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By Edir Coronado

Cranford Senior Housing hit the road with their annual performance, Strike Up The Band. For 20 years this group has traveled across Union County to entertain crowds at different Senior Centers. "The Show was originally called Show Boat," described Joe Yorey, who was one of the originators and the only member of the cast who has been with the show since its conception.

These showbiz veterans have orchestrated 10 shows in the months of May and June, eight on the road, with their last two at Cranford Senior Housing. The group performs comedy routines, musical numbers, and skits to entertain their audience. These entertainers receive as much joy as they produce for their spectators. 16-year



performer Gladys McFadden confesses "I'm a Ham and love the show, I love getting up performing.

"It really shows what seniors can still do," stated Wilma Felderman. This is especially true for Shannon Costello, who was recruited last year to join the traveling show and couldn't resist the urge to showcase her talents again this year. "I love to sing" exclaimed Costello, she performs with another group and jumped at the opportunity for more stage time.

These nomadic group of artists are assisted by Activities Director Sharon Malkousko, the shows producer Cindy Rabinowitz, and John Decotiis pianist. Malkousko described that "there are auditions held, but anyone who auditions, is on the show."

The number of participants never dwindle "once they do the show they are hooked" explains Malkousko. This has to do with the uniqueness of the show, Malkousko adds that in her 17 years with show, she has never heard of another performance like the one displayed by the Cranford Senior Housing.

Year after year this collection of stars put on an incredible display, as time passes "people change, but the show stays the same" explains Yorey "and that's due to hard work."



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CRANFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES SEVEN FIRE ACADEMY GRADUATES

On June 15th, six fire recruits from the Cranford Fire Department graduated from the Union County Fire Academy during a ceremony held at the Cranford Campus of Union County College. Call Firefighters Ray Lora, Nicolas Downey, Charlie Hallax, Ed Conte, Jason Cruz and Rob Petrick completed the Fire Academy in the last year. Additionally, Karolyn Buckridee completed her training at the Middlesex County Fire Academy and has also started her service as a Call Firefighter. The Cranford Fire Department relies on these volunteer, "call" firefighters to help supplement career staff at larger emergencies, during storms, and at large public events. Each of the seven recruits completed over 200 hours of academy training, and are now ready to begin responding to a multitude of emergency situations. "The Cranford Fire

Department is lucky to have individuals of this caliber as part of our team" said Fire Chief Daniel Czeh. "We're thrilled they've not only completed this challenging training, but have done so with distinction and have been awarded for their efforts."

One of the graduates, Jason Cruz, of Cranford, received two awards during the graduation ceremony. Call Firefighter Cruz received the Battalion Chief Ken Nocera Memorial Award for Outstanding Excellence in Firefighter 1, and also the Ben Laganga leadership award for demonstrating a commitment to public service and leadership throughout the class.

In addition, Call Firefighters Cruz and Buckridee also serve the Department as Emergency Medical Technicians within the EMS Division.



(above l-r) Cranford Fire Recruits with Fire Chief Czeh at the Fire Academy Graduation: Ray Lora, Nicolas Downey, Charlie Hallax, Chief Czeh, Ed Conte, and Jason Cruz.

