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Rahway is.

bringin' the heat
summer '21

THE rahway preview

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mayor's summer concert series

THURSDAYS IN AUGUST
FREE ADMISSION!
FABULOUS ACTS!
GREAT SUMMER FUN!

CONCERTS BEGIN
AT 7:30PM IN FRONT
OF UC PAC

#RahwaysHappening

AUG 5 | The Soul of Broadway

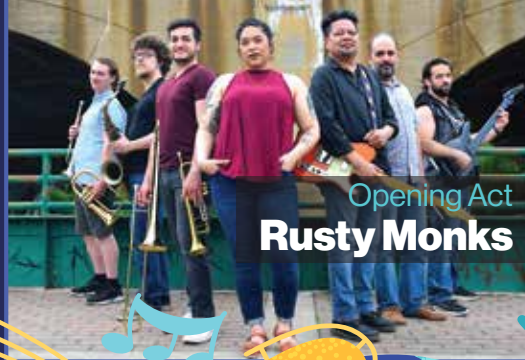


starring
Terron Brooks



Opening Act
Day One

AUG 12 | En Vogue



Opening Act
Rusty Monks

AUG 19 | POP2000 Tour



With a
Special Guest DJ



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from
the mayor's desk



Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe

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Rahway is bringin' the heat! I'm pleased to announce the vibrancy and lively spirit of Rahway's community will be back in full force this summer. Myself and the Rahway City Council have a variety of outdoor events scheduled including the return of major events such as Fourth of July Fireworks, Mayor's Concert Series, Culture Crawl Summer Music Series, and Hot Rods and Harleys. The Rahway River Watershed Association will be expanding their River Fest to a week-long celebration of the Rahway River and by popular demand, the City will continue to

provide socially-distanced family friendly events, such as the Big Summer Nights Drive-In Movie Nights. A new event to look out for is the "Welcome Back Rahway" Wellness Event. This event was created to welcome the community back to the sense of normalcy we have all been longing for, but also to offer resident resources that some may need to continue fighting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Within this Rahway Preview, you will find details of the various events taking place all summer long. I look forward to being able to officially welcome the Rahway community back outside and I, along with the Rahway City Council, cannot wait to celebrate with you.

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BIG SUMMER NIGHTS!

EVERY WEEK THROUGH LABOR DAY
Proudly presented by Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council

RAHWAY FARMERS MARKET
Every Thursday
12pm-7pm
Train Station Plaza

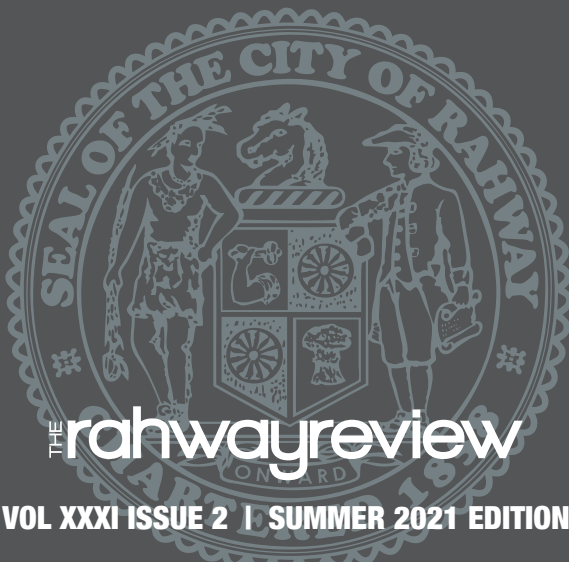
DRIVE IN
Movie Nights
July 1 - THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG
July 8 - ELF
July 15 - ONWARD
July 22 - ZOOTOPIA
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FOR REGISTRATION INFO

Jazz trax
AUGUST 7 - Reut Regev's R*Time
AUGUST 14 - James Popik & Supernova
AUGUST 21 - The Joe Lisa Trio
AUGUST 28 - Camplicated
4pm-7pm
Location
Train Station Plaza

Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe's
SUMMER 2021 CONCERT SERIES

