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CRANFORD BSA TROOP 80 - WASHINGTON DC TRIP

Submitted by Kieran Geraghty

On March 8, 2024, Cranford Boy Scout Troop 80 embarked on a three-day trip to Washington, DC to learn about American history and the functions of the US government. The Scouts visited various locations throughout DC and Virginia, such as the Pentagon, the Washington Monument, The Capitol, and the White House, as well as multiple museums throughout D.C.

Scouts also participated in a ghost tour in Lafayette Square and were able to learn more about the culture of D.C. during early America. However, the most fun came from the Troop's trip to the National Spy Museum, a museum that documented the trade, history, and the role of espionage throughout American history. The museum was full of interactive and informative exhibits covering the topic and brought great fun to the scouts. Star Scout Theodore Geraghty said, "I like how the Spy Museum interacted with visitors. A lot of times in museums there are just plaques with a small description, but with

the Spy Museum it made you feel like you were actually experiencing the museum and made it way more fun."

Scouts who went on the trip ranged from 6th grade to 10th grade and they had a great opportunity to learn more about our country, as well as see some of the most famous monuments in the United States. More importantly, however, they had fun.



(above) Boy Scout Troop 80, standing in the Pentagon, March 8th, 2024.

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(above) Boy Scout Troop 80 scouts standing in front of the U.S. Capitol Building, March 9, 2024.



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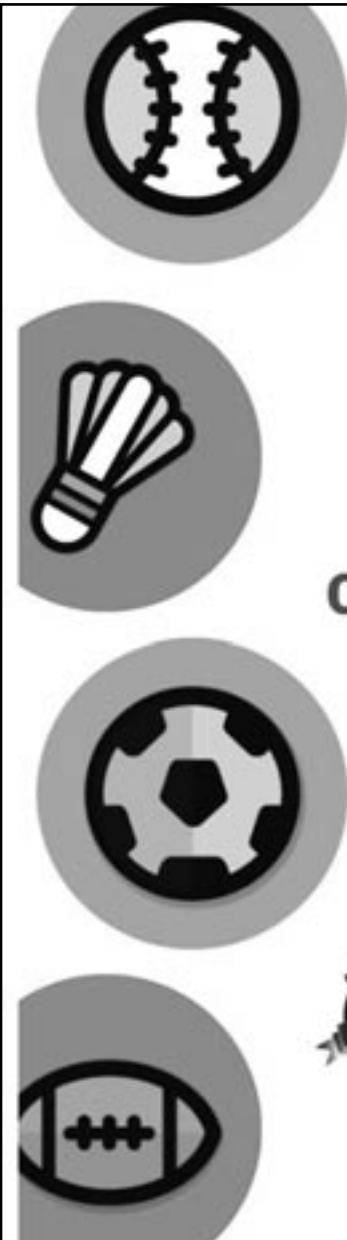
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CRANFORD GS TROOPS GIFT EASTER BASKETS

Cranford Girl Scout Junior Troop 40779 continued its annual tradition of making and donating Easter baskets for Family Promise of Morris County and was joined this year by the Brownies of Troop 40127. These Girl Scouts enjoyed donating fun items for each basket and working together to assemble over 20 baskets that were distributed to children for a happy holiday.

Courtesy photos



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ANTHONY GOOD, NEW CRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The Cranford Board of Education is pleased to announce Anthony Good as the new assistant principal of Cranford High School, effective July 1, 2024. Mr. Good, who currently serves as the supervisor of fine & performing arts, will be succeeding recently retired Mr. Gary Sorrentino.

Mr. Good has served in his current role since August 2023. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Good was a music teacher for twelve years at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Outside the education field, Mr. Good has held leadership positions with BD Entertainment, serving as the manager and now director for the New York Giants Drumline.

Mr. Good earned his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership at William Paterson University in Wayne, NJ. He earned his

Bachelor's of Science in Music Education at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA.

Mr. Good has enjoyed his time as the supervisor of fine & performing arts, stating, "I am grateful to have built relationships with stakeholders across the district and local community. I am proud of the work done with Cranford's top-notch fine & performing arts team, and look forward to continuing those collaborations while assisting in providing a smooth transition in leadership and continued success for students and staff."

