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The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department is pleased to announce its annual Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 25th. The Grand Marshal for this year's parade is 1st Lieutenant Arthur Snyder a veteran pilot of B26 bombers who participated in 38 combat missions during the Korean War. He has lived in Cranford with his wife, Nancy, for over 50 years. The Snyders have 3 children, all raised in Cranford and graduates of Cranford High School.

Line up begins at the Community Center, 220 Walnut

Avenue in Cranford at 8:30am and marching commences at 9:00am ending with a traditional memorial ceremony at Memorial Park on Springfield Avenue between Riverside Drive and Central Avenue at 10 am.

In case of inclement weather, services only will be held at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue at 10:00am.

For further information, please call the Recreation and Parks Department at (908) 709-7283.

## CRANFORD STREET FAIR IN PHOTOS

Renna media has created a Facebook page for all twelve of its publications including Cranford Monthly. The Facebook page compliments the company's website [www.RennaMedia.com](http://www.RennaMedia.com). The Cranford Monthly Facebook page will feature photo albums that also appear on the website, and frequent blog posts.

Residents are encouraged to like the page to keep up with the latest upcoming events. They can also "Like," "Tag," and "Share" the photos. The most recent album uploaded is of the Cranford Street Fair held on April 25, 2015. Besides current albums, Renna Media will maintain a community calendar of events. Non-profits are encouraged to submit their information. All past issues can also be found on the site.



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(above) Photos from the Cranford Street Fair appear on this page and inside on pages 10 and 11.

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## SENIOR MONDAY MORNING MOVIES

Monday, May 11, 2015 - Big Eyes, Drama, Starring: Amy Adams, Christopher Waltz, Danny Huston, Jason Schwartzman, Krysten Ritter. Movies are shown in the Audio Visual Room starting at 11:15 am, 2nd Floor, Cranford Community Center.

Cranford Resident's only. For additional information please call (908) 709-7283.

## BALLROOM DANCING FOR SENIORS

Cranford Recreation and Parks Department would like to announce the following dates for our Cranford Seniors Ballroom Dancing: Wednesday May 6th, 13th and 20th from 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm, Room 200 At Cranford Community Center. Call Lori-Ann at (908) 709-7283 to make a reservation.

## WALKING TOUR OF HISTORICAL SIGHTS ON SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

The Cranford Historical Society will be having Walking Tour of Historical Sights on Sunday, May 17th.

The Tour will start at 2:15pm at the Crane-Phillips House Museum, 124 North Union Avenue, Cranford. Call the Society's office at 908-276-0082 for more information.

## CRUISER NIGHT MAY 13TH

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**SCHEDULE**

Registration / Pickup	7:15am
1 Mile Fun Run	8:30am
4 Mile Race	9:00am

**ENTRY FEES**

4 Mile	\$25.00 by June 28
Fun Run	\$8.00 by June 28
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Cranford NJ - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

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## PEDAL! PADDLE! EXPLORE!

On Sunday, April 19th, over 120 cyclists participated in Pedal! Paddle! Explore! a family friendly, police escorted 10 mile bike ride through Cranford. The bike ride began at 9 am in the parking lot next to Cervantes of Spain. Walgreens, Hilltop Bicycles and Power Bar each had a tent set-up for this event and offered giveaways to the participants. In addition Fresh Press Juice Company and Strength and Fitness Club were present and interacted with the attendees. Walgreens supplied water and snacks for all riders at each of the three water stops.

The cyclists ranging in age from five to sixty-five plus biked to Nomahegan Park through Kennilworth, down Orange Avenue and back to the starting point. After a ten-minute water stop the bike ride continued another five miles on the south side of Cranford, taking Centennial Avenue and making their way to Hillside Avenue to Crane Parkway through Mohawk Park for the third water stop. After leaving Indian Village the cyclists worked their way to South Union Avenue then back into town, ending back at the starting point. The festivities were ready to start upon the return of the cyclists. The Cranford Canoe Club offered free canoe rentals all day as part of this event.

The Cranford Police Department escorted the cyclists on this ten-mile route. Cranford Fire Department had a Fire Truck for the children to tour. Cranford Recreation and Parks Department supplied a balloon maker and face painter for the children to enjoy. Strength and Fitness Club interacted with the children by setting up



physical activities for them to challenge themselves. The Cranford Chamber of Commerce provided the logistical support as well as the sound system for the music. The Cranford First Aid Squad was present for the entire ride.

