Brief history of Crane Park & neighborhood:

* Crane Park was named after Israel Crane, a prominent local businessman of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. He owned a general store on the corner of Glen Ridge Avenue and Lackawanna Plaza in what was then called Cranetown.
* Crane's presence is still felt in Montclair today. His residence, the [Crane House and Museum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crane_House_and_Museum), still stands today, albeit in a different location than its original site. His family name is still seen in Montclair's town crest.
* In the early 1900’s the Crane House was bought by the Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA) of Montclair-North Essex. The YWCA had been started in 1912 by Alice Hooe Foster, the first African American woman to graduate from Montclair High School.
* The YWCA used the house for offices, dormitories, and as a social center for African American women until 1965. The house was then moved to a new location as a museum and a new building was raised across the street from Crane Park.
* The American Painter George Inness and his family lived in the neighborhood.