

MAYOR KEN HOPKINS' NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2024

Thank you, Volunteers!

On June 12th, we held our annual Retired Senior Volunteer Program appreciation luncheon at Fresco's in Cranston to thank all of the retired-age volunteers who help service our Senior Enrichment Center. The event was a heartwarming celebration filled with laughter, stories, and a deep sense of community.

We are eternally grateful to each of the volunteers for their help making the city's senior center such a wonderful place for all!



Mayor's Message

Dear Residents,

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter! Within these pages, you will find the latest city news, and details on upcoming events in our community.

I encourage you to stay tuned for more updates and exciting events.

Together, we are shaping a brighter future for all residents of Cranston, and I am honored to serve as your Mayor.

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Hopkins Formally Declares Candidacy For 2024 Re-Election

CRANSTON - I formally filed my declaration of candidacy for re-election to a second term as Cranston's chief executive on June 24, 2024. I look forward to campaigning and speaking with voters to share my record of accomplishment and message for the next four years.

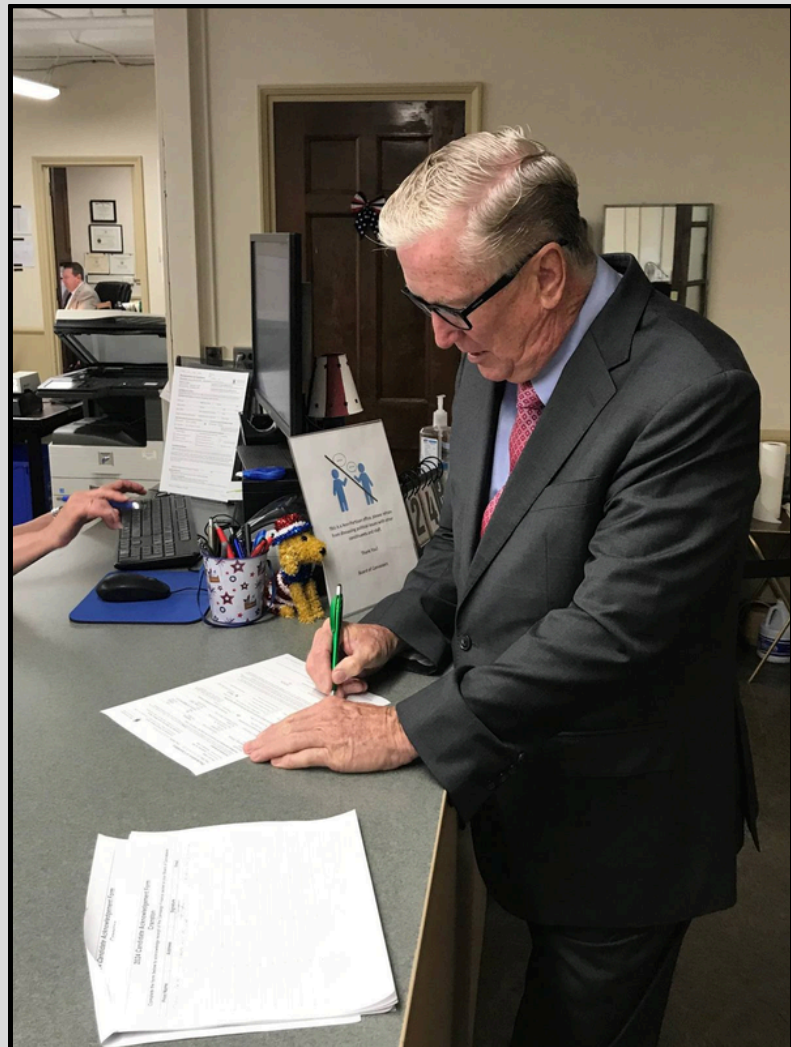
I have been working tirelessly over the last four years for Cranston voters, families and local small businesses. I am running on a proud and strong record of accomplishment to ensure Cranston keeps going in the right direction. Our campaign has been getting a very favorable reaction, and residents want me to continue to protect Cranston with strong leadership to preserve our special quality of life.

Voters know we are getting results for Cranston with achievements like eliminating an inherited \$7.6 million deficit; reducing the city budget and government by \$7.9 million; creating a \$4 million dollar budget surplus last year, strong commitment to our schools and safe neighborhoods.

To get ready for my Sept. 11 primary, I have been hard at work with our Republican leaders to strengthen our party, attract new people to help and encourage great candidates to join me on the Republican ticket. My primary opponent has the luxury to run around the city and deal in distortions and half-truths and offers a campaign that has nothing to do with the future of Cranston.

I have a job to do as mayor and my focus will be to continue to protect Cranston taxpayers and the city's fiscal health. With our professional and capable police department and emergency responders, I will keep Cranston's neighborhoods safe for families, promote a strong business climate and make sure our students are getting a 21st century education.

I know Cranston's future will be bright under my continued administration. There is more work to be done and we cannot risk the great progress we have made together.



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We all Scream for Ice Cream!

