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The Rahway Review

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A Message from The Mayor: **Embracing the Beauty of Seasonal Change** Rahway Celebrates Our City's Community Spirit

As we approach the end of 2023, it is my pleasure to share the Fall/Winter edition of the Rahway Review. In this issue, you will see highlights from this past summer, as well as a calendar of events for the remainder of the year. We have a lot to look forward to, including the Halloween Spooktacular, the Craft and Art Fair, the annual Tree Lighting, Winter Wonderlands, and so much more.

Over the summer, the Brennan Spray Park officially opened for our young residents to enjoy and the Hamilton Stage reopened its door for the first time since Hurricane Ida. The Special Improvement District was hard at work welcoming eight new businesses to Rahway, while the Division of Senior Services held several fun and educational events for our seniors.

The Rahway Fire Department has kept up to date with the latest trainings, including Swift

Water Rescue to add water-based emergencies to their skillset, and has provided fire safety information for owners of electric bikes and scooters. The Rahway Police Department hosted a successful National Night Out, and has since promoted three members of the department to the rank of Captain.

Additionally, the Department of Public Works has planned ahead with guides on leaf collection and the Cut It & Leave It Program as well as helpful tips for the winter season.

I hope that everyone has a great rest of the year, and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone to close out 2023 with the Rahway community.

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Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe



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CITY OF RAHWAY Municipal Directory

If you are prompted to leave a message when calling any of the following numbers, please be assured that your call will be returned as soon as possible. All area codes are 732 unless otherwise specified.

Municipal Offices

Building Inspector.....	827-2087
City Clerk.....	827-2100
Economic Development	827-2193
Emergency Management.....	827-2120
Engineering and Land Use	827-2176
Finance.....	827-2020
Fire (non-emergency)	827-2155
Fire Prevention Bureau.....	827-2133
First Aid.....	911
Health Department	827-2085
Mayor's Office.....	827-2009
Municipal Administrator.....	827-2001
Municipal Court.....	827-2039
Police (non-emergency).....	827-2200
Property Maintenance	827-2199
Public Works.....	827-2060
Rahway Special Improvement District	827-2193
Recreation.....	669-3600
Recycling	827-2159
Tax Assessor.....	827-2030
Tax Collector	827-2050
SUEZ-Rahway (Veolia).....	(877) 303-2435
Vital Statistics	827-2172

Helpful Numbers

Board of Education.....	396-1000
NJ Transit	973-275-5555
Parking Utility	381-8778
Police Athletic League.....	827-2097
Post Office	388-3264
Rahway Library	340-1551
Rahway Redevelopment Agency	827-2001
Rahway Y.M.C.A.	388-0057
RWJU Hospital at Rahway	381-4200
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
Franklin School	396-1050
Grover Cleveland School.....	396-1040
Madison School	396-1070
Roosevelt School	396-1060

The Rahway Review keeps citizens informed of important programs and events that the administration has developed in efforts to improve the quality of life in Rahway. 13,000 newsletters are printed and mailed to each postal customer in the City of Rahway. Others are distributed by request to individuals, companies and organizations interested in living or doing business in the City. Although great care has been taken to ensure that information contained in this newsletter is accurate, the City of Rahway assumes no liability for errors or omissions. The Rahway Review welcomes comments and concerns from its readers. These may be sent to:

City of Rahway • Office of the Mayor
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Rahway Special Improvement District



Rahway's Special Improvement District (SID) is pleased to highlight local businesses that shape our City and provides them with a solid foundation to prosper. Recognizing and supporting the rich, diverse make up of our neighborhood entrepreneurs helps create a sustainable and healthy local economy that improves the quality of life for all in our City. By shopping small, you can support the very businesses that serve as the backbone of Rahway. With Small Business Saturday coming up on November 25, be sure to visit www.RahwayIsHappening.com and follow the SID on Facebook and Instagram @RahwayIsHappening to stay up to date on offerings and promotions from our businesses.

NEW BUSINESS: The City welcomes you!

Copacabana Coffee & Bagels

On June 29, Mayor Giacobbe cut the ribbon to welcome Copacabana Coffee & Bagels to Rahway. Owner Hani Eldieb roasts his own coffee beans and bakes handmade croissants and bagels each day to provide the freshest breakfast and lunch options around. Copacabana is located at 77 E. Milton Ave., right across from the Rahway Train Station.



WhitPR

Rahway officially welcomed WhitPR on June 15 to the newly renovated Rahway National located at 1420 Irving Street. As an award winning, woman owned, nationally recognized strategic communications firm, WhitPR merges creative strategies to promote culturally diverse clients to the right audience.



Wholly Cow

Wholly Cow Gelato officially opened its doors with a ribbon cutting and grand opening on July 20. Located at 1542 Main Street, Wholly Cow offers authentic Italian gelato and premium locally roasted coffee. Be sure to stop in and check out their full menu and try out an early fan favorite, the gelato sandwich!



She Too Fitness

She Too Fitness, located at 1571 Irving Street, officially opened its door with an official ribbon cutting and grand opening on August 5. Co-owners Diana Arriaza-Figueroa and Nasir Guest offer personal training, group fitness, and nutritional support.



Rahway Pharmacy

Rahway Pharmacy joined our thriving downtown area with their ribbon cutting and grand opening on May 25 surrounded by friends and family at their 1421 Irving Street location. Rahway Pharmacy offers pharmaceutical services, and sells over the counter medications, personal care and hygiene products, and more.



Merck

On June 20, Merck re-established their global headquarters right here in the great City of Rahway. Mayor Giacobbe participated in the official ribbon cutting alongside Merck Chairman and CEO Rob Davis, Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Nick Scutari, Assemblyman James Kennedy, Mayor of Linden Derek Armstead, and the other dignitaries in attendance.



Dream's Hair Studio

On August 17, we welcomed Dream's Hair Studio, owner Sade Mancias, and her staff to Rahway with an official ribbon cutting. Dream's Hair Studio, located at 1516 Irving Street, is a family-owned, full-service salon that takes pride in offering the latest styles for men and women.



Cholao El P'Tas

Cholao El P'Tas, located at 1831 Paterson Street, had their official ribbon cutting and grand opening on August 23. Cholao El P'Tas brings classic Columbian desserts and sweet treats to Rahway including cholao, an icy beverage made with fresh fruit and condensed milk.



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Rahway Arts and Community



Halloween Spooktacular!

