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CRANFORD FAMILY CARE CELEBRATES 80 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Cranford Family Care Association is celebrating 80 years of service to the Cranford community. Founded in 1936 as a response to the Great Depression, Cranford Family Care's philosophy is one of neighbors helping neighbors. It provides short-term, emergency assistance to families living in Cranford. The most common form of assistance is help with rent, mortgage payments and utilities. Assistance can take the forms of monetary contribution or a donation of food from its pantry located at 61 Myrtle Street in Cranford.

With generous financial and in-kind support from many residents, businesses, places of worship, schools, and like-minded organizations, each year Cranford Family Care ensures that families are able to stay in their homes, feed their families, and have access to the basic necessities. During the holiday season, special meals and gifts are provided to our families through the generosity of others. The CFC has been blessed with many kind partners to ensure this Christmas is filled with joy by providing toys, books, and clothing. Gift cards are a welcome donation that can be given to our older children.

A special note of gratitude is extended to Project Home for our housing funding and to the Cerebral Palsy League of Cranford and Jardine Academy for our office and storage space partnership. This, and the help of many volunteers, ensures that the greatest percentage of donations goes directly to those in need. More than 92 cents of every dollar contributed makes a difference in the lives of those in crisis.

Donations of food, particularly non-perishable food like mashed potatoes, rice and ready to serve side dishes, jam or jelly, coffee, mayonnaise, ketchup, pickles, relish, and powdered drink mixes such as iced tea and lemonade, are greatly appreciated as we stock up for the coming winter months.

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Families seeking assistance from Cranford Family Care should make an appointment to fill out an application for assistance. Those seeking help should be prepared to prove residency in Cranford.

"With 80 years of neighbors helping neighbors behind us", says Executive Director Kathleen Willis, "we are grateful to the Cranford community for making our work possible and request the continued support of our citizens and organizations to help our community's most vulnerable. Together, we can continue to make a difference for our neighbors in need."



(above) The Township of Cranford issued a Proclamation at its October 25, 2016 meeting commemorating Cranford Family Care's 80th Year of Service. (front, l-r) Mayor Andis Kalnins, Executive Director Kathy Willis, Diane, and Barry O'Donovan; (back, l-r) Mike Flynn, Board President Carolyn Dittmar, Julie Carroll, Jennifer Mehr, and John Mujica.



(above) The Cranford Cerebral Palsy League hosted its annual 5K Run on October 15. Cranford Family Care has a longstanding partnership with the CPL and was grateful to participate as a sponsor for this year's event. Board members manned our table at the Water Station and handed beverages to the runners as they competed in the race. (l-r) Board President Carolyn Dittmar, Julie Carroll, Executive Director Kathy Willis, Mike Flynn, and Elyse Piacentini



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BOY SCOUTS HELP CRANFORD FAMILY CARE

Each year, the Boy Scouts generously conduct a food drive that fills our pantry as we enter the winter months.

This year, the drive was held during the last week of October. Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 75 and Cub Scout Troops 103, 75 and 178 dropped notices around town the weekend of October 22-23 that they would return on Saturday, October 29 to pick up much need supplies for families in need.

Hundreds of pounds of food were donated by Cranford's kindhearted residents that were stocked on our shelves by the Boy Scouts and by CFC Board members and volunteers.

The CFC always is in need of non-perishable items such as rice, cereal, coffee, pasta, sauces,

soups, and canned fruits and vegetables. Donations of gift cards and cash enable us to purchase fresh meat for our families and these are accepted year round.

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Eight Cranford High School students were accepted into the 2016 New Jersey Music Educators Association's All-State Mixed Chorus and performed with 300 other top students from around the state. The students performed in Atlantic City on November 11th as part of the New Jersey Education Association's Teachers' Convention and at NJPAC in Newark on November 20th. Anthony Rafaniello, Choral Director at Cranford High School, once again served as the piano accompanist for this year's All-State Mixed Chorus and joined his eight students throughout the rehearsal process and in both performances.

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The newly formed Cranford Brownie Troop 40772 from Walnut Avenue School has set out to give back to their community. The girls are learning the importance of being kind to others.

Their first project was to make headbands which were donated to the inpatients at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. The girls also had the

opportunity to visit the hospital and personally deliver the headbands along with cards for the patients.

The Troop is looking forward to other future service projects that include, helping at a soup kitchen, volunteering at a farm, and spreading kindness throughout the community. Watch for these future leaders of the world!

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END OF YEAR TAX PLANNING CONSIDERATION FOR DIVORCING COUPLES

By: James McGlew II, Esq.

As the end of the year approaches, many of us will be inundated with television, newspaper and magazine reports regarding end-of-the-year tax planning measures one can take to reduce your tax obligation. For those individuals who are in the midst of divorce proceedings, planning to be divorced before the end of the year, or are already divorced, there are often tax implications which need to be considered.

For those individuals who are planning to be divorced before the end of this calendar year, you should know that your filing status for 2016 will change as a result. It does not matter whether you get your divorce completed on January 1, 2016 or December 31, 2016, or any date in between, for the tax year 2016 you are considered to have been divorced for the entire year. If this applies to you it will generally limit your filing status for 2016 to either single or head of household (if you otherwise qualify). Your filing status can have serious financial implications.

The funds a divorcing or divorced spouse receives or pays may be includable as income or deductible as support. But not all funds paid or received qualify. You are permitted to deduct alimony paid to a spouse or former spouse if it is paid under the terms of a divorce judgment or Court Order or separation Agreement, and this is true regardless of whether or not you itemize deductions on your U.S. tax return. It must also be noted that: (1) voluntary payments made which are not set forth in a divorce judgment or separation Agreement are not deductible; (2) payments which exceed the amount stated in a judgment or Agreement are not deductible; (3) the alimony received by a spouse or ex-spouse is

income in the year they receive it, and; (4) payments designated as child support are never deductible to the parent who pays the support or taxable income to the parent who receives it.

Agreements which distribute marital property at the conclusion of a divorce generally do not have income tax consequences. But sometimes there are exceptions and the specific language contained in these Agreements should provide guidance in such circumstances. Some examples are when pension or other retirement accounts are divided or when a decision needs to be made regarding who will claim property tax payments and the mortgage interest deduction on future separate tax returns.