BIG SUMMER NIGHTS RAHWAY

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- Building Inspector..... 827-2087
- City Clerk..... 827-2100
- Community Development..... 827-2193
- Comptroller/Finance..... 827-2020
- Municipal Court..... 827-2039
- Economic Development 827-2181
- Emergency Management..... 827-2120
- Engineering..... 827-2183
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- Fire Prevention Bureau..... 827-2133
- First Aid..... 911
- Health Department..... 827-2085
- Mayor's Office..... 827-2009
- Municipal Administrator..... 827-2001
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- Recreation..... 669-3600
- Recycling 827-2159
- Tax Assessor..... 827-2030
- Tax Collector 827-2050
- SUEZ-Rahway 827-0748
- Vital Statistics 827-2085

Helpful Numbers

- Board of Education..... 396-1000
- RWJU Hospital at Rahway 381-4200
- Rahway Library 340-1551
- NJ Transit 973-275-5555
- P.A.L. Hot Line..... 827-2097
- Parking Utility 381-8778
- Post Office 388-3264
- Rahway Redevelopment Agency 827-2001
- Rahway Y.M.C.A. 388-0057
- Union County
- Performing Arts Center 499-8226

Rahway Schools

- Superintendent's Office..... 396-1020
- Business Administrator..... 396-1010
- Services for Children..... 396-1035
- Rahway High School..... 396-1090
- 7th & 8th Grade Academy..... 396-1025
- Grover Cleveland School..... 396-1040
- Franklin School 396-1050
- Madison School 396-1070
- Roosevelt School..... 396-1060



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Rahway is bringin' the heat

The City of Rahway invites you to be a part of these safe, free, community wellness events!

JULY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Big Summer Nights Movie Family Fun Night on Zoom	2 Fireworks at City Hall Plaza	3
4	5	6 Toddler Time on Facebook	7	8 Big Summer Nights Movie Family Fun Night on Zoom	9 The Paseo Music Series	10 Culture Crawl Summer Music
11	12	13 Toddler Time on Facebook	14	15 Big Summer Nights Movie Family Fun Night on Zoom	16 The Paseo Music Series	17 Bohemian Pop-Up Festival
18	19	20 Toddler Time on Facebook	21	22 Big Summer Nights Movie Family Fun Night on Zoom	23 The Paseo Music Series	24 Culture Crawl Summer Music
25	26 Summer Art Workshop	27 Toddler Time on Facebook Summer Art Workshop	28 Summer Art Workshop Graphic Novel Book Club	29 Family Fun Night on Zoom Summer Art Workshop	30 Summer Art Workshop The Paseo Music Series	31



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To enroll in these events, or for more details please visit CityofRahway.com/bringintheheat

Here's What's Happening - at a glance!