On Thursday, October 19, Rahway Seniors can attend the annual Senior Halloween Party at 12:00 PM at the Rahway Recreation Center. Tickets are available for \$3 at the Rahway Senior Center until October 10 when ticket prices increase to \$8. The party will include music, lunch, and door prizes. Costumes are optional. For more information please call (732) 827-2016.

On Friday, October 20 from 6:00-8:30 PM, the City of Rahway, in collaboration with the Union County Board of County Commissioners, invites residents with disabilities and special needs, ages 16 and older, to enjoy the 2023 Halloween Bash - a dance party with games, activities, haunted rooms, costume contests, and arts and crafts projects. Pre-registration is required for this free event online at ucnj.org/opdsn-reg. For more information, contact the Union County Office for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs at (908) 527-4781.

Finally, the Halloween Parade and Spooktacular return to Rahway on Saturday, October 28. Residents are encouraged to dress up and meet at the Hamilton Stage parking lot, located at 360 Hamilton Street, for the parade departure at 2:00 PM. The parade will continue down Irving Street, stopping at Train Station Plaza where the Spooktacular festivities will continue until 5:00 PM with carnival style games, stilt walkers, face painters, Halloween music, goody bags, strolling characters, and prizes for best costumes. Registration is required. For more information and to register, please visit www.cityofrahway.com/halloween.



Rahway Craft and Art Fair

Rahway's annual Craft & Art Fair, organized by The Gallery Space, returns to the Rahway Recreation Center

on Saturday, November 4 from 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The fair offers a wide range of original handmade crafts and artworks which will include hand-sewn quilts, stained glass objects, handmade jewelry, wood crafts, crocheted items, handbags, decorative bottles, and much more. Fine art such as drawings, small paintings, photographs, silk screen prints, etchings, linocuts, small sculptures, and more will be available as well.

The Gallery Space is Rahway's own art center and gallery, located at 1670 Irving Street, and features monthly exhibits, events, workshops and seasonal art programs for both adults and children. This year's fall lineup of adult programming includes Drawing Principals, Painting with Oils and Acrylic, and Oil Painting Basics and Beyond. This year's youth lineup of programming includes Drawing Exploration, Acrylic Painting, Sculpture, and Manga Cartooning.

For more information about the Craft & Art Fair, art programming, and exhibits please visit www.galleryspacerahway.com.



Prime Time Music Series

The Prime Time Music Series, featuring Don Braden on Friday, October 13 at 8:00 PM and Reut

Regev's R*time on Friday, November 17 at 8:00 PM will take place at the Rahway Senior Center.

Don Braden is a Jazz musician of the highest caliber who has toured the world for over 30 years leading his own ensembles on saxophone and flute, as a special guest, and as a sideman with many of jazz's greats.

Reut Regev's R*time is a trombonist-led, genre-defying, progressive Jazz-soul band. Trombonist Reut Regev has been creating and exploring music in New York for over 20 years and enjoys playing with some of the most influential experimental composers and bands to blend styles, cultures, and traditional sounds.

Admission to the Prime Time Music Series is free, but reservations are required at register.communitypass.net/rahway. There is a maximum of two tickets per household per concert. For more information, contact Larry Cappiello at lcappiello@cityofrahway.com or (732) 827-2210.



Holiday Tree Lighting, Winter Wonderland and Santa!

Santa will be preparing for the holidays by visiting downtown Rahway on select dates in November and December.

His first stop is Rahway's annual Tree Lighting on Friday, November 24 from 2:00-6:00 PM at City Hall Plaza. From 2:00-5:00 PM, there will be bounce houses, live music performances, pictures with the Grinch, stilt walkers, carolers, hot chocolate giveaways, and more. At 6:00 PM, Santa will lead a short parade down Milton Ave., ending at City Hall Plaza, where he will light the tree and stay for photos.

For children with disabilities and special needs that want to meet Santa in a more sensory friendly environment, be sure to stop by the Rahway Recreation Center on Saturday November 25th for photos with Sensory Friendly Santa from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

The holiday spirit continues with our Winter Wonderland Series throughout Train Station Plaza, Cherry Street, and Arts District Park from 4:00-7:00 PM on Friday, December 1 and Friday, December 15. There will be pictures with bilingual Santa and the Grinch, live carolers, hot chocolate, giveaways, face painting, stilt walkers and more.

Santa makes his last stop in Rahway on Saturday, December 16 for the annual Santa on Parade as he makes his way around Rahway starting at 12:00 PM. You can track his live location through Facebook (@CityofRahwayNJ) and Instagram (@CityofRahway) stories.

mayor's summer concert series

The Mayor's Summer Concert Series returned on Thursdays from July 27 through August 24 in front of the Union County Performing Arts Center with its biggest performances yet. This year's star-studded lineup featured a diverse mix of genres and artists including Coro, Lisette Melendez, La Pachamambo, Brian McKnight, Rusty Monks, AB Salute House with DJ Ras Anthony, DJ Mark Francis, & JUSTHEDj, Day One, The Midnight Rock Show, and The Kings of Queen.



Lisette Melendez



La Pachamambo



Brian McKnight



ABSalute House



Kings of Queen

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Council in the Community! Rahway City Council

The members of the Rahway City Council take great pride in their active involvement within the community by presenting and participating in the wide range of City events offered throughout the year alongside Mayor Giacobbe. These events provide the opportunity for Councilmembers to engage with residents from their wards, and throughout Rahway, to foster a strong sense of community and connection.

Our Councilmembers' dedication to Rahway is a driving force that continues to push our great City forward. From cultural celebrations to art and music festivals, these collaborative efforts showcase the vibrance, diversity, and charm of our City to provide memorable experiences for individuals of all backgrounds.



