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## STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AS UNSUNG HEROES

### *Cranford Public Schools*

Ashley Sremcevic, a senior at Lincoln School, and Sean Hanna, a senior at Cranford High School (CHS), were honored by the Union County School Boards Association with the Unsung Heroes Award on March 12 at Kean University. This prestigious award recognizes a senior from each high school in Union County who is making outstanding contributions to their schools and community.

School Counselor Vanessa Velazquez, who nominated Ashley, highlighted her unwavering drive to excel and her commitment to making a meaningful impact on the world around her.

“Having worked closely with Ashley it is very clear that she is the type of person who has the potential to make a community stronger,” said Ms. Velazquez. “This well-deserved recognition highlights her commitment to learning and the positive impact she has on those around her.”

Ashley has dedicated herself to service, participating in activities such as wrapping gifts for families in need during Christmas, donating to food pantries, and volunteering at day care centers. She is currently working at the YMCA, through her work study program, where she provides aftercare for students during the week and coaches sports on Saturdays, further showcasing her leadership and commitment to others.

Sean Hanna, Unsung Hero at CHS, was nominated by Supervisor JoAnn Sei and School Counselors Gretchen Lenehan and Catherine Gallo. They spoke about his determination, resilience and compassion for others.

At the awards ceremony, Principal Mark Cantagallo said, “Sean consistently displays an unwavering commitment to his work, always challenging himself and pushing beyond his comfort zone. He participates in extracurricular activities, takes college-level courses, and relentlessly pursues his dream of becoming a firefighter.”

“Through it all, he has remained a positive peer role model,” Mr. Cantagallo added.

Sean is also a volunteer EMT, showcasing



(above) School Counselor  
Vanessa Velazquez with  
recipient Ashley Sremcevic.



(above) Cranford High School  
Principal Mark Cantagallo  
with recipient Sean Hanna.

Photos by Cranford Public Schools



his deep passion and commitment to helping others.

“Both students are incredibly deserving of this recognition, as they embody the values and vision that have the power to shape a brighter future,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Scott Rubin. “Their passion, character, and accomplishments are a source of pride for the entire Cranford Public Schools community.”



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The Raptor Trust is located at 1390 White Bridge Road, Millington, NJ.

The Raptor Trust is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization which provides free medical care to thousands of orphaned or injured birds each year. Our infirmary staff is available seven days a week during daylight hours to admit injured birds, but we must rely on the people who find them to bring them to us for care. If you find a bird that needs help, please visit our website

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Under the direction of Maestro David Wroe, the NJ Festival Orchestra invites audiences to step into the golden age of European cultural grandeur. From the joyful flair of Mozart’s “Prague” Symphony to the toe-tapping rhythms of Kodály’s Hungarian folk dances and Elgar’s sweeping, romantic elegance, this concert promises a night of unforgettable charm and symphonic brilliance under the stars.

The evening opens with the fiery folk rhythms and gypsy spirit of Kodály’s Dances of Galánta, a tribute to the Hungarian countryside of the composer’s youth. The program continues with the romantic Viennese-sounding elegance of Elgar’s Introduction and Allegro, a virtuosic showcase for the NJFO string section.

The evening culminates in a performance of Mozart’s joyful and exuberant Symphony No. 38, “Prague,” a dazzling work that celebrates the composer’s special connection to the city that embraced him.

“Viennese giant Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

made his home in Vienna but allowed the city of Prague to adopt him, said Maestro Wroe. His “Prague” symphony jumps for joy and displays a bravado and confidence unique amongst his compositions.”

“This concert highlights cultural and geographical empires at the pinnacle of their power, all unified through the power of music,” Wroe added.

Held under the stars with full theatrical lighting, acoustically enhanced sound, and Westfield’s historic elegance as the setting, “Mozart in the Garden” promises an unforgettable summer experience.

