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MAYOR KEN HOPKINS NEWSLETTER



Chief James Warren retired after 38-years with the Cranston Fire Department

James Warren retired at the end of 2023 after a dedicated 38-year career with the Cranston Fire Department, and three years leading the department as Chief!

He is succeeded by Deputy Chief Robert Ryan at my recommendation, pending approval by the City Council.

Cranston Recognized As One Of The Top Cities In The Nation

"I am very pleased to share the news that Cranston continues to be recognized as one of the top communities in America," announced Hopkins.

Livability.com issued their 2023 Top 100 Livable City Rankings for small and mid-size cities on January 26, 2024. Based on their applied criteria, Cranston was ranked 3rd in the northeast, and 24th out of the 100 cities recognized overall.

This is the city's second recognition of 2023 for its community achievements, the mayor noted. In June of 2023, Fortune Magazine ranked Cranston 38th out of the top 50 communities in the country for families to live in based on affordability, walkability, and other factors.

Hopkins said the Livability.com report cited several major categories they analyzed, including the city's economy, housing and cost of living, amenities, transportation, environment, safety, education, and health. Cranston received the highest grades for amenities, economy, and transportation.

"For all of us who proudly call Cranston home, this news is not surprising," he said. "We have focused so much effort and energy on quality-of-life issues during my first term, it is great for outside groups to validate our efforts... A great report card tells me we are moving Cranston in the right direction."

Cranston Flooding Assistance

The damage caused by this year's severe storms has been devastating, and we understand these have been difficult times for many community members. I want to assure you that we are committed to helping you through this challenging period.

Our city continues to recover from this year's flooding, we've been working tirelessly to help those affected. On Jan. 26th I hosted an info session for residents affected by the recent storms who are eligible for assistance. We were joined by representatives from several local and national agencies, including the U.S. Small Business Administration, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, FEMA, RIEMA, and RI DEM.

I am in continued discussion with Senator Jack Reed and other local officials as I push for expedited state and federal assistance related to the December and January storm events. If you have not done so already, you may report damage to your personal or business property at:
<https://www.cranstonri.gov/storm-damage-assessment-forms/>



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