have been participating in the derby for a number of years!", said Ms. Esteves, "It has also taught the girls troops 40688 and 40444 about leadership, organization, team work, responsibility and planning."

"We are so happy we were able to continue this well-loved tradition," said Stephanie Patterson, leader of Troop 40444. "And we are thankful to all the families that dropped off canned goods when they picked up their cars. We were able to donate three shopping carts full of non-perishables to Cranford Family Care this week."

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](http://cranfordgirlscouts.com).



(above) Brianna Sassi, Ella Seeto, Riley Greco, Clare Schuler, Kerri Esteves



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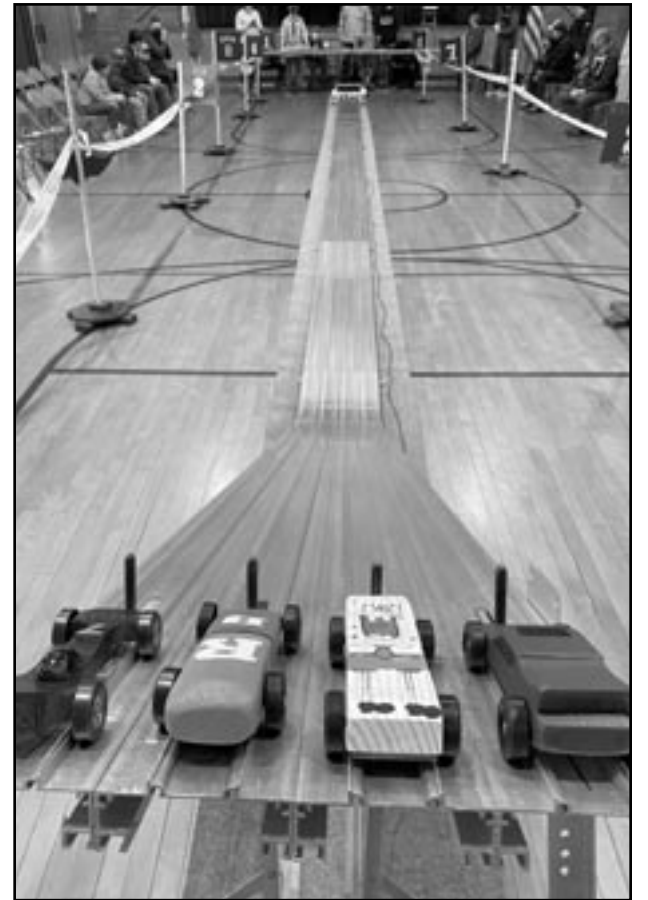
## CRANFORD CUB SCOUT PACK 103 PINEWOOD DERBY

Cranford Cub Scout Pack 103 has been busy. We recently had our Pinewood Derby Day at The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford.

Trophies were given to all winners. Approximately 60 races were raced. Group races were set up per rank of the scout. A parent

race was held for a fee to enter to raise money for the pack.

For more information about Cranford Cub Scouts Pack 103 you can find us on Facebook at "Pack 103 Cranford Cub Scouts" or e-mail us at Cranford pack103@yahoo.com.



(above) A Pinewood Workshop was held in the lead up to the race. Tools were on hand such as bandsaws, drill press and sanders for the scouts to cut out parts, and build their cars.

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## TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE - APRIL 30TH

Project Home of Cranford's Spring 2022 Town Wide Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday April 30, 2022 Rain or Shine. This is a great opportunity for residents to clean out items they no longer need and turn them into cash and most importantly help support township residents in need.

Those who register will have the address of their sale and a brief description of what they are selling included on the listing that will be posted on the Project Home website and on Facebook for shoppers looking to find sale locations. On-line registration will be available through Monday April 25, mail in registration must be postmarked by Friday April 22.

To participate in the Town Wide Garage Sale registration is available on-line through the Project Home website:

<https://www.projecthomeofcranford.org/town-wide-garage-sale-2>

Or mail in the completed registration form, which can also be found on the website or send a note with your name, address, telephone number

and brief description of what you are selling, along with a check for \$25 for an individual household or \$35 for a multi-family sale to Project Home of Cranford, PO Box 724, Cranford, NJ 07016. Note, only your address and what you are selling will be posted to the site for shoppers to see.

It is through fundraisers like the Town Wide Garage Sale that we as a community are able to lend a hand to those in need when unexpected financial crisis impacts our neighbors.