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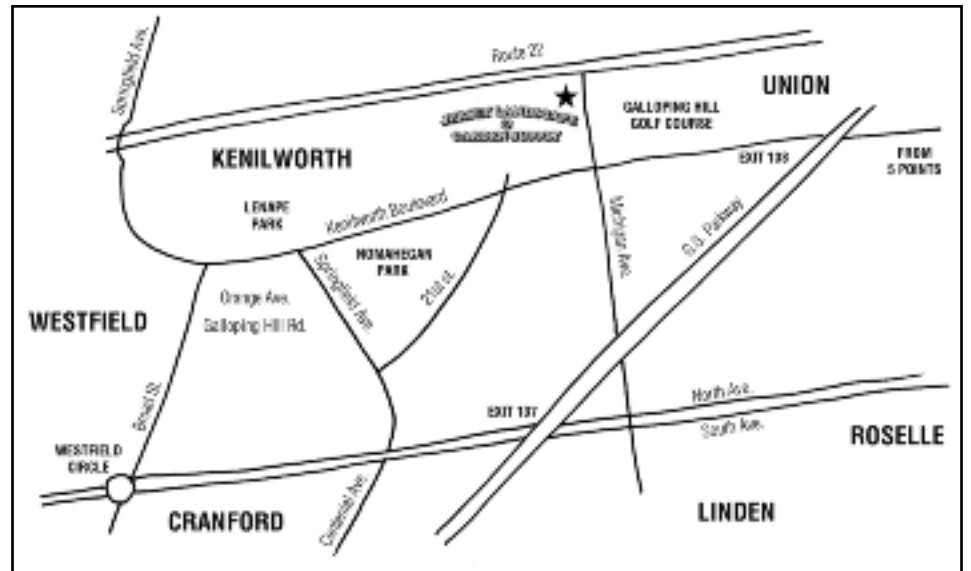
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The students, in all grades, at St. Michael's school participated by writing letters of support and appreciation to soldiers and sailors. Teacher, Mary Castle, helped organize the project. Crane's Ford DAR Regent, Mary Leonard, collected the letters and brought them to the National DAR conference in Washington, DC. At the conference, an official Guinness World Record Adjudicator opened and inspected random samples during the verification process. More than 3,000 DAR members attended this year's conference. The Guinness World Record Adjudicator reported that 100,904 letters were verified and will be mailed. The NSDAR has now set a world record!

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(above l-r) Mary Castle, teacher at St. Michael's, holding some of the letters written by the students with Mary Leonard, chapter Regent.

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GIRL SCOUTS EARN PRESTIGIOUS GOLD AND SILVER AWARDS

On the evening of May 25th, The Girl Scouts of Cranford presented the national organization's most prestigious honor, the Gold Award, to four young women of Cranford, NJ. The Gold Award recipients, Claire Drewniak, Candice Durant, Kacey Waleski, and Caroline Eimer, were honored at a recognition dinner at Cranford's Social Club. Guest speakers included Assemblywoman Nancy Muñoz; Lockey Maisonneuve, founder of the Moving On Rehabilitative Exercise Program; and Kara Vallone Cortes, owner of Beyond Dance in Cranford. Each spoke to the award recipients and their families about the hard work and dedication they've endured to become successful in their own fields and congratulated them on being strong leaders within their own community.

"Only one million girls have earned the Gold Award since 1916"; said Lisa Durant, Cranford's Girl Scout Service Unit Manager. "I am very proud of the girls honored tonight for their service and leadership in the communities they served. Their projects address current and relevant issues in our world today and demonstrate their leadership, passion and desire to be the positive change to make a difference in the world around them. They truly are one in a million."

Also during the evening, the Distinguished Girl Scout Service Award and Scholarship was presented to Candice Durant for contributing over 40 hours of community service as a mentor to younger scouts. In addition, Rebecca Durant was honored as Girl Scout of the Year, an award presented by VFW Post 335.

The Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn, was presented to the following girls: Jenna Besnecker, Jayna Mallon, Ellie Rokicki, Charlotte Willis, Lauren Elizabeth Brown, Caroline Pascal, Kayla Michele Haywood, Desiée Noelle Santos, Grace Caldwell, Kaitlyn Herreid, Claire Shubeck, Lindsay Aschmies and Lauren Manning.



(above) The Girl Scouts of Cranford gathered on the evening of May 25th for an awards ceremony.

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RYAN FAYE PRESENTS A \$4,000 CHECK TO ARC

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(above) Ryan Faye, host of Cranford's "Evening of Shining Stars", recently presented a \$4,000 check to Stephanie DeSouza representing the ARC of Union County. The ARC is a non-profit agency serving those with developmental disabilities in Union County.

