

# Cranford

## New Jersey

Cranford is a residential town largely developed from the 1880's to 1930's as a suburban community along the Central Railroad of New Jersey and Rahway River. The Rahway River, which snakes through 330 acres of parkland for a distance of five miles, has played a major part in the development of the township for almost three hundred years. In fact at one time the township was known as the "Venice of New Jersey." Cranford has nearly 400 acres of county and municipal parks and open space, and an extensive recreation program with a community center, ball fields, tennis courts, etc. There are three municipal pools operated on a membership basis, and a private pool. The Rahway River meanders through the community, offering canoeing and fishing, as well as ice skating in the winter. Though primarily a residential town, Cranford has a vibrant retail center serving a compact and relatively affluent trade zone in which many business services are available.

**INCORPORATED**  
1871

**POPULATION**  
22,578

**TOTAL SQUARE MILES**  
5.49

**MUNICIPAL ADDRESS**  
8 Springfield Ave.  
Cranford, NJ 07016  
Office Hours  
8:00am - 4:30pm M-F

**MUNICIPAL PHONE # (908)**  
709-7200

**POST OFFICE**  
3 Miln St.  
Cranford, NJ 07016  
(908) 276-3506

**PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
224 Walnut Ave.  
Cranford, NJ 07016  
(908) 709-7272

**PLACES OF WORSHIP**  
Baptist, Catholic, Episcopal,  
Evangelical Lutheran, Greek  
Orthodox, Jehovah's  
Witnesses, Jewish, Methodist,  
Presbyterian

**TRANSPORTATION**  
NJ Transit Rail & Bus Service to New  
York City; Route 22 to major arteries;  
Garden State Pkwy to major highways;  
20 minutes to Newark Airport.

**AREA HOSPITALS**  
Overlook Hospital, Summit  
Children's Specialized Hospital,  
Mountainside

**PARKS AND RECREATION**  
Over 275 acres of county parklands  
nearby, playgrounds, nature centers,  
hiking/biking trails, bridle trails,  
athletic fields, tennis courts; public and  
private swimming pools.

**AREA POINTS OF INTEREST**  
Williams Droscher Mill  
Historical Society Museum  
The Canoe Club  
Lenape Park  
Cranford Dramatic Club  
Sperry Observatory  
Nomahegan Park  
Unami Park

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Thomas Street  
Cranford, NJ 07016  
(908) 272-9100  
Kindergarten Cut-Off Date:  
Must be 5 years old by Oct. 1.  
Half-Day classes

**SCHOOLS**  
5 Elementary 13:1  
1 High 13:1

**AREA COLLEGES AND  
UNIVERSITIES**  
Drew University, Madison  
Kean University, Union  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick  
Seton Hall University, S. Orange  
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison  
Union County College