Lastly, the issue of which parent can claim a child as a dependent on a tax return should always be set forth in a divorce Settlement Agreement. In most instances, it is the custodial parent's right to claim the child as a dependent. The custodial parent is the person with whom the child actually lived for the greater number of nights during the year. However, the right to claim the child or children can be allocated differently in a Settlement Agreement when both parents agree. Parents are even permitted to alternate the dependency exemption or divide the number of children each will claim.

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Based on the book James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl and featuring a wickedly tuneful score by the Tony Award-nominated team of Pasek and Paul (Dogfight and A Christmas Story the Musical) and a curiously quirky book by Timothy Allen McDonald (Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka, The Musical Adventures Of Flat Stanley), critics rave that James And The Giant Peach is a "masterpeach!"

The show is directed by Matthew Muccigrossi, a director new to CDC Theatre. "Roald Dahl's book James and the Giant Peach has always been a favorite of mine and I am ecstatic to have the opportunity to stage this production at CDC. The new musical version of

the classic tale features a rich contemporary score by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul who wrote the scores for A Christmas Story and Dear Evan Hansen (opening on Broadway this month). The show contains both energetic dance numbers along with some beautiful, lush ballads." Muccigrossi gave some hints about the show: "The staging of this particular version is simplistic and imaginative as the actors use a series of puppets and everyday household props to bring to life the magical story and the colorful characters that inhabit Dahl's twisted world. It's an adventure that all ages will enjoy and provides a wonderful lesson as James and his friends define what it means to be a family."

Roald Dahl's fantastical tale of a boy, his insect friends, and their amazing journey across the ocean on a giant peach of fruit is a musical for the whole family to enjoy! When James is sent by his conniving aunts to chop down their

old fruit tree, he discovers a magic potion which results in a tremendous peach - and launches a journey of enormous proportions. Suddenly, James finds himself in the center of the gigantic peach among human-sized insects with equally oversized personalities. After the peach falls from the tree and rolls into the ocean, the group faces hunger, sharks and plenty of disagreements. Thanks to James' quick wit and creative thinking, the residents learn to live and work together as a family. The dangerous voyage is a success, but the adventure takes a whole new twist once they land on the Empire State Building.

Additional information and tickets can be found by visiting www.cdctheatre.org. Funding has been made possible in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts, Dept. of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs.

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(above l-r) Some of the cast of James and the Giant Peach: Arlene Britt, Mark Piltz, Melody Lieberman, Zach Love - Cranford resident, Mallory Ann, Rachel Valovcin, Justin Luckenbaugh, Adena Weisholtz- Scotch Plains resident.

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(above l-r) Captain Guy Patterson, Knights of Columbus Member John Doolan, Chief James Wozniak

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Chief Wozniak said the following about the donation: "The Cranford Knights of Columbus has been a devoted supporter of the men and women of the Cranford Police Department. As an organization we are committed to the safety of all of our officers. In these times, far too many officers in this country are being killed on almost a daily basis. We have to take every precaution to make sure our members go home at the end of their shifts. The cost of equipping our members with body armor is sizeable, but as far as I'm concerned, a small price to pay to help ensure their safety. The generous donation by the Cranford Knights of Columbus will help us keep five of our officers safe for years to come."

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TEAM UP TO VOLUNTEER AT VETERANS CENTER

The Volunteer Service to Veterans Committee of the Crane's Ford chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution teamed up with the CDC Community Theater of Cranford and the Musical Club of Westfield on November 12th to entertain hospitalized veterans at the VA Lyons Medical Center in Bernard Township.

With donations of gift cards from Costco, ShopRite, Stop & Shop and Wegmans the DAR was able to purchase snacks and drinks for the veterans.

Maureen Monroe from the Musical Club of Westfield along with Anjanette Valiante from the Cranford Dramatics Club organized the singing

of patriotic songs. The young adults who joined in entertaining the veterans were Maeve Brady, Eilidh Brady, Elizabeth Molfetto and Josh Hunt. The Crane's Ford DAR has been volunteering with annual parties for the Lyons facility veterans for over 40 years. The Cranford Dramatic Club has been collaborating for the past 13 years.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a national service organization of women who can prove ancestry back to participants of the American Revolution War, both in combat and those who provided goods and services to the American cause. Prospective members may visit the website www.dar.org to learn more.



(above l-r) Barbara Krause, Mary Leonard, Amanda Sienicki, Ashley Sienicki, Betty Duckworth, Cathy Sienicki, Allison Sienicki, Alice Birtwistle, Nicole Birtwistle, Rachel Birtwistle, Diane Recinos, and Terri Benn (guest).

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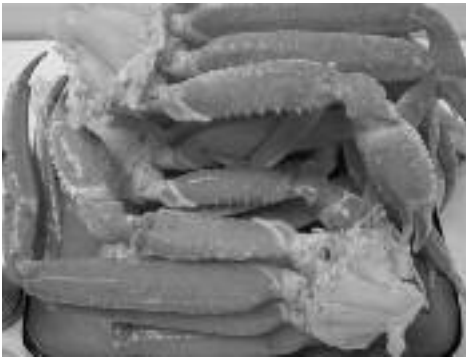
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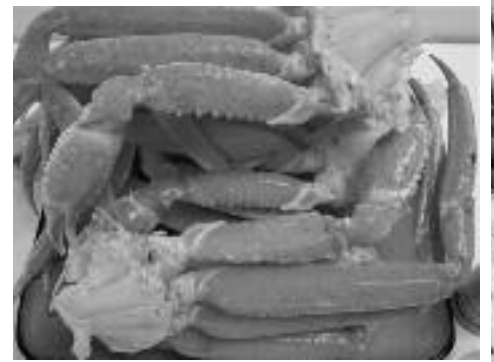
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MARY FRANCES “FRAN” GAVEY PASSES AT 88



Mary Frances “Fran” Gavey, 88, of Cranford, N.J., passed peacefully into Glory at the home of her son, Brian, on November 18, 2016 surrounded by her loving family. Mary Frances was born on October 5, 1928 in New Cumberland, W.Va. & moved to

without all of her neighbors at 800 Lincoln Avenue finding a “goodie bag” tied to their doorknob along with a touching note. She kept alive the “art of letter-writing” by using beautiful stationery to keep in touch with her many relatives & friends across the country.

