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## CRANFORD MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CEREMONY

*Stephen Robertazzi, Director, Cranford Recreation & Parks*

This letter comes with sincere thanks to all who participated in honoring the men and women who lost their lives while defending our country's freedom. The Township of Cranford has 86 residents who have given their life for our freedom, and I am proud to say, each and every one of these residents were recognized this year once again, as a flag with their names on a ribbon for each soldier stood proudly at the ceremony.

The Memorial Day Committee members: Master of Ceremonies Barbara Bilger, Jerry Dobbins, Russ Graham, Mike Gregory, Howie Lubinger, Elizabeth Mathieu, Heinz Ricken, Chris Sands, Mark Schwartz, Commissioner Jason Gareis, and the Cranford 86 organizer Don Sweeney.

VFW Post #335: Commander Mark Schwartz, former Post Commander Jim D'Arcy, Grand Marshal Jay Boxwell, and all of the members of Cranford's VFW Post #335.

Volunteers of the Recreation & Parks Advisory Board: Carolyn Capone-Pugliese, Marita Dow, Wally Shackell and Tim Wall.

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Cranford Police Department, Cranford Fire Department,

Cranford First Aid Squad Cranford Department of Public Works, Cranford Board of Education, TV 35, Green Thumb Garden Club of Cranford, Cranford Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts and many more.

An extended thanks for the efforts of many other individuals who participated and volunteered their time and energy which made our Memorial Day ceremony a success.

*(More photos on page 25)*



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## TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS

### Cranford Parks & Recreation

Cranford will be celebrating our country's birthday this year with two special events. The first event is the annual fireworks display, which will be held on Sunday, July 2nd followed by a second celebration, which will take place on Tuesday, July 4th.

The July 2nd celebration will be held at Nomahegan Park, Cranford, NJ, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with food vendors, amusement rides and games. The finale will be the fireworks, which will start at 9:15 p.m. Limited parking will be available at Union County College, 1033 Springfield, Ave., Cranford, NJ. However, residents are urged to walk if possible. In the event of cancellation due to inclement weather,

there will be no rain date.

The July 4th festivities will begin at 8:00 a.m., with canoe races scheduled at the Cranford Canoe Club, 250 Springfield Ave., Cranford, NJ. Registration at the Canoe Club will be immediately before the races at 7:30 a.m. on July 4th.

Also on July 4th, the Jaycees will conduct their Annual Firecracker Run, beginning with a one-mile Fun Run at 8:00 a.m. and a four-miler at 8:30 a.m. at Nomahegan Park, Springfield Ave., Cranford. For more info regarding registration and the race, go to [cranfordjaycees.com](http://cranfordjaycees.com).

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### Rake & Hoe Garden Club

May was a busy month for the Community Projects Committee of the Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield. On May 9, members of the club met at Jardine Academy in Cranford, to help the children plant a variety of annual flowers in colorful planters. A total of 83 planters were filled and decorated with satin bows made by club members. The children gave these beautiful planters to their mothers on Mother's Day.

Nine days later, club members met at the First Baptist Church of Westfield where Mobile Meals originates and made 55 colorful small floral arrangements in laundry detergent caps using Gerber Daisies and garden greens. The arrangements were placed on the meal trays and delivered to the clients. The club preforms this service in spring, fall and winter and is much appreciated by the clients who look forward to

receiving these cheerful floral arrangements.

Both projects were coordinated by Betty Gulino (Chair of the Community Projects Committee) and made possible by club members who gave generously of their time and talents.

Rake and Hoe Garden Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 12:00 p.m. at

Shady Rest Country Club, Scotch Plains. Meetings feature speakers on horticulture, floral design, floral crafts, and environmental topics. Membership is open to residents of Westfield and surrounding towns. For more information, call Sharon Shiraga 908-228 2865 or visit the club's website, rakeandhoe.org, or Facebook page.

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(above, l-r) Floral Arrangements for Mobile Meals: First Row: Carmen Skoletsky, Margot Partridge, Betty Gulino, Kay Cross; Second Row: Jane Christiani, Cathy Becker, Donna Sevchuk and Martha McDonald. Not pictured: Regina Kelley, Lena Peitsinovski, Beth Siano and Mabel Woloj

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## RECORD \$49,500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY JAYCEES

The Cranford Jaycees are proud to announce they have awarded a record \$49,500 in scholarships to the Class of 2023.

