



BLESS YOU...The Trinity Episcopal Church in Cranford will hold a Blessing of the Animals ceremony this Sunday, October 5, during its 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. People are invited to bring their pets to receive a blessing, or they may bring a photograph to be blessed of a pet that is too ill to attend or is deceased. Young children who do not have a pet may bring a stuffed animal to be blessed.

Trinity Church to Bless Animals This Sunday

CRANFORD — A Blessing of Animals ceremony will be held this Sunday, October 5, during the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services at the Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 119 Forest Avenue in Cranford.

Inspired by St. Francis of Assisi's legendary love for animals, Blessing of the Animals has become an annual celebration of the love and companionship between people and their pets.

Everyone is invited to bring their pets to receive a blessing. Cats and birds should be kept in carriers and cages and dogs on leashes. People also may bring photographs of pets that are too ill to attend or are deceased, to receive a blessing. Small children who do not have pets may bring stuffed animals to receive a blessing.

For more information about Trinity Episcopal Church, call (908) 276-4047 or visit trinitycranford.org.

GW Lincoln School Eighth Grade Holds Mum Sale

GARWOOD — Garwood's Lincoln Elementary School graduating eighth-grade class will hold its annual Mum Sale fundraiser on Thursday, October 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Beautify your home décor while aiding a good cause. Monies raised at this event will assist toward sponsorship of many exciting graduation events planned to make their last year at Lincoln School a milestone journey filled with cherished memories, which otherwise may not be possible.

The school community believes in T.E.A.M. — Together Everyone Achieves More. Come out and support the efforts of the eighth-grade students.

CF Mayor Announces First Wellness Fest

CRANFORD — Mayor Andis Kalnins of Cranford will kick off the 1st Annual Mayor's Wellness, Fitness and Fun Festival at the Centennial Avenue Sports Complex on Sunday, October 5.

This free event is open to all Cranford residents and kicks off at 3 p.m. with Mayor Kalnins' welcome. Activities will get underway with the bike rodeo for ages 4 through 8, and yoga for all ages at 3:15 p.m. The event will continue through the afternoon with a kick-ball tournament, baseball hitting challenges and Kid-Fit fitness activities.

The Wellness Campaign kickoff will be capped by a Flag Football

game to be played by the Cranford Police and Fire Departments.

Children and their families can sign up for the day's events on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CranfordMWC>. Local retailers will provide healthy and nutritious snacks and prizes will be awarded throughout the day.

In the event of rain, all activities will be moved to the Cranford Community Center.

For more information, please e-mail Cranford Community Connections at cranfordcommunityconnectio@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page.

Guitarist Peter Biedermann To Perform at Library

GARWOOD — Guitarist and composer Peter Biedermann will perform at the Garwood Public Library on Wednesday, October 8, at 7 p.m. Originally from New Jersey, but now relocated to Arizona, Mr. Biedermann has been performing in a variety of musical formats for more than 35 years. Since 2008 he has given a string of solo performances in libraries, house concerts, churches and similar, listener-friendly performance spaces.

The music audience members will hear will consist entirely of original acoustic instrumental music performed on various 6, 8 (Baritone) and 12 string guitars in unique tunings accompanied by the subtle use of ambient electronics. While acoustic guitar pioneers such as Michael Hedges, Bert Jansch, Leo Kottke and Ralph Towner are considered to be major in-

fluences on Mr. Biedermann's music, many other, lesser-known visionaries of fingerstyle acoustic guitar are acknowledged and referenced during his live performances. Interactive dialogue with the audience is encouraged.

CDs of Mr. Biedermann's music will be available for sale after the performance. This program will be free and all are welcome. Registration is required for this event and may be done by calling (908) 789-1670, in person at the library or at the calendar page of the library's interactive website, yousemore.com/garwood.

The Garwood Public Library is located at the corner of Third Avenue and Walnut Street, at the back of the Lincoln School complex. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday; Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Cranford DAR Plans Vietnam War Program Saturday, October 11

CRANFORD — In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, the Crane's Ford chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will present a free public program on Saturday, October 11, at noon. It will be held at the Cranford Community Center, located at 220 Walnut Avenue in Cranford.

Mike Sapara, a 1966 graduate of Cranford High School, will speak about his experiences in Vietnam. Mr. Sapara served in the U.S. Army with Company A, 6th Battalion, 9th Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta from 1968 to 1970. He was an M-60 machine gunner combat infantryman with the Mobile Riverine Force.

Mr. Sapara is a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 800. He also is a tour guide at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Museum in Holmdel.

All are welcome to attend this event and refreshments will be served.

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