- 1-Pride Flag Raising Ceremony at City Hall Plaza 2-Juneteenth Flag Raising Ceremony at Train Station Plaza
- 3-Juneteenth Celebration at the Rahway Recreation Center 4-Street dedication for Mayor Daniel Martin on Hamilton Street
- 5-Mayor's Summer Concert Series featuring Coro & Lisette Melendez outside of UCPAC
- 6-Monthly Mayor's Birthday Club Luncheon at the Rahway Senior Center 7-National Night Out at Train Station Plaza
- 8-Mayor's Summer Concert series featuring Brian McKnight at UCPAC
- 9-Brennan Spray Park Ribbon Cutting at Brennan Field

City of Rahway Ward Map: Get to know your Representative



Mayor
Raymond A. Giacobbe

Rahway City Council

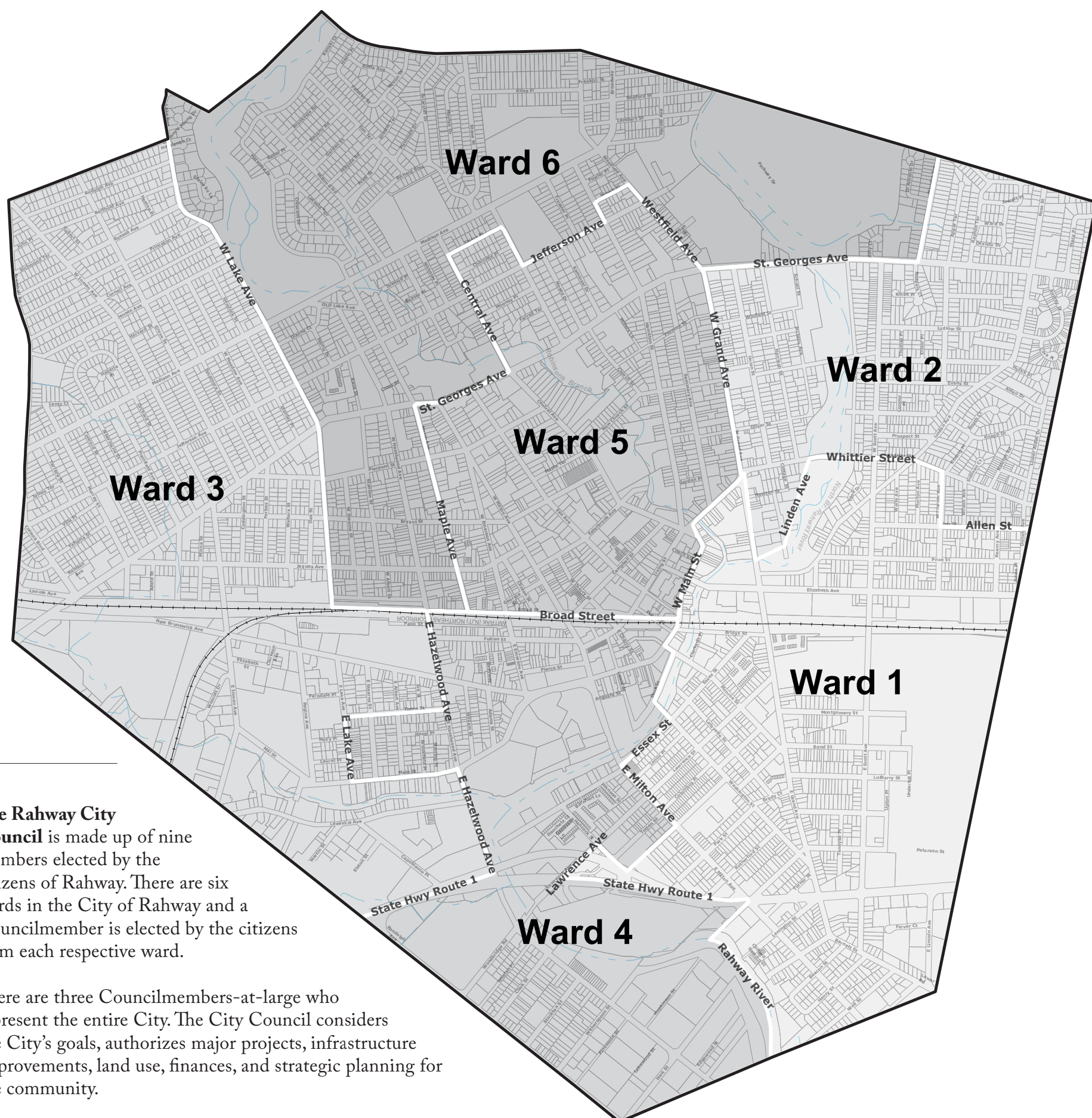


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The Rahway City Council is made up of nine members elected by the citizens of Rahway. There are six wards in the City of Rahway and a Councilmember is elected by the citizens from each respective ward.

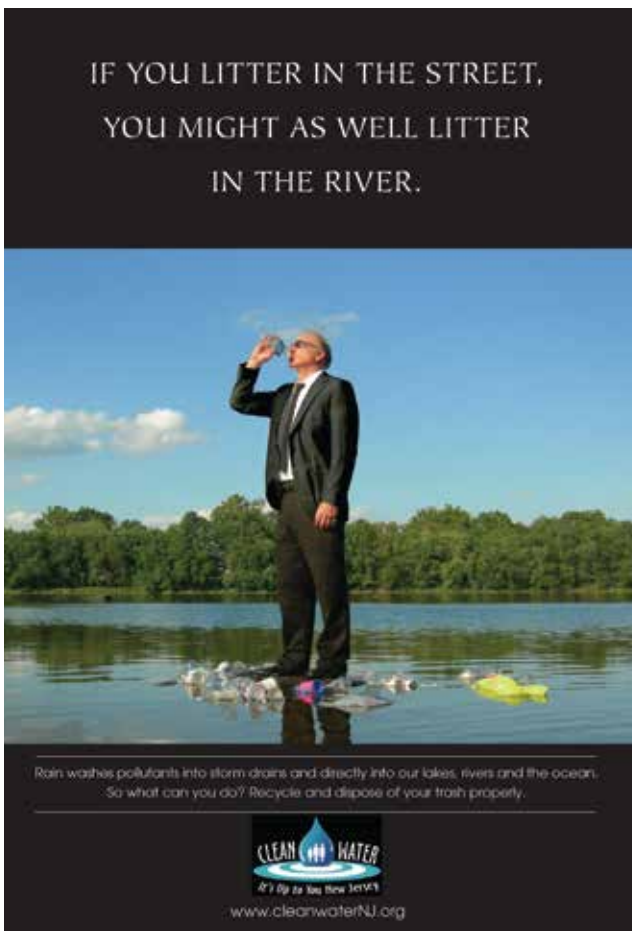
There are three Councilmembers-at-large who represent the entire City. The City Council considers the City's goals, authorizes major projects, infrastructure improvements, land use, finances, and strategic planning for the community.

