



TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD NEWS

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This newsletter is published twice a month by the Township of Cranford to provide residents with important information and updates.

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Message from the Mayor

This evening, Cranford will join communities throughout the country in the National Tribute to COVID-19 victims. We will light the tree across from the Municipal Building and ask residents to turn on porch or walkway lights or place a candle outside to remember and honor the 103 Cranford residents lost to the disease. Please, also remember their families and friends still grieving.



We invite Cranford Houses of Worship to ring their bells at 5:30 pm as part of the National Tribute organized by the Biden-Harris Inaugural Committee.

We are approaching one year since the Pandemic turned our lives upside down and

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forever changed some families, businesses and the hundred little things we took for granted. It is not over. COVID-19 is not a hoax. It is real and more than 1,000 Cranford residents have been infected. COVID-19 will continue to spread causing more people to get sick and possibly lose their life if we disregard the safety measures that can protect us while we wait for large portions of the population to be vaccinated.

In these past 10 months, so many of you showed strength, innovation, kindness and most of all, respect for others by following safety protocols. Please continue to protect yourself and protect others. Wear your mask. Keep your distance. Wash your hands. Avoid crowds. Limit unnecessary trips.

The Township will continue to post information about confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatalities on Monday, Wednesday and Friday on [Facebook](#) and [Cranfordnj.org](#).

Let's be smart and play it safe so we get to the other side of this Pandemic sooner.

Kathleen Miller Prunty
Mayor

Township Committee

NEWS FROM TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Adopted procedures and requirements for remote meetings during the declared State of Emergency. Members of the public who wish to participate in the virtual meeting for purposes of making a public comment or to participate in any scheduled public hearing can access the videoconference at <https://meet.google.com/rkv-qdpj-nty> or by telephone at 213-634-2478, with the access code: 367524470#. Click here to view the [Virtual Meeting Procedure](#).
- Adopted a [Sustainable Land Use Pledge](#)
- Reauthorized a Cost Sharing agreement with other municipalities in the Mayors Council for the Rahway River Watershed Flood Control.
- Discussed adoption of an Anti-Nepotism policy for Township hiring, including prohibiting hiring family members of elected officials. Further discussion will take place at the January 25 Workshop Meeting with a vote at the Official Meeting on January 26.
- Municipal department heads presented first draft of 2021 budgets at a special meeting held Saturday, Jan. 16.

SAFE & CONVENIENT PROCEDURES FOR TOWNSHIP SERVICES

The Municipal Building is open but we strongly encourage the public to call or email first before coming to the building. Our staff are prepared to answer your questions and handle your requests in a manner that is safe, timely and convenient. The staff will set up an appointment if you need to meet in person. Contact information for each Township department can be found on the [website](#).

In addition, the Township has installed safe and secure drop boxes for tax payments, building, zoning, engineering and health department applications and forms.



Department of Public Works

RECYCLING SCHEDULE REMINDER

Just a reminder that the 2021 Recycling Schedule will have pickup for the South Side on Mondays and North Side on Tuesdays. Recycling pickup will continue to be every other week and please make sure that recyclables are placed outside by 6AM that morning.

To view a video on the recycling schedule changes, [please click here](#).

Cranford Schools

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. SCOTT RUBIN

In addition to our challenges associated with COVID-19, the recent attack on the Capitol building has left us all with a wide range of emotions, feelings, and questions. Earlier this week, parents / guardians received an email from their respective principals, providing resources to assist families in discussing this tragic event. I am listing them again here for your easy reference:

[Discussing Difficult Situations With Your Children](#) - National Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

[Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#) - National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)

[Promoting Compassion and Acceptance in Crisis](#) - National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)

[Supporting Children After the US Capitol Attack](#) - National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN)

[How To Talk With Your Child About News](#) - Kids Health

These are also posted on our [District School Counseling Website](#) (under the parents/guardians tab) and we will continue to add support resources as appropriate.

Recreation & Parks Department

Recreation & Parks is running a number of virtual winter programs. You can view all of the offerings by [clicking here](#).

Upcoming Official Meetings

(Please note all meetings will be conducted remotely)

Agendas and Minutes will be posted on the [Township website](#).

- **Planning Board:** Wednesday, Jan. 20, 7:30 pm
<https://www.cranfordnj.org/node/419/agenda>
 - **Zoning Board:** Monday, Jan. 25, 7:30 pm
<https://www.cranfordnj.org/node/477/agenda>
 - **Township Committee Workshop:** Monday, Jan. 25, 7 pm (Agenda not finalized)
 - **Township Committee Official:** Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7:30 pm (Agenda not finalized)
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Important Links

<https://www.cdc.gov>
www.nj.gov/health or www.covid19.nj.gov
www.ucnj.org