Fran was predeceased by her husband of 27 years, Edward Gavey (2003) & her ex-husband, Raymond R. Pizzella (2010). She is survived by her 4 children, Barbara Tretola & her husband Bruce of Manahawkin, N.J. & their 2 sons, Nancy Alexo (and her late husband Ken, 2008) of Cranford & her 5 children, Carole Pizzella of Cranford & son Brian Pizzella & his wife Barbara also of Cranford & their 3 children. She is also survived by her 2 step-daughters, Diana Gavey of Florida & Beth Andrus of Jackson, N.J., 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; her sister Margaret (Peggy) Pagnotti of Atco, N.J. & brother, Page Cline of California.

Fran’s entire family would like to give a very special measure of gratitude to all of the amazing nurses & aides at Genesis Healthcare in Westfield, Hospice nurses from Atlantic Health Care and the wonderful, loving staff at Sunrise Assisted Living, also in Westfield, N.J. The love & care that they extended to Mom will never be forgotten. We wish them many blessings!

Mom, we love you. We’ll miss your gentle spirit, your beautiful smile & your gift of encouragement, and we will carry you in our hearts until we meet again.

Roselle, N.J. at the age of 12, graduating from Abraham Clark H.S in 1947. Fran was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Cline, and was one of 8 children.

Fran worked as a teacher’s aide at Hillside Ave. Jr. High School in Cranford for several years and devoted more than 60 years of faithful service in the Cranford United Methodist Church. She served as Church Secretary, Head of the Prayer Chain & United Methodist Women Ministries, as well as organized the Coffee Hour for special events & after church services. Wherever there was a need, Fran would do her best to fill it.

Fran will always be remembered for the unconditional love she had for her family, close friends and anyone who had the privilege of knowing her. Once you met her, your life was blessed, because Mary Frances cared & loved deeply. There was never a holiday that went by



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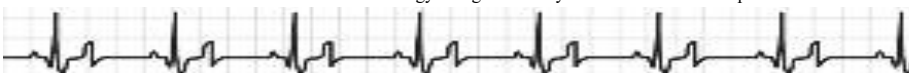
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2016 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRIDE IN CRANFORD AWARDS

The Cranford Area Chamber of Commerce held their 2016 Pride in Cranford Awards Reception on November 2, 2016 at the Galloping Hill Caters in Union, NJ.

As in prior years, the nominations for those receiving the awards are sent in by the residents of Cranford and are divided into two categories; Individuals and Organizations, who through their volunteerism have made Cranford a better community.

For the Individual category this year recipients are Sally Curci, Kathleen Murray, Edward Davenport, Todd Sweeney and Ralph Gregson.

The organizations receiving the awards were the Union County Economic Development Corporation (UCEDC), and Cranford Historical Preservation Advisory Board.

Pride In Cranford Awards INDIVIDUALS

Sally Curci

Sally founded Cranford's first Young Athlete Program, which introduces and develops skills for future Special Olympics. She is also a coach with Special Olympics for the New Jersey Hawks. Sally was a committee person for Autism Speaks, "Walk Now For Autism" for many years as well as founder, captain and top fundraiser for the community team "Cranford Cares for Our Kids". She also participates and was a top fundraiser for the National Down Syndrome's "Buddy Walk of South Plainfield. She has been directing Cranford's special needs talent show, "An Evening of Shining Stars" for the past four years. In 2016, the event raised \$4,000 which was donated to the ARC of Union County. Another proud accomplishment of Sally, along with her husband and two teenage children was producing "What's On Your Mind: Let Me Inside", a song devoted to families raising a child with autism.

Kathleen Murray

Kathy currently serves as president of the Hanson Park Conservancy (HPC). She oversees the programming, maintenance, and fundraising with the help of an active Board of Trustees. Kathy is also a member of the Cranford Environmental Commission (CEC), writing several successful grant applications that provided funds for the rain garden at the Municipal Building. She serves as the CEC representative to the Planning Board. Kathy oversees Eagle Scout Projects and has guided several Cranford boys to attain the Eagle Scout rank.

Todd Sweeney

From a young age, Todd was a volunteer in Cranford. For many years, he played the role of "Ralph the Elf" next to his father who serves as the Chamber's Santa Claus at Christmas time. Todd was also very involved with the Cranford First Aid Squad as an EMT/Instructor. He rode a weekly shift every Thursday night from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. and every six weeks he rode a 24 hour shift from Saturday into Sunday. He is active in the Boy Scouts of America attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. He has been actively involved in the Madrigal Choir, The Cranford Teen Advisory Board, which broke the Guinness World record for canned food pyramids and then donated over 25,000 cans of food to victims of Superstorm Sandy. He was part of the P.R.I.D.E. Freshman Outreach Program, and was in The Cranford High Assistance Program, helping shovel snow, rake leaves, etc. all at no charge to any resident in need. He is in the National Honor Society helping to tutor freshmen who needed help with English in order to be eligible to play lacrosse. Todd is the 2016 Unsung Hero Award Recipient which was presented to him by the Union County Board of Education in recognition for his service to his school and community.

H. Edward Davenport

For the past 30 years, Ed Davenport has nursed and pushed TV-35 from a fledgling local public access channel to a state-of-the art video production facility which produces 130 shows a year. Over the years the station has grown to reach more than 300,000 homes in the Union County area. Ed and his wife Mary Louise organized the first Project Graduation at Cranford H.S. and for many years has taped Cranford's religious services that are aired on TV-35 to be view by the homebound. He was also instrumental in helping Clark township set up their TV-36 station. Ed has spent many unpaid hours of teaching the community's youth who wanted to learn the business, many who went on to careers in video. Two of his success stories are Eugene Kobliska, a Cranford native, who spent hours helping Ed with wiring and rewiring the TV-35 system. Eugene now works for Homeland Security. Don Smith now works for News 12 and Kevin Monahan works for Fox Sports. Ed is dedicated to Cranford and you can often hear him say "I love this town". There is no better way to celebrate the 30th anniversary of TV-35 than to acknowledge on of its founders and its best friend – Ed Davenport.