The Rahway Municipal Clerk is Secretary to both City Council and Administration. The Clerk is tasked with preparing and distributing meeting agendas, attending all meetings of the governing body, maintaining minutes of the proceedings of every meeting, certifying, and retaining the original copies of all ordinances and resolutions, and placing legal notices. To contact the Rahway Municipal Clerk's Office, please call 732-827-2100.

City of Rahway Engineering Division

BRENNAN SPRAY PARK

The Brennan Spray Park, located at 777 Ferndale Place, was completed and ready to go for the 2023 summer season. The spray park is a multi-fixture spray park area that provides a fun, interactive, and accessible recreational space for the Rahway community. The Brennan Spray Park was designed with the environment in mind by implementing a water system which filters and recirculates the water used for the park. The recirculating system reduce the environmental impact of water demand while providing a clean and safe activity for our youth.



HAMILTON STAGE REOPENING

Since 2012, the Hamilton Stage has been one of Rahway's iconic homes for the arts in our downtown area. The space has hosted concerts, plays, ballets, readings, art galleries, benefits, classes, and more, all in the name of strengthening and expanding the unique art

community in Rahway. In June 2023, the Hamilton Stage officially reopened its doors for the first time since Hurricane Ida to welcome the arts once again. The Hamilton Stage is part of the Union County Performing Arts Center, and is located at 360 Hamilton St.



CITY OF RAHWAY: FLOOD PROTECTION INFORMATION

The City of Rahway is a participant in a federally subsidized program that has allowed most property owners to purchase flood insurance with up to a 20% discount on their flood insurance premiums. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), requires that the City adopt specific flood damage reduction education, planning and building criteria.

In an effort to inform residents and property owners of the presence of flood hazards in Rahway and to suggest possible actions that may be taken to protect persons and property, the following article is being sent to you because the City of Rahway has many flood prone areas and your property may be susceptible to flooding.

Flood Insurance

Most homeowner insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods. However, since Rahway is a participant in the NFIP, it is possible for property owners to obtain federally backed flood insurance. This insurance is available to any owner of insurable property (a building and/or its contents) in Rahway. Tenants may also insure their personal property against flood loss. Also, most flood insurance policy holders in Rahway benefit from premium discounts. This is due to the City's extensive efforts to obtain credits, through the Community Rating System (CRS), to maintain specific measures for flood damage reduction.

The City strongly urges you to buy flood insurance as needed to protect yourself from devastating losses due to flooding. Following the purchase of flood insurance, NFIP imposes a 30-day waiting period, so residents should purchase insurance before the onset of the rainy season to ensure coverage during the flooding season. You can find out if your property is located in a special flood hazard area through the Office of the City Engineer at (732) 827-2176.

The local flood hazard

The areas in and around the North and South Branches of the Rahway River, the Robinson's Branch of the Rahway River, the Orchard St. Brook, Maurice Avenue Brook, Allen Street Brook, Milton Lake, Rahway River Park and certain other watercourses are subject to flooding. Flooding occurs in Rahway because the flood carrying capacities of the river channels are exceeded, which is caused by a number of factors, such as record rainfall intensities and increased impervious surfaces

due to upstream development. Floodplain maps, charts, reports and studies that document these areas are available for review in the Division of Engineering and also available for review at the Rahway Public Library.

Flood protection assistance

The City Engineer's office will provide technical assistance relating to flood elevations and data on historical flooding, and is available to advise owners of appropriate flood protection measures. The City also has copies of elevation certificates for some properties in the floodplain. City staff members are available to undertake site visits, if requested and authorized, to review flood, drainage, and sewer issues. All requests for technical assistance must be made in writing to the City Engineer's Office at 1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, NJ 07065 or via email at engineering@cityofrahway.com for this service.

Flood safety

Following is a list of important considerations that should be followed during times of flooding:

1. Keep children away from flood waters, ditches, culverts and storm drains.
2. Evacuate the flood hazard area in times of impending flood or when advised to do so by the police or fire department.
3. In your home, turn off flood prone electrical circuits and shut off the water and gas service valves.
4. Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive; six-inches of moving water can sweep you off your feet.
5. Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Do not drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out. If your car stalls in high water, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground.
6. During times of heavy rainfall monitor the level of water in the drainage way.
7. Plan escape routes to high ground.
8. Know the following flood warning system.

Flood warning system

When the City of Rahway is expecting or experiencing inclement weather that may include heavy rain, residents in flood prone areas or low lying areas are urged to plan preventative actions to protect life and property.

Residents are urged to monitor frequently weather and flood conditions that are broadcast over local radio and television stations. Residents will be provided with flood watch and flood warning advisories. A flood watch

advisory indicates that the potential for a flood exists in the watch area, while a flood warning indicates that a flood has been detected.

Comcast Channel 34 covers the City and will issue timely updated information. This station is part of the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) as are local television stations Channel 5 & 9. Radio station NJ 101.5 FM, NIXLE and UCfirstALERT will also carry EBS messages. Please register for these updates at Nixle.com and Ucfirstalert.org.

In extreme situations, personnel of the Rahway Office of Emergency Management or Department of Public Safety will conduct "Route Altering" within flood prone areas to advise residents to move to higher ground prior to water levels reaching critical stages.

Property protection measures

There are various actions which can be taken to flood-proof structures. Depending upon the situation, location and availability of funds, the following measures can be used:

- a) Install a sump pump system to dispose of infiltrating water to grade outside of the structure;
- b) Move essential items and furniture to the upper floors of your home;
- c) Elevate electrical and mechanical equipment in the basement;
- d) Flood proof walls, windows and doors;
- e) Construct flood walls or closures;
- f) The most effective way to flood-proof a structure is to elevate it.
- g) During times of flooding, homes that have not been retrofitted can be protected during emergencies by the installation of sandbags.
- h) Install flood vents in building walls, doors, or enclosures that are subject to frequent flooding and are not flood-proofed.

Floodplain development regulations

Please be advised that all development, including filling of land located in a special flood hazard area, is regulated differently from other areas and may require a permit. Please contact the City's floodplain management consultant (Joseph DiLorenzo) by phone at (732) 389-0220 or by email at dilorenzo@najarian.com for further information and prior to undertaking any activity within the floodplain or if you see non-permitted building or filling in the floodplain.