Anthony Good is honored to take on this new role at Cranford High School and looks forward to partnering with the dedicated staff, parents/guardians, students, and the CHS community to see how he can best serve the school and ensure sustained success for all.

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Cranford Girl Scout Junior Troop 40779 and Brownie Troop 40127 volunteered their morning on Saturday, April 27th, to help the Cranford Shade Tree Commission improve Cranford's canopy with two trees planted at Hampton Park. The Girl Scouts also helped pot saplings as part of the Commission's initiative to give away 200 saplings to Cranford residents. Happy Arbor Day Cranford!

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Submitted by Jon Joshua

Area Elks Club members recently teamed up with Girl Scouts from New Providence and Chatham at the Stirling Elks Lodge to assemble and mail 22 care packages packed with cookies and "Thank You" cards to troops from NJ who are currently deployed overseas.

They were joined by Air Force 2D Lt. Mitchell Horn from the New Jersey Air National Guard and a member of American Legion Post 322 in Summit who explained how receiving a care package can have a huge positive impact on the morale of someone who is serving thousands of miles away from home.

The National Veterans Service Committee of the NJ Elks East Central District, with Lodges in Stirling, Summit, Springfield, Mountainside, Cranford, Union, and Rahway, spent approximately \$1,200 to purchase the cookies and postage. Elks members help to support programs like this through grants, donations, and fundraising events.

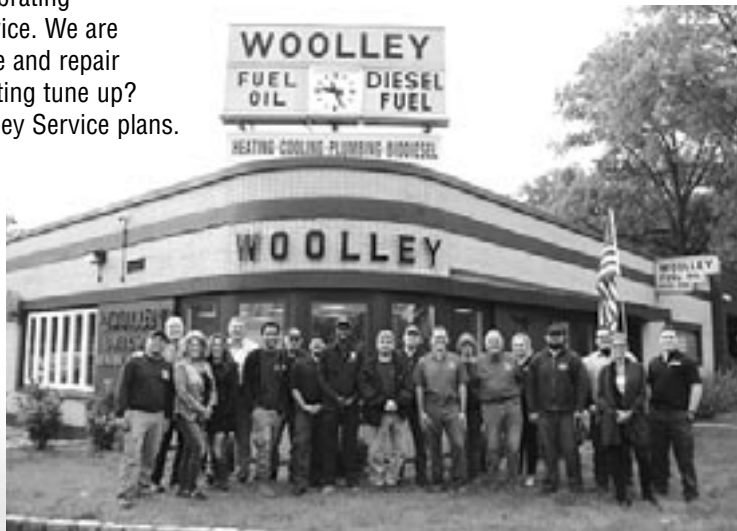
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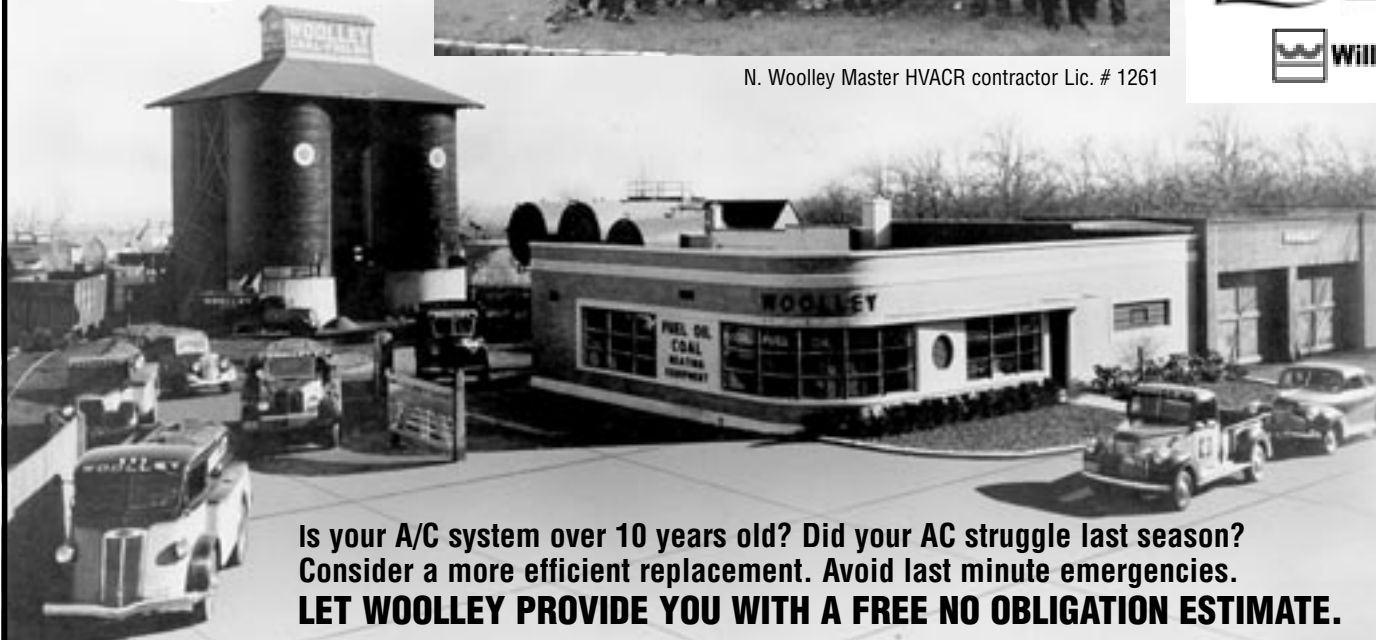
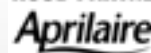
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(above) Cranford Fire Department will be able to purchase six sets of turn out gear for its firefighters thanks to the \$40,000 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Firefighter Grant.