Evening of Shining Stars, is a variety show featuring Cranford's special needs students. All proceeds from the show go toward the ARC of Union County and a scholarship fund set up for a special needs student pursuing their post secondary education. Shining Stars is an organization started in 2012 to help promote the arts and give children with special needs the opportunity to pursue the arts through acting, singing and dancing. Sally Curci, founder and director of Shining Stars is also featured in the photo.

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(above) Orange Avenue School's Middle School Girls Softball Team had a great season with a 10-4 record. The team was led by Coach Nicole Gurrieri along with 8th graders Jules Renna and Kaylee Marchese.

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A THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CEREMONY

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, as a flag for each soldier flew proudly at the ceremony.

I'd also like to thank the Memorial Day Committee members: Master of Ceremonies Barbara Bilger, Mark Dingelstedt, Jerry Dobbins, Elizabeth Mathieu, Heinz Ricken, Chris Sands and Don Sweeney.

VFW Post #335: Commander Jay Boxwell, Grand Marshal John Abdul, and all of the members of Cranford's VFW Post #335. Volunteers of the Recreation & Parks Advisory Board: Don Barone, Carolyn Capone-Pugliese, Marita Dow, Chairperson Martha Garcia and

Wally Shackell.

Mayor and Township Committee: Mayor Andis Kalnins, Deputy Mayor Mary O'Connor, Commissioner John Mallon, Commissioner Pat Giblin and Commissioner Tom Hannen. Clergy Council: specifically Lead Pastor Tom Rice and Sr. Pastor Chris Kile. The Recreation and Parks Staff: Bill Babkowski, Lori Donnelly, Gerry Fedorchak and Patty Kozlowski. Cranford Police Department, Cranford Fire Department, Cranford First Aid Squad Cranford Department of Public Works, Cranford Board of Education, TV 35 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.

Sincerely,

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library recently awarded its annual Gerard Paradiso Library Studies Scholarship to Cara Madden. Cara is a graduate of Cranford High School and Towson University. She will begin studies for a Master of Information degree at Rutgers' School of Communication and Information in the fall. Each year, the Friends offer a scholarship to a Cranford resident pursuing a post-graduate degree in library studies. The scholarship is named in honor of Gerard "Jerry" Paradiso, a past president of the Friends of the Cranford Public Library.



FAMILY FORT NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY

What's more fun than building the perfect blanket fort? Doing it at the library, of course! The Cranford Public Library will be hosting its first ever Family Fort Night on Friday, July 22 from 4:45-6:00 p.m.

Bring an old sheet or blanket and a pillow—we'll supply the books—and stay in the library past close to create a fort to read in! Registration is not required, but be sure to make it on time... library doors close at 5:00!

PARAGUAYAN HARPIST TO PERFORM

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library are very pleased to sponsor an appearance by master Paraguayan harpist Nicholas Carter on Thursday, July 21st, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. The Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue.

At home in two cultures, Mr. Carter was raised in Minnesota and in Asunción, Paraguay, where he learned to play the harp. Paraguay has a distinguished tradition of harp music. Paraguayan musicians developed a unique instrument based on the 16th century Spanish harp and established

their own style of playing. The Paraguayan harp is the national folk instrument of Paraguay and is often present at parties, churches, musical festivals, and other social events. Mr. Carter has recorded more than a dozen albums and has performed as a soloist and with various ensembles in the United States, Latin America, Europe, and Israel. He currently resides in Asunción, where he teaches harp. He also travels often to appear in concerts and to teach at various harp festivals. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome.

LIBRARY TO PRESENT BEATLES LECTURES

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library are pleased to sponsor two lectures on the Beatles by rock historian Vincent Bruno. "The Beatles: From Liverpool to Abbey Road," will be presented on Monday, July 11, and "The Beatles Next: The Solo Years," on Monday, August 1. Both presentations will begin at 7:00 pm. in the Cranford Community Center. The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue. Each lecture is two-hours long and will include visual material and audio clips. In addition to his work as a rock historian, Mr. Bruno has taught in a number of settings for more than 35 years, including stints at LaGuardia Community College, Empire State College, and Union County College. Admission to the programs are free and all are welcome. To see what other programs are coming up, visit the Cranford Public Library Web page at cranford.com/library.

