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The Rahway Review

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A Message from The Mayor: **Showcasing Rahway's Vibrant Community** A Remarkable Journey of Our History and Progress

Greetings Rahway residents! In this edition of the Rahway Review, you will discover everything our great City has to offer throughout the rest of summer, a glimpse of what you can look forward to this fall, and highlights from the last few months. We are looking forward to our annual Independence Day celebration, the Mayor's Concert Series, the return of ArtsFest, and so much more.

As we enter July, the Mayor's Music Series is in full swing with weekly performances at the Paseo and Arts District Park. The Brennan Field Spray Park has officially opened to provide countless hours of fun to our youth, while the Division of Senior Services kicked off the season with a Hawaiian-themed Summer Party, and the Special Improvement District successfully relaunched the ever-popular Taste of Spring for the first time since 2019.

2023 marks a significant year in Rahway's history as DPW's Division of Sanitation celebrates their 25th Anniversary and the Rahway Fire Department celebrates their 200th Anniversary. Meanwhile, the Rahway Police Department has been hard at work launching the Park, Walk, and Talk Initiative and one of the country's first PAL JiuJitsu programs.

Lastly, I would like to invite the Rahway community to attend the Mayor's Concert Series, taking place on Thursdays from July 27 through August 24 at 7:30 PM in front of the Union County Performing Arts Center for big name acts to showcase our growing arts community.

I hope everyone has a safe, happy, and fun summer, and I look forward to seeing you!

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

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Rahway Special Improvement District



The Rahway Special Improvement District (SID) seeks to support the rich and diverse business community of the City of Rahway. Integrating community events with participating businesses helps to foster a healthy economy and an enriched downtown experience. Partnering with the Office of Economic Development, the SID works to attract businesses that improve and support the quality of life for all residents and visitors to the City. If you are looking to open a business in Rahway, we can help you navigate the process and assist with any questions. **Prospective entrepreneurs can reach out to our office by email at RahwaySid@cityofrahway.com or phone at (732) 827-2181.**

NEW BUSINESS: The City welcomes you!

Sub House 85

85 E. Cherry St.

Sub House 85 officially opened their doors on

February 14 to bring a classic deli-style sandwich shop to the heart of Rahway. Located at 85 E. Cherry Street, Sub House 85 crafts delicious sandwiches that feature the freshest ingredients, locally baked breads, and Boar's Head meats. Stop in for a variety of breakfast, brunch, hot sandwiches, and cold subs options.



Alfonso's Catering Services

952 St. Georges Ave.

On March 24, Giselle Alfonso and her staff were welcomed to the City of Rahway in their newly renovated space at 952 St. Georges Avenue. Friends and family were on hand to celebrate and sample the many culinary creations prepared by the talented team. Alfonso's Catering offers takeout and traditional catering services, as well as a food truck that is available for private parties and events.



Tasa Teahouse

1431 Irving St.

Adding to the growing specialty drink locations in Rahway, Tasa Teahouse's inviting

environment is the perfect place to meet up with friends to enjoy a sweet treat and relax with a delicious cup of tea. Tasa, who celebrated their ribbon cutting and grand opening on March 28, is conveniently located at 1431 Irving Street, near the train station and offers bubble teas, hot and cold fruit teas, sweet teas, desserts, and more.



AMA Make Up Academy

1530 Irving St.

AMA Make Up Academy recently

celebrated 10 years of business as they moved into their beautifully renovated location at 1530 Irving Street. AMA offers professional specialty training for those honing their craft to work in media entertainment, including theatrical make-up arts, the fashion industry, and traditional salons, as well as a business marketing program to provide full support for professional advancement.



Dayrin Decoration

35 A E. Milton Ave.

Conveniently located across from the train station at 35A E. Milton

Ave., Dayrin Decorations specializes in event décor and gifts featuring flowers, balloons, and more. Dayrin Decorations had their official ribbon cutting and grand opening on April 19 as owner Juanita Vasquez and family were welcomed to Rahway's growing business community.



Garden of Ink

75 E Cherry St.

As home to a thriving arts community, Rahway continues

to attract creative talent to our downtown. On April 22, we welcomed Garden of Ink to the Mall at 75 E. Cherry Street. Owner and artist Diana Kunz's work speaks for itself demonstrating precise detail and vibrant, rich color depicting a wide variety of artistic skill. Customers walk out with personalized body art fit for a gallery.