Pedal! Paddle! Explore! is part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign administered through the Cranford Community Connection. Members of the Cranford Community Connection include the Centennial Village Group, Cranford Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Business and Economic Development Office. Cranford has hosted a family friendly bike ride in past years. After a few years hiatus, this bike ride has returned. If you would like to assist in planning next year's ride please call 908-377-5722 and leave a message.

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On Sunday, May 17th at the Westfield Library from 2 – 4 pm the Daughters of the American Revolution will be sponsoring a Lineage Research Workshop. The NJ Society of the DAR along with the Westfield chapter, Crane's Ford (Cranford) chapter and the Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell chapter invites the public to attend this free workshop.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to preserving American history, securing America's future through better education and promoting patriotism.

Eligibility for membership is any woman 18 years or older who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Our members will be available to research your lineage using Ancestry.com, Fold3, NEHGS, and will have special access to the DAR Library's Genealogy Research System.

Pre-registration is strongly recommended and walk-ins will be accepted if time permits. Please RSVP by May 10th to Lisa Kane, Regent Westfield DAR chapter (908)-202-5248 or email at [lijoka@verizon.net](mailto:lijoka@verizon.net)

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### PARENT CHILD CRAFT AT THE LIBRARY

Children ages 3+ and a parent are invited to join us for a Parent Child Craft on Saturday, May 9, at 11 a.m. in the library's Raddin Room. Work together to create a tote bag: build those fine motor skills, get some quality bonding time, and make the perfect gift for your favorite grownup! Registration is required, call or stop

by the library to reserve your spot. We will be using acrylic paint, so wear old clothes. Admission is free and all Cranford residents are welcome.

For a list of other upcoming programs, visit the library Web page at [cranford.com/library](http://cranford.com/library) and click on the Children's Department tab.

### CRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS SOUGHT

The Cranford Public Library is seeking Cranford High School yearbooks for the following years: 1925, 1926, 1936, 1937, 1952, and 1953.

If you have a yearbook from any of these years and would like to donate it, the library

would be extremely grateful. Donations can be dropped off at the library's main desk any time the library is open. Library hours are Monday to Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### MEMORIAL RECEPTION FOR ROSEMARY CHODACK TO BE HELD AT THE LIBRARY MAY 6TH

Members of the public are invited to attend a reception in memory of Rosemary Chodack, a member of the Cranford Public Library Children's Department, on Wednesday, May 6, at 4:00 p.m. in the Children's Room. Ms. Chodack was a vital part of the Children's

Department for many years, and her devotion to library patrons, both young and old, was evident to all who knew her. A portrait of Ms. Chodack, painted by Cranford resident Bea Tobolewski will be unveiled at the reception. The library is located at 224 Walnut Avenue.