CFD RECEIVES \$40K GRANT FUNDING

Cranford Township

The Cranford Fire Department (CFD) is pleased to announce the department was awarded \$40,000 from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Firefighter Grant.

"Excellent work by Fire Chief Dan Czeh and Battalion Chief Matt Lubin on putting this grant together. Securing these funds will help fund six sets of turn out gear for our firefighters and contributes to keeping township costs lower by not adding to our capital budget," said Public Safety Commissioner Paul A. Gallo.

Governor Phil Murphy announced, March 13, 2024 in a release, the award of \$20 million in ARP Firefighter Grants to local and regional fire departments across New Jersey to ensure firefighters have proper protective, cleaning, and sanitization equipment. This marks the second time the CFD has received funding from the ARP Firefighter Grant, following last year's

\$35,000 award. The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) awarded the grants to 353 fire departments after a competitive application process, according to the release.

Turn out gear, with a lifespan of about 10 years, plays a crucial role in protecting firefighters, Fire Chief Czeh said. In situations when firefighters are exposed to smoke and hazardous carcinogens, the turn out gear must undergo a thorough cleansing routine to remove those byproducts as a mean of cancer prevention in our firefighters, he explained. Firefighters face a 9 percent increase in cancer diagnoses, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. The ARP Firefighter Grant will ensure all 30 career firefighters in the CFD have a second set of turn out gear available, enabling them to respond to calls even when their primary gear is being cleaned.

24TH ANNUAL FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY

Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park, NJ

The Church of the Assumption's annual St. Anthony Italian Feast returns for its 24th year! The Feast will feature rides, games, live entertainment, homemade cooking, food vendors, a beer and wine garden, and a SUPER 50/50 drawn Sunday night at 9 p.m.

The Feast, located on the Church grounds at 113 Coolidge Place, Roselle Park, NJ, begins on Thursday, June 6 and runs through Sunday, June 9.

Feast hours: Thu 6-10 p.m., Fri 6-10 p.m., Sat 5-10 p.m. and Sun 5-10 p.m.

On Sat, June 8, there will be a 4 p.m. mass honoring St. Anthony, followed by a procession through Roselle Park beginning at 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, June 6, Pay-One-Price unlimited ride wristbands will be sold at the Feast for \$30.

Visit the Church of the Assumption website at assumptionrp.com for more information and to

Musical entertainment:

Thu, June 6: Valencia School of Music/ Paper Statues, 8 to 10 p.m.

Fri, June 7: 2/5ths Crazy, 7 to 10 p.m.

Sa, June 8: Diamonds in Jupiter, 7 to 10 p.m.

Sun, June 9: DJ playing traditional Italian music from 5:30 -7 p.m.

