

CF Pl. Bd. OK's Lincoln Ave. Subdivision

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CRANFORD — The planning board last Wednesday approved, by a 7-to-1 vote, with the condition that a garage be razed, applicant Homaz, LLC's request for a minor subdivision to create two new, two-family homes with less than the minimum required lot width for lots that contain two-family uses at 16 and 18 Lincoln Avenue West.

The two-family homes will be built between South Avenue and South Union Avenue. A minimum lot width of 70 feet is required where the proposed is 69.98 feet.

"I have a reservation regarding the onsite treatment (for flood control measures). I think the engineer should have been here for that..." Planning Board member Dan Aschenbach said when he voted against the application.

Cranford Township Engineer Carl O'Brien, who is hired as a part-time engineer from Maser Consulting for the township, was not present at the meeting. In the past, the planning board has voiced its concern with the engineer not being present during application hearings.

The two-family homes would be located near South Avenue where the Garwood Brook lies, and Mr. Aschenbach said this area floods. He wanted more information on the flood-control plan for the application due to the fact that the area floods, he said.

James Watson of EKA Associates, a professional planner and land surveyor, said he did not design the seepage pit that was part of the application and could not testify on that portion of the application.

Mr. Watson said it met the minimum requirements of the township. Mr. Aschenbach's concern is those minimal requirements may not be adequate for areas

that are known flood areas.

The lots previously housed two, two-and-a-half-story dwellings, Mr. Watson said. What is being proposed is two, two-family homes.

Austin Hood, a principal owner of Homaz, LLC, testified that the garage would be removed once the approvals are met with the application.

Kidz Klub Camp To Launch June 22

CRANFORD — The Cranford Pool and Fitness Center, located at 401 Centennial Avenue, offers the Kidz Klub, a weekly day camp for its members ages 5 through 10. Kidz Klub emphasizes outdoor play and pool activities. Children also participate in arts and crafts and a weekly bus trip.

Tuition includes the trip, camp T-shirts, backpack, a protective swimshirt and snacks. Camp hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Early drop-off at 7 a.m. and late pickup to 6:30 p.m. are available for \$5 per hour.

This year, Kidz Klub will run for 10 weeks from June 22 to August 28. Tuition for one to two weeks is \$195 per week per child. For three to five weeks it is \$185 per week, and for six to 10 weeks it is \$175 per week. Additional children are discounted 10 percent. A 20-percent deposit is required with the registration forms and a \$75 registration fee. The balance is due by the child's first week of camp.

Registration packets are available in the Fitness Center at the Centennial Avenue complex, or online at cranford.com/pool. Interested persons should click on "Forms," then on "KK." Registration must be in person. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For additional hours or more information, call Sally at (908) 709-7260, extension no. 2307.



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TALENTED ENTERTAINER...Among the attractions at Sunday's second annual Garwood Rocks! festival was this juggler on stilts.

Public Urged to Weigh In On Flood Solutions at Meeting

CRANFORD — Extreme weather events like Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy have brought renewed calls to resolve chronic flooding issues in the Rahway River Basin, particularly in Cranford and Rahway as well as Springfield and Union. Members of the public are urged to lend their voices to this effort by attending an information meeting conducted by state and federal officials, hosted by the Union County Freeholder Board and the Mayors' Council on Rahway River Watershed Flood Control.

The meeting will take place in the Roy E. Smith Theatre at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Avenue in Cranford on Monday, June 15, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"The science shows that extreme storms are becoming more frequent and intense, and our experience here in Union County confirms it," Union County Freeholder Vice-Chairman Bruce H.

Bergen said. "The time is now to take meaningful action that protects our neighborhoods while enabling Union County to keep growing."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) have been working to develop solutions for flooding in Union and Essex counties with a particular focus centered on Cranford and Rahway, in the form of the Rahway River Basin Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study.

At the June 15 meeting, representatives from both agencies will present their findings and discuss their progress toward preparing an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed solutions. Representatives from the Mayors' Council on Rahway River Watershed Flood Control will also attend.

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FRESH BREAD...This customer admires bread from Hoboken Farms at Cranford's first ever Sunday morning farmers' market held in the South Avenue train station parking lot. The market is sponsored by the Cranford Community Connection.