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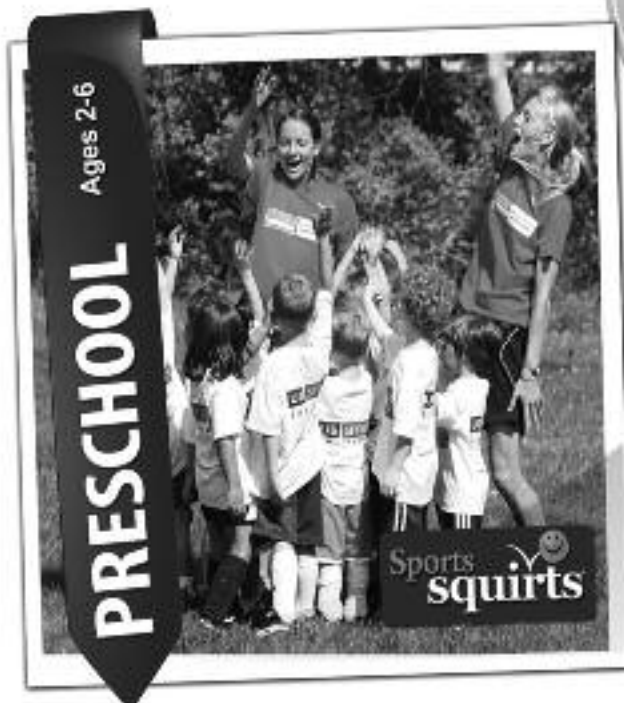
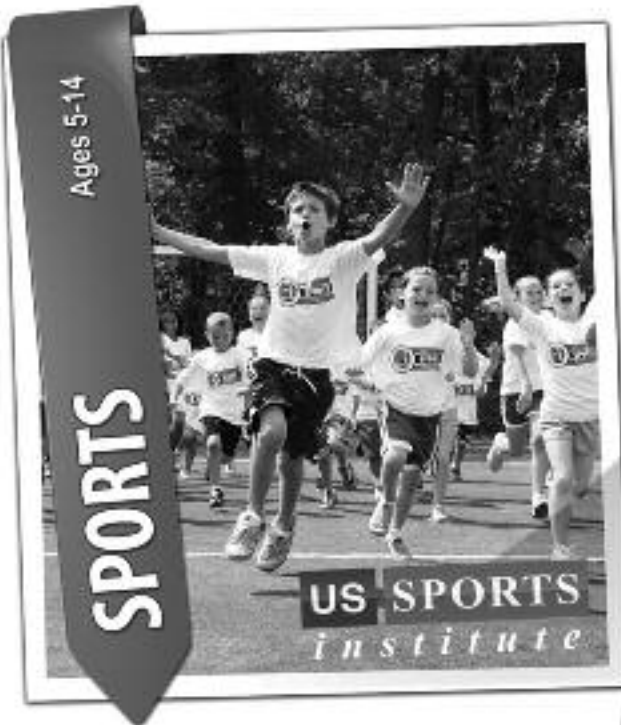
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The next session begins May 19, 2015 and will end on June 25, 2015. For more information, please call us at (908) 353-1045, Ext 8, or email [Projectreadyprg@yahoo.com](mailto:Projectreadyprg@yahoo.com). Classes are held at St. Joseph Social Service Center located at 118 Division St. Elizabeth. Seats are limited –Student selection by lottery.

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# SAY GOOD BYE “OLD PEPPY”

In spite of the efforts of residents to save the tree “Old Peppy” the Township of Cranford started to cut the tree down the week of April 20th. The Pepperidge tree was over 250 years old and was so iconic that its image is used on the emblem of the Township’s Recreation Department.

The effort to save the tree was spearheaded by

Tina Helmstetter. The group, which maintained a Facebook page named Save “Old Peppy,” petitioned the town commissioners for years to consider an alternative to cutting the tree down. A majority vote on March 24, 2015 in favor of cutting the tree down ended the debate.

Images of the tree can be found on the Save “Old Peppy” Facebook page.

# CRANFORD ARBOR DAY PLANTING APRIL 24TH

The Cranford Tree Advisory Board in cooperation with the Cranford Recreation Department and Public Works Department planted a large hornbeam tree at Adams Avenue Park on Arbor Day April 24th. The tree was supplied by the “Greening Union County” grant program.



(above) Photo from April 28 of men working on cutting the trunk of Old Peppy.



(above, l-r) Ed Helmstetter assists Cranford Tree Advisory Board members Barbara Krause and Ed’s mom Tina Helmstetter planting a hornbeam tree for Arbor Day.

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## CRANFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESERVATION AWARD DINNER

The Cranford Historical Society held their annual Preservation Award and Pot Luck Dinner at the Hanson House on Sunday, April 12, 2015. The Society presented a Preservation Award to Dreyer Farms for preserving their land and farm structure throughout its 100+ years of farming in Cranford. Dreyer Farms is the only farm in Cranford and Union County. We wish Dreyer Farms continued success for many years to come and we thank them for all the contributions they have made to the Cranford Historical Society.

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*(above, l-r) Trustee Christine Glazer presented Ken Jakupko with The Volunteer Appreciation Award for helping to hang historic pictures and paintings back on the walls in the main room of Hanson House.*



*(above) The Dreyer Family, Martha and John, Jessica and children Lily and Ethan Costello.*

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(right, l-r) Joe Troiano, Jaycees Vice President; Kevin Weiss; and Phil Siliato, Jaycees Vice President.



## ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT RAPHAEL'S LIFE HOUSE

On Monday, June 15, 2015 the twelfth Annual Golf Outing to benefit Raphael's Life House will be held at Colonia Country Club. It is a fun-filled event including a full breakfast, barbecue dinner with cocktails, and many exciting raffle prizes and golf contest awards.