Other performances at the Feast:

Thu, June 6: 6 p.m. – Roselle Park H.S. Band, Fusion Dance, Planet Dance

Sat, June 8: 5:30 p.m. – Susie Karlik Dance Sensation, Akido Schools of NJ

Sun, June 9: 5 p.m. – Sabre Guild, 730, Maplewood Glee Club



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ANDREW COLUCCI HONORED AT NJ SHARING 5K CELEBRATION OF LIFE

On May 18, 2024, more than 40 family members and friends of the late Andrew Colucci, 28, of Cranford, NJ, participated in NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life in Ocean Grove to honor his memory and show their support for organ and tissue donation and transplantation. The "Andrew's Angels" 5K team was one of the largest teams at the event, which brought together thousands of organ and tissue transplant recipients, donor families, living donors and dedicated volunteers. Pictured here are (left-to-right) Mary Beth Sullivan-Bilavsky, Moira Mitchell, John Mitchell, Karen Colucci, Frank Colucci, Dominick DiLillo, JoAnn Minafo, and Karina DiLillo.

Andrew, who tragically passed away in 2018, was an organ and tissue donor who saved and enhanced the lives of many others. Andrew's



parents, Karen and Frank Colucci, led the 5K team and expressed great pride in knowing that Andrew's legacy of caring for others lives on.

Andrew was a graduate of Saint Peter's Prep in Jersey City. He earned a B.S. degree in Business/Finance from Monmouth University and was a member of Theta Xi Fraternity. He was passionate about physical fitness and nutrition, loved to cook and discover new restaurants.

ABOUT 5K CELEBRATION OF LIFE

NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life in Ocean Grove was presented by Hackensack Meridian Health. The 5K Celebration of Life is one of the Garden State's largest and most-recognized charitable 5K events. In addition to the 5K race and walk, attendees enjoyed music and dancing, food and refreshments, and children's activities in a "Kid's Village" area. Funds raised by 5K Celebration of Life participants, teams, sponsors, and contributors

support the Sharing Network Foundation, which is committed to increasing the number of lives saved through clinical advancement, family support, and public awareness and education. Thus far, nearly \$1.3 million has been raised for this year's campaign.

Another 5K Celebration of Life Walk and USATF Certified Race will be held on Sunday, June 9, 2024, at NJ Sharing Network headquarters in New Providence, NJ. The upcoming 5K event is presented by RWJBarnabas Health. To participate in the 5K event or contribute to a team, sign up at SharingNetworkFoundation.org/5K.

There are over 100,000 Americans – nearly 4,000 of whom live in New Jersey – waiting for a lifesaving transplant. One organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of over 75 others. To learn more and join the National Donate Life Organ and Tissue Donor Registry, visit NJSN.org.



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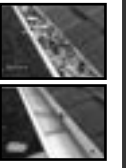
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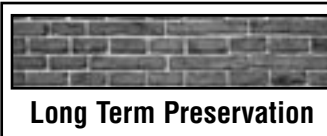
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CITIZENS DRIVE RAISES OVER \$3,700

Submitted by John J. Doolan

The Cranford Knights of Columbus recently held our Annual Special Citizens Drive collecting money for organizations that support individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities. The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has supported the Special Olympics since 1968 through a close relationship with Eunice Kennedy Shriver and her husband, Brother Knight Sargent Shriver.

Since 1968, the Knights of Columbus has raised and donated over \$600 million to many other programs as well with the Special Olympics being the largest. The Supreme Council also covers the cost for Special Olympians from the US and Canada to attend the Special Olympics World Games every year when they are held all over the world. In New Jersey, many other Councils hold Special Citizens Drives every year with local canning collections like ours, Polar Plunges, and other special events to raise funds.

Here in Cranford, Brother Knights were out in force canning and collecting in front of local businesses where permitted, the Post Office, the Conversation Center and after all the Masses at St. Michael's Church. This year, we set a record collecting well over \$3,700 and the raised funds will be donated to the Shining Stars Network, to the Cerebral Palsy League, both whom we have supported in the past, and to the Mount Carmel Guild who is new with us this year. From the total of all monies collected by New Jersey local Councils, the New Jersey Knights of Columbus State Council keeps 10% of the gross from every Council which is donated exclusively to the New Jersey Special Olympics.