“This concert is going to be another phenomenal event,” stated NJ Festival Orchestra board member Keith S. Hertell. “We transform my grounds to create a beautiful outdoor performance experience with stage lighting, acoustics, and a fully professional stage. It’s a huge undertaking and we are deeply grateful to Ray Catena of Union for their support.”

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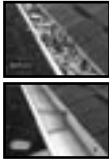
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During the Township Committee Meeting on May 20, 2025, the Committee approved the appointments of two new Firefighters including the first female Firefighter in the history of the Department. The Committee also approved the appointment of a full-time Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

Chapin Taggart and Paul Richardson have been hired as Probationary Firefighters and Kayla Rajcevic was hired as a full-time EMT. Ms. Taggart will serve as the first female Firefighter in the history of the Cranford Fire Department.

“I am proud of these individuals and the effort they put into the hiring process. They both worked extremely hard to get to this point. They are both dedicated to the safety and well-being of our residents and businesses and will work hard to ensure the values and traditions of the Cranford Fire Department are upheld,” said Chief Dan Czeh. “I am excited for both individuals and happy that Firefighter Taggart will serve as the first female Firefighter in our history.”

Ms. Taggart has been working as a Communications Officer for the Cranford Police Department and had a desire to serve the Township as a Firefighter. She also served as a Call Firefighter since 2021 and worked as a part-time EMT since 2024. Firefighter Richardson has worked as a Full-Time EMT and has been a Call Firefighter since 2017. He has also gained a lot of firefighting experience as a volunteer Firefighter in Kenilworth. Ms. Rajcevic, who has served as a part-time EMT with the Department since 2023, will be filling the full-time role being vacated by Firefighter Richardson. She has


gained valuable Emergency Medical Service (EMS) experience as a per-diem EMT and as a volunteer with Fanwood EMS and with the Scotch Plains Fire Department EMS Division.

The addition of the two Firefighters have increased the Department’s fire staffing to 32 members, which is the most it has been in the history of the Cranford Fire Department.

“This is historic on two fronts. First, the additional staffing gives us the ability to operate safer, and will give our existing employees some relief. Our call volume has continued to increase over the last 10 years. When I began my career in 2005, we responded to an average of 1,000 to 1,200 emergency calls per year. Last year, we responded to 3,333 emergency calls. In 2023, we responded to 3,167 calls. This upward trend is due to development and increased service needs of the community. The other historic front is hiring our first full-time female Firefighter. We are thrilled to welcome her into the firehouse and are proud to call her our sister,” said Chief Czeh.

“These are important appointments to our fire department in their work to address an increasing and varied level of service calls. It also brings their ranks up to an appropriate level to accomplish their mission,” said Commissioner Kathleen Miller Prunty.


“As the Public Safety Commissioner, I am especially excited to welcome our first woman to the department. Firefighter Taggart along with Firefighter Richardson and EMT Rajcevic worked incredibly hard and passed rigorous testing to reach the level we expect of our professionals,” she added.