GOTCHA! SNAPSHOTS THAT MADE HISTORY

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite the public to join photojournalist Jim DelGiudice for a program entitled "Gotcha! Snapshots that Made History," on Monday, July 25th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. Mr. DelGiudice will look at some of the accidentally historic photographs that not only changed history, but have become the icons by which we remember certain great events.



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A SOLDIER'S STORY

Meet Mike Sapara Cranford High School Class of 1966, a Viet Nam Veteran and his classmates that paid the cost of freedom for us

Submitted by: Don Sweeney

As a member of the newly formed sub-committee of the Memorial Day Parade to help give identity to the 86 Cranford residents that gave their life on a foreign battle field, I have started researching the stories of who these 86 young men were. Using google and the internet I started doing searches of some of the most recent names on our Memorial Day program. I was surprised how little information there was available. Even from the wars that were fought in my lifetime there were not as many quality photographs and detailed information available. I started thinking that the only way we can fill in all these blanks was to reach out to families and friends of these local heroes. We need to reach out to our community. I know the stories we need are still fresh in the minds and hearts of our town people.

Enter Mike Sapara. Mike is a friend and former co-worker of a neighbor of mine. The morning of the Memorial Day parade my neighbor called me and asked if her friend from Bayonne that served in Viet Nam and graduated Cranford High School could march in our parade, I said sure. Tell him to come down. He could march with Rebuilding Warriors, the organization that trains service dogs for veterans with PTSD and traumatic brain injuries.

As most know, our parade was cancelled due to inclement weather. At the conclusion of the indoor ceremony at the community center, my neighbor and a man in a vintage Viet-Nam uniform approached me. Mary Roberts introduced me to my new friend Mike Sapara. He made Memorial Day 2016 special to me. He shared some information about his Viet-Nam tour and his Cranford High School class mates that went to Viet-Nam and didn't come home again. He had my attention. I invited him to VFW reception and back to my Memorial Day gathering that we have had since 2001 at my home. As we do each year at 3:00 we respect the wishes of The President with a moment of silence, followed by taps by our neighbor Frank Grasso. At this point I would usually share some thought with the gathered friends about the meaning of Memorial Day. We especially talk to the young people attending. I usually share some words from the Memorial Day ceremony speakers. This year I quoted Jay Boxwell the commander of Cranford's VFW. He said, speaking of the Cranford 86, "I didn't know them, but I know I owe them". Then Mike took over. He stood in front of the gathering and held up his photo album with pictures from Viet-Nam and images of him and his classmates. The pictures of Raymond Ashnault, a 20 year old Cranford resident, one of our 86, was the one that touched our hearts. Ray perished under in friendly fire to his tank in a defensive position just one day after returning to action from a short hospital stay on August 19th, 1969.

As Mike looked at my high school senior son's group of friends, which were locked in to every word that crossed his lips, he asked "how many of you are 18 or 19"? Ten or 12 raised their hands. At your age my classmates were in country in



(above, left) Mike Sapara, Cranford High School Class of 1966, and Viet Nam Veteran.

(above, right) Raymond Ashnault, a 20 year old Cranford resident, perished in Viet Nam on August 19th, 1969.

Viet-Nam, two of them never came back to Cranford. You could hear a pin drop. I think they got the story of Memorial Day better than I could ever have relayed it.

As the gathering progressed Mike had a chance to share his stories with all those that would listen. His stories were heartfelt and real. He was the talk of the party. His platoon was the same one depicted in the movie Forest Gump. He has survived two bouts with cancer, PTSD and several issues resulting from Agent Orange exposure. He is very proud of his service in Viet-Nam and feels that our efforts there were just. He feels like many service men, that given more time they would have been victorious. Being the host and the cook, I didn't get as much a chance to hear the stories, so I invited Mike back for dinner the following week.