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 crisis in their homes. The Town Wide Garage Sale is one of the events that Project Home runs to raise funds for Cranford Family Care.

For questions about the garage sale or just find out more about Project Home and our mission please email us at [projecthomeofcranford@gmail.com](mailto:projecthomeofcranford@gmail.com) visit us at [www.projecthomeofcranford.org](http://www.projecthomeofcranford.org) and Like us on Facebook

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## CRANFORD FILM FESTIVAL - APRIL 30

Cranford Schools Friends of Performing Arts welcomes you to its second annual Cranford Film Festival in downtown Cranford! This year, the festival is part of a day-long celebration of the arts!

Saturday, April 30, will open with live performances from students at Cranford High School and also from Cranford artists such as the Cranford Dramatic Club, Beyond Dance, Yvette's and Shining Stars. This "arts in the park" free event is being held with Downtown Cranford and hopes to reconnect our residents and children with the arts and downtown. The live performances will end with a large community drum circle for everyone to participate in. Many thanks to realtor Julie Murphy, the main sponsor of Cranford Arts Day.

A picture donated by Frank Little, a well-known resident photographer, will be auctioned off, with proceeds benefiting CSFOPA.

And then in the evening, local and worldwide films will be showcased in person at the Cranford Theater from 6-10 p.m. on Saturday, April 30. You need tickets for the film festival, and they are now on sale at [Cranfordfilmfestival.com](http://Cranfordfilmfestival.com).

"We have lots of quality films that everyone will enjoy seeing," said Lew Goldstein, film festival director. "We look forward to having the festival be the conclusion of arts day and the community coming and supporting it another year." Goldstein, a Cranford resident, also runs the very successful Nassau Film Festival in Princeton.

Cranford Film Festival was developed by CSFOPA, a non-profit, to celebrate the arts and to raise money to support the performing arts at the Cranford High School and within the public school district. Its first festival was last year during the pandemic and was held virtually. This year's festival will have a two-week virtual option along with the in-person event.

"We are so excited to be partnering with the Cranford Theater this year and offer a live event," said Pam Brewster Rosenthal, film festival co-chair with CSFOPA board member

Stephanie Levine. "There is something to the magic of seeing your work on the big screen in a real movie theater with your friends and family."

Levine and Rosenthal hope the festival will spur other local teens to try creating videos with the hope of coming to see them in the theater.

Filmmaker Peter Collier grew up in Cranford and was excited to have his film, SantaForce, featured in last year's festival. In fact, the Cranford Film Festival will feature a special section of local works.

"It's so wonderful (and long overdue) that Cranford finally has its own film festival!" said Cranford resident and filmmaker Peter Collier. "I think it's so beneficial for students (and anyone interested in film) to be able to create and showcase their work. I wish I had these resources available when I was a student at CHS. It would have helped me realize earlier that a career in TV/Film is possible."

CSFOPA has raised more than \$25,000 to support and enrich the arts in the public schools. During the past four years, the non-profit helped to fund an upgraded stage curtain and valance at the high school, new classroom chairs, a bus for the state-wide acting competition, a master class and performance for the chorus, a drumset for jazz band, a xylophone for the band, a cello rack for the orchestra, a conductor's stand, tents for outdoor classrooms for the middle schools and field trips. We've also advocated for more funding for our students' programs.

So many businesses have stepped up so far to help and be a part of the day. In addition to Julie Murphy, CSFOPA would like to thank sponsors, including Martin's Jewelers, A&W Chiropractic, Sharon Steele Real Estate, Periwinkles, The Artist Frammer, the Charles Dooley Funeral Home, Simply, Dim Sum, Bell's Pharmacy, Rustic Mill, Coldwell Banker, Delice Macaroons, Subology, Garlic Rose, Bel Giordino, Vanilla Bean, HomeGotOwned mortgages, Steve Oliveira-Coldwell Banker Realty, FiloSofi Arts, Mr. Bin's sushi.

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## Community Art Swap

Saturday, April 9 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Bring new or gently used arts and craft materials to the Community Center and swap them for something new. See our website or FaceBook page for rules. Can't make the swap but have materials to share? Drop donations off in the Children's Department from April 4-8. Follow the Facebook Event Page for updates.

## How We Can Help the Earth

April 14

Earth Day is every day! Just ask the Lorax! Let's discuss how we can help the Earth by Reducing, Reusing, & Recycling. We'll create a Clean Air poster and make a Truffula Tree bookmark. For grades 1-3. Visit the Children's desk to register and to pick-up your arts and crafts supplies. In-person program. Limit: 10. Masks and social distancing required.