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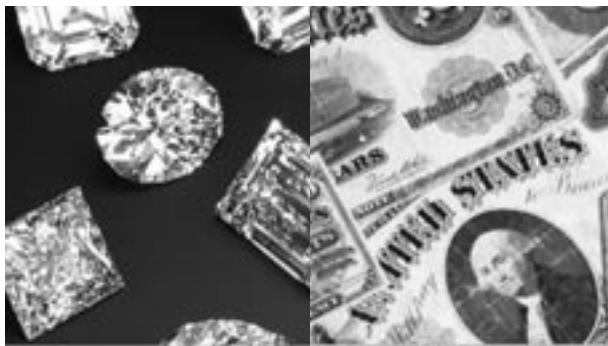
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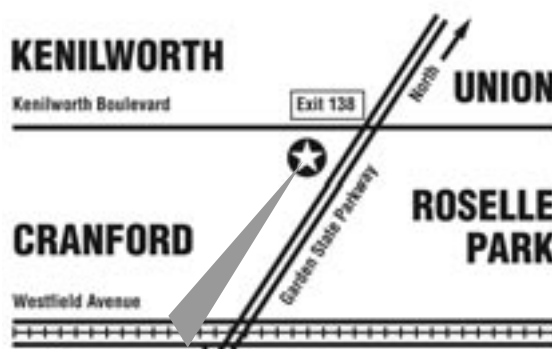
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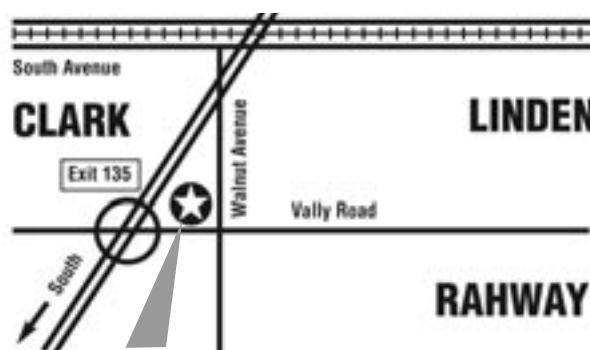
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# CENTENNIAL VILLAGE 5K RACE - JUNE 1

## The Centennial Village Group

Cranford’s Group’s annual 5k race will take place this year on Sunday, June 1. Registration, including on race day, will be all online, at [runsignup.com](https://runsignup.com). The chip-timed race will start at 9 a.m. The route provides a flat tour of part of Cranford’s South Side, starting at Lincoln School on Centennial Avenue, and looping through Centennial Village and Mohawk Park. This family-friendly race invites all ages to come out and enjoy the views of Centennial Village. Family and friends are encouraged to cheer on the runners along the route.

Visit [runsignup.com](https://runsignup.com) to sign up or donate. Pre-registration is open until May 17, and costs \$30 for adults and \$25 for 18 and under. All pre-registrants will receive a tech t-shirt. After May 17, registration costs \$35 for adults and \$30 for youth.

Email [cvgvelocity@gmail.com](mailto:cvgvelocity@gmail.com) with any questions regarding the race.

The Centennial Village Group is made up of Cranford volunteers dedicated to the revitalization and beautification of the Centennial Avenue business district. In addition to the Velocity 5K Race, the Group holds various other community events, including a Bunny Hop to decorate Centennial Avenue with spring spirit, and an annual Music Fest to raise funds for its continual efforts to improve the community.



Scan QR code or visit [runsignup.com](https://runsignup.com) to register.

# FIRST AID SQUAD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

All Cranford residents should have received the Cranford First Aid Squad annual fundraiser letter. Please take a moment to return the envelope and make a donation. 9,000 letters were mailed and about 600 donations have been received so far, which is less than 1 in 10 residents having donated.

The Cranford First Aid Squad is an all-volunteer non-profit which runs exclusively on donations. Not affiliated with the Cranford Township, the Squad does not bill patients for their services. They have a small yearly budget of about \$100,000 and it is becoming

increasingly expensive to operate as the call volume continues to increase.

CFAS is always seeking new volunteers of all ages. No experience or knowledge is necessary, the only requirement is a desire to make a difference in your town. Retired people with life experience who know their way around town are especially needed.

To make a donation online visit [cranfordfirstaid.org](https://cranfordfirstaid.org). To mail a check: CFAS, P.O. Box 1771, Cranford, NJ 07016.

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## FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY – JUNE 14

Cranford VFW Post #335 announced it will be holding its annual Flag Retirement Ceremony once again this year on Flag Day, Saturday, June 14, 2025. Starting at 12:00 noon, it will be held at the Post Office Plaza which will be blocked off to traffic for this patriotic event.

Along with the VFW Post Color Guard, the Cranford Police Department and Fire Departments will have Honor Guards there as well. Members of both Cranford Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations will participate in the ceremony, which involves the formal burning (retirement) of our country's stars and stripes. A customary playing of taps and an appropriate four rifle volley by the VFW Color Guard will round out the always well attended event. For more information, please email [jimdrc@verizon.net](mailto:jimdrc@verizon.net).