Recognize the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains to help reduce flooding

Floodplains are a natural component of the City of Rahway environment. Understanding and

protecting the natural functions of floodplains help reduce flood damage and protect resources. When flooding spreads out across the floodplain, its energy is dissipated, which results in lower flood flows downstream, reduced erosion of the stream bank and channel, deposition of sediments higher in the watershed, and improved groundwater recharge. Floodplains are scenic, valued wildlife habitats, and suitable for residential gardening. Poorly planned development in floodplains can lead to stream bank erosion, loss of valuable property, increased risk of flooding to downstream properties, and degradation of water quality. A number of County and Municipal parks like the Rahway River Park and Milton Lake Park preserve the stream corridor and prevent development in perpetuity.

Drainage system maintenance

In addition to regulating development and fill within the flood hazard area, the City of Rahway and State of New Jersey have regulations prohibiting dumping in channels, obstructing flows or any activity that would adversely affect the water-carrying capacity of any channel, floodway or floodplain. It has been demonstrated that regulating development and maintaining drainage systems can alleviate recurrent flooding which endangers life and damages property and facilities. Please report any activities that may be in violation of these regulations to the City's certified floodplain management consultant (Joseph DiLorenzo) at Najarian Associates at (732) 389-0220.

Substantial improvement requirements

With respect to requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) relative to substantial improvement in the flood plain, please be advised that if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, additions, or other improvement to a building or home equals or exceeds 50 percent of the building's market value, then the building must meet the same flood plain construction requirements as a new building. Substantially damaged buildings must also be brought up to the same standards. In coastal areas, this requirement usually means elevating the lowest floor, including basement and certain utility systems, at least one (1) foot above the base flood elevation displayed on the most recent FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), which is the 100-year flood elevation. A 100-year flood water surface elevation is caused by a storm having a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. In riverine settings, an even higher design flood elevation is often applied. Contact the City's

Engineering Department to determine the local design flood elevation for your property.

Map of the local flood hazard area:

To determine whether your property is located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) are available at the Office of the City Engineer at One City Hall Plaza, Rahway, New Jersey 07065. The maps are also available online at FEMA's Map Service Center website at www.msc.fema.gov, and a FEMA map specialist is available to assist you by phone (at 877-336-2627). In addition, the effective base flood elevation and location of the SFHA on the effective FIRM are mapped on the City's website at www.cityofrahway.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Flood-Hazard-Area-Mapping-website.pdf. A comparison of the effective vs. preliminary FIRM is available from FEMA's website at <https://fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=e7a7dc3ebd7f4ad39bb8e485bb64ce44>.



Important Contact Information:

City of Rahway Internet Home Page:
www.cityofrahway.com

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):
(425) 487-4600
www.fema.gov

FEMA Map Service Center:
www.msc.fema.gov

The National Flood Insurance Program:
www.fema.gov/flood-insurance

City of Rahway Public Library:
catalog.rahwaylibrary.org

Hiring a Contractor:
www.fema.gov/-fact-sheet/tips-hiring-contractor-home-repair-0

RAHWAY IS HAPPENING

OCTOBER

2023

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OCT 2
REC 5:00 - 7:00 PM
 Leaders in Training:
 Financial Literacy

LIB 6:00 PM
 Crochet Club

OCT 6
CHP 4:00 PM
 Paint Rahway Pink Kickoff

OCT 7
TSP 1:00 - 7:00 PM
 MusicFest for
 Downtown Restaurants

OCT 9
RFF 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 Food Distribution

OCT 13
UCPAC 7:00 - 10:00 PM
 Friday the 13th

REC 8:00 PM
 Prime Time Music Series:
 Don Braden

OCT 14
(Oct 21 rain date)
REC 4:00 - 9:00 PM
 Absolute House Music Event

UCPAC 7:00 - 10:00 PM
 Queen of Melody:
 Naseebo Lal Live in
 New Jersey

OCT 15
TGS 1:00 - 4:00 PM
 Homegrown
 October 15 - November 9

OCT 15 (cont'd)
TGS 1:00 - 4:00 PM
 Homegrown

OCT 16
RFF 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 Food Distribution

REC 5:00 - 7:00 PM
 Leaders in Training:
 Diverse Currency

LIB 6:00 PM
 Crochet Club

OCT 18
LIB 4:00 PM
 Teen Library Club in the
 Discovery Studio

OCT 19
REC 12:00 - 2:00 PM
 Senior Halloween Dance

UCPAC 7:00 - 9:00 PM
 The Phantom Of The Opera
 (1925 Silent Film)

OCT 20
REC 6:00 - 8:30 PM
 Individuals with disabilities
 Halloween Dance w/ County

OCT 21
REC 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 Rahway Day - Chamber
 of Commerce

LIB 2:00 PM
 Saturday Afternoon Trivia

MCC 6:00 PM
 What's the Word

OCT 21 (cont'd)
UCPAC 8:00 - 10:00 PM
 Two Ladies of Soul: Oleta
 Adams & Maysa

OCT 22
RRP 10:00 AM
 Paint the Town Pink Walk

OCT 23
REC 5:00 - 7:00 PM
 Leaders in Training:
 Volunteerism

OCT 28
TSP 2:00 - 5:00 PM
 Halloween Spooktacular

UCPAC 4:00 - 5:30 PM
 Mutts Gone Nuts!

OCT 30
LIB 6:00 PM
 Monday Night Music

CALENDAR LOCATION KEY

- ADP** Arts District Park: Irving St/Central Ave
- CHP** City Hall Plaza: 1 City Hall Plaza
- CS** East Cherry St
- DR** Downtown Rahway
- EAME** Ebenezer AME Church: 253 Central Ave
- HSL** Hamilton Stage Lot: 360 Hamilton St
- LIB** Rahway Public Library: 2 City Hall Plaza
- MCC** Melao Cafe and Creamery: 1425 Irving St
- ML** Masonic Lodge: 1550 Irving St
- PAS** Rahway Paseo: Main St Near Cherry St
- REC** Rahway Rec Center: 3 City Hall Plaza
- RFF** Rahway Food for Friends: 1221 New Brunswick Ave
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RAHWAY FARMERS MARKET
THURSDAYS
NOON TILL 7 PM
June 1 - Nov. 17
RAHWAY TRAIN STATION PLAZA

Special Holiday Market Every November!