These Cranford students have served our community and demonstrated strong leadership and character qualities in addition to their academic accomplishments:

Ari Barmak, Katie Bendert, Olivia Bufkin, Jonah Capozzi, John Coccaro, Wiliam Domber, Emily Garcia, Cole Golding, Abby Gorman, Garrett Hanlon, Kayla Haughey, Faith Kelly, Madeline Kristov-Weinrach, Molly Love, Cornelius McGovern, Caroline McIntyre, Alexandra Muzzicato, Breona Pizzuta, Sabrina Prata, Andrew Soyka, William Troiano, Sean Woodruff, and Lily Young.

In addition, the Jaycees announced three winners of their Trade Scholarship program. This

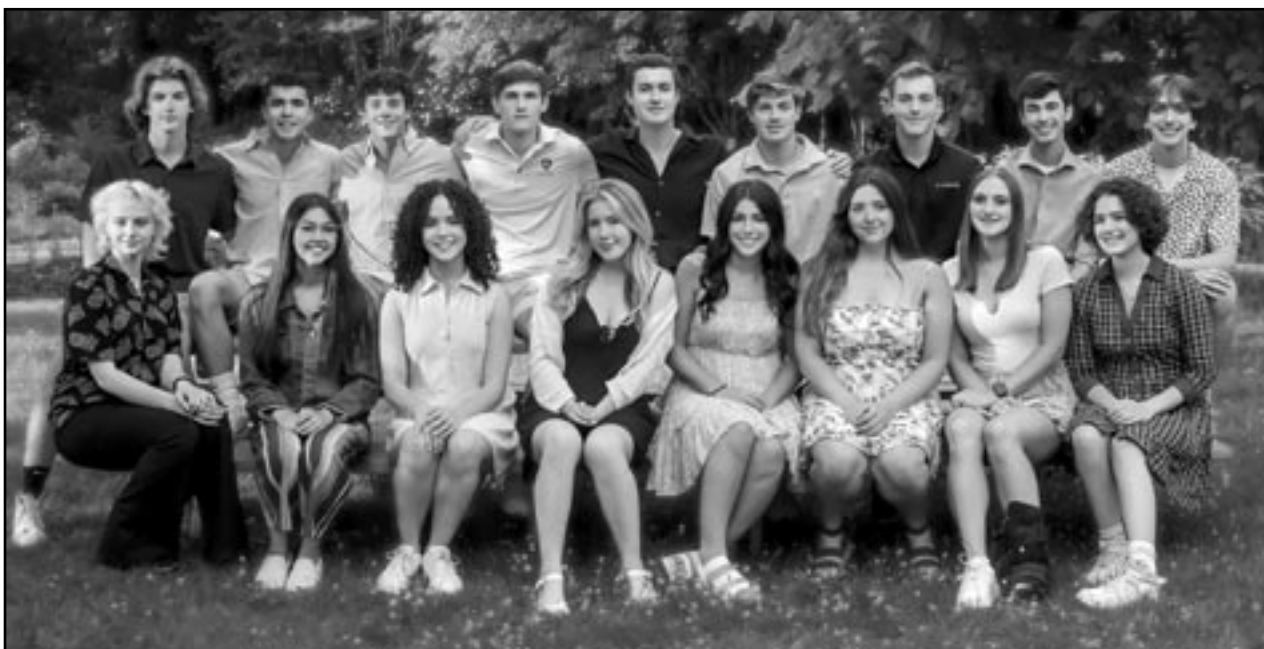
program launched in 2022 with support from Danny Ghanime, owner of Cranford's Brighton Air Corp. "I found my way through trade," said Ghanime, and now through this scholarship with the Jaycees, he "wants to help other kids like him, who feel like they don't fit into the traditional post-graduation route, find their way, too."

### THE THREE WINNERS ARE:

- Viktor Kubrak, who will be attending Pennco Tech to study automotive technology.

- Amber Rosa, who will be attending Union County Vocational-Technical Adult School to study cosmetology
- Daniel Schrier, who will be attending Lincoln Tech to study welding.

The Cranford Jaycees congratulate the Class of 2023 and thank the community for supporting their events like the Firecracker Four Miler and Fun Run, which has allowed the organization to greatly expand their scholarship program.



(above) The 2023 Cranford Jaycees scholarship winners.

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It was the first time since Covid that the flags had been placed. Also participating were American Legion Post #328 from Clark and #251 from Montclair, the West Fields and First Mountain Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution, Gen Phil Kearny Camp #20 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Garden State Chapter #438 of the National Sojourners.