## FATHER'S DAY FISHING DERBY – JUNE 15

The Cranford Jaycees' annual Leonard Snyder Memorial Father's Day Fishing Derby returns on Sunday, June 15th at Nomahegan Park. The pond will be stocked with bass and catfish, and there will be free bait and bobbers for all registered participants with prizes by age group for the top 3 biggest fish caught. Pre-register at [cranfordjaycees.org/fish](http://cranfordjaycees.org/fish).

This event is free of charge and is named for Leonard Snyder, a Cranford father and Jaycee who chaired the event, and lost his life on 9/11.

## SEA SCOUT OPEN HOUSE – JUNE 21

The crews of Liberty Sea Scout Squadron from Patriots' Path Council will host their annual open house at the Carteret Marina, located in the Carteret Waterfront Park, 200 Middlesex Avenue, Carteret, NJ, on Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The open house will include tours of our primary training vessel, the Sea Dart II, an introduction to the Sea Scout program, and nautical activities. Our members are from across Northern New Jersey; historically from as far as Warren, Sussex, and Ocean counties.

The Sea Scouting program is open to male and female youth ages 14 to 21. The crews operate a fleet of vessels that include the Sea Dart II, sailboats, powerboats, and paddle craft out of the Liberty Nautical Education Center ([libertynautical.org](http://libertynautical.org)) on the Rahway River in Linden, NJ. Aboard the vessels, young men and women learn nautical skills, including navigation and engine room maintenance, while visiting various ports on their many trips. Come down to visit and the scouts will be glad to welcome you aboard!



(above) Come down to visit and the scouts will be glad to welcome you aboard during our open house on Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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# ANNUAL FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY IN ROSELLE PARK - JUNE 5-8

## THE FOLLOWING MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT IS BOOKED FOR THE FEAST:

**Thursday, June 5:** Paper Statues & Parametric (Valencia School of Music), 8pm to 10pm  
**Friday, June 6:** 2/5ths Crazy, 7pm to 10pm  
**Saturday, June 7:** Diamonds in Jupiter, 7pm to 10pm  
**Sunday, June 8:** Andrea Longato (Italian Classics) from 5pm-6:15pm, Valentied 6:30pm-7:15pm

## OTHER PERFORMANCES AT THE FEAST:

**Thursday, June 5:** Fusion Dance, 6pm  
**Friday, June 6:** Susie Karlik's Dance Sensation, 6pm, Diamondettes Baton and Dance, 630pm

Additional entertainment will be announced on the Church of the Assumption website as it is confirmed.

Pay-One-Price Unlimited Ride wristbands, available at the Feast for \$30, will be sold on Thursday, June 5. Visit the Church of the Assumption website at [www.assumptionrp.com/](http://www.assumptionrp.com/) for more information, sponsorship opportunities and to volunteer at the Feast.



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The Church of the Assumption's annual St. Anthony Italian Feast returns for its 25th 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, June 8th, at 9pm!  
 The Feast, located on the Church grounds at 113 Coolidge Place, Roselle Park, NJ, begins on Thursday, June 5 and runs through Sunday, June 8. Feast hours: Thurs 6-10pm, Friday 6-10pm,

Saturday 5-10pm and Sunday 5-10pm.  
 On Saturday, June 7, there will be a 4pm mass honoring St. Anthony, followed by a procession through Roselle Park beginning at 4:45pm.  
 On Sunday, June 8th, two first-class relics of Saint Anthony from his Basilica in Padua, Italy, will be visiting Church of the Assumption from 8am to 2pm.  
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# 25<sup>th</sup> Annual 2025 Feast of St. Anthony

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**Paper Statues**  
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**Diamonds in Jupiter**  
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## VFW POST 335 ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At a recent meeting, Cranford VFW Post #335 proudly announced newly elected officers for the upcoming Post year. Current Elizabeth Police Officer Michael Gregory was installed as the new Post Commander for the new term. Gregory replaces outgoing 3 plus year Commander Mark Schwartz.