Ralph Gregson

Auxiliary Captain Ralph Gregson has been a volunteer with the Cranford Auxiliary Police Department (CAPD) for 22 years including the last 16 years as its administrative leader. This is in addition to his fulltime career which has spanned time in the printing industry, as a Cranford police dispatcher and the current Cranford parking enforcement officer. The definition of a volunteer is someone "who performs a service willingly and without pay." Over the last 22 years, Ralph Gregson has donated approximately 6,000 hours to the community of Cranford and its citizens. In the course of his volunteer career, Ralph Gregson has led the Auxiliary police through the state accreditation process alongside the main department, has partnered with officers throughout the state, county and local level to dramatically increase the quality of training and helped make the Cranford Auxiliary Police Department one of the premier Auxiliary groups in the county. Hurricane Irene and Hurricane Sandy and their impact on Cranford are prime examples of when Cranford has needed. During these storms, Ralph Gregson staffed the emergency shelter at the Cranford Community Center, spent countless hours augmenting the regular department in storm damage response and for Hurricane Irene helped lead the distribution of Red Cross emergency kits across the flood damaged neighborhoods. Ralph Gregson has balanced all of this while being a loving husband, father and grandfather to his family.

The following businesses were presented with Community Development Awards:

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PRIDE IN CRANFORD AWARD PHOTOS



(above) Pride in Cranford awardees Todd Sweeney, Kathleen Murray, Sally Curci, Ralph Gregson, and Edward Davenport.



(above) Adam Farrah - Union County Economic Development Corporation



(above) Martha Garcia, Maureen Strazdon - Cranford Historical Preservation Advisory Board, and Bernie Wagenblast.

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86 YEAR OLD RESIDENT WINS MEDAL AT 5K

Cranford's 86-year-old long-time resident, Margaret Collins (known to friends and family as Vera), completed the Fall 5K to support the PTA's of Bloomingdale Avenue and Orange Avenue Schools in Cranford on November 6th. This was Vera's first 5K race and she was joined by her 2 daughters, Veronica Collins of Cranford and Eileen Collins of Scotch Plains, as well as 2 of her 6 grandchildren, Meghan Lamar of Cranford and Artemis Collins of Scotch Plains. The 3 generations walked the race together which was a USA Track and Field Certified 5K race that started at Bloomingdale Avenue School at 8:30 a.m. Top finishers in each age group received a medal and Vera came home with the top female finisher in the 70+ age group.

Vera was born in County Cork, Ireland and grew up outside a small village known as Ardgroom Village in the SouthWest region of the country. She was one of 14 children and immigrated to the United States at the age of 21 along with one of her brothers. Ultimately, 9 of her siblings also immigrated here. Vera married Jeremiah Collins in 1956 and they raised their four children in Brooklyn, NY. When her husband passed in 1994, Vera moved to Cranford to live with her daughter Veronica and her family and has been and continues to be a provider of love and guidance to her two granddaughters (Sheila Lamar and Meghan Lamar) who were raised in Cranford and attended the schools which the race supports. Meghan, who is currently a senior at Cranford High, attended Bloomingdale Avenue School and both Meghan and Sheila (who is currently attending a joint MBA/ JD program at Michigan State University) attended Orange Avenue School.

Vera continues to be instrumental in her family's daily lives. While Vera's daughter Veronica has participated in the annual Fall 5K since it began, this is the first year that the 3 generations participated together and the first year Vera has ever participated in a race. Vera started walking with her daughters after reading that walking can add years to a person's life. At 86 years old, Vera is working toward adding many more years to her life and shares that she will continue walking and this will not be the last race she participates in.



(above l-r) Three generations completed the Fall 5K together in Cranford on November 6th. Veronica Collins, Meghan Lamar, Vera Collins (all of Cranford), Artemis Collins and Eileen Collins (of Scotch Plains).

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The library recently added the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms, located in Morris Plains, to its museum pass program. The Stickley Museum, a 30-acre National Historic Landmark, is the home of Gustav Stickley's early 20th century country estate. The Stickley family home, known as the Log House, was built in 1911 and is one of the most significant landmarks of the American Arts and Crafts movement. The library also lends passes to the Battleship New Jersey Museum, the Frick Collection, Grounds for Sculpture, the Guggenheim Museum, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University, the Montclair Art Museum, the Morris Museum, the Museum of the Moving

Image, Newark Museum, and the Yogi Berra Museum. Purchased for the library by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, the passes can be borrowed by adult Cranford Library card holders and adult members of the Friends of the Cranford Public Library with MURAL borrowing privileges. Passes circulate for two days and are available on a first come, first served basis. They cannot be reserved or renewed. To see if a pass is available, search the library catalog by museum name. For more information about the library pass program, click [here](#). Also, present your valid Cranford Public Library card at Liberty Science Center and receive a \$3.00 discount off the price of admission.

CRANFORD LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Looking for some good reading at bargain prices? The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite you to visit their used book sale in the Friendly Book Cellar at the Cranford Public Library: Wed., Jan. 4 from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thurs. and Fri., Jan. 5-6, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sat., Jan. 7, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Items for sale include more than 10,000 adult and children

books, as well as CDs, DVDs, and recorded books. Prices range from \$.25 to \$2.00, except for a few specially marked items. Saturday is Bag Day; fill a bag with books for just \$8.00. The library is located at 224 Walnut Ave. Entrance to the sale is through the side door, just off the main parking lot. The sale is wheelchair accessible. Proceeds benefit the library.

“FILM NOIR: THE STUFF THAT DREAMS ARE MADE OF”

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite you to join Chris Messineo, Director of the New Jersey Film School, for his presentation of “Film Noir: The Stuff That Dreams Are Made Of” on Monday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center.