(above) Troop 75 Scouts Owen and Kyle Santos placing Flags on the Graves in the Soldiers Section of Fairmount Cemetery.

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(above) Troop 75 Scouts Owen and Kyle Santos with their Father George.

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The Cranford Police Department Juvenile Bureau partnered with Cranford High School to present "Jesse's Journey" for high school sophomores and seniors on May 25th, 2023. Organized by Toni Anthony, Student Assistance Counselor (SAC) at Cranford High School, this initiative was sponsored by the Cranford Prevention and Wellness Alliance – formerly the Cranford Municipal Alliance – which is group of Cranford volunteers who focus on the health and well-being of Cranford's youth through educational and outreach opportunities.



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(above, l-r) SAC Toni Anthony, Detective Matthew Siessel, Mr. Jesse Morella, Mrs. Maureen Morella and Detective Brian Trotter.

Jesse's Journey is presented by Maureen Morella and her son Jesse Morella. Jesse suffered severe and irreversible brain damage after a drug overdose in November 2004 and survives today as a person with quadriplegia. Mrs. Morella bluntly and passionately uses Jesse's story to focus children on the tragic consequences one bad decision with drugs or alcohol can create. The Prevention and Wellness Alliance consistently sponsors annual educational opportunities for graduating Cranford High School seniors in the hopes of enhancing students' understanding of substance abuse and its negative effect in decision-making.

"Jesse's Journey" was complemented with a brief presentation by Detectives Matthew Siessel and Brian Trotter of the Police Juvenile Bureau where they detailed local trends in opioid overdoses in Cranford and the dangers of fentanyl. Students were educated about New Jersey's Hold

Harmless Law in which individuals who call 9-1-1 to help an overdose victim have immunity from arrest. In addition to this initiative, the Juvenile Bureau was recently on hand at Senior Night to discuss responsible decision-making ahead of the prom and summer season.

Chief Ryan J. Greco thanked the Prevention and Wellness Alliance and the Cranford Public Schools for allowing educational opportunities involving substance use disorder at Cranford High School annually. "In addition to thanking our partners in the Cranford Prevention and Wellness Alliance, I want to thank Principal Mark Cantagallo and SAC Toni Anthony from Cranford High School for allowing the Morella's story to be told in an effort to keep Cranford's students safe from substance use disorder," he said.

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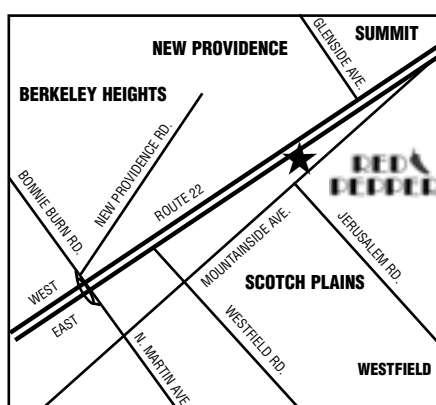
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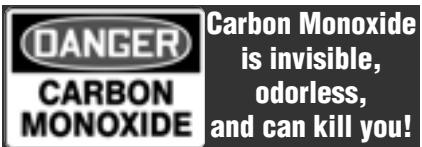
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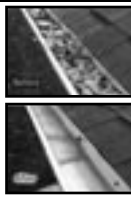
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(above, l-r) Mayor Brian Andrews, TBEMC co-presidents Bruce Solomon and Mindy Kipness, Rabbi Paul Kerbel, and fundraising chair Shari Kopla.

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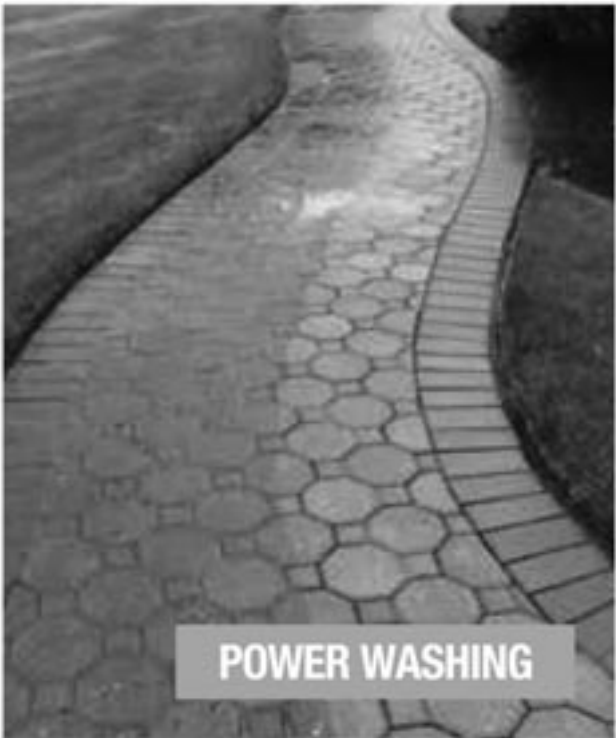