The new commander, a long-time Cranford resident has been in various positions with the Elizabeth Police Department for over 39 years. Gregory joined the Naval Reserve as an enlisted man in 1997 and was commissioned as an Ensign in 2007 and finished his career as a Lieutenant Commander. He served our country in the Middle East as part of the Joint Task Force in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in the campaign against Isis terrorism. His many awards include Navy Marine Corp Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal.

While addressing the members of the Post at his installation the new Commander said, "I pledge to move the Post forward and continue to build on the past achievements of our great former Commander Schwartz. I intend to meet all upcoming challenges with great vigor and look forward to nothing but success in our Posts

endeavors."

Outgoing Commander Schwartz had much success in his years in office, achieving "All State Commander" in all three years at the helm. "Commander Schwartz' major achievement was bringing our Post kicking and screaming into the 21st century" another former commander spoke at the installation meeting. "He brought technology into all aspects of our activities from video bulletin boards in our lounge, to QCR codes for events signups and multiple TV's in our hall. He is a tough act to follow!"

Other newly elected officers of the post include Mark Pollock as Senior Vice Command and John (Jay) Price as Junior Vice Commander. Mark Schwartz will assume his new role as Quartermaster, while Jay Boxwell will become the new Post Adjutant. The new year's trustees will be Michael Rotella, Major Willaim Folinusz and Paul Havrilla. This year's Judge Advocate will be John Morrison, and the Post Surgeon will be current Cranford Mayor Dr. Terrence Curran.

The Cranford VFW Post #335 has been serving the greater Cranford communities veterans for over 125 years. Any interested veterans can contact the Post on its website at VFW335.org or call 908-276-9730.

## UNITED METHODIST INTRODUCES GYMNASTICS CAMP

*Submitted by Susan Caruso Green*

Registration is now open for the Cranford United Methodist Church very first Gymnastics Summer Fun Camp in 2025. This fun-filled camp focuses on building new gymnastics and tumbling skills in a safe, supportive environment, with plenty of other exciting activities included. Open to children ages 4 and up!

The Camp promises an unforgettable summer experience with a lineup planned to ensure every child has an amazing time. Camp instruction will be provided by Olympika Gymnastics Club, a trusted program with over 16 years of experience. Campers will be grouped by age, with no more

than 6 children per group for personalized attention.

Space is limited to 20 campers per day, so early registration is encouraged at olympikagymnastics.com. Hours, prices and schedules can be found on that website.

Day Camp Dates: June 23 to August 29, 2025  
Hours: Full Day 8:30am to 4:00pm; Half Day: 8:30am – 12:30pm or 12:00pm – 4:00pm.

Location: Cranford United Methodist Church's education building, 201 Lincoln Ave. East, Cranford, NJ 07016, corner of Lincoln Ave. E. and Walnut Ave. For more information, call: 908-514-0449 or visit [www.cranfordumc.com](http://www.cranfordumc.com).



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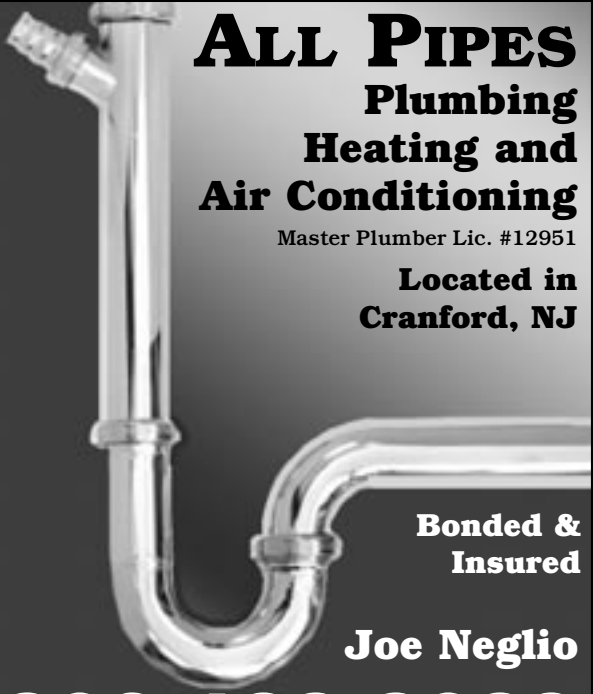
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# VO-TECH STUDENTS FORGE LASTING BONDS