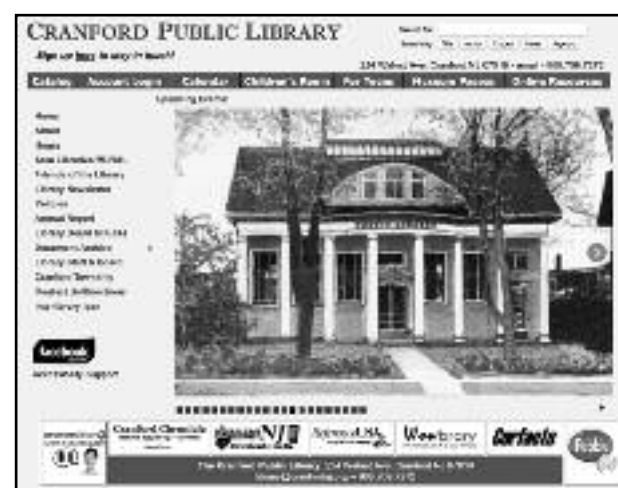
The Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue. During Hollywood's Golden Age, at the height of the studio system, a new breed of crime drama emerged. These dark tales—with an equally dark look—told the stories of men and women living in the shadows. Classic stories, such as The Maltese Falcon, Double Indemnity, The Killers, and Night and the City, changed filmmaking forever with characters who risked everything for "the stuff that dreams are

made of." The program will feature film clips, anecdotes, analysis, film history, and a Q & A session. Chris Messineo is an award-winning writer and director. He is the founder of Off Stage Films, an independent production company that shoots short films and corporate videos. The films have won awards for screenwriting, acting, sound, cinematography, editing, score, and directing. He has worked as a director, screenwriter, crew member, script reader, screenplay consultant, and even as a film festival judge. In 1998 he formed the New Jersey Screenwriter's Group and, since then, the Group has held more than 150 original screenplay readings. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome.

CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS A NEW WEB PAGE

The Cranford Public Library is pleased to announce that it has a new Web page and a new address: www.cranfordlibrary.org. The page features links to the library catalog, a patron account login interface, the library newsletter, an events calendar, a Children's Room page, a Teen page, a Museum Pass program page, an Online Resources page, the library Facebook page, and more. Cranford Public Library Director John Malar noted, “We are very pleased with the new page. It has a simple, neat, clean look, is well organized, and is easy to get around. We hope our patrons like it as well and we are eager to know what they think of it. If there any ways in which we can improve the site, we would be happy to hear them. We are also working on providing a

mobile-friendly version of the page, which we hope to have up and running soon.”



HEALING LOSS AND DEALING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, 11 Springfield Ave., will hold their eight week seminar - "Journey to Wholeness- Healing the Grieving Heart" on Sundays evenings from Jan. 8- Feb 26, 2017.

Patti Williams, R.N., and certified pastoral bereavement counselor, and Virginia Waters, PhD. Psychologist, will lead the sessions from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Thompson Youth Center of the church. Patti and Virginia have offered this seminar for 17 years now, and have helped over 2500 people experience healing, find a new purpose for their lives, and feel joy once again. This is an experience like no other.

The sessions include learning about the stages of grief and understanding the tasks of the grieving process, coping strategies, how to take care of yourself and why this is so important, the changes, challenges and choices that occur, creating cherishable memories, coping with holidays and anniversaries, and dealing with feelings of loneliness and being disconnected spiritually. A special candle light ceremony is held to remember those we have lost, which includes walking the labyrinth and a time of fellowship.

Both of the leaders and all of the facilitators have experienced loss within their lives and share from "the inside out". It does not matter if your loss is divorce, death or job loss; loss is loss- it must be grieved. It does not matter how long ago you experienced loss. Bring family members and friends. All faiths are welcome. To register for this life changing event, please call 908-709-1341. No fee is charged. A special teen group facilitator has been added to help

teens with loss as well.

The seminar is dedicated to Patti's late husband, the Rev. Dr. Bruce D. Williams who had a vision for the seminar 17 yrs ago, wanting to help others deal with their pain and suffering during their time of loss.

"The bereavement group run by Patti Williams and Dr. Virginia Waters has significantly impacted my life in a positive way. I thought I would never survive the sudden death of my mother and it was by sheer chance I found this group. Not only has it provided me with invaluable resources on how to cope with grief and loss it also provided me with an outlet to be with other people who are grieving and have walked my path and understood my grief. That is an incredible gift that words cannot describe. When you're in so much emotional pain and turmoil you need to be with others who are experiencing the same and I've received nothing but compassion support and kindness from the other group members. As far as the group leaders Patti Williams and Dr. Virginia Waters they're phenomenal expertise guidance compassion and support are immeasurable and have literally changed and saved my life. Both of the group leaders have experienced grief and loss themselves that is why they are able to help us who are currently grieving sort through our difficult emotions and somehow find a way to press on. I will be eternally grateful to this group and I encourage anyone who has experienced grief or loss to attend. If my mom were here on earth I know she would also be immensely thanking the group leaders for helping her daughter." Seminar participant.

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CDC Theatre, New Jersey's oldest continuously operating community theatre will hold auditions for Noel Coward's Blithe Spirit on December 12 and 13 at 7pm. All auditions and rehearsals will take place at the theatre's home at 78 Winans Ave., Cranford, NJ. The production is scheduled for February 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 2017.

Winner of the 2009 Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Revival, the smash comedy hit of the London and Broadway stages, this much-revived classic from the playwright of Private Lives offers up fussy, cantankerous novelist Charles Condomine, re-married but haunted (literally) by the ghost of his late first wife, the clever and insistent Elvira who is called up by a visiting "happy medium", one Madame Arcati. As the (worldly and un-) personalities clash, Charles' current wife Ruth is accidentally killed, "passes over", joins Elvira and the two "blithe spirits" haunt the hapless Charles into perpetuity.

Additional information can be found by visiting www.cdctheatre.org. Funding has been made possible in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts, Dept. of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs.