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# K OF C VOLUNTEER AT FOOD BANK

In the spirit of giving back to our community, the Cranford Knights of Columbus sent a team of volunteers to assist at the Hillside Community Food Bank on Saturday June 10th. The team prepared 315 Emergency Food Essential Boxes for distribution to Seniors and Veterans in need. Pictured are members of the team led by Grand Knight Jerry Conheeney and Brother Ian Moraes who organized the volunteer effort of Brother Knights and their families and friends which include Brother Knights Tom Molfetto, Keith Santulli, Ian Moraes and his wife Karen, Carol Goralski in front of Grand Knight Jerry Conheeney, Bob Uckar and his wife Karen, Anthony Messina,

Past Grand Knight Pat Forker, Paul Zissler and his son John Paul, Past Grand Knight Brian Egenton, Joe Rebelo and his wife Mirian, Jim Lubin and Jim Dino.

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Neil McGovern received the Monsignor Louis Fimiani Memorial Award, Breona Pizzuta received the Christine Bagniewski Memorial Award, and Sabrina Prata received the Irene Shackell Memorial Award. The other Scholarship winners are Kayla Haughey, Meghan Turner, Patrick Morin, Anne Cartnick, Charlotte Bauer, Ava Campos, James Breslin, Samuel Tallon, John Paul (J.P.) Zissler and Abigail Gorman.

The Council would like to thank the

Scholarship Committee chaired by Brother Ed Bagniewski for a job well done, as we had many applicants again this year.

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(above) Pictured scholarship recipients with Worthy Chaplain Monsignor Tim Shugrue, Grand Knight Jerry Conheeney, Deputy Grand Knight Kevin Cumiskey and the Scholarship Committee with the exception of Breona Pizzuta and Kayla Haughey.

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*Cranford United Methodist Church*

The American flag at Cranford United Methodist Church was damaged and blew away recently. Just in time for the Fourth of July, “Old Glory” has been restored to its place of honor on the church’s flag pole on Walnut Avenue by Boy Scout Troop 75.

Andy and John Koneski, Troop 75 leaders, did a great job making the church’s flagpole operational again and replacing the flag in time for Memorial Day and the 4th of July. They replaced the hooks and clips that attach the flag and put up a bigger flag.

Orest Hrycak, Scoutmaster of Troop 75, noted that. “Keep in mind that the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is one of the few organizations in this country that is allowed to handle the U.S. flag and also properly dispose of old flags as well. Troop 75 keeps the Scouts current on the proper handling and retiring of flags.”



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*Submitted by John Doolan*

On Saturday March 25th, the Cranford Knights of Columbus Council # 6226 held our Annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Dance at St. Michael’s School Gymnasium and from the proceeds of this worthy event, the Council voted to make a donation of \$4,000 to Nick Swandrak and his family to help and assist them in Nick’s valiant and ongoing fight against Cancer.

At our May General Meeting, we presented Nick and his family with a check and Nick’s father John let us know how Nick has been doing and his prognosis for the future.

The Council would like to acknowledge and thank Brother Rich Pierce and the St. Patrick’s

Dance Committee for another job well done and to all of our friends and the Cranford community who attend and support this worthy event each and every year.

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(above, l-r) Grand Knight Jerry Conheeney, Angela Swandrak, Nick Swandrak, John Swandrak, Deputy Grand Knight Kevin Cumiskey, Worthy Chaplain Monsignor Tim Shugrue and District Deputy and Past Grand Knight Jim Vari.

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"I am anticipating another wonderful year of Farmers Market Wednesdays!" said Market Manager Antonette Signorello. "We have selected some excellent vendors this year and look forward to sharing some of their quality products with the residents of Roselle Park."

This year's market will feature fresh Jersey produce from Miladinov Farm in Monroe Township and Valley View Farms in Newton. Residents can shop weekly for a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, and sweet treats. There are craft vendors, food trucks, and a family friendly atmosphere. The market runs rain or shine.