Brother Knights Joe Starkey and Charlie Maucione have chaired our Special Citizens Drive for many years and thanks to their efforts as well as the support from our Council members, our Drive has always done very well and been a success.

Next year when you are out and about in

Cranford and see Brother Knights out canning, you now will know why, and we would like to thank all of the Cranford residents and visitors to our town and St. Michael's parishioners who support us each and every year.

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(above, l-r) Cranford Knights of Columbus Brothers Joe Patella & Chris Muller, Grand Knight Kevin Cumiskey and Brother Rich Leahey who participated and supported the 2024 Drive and many other past drives.

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On Sunday, June 2nd from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Garwood celebrates its 10th Anniversary of its ‘Garwood Rocks’ Festival, sponsored by Vermella at Garwood Station. The event is organized by the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce [GWACC] and draws over 5,000 people from all surrounding counties and towns in New Jersey. Admission to the festival is free of charge.

“With the 10th Anniversary of Garwood Rocks this year, we have been planning an even more special event than in years’ past – especially with our continued partnership with Vermella at Garwood Station” said Lew Kimble, Executive Director of the GWACC. “All residents from Garwood and the surrounding towns will be able to experience what the whole community has to offer – and after 10 years – it demonstrates our commitment to the region and the success of the event.”

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Center Street will be opened at 11 a.m. with food vendors and trucks lined up along the street, offering everything from classic carnival fare and much more.

The main stage at Center and Willow will feature performances from a variety of musical acts from local bands to bigger and more well-known artists including 4 Flight Rock, Marie & the Blue Rats and Mirrors on the Moon.

The Beer and Wine Garden, sponsored by the Crossroads, will provide adult beverages throughout the event.

Families with young children will be drawn to the kid’s area at the Westfield Y location, between Locust Avenue and Beech, where there will be inflatable bounce houses and a carnival ride.

Classic car show which is expected to draw over 150 cars.

Merchandise and artist vendors of all kinds will also be displaying their wares for purchase.

Several non-profit organizations will also be on display.

For more information about Vermella at Garwood Station’s residential rentals, visit www.vermellanj.com.

For more info about the Garwood Rocks event, contact Carol carol@uniquecruiseandtravel.com at 908-233-3021 or Donna Vella at donnavellastreetfairs@yahoo.com.



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Greenwood Gardens Music and Dance in the Garden Series program is in full swing, with the first concert by the AAPI Jazz Collective selling out for Memorial Day Weekend. Composed of three outdoor concerts in total, featuring jazz and classical music, as well as a dance performance in a stunning historic garden setting, the series is sponsored by Stone Mountain Properties for the third season in a row.

“We are extremely delighted to bring live music – and now dance – to Greenwood Gardens, thanks to the generous support of returning sponsor Stone Mountain Properties, the Short Hills-based property management company, and the Birney family,” said Abby O’Neill, Executive Director.

“Sponsoring Music and Dance in the Garden at Greenwood is very meaningful to our company and to our family, as the series is dedicated to my late mother, Leeshan Birney, who founded Stone Mountain Properties in 1981, and my late sister, Mayling Birney, who was a professor at the London School of Economics and Political Science. They both loved and appreciated nature and the arts, so this is a way to appropriately

honor them,” said Ceyan Birney, who now leads Stone Mountain Properties here in Short Hills, New Jersey.

On July 19, the Vanessa Perea Quintet takes the stage with a lead singer whose style embodies the tradition of the jazz masters. For the final concert on September 20, lovers of classical music will be swept away by Lyrica Chamber Music’s Twelfth Night Ensemble’s program of baroque music.

The dance performance featuring Lori Bellilove & The Isadora Duncan Dance Company on September 6 will enthrall attendees on the Main Lawn with a performance that pays homage to the troupe’s free spirit namesake who is credited with inventing Modern Dance.

For all performances, the gates will open at 5:30 p.m., when visitors are invited to stroll through the garden before the concert begins at 6:30 p.m. Complimentary wine and cheese will be served starting at 6:00 p.m. on the West Terrace.

Tickets to all three events must be purchased in advance and are available at greenwoodgardens.org.