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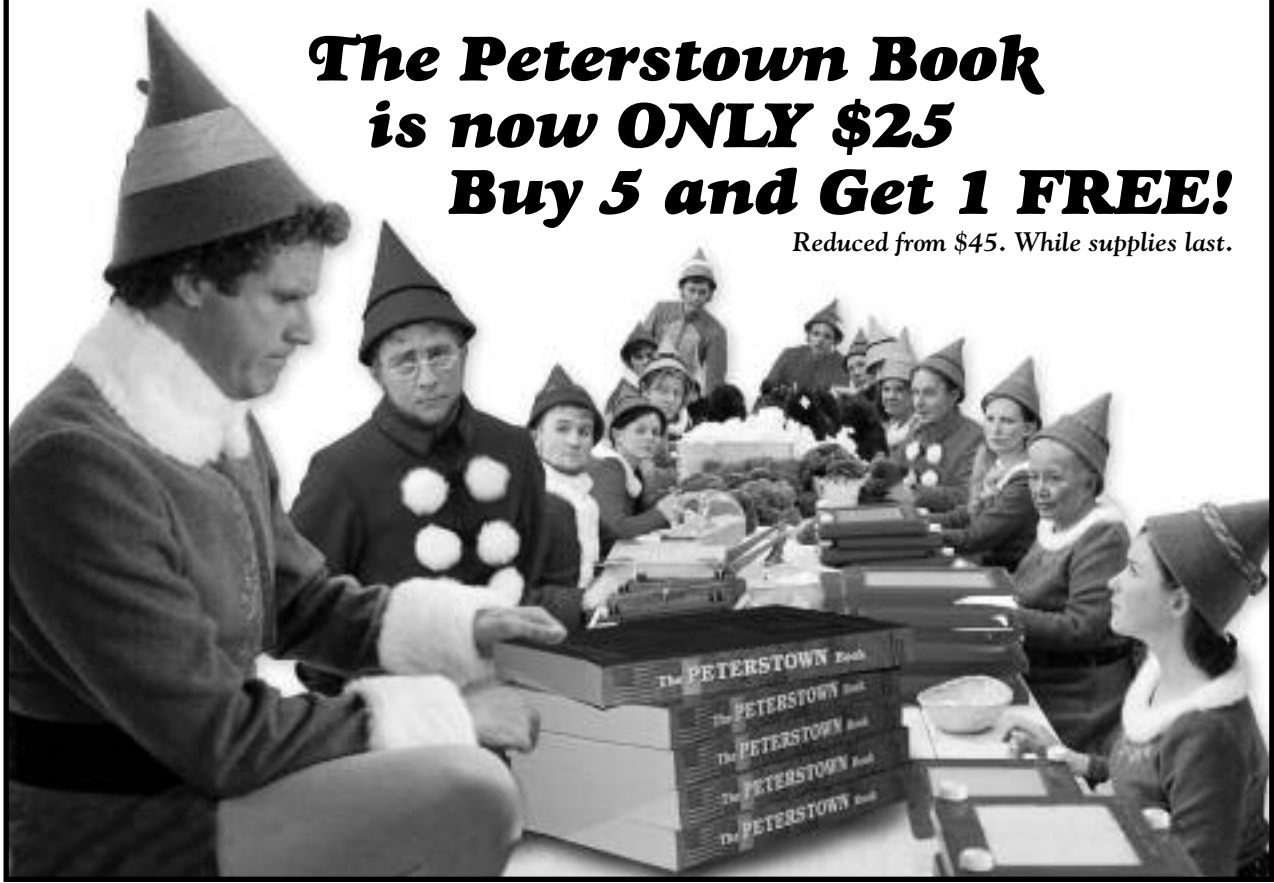
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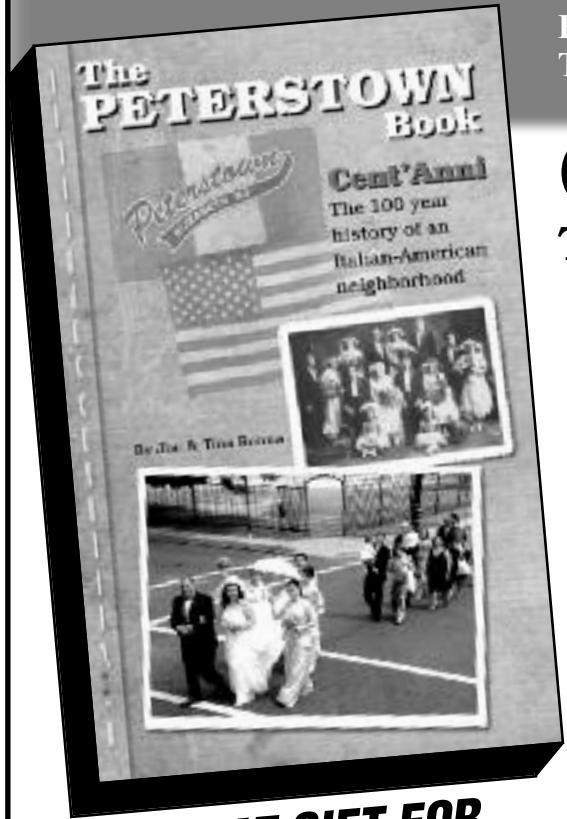
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Principal Michael Klimko congratulates Brookside Place School's newly elected 2016-2017 student council officers in October.



(above l-r) Mr. Klimko, Kaylee Fitzpatrick (vice president), Brianna Noll (secretary), Rebecca Handsman (treasurer), and Wil Bauer (president). The officers, all 5th grade students, lead their fellow students in planning projects that benefit Brookside and greater community in the coming year.