RAHWAY SENIOR SERVICES
HALLOWEEN PARTY
18th Oct 2023 **12 NOON**

MUSIC, LUNCH, DOOR PRIZES

Tickets are available at the Rahway Senior Center 1306 Esterbrook Ave. \$3 until October 11 \$8 starting October 12 No tickets sold at doors.

Costumes Optional
 Lunch Menu: Ham, Turkey, or Tuna Sub

Rahway Recreation Center
 For more info please call (732)827-2016

MAYOR RAYMOND A. GIACOBBE AND THE RAHWAY CITY COUNCIL PRESENT

Rahway is. **SCARY 'N SAFE!**

SAT OCT 28
2PM-5PM

Halloween PARADE & SPOOKTACULAR 2023

Attendance is Free but registration is required at www.cityofrahway.com/halloween

LOCATION:
HAMILTON STAGE PARKING LOT/ TRAIN STATION PLAZA
 Rain Location: Rahway Rec Center

Parade will depart Hamilton Stage Parking lot at 2:15pm and walk to the Train Station Plaza where there will be a Halloween Spooktacular from 2:00-5:00pm that will feature carnival style games, strolling characters, candy giveaways, music, and much more. (Rahway Residents Only)

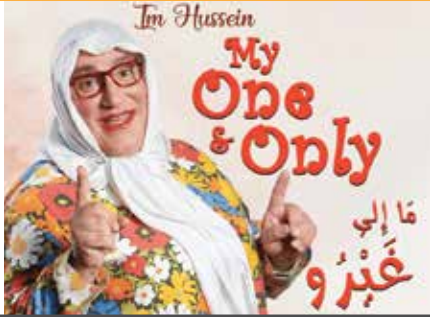
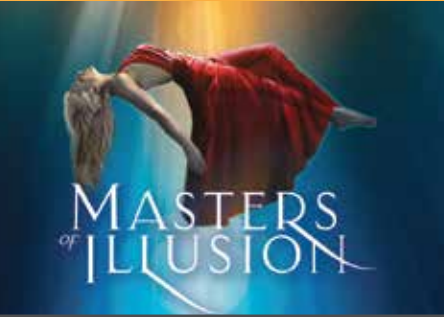
COSTUME CONTEST!
 Judges will be walking around during the event to select costume contest winners which will be announced after the parade arrives at Train Station Plaza.

RAHWAY IS HAPPENING

NOVEMBER

2023

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29	30	31	1	2	3	4
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NOV 2
UCPAC 8:00-10:00 PM
Masters of Illusion

NOV 3
UCPAC 8:00-10:00 PM
Anthony Rodia
Totally Relatable Tour



NOV 4
REC 11:00 AM-4:00 PM
Rahway Craft and Art Fair

NOV 6
REC 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Leaders in Training:
Community Service Projects

LIB 6:00 PM
Crochet Club

NOV 11
VP 10:30 AM
Veterans Day
Commemoration at
Memorial Square

UCPAC 8:00 AM-10:00 PM
My One and Only – Ma Eli
Ghayro

NOV 13
RFF 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Food Distribution

REC 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Leaders in Training:
Proposal Development



NOV 15
REC 4:00 PM
Teen Library Club in the
Discovery Studio

NOV 17
REC 8:00 PM
Prime Time Music Series:
Reut Regev
R*TIME
BAND



NOV 18
MCC 6:00 PM
What's the Word

UCPAC 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Who's Bad

NOV 20
RFF 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Food Distribution

REC 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Leaders in Training:
Digital Literacy

NOV 20 (cont'd)
LIB 6:00 PM
Crochet Club

Annual Rahway Tree Lighting!

NOV 24
DR 2:00-6:30 PM
Tree Lighting

NOV 25
TBA
Small Business Saturday

REC 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
Sensory
Friendly
Santa



The City will kick-off the 2023 holiday shopping season with specials, raffles and giveaways starting on **Small Business Saturday Nov. 25, 2023!**

JOIN US

Visit rahwayishappening.com/shoplocal to explore the unique shopping, dining and entertainment that Rahway has to offer.

Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council Present

Annual Rahway Tree Lighting!

Bounce Houses 2-5pm
Live Performances
Ice Sculptor
Fire Pits
Hot Chocolate

Strolling Characters
Pictures with Santa
Carolers
Giveaways
and more!

Friday Nov. 24 2-6PM
City Hall Plaza and Lewis Street Pavilion
Tree Lighting at 6pm

CALENDAR LOCATION KEY

ADP	Arts District Park: Irving St/Central Ave
CHP	City Hall Plaza: 1 City Hall Plaza
CS	East Cherry St
DR	Downtown Rahway
EAME	Ebenezer AME Church: 253 Central Ave
HSL	Hamilton Stage Lot: 360 Hamilton St
LIB	Rahway Public Library: 2 City Hall Plaza
MCC	Melao Cafe and Creamery: 1425 Irving St
ML	Masonic Lodge: 1550 Irving St
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DECEMBER

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31	1	2	3	4	5	6



DEC 1
TSP • CS • ADP 4:00-7:00 PM
Winter Wonderland Series



DEC 3
UCPAC 8:00 PM
Cherish The Ladies:
A Celtic Christmas

DEC 4
REC 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Leaders in Training:
Extracurricular Activities

LIB 6:00 PM
Crochet Club

DEC 6
REC TBA
Senior Christmas Party



DEC 9
REC 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Kwanza / NAACP

DEC 11
REC 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Leaders in Training:
Public Speaking



DEC 13
REC 4:00 PM
Teen Library Club in the
Discovery Studio

DEC 15
TSP • CS • ADP 4:00-7:00 PM
Winter Wonderland Series



DEC 16
(Dec 17 rain date)
DR 12:00 - 3:00 PM
Santa on parade w/ Police

MCC 6:00 PM
What's the Word

DEC 18
RFF 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Toy Distribution



REC 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Leaders in Training:
Adversity

LIB 6:00 PM
Crochet Club



DEC 21
UCPAC 7:00 PM
A Muppet Christmas Carol
(35mm Classic Film Series)

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Santa on Parade in Rahway!

SATURDAY DEC. 16
12PM - 3PM

As he prepares for his Christmas Eve rounds, Santa will tour Rahway, escorted by the Mayor, City Council members, Rahway PD, Rahway FD, and Rahway EMS. For everyone's safety, Santa will not be making any stops. The route will be passing several City parks as well as through Rahway River Park. Visit www.CityOfRahway.com/santaonparade to see Santa's route.