Seniors can register for the Senior Farmers Market Program, on a first-come, first-serve basis. This program offers assistance to low-income Union County residents, 60 years or older, to be used toward the purchase of fresh NJ grown produce at various farmers markets. For details and to register, contact the Union County Department of Aging. The Roselle Park Farmers Market also accepts WIC coupons.

The Roselle Park Farmers market is open 1 – 6 p.m. on Wednesdays at Michael Mauri Gazebo Park on Chestnut Street in Roselle Park. For more information contact Market Manager at 908-245-0666.

## 1939 YEARBOOK REUNITED WITH FAMILY

*Cranford Historical Society*

A Colorado woman was on a quest to find a yearbook from her late father's Cranford High School days. She'd looked into Facebook groups and even on eBay and found nothing. When she was visiting family in the area she went to the Cranford Library to see if they had copies. Not only did they have a copy from 1939, it was also signed by her father, Barry Massa.

Barry was the son of Felice Massa who came to America from Italy through Ellis Island in 1909. He settled in Cranford and lived here until his death in 1969. Barry graduated from Cranford High School in 1939 and enlisted in the US Navy on his 19th birthday, serving for 4 years, on the USS Brooklyn and the USS Princeton during WWII. Barry lived with his wife in Cranford until 1956 when they moved their family to Fanwood. Janet Lovell had been looking into her family's history and joined forces with her sister Jane Tenore to locate this piece of the story.

The Library and the Historical Society each retain one copy of the high school yearbooks. In

this case, the Historical Society had two copies and gave the Library a 'clean' copy (one not donated from a family but from the high school itself) so that the Library could give Janet the copy signed by her father.

Thanks to new Library Director, Kathy Cannarozzi for her help in this great 'yearbook exchange.'



(above) BJ. Canedo, Kathy Cannarozzi, and Janet Lovell

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## THE HISTORY OF THE HANSON HOUSE

38 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016 - Submitted by: Margaret Gerlach, President, Cranford Historical Society

The Hanson House, a Queen Anne Victorian single family residence, was originally constructed in the 1870's. The builder and owners prior to 1900 are still unknown, but in 1900 the owners were two prominent Cranford citizens, Daniel H. Hopkins and Herbert C. Hopkins, and later Arthur C. Hopkins, son of Daniel Hopkins. The Hopkins family occupied and owned the home well into the 1920's. In 1909, Gertrude Hopkins & Blanche Sloat relocated their Interior Design Studio from lower Manhattan to 38 Springfield Ave. In 1910, the Cranford Field and River Club was organized and built a Clubhouse at 38 Springfield Ave. "at the foot of" the Hopkins residence. The club existed for some years into the 1920's. The 1930 census shows the family of Charles C. Goodfellow renting and residing at 38 Springfield Ave and in 1931, the family of Edward C. McConahay resided at the address. On June 11, 1936, it was reported to be the residence of Dr. Walter Fasnacht. In 1937, Dr. Carl Hanson bought the home at 38 Springfield Avenue and moved his practice there. Dr. Hanson had resided, in 1934, at 111 North Ave. West with his office at 116 Eastman Street. Dr. Carl Hanson was a nationally recognized researcher in the field of Strep Throat and a Pediatrician who provided care for hundreds of Cranford's children over the decades he lived in Cranford. The family lived at 38 Springfield Avenue for more than forty years.

The front parlor, dining room, kitchen area, sun room, his office and once his waiting room, the main upstairs bedrooms and staircase are intact. It also houses a locally crafted residential Leet Pipe Organ built in place for the homeowners in the 1920's. The Cranford Historical Society and the Township Committee have honored the legacy of Dr. Carl Hanson by restoring and upgrading his Victorian home on Springfield Ave. The Cranford Historical Society has spent thousands of dollars on the restoration of the house. By having the Hanson House we've been able to expand our facilities and increase access for the Community to its own history and a true community asset.

In 1980, the Hanson House was scheduled for



(above) The Hanson House, a Queen Anne Victorian single family residence, was originally constructed in the 1870's.

imminent demolition. The Township of Cranford had acquired the property through Green Acres funding in 1978. Initially, there was a great discussion over the structure's future. According to an August 1992 Cranford Chronicle article, "A Hanson House Committee was formed to study possible uses of the property. The Committee, which was made up of Civic Leaders, Residents and Government Officials considered moving the building, selling or renting it, tearing it down or relocating municipal offices there. By a 17-5 vote, the Committee chose to preserve the house for municipal offices. But the governing body, by a 3-2 vote in August 1990, rejected a bond ordinance allocating \$165,000 for the renovation of the house." At this time, the Hansons were given a ten-year Lease to continue living at the house. After Dr. Hanson and his wife died, a relative lived in the house until the Lease expired in 1988.