He arrived with a duffle bag full of memories, his old flak jacket and helmet. My kids were amazed at how heavy they were. He said it was part of the 100 lbs. of gear that they wore everywhere they went. Being Boy Scouts that carried 70 lb. back packs for 100 miles in a week-long trek in Colorado two years back, we could empathize. The average day Mike shared was 100 to 120 degrees and 100% humidity. Most days

they waded through rivers and rice paddies, during monsoon season they were wet most of the time, as they walked through mosquitoes and leeches.

He shared more stories of some of the Cranford 86 that he knew about. Joe Minnock left High School before graduation and was killed just weeks after entering Viet-Nam. He died at the age of 18, he was the first casualty from Cranford. Mike was a senior in high school and remembers Joe Minnocks passing. He perished in a violent battle for the Idrang Valley in 1965. This was the battle depicted in the movie "We were Soldiers" with Mel Gibson. Mike says he thought about Joe's death on many occasions while in battles during his tour.

The story that enlightened me the most was that of how he and his friends came to join the service to support the war effort. He explained that unlike what most people hear about the negative sentiment of the American people to the Viet Nam war, that everyone in the early days of the war were totally "gung ho" about the effort to stop communism and to fight for our country. He and all of his friends joined voluntarily, in fact the volunteerism was so high that there was a 6-year wait to enter the Navy, Air Force or Coast Guard. They wanted to be like their dads and go off to war for the honor of their families. So they joined the Army. It wasn't until they were in, that sentiments changed to the Viet Nam soldier. He told a story about getting into a cab on his first moments back in the states. With a uniform full of ribbons, a cabby asked him if he just got back from Nam? He said yes he did. The cabby said who cares. He said "It was a tough time for all of us, but it was better than not coming back at all."

For me, my new friend Mike Sapara was the door to information of 2 of the Cranford 86. If you know anyone that could help fill in the blanks of missing information of these hometown heroes. We urge you to reach out to us through the email NJVFWPOWMIA@gmail.com on Facebook at Cranford86.

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DID YOU KNOW ONE OF THE CRANFORD 86?

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These flags have been carried for years in our Memorial Day Parade for decades, signifying each of the 86 residents. The embroidered flags will start our mission of creating an identity for each of them. In addition, other tributes to these 86 Cranford residents will be developed.

If one of these hometown heroes is a relative or a friend of your family please come forward and help us gather the information and photographs of their life and service record.

You may review the list of Cranford's 86 on our Facebook page "Cranford86" or by stopping by the Cranford Community Center and picking up a Memorial Day program. You may select your Veteran to adopt for a fee of \$25.00. Applications are available at the community center office.

You can email us as well with any information that will help us fill in the many blanks of the many stories that need to be told. NJVFOWPOMIA@gmail.com

Checks should be made to Cranford VFW Post 335 Aux. please reference Cranford 86 in the memo field.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the Cranford Chamber of Commerce awards scholarships to Cranford high school students for their outstanding community service.

This year there were two Community Service Scholarships awarded, one each to Kyle Pollock and Jillian Walter. The Chamber also awarded the Kurt Petschow, Sr. Memorial Award, which was presented by Vince Spada to Todd Sweeney for exceptional volunteerism in our community.

These individuals should be quite proud, as these scholarships reflect not only their success in the classroom, but also their contribution in our community.

The Cranford Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate our recipients along with all the 2016 graduating students of Cranford High School and wish them much success.

SETON HALL FIRE SURVIVORS TALK TO CHS SENIORS

On June 6th, the Cranford High School graduating class was given the opportunity to hear from two survivors of the Seton Hall Fire, Shawn Simons and Alvaro Llanos, as they told their story of survival and their long road to recovery. The January 2000 fire killed three students and seriously injured several others, including Shawn and Alvaro. It was later determined that the fire was set as part of a prank by fellow students.

This presentation was organized by the Cranford Fire Department as a way to teach the students not only about fire safety, but about situational awareness on college campuses and in places of public assembly. The students also heard the amazing and inspirational story of the years-long recovery process.

