

Union county citizens are invited to take advantage of free training on using the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) to obtain public documents from their local government on Tuesday, December 7th at 7pm, at the Cranford Community Center located at 220 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, NJ.

The free event is being is sponsored by the Union County Watchdog Association (UCWA) in response to requests from local residents seeking information on how to utilize the OPRA. The New Jersey Foundation for Open Government (NJFOG), a state advocacy organization dedicated to open government, will provide the training and materials. Topics will include an overview of the OPRA, enforcement policies, how to make an effective OPRA request to avoid common mistakes, and much more. The Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) will also be discussed.

The speakers are long-time open government advocates Attorney Walter Luers and John Paff, chairman of the Open Government Task Force of the Libertarian Party.

“Hosting these events in Union County gives us the opportunity to educate the public on their rights and give them the necessary tools to watch over their government” explained Tina Renna, President of the UCWA.

Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited. Reserve your seat early by email at info@UnionCountyWatchdog.org or phone 908-709-0530.