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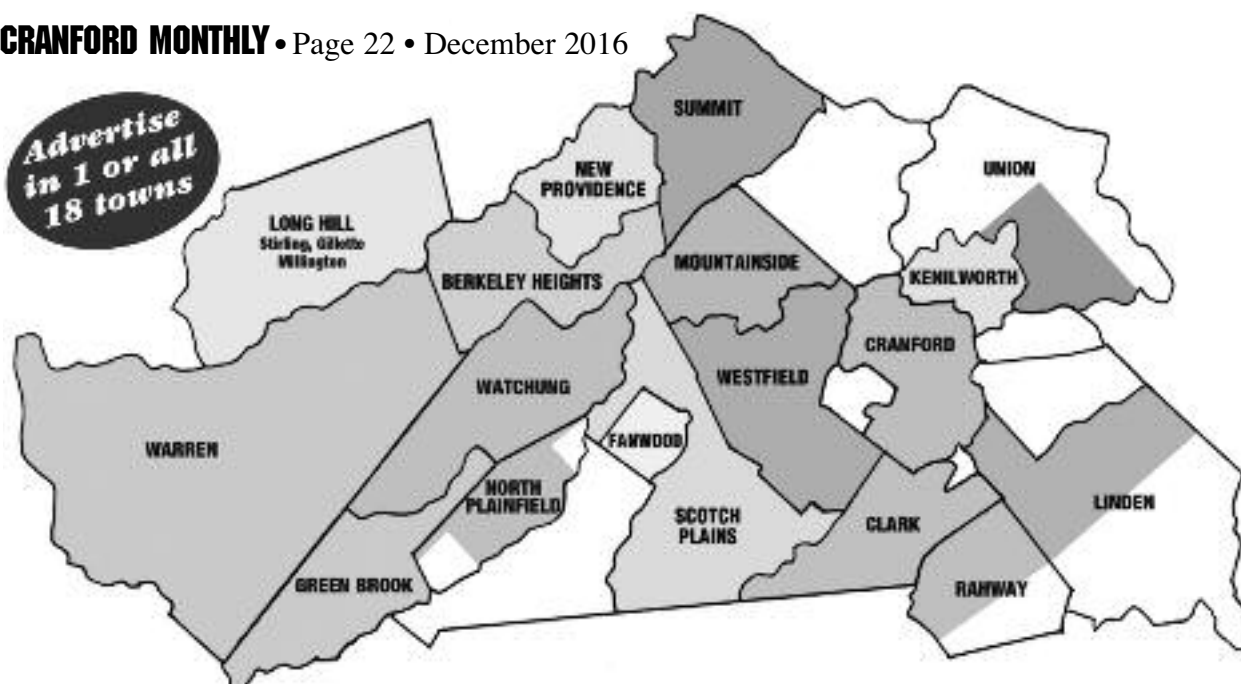
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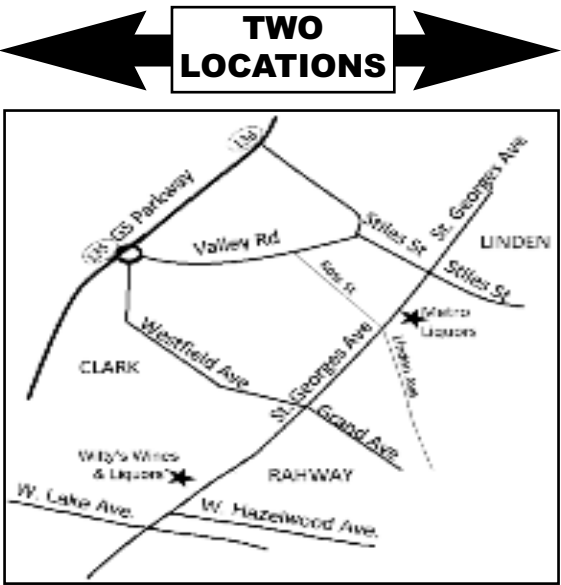
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Smirnoff Vodka (80 proof)	750ml	\$11.99
Smirnoff Vodka (all types)	1.75L	\$19.29
Sobieski	750ml	\$10.99
Sobieski	1.75L	\$19.99
Soplica	750ml	\$ 9.95
Stolichnaya (all types)	1.75L	\$29.09
Svedka (all types)	750ml	\$11.99
Svedka (all types)	1.75L	\$19.29
Tanqueray Sterling	750ml	\$19.99
Tanqueray Sterling	1.75L	\$29.99
Three Olives (all types)	1L	\$19.99
Three Olives (all types)	1.75L	\$24.99
Traveler's Vodka	1.75L	\$10.99

CORDIALS

Bailey's Irish Cream	750ml	\$21.99
Bailey's Irish Cream	1.75L	\$39.99
Kahlua	750ml	\$19.99
Kahlua	1.75L	\$36.99
Krupnik	750ml	\$13.99
Licor 43	750ml	\$21.99
Licor 43	1.75L	\$39.99
Patron XO Café	750ml	\$22.99
Patron XO Café	1.75L	\$34.99
Southern Comfort	750ml	\$17.99
Southern Comfort	1.75L	\$26.99

RUM

Bacardi Light	750ml	\$11.99
Bacardi Light & Gold	1.75L	\$19.19
Captain Morgan Spice	1.75L	\$25.99
Malibu	750ml	\$17.99
Malibu	1.75L	\$25.99

TEQUILA

Avion Silver	750ml	\$38.99
Casa Noble Silver	750ml	\$34.99
El Jimador Reposado	750ml	\$19.99
El Jimador Reposado	1.75L	\$29.99
Jose Cuervo	750ml	\$17.99
Jose Cuervo	1.75L	\$32.99
Patron Silver	750ml	\$39.99
Patron Silver	1.75L	\$84.99

