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GARWOOD ROCKS...The Garwood Rocks Street Fair was held June 2, along Center Street, and is sponsored by the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce. The annual music festival and street fair features live entertainment presented by Crossroads, hundreds of vendors, a classic car show, delicious festival food, beer garden, activities for kids at the Kids Zone, and much more.

New Plan Put Forward To Mitigate Flooding

REGION — A new plan to mitigate Rahway River flooding was put forward at a Mayors Council Rahway River Watershed Flood Control meeting last week as a starting point for a solution to mitigate flooding. The meeting, hosted by Millburn Mayor Dianne Thall Eglow, included several of the region's mayors to come up with a new plan, according to a press release from the Mayors Council.

The new plan includes a locally supported storage project at the Orange Reservoir and a more acceptable renovation of the

Campbell's Mill Pond dam. Also included is changing the spillway at Lenape Park and channelization of 1.5 miles in Cranford and home lifting and acquisition in Rahway. A federal plan would be 65 percent funded by the federal government, 25 percent by state and 10 percent locally. The conceptual plan will be submitted to Essex and Union Counties and then to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for

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Cranford Fireworks Display To Be Staged on July 2

CRANFORD — Based on recommendations from public safety officials, the Township of Cranford Independence Day Fireworks Display, held annually at Nomahegan Park on Springfield Avenue in Cranford, will see a date change this year to Tuesday, July 2.

The Jaycees' races and the canoe races remain scheduled for Thursday, July 4.

The Cranford Office of Emergency Management (OEM), in conjunction with the township's police and fire departments, has completed a review and risk assessment of the fireworks display, and offered recommendations with expectations of making the event safer and more family-friendly. Based on guidance from this review, the township opted to move the date of the 2019 fireworks to July 2.

"The decision to change the date of this family-friendly tradition celebrating America's freedom was not taken lightly," said Township Administrator Jamie Cryan. "It came after months of monitoring and collective analysis from the Office of Emergency Management, Cranford Police Department and Cranford Fire Department. We are blessed to have world-class public safety professionals looking out for our residents."

The fireworks will begin at around 9:15 p.m. in Nomahegan Park. Limited parking will be available opposite the park at Union County College, located at 1033 Springfield Avenue. Residents are encouraged to walk or carpool to

avoid traffic congestion.

The OEM will conduct an after-action review following this year's display. This review will be provided to the township committee along with a recommendation for moving forward. At this time, it is anticipated that the recommendation will either be to maintain a smaller-scale display on a night other than July 4 or to move on altogether from conducting the display.

"We would also like to remind residents that fireworks may only be possessed and discharged by authorized persons holding a permit from the Cranford Fire Department and receiving all other requisite approvals. Unau-

thorized fireworks displays are dangerous and can result in life-threatening injuries, brush fires, house fires, and other property and environmental damage," said Lieutenant Matthew J. Lubin, OEM coordinator.

For the latest information, visit cranfordnj.org or [facebook.com/TownshipofCranford](https://www.facebook.com/TownshipofCranford), follow @CranfordTwpNJ on Twitter or access [instagram.com/cranfordrecreationandparks](https://www.instagram.com/cranfordrecreationandparks).

For updates and event information, call the Cranford Recreation and Parks Department at (908) 709-7283. Individuals also can stay in touch via text by sending 07016 to the number 888777.



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GAINING VELOCITY...Runners proceed down Centennial Avenue for the Cranford Velocity 5K race on Sunday morning.