- Toddler Time on Facebook Live –Rahway Library** Tuesdays, 10:30AM
- Big Summer Nights Drive-In Movie –The Princess and the Frog** Thursday, July 1, 8PM, Hamilton Stage
- Family Fun Night on Zoom –Rahway Library** Thursdays, 6:30PM
- Fireworks at City Hall Plaza!** Friday, July 3, 9PM
- Big Summer Nights Drive-In Movie –Elf** Thursday, July 8, 8PM, Hamilton Stage
- The Paseo Music Series –Mark Mayer** The Paseo, Friday, July 9, 6:30-9:30PM
- Culture Crawl Summer Music Series –Vintage Property** Rahway Arts Park, Saturday, July 10, 6-8PM
- Big Summer Nights Drive-In Movie –Onward** Thursday, July 15, 8PM, Hamilton Stage
- The Paseo Music Series –Kayka** The Paseo, Friday, July 16, 6:30-9:30PM
- Downtown Bohemian Pop-Up Festival –Short Films and Poetry** Saturday, July 17, 4-7PM, The Gallery Space
- Big Summer Nights Drive-In Movie –Zootopia** Thursday, July 22, 8PM, Hamilton Stage
- The Paseo Music Series –Sweater Pills** The Paseo, Friday, July 23, 6:30-9:30PM
- Culture Crawl Summer Music Series –The Foes of Fem** Rahway Arts Park, Saturday, July 24, 6-8PM
- Summer Art Workshop** Week 1: July 26-July 30 The Gallery Space
- The Paseo Music Series –Jeiris Cook** The Paseo, Friday, July 30, 6:30-9:30PM
- Graphic Novel Book Club –Rahway Library** Wednesdays, July 28, and August 25, 6:30PM
- Summer Art Workshop** Week 2: August 2 - August 6, The Gallery Space
- Mayor's Summer Concert Series –The Soul of Broadway/Day One** UCPAC, Thursday, August 5, 7:30PM
- The Paseo Music Series –Herve Gaspard** The Paseo, Friday, August 6, 6:30-9:30PM
- Jazz Trax Music Series –Reut Regev's R*Time** Rahway Train Station Plaza, Saturday, August 7, 4-7PM
- Culture Crawl Summer Music Series –Jivestock** Rahway Arts Park, Saturday, August 7, 6-8PM
- Summer Art Workshop** Week 3: August 9- August 13, The Gallery Space
- Mayor's Summer Concert Series –En Vogue/Rusty Monks** UCPAC, Thursday, August 12, 7:30PM
- The Paseo Music Series –VP Unplugged** The Paseo, Friday, August 13, 6:30-9:30PM
- Jazz Trax Music Series –James Popik & Supernova** Train Station Plaza, Saturday, August 14, 4-7PM
- Summer Art Workshop** Week 4: August 16 - August 20, The Gallery Space
- Tapas Trail –Friends of the Rahway Library** Downtown Rahway, Wednesdays, August 18, Time TBD
- Mayor's Summer Concert Series –POP2000 Tour/With Guest DJ** UCPAC, Thursday, August 19, 7:30PM
- The Paseo Music Series –Holzli** The Paseo, Friday, August 20, 6:30-9:30PM
- RiverFest Big Community Cleanup** Downtown Rahway Saturday, August 21, 11AM
- Jazz Trax Music Series –The Joe Lisa Trio** Train Station Plaza, Saturday, August 21, 4-7PM
- Culture Crawl Summer Music Series –Andy Lackow and Mess Around** Rahway Arts Park, Saturday, August 21, 6-8PM
- RiverFest Lantern Float** Rahway River Park, Sunday, August 22, 12PM
- RiverFest Riverlore** Merchants & Drivers Tavern, Tuesday, August 24, 7PM
- RiverFest Swamp Soiree** Hamilton Stage Wednesday, August 25, 7PM
- RiverFest Rhythm & Brews** Wet Ticket Brewing Thursday, August 26
- RiverFest Creature Crawl** Downtown Rahway Friday, August 27, 5PM
- The Paseo Music Series –Al Reynolds** The Paseo, Friday, August 27, 6:30-9:30PM
- RiverFest Spanktown Splash Canoe/ Kayak Race –Rahway Yacht Club** Saturday, August 28, 11AM
- Jazz Trax Music Series –Camplicated** Train Station Plaza, Saturday, August 28, 4-7PM
- Downtown Bohemian Pop-Up Festival –Poetry & Jazz** Saturday, September 4, 4-7PM, Train Station Plaza
- Culture Crawl Summer Music Series –Damian and the DCQ** Rahway Arts Park, Saturday, September 4, 6-8PM
- Culture Crawl Summer Music Series –Day One** Rahway Arts Park, Saturday, September 11, 6-8PM
- Hot Rods & Harleys** Downtown Rahway, Saturday, September 18, 11AM - 4PM

AUGUST 2021



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1	2 Summer Art Workshop	3 Toddler Time on Facebook Summer Art Workshop	4 Summer Art Workshop	5 Family Fun Night on Zoom Summer Art Workshop Mayor's Summer Concert	6 Summer Art Workshop The Paseo Music Series	7 Culture Crawl Summer Music Jazz Trax Music Series
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22 RiverFest Lantern Float	23	24 Toddler Time on Facebook RiverFest RiverLore	25 Graphic Novel Book Club RiverFest Swamp Soiree	26 Family Fun Night on Zoom RiverFest Rhythm & Brews	27 RiverFest Creature Crawl The Paseo Music Series	28 RiverFest Spantown Splash Jazz Trax Music Series
29	30	31 Toddler Time on Facebook				

SEPT 2021



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Family Fun Night on Zoom	2 Family Fun Night on Zoom	3 Family Fun Night on Zoom	4 Culture Crawl Summer Music Bohemian Pop-Up Festival
5	6	7 Toddler Time on Facebook	8 Family Fun Night on Zoom	9 Family Fun Night on Zoom	10 Family Fun Night on Zoom	11 Culture Crawl Summer Music
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Mayor Giacobbe Announces 0% Tax Increase

The COVID19 pandemic has negatively impacted all of us in many ways.