(above) GlamourGals chapter members visited Union County senior home.  
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**GlamourGals**  
Students at Union County Vocational Technical Schools are making a meaningful mark on their community through their growing involvement with GlamourGals—a nonprofit dedicated to ending senior isolation through teen-led makeovers and intergenerational connection. Since launching their chapter, these students have brightened the days of local seniors through complimentary manicures, heartfelt conversations, and simple moments of shared joy. Their very first event laid the foundation for something much bigger: a movement of compassion and connection. For Ivy L., now attending her second GlamourGals visit, the experience has been deeply personal. “We connected over our childhood memories of painting our nails—she used to do her own all the time, and I talked about how my mom would paint pictures and designs on mine,” Ivy recalled. “Today’s visit was another beautiful, memorable experience. I already can’t wait for the next one.”

For fellow volunteer Gayatri S., each visit is a reminder of the deeper mission behind the glitter and polish. “When I think about why we do this, I’m reminded that GlamourGals exists to fight senior isolation,” she said. “Hearing her story helped me realize how much joy and comfort our presence brings. Every time we visit, we’re taking another step toward that goal—and that means everything.”  
The Union County Vocational Technical Schools’ GlamourGals chapter is more than a student group—it’s a team of young changemakers leading with empathy. Through their commitment, seniors are reminded that they are valued, seen, and never alone. And for these students, the journey is just beginning. GlamourGals, a 501(c)(3) founded in 2000, reduces social isolation by empowering beautiful connections across generations. Our signature beauty makeovers are led by teen-led chapters nationwide that bring honor and companionship to seniors in aged care.



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## GARWOOD ROCKS FESTIVAL: JUNE 1ST

On Sunday, June 1st, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Garwood celebrates its 11th Anniversary of its 'Garwood Rocks' Festival, sponsored by Vermella at Garwood Station that attracts over 10,000 people each year from the surrounding communities for a fun day for all ages. Organized by the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce [GWACC] and free to all members of the public - Center Street from South Avenue to Unami Park is transformed into an open-air event featuring vendors with merchandise for purchase, live music, Kid Zone rides on Beech Street with inflatable bounce houses, 23 food trucks, and a beer and wine garden for all to enjoy. In addition to the exciting live music and entertainment - Garwood Rocks' highlight is its classic car show with over 175 vehicles.

"With the 11th 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 Carol Kearney, Event Director. "All residents from Garwood and the surrounding towns will be able to experience what the whole community has to offer - and after 11 years - it demonstrates our commitment to the region and the success of the event."

Along with the classic car show, the live music featured at the event is also a large draw for the nearly 10,000 people expected to attend Garwood Rocks. The main stage at Center and Willow will feature performances from a variety of local and professional bands including 4 Flight Rock and Marie & the Blue Rats. Exit

Eleven will be headliner act and will close out the show.

The Beer and Wine Garden, sponsored by the Crossroads of Garwood, will provide adult beverages throughout the event and the food trucks and vendors will feature everything from empanadas, pizza, burgers, and more.

Garwood Rocks is again sponsored by Vermella at Garwood Station, a highly amenitized resort-style residential rental community located at 450 South Ave. It features 40,000 square feet of amenity spaces for fitness, gathering, and working from home. Vermella at Garwood is located directly adjacent to the New Jersey Transit Train Station for ease of commute into New York City or Newark.