In 1990, the Cranford Historical Society appealed to the Township for approval to use the house, using their own funds to maintain, upgrade and preserve the interior of the house. The Society would use the house as their new headquarters and to store material of historic nature and their growing Costume and Military collection. In addition, the house would also be available for use as a civic meeting hall for Township organizations. The Cranford Historical Society then entered into a long-term Lease with the Township. The Hanson house is the home of the Cranford Historical Society office, Archives, Research library, Artifacts collection and Costume Collection. It is also the home to the Union County Historical Society and Library, and the Hanson Park Conservancy office. In addition, it provides a meeting place for Township organizations.

In the 1990's, the Hanson House began to show structural wear and tear. The Cranford Historical Society had maintained the interior cleanliness of the building and supervised its use for civic meetings and events. But significant

structural stabilization needed to be done. With the Preserve Union County Grant and matching Funds, and guided by a historic architect's plan, the Historical Society has continued to preserve the Hanson House as it stands today with its home like character intact. Now, more repairs on the outside are needed and the Township is looking into fixing them.

The Historical Society consulted with Historic Architect Jennifer Stark about the exterior color paint for the Hanson House. Ms. Stark suggested that the Hanson House should be painted to blend with its natural surroundings. This is compatible with the teachings of Victorian Architect, Andrew Jackson Downing, whose color scheme was used for the Crane -Phillips House Museum. Downing taught that house colors should blend with nature not contrast with them. In his book, *Romantic Victorian Cottages and Suburban Homes*, Downing suggests "soft greens with accents of bright colors like the flowers in the fields." The colors Jennifer Stark chose for the Hanson House complement existing historic Victorian structures in the area. If anyone has information on the builder of the Hanson House or owners from 1870 to 1899, it would be appreciated and added to our Archives. It should be listed on the Deed, which we cannot get.

The Cranford Historical Society was founded on February 11, 1927 by a small group of Cranford citizens interested in preserving the unique history of this special town. Since its founding, the Society has been dedicated to the perpetuation of Cranford's history by continuing to collect and document the town's past as we enter the 21st century. The collection today includes photographs, scrapbooks, glass negatives, furniture, tools, kitchen and farm implements, Native American artifacts, books, letters and numerous other items related to Cranford and its citizens. Its Costume & Military collection continues to grow and flourish and is considered by many experts to be one of the finest collections in New Jersey. The Society is also the caretaker of the Crane-Phillips House Museum where museum tours are given by a Trustee and our Docent on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 2pm to 4pm, September through May. This museum offers a rare glimpse of the life of a modest family in the Victorian Era of 1870's opulence without plumbing and electricity. Permanent and changing exhibits, featuring items from the Society's costume, tool and local history collections, are displayed.

To join the Cranford Historical Society our membership forms are on our website at [cranfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://cranfordhistoricalsociety.org), and flyers are at the Cranford Library. Contact us at [cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net](mailto:cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net) or (908) 276-0082. We welcome all new members in learning the history of this fantastic town of Cranford and preserving and perpetuating it for future generations. A special thank you for information provided to Lt. Col. Steven Glazer, longtime member of the society, and the Cranford Historical Society Archives.

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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

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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.

- **Pain** - Whether it's a sharp aching or maybe a burning sensation, the pain can range from irritating to debilitating.
- **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.

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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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## SHARING THEIR LOVE OF READING

Submitted by Susan Dougherty

When the social committee at the Riverview Apartments at Cranford Station was looking for an activity to help the local community area, the idea of a book drive for children and young people was raised. They agreed that anything they could do to promote learning would be significant. Committee members Rachel Pasichow and Annette Radick put up signs in the two buildings at 103 and 105 Chestnut Street in Cranford, arranged for drop-off boxes to be placed strategically, and encouraged the residents to donate. Their posters and emails reminded the residents to support the drive that continued in early spring. At the end of the month-long drive, a total of 172 new and gently used books for preschool through high school were collected. "I never expected we would get such a bounty," Ms. Radick said as she and Ms. Pasichow loaded donated books into recyclable bags ready for delivery.