ABOUT GREENWOOD GARDENS

Greenwood Gardens is a non-profit 28-acre public garden and historic site located at 274 Old Short Hills Road in Short Hills, New Jersey. A former private estate owned by the Day and Blanchard families, today Greenwood is a peaceful haven graced by terraced gardens, stately fountains, woodlands, grottoes, Arts and Crafts follies, and winding paths. To accomplish its mission of connecting people with nature in a historic garden oasis, Greenwood offers the visiting public self-guided tours and programs at the nexus of nature, beauty, and history. Greenwood Gardens is supported by gifts, membership, and volunteers. For further information, visit www.greenwoodgardens.org or call 973-258-4026. Please follow us on Facebook @GreenwoodShortHills and Instagram @greenwoodgardensnj.



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Jennifer is one of more than 500 children removed from home in Passaic and Union counties each year due to abuse and neglect. Currently, there is an urgent need for advocates to serve Union County children, as there are more than 250 children in the foster care system, with just 72 children being served. These children are separated from all they've ever known: parents, siblings, friends, teachers, and their belongings. For Jennifer, the road ahead is long, and she needs a caring, consistent adult in her corner to protect her best interests while in foster care.

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Said Executive Director Erica Fischer-Kaslander, "We are committed to recruiting, screening, and training advocates for every child in Union County who needs one, just as we've done in Passaic County. It is difficult to overstate the difference a CASA volunteer can make in the life of a child removed from home through no fault of their own, often due to abuse or neglect." She added, "Children with volunteer advocates are more likely to have needed services ordered on their behalf, spend less time in the foster system, and experience significantly better outcomes than those who go without. Becoming a CASA volunteer requires a significant time commitment and training, but volunteers often find the work as life-changing for themselves as it is for the children they help."

CASA volunteers are trained on the ins and outs of advocating for child-victims and fully supported by CASA staff. No special background in child welfare is necessary; successful CASA volunteers are dedicated community members with varied life experiences who believe abuse and neglect are non-negotiable. CASA volunteers visit the children, make unbiased observations, interview others in the child's life, and make

recommendations to the judge. They often are the only consistent adult in the life of a child involved in the child welfare system, as caseworkers, professionals, and placements are ever-changing. A CASA volunteer provides continuity during a time of chaos and unknowns.

The first step to training is to attend an information session. Choose from Thursday, June 6 at 5:30 p.m., and Thursday, June 27 at 5:30 p.m., at the Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Avenue in Clark; Monday, June 10 at noon, at the Child Focus office at 1143 East Jersey Street, 2nd Floor, Elizabeth, NJ 07201; or Wednesday, June 5 at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 12 at noon, or Monday, June 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Wayne Child Focus office, 415 Hamburg Turnpike, Suite D2. Register now at casapassaicunion.org/info-session.

ABOUT CHILD FOCUS:

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LIBRARY EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

Raptor Trust Visit

Tuesday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m.

Learn all about birds of prey when The Raptor Trust join us. This 30-minute educational presentation is appropriate for ages 4-5. Space is limited on a first come, first served basis.

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise

Thursday, June 6 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Readers in grades 3-5 are invited to discuss The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart. Registration is required.

Once Upon a Time Program

Children in grades K-5 are invited to join us for "Once Upon a Time," a program where we explore fairytales/folktales from different parts of the world! This month's stories are all from Germany. This program is best suited for children in grades K-5. Registration required.

Pajama Storytime

Thursday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Throw on your favorite pajamas and head to the library for Pajama Storytime. This drop-in program is for children in grades K-3.

Chalk the Walk for Pride Party

Saturday, June 15 from 11:00am - 12:30 pm

Join us for our annual "Chalk the Walk for Pride" party! We'll be joined by New York Times bestselling author Robb Pearlman! He'll be sharing his book, The Sublime Ms. Stacks, at 11:30 a.m. Stop in anytime from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to decorate the library's walkway using chalk. All are welcome at this all-ages program, no registration required.

Paws for Reading program

Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Young readers are invited to hone their skills by reading to certified therapy dogs. No registration is required, but space is limited.

Pirate-Themed Storytime

Thursday, June 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Children in Kindergarten and older are invited to join us for a pirate-themed storytime. No registration is required.

Ms. Erin's Magic of Make-Believe

Friday, June 21 at 10:15 a.m.