(right) Seton Hall fire survivors Shawn Simons and Alvaro Llanos with Lt. Matthew Lubin, Chief Czeh, and Police Chief Wozniak.



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The Cranford United Methodist Church celebrated the ordination of Pastor Cameron Overbey on June 5, 2016 with a special worship service and barbeque.

He leads the congregation in a variety of service projects of the Cranford United Methodist Church which include: The Christian Connection before-and-after school program; the Sandy Saturday Team which helps rebuild homes devastated by Superstorm Sandy; the Samaritan Sandwich Ministry which delivers food to St. Joseph's in Elizabeth; a Blanket Ministry which makes hand-tied fleece blankets for those who are in need; a Prayer Shawl Ministry; the Bridges Ministry which delivers lunches to those in need; a Gift Cards for the Hungry project; the Mustard Seed Garden which grows food for those in need; the RISE program for youth which sends teams to help re-build homes in rural New York ... and many more.

Pastor Cameron welcomes all to come and experience the life changing power of God's love. Sunday worship is at 8:45am when a contemporary service is held in the church education building, and at 10:30am a traditional service is held in the main church sanctuary. A Kids Corner is provided at each service and also childcare is available in our nursery room. The



(above) Pastor Cameron and his wife Kelsie live in Cranford with their new puppy Tucker.

church is located at 201 Lincoln Avenue, corner of Walnut and Lincoln Avenues, Cranford. Our website is cranfordumc.com.

CRANFORD WEST CAMPING

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department is pleased to announce that Cranford West re-opening on July 1st. Cranford West is a rustic style camp located in Hope, New Jersey. Cranford residents have the opportunity to unwind after a long week to enjoy fishing, boating, hiking, picnicking and the local scenery and attractions the area has to offer. Reservations are being accepted for weekends in July through Labor Day Weekend. The Community Center is open to take reservations Monday through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays (in June) from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Cabin and tent sites are \$25.00 per night. Residents must be 21 and older and show proof of residency.

FRIDAY SENIOR CLUB

The Friday group of the Senior Club of Cranford sponsors a trip the second Wednesday of the month to Resorts Casino at Atlantic City. Next trips will be July 13, 2016 and August 10, 2016. The bus leaves from Hillside Avenue School parking lot at 11:00 a.m. and will return to Cranford 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 with a \$25.00 slot play back. Contact Helen @ (908) 654-1236 for Reservations.

SUMMER CANASTA

Cranford Recreation and Parks Department would like to announce that a Senior Summer Canasta program will be held at the Cranford Community Center for all Cranford Seniors who are interested. Some knowledge of the game required. The program will begin on Tuesday July 5, 2016 from 1-4 p.m. and will run through Tuesday August 30, 2016. For further information please contact Cranford Community Center at (908) 709-7283

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Monday July 11

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Monday July 18, 2016:

At a home for retired musicians, the annual concert to celebrate Verdi's birthday is disrupted by the arrival of Jean, an eternal diva and the former wife of one of the residents. Starring: Maggie Smith, Michael Gambon, Billy Connolly

DINE AROUND THE WORLD IN DOWNTOWN CRANFORD

More than 20 restaurants will participate in Think Global...Eat Local, a new dining event in downtown Cranford. For 10 days starting Sunday, July 17, people will have a chance to try food at many of downtown's restaurants. Simply pick up your free Cranford Passport and get it stamped each time you have dinner.

Each restaurant will decide on their offer whether a special menu item or discount. The special offers will be posted on each restaurant's website or Facebook page and shared on the Downtown Cranford social media sites.

"We are very excited to organize this dining

event to showcase the many restaurants and different cuisines downtown," said Downtown Director Kathleen Miller Prunty. "Of course, it's also a great opportunity to stop into other downtown businesses while you are here," she added.

At the end of the event, people can drop their Cranford Passport in the special mailbox in Eastman Plaza for a chance to win a gift certificate.

For more information, contact the Office of Business & Economic Development at 908-709-7208 or dmc@cranfordnj.org.