This year our two "Hole-in-One" prizes are a Buick Verano from Miller Buick GMC in Woodbridge, and a Rolex watch from Martin Jewelers in Cranford.

Raphael's Life House is a rehabilitated and revamped 1883 convent that provides non-sectarian transitional housing for homeless pregnant women between the ages of 18-23, from their seventh or eighth month of pregnancy, to a year after their baby is born.

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Enjoy a wonderful day with friends and colleagues while supporting our moms and their babies. Ruth and Tom Sharkey are sponsoring the tournament this year. There are also several levels of sponsorships still available.

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## THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE: MATTHEW BACKIEL

Matthew Backiel, a 2012 Cranford High school graduate, was deployed with 1-114 Infantry Battalion Charlie Company for 9 months overseas with the NJ National Guard doing security forces operations in the Middle East. Matthew will be returning home to Cranford this June and his next steps are to continue his education at Rowan University as a Junior this Fall seeking his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. His family could not be more proud of him and have been waiting patiently for his return home!



## CRANFORD VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUAD DEFIES TRENDS AND IS GROWING STRONGER

*Submitted by Cranford First Aid Squad*

In January a new leadership team helmed by Kruti Brahmabhatt as President and Jason Cruz as Captain came into office at 6 Centennial Ave. Since then they have been working hard to build moral and raise the standards of the squad with resounding success! Since January 1st membership has risen with 14 new volunteers which is unprecedented in squad history! In addition, 4 volunteer members are in training to be Emergency Medical Technicians with 12 signing up for summer classes. This has translated to better service to the residents of Cranford. By June most shifts will be able to staff 2 ambulances rather than just 1.

"I'm truly honored to be entrusted with this responsibility of Captain, and I'm looking forward to transforming the Cranford First Aid Squad into one of the most professional EMS agencies in the county, an example to all other EMS personnel in the state," Said Jason Cruz, EMS Captain

This is impressive when you consider most towns are facing reduced membership and some even completely lapsing.

"I am humbled to take over the helm of this historic organization. While we work to maintain the traditions of the First Aid Squad, I also wish to modernize and push the limits of professionalism. With new top tier leadership, we will bring new ideas that improve the quality of Emergency Medical Service in the township and surrounding areas," Kruti Brahmabhatt, CFAS President.

The Cranford First Aid Squad provides completely free BLS service to everyone they treat and is completely staffed by volunteers and funded by donations.

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The league meets on Wednesdays, starting May 20th, with make up games being held on Mondays. Games start at 6:30pm and are held at Unami Park, Garwood, NJ.

Team sign-up forms are available at the Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.. Registration deadline is May 8, 2015 and the cost is \$100 per team. All registrants must be at least 18 years

of age. Non-Cranford residents may participate. For additional information, call the Cranford Community Center at 908-709-7283.

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## POLICE OFFICERS TO HONOR FALLEN HEROES IN POLICE UNITY TOUR

Cranford Police officers will once again represent the township's police force on the upcoming Police Unity Tour bicycle ride to honor the sacrifices of police officers killed in the line of duty. Officers from around the United States will converge on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. on May 12, 2015. Five officers will participate in this year's ride. Capt. Guy Patterson and Detective Derek Farbanec will be joined for portions of the ride by first year rider, Officer Joseph Stulpin. Officer Thomas Stiansen and Officer Matthew Siessel will provide support for the three riders along their 300 mile trip. They will depart New Jersey on May 9, 2015.

The Police Unity Tour was organized in May 1997 by Chief Patrick P. Montuore of the Florham Park Police Department, with the hope of bringing public awareness of Police Officers who died in the line of duty and to honor their sacrifices. The first event included 18 riders on a four day fund-raising bicycle ride from Florham Park, NJ to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. Over time, the event has grown to encompass eight chapter organizations consisting of nearly 1800 members nationwide. In addition to officers representing 40 different states, participants have traveled to the event from Australia, Canada, England, India, Israel and Italy.