The committee members wanted to have the largesse go to underserved children in Union County, so the decision was made to drop the bags and bundles of soft and hardcover books to D.A.S.H. (Destiny After School Haven), a group that the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway is promoting. UCPAC has partnered with the charity effort to encourage children to read this summer. Elementary school teachers and experts alike say younger children especially are prone to the most learning loss during the summer months because they are at a crucial stage in their development. Through this book drive of caring residents, each child in the summer program will get to select a new book or two to start their own collection of favorites.



(above) Residents of the Riverview Apartments at Cranford Station Annette Radick, and Rachel Pasichow load donated children's books in boxes and bags that were delivered to Union County Performing Arts Center Rahway for a summer program. The social committee at the apartments sponsored a book drive so that children could start the summer off with a present of a new or gently used book to call their own.

Courtesy photo



## MEMORIAL DAY BRINGS FAMILIES HOME TO HONOR THEIR LOVED ONES

*Submitted by Don Sweeney, Cranford 86*

Each year the Cranford 86 team continues their research on the 86 servicemen from Cranford who died while serving our country during war time. Locating and collaborating with the friends and family members of these brave men is a vital part of bringing their stories to life. Each year in our Memorial Day ceremony, at Memorial Park, we highlight the servicemen whose stories have been completed in the last year. In what has become a very special part of this day, family members of those fallen heroes come from near and far, to return to Cranford and join us in commemorating their loved one.

*(right) PFC Daniel Hildebrandt made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam in 1968. Danny's younger brother Keith travelled here from Florida and was joined by his New Jersey family and friends, including Carol Korner Riley, who was Danny's girlfriend in 1968. Vietnam veteran Mike Sapara (in uniform), close friend of the Spittler family, represented the family in honoring WWII infantryman/pro baseball player Cecil Spittler.*

Courtesy photos



*(above) After surviving the Italian Campaign, Anton Hascek lost his life in France in 1944.*

*Anton's nephew Jeff Hascek watched our ceremony via TV35. We were very pleased to meet boy scout Julien Dicamillo, of Troop 75, who helped us to honor SGT Hascek by carrying his flag throughout the parade and ceremony.*



*(above) When PVT Steven Mager lost his life in France in 1944 during WWII, his son Richard was 18 months old and son Kenneth was not yet born. Richard and Kenneth Mager, with their families, joined us on Memorial Day 2023, for what Richard Mager described as "one of the most tremendous and exhilarating events of my lifetime". Granddaughter Dawn Mager travelled from Colorado to be with us and PVT Mager's flag was carried by his great-grandson in the parade.*

# CRANFORD MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CEREMONY PHOTO ALBUM



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(above) VFW Post 335’s parade float bears the photos of 25 Cranford 86 heroes. Riding on board is former Grand Marshal, 95-year-old Art Snyder, Korean War bomber pilot. Art is flanked by past Grand Marshal, Vietnam veteran Lee Blowe and this year’s Grand Marshal, Jay Boxwell Jr., a Navy veteran who served in Iran, Nicaragua, and Libya.

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Get rewarded for reading this Summer! Registration for Cranford Public Library's annual Summer Reading Challenge has begun. Visit the Children's Department to enroll or register online at [cranfordlibrary.beanstack.com](http://cranfordlibrary.beanstack.com). Log your reading time from June 19th to August 14. Win carnival tickets you'll earn! Spend your tickets on games, crafts, fun activities, and prizes.

## CHILDREN PROGRAMS

### "Paws" for Reading at the Cranford Public Library!

July 11 and August 22 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Young readers are invited to hone their skills by reading to certified therapy dogs.

No registration is required.

### Special Programs

Wednesday Nights at 7:00 p.m.

July 5 through August 2

Free programs are best suited to elementary-aged children, but are open to all ages and are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### Steve Woyce: All Together Now with Magic

July 5.

### Talewise: Saving Earth Together

July 12.

### City Winds Trio

July 19.

### Jesse Rivera's Cultural Music

July 26

### Eyes of the Wild

August 2.

Join us in the A/V Center of the Cranford Community Center. Registration is not required.

### Craft Crew

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. every Friday in July

Crafters of all ages and abilities are invited to drop in. No registration is required, but children under age 8 require an adult guardian.

### Lego creations

Thursday, July 6 and August 3

from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Have fun making Lego creations to display in the library. Lego pieces will be provided by the library. This is a drop-in program.