Mayor Giacobbe and his administration have made every effort to mitigate the widespread effects of the pandemic. In

addition to the public health and societal impacts, many of our residents and businesses have been impacted financially.

Given this, in planning the municipal budget for the 2021 calendar year, Mayor Giacob-

be's goal was to introduce a 0% tax increase budget that continued to provide the same levers and quality of service that residents are accustomed to.

In a Special Meeting of City Council held

on May 19, 2021, that goal came to fruition, as Council introduced a municipal budget incorporating a 0% increase.

Property taxes paid by Rahway residents are allocated to three entities. Approximately 39% is utilized

by the municipal and the public library. Approximately 46% goes to Rahway Public Schools, while the remaining 15% goes to Union County. Both the schools and the county have previously announced that

there would be a 0% tax increase in their budgets.

Mayor Giacobbe is extremely proud of this outcome, which is intended to provide much-needed financial relief to our residents.



Mayor Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council to host Welcome Back Rahway Wellness Event

As most of the mandates and restrictions related to COVID-19 have been lifted state-wide, Mayor Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council sought to find a way to not only welcome our residents back to a sense of normalcy, but also to acknowledge the impact the pandemic has had on our overall health and wellness. From total lockdown to loss of loved ones, and parents turned full time teachers, we have ridden this rollercoaster together. Let us

continue this togetherness as we begin to assimilate back into our community.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, during August 2020-February 2021, the percentage of adults with recent symptoms of an anxiety or depressive disorder increased from 36.4% to 41.5% and the percentage of those reporting an unmet mental health care need increased from 9.2% to 11.7%. Mayor Giacobbe and the Rahway City

Council want to ensure that our residents have access to any assistance that may be needed to continue the fight against COVID-19 and its residual effects.

To help support all aspects of our well-being, the city will present a wellness event. This event will take place on Saturday, July 31 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm at the Train Station Plaza and present a range of resources to support our residents' physical and mental health.



Rahway is Arts Mural Paintings

Mayor Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council continue to prove that Rahway is not only a city that welcomes art but one that celebrates it and integrates it into the community regularly. Recently, artist Joe Geis had the opportunity to showcase his artistry by painting the Lewis Street Pavilion and the storage structure at Brennan Field. The bright, colorful pieces have received lot of attention and praise, so the City took the opportunity to find out more information about the artist and his inspiration.

Are you local to Rahway? How long have you lived here?
I was born and raised in Rahway and lived there until I was 20. I spent the

last 10 plus years in New York City, but relocated to Nashville, Tennessee at the beginning of 2021.

What was your inspiration for your designs for the Pavilion/Brennan Field?

My goal was to bring some color to my hometown and add to all the other positive changes happening in Rahway. These murals were inspired by the diversity of Rahway. I wanted to create pieces that were bright, inviting, and open to interpretation by all.

Do you have any other local work around town?

A few summers ago I also worked with the Rahway Arts and Business Partnership to paint small murals on 3 of the NJ Transit bus

stops downtown.

Is there anything you would like to say about your work being highlighted in Rahway?

I feel very grateful for being invited back to my hometown to share some of the work that have spent the last 5 years creating. I used to work a block away from the Lewis Street Pavilion at the Waiting Room and played soccer for over a decade at Brennan Field, so it was a special experience for me. Working with the Mayor and everyone else at the City of Rahway has been such a pleasure, and it has been great to see so many familiar faces and catch up with old friends I have not seen in years.



Mayor Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council Present

#rahway IS HAPPENING

2021

Stay in the know with upcoming events that are added to the calendar throughout the year.

Please visit the City of Rahway, Rahway Recreation Center and the Rahway Public Library on the web and social media for latest information.

CELEBRATE THE RAHWAY RIVER!
AUGUST 21 - 28, 2021 · RAHWAY, NJ
 Presented by The Rahway River Watershed Association
 Sponsored by The City Of Rahway




BIG COMMUNITY CLEANUP SAT - AUGUST 21 DOWNTOWN RAHWAY	SWAMP SOIREE WEDS - AUGUST 25 HAMILTON STAGE
LANTERN FLOAT SUN - AUGUST 22 RAHWAY RIVER PARK	RHYTHM AND BREWS THURS - AUGUST 26 WET TICKET BREWING
RIVERLORE TUES - AUGUST 24 MERCHANTS AND DROVERS TAVERN	CREATURE CRAWL FRI - AUGUST 27 DOWNTOWN RAHWAY
	SPANKTOWN SPLASH SAT - AUGUST 28 RAHWAY YACHT CLUB

RRWA
Rahway River Watershed Association
RahwayRiver.org
Check the Rahway River Watershed Association facebook page and website for information on these events, activities, exhibits and more.