## Geronimo Stilton Book Club

April 28 from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Students in grades 2-4 are invited to join us for a Geronimo Stilton Book Club. We'll talk about The Sticky Situation, learn about bees, and make fun crafts. Register at the Children's desk and pick-up your free book & supplies. In-person program. Limit: 10. Masks and social distancing required.

## Creative Patterns Meeting

Wednesday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Tweens are invited to create Among Us inspired art at our next Creative Patterns meeting. Children in grades 4-6 will make Perler bead art in the Cranford Community Center. Masks required.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Florian Schantz Jazz Combo

Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m.

We are excited to welcome back the Florian Schantz Jazz Combo for an evening concert at the Cranford Community Center. In addition to the live performance, group members will talk about music, composers, musicians, instruments, and techniques. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### Medicare Made Clear with Jo Ann Boyle of Access Benefit Consulting and Tom Singleton

Wednesday, April 6 at 7 p.m.

Whether you are just getting started or simply looking to learn more, join us at the Cranford Community Center to learn Medicare basics.

### Introduction to Wine with Dr. Mark Vogel

Thursday, April 7 at 7 p.m.

Join food and wine writer Dr. Mark Vogel for a comprehensive guide to buying, storing, serving, and cooking with wine at the Cranford Community Center. No alcohol will be served or permitted. This program is for attendees aged 21+ only. Identification showing proof of age required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### A Virtual Evening with

### Raquel Vasquez Gilliland

Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us virtually for an evening of conversation with award-winning young adult author Raquel Vasquez Gilliland, the author of Sia Martinez and the Moonlit Beginning of Everything and How Moon Fuentes Fell in Love with the Universe. Raquel is the recipient of the 2022 Pura Belpré Award, presented annually to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work

best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth, by the Association for Library Services to Children. She is a former resident of East Orange, NJ and currently lives in Tennessee. Sponsored by the Libraries of Union County Consortium.

### FEMA Hope and Healing (Virtual)

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### The Dogs of Chernobyl, 35 Years Later:

### A Story of Hope and Resilience

Wednesday, April 27 at 7 p.m.

Join us on Zoom on for a personal look at the dogs who descended from the pets left behind after the nuclear accident of 1986 with rare videos and photos taken by cat behaviorist Stephen Quandt. It is a story of resilience, hope, life, and even heroism. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Library and the Clark Public Library.

### Friends of the Cranford Public Library

### Book Sale

Thursday, April 28 - Saturday, April 30

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## MURDER, MAYHEM, & MYSTERY – APRIL 23

### Cranford Historical Society

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In 1891, a brutal homicide near Manhattan's waterfront led New York's coroner to announce Jack the Ripper had come to America. Amid the ensuing frenzy, police instead charged an Algerian immigrant with murder. Ameer Ben Ali finally regained his freedom more than a decade later, only after a mysterious Cranford resident came forward with an artifact from the crime scene. The killing of the woman called Carrie Brown remains unsolved today.

Recently, however, author Luke Jerod Kummer discovered evidence pointing to a fresh line of inquiry by looking more closely at the local New Jersey connection to this story, which inspired his Audible Original drama, Takers Mad.

In a special event hosted by the Cranford Historical Society, Kummer will present his new findings, while also discussing how this strange chapter in our town's past relates to a broader reexamination of prejudices in the justice system. Join us on, April 23, 2022 at 3:30 p.m., at the Cranford Community Center's auditorium, 220 Walnut Ave.

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# AN OPEN LETTER TO THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ABOUT THE INCREASE OF VEHICLE CRIMES

The following was written by Chief Ryan J. Greco of the Cranford Police Department in response to an uptick of motor vehicle thefts over the course of the past year. Released, March 16th, 2022.

During last week's New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police meeting, Acting Attorney General Matthew Platkin addressed Chiefs of Police from around the State of New Jersey about the rise in auto thefts in our State. The Attorney General ensured the leadership of Municipal Law Enforcement Agencies that his office plans to provide local police agencies with the tools and resources necessary to address auto theft in our State, especially in light of auto crimes now being associated with other violent crimes. This alarming data was recently outlined in a March 11th, 2022 article written by the Acting Attorney General Platkin and New Jersey State Police Colonel Patrick Callahan (Together, law enforcement and the public can curb NJ auto theft | Opinion ).

