

Crane-Phillips House Landmark

said.

During Commissioner Reports, Commissioner Hannen announced that Cranford High School had started CHAPS (Cranford High Assistance Program) to provide help to families who are in need of assistance for a variety of things. Residents interested should contact students Kevin and Trevor at chapsnj@gmail.com.

Commissioner Robert D'Ambola said, "This incredible cold snap has created numerous potholes throughout town. It is very bad." Residents should call (908) 709-7217 to report dangerous conditions. The township's Department of Public Works will be out making repairs, he said.

On Saturday, February 22, members of the team advisory board will participate in the Polar Bear Plunge in Seaside Heights to benefit the Special Olympics and hopes to raise \$18,000, Commissioner Mary O'Connor said.

The Cranford Fire Department will hold a Food and Wine tasting on Wednesday, January 22, at Pines Manor in Edison. See cookedanduncorked.com for more information.

Ms. O'Connor thanked Cranford patrolmen Timothy O'Brien and Daniel Donnestag for pursuing and apprehending suspects in the attempted theft at Martin Jewelers last Thursday.

The Chamber of Commerce will host a 2014 kickoff party at the Cranford Hotel on January 22 at 6 p.m., Mayor Kalnins announced. Local businesses are invited. RSVP at the chamber office.

A Jaycees fundraiser will be held at the Cranford Hotel from 3 to 6 p.m. this Sunday, January 19. Admission is \$30.

As part of the FEMA elevation project, the township is moving forward on elevating two homes, Mayor Kalnins said.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection will hold an open public hearing on the

application for the proposed development of a site on Birchwood Avenue today, Thursday, January 16, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers. Each resident will have three minutes to speak or can submit written comments in advance. Each comment in regards to the environmental impact will be considered with the application.

Clergy Council Committee Plans MLK Day of Service

CRANFORD — The Interfaith Human Relations Committee of the Cranford Clergy Council, comprised of members from all houses of worship in Cranford and the Osceola Presbyterian Church in Clark, will honor the memory and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 20, with its Second Annual Day of Service.

The community is invited to come to Bates Hall at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, located at 11 Springfield Avenue, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., to engage in various service projects. These will include decorating potholders to be donated to a local women's shelter, creating food packs, making gifts for the more than 300 veterans at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lyons, N.J. and making gifts for participants in the Meals on Wheels program. There also will be a refreshment table available for people to purchase food and drink, with proceeds benefiting local charities.

Janice Grevious, organizer of the event and recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Award, will return for her second year to help create this day of service. Participants also are asked to bring either a new, clean pair of socks or a canned good, to be

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The Center Stage program be-

donated to local organizations.

For more information about the event, contact Ms. Grevious at Jansport2@verizon.net or Cindy Hannen at Cindy@patwin.com. To learn more about the Interfaith Human Relations Committee of the Cranford Clergy Council, contact Cindy Hannen at cindy@patwin.com or call her at (908) 272-9133.



CALLING ALL ACTORS...The Pineda Conservatory's Center Stage Program for talented high school students is holding auditions for its five-week summer program that includes fully staged productions of Jonathan Larson's *Rent* and a musical revue entitled *A Road Trip*. Pictured above, the cast from a previous production.

Pineda Conservatory Sets Teen Auditions

gins Monday, June 30, to and runs Monday through Friday, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Cranford Dramatic Club Theatre in Cranford.

The training program includes acting, dance, vocal and audition training. The staff includes choreographer Christopher Johnson (*Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Chicago*), Ra-Sean Holloway (*A Chorus Line, Radio City Christmas Spectacular*), director Juan Pineda (*Broadway's Miss Saigon*), vocal coach Valerie Pineda (Manhattan School of Music), director and choreographer Fausto Pineda (*King and I, Grease*) and vocal coach Patricia Pineda.

Enrollment to the tuition based program is limited and acceptance is by audition only. Applicants may apply for scholarship. Former Pineda Conservatory students have been accepted into some of the nation's leading college theater programs and conservatories and have gone on to appear in professional theaters and opera

houses around the country.

Auditions are being held on Saturday, March 1, Sunday, March 2 and Sunday, March 8, by appointment only for students entering ninth grade and up. Appointments can be made by calling (908) 731-1377 or by online submission at pinedaconservatory.com/Audition-Request.html.

Prepare 16 bars of a musical theater up-tempo and 16 bars of a musical theater ballad that show range and acting ability. Vocal auditions will be followed by a group movement and dance call. Bring dance clothing (comfortable clothes and dance shoes/sneakers). All students should dress professionally for the audition. You will be given time to change. The audition process will take approximately two hours.

If necessary, call backs will be scheduled on Sunday, March 9. Students selected will be given one week to accept their spots. *A Road Trip* is a musical tribute to the USA. This show includes everyone selected for the program, and features those who do not have leads in *Rent*. The show is written specifically for the students featured and has two fully staged performances.

Everyone in the program also participates in the main stage production of *Rent*. Some roles may be double, triple or quadruple cast. Be advised that the production of *Rent* deals with mature themes and all students participating will be required to submit a permission slip prior to auditioning.

The Pineda Summer Conservatory also holds a five-week morning program for middle schoolers featuring a production of *Shrek the Musical* and for students in elementary grades 2-5 with a production of *Aladdin Kids*.

For more information visit pinedaconservatory.com or call (908) 731-1377.