This class, for children ages 3-6, combines theater games, music, movement, and creative play to build confidence and creativity! This musical class fosters teamwork, connection, active listening, and emotional intelligence. Watch your little one shine! Parents/guardians are expected to attend. This is a free, drop-in program; no registration is required.

Basics of Karate

Monday, June 24 at 2:00 p.m.

Children ages 3+ are invited to learn the basics of karate with Master C of USA Karate and Fitness! No registration is required, just drop in.

Wings of Fire Book Club

Monday, June 24 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

We'll be talking about The Dragonet Prophecy—participants are welcome to read either the original book or the graphic novel—and creating some crafts inspired by the book. Registration is required and space is limited:

Darkroom Drop-in hours

Wednesday nights (no meeting on June 19) from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Photographers of all levels are invited to connect, share their work, talk shop, and work in the darkroom. The Darkroom is located in the Arts & Crafts Room on the second floor of the Community Center, the space is wheelchair-accessible. No registration is required.

Darkroom Workshop:

Shooting Film and Camera Basics

Saturday, June 15 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The library is accepting applications for "Darkroom Workshop: Shooting Film and Camera Basics". This hands-on workshop will introduce shooting film on an analog camera. Participants should bring an analog camera if they have one, library staff will work to arrange loaner cameras for those who require them. This class is aimed at adults, but older teens (ages 16+) are welcome to apply. Applications are due by Monday, May 27.

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Movie Night

Wednesday, June 5, at 7pm

Movies are back! Join us the first Wednesday of the month for a screening of a recently released DVD! Please visit our website or contact the library for film titles.

Literary Cafe

Saturday, June 8, at 10:15am

Literary Café is a book chat program. The format is simple: Bring a few of your recent favorite books and tell the other members of the group what you like about them. If you don't have a copy of the book you want to talk about, that's okay, too. The books can be new or old, fiction or nonfiction, classic or contemporary. There is no required reading, and you will have the opportunity to learn about books recommended by other group members. Attend as many sessions as you'd like. Admission is free and all are welcome. Refreshments sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library. Patrons are welcome to join us in person or online.

International Film

Monday, June 10, at 2pm and 7pm

International films are back! Join us for an International film screening. The same film will be shown at 2pm and 7pm. Please contact the library for the film title.

Florian Schantz Jazz Combo

Wednesday, June 12, at 7pm

Join us for an evening of Dixieland Jazz music with the Florian Schantz Jazz Combo! Sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library.

Forging Queer Leaders Author Talk

Tuesday, June 18, at 7pm

Join us for an author talk and discussion with Dr. Liz Cavallaro and Colonel Bree Fram. In partnership with Cranford Unity Project

Trivia Night

Wednesday, June 26, at 7pm

Join us for another fun evening of trivia! 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. Please visit our website or contact the library to register.

Darkroom Drop-in-Wednesdays

from 5:30pm-8:30pm

Photographers of all levels are invited to connect, share their work, talk shop, and work in the darkroom. The Darkroom is located in the Arts & Crafts Room on the second floor of the Community Center, the space is wheelchair-accessible. Made possible by funds from the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

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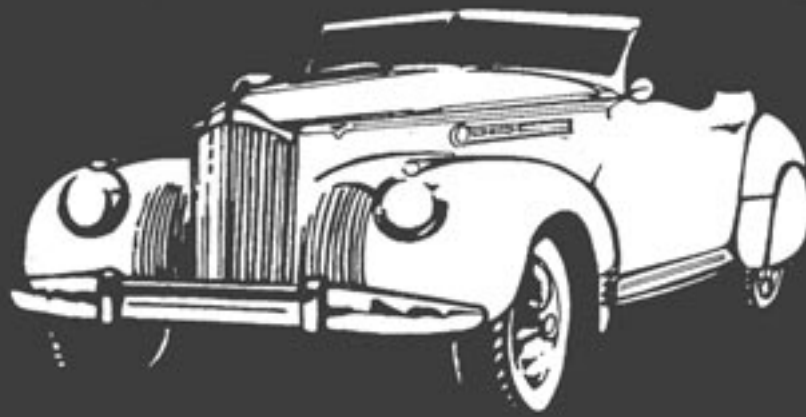
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