Cranford is not immune to this auto theft crisis, seeing 34 vehicles reported stolen from our Township in just over 1 year between January of 2021 and March of 2022. During one such incident, the homeowner was nearly struck by the stolen vehicle as the actors intentionally drove toward them to flee the scene of the crime. In Cranford, we can no longer assume that these events will only result in the theft of moveable property, especially when the suspects are willing to risk significantly injuring our residents in the process of stealing a car.

Why is this happening? According to Kelley Blue Book, car theft has been rapidly on the rise since the start of the pandemic. Vehicle shortages create a high demand and when vehicles are not properly safeguarded by their owners, these "crimes of opportunity" become more commonplace. A suburban community may get a reputation for having high-end vehicles and leaving those vehicles unlocked with their key fobs readily available. The proverbial "word on the street" gets out to would-be criminals, who may easily access our community through one of two Garden State Parkway interchange locations. These vehicles are also being stolen for the purpose of being utilized in the commission of more violent crimes.

Although these statistics and events are a troubling statewide trend trickling into our community, residents should rest assured that they live in a safe Township with an expectation of finding their vehicle in their driveway each morning. Anything short of that is unacceptable, and we are working with local, County and State law enforcement agencies to combat this crisis together.

Residents can help in this effort by changing old routines and following simple steps to decrease the possibility of becoming a victim of auto theft:

- Lock your vehicles, take your keys.
- Remove valuables from your vehicle and ensure your windows are closed.
- Place fobs in purses or in jacket pockets to avoid accidentally leaving them in vehicles.
- Never leave a vehicle idling for prolonged periods of time.
- If you see something suspicious, call 9-1-1 immediately. Avoid taking matters into your own hands. The faster you call 9-1-1, the faster our officers may respond.
- Research if your vehicle has a tracking system that can be used to recover your vehicle if stolen and if so, determine how to immediately access this critical information after a theft.
- Always have your license plate and distinguishing characteristics of your vehicle (magnets, bumper stickers) readily available. Have current photos of your vehicle in your smartphone saved under "favorites".
- If you receive Ring or Nest notifications about activity around your home, check these notifications immediately and alert police if you see actors walking up to vehicles or walking through your property – especially near driveways.

The Cranford Police Department often utilizes technological tools to track stolen vehicles entering and leaving our community. We still rely heavily on our residents' observations and home surveillance footage when conducting vehicle burglary and theft investigations. If you have a Ring, Nest, or surveillance system, please visit our free Cranford Police app and click on "CCC Program" to register your system with our Cranford Civilian Camera program.

I continue to work closely with the Union County Police Chief's Association to connect our municipal agencies with our partners in the Attorney General's Office and the New Jersey State Police to help combat this growing trend. We have voiced our frustration with some of the legislated changes to our statewide motor vehicle pursuit policy, bail reform, but most importantly, municipal law enforcement agencies not having a seat at the table during legislative decision-making. I am confident that Acting Attorney General Platkin and Colonel Patrick Callahan have heard our collective concerns and have mobilized their organizations to lead the way in ending the vehicle theft crisis in our State. I have equal confidence in the professionals of the Cranford Police Department who respond to, investigate, and aid in the successful prosecution of those who are committing crimes in our community. As always, please reach out to our organization if you have any questions, comments or concerns that help us better serve you, our residents.

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Units	Size	1 TOWN	3 TOWNS	6 TOWNS	9 TOWNS	12 TOWNS	15 TOWNS	18 TOWNS	21 TOWNS	24 TOWNS
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2 Units	6.5" x 2" or 3.25" x 4"	\$100	\$250	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$900	\$1000
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6 Units	6.5" x 6.25" or 10" x 4"	\$240	\$600	\$900	\$1200	\$1400	\$1600	\$1800	\$2000	\$2200
9 HALF PAGE	6.5" x 9" or 10" x 7"	\$320	\$800	\$1000	\$1300	\$1600	\$1900	\$2200	\$2400	\$2700
12 Units	10" x 8"	\$360	\$900	\$1200	\$1500	\$1800	\$2100	\$2400	\$2700	\$3000
18 FULL PAGE	10" x 14"	\$400	\$1000	\$1400	\$1800	\$2200	\$2500	\$2800	\$3000	\$3400
2-PAGE SPREAD	21" x 14"	\$700								
BACK PAGE	10" x 14"	\$500								
FRONT PAGE BANNER	8.25" x 2"	\$320								
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