Through obtaining sponsorship and donations, officers participating in the Police

Unity Tour raise funds that are donated to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF). Captain Patterson, Detective Farbanec and Officer Stulpin participated in the May 2014 event which resulted in over 1.9 Million Dollars being donated to the NLEOMF, bringing total donations to the fund since inception to nearly 16 Million Dollars. All five Cranford Officers have committed to raising over \$2,000 each through their participation in the tour. With the help of local businesses and organizations they are off to a great start for the 2015 ride. The officers would like to thank Barry O'Donovan and Kilkenny House, G. DeLuca and Sons Masonry, Dottie Baniewicz and Barbara Bilger of the Cranford Chamber of Commerce, Mr. J's Deli, Dreyer's Farm, NJ Wine Seller.Com, Rock n Joe, Scaturro's Pizzeria and Café, Dellavecchia Group LLC, Mountainside PBA # 126, Cranford Jaycees, Cranford PBA Local # 52 and the Cranford PAL for their support.

According to Capt. Patterson, the continued participation of the Cranford Police Department in the Police Unity Tour is great both for the Cranford Police Department and the Police Unity Tour. "Since first completing the Unity Tour in 2012, I have encouraged other officers to become involved. The experience of riding over those four days to honor the officers who have died in the line of duty and their surviving family members is unforgettable. The Police Unity Tour is a great organization. I know all the officers participating this year will share that same feeling when we arrive in D.C." Cranford Police Chief James Wozniak commends his officers' participation in the Police Unity Tour. "Last year I met our officers as they arrived at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. The smiles on their faces said it all. They put in days of hard work and couldn't be happier doing it. Our officers are great representatives of our Town and of our profession."





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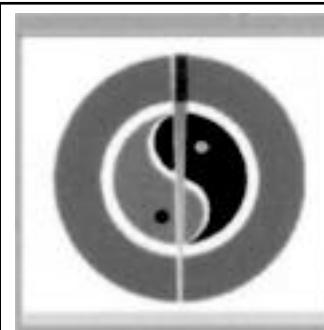
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Fifth graders on the Orange, Red, Yellow, Green and Blue Teams helped their parents answer these and other questions at the "RU Smarter Than A Fifth Grader" event at Orange Avenue School on March 30.

Over 200 parents and friends cheered on their favorite students and parents. People in the audience wore their school colors and waved signs for the Orange Team from Orange Avenue School, the Red Team from Livingston Avenue School, the Yellow Team from Hillside Avenue School, the Green Team from Brookside Place School and the Blue Team from Lincoln/Franklin School in Garwood.

Bernie Wagenblast served as MC for the third year in a row and kept the evening lively, educational, entertaining and fun.

Joe Carney of Cranford Rotary noted that

"This is the sixth year that Cranford Rotary sponsored the event, and for the first time we are joined by co-sponsors TD Bank of Cranford and think d'sign print, also of Cranford." Sponsors provided prizes for the student participants and door prizes. Mr. Carney added that "for the first time, each school will also receive \$200 for a project of their choice."

Students had gone through a preliminary round of testing in order to advance to the final event. Each school had a parent representative answering the questions with the aid of the student participants, just like the TV program. Questions were drawn up by the Principals and Assistant-principals from each of the schools.

Contestants included Emma Donnelly, Ethan Lanier, Alex Wetherell and Mr Donnelly from Brookside Place; Peter Hrycak, Steven Marotta, Molly Sarton, Allison Schubert, and Mr. Sarton from Livingston Avenue; Nathaniel Fossella, Angelia Knight, Ronan McCoid, Joseph Sdao, and Mrs. McCoid from Orange Avenue;

Geoffrey Gretta, Ethan Klein, Lukas Ruby, and Mr. Gretta and from Hillside Avenue; and Paul Castro, Reilley Peck, Kyle Perednia, Madison Tabares, and Mr. Carney and Mr. Peck from Garwood.

The Rotary Club of Cranford was established in 1923 and serves the Cranford community through service projects, sponsorships and scholarships. Close to \$250,000 in scholarship funds have been awarded over the last twenty years. Past beneficiaries of other Rotary support include Cranford Family Care, Cranford United Way, Cranford Historical Society, Cranford PAL, the Cerebral Palsy League and the Rotary International Foundation. The Cranford Rotary Club meets every Thursday morning at 7:45 am at the Cranford Community Center. Any business or professional person, active or retired, is cordially invited to attend our meeting. For additional information, please contact Membership Chair Mike Flynn at 908 272-2827.