I joined the Cranston, RI Police Department and CPDCares to hand out ice cream to students at Oaklawn Elementary School on June 4th. CPDCares and the Haven Brother's Ice Cream Truck stopped at Peters, Oaklawn, Rhodes and Dutemple.

These first schools were picked by the school department based on attendance. CPDCares will ultimately visit every elementary school Cranston.



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CCAP Cuts Ribbon for New Medical Van

I had the honor to join Warwick Mayor Frank Picozzi and other guests to cut the ribbon on the new CCAP Mobile Medical Van on June 25th!

With this mobile unit, CCAP is bringing healthcare directly to the doorsteps of individuals who may face barriers to accessing traditional medical facilities. This van is not just a vehicle; it is a beacon of hope and a symbol of our dedication to ensuring the well-being of every member of our community.

The Mobile Health Unit will accommodate both scheduled appointments and walk-in visits. The van is equipped with two exam rooms, the unit will provide comprehensive primary care and family medicine services. CCAP's Mobile Health Services welcomes patients of all ages, ensuring that families and individuals receive the care they need.

Contact CCAP at 401-427-4080 for more information!



Cranston Libraries, Staff Earn Several Awards

During June's all staff meeting of the Cranston Public Library, I recognized recent award winning employees, and one staff member who reached 45 years of service with our libraries!



Those recognized included: Assistant Library Director Julie Holden named as "Outstanding Librarian of the Year" by the Rhode Island Library Association; Teen Librarian Alyssa Taft named Recent Alumni of the Year by the URI Graduate School of Library and Information Studies; Sarah Bouvier, Communications Manager, and the libraries received two PR Xchange Awards from the American Library Association for the design of their annual impact report and 2023 summer reading program video; and Beth Lewis was celebrated for reaching her 45th year with the Cranston Libraries!

Thank you to each of you, and all of our staff members, for their service to our great City of Cranston!

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RHODE ISLAND 2024 SUMMER & FALL COMMUNITY EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 7/17 TO SUN 7/21

ST MARY'S FEAST
15 PHENIX AVE, CRANSTON RI

FRIDAY 8/30 TO SUNDAY 9/1

SANTA MARIA DI PRATA SOCIETY ANNUAL FEAST
29 WALNUT GROVE AVE, CRANSTON RI

FRIDAY 9/6

GOVERNOR SPRAGUE MANSION'S
75TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND CELEBRATION
1351 CRANSTON ST, CRANSTON RI

SATURDAY 9/7 · 4PM-8PM

A NIGHT MARKET AT THE MANSION
1351 CRANSTON ST, CRANSTON RI

FRIDAY 9/6 TO SUNDAY 9/8

THE 38TH ANNUAL CRANSTON
GREEK FESTIVAL
175 OAKLAWN AVE CRANSTON, RI

SUNDAY 9/22

ANNUAL FALL FEST IN KNIGHTSVILLE
HOSTED BY CPD CARES

MARKETPLACE/FOOD TRUCKS LIVE MUSIC

RI NIGHT MARKET
MULLIGAN'S ISLAND

1000 NEW LONDON AVE, CRANSTON RI

SATURDAY 7/13 · 4PM - RI COUNTRY AND FOLK FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 8/10 · 4PM - RI DOG FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 8/17 · 4PM - TASTE THE WORLD

SATURDAY 9/14 · 11:30AM - AIR JAM INFLATABLES FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 10/6 · 1PM-4PM - CHARACTER CON

FOR MORE INFORMATION: WWW.RINIGHTMARKET.COM

FIRE WORKS

SUNDAY 7/21 · 10PM
ATWOOD AVE FIELD

FARMER'S MARKETS

SATURDAYS 5/4 TO 10/26 · 9AM-12PM
PAWTUXET VILLAGE FARMER'S MARKET
RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET
60 RHODES PLACE, CRANSTON RI

THURSDAYS 6/20 TO 8/15 · 5PM-6:30PM

ONECRANSTON HEZ
FARMER'S MARKET
THE BAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK
135 GANSETT AVE CRANSTON, RI