Stay in the know by following us on social media @Rahwayishappening on Instagram and Facebook and by visiting us at Rahwayishappening.com.

Rahway Arts and Community



Rahway Spray Park

Rahway's brand-new spray park debuts at Brennan Field and will be open to Rahway residents seven days

a week throughout the summer! The Brennan Field Spray Park is a water-enhanced playground that features water fixtures such as: Mushroom Maze, Silly Shower, Water Web, Water Sprout, Water Wickets, Fill N' Spill, Touch & Go, and more. Registration for entry badges is only available in-person at the Rahway Rec Center, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, with select evening hours. For more information, please visit www.cityofrahway.com/spray.



Independence Day Celebration!

Celebrate Independence Day at the quadrangle section of Rahway River Park this year on Monday, July 3rd from 6:00-9:00

PM with carnival style games, face painters, lawn games, food trucks, stilt walkers, and giveaways, with the annual fireworks display scheduled to start around 9:00 PM. Walking into the park is recommended as entrances and exits will be restricted for the fireworks. For more information, please call the Department of Recreation at (732) 669-3600. A rain date is set for July 5th.



Mayor's Summer Concert Series

Mayor Raymond Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council officially announced the return of

the Mayor's Summer Concert Series on Thursdays from July 27 through August 24. Main acts begin at 7:30pm in front of the Union County Performing Arts Center located at 1601 Irving Street. Admission for the Mayor's Concert Series is free. In the event of inclement weather, the performances will be moved inside the Union County Performing Arts Center.

Please visit www.cityofrahway.com/music and the calendar section of this Rahway Review for more detailed info and performance schedule.



Heart of the City

Rahway's Heart of the City Festival will take place on August 5 from 12:00-6:00 PM on E. Cherry Street. This festival highlights local Black and Brown New

Jersey area artists with an emphasis on Rahway creatives and will feature vendors, including small businesses and artists, musical performances by local artists, a live DJ, giveaways, and a community art project that all are welcome to participate in. Heart of the City is a not-for-profit event that aims to create a safe and inclusive environment for artists, local businesses, and attendees, while uplifting creative endeavors.



Soiree en Blanc

You are cordially invited to join us for a dinner under the stars at this year's Cherry Street Soiree en Blanc on Sunday, August 27th from 7:00-10:00 PM.

Wear your best white outfit, bring your own food, drinks, and table set-up, and the fun will follow. We'll provide the tables, chairs, and entertainment! Consider choosing a meal from any one of the many restaurants in Rahway. Participants will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win gift cards to a Rahway based business. There will be free event parking on Broad St. Please visit register.communitypass.net/rahway to register starting August 1.



ArtsFest Rahway!

On Saturday, September 25, 2023, from 2:00-6:00 PM, ArtsFest: Art in All Dimensions takes the arts to new heights in the City of Rahway with an array of

performance artists showcasing their talents, including a gravity defying aerialist, a skillful contortionist, and live music. Visual Artists will have their creativity and talent on display and some of Irving Street's local restaurants will show off their culinary skills with creations from their kitchens. With over 50 accomplished and amateur artists and local vendors displaying their work and selling hand-crafted items, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Those in attendance will be able to create art as well with live art classes, demonstrations, and interactive community art pieces. Be sure to follow @Rahwayishappening on Instagram and Facebook for updates, info on artists and vendors and more!

RAHWAY TASTE of SPRING



A Successful Return for a 20 Year Celebration!

On April 14, the Rahway Taste of Spring returned for the first time since 2019, featuring delicious food, desserts, drinks, and live music. The event highlighted the city's growing business community and its economic recovery from the pandemic.

Nearly 40 local eateries and bakeries participated, with an additional 40 stations of national distributors of fine wine, beer, and alcohol.

With a successful return, the Taste of Spring has been firmly reestablished as one of Rahway's premier events and an influential, yearly platform for new and existing local businesses to showcase their work to a wider audience.



CELEBRATING 20 TASTY YEARS!