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(above) Cranford's Walnut Avenue School Daisy Troop 40856 recently completed their first Girl Scout Journey, "The Daisy Journey" 5 Flowers, 4 Stories and 3 Cheers for Animals. The girls spearheaded a donation drive on behalf of the Friends of Linden Animal Shelter (FOLAS), a non-profit, no-kill animal shelter. The troop organized two very successful donation drives, one at their own school and one held outside the Petco in Clark Commons, where they collected two truckloads of supplies. The troop was able to deliver the items personally to the animal shelter, resulting in an educational and gratifying experience for all that were involved!

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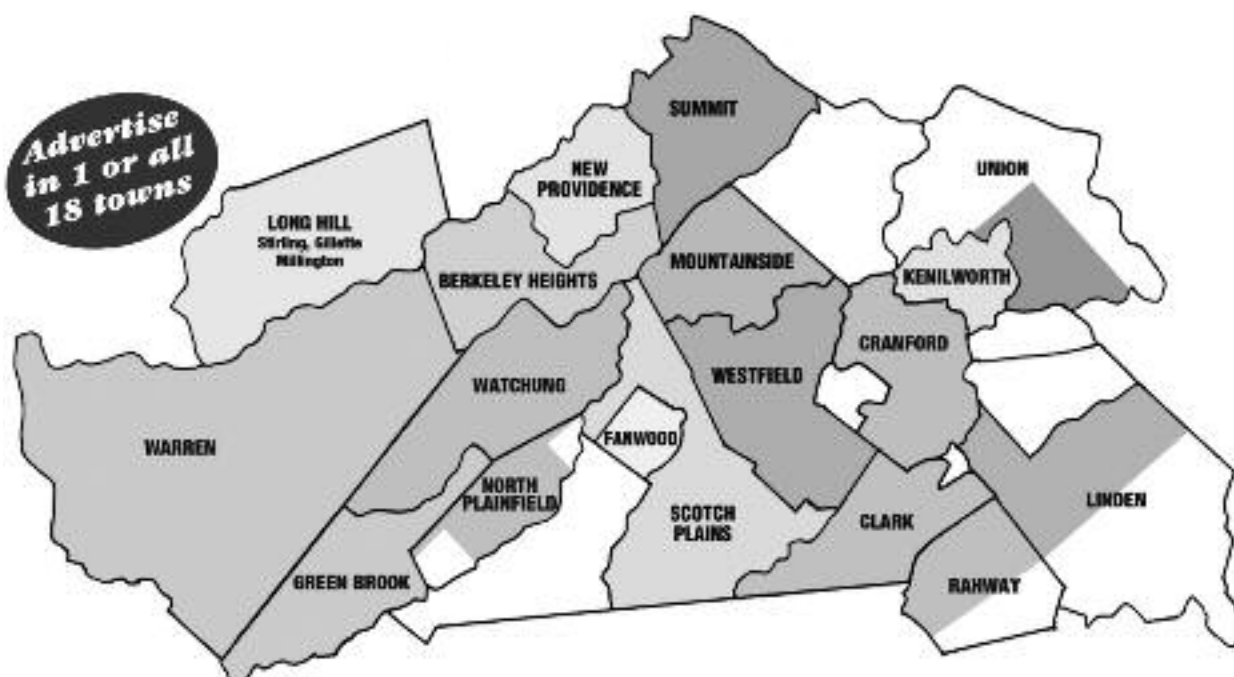
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The Cranford Auxiliary Police Department is seeking qualified candidates interested in becoming auxiliary police officers.

The Cranford Auxiliary Police Department is a strictly volunteer organization that traces its roots back to 1916. Our members supplement the full time police department in times of emergency and participate in various police and civic related activities on a weekly basis. Auxiliary officers play a vital role in community policing, and assisting in Cranford's ability to respond to major storms, floods, traffic emergencies and large public functions.

Membership represents an excellent and rewarding way to donate time back to the community of Cranford.