MOVIES IN THE PARK

ITRI PARK, CRANSTON RI

WEDNESDAY 7/31 · 8:30PM - LUCA
WEDNESDAY 8/14 · 8PM - INSIDE OUT
THURSDAY 8/22 · 8PM - LITTLE GIANTS

COMMUNITY CONCERTS

WILLIAM HALL LIBRARY
1825 BROAD ST, CRANSTON RI

THURSDAY 7/18 · 6:30PM - KELLY AND THE POOR BOYS

TUESDAY 7/23 · 6:30PM - TOE JAM PUPPET BAND

THURSDAY 7/25 · 6:30PM - STONE COLD GYPSIES

TUESDAY 7/30 · 6:30PM - COOL BANANA WIG

THURSDAY 8/8 · 6:30PM - AFTERSHOCK ALLSTAR BIG BAND

THURSDAY, 8/22 · 6:30PM - SMUG HONEY

ITRI PARK, CRANSTON RI

THURSDAY 7/11 · 6:30PM - BILLY SHEARS BAND

THURSDAY 8/1 · 6:30PM - JESSE LIAM BAND

THURSDAY 8/15 · 6:30PM - TO BE CONTINUED BAND

GARDEN CITY, CRANSTON RI

WEDNESDAY 7/24 · 6:30PM - DUELING PIANOS

WEDNESDAY 7/31 · 6:30PM - XS BAND

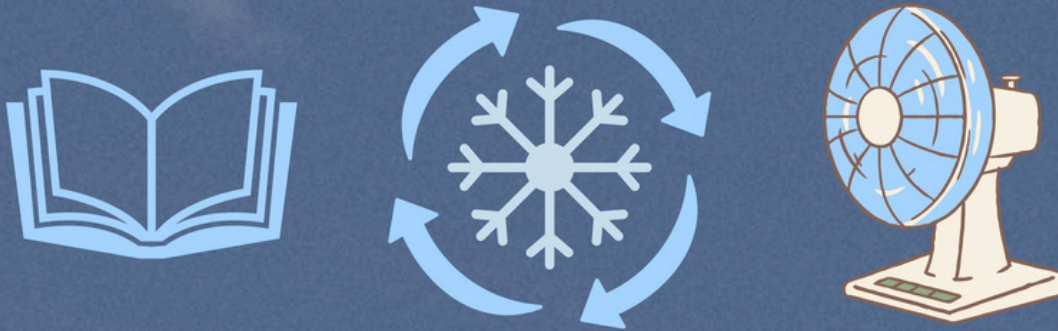
WEDNESDAY 8/7 · 6:30PM - BIG LUX

WEDNESDAY 8/14 · 6:30PM - EAST COAST SOUL



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Mayor Ken Hopkins' Reminder *Cooling Center Locations, Hours*



With high temperatures continuing, Mayor Hopkins reminds residents all Cranston Public Library branches, and the Cranston Senior Enrichment Center will serve as cooling centers during normal business hours.

Hours of operation for each library branch can be found at
cranstonlibrary.org/locations/
All library branches are closed on Sundays.

The Senior Center, at 1070 Cranston Street, is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday, closed Saturday-Sunday.



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2024 Community Swim Program, Splash Pad Hours

CRANSTON – Mayor Hopkins has announced a host of city sponsored programs for the summer. The city's splash pad is open for the season, and a free swim program for city residents at the Cranston YMCA will launch July 5.

“We are thankful to the YMCA for this partnership,” Hopkins said. “The program is designed to cater to individuals of all ages, ensuring everyone can enjoy the benefits of swimming.”

Residents will be able to access the Cranston YMCA pool, at 1225 Park Avenue, Cranston, during listed hours: Mondays, 10 to Noon; Fridays, 4:30 to 6:30 pm; and Saturdays, 1 to 3 pm, from July 5 through August 10, 2024. This program is open to all city residents. Proof of Cranston residency and a registration waiver is required to attend.

To complete the waiver, visit - <https://gpymca.formstack.com/forms/waiver>.

The city's splash pad, located off Oak Street by the Cooney Playground and Hugh B. Bain Middle School adjacent to the Bain walking track, also opened this past Monday, June 24. The splash pad will be operating Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the summer.

The first in the city, Hopkins noted, the splash pad was completed last summer at zero-cost to city taxpayers and was fully supported by Community Development Block Grant funding.



THE CITY OF CRANSTON & CRANSTON YMCA

COMMUNITY SWIM PROGRAM

July 5 - August 10, 2024

Mondays ~ 10 to Noon
Fridays ~ 4:30 to 6:30pm
Saturdays ~ 1 to 3pm

- This program is open to Cranston residents.
- Proof of Cranston residency and a [registration waiver](#) is required to attend.
- Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Participants must bring their own bathing suit and towels. Space is limited to adhere to YMCA safety guidelines.

Participation waiver



CRANSTON YMCA
1225 Park Avenue, Cranston
401-943-0444
gpymca.org



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We had another wonderful year celebrating Gaspee Days in Pawtuxet Village! It was a joy to march in our parade - an annual display of Cranston's vibrant community spirit. Families lined the streets, children waving flags, and neighbors greeting each other with smiles and laughter.

This year's Gaspee Days were truly memorable, thanks to the hard work of the committee and the enthusiastic participation of everyone involved. We look forward to many more years of celebrating this cherished tradition together.

A special shout out goes to Jerry Peshka, one our great employees at Cranston City Hall, who was elected to the role of Gaspee Committee president for his second time ahead of this year's ceremonies!

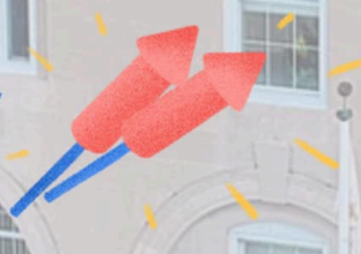


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City Hall Closed July 4.

Mayor Hopkins reminds residents Cranston City Hall will be closed Thursday, July 4, 2024 for observance of

Independence Day



Due to the holiday, Mayor Hopkins reminds residents there will be a one-day delay in waste management services.

If your regular collection day is:
Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri

Your collection day for this week will be:
Mon | Tue | Wed | Fri | Sat