"Our ongoing partnership with Garwood Rocks and the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce has always been a day we look forward to every year. Being part of and supporting events like this not only enhances the lifestyle experience for our residents at Vermella at Garwood Station, but also the region, and expresses our desire be part of and contributing members to the community," said Courtney Mulligan, Vice President of Marketing at Russo Development.

Vendor spots for businesses and non-profits have been sold out a month in advance of the festival.

For more information about Vermella at Garwood Station's residential rentals, visit [www.vermellanj.com](http://www.vermellanj.com).

For more info about the Garwood Rocks event, contact Carol at 908-789-3306 or [carol@uniquecruiseandtravel.com](mailto:carol@uniquecruiseandtravel.com)

## BIKE AND SEWING MACHINE COLLECTION FOR P4P - JUNE 7

*Faith Lutheran Church*

Do you have bikes or sewing machines needlessly taking up room in your home or garage? Give them a new home by bringing them to Faith Lutheran Church's bike and sewing machine collection for Pedals for Progress (P4P) and Sewing Peace on Saturday, June 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Adult and children's bicycles in rideable or repairable condition will be shipped overseas by P4P and distributed to those who rely on them for transportation to jobs, markets, medical care, and schools. Donations of working sewing machines also provide income opportunities for those living in developing countries.

If you are unable to drop by on June 7th, you may still leave your bicycle(s) in Faith Lutheran's lower lot next to the utility shed. If you are donating a sewing machine, please leave it underneath the sheltered alcove by the red doors at the bottom of the parking lot. Faith will make sure these items get to P4P for this collection or will hold them until the next one. Please note that "bikes for parts" or disassembled bicycles will not be accepted.

On average, it costs \$52 to collect, process, and ship each bicycle. A donation toward shipping costs is necessary for P4P's continued success and \$20 is suggested per bike and sewing machine. All monetary donations (cash or check) and material donations are fully deductible, and a receipt will be provided on site on June 7th. Donations can also be made directly via [p4p.org](http://p4p.org).

To date, Pedals for Progress has shipped over 167,000 bicycles and 6,300 sewing machines to partner agencies in Central America, Africa, and Eastern Europe.

Faith Lutheran Church is located at 524 South Street, New Providence, NJ. Find out more at [famfaith.org](http://famfaith.org). Worship is on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. with livestreaming available via website, Facebook, and YouTube. The church phone number is 908-464-5177 and the pastor of Faith is Rev. Jane McCready.



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## THE WONDER TRIO AT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

The Salem Roadhouse Café presents The Wonder trio – a Tribute to Stevie Wonder’s Music, Saturday, June 14, 2025. The doors open at 7:30 p.m., the show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes show, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert. The venue is located in Bailey Hall at Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities.

The WONDER TRIO is made up of three extremely talented performers who are well known to the Metro NY/NJ area music scene. Ed Alstrom, leader, is the organist for Yankee Stadium, as well as keyboard player for many famous performers such as Bette Midler, Chuck Berry, Leonard Bernstein, Herbie Hancock and others. The list goes on and on.

Accompanying Ed will be guitarist Al Orlo. Al has recorded with the legendary Ben E. King and was his musical director for 25 years. Al also held the #1 chair at Broadway shows, such as Kinky Boots, Carol King Musical, Hairspray and

Smokey Joe’s Café, to name a few.

Bobby Deitch on drums rounds out the trio. Bobby has performed on several recordings such as Richard Sorce’s Latin album “A Place I’ve Never Been” and Richie Hart’s “33 1/3” album.

State’s Ed Alstrom, “Obviously, Stevie’s music is even more fun to play than it is to listen to. This group does a mix of the hits and some lesser-known things, without the vocals, and it doesn’t hurt the music one bit not to have them, because they’ll be playing in your mind!

As always, the Salem Roadhouse Café is live, intimate, up front, and personal. All ages are welcome.

### ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

Now in its 17th year of operation, the Roadhouse started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Hey — that’s why we’re located where we are, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. That’s its social mission.

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