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Rahway Winter WONDERLAND

POP-UP SERIES 2023

FRIDAY December 1 4-7PM **FRIDAY December 15**

Pictures with Santa and the Grinch, Live Performances, Hot Chocolate, Giveaways, Strolling Characters, and more!

LOCATIONS:
Arts District Park, Train Station, E. Cherry Street



CAPTAIN PROMOTIONS

The Rahway Police Department is proud to announce the promotions of Jorge Feliciano, Shawn Ganley, and Scott Rayack to the position of Police Captain. Captain Feliciano will command the Operations Division to include Patrol, Traffic and Dispatch. Captain Ganley is the Chief Law Enforcement Officer and is charged with overseeing the department's administrative functions and the day-to-day operations. Captain Rayack will lead the Investigations Division which includes Criminal Investigations, the Juvenile Bureau, and the Evidence Bureau. The three new captains were sworn in and recognized for their accomplishments by Mayor Giacobbe and the City Council at a ceremony on August 15th.



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT STUDIES



The safety of our Rahway residents and the motorists who travel through the City is of the utmost importance to the Rahway Police Department.

Not only are complaints of speeding and other violations addressed promptly, but the Traffic Bureau also engages with a traffic study of the location to better understand the nature of the issue. In the last few months, studies have been conducted throughout the City of Rahway to reveal the types and numbers of vehicles utilizing the roadways, the average speed, and the percentage of enforceable violations. This enables the Police Department to deploy patrols and focus enforcement in certain areas at particular times of the day to keep the streets of Rahway and the motoring public safe.

City of Rahway Police Department

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!

RAHWAY HOSTS ITS ANNUAL POLICE - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP EVENT

On Tuesday, August 1, the Rahway Police Department hosted its annual National Night Out event at the Rahway Train Station Plaza. A large crowd turned out to interact with the Rahway Police Department, Fire Department, First Aid Squad and a host of other organizations and agencies.

Among the participants were the Bella Kind Foundation, NAACP, Social Justice Commission, FedEx, Rahway CERT, The Coffee Box, Rahway DPW, Health Department, Arista Yoga, Bell Mitsubishi, Rahway High School JROTC, and Union County's DCYS. Other law enforcement agencies included Homeland Security, Norfolk Southern, NJDOC, NJ Transit PD ESU, and Union County Prosecutor's Office which, along with Rahway PD's UAS Unit, provided drone demonstrations for the event. Rahway Police Department was also proud to showcase M.V.P., a youth mentoring program run by Rahway Juvenile Detective Sidra Colvin.

Music and a balloon artist provided entertainment for a great night had by all.



CRIME PREVENTION EFFORTS

Rahway Police Department puts new Community safety measures in place



The Rahway Police Department has taken proactive measures to address traffic and safety concerns around the city. Safe driving campaigns such as Click It or Ticket, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, and distracted driving details have been conducted throughout the spring and summer months to keep residents and motorists out of harm's way. Additionally, the Investigations Division

continues to conduct undercover patrols in an effort to address a rise in the number of car burglaries and catalytic converter thefts, now a nationwide problem. These efforts will continue, as will many other proactive measures, to keep our residents and community safe, but we remind you to always lock your vehicle, take your key fob with you, and never leave valuables in plain view.

Rahway's Unique Senior Scene

EDUCATIONAL AND MORE!

RAHWAY DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES

Rahway proudly offers a wide range of informative and enjoyable Senior programs that cater to the diverse interests and needs of our community's esteemed elders. Our Senior programs include educational seminars, social gatherings, and recreational outings, providing opportunities for learning, connecting, and making cherished memories.



Left: Teenworks Healthy Senior Day
Top: Senior Birthday Luncheon
Bottom: Senior Scam Seminar

City of Rahway

Senior Bus Transportation

The City of Rahway offers a Senior Transportation Service, which provides shared-ride transportation services to meet the special needs of people 60 years or older and persons with disabilities. Eligible residents may utilize the service for non-emergency trips to local doctors, beauty parlors, barbershops and pharmacies. There are also scheduled trips to ShopRite on Tuesdays, Walmart on Wednesdays, Dollar Tree on Thursdays, and Aldi's on Fridays. Please call (732) 669-3605 for more information or to arrange transportation.

Property Tax Reimbursement

The Property Tax Reimbursement Program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax increases. This state program "freezes" your taxes the year you become eligible and every year thereafter you are reimbursed the difference. You must have turned 65 in 2021 (the first year you can apply is the year you turn 67) or are receiving Federal Social Security disability benefits, lived in NJ for 10 years and in your current home for the last three years. If you are not currently enrolled in this program, please call (732) 827-2016 and make an appointment with an AARP tax specialist. To qualify for the program your 2021 total annual income must be \$94,178 or less.

Cancer 101 Seminar

Rahway Senior Service in conjunction with the City Health Educator and Crossroads 4 Hope will be hosting a seminar, Cancer 101, on October 26, 2023 at 11:30 AM at the Rahway Senior Center. Learn about the primary causes of cancer, cancer stages, most common types of cancer, treatment, and cancer prevention. Lunch will be served immediately following the seminar. Please call (732) 827-2016 to register.

2020 ANCHOR BENEFIT WILL BE PAID IN 2023

The ANCHOR program provides property tax relief to NJ residents who owned their home or occupied their rental unit on October 2020 as their principal residence and meet certain income limits. The current filing season for the ANCHOR benefit is based on 2020 residency, income and age.

	Tax Relief Amount	
	Homeowners	Renters
Residents 65 or older		
Earning \$150,000 or less	\$1,750	\$700
Earning \$150,001 - \$250,00	\$1,250	-
Residents 64 and under		
Earning \$150,000 or less	\$1,500	\$450
Earning \$150,001 - \$250,00	\$1,000	-



Benefits for the ANCHOR property relief program will be paid automatically for most NJ residents who qualify for the program. A confirmation letter should have arrived in the mail and if the information in your letter remains the same as your prior filing, no action is required on your part.

Homeowners packets are green, while renters packets are purple. You can file online or by phone with an identification number and PIN.

Benefits will be made using direct deposit or paper check and will be noted in the letter. If any information has changed, you must report it to the agency by September 30. Information can be updated online on the ANCHOR portal.

If you do not receive a confirmation letter or filing packet you have until Friday, December 29, 2023 to file an application. Those residents who bought their home in 2020, altered their deed or had certain life changes such as divorce or death of a spouse must file an application by mail.

If you do not receive a confirmation letter, you should receive a filing packet in the mail by September 1.

Renters do not need an ID or pin and can file online. For more information call the ANCHOR hotline (877)658-2972 or visit the website <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/anchor/>

Rahway Senior Clubs Meeting Schedule The following clubs meet at the Rahway Senior Center:

Rahway Retired Men's Club
Meets every Monday at 1 PM
Pres. Jim Ivers (201) 214-2181

Ladies Golden Age Club
Meets every Weds. at 10:00AM
Pres. Miriam Hausman (908) 906-4472

A.A.R.P. Chapter #607
Meets 2nd Thurs. of the month at 12 Noon
Pres. Delores Franklin (732) 208-7632

Union County Minority Task Force
Meets 1st Friday of every other month at 12 Noon
President Elaine Haith (732)428-4800

For more information on Senior Services and Programs, please call the Rahway Division of Senior Services: (732) 827-2016

THANK YOU TO OUR RETIREES!

The City of Rahway would like to wish a happy and healthy retirement to Shelly Kowal, Debbie Allen, and Randy Fellows. Thank you for all that you've done for our great City!



Shelly Kowal (left) – 25 years
Debbie Allen (right) – 45 years



Randy Fellows – 40 years



RESCUE TRAINING

RFD Swift Water Rescue

On July 11, 2023, members of the Rahway Fire Department took part in Water Rescue and Boat Operations Training as a part of their commitment to staying prepared for a wide range of emergency situations. During the training, members of the Swift Water Rescue Team deployed two rescue boats in the waters of Carteret to practice their operational skills. There are currently 25 members of the department that are trained in Swift Water Rescue. In addition to rescue boats, the Rahway Fire Department also operates a 5-ton Water Rescue Truck to further increase their ability to effectively respond to water-based emergencies.



RFD SAFETY TIPS

Electric Bike & Scooter Safety

As the popularity of electric bikes (e-bikes) and electric scooters (e-scooters) continues to rise, fire safety and education is a top priority for all owners and prospective owners of these devices. While a convenient mode of transportation, improper charging, maintenance, and storage practices can increase the risk of fire incidents. To help mitigate these hazards, the Rahway Fire Department has provided the following tips to assist e-bike and e-scooter owners to properly take care of their devices.

1. Avoid overcharging your e-bike or e-scooter.
2. Perform regular maintenance checks.
3. Properly store your e-bike or e-scooter when not in use.
4. Do not leave your device charging overnight.
5. Take your device to a professional for repair.

For more information, visit www.CityofRahway.com/ebikes



Rahway is... at work for You

CUT IT & LEAVE IT PROGRAM

ECONOMIC WAYS OF RECYCLING YARD WASTE

The Cut It & Leave It Program is a simple and effective way of recycling yard waste items including grass clippings. Grass clippings left behind after mowing the lawn provide a natural fertilizer, and reduce weed growth and soil erosion. The clippings settle quickly between the growing blades of grass where they shelter the roots from the sun and conserve moisture. As they break down, they release more moisture as well as nutrients in the soil, meaning your lawn requires less frequent watering.

In order to properly implement "Cut It & Leave It," Grass should be dry when cut. Mow your lawn often enough so that no more than 1/3 of the length of grass blade is cut in any one mowing.

Frequent mowing will produce short clippings that will not cover up the grass surface. You may have to cut the lawn every 7 days when the lawn is growing fast, but every 7 to 14 days when the lawn is growing slowly.

To learn more about the Cut It & Leave It Program, visit www.CityofRahway.com/clprogram.

LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection in the City of Rahway begins in November and continues throughout December. Leaves and grass should be placed in piles along the curb or placed in biodegradable paper leaf bags. Branches will be collected separately during the leaf collection process and must be kept separate from leaf piles, tied and bundled in 4-foot lengths, and weigh less than 60lbs.

Leaf bags will be available at no charge for Rahway residents with proper identification at the Rahway Department of Public Works, located at 999 Hart Street. Leaves and grass placed in plastic bags or trash cans will not be collected.

Residents who live along a road maintained by Union County should check the Union County leaf collection schedule at www.ucnj.org.

GREENING RAHWAY

Maintaining the vibrant trees across our community remains a core priority for the City of Rahway. These trees not only add to the beauty of our City, but also play a crucial role in curbing climate change and reducing our carbon footprint. Each year, the Rahway Department of Public Works plants approximately 35 to 40 trees through the Greening Union County Grant as part of our commitment to keeping Rahway eco-friendly. The removal of trees is based on assessments by certified arborists who determine the health conditions of the trees and potential risks for hazards. Additionally, the Engineering Department replants any trees that could be displaced due to construction projects in the City, ensuring that healthy trees aren't unnecessarily removed.

WINTER TIPS

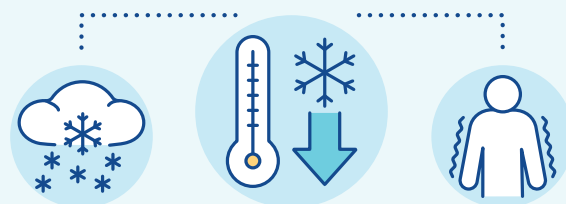
The Rahway Department of Public Works has put together the following tips and checklist to help residents prepare for the winter season.

Driveway Clearing Tips:

- Shovel the last 5 to 10 feet of your driveway after your street has been fully plowed to prevent snow from being pushed back into cleared areas.
- Place snow on the far side of your driveway, away from the direction the snow plow is traveling.
- Do not shovel, blow, or plow snow from your driveway into or across the street.
- Prevent children from playing in the snow alongside streets.

Winter Driving Tips:

- Clear snow and ice from your vehicle, including the roof, as required by New Jersey State Law.



- Allow extra time to reach your destination.
- Avoid travel during snow storms.
- Keep a safe distance from all vehicles.
- Do not pass a snow plow.
- Keep your headlights on for increased visibility.

Checklist of Items for Your Vehicle:

- All-season tires.
- Shovel and a bag of sand for generating traction under wheels.
- A flashlight (and extra batteries).
- A first aid kit.
- Blankets.
- Extra winter gear including gloves, mittens, and hats.
- Basic tools (ex. screwdriver, wrench, etc.)
- Jumper cables