BEER

Becks (12oz) 24pk	24pk	\$22.99
Bud and Bud Lite cans	30pk	\$21.99
Bud and Bud Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$18.99
Coors Lite (24oz) cans	12pk	\$11.99
Coors Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$17.99
Coors Lite	30pk	\$21.99
Corona/Corona Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$27.99
Dab (16oz) cans	24pk	\$21.99
Heineken/Heineken Lite bottles	24pk	\$27.99
Land Shark	24pk	\$23.99
Lech (500ml)	20pk	\$26.99
Modelo Especial cans	24pk	\$21.99
New Belgium Fat Tire	24pk	\$31.99
Pabst Blue Ribbon cans	30pk	\$18.99
Pilsner Urquell	24pk	\$28.99
Sagres Beer	24pk	\$17.99
Sam Adams Boston Lager	24pk	\$30.99
Stella Artois loose bottles	24pk	\$26.99
Dogfish Head 60 min.	24pk	\$32.99
Yuengling Lager cans and bottles	24pk	\$17.99
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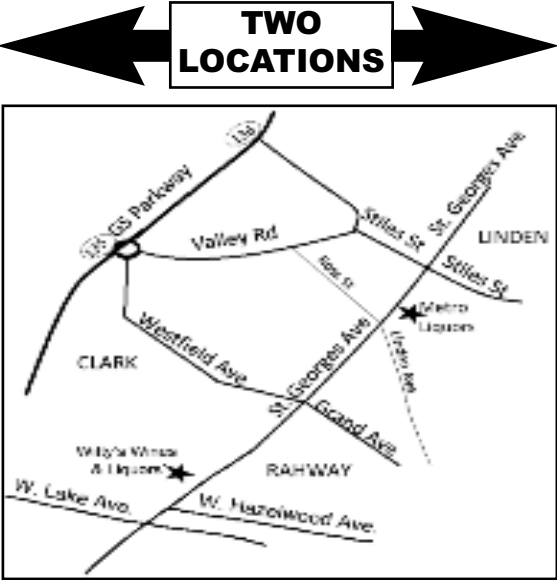
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Andre (All Types).....	750ml	\$ 5.99
Apothic Red	750ml	\$ 9.29
Avalon (Cabernet Sauvignon).....	750ml	\$ 9.99
Barefoot All Types	1.5L	\$10.39
Bartenura Moscato	750ml	\$10.99
Barone Fini (Pinot Grigio).....	750ml	\$10.99
Beringer White Zinfandel	750ml	\$ 4.99
Beringer White Zinfandel	1.5L	\$ 8.69
Black Box (All Types).....	3L	\$21.99
Blackstone (All Types).....	1.5L	\$13.99
Bogle (Chardonnay and Merlot).....	750ml	\$ 6.99
Bolla	1.5L	\$12.99
Caymus Napa Valley (Cabernet Sauvignon).....	750ml	\$65.99
Carlo Rossi (Chablis, Burgundy, Sangria, Blush).....	4L	\$13.99
Carnivor (Cabernet Sauvignon).....	750ml	\$10.99
Casal Garcia Vinho Verde	1L	\$ 5.99
Cavit (All Types)	1.5L	\$13.99
Chateau ste Michelle Columbia Valley Cabernet and Merlot	750ml	\$13.99
Chateau Ste. Michelle Columbia Valley Chardonnay	750ml	\$ 9.99
Chateau Ste. Michelle Columbia Valley Riesling	750ml	\$ 8.99
Clos du Bois Chardonnay	1.5 L	\$19.99
Clos du Bois Cabernet, Merlot.....	750m	\$ 9.99
Cockburns Ruby and Tawny Porto	750ml	\$10.99
Concha Y Toro Frontera	1.5L	\$ 8.99
Coppola Diamond Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot	750ml	\$13.99
Coppola Diamond Chardonnay	750ml	\$11.99
Corbett Canyon (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 7.99
Cupcake (All types, except Prosecco and Moscato)	750ml	\$ 8.99
Don Perignon.....	750ml	\$149.99
Dreaming Tree (All Types)	750ml	\$11.99
Eco Domani (Pinot Grigio).....	750ml	\$ 8.99
Fish Eye (All Types).....	1.5L	\$ 9.99
Flip Flop (All Types).....	1.5L	\$ 9.99
Franzia (Crisp White, Blush, Sangria, Chilable red).....	5L	\$13.99
Freixenet.....	750ml	\$ 9.99
Gato Negro (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 9.99
Gazela Vinho Verde	750ml	\$ 4.99
Ghost Pines (Merlot and Red Blend).....	750ml	\$15.99
J. Lohr Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml	\$11.99
Josh Cabernet Sauvignon.....	750ml	\$12.99
Joseph Carr Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml	\$19.99
Kendall Jackson Vintners Chardonnay	750ml	\$12.09
Kim Crawford (Sauvignon Blanc)	750ml	\$13.99
Korbel (All Types except Natural and Organic)	750ml	\$11.99
La Crema Sonoma Pinot Noir.....	750ml	\$16.99
Liberty Creek (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 7.99

Louis Jadot Beaujolais	750ml	\$ 9.99
Louis Jadot Beaujolais Villages.....	750ml	\$ 10.99
Louis Jadot Pouilly Fuisse	750ml	\$20.99
Luna di Luna (All Types).....	1.5L	\$13.99
Mark West Pinot Noir.....	750ml	\$ 9.39
Mark West Pinot Noir.....	1.5L	\$17.99
Martini & Rossi Asti	750ml	\$11.99
Menage a Trois Red	750ml	\$ 8.99
Merry Vale (Cabernet)	750ml	\$49.99
Mezzacorona Pinot Grigio.....	1.5L	\$12.99
Mi Amore Red	750ml	\$ 8.99
Moet Imperial Champagne	750ml	\$39.99
Noble Wine 337, 667.....	750ml	\$10.99
Papi (All Types)	1.5L	\$10.99
Real Sangria	1.5L	\$10.99
Rex Goliath (All Types)	1.5L	\$10.99
Robert Mondavi Private Select	750ml	\$ 8.99
Robert Mondavi Private Select	1.5L	\$16.99
Rodney Strong Sonoma Cabernet & Merlot.....	750ml	\$15.99
Rodney Strong Sonoma Chardonnay	750ml	\$11.99
Rombauer Chardonnay	750ml	\$27.99
Ruffino Chianti	750ml	\$ 7.99
Ruffino Chianti	1.5 L	\$13.99
Ruffino Pinot Grigio	1.5L	\$10.99
Ruffino Chianti Gold	750ml	\$29.99
Ruffino Tan label	750ml	\$19.99
Santa Margerita Pinot Grigio.....	750ml	\$20.29
Senor Sangria (All Types)	1.5L	\$10.99
Silver Oak Alexander Valley Cabernet	750ml	\$70.99
Simi Chardonnay.....	750ml	\$12.09
Sonoma Cutrer Chardonnay.....	750ml	\$20.99
Sutter Home (All Types).....	1.5L	\$ 8.99
Tom Gore (All Types)	750ml	\$12.99
Woodbridge (All Types)	1.5L	\$10.99
Yago Sangria	3L	\$14.99
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