### Geronimo Stilton Book Club

Thursday, July 13 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Readers in grades 2-4 are invited to go on vacation with Geronimo at "Geronimo Stilton Book Club." We'll be talking about A Fabumouse Vacation for Geronimo and playing fun games. Registration is required.

### Polka Dot

Saturday, July 15 at 10:15 a.m.

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### Storytime especially for toddlers

Tuesday mornings from

July 11 through August 15.

Each session incorporates stories and a hands-on activity and meets in the Cranford Community Center. Registration is not required.

### Friendship Jewelry Extravaganza

Friday, August 4 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

We'll have a variety of jewelry making supplies, including beads and embroidery floss. This program is open to children of all ages, no registration is required.

Readers in grade 3-5 are invited to discuss Book Scavenger by Jennifer Bertman and help organize their very own scavenger hunt! The first eight readers to register will receive a free copy of the book, these books come with the expectation that the registrant will attend the event. Registration is required.

### Family Craft

Wednesday, August 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Families are invited to craft together. We'll be using beeswax, shea butter, coconut oil, and essential oils to create our own natural lip balm.

Registration is required and space is limited, this program is recommended for families with children ages 9 and up. Registration required.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Craft Crew

Fridays in July, from 2pm-4pm

Community members of all ages are invited to celebrate the summer reading theme of "All Together Now" by spreading joy in the

community! Drop into the Library and join us from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. every Friday in July.

No registration is required.

### Literary Cafe

Saturday, July 8, at 10:15am

Literary Café is a book chat program. Bring a few of your recent favorite books and tell the other members of the group what you like about them. There is no required reading. Admission is free and all are welcome. Refreshments by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library.

### Adults Create

Tuesday, July 11, at 7pm

Join us the 2nd Tuesday of every month for crafts! We will be doing a different craft each month. All supplies will be provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library. Registration is required.

### Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

Thursday, July 13, through Saturday, July 15

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite you to visit their Used Book Sale from Thursday, July 13 through Saturday, July 15, 2023. Registration is required.

Attendees are invited to sign up for a one-hour session, starting on the hour. Please sign up for one session only; reservations for multiple sessions on one day will be canceled except for the first session booked. Only cash and checks are accepted; no credit or debit cards.

### Tosho-con

Saturday, July 22, from 10am-4:30pm

Join us for our first ever comic, anime and pop culture convention! We will have crafts, programs, panels, special guests from the industry, a costume contest, a Music in Film concert with a Marvel film producer and musician, and more for all-ages! All are welcome! Stop by for certain events or stay the whole day! Programs will take place throughout the Cranford Community Center, as well as the Cranford Public Library. Follow our Facebook Page here for guest announcements and more: [facebook.com/ToshoConCranford](https://facebook.com/ToshoConCranford)

### Trivia Night

Wednesday, July 26, at 7pm

Join us for another fun evening of trivia on Wednesday, July 26, at 7pm! This free event is hosted by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library! Join us in the Community Room on the first floor of the Community Center! Feel free to bring your own snacks and (non-alcoholic) drinks. Prizes awarded to the winning team.

### Friday Morning Adult Craft

Friday, July 28, at 11am

Adults are invited to come and create a sea glass mason jar! Sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library. Please contact the library to register.

## CRANFORD LIBRARY BOOK SALE - JULY 13-15

Do you need some books for an upcoming beach weekend? A little "get away" from your own home on a breezy summer evening? Do the kids need a way to foster their imagination? If the answer is yes, then the Friends of the Cranford Public Library has an event you will love. Come to our Used Book Sale located at the library's Friendly Book Cellar. Browse through shelves full of thousands of books. Quickly find what you are looking for and make new discoveries. Adult Hardcover books are \$2, and paperback books are up to \$1. Most children's books are 25 cents or 50 cents.

The Book Sale will take place on July 13 (1-8 pm), July 14 (10 am-5 pm), and July 15 (10 am-2 pm). July 15th will be bag day. For just \$8, you can fill a bag shopping bag with books. Cash or checks only. Registration is required and can be

done so at [cranfordlibrary.org/friends.php](http://cranfordlibrary.org/friends.php) or via the QR code.

The Friends look forward to seeing you at the "Friendly Book Cellar." Proceeds of all book sales benefit library programming and events for all ages throughout the year. These sales are made possible only because of book donations that are in new or gently used condition. Book donations are welcomed and appreciated, any time during library hours. Library staff at the front desk can help direct you.



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