



# 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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## Annual Tree Lighting Tonight

The Cranford holiday season kicks off tonight with the arrival of Santa and the Christmas Tree lighting starting at 5 pm. This year's event, organized by the **Chamber of Commerce**, will be virtual and broadcast live on TV35. The public is asked not to come in person. The event is sponsored by **Lightbridge Academy** and **Legacy Insurance Agency**.



Mayor Patrick Giblin will be on hand to introduce Ellen Ramer of **Martin Jewelers** who donated the new lights as part of the store's 75th Anniversary celebration.

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### From the Township Committee

## NOVEMBER 24th MEETING UPDATES

- Appointed Tamikia Rowe as the Finance Tax Clerk. Ms. Rowe is filling a vacancy in the Finance Department.
- Authorized closure of Eastman Street from North Avenue to Miln Street for the final weekend, ending 8 am Monday, Nov. 30. The street closures were made to support local businesses by providing outdoor space for dining, event and activities.
- Authorized salary increases for various full time and part time employees.
- Passed a resolution naming the TV35 studio the "H. Edward Davenport TV 35 Studio." The dedication is a recognition of Ed's long time association with TV35 and efforts to bring news, meetings, information, sports and community events to viewers. Congratulations Ed and thank you.



Congratulations to newly-elected Commissioners Brian Andrews and Jason Gareis who will take the Oath of Office in January. Members of the Township Committee acknowledged candidates Chrissa Stulpin and Gina Black and thanked them for running.

### From Engineering Department

The Township received a \$415,000 Municipal Aid grant from the NJ Dept. of Transportation. The funds will be used for the Burnside Avenue paving project.

### From the Township Pedestrian and Bike Safety Committee



The Committee wants your input to help guide decisions about pedestrian improvements. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey: [Cranford Bike & Pedestrian Safety Survey](#) .

From Cranford Public Library

## TEMPORARY SERVICE CHANGES



In keeping with the Library's goal to prioritize your health and safety, and that of the library staff, limited in-person browsing of the library collection will be suspended effective Friday, November 27 with a planned restoration date of Monday, December 14, if circumstances allow. During this time, they will continue to provide Grab and Go Pickup of library materials. For detailed information on this decision and the Library's services, [please click here](#).

From Health Department

## COVID-19 UPDATES

In response to the rising number of confirmed COVID-19 cases, Union County has expanded days for the drive through testing site at Kean University. This service is free to Union County residents. For details and to schedule an appointment please click on this link: [www.ucnj.org/covid19](http://www.ucnj.org/covid19).



**Mon/Weds/Fri**  
9AM-4PM  
**Thurs**  
9AM-2:30PM

### NEW TESTING HOURS COVID-19 + FLU-A + FLU-B

Drive-Thru Testing Center @ Kean University  
1000 Morris Avenue, Union NJ

**\*FREE FOR ALL  
COUNTY RESIDENTS\***

**BOOK NOW: VISIT**  
*[ucnj.org/covid19](http://ucnj.org/covid19)*

Data as of November 27.

#### CRANFORD:

- 66 active cases; (Cranford data is from November 25)
- 13 new cases – 694 total cases / 101 deaths

UNION COUNTY:

- 256 new cases – 27,709 total cases / 1,262 deaths

NJ:

- 4,100 new cases – 326,473 total cases / 15, 113 deaths

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From the Cranford Fire & EMS

**TOYS FOR TOTS**



Cranford Fire Department will be accepting toy donations for the Toys for Tots program. Unwrapped toys may be dropped off at Fire Headquarters on weekends only, beginning with Thanksgiving Weekend, and running through the weekend before Christmas. In order to reduce in-person contact, the public may drop off the donations in a marked box at the front entrance to the Firehouse (Springfield Avenue side), and on-duty staff will be regularly bringing donated toys into the building throughout their shifts.

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**Important Links**

<https://www.cdc.gov>  
[www.nj.gov/health](http://www.nj.gov/health) or [www.covid19.nj.gov](http://www.covid19.nj.gov)  
[www.ucnj.org](http://www.ucnj.org)