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(above, r) Guest Speaker Terence Wall



(above, l-r) Dottie Baniewicz - Executive Director Cranford Chamber of Commerce; Sheila Benoit - Sales & Marketing Director of Homewood Suites; and Kurt Petschow, Jr. - President of the Chamber

## TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TERENCE WALL GUEST SPEAKER AT CHAMBER LUNCHEON

The Cranford Chamber of Commerce held its 2nd Luncheon Networking Event of 2015 on April 15th at Homewood Suites by Hilton. This facility, including the lobby and the pool area has recently undergone a total renovation with all rooms being redecorated.

More than thirty members and guests attended the event. Guest speaker was Township Administrator Terence Wall. He discussed events that would be taking place in the township in the very near future, some of which included the repair of the train station platform on South Avenue, the North Avenue pedestrian walkway at the train station and the reconstruction of the PSE&G building on South

Avenue.

Mr. Wall gave an overview of several of the departments in the municipal building and encouraged those attending the event to feel free to contact him if they needed any assistance or had any questions.

These monthly chamber networking events are open to members and all future members. If you are interested in attending one of these events, please call the Cranford Chamber of Commerce at 908-272-6114. The Chamber would like to thank Sheila Benoit, Director of Sales and Market from Homewood Suites by Hilton for the delicious lunch that was served and for her hospitality.



(above, l-r) Dottie Baniewicz and Kurt Petschow, Jr. welcome new members Kurt Krause D.M.D. and Brian Andrews.

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# ROADHOUSE CAFÉ BENEFITS MONARCH HOUSING TO AID THE HOMELESS

Salem Roadhouse Café, Union, NJ presented a donation of \$775.00 to Monarch Housing Associates, Cranford, NJ, which helps homeless people locate affordable shelter. Monarch operates in all 21 New Jersey counties and has assisted over 3,000 people to find homes. Salem Roadhouse Café is an intimate music venue that showcases the area's top professional musicians. The Roadhouse raised the donation from its annual Love Notes Jazz Marathon event, held November 8. Twenty-one local musicians donated their time and performed for over four hours, headlined by Carrie Jackson and Stephen Fuller. Past marathons have benefited Haiti Earthquake Relief, Union County YMCA's

domestic violence programs, Hurricane Sandy Relief, and Monarch Housing. This is the second time the donation went to Monarch.

Richard Brown, CEO of Monarch Housing stated, "Since 1990, Monarch Housing has been working to end homelessness in NJ through sound planning, advocacy and partnerships and the creation of housing opportunities for all. Love Notes Jazz Marathon helped us increase awareness that we can and must end homelessness. Partnering with the Salem Roadhouse Cafe is always a joy and pleasure."

Bruce Tangowski is the Director of the Salem Roadhouse Café. He said, "The Roadhouse Café is all about music, art — and charity. The

monthly Roadhouse Café shows raise funds for numerous charities around New Jersey, and we are proud to offer the community a safe, friendly, professional, and fun place to hear music and see local artwork by New Jersey artists." The Roadhouse Café holds its shows at Townley Presbyterian Church in Union.

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(above, l-r) Lois Tangowski, Townley Presbyterian Church; Bruce Tangowski, Director, Salem Roadhouse Café; Richard Brown, Director, Monarch Housing; Janet Sangekar, Townley Presbyterian Church.



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The Mudturtles eventually called up their younger players to get them some game experience and balance the match for Lightcliffe. By the final whistle, tries were scored by both sides and the bonds that form the international rugby community were strengthened.

Union County dressed and played 32 players for their first international caps. In European sports, a "cap" is a term for a player's appearance in a game at the international level. The term dates from the practice in the United Kingdom of awarding a cap to every player in an international match.

The Union County captains were Jack Dabulas (U18), Hunter Musson (U16), Sean MacLaney (U14), and Colin Sullivan (U12). The Lightcliffe Academy awarded the Man of the Match to Union County's Pat Hak.

Earlier on Saturday, the Lightcliffe Academy

coaches, along with their Mudturtle counterparts, led a training session of boys from both programs. This was followed by a walking tour of downtown Westfield with the Lightcliffe Academy players being hosted by the Mudturtle ruggers from all of Union County's programs. The youths took in the beautiful weather, grabbed a bite to eat and shared some cultural experiences.

Aaron Smithson, Lightcliffe Academy, coach and chaperone, provided this sentiment afterwards to his hosts: "I can't thank you enough today for your kindness and hospitality we were shown. It was above and beyond what was expected and I look forward to reciprocating the favour in the future. It is good to know that no matter where you go in the world there is part of the rugby family there to help you out."