2023 SUMMER ART WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS & TEENS

Kids Workshops: Ages 6-11 • Teen Workshops: Ages 12-16
 WEEK 1: July 24-July 28 • WEEK 2: July 31-August 4
 Each Class/Workshop runs Mon-Fri (One-Week Sessions)
 Kids: \$45 Residents / \$55 Non-Residents
 Teens: \$55 Residents / \$65 Non-Residents
 All prices are for one 5-day workshop
ALL ART SUPPLIES PROVIDED

DRAWING • PAINTING • SCULPTURE • CARTOONING • JAPANESE MANGA CARTOONING • ACRYLIC PAINTING • SCULPTURE/3D

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Register in person at the Rahway Recreation Center or online at cityofrahway.com
 Call (732) 827-2210 for more information.

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Mayor of the Year



Congratulations to Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe on winning the Mayor of the Year Award at the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce's 33rd Annual Mayor's Dinner!



Miles & Parson – RFD!

Councilwoman Joanna Miles (left) and Council President Vannie Deloris Parson (middle) visited the Rahway Fire Department after the Memorial Day Parade to talk with our firefighters. Councilwoman Parson got the full experience and tried on their gear!



Block Party 2023!

Councilwoman Joanna Miles and Councilman Jeff Brooks at the Grover Cleveland Block Party following the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the new playground.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ELECTION

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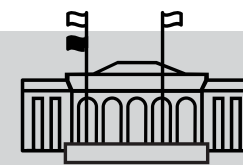
Vannie Deloris Parson

On May 24, the Rahway City Council hosted a special meeting where Third Ward Councilmember Vannie Deloris Parson was elected to serve as Council President. Her election is a historic achievement as she has become the first African American woman to hold the role in our City. Councilwoman Parson has served

on the Rahway City Council since November 2020, where she first made history by becoming the first African American woman to serve on City Council. Her extensive experience and commitment to the Rahway community made her an ideal choice for this role as she was unanimously elected by the other members of City Council. Councilwoman Parson will serve as City Council President for the remainder of the 2023 calendar year.

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A Letter from The Council President



Dear Rahway Residents,

As your newly elected City Council President, I am honored to serve and represent the Rahway community. I would like to take a moment to explain the role of City Council and how we can work together to keep pushing our City forward.

First and foremost, I want to emphasize that each member of City Council is accessible and available to listen to your concerns and address any issues you may have. We serve as advocates for our residents to City Administration with whom we work for the betterment of Rahway. Your voice matters, and we are here to actively engage with you and ensure your needs are heard and understood.

Our monthly City Council meetings provide a platform for open dialogue and discussion. They are an opportunity for you, as residents, to voice your opinions, concerns, and ideas. Your active participation is invaluable, as it helps us make informed decisions as we pass policies and address local concerns to truly represent the will of our community.

Lastly, serving the community is at the core of our roles as Councilmembers. We are committed to working together to implement positive change and ensure a bright future for us all.

Our contact information can be found alongside the Ward Map in this edition of the Rahway Review or online at www.CityofRahway.com/CityCouncil. Please feel free to reach out to your ward representative with any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Sincerely,
Vannie Deloris Parson
Rahway City Council President

WELCOME NEW COUNCILWOMAN

KARLA TIMMONS BEGINS ROLE AS NEW SECOND WARD COUNCIL MEMBER

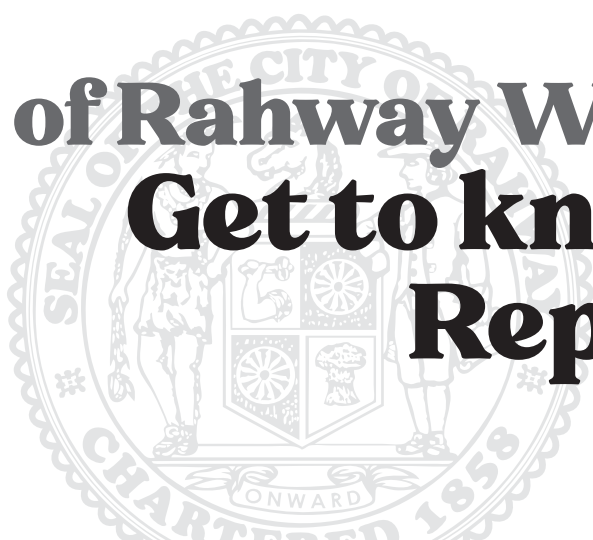


Karla Timmons

On Wednesday, May 24, the Rahway City Council welcomed Karla Timmons as the new Second Ward Council Member. As a lifelong Rahway resident, Councilwoman Timmons is very passionate about the community and the past, present, and future of Rahway. Her goal as a member of City Council is to offer diversity and inclusion, while continuing the legacy of representation of women of color

in Rahway. Councilwoman Timmons has a background in Real Estate with over 20 years of experience in Property Management. As a woman of many interests, she is the owner of a beverage catering company, Quench, as well as an Interior Designer. In addition to her professional career, she is a proud wife and mother and enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, coordinating events, and volunteering as the Creative Director of IMPACT Women's Forum non-profit organization and Commissioner of the Rahway Planning Board.