All auxiliary police officers receive training at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains. Applicants must be able to commit to training and attendance at the Stamler Police Academy, with mandatory attendance three times per week during the basic course. Training at the academy is held Tuesday and Thursday night and all day Saturday.

Training includes basic police skills consisting of use of force, first aid, crowd control, patrol techniques and in addition, members of the department are thereafter continually trained in basic first aid and CPR, as well as police procedures and other areas concerning public health, safety, law and order.

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All applicants must be at least 18 years old and must either reside in Cranford or a municipality within 5 miles that does not have an auxiliary police unit.

Interested persons can download an "Auxiliary police application" from the Cranford Police Department website at cranford.com/police. The application can be found on the Forms page.

Applications can be submitted year round but must be submitted prior to 4 pm on Nov 4th to be considered for the 2017 Academy.

Questions may be directed to Cranford Police Department 908-272-2222 and ask for Detective Sgt. Richard Vitale or call directly at 908-272-8989.

CRANFORD POLICE TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Cranford Police Department will be participating in the 33rd Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2nd from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Patrolman Robert F. Hand Plaza and on the front lawn of the Cranford Police Department headquarters. This free nationwide event, developed by the National Association of Town Watch, began in 1984 as an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods were organized and fighting back against crime. The event provides an excellent opportunity for residents to interact with members of the Cranford Police Department in an informal setting. Residents and visitors may also obtain information about the Department's many youth, educational, safety and public awareness programs.

Numerous police and emergency vehicles will be on display, including marked police patrol cars, command post truck, police motorcycle, emergency services unit utility vehicles, and equipment from the Union County Office of Emergency Management and New Jersey Transit Police Department. Public Safety personnel will be on hand to answer questions or demonstrate

equipment.

A DJ, face painter, and magician will be on site to provide entertainment for children and adults, and AAA, the Cranford Department of Recreation, and other organizations will be handing out literature and giveaways. In addition, Hands of Life Martial Arts of Garwood will be conducting free demonstrations throughout the night. New this year, there will be a rock wall courtesy of the Cranford Municipal Alliance. For the 8th year in a row, a blood drive will also be held during National Night Out.

As in the past, members of the Cranford PBA Local #52 will be on hand to provide refreshments to all in attendance.

Cranford Police Chief James Wozniak believes the National Night Out program provides an excellent chance for residents to meet with officers and other public safety personnel. "One of our most important jobs is maintaining a strong relationship with the community we serve," he stated. "This event, on a local scale, helps us build a bond with our residents that is based on trust and understanding." Chief Wozniak noted that Cranford's National Night Out event is being coordinated by Detective Kelly Rieder. Detective Rieder can be reached at 908-709-7344.

ROTARY CLUB TO HOST ANNUAL GOLF OUTING MONDAY JULY 25TH AT ECHO LAKE CC

The Rotary Club of Cranford will be hosting its 26th Annual Golf Outing at Echo Lake Country Club Monday July 25th to benefit the Cranford Fund for Educational Excellence (CFEE) and the Rotary Charitable Fund.

The annual Rotary Golf outing offers a great day of golf and fellowship on a fantastic golf course while supporting many worthy causes. This year the proceeds will benefit the Cranford Fund for Educational Excellence (CFEE) and the Cranford Rotary Charitable Fund. We hope that you can join us on the golf course, as a hole sponsor, or both!

The Cranford Rotary Charitable Fund was created in 1996 and in addition to funding other charitable endeavors, its primary goal is raising monies for Cranford Rotary Scholarships which donates approximately \$15,000 annually to Cranford students going to college. Proceeds from this event are the main support for those scholarships.

The Cranford Fund for Educational (CFEE) is a non-profit community based philanthropic foundation, whose mission is to foster academic excellence, promote innovation and enhance the vitality of Cranford Public Schools. The aim of the CFEE is to provide additional innovation in the classroom and inspire appreciation for teachers. Recently the CFEE has awarded \$19,000 in grants to fund twelve different projects in classrooms from the elementary to the high school level.

We hope you can join us Monday July 25th.

Registration Form

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