Union County is one of the leading Under 18 and youth rugby union clubs in New Jersey, and the North East United States. Its youth flag rugby program practices and plays in June and July. The tackle program starts practice in December and play matches in the spring. The tackle program consists of six teams: Boys Under 12, Under 14, Under-6, Under 18A and Under 18B, and Girls Under 18. For anyone interested in becoming involved with the Union County Youth Rugby program, please go to <http://www.mudturtlerfc.com/tackle.asp>.



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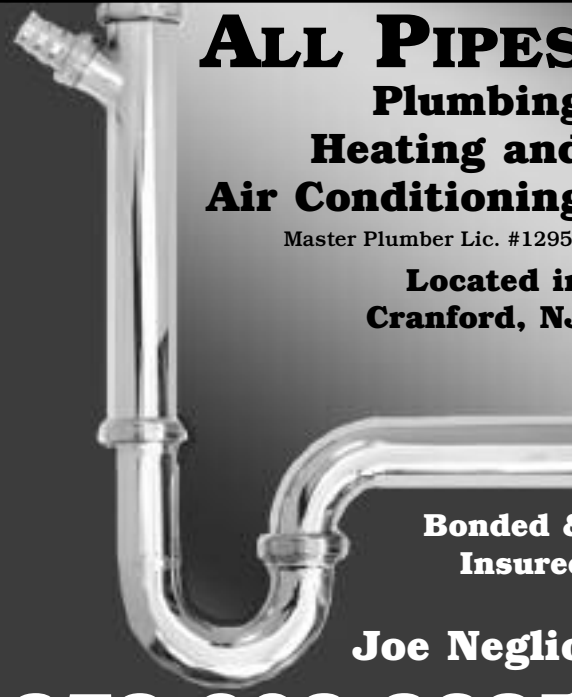


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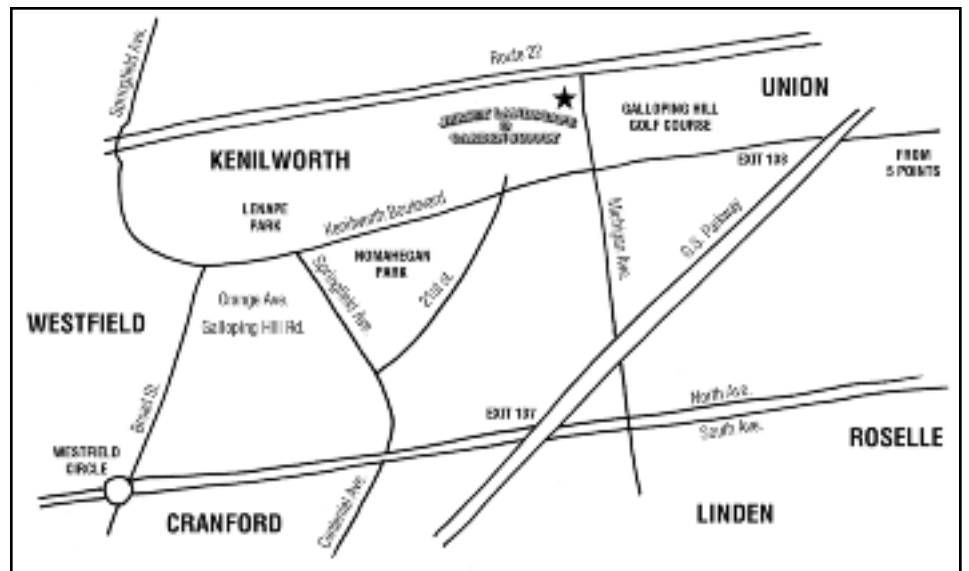
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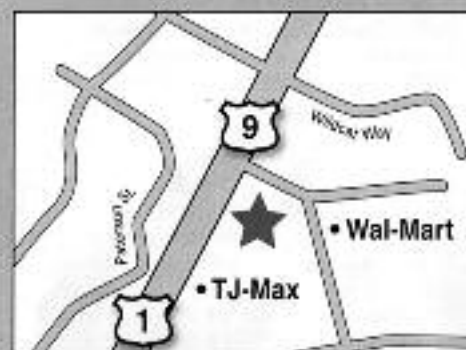
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