City of Rahway Ward Map: Get to know your Representative



Mayor
Raymond A. Giacobbe

Rahway City Council

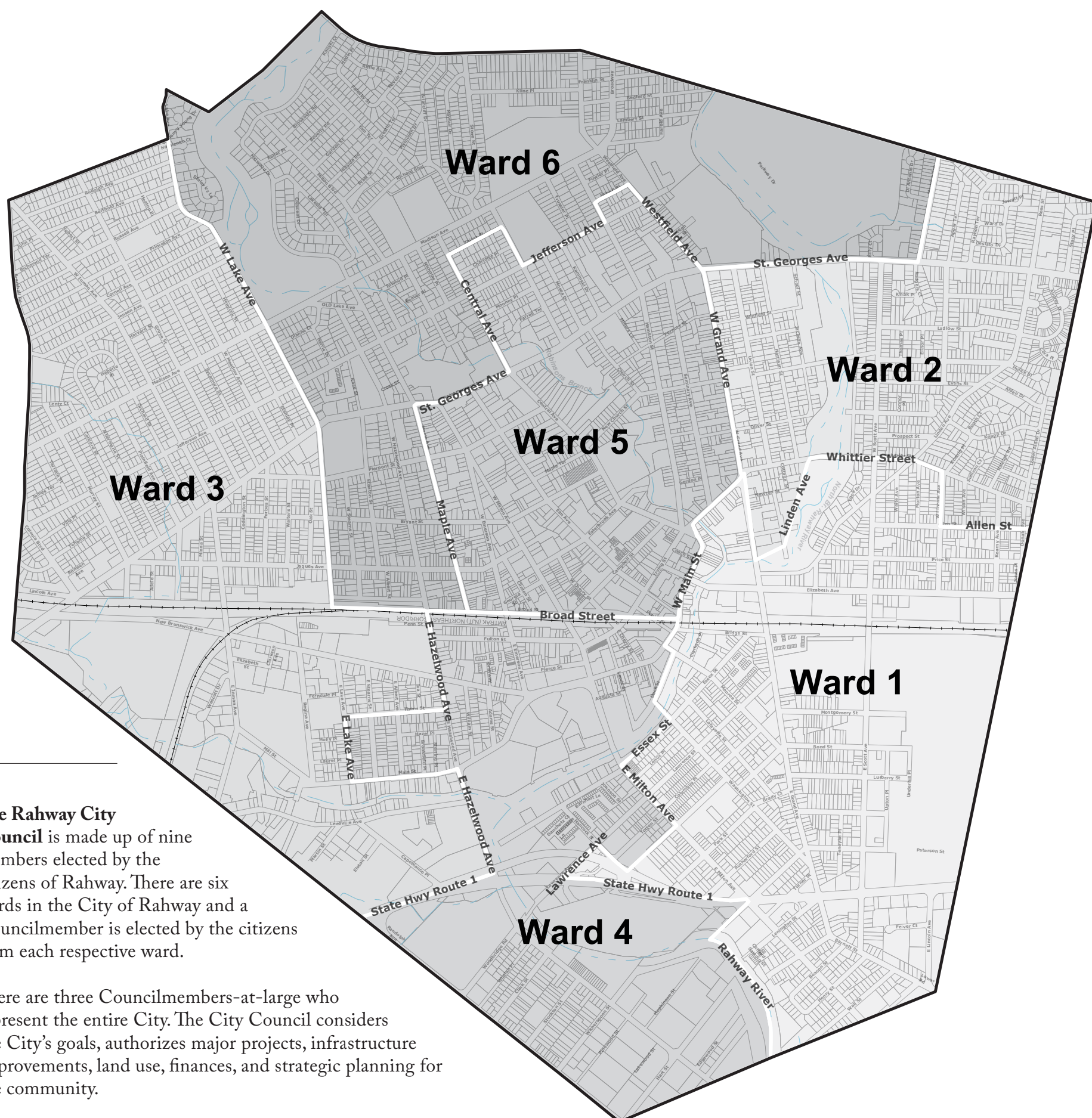


First Ward Al Parker aparker@cityofrahway.com	Second Ward Karla Timmons kimmmons@cityofrahway.com	Third Ward Vannie Deloris Parson Council President vdpanson@cityofrahway.com	Fourth Ward David Brown dbrown@cityofrahway.com	Fifth Ward Danni Newbury Council Vice-President dnewbury@cityofrahway.com	Sixth Ward Joe Gibilisco jgibilisco@cityofrahway.com
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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.

3 MONTH review

Reflecting on a Vibrant Community: Rahway's Unforgettable Events and Connections

Calling all Rahway residents! Don't miss out on the incredible array of fun-filled family events happening right here in our beloved City. From lively festivals to engaging workshops and everything in between, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Our unique Rahway events not only provide endless entertainment but also offer a unique opportunity to strengthen the bond with our community. Feeling connected to your hometown is essential as it fosters a sense of belonging, builds lasting relationships, and creates a vibrant and united environment. So, come on out and make unforgettable memories with your fellow Rahway residents. Check the calendar pages that follow, or visit CityofRahway.com for up-to-the-minute details. Let's celebrate the beauty of our City and create lasting connections that will leave a positive impact on residents, old and new.



1-Bring Your Child to Work Day 2-Grover Cleveland Block Party 3-Grove Cleveland Ribbon Cutting
 4-Hot Rods and Harleys 20th Anniversary 5-JROTC 6-Memorial Day Parade
 7-Munch Madness (Photo credit: ILuvThatPhotoLLC) 8-Downtown MusicFest 9-Pride Flag Raising