One of our most popular events is back in town.

NOT RODS & HARLEYS
 ANNUAL CAR & BIKE SHOW *Music Fest* RAHWAY NJ



SEPTEMBER 18 • 2021 • 11AM - 6PM

Come out and celebrate! This beloved and popular event, now in its 19th year, brings the excitement of classic cars, custom motorcycles, street vendors, live music and tons of fun!

Summer PROGRAMMING
 STARTING IN JULY (unless noted otherwise)

Youth Outdoor Programming Playtime in the Park 7/6-8/13, 9:00am-2:00pm Intro to Soccer Wednesdays, 9:15am-10:00am Intro to Arts and Crafts Wednesdays, 10:15am-11:00am Quickstart Tennis Level 1 Ages 5-7 Saturdays, 9:30am-10:30am	Level 2 Ages 8-10 Saturdays, 10:45am-11:45am Beginner Tennis Ages 11-17 Saturdays, 12:00pm-1:00pm Mixed Age Advanced Tennis 11-17 Saturdays, 1:00pm-2:00pm	Senior Programming Senior Walking Club Mondays, 9:00am-10:00am Line Dancing Mondays, 9:00am-10:00am Strength and Conditioning Mondays, 1:00pm-1:45pm Exercise Class with Debbie Tuesdays, 8:30am-9:15am Watercolor/Pastels Tuesdays, 10:00am-11:30am Acrylic Painting Tuesdays, 11:45am-1:15pm Tai Chi Wednesdays, 9:00am-10:00am Strength and Conditioning Wednesdays, 1:00pm-1:45pm Exercise Class with Debbie Thursdays, 8:30am-9:15am Cross Stitch Thursdays, 9:00am-10:30am Crochet Thursdays, 10:45am-12:15pm Memoir Writing Fridays, 10:00am-11:30am
Adult Programming Adult Tennis Beginner Mondays, 7:00pm-8:00pm Adult Tennis Intermediate Tuesdays, 7:00pm-9:00pm Walk and Tone - WEATHER PERMITTING Tuesday, 9:30am-10:15am Live Well FREE Yoga Tuesday, 6:00pm-7:00pm Yoga - WEATHER PERMITTING Wednesday, 9:00am-10:00am	Cycle and Core Wednesday, 5:30pm-6:30pm Adult Tennis Advanced Thursday, 7:00pm-9:00pm Total Body Conditioning Thursday, 9:30am-10:15am Cardio Body Sculpting Friday, 9:00am-10:00am	

FOR FULL LIST OF CLASSES, DETAILS, AND REGISTRATION INFO PLEASE GO TO WWW.CITYOFRAHWAY.ORG/DEPARTMENTS/PARKS-AND-RECREATION

2021 SUMMER ART WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS & TEENS

WEEK 1: July 26-July 30 • WEEK 2: Aug 2-Aug 6
 WEEK 3: Aug 9-Aug 13 • WEEK 4: Aug 16-Aug 20
 Each Class/Workshop runs Mon-Fri (One-Week Sessions)

Kids: \$45 Residents / \$55 Non-Residents
 Teens: \$50 Residents / \$60 Non-Residents
 All prices are for one 5-day workshop
 ALL ART SUPPLIES PROVIDED

Kids Workshops (Ages 6-11) Drawing 9:00 AM-10:30 AM Painting 10:45 AM-12:15 PM Sculpture 12:45 PM-2:15 PM	Teen Workshops (Ages 12-16) Create An Art Story 2:30 PM-4:00 PM (Weeks 1 & 2 ONLY) Cartooning 2:30 PM-4:00 PM (Weeks 3 & 4 ONLY) Japanese MANGA Cartooning 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Acrylic Painting 11:15 am-1:15 PM Sculpture/3D 1:45 PM-3:45 PM
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