 10-Rahway Fire Department - After the Fire Documentary 11-Rahway Fire Department - Training Session 12-Rahway Fire Department
 13-Rahway Police Department - JiuJitsu Club 14-Rahway Police Department - Presentation to Seniors 15-Walk with The Mayor

RAHWAY IS HAPPENING

JULY 2023

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25	26	27	28	29	30	1
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30	31	1	2	3	4	5



JUL 1
LIB 1:30-4:00 PM
Afternoon Trivia



JUL 3
RRP 6-9:00 PM
Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks

LIB 6:00 PM
Crochet Club

JUL 6
SEN 1:00 PM
Ice Cream Social

LIB 1:00-3:00 PM
Afternoon Movie at the Library

HSL Dusk
Drive in/ Walk up Movies
"Moana"

JUL 7
PAS 6:30-9:30 PM
Live Music at the Paseo
"James Matheson"

JUL 10
LIB 5:00 PM
Teen Movie Night!

LIB 6:00 PM
Monday Night Music

CHP 7:00 PM-8:00 PM
Rahway Municipal Council Combined Meeting

RAHWAY FARMERS MARKET
THURSDAYS
NOON TILL 7 PM
June 1 - Nov. 17
RAHWAY TRAIN STATION PLAZA

Special Holiday Market Every November!

JUL 11
LIB 10:00 AM
Toddler Time

SEN 1:30 PM
Scam Seminar/Luncheon

LIB 3:00 PM
Tween Scene

JUL 12
LIB 2:00 PM
Discovery Studio Teen

LIB 5:30-7:30 PM
Board Game Night

JUL 13
SEN 1:00 PM
Bingo

LIB 6:00 PM
Family Fun Night

HSL Dusk
Drive in/ Walk up Movies
"Minions the Rise of Gru"



JUL 14
PAS 6:30-9:30 PM
Live Music at the Paseo
"Erika Sherger Duo"



JUL 15
EAME 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
Ebenezer AME 2nd Annual Community Resource Fair

YMCA 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Gateway YMCA: Open House

JUL 16
YMCA 8:00 AM-1:00 PM
Gateway YMCA: Open House

JUL 17
LIB 6:00 PM
Teen Game Night

LIB 6:00 PM
Crochet Club

JUL 18
LIB 10:00 AM
Toddler Time

LIB 3:00 PM
Tween Scene

JUL 19
LIB 2:00 PM
Discovery Studio Teen

JUL 20
ML 8:30 AM
Rahway Chamber of Commerce: General Membership Meeting

SEN 1:00 PM
Movie: "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever"

LIB 6:00 PM
Family Fun Night

LIB 6:00 PM
Rahway Writer's Circle

HSL Dusk
Drive in/ Walk up Movies
"Turning Red"



JUL 21
PAS 6:30-9:30 PM
Live Music at the Paseo
"Rick Barth"

JUL 24
LIB 5:00 PM
Teen Movie Night

JUL 25
LIB 10:00 AM
Toddler Time

JUL 26
LIB 2:00 PM
Discovery Studio Teen

LIB 2:00-3:00 PM
Reader's Room Book Discussion

LIB 3:00 PM
Graphic Novel Book Club

JUL 27
SEN 1:00 PM
Coffee & Canvas

JUL 27 (cont'd)
LIB 6:00 PM
Family Fun Night



UCPAC 7:30PM
Mayor's Summer Concert Series
"Lisette Melendez/ Coro"

JUL 28
PAS 6:30-9:30 PM
Live Music at the Paseo
"Dinky"

JUL 31
LIB 6:00 PM
Retro Teen Storytime



MAYOR RAYMOND GIACOBBE AND THE RAHWAY CITY COUNCIL PRESENT

DOWNTOWN RAHWAY

LEWIS STREET MARKET

BEHIND THE PAVILION ON LEWIS & AUGUSTA

Visit the pop-up market from 4-8pm behind the Lewis Street Pavilion, located in the heart of downtown Rahway (Lewis & Augusta St.)

Friday, July 14
Friday, July 28
Friday, August 11
Friday, August 25

Enjoy the offerings of our local artisans and businesses!

Experience great live music from 6:30-9:30pm just a few doors away at The Paseo.

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
- ML Masonic Lodge: 1550 Irving St
- PAS Rahway Paseo: Main St Near Cherry St
- REC Rahway Rec Center: 3 City Hall Plaza
- RRP Rahway River Park: St. Georges Ave
- SEN Rahway Senior Center: 1306 Esterbrook Ave
- TGS The Gallery Space: 1670 Irving St
- TSP Train Station Plaza: Irving St & E. Milton Ave
- UCPAC Union County Performing Arts Center: 1601 Irving St
- YMCA Gateway Family YMCA/Rahway: 1564 Irving St



USE THIS CODE FOR MORE INFO ON EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

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AUGUST

2023

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27	28	29	30	31	1	2



AUG 1
LIB 10:00 AM
Toddler Time


LIB 3:00 PM
Tween Scene

AUG 2
LIB 2:00 PM
Discovery Studio Teen

AUG 3
SEN 1:00 PM
Organ Concert

LIB 6:00 PM
Family Fun Night

UCPAC 7:30 PM
Mayor's Summer Concert Series
"La Pachamambo"



AUG 4
PAS 6:30-9:30 PM
Live Music at the Paseo
"Kayka"

AUG 5
CS 12-6:00 PM
The Heart of the City

AUG 7
LIB 6:00 PM
Make a peace sign mosaic

LIB 6:00 PM
Crochet Club

AUG 8
LIB 10:00 AM
Toddler Time

LIB 3:00 PM
Tween Scene

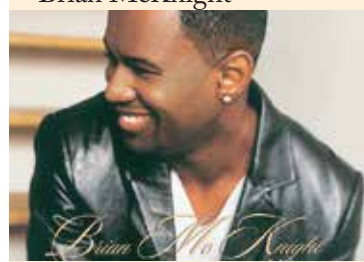
AUG 9
LIB 2:00 PM
Discovery Studio Teen

AUG 10
SEN 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
RWJ Wellness on Wheels & Arista Yoga: Greenhouse & Cooking School on Wheels

AUG 10 (cont'd)
LIB 1:00-3:00 PM
Afternoon Movie at the Library

LIB 6:00 PM
Family Fun Night

UCPAC 7:30 PM
Mayor's Summer Concert Series
"Brian McKnight"



AUG 11
PAS 6:30-9:30 PM
Live Music at the Paseo
"Al Reynolds"

AUG 12
LIB 1:30-4:00 PM
Afternoon Trivia

AUG 13
YMCA 2:00 PM-4:00 PM
Gateway YMCA: Cardboard Boat Regatta

AUG 14
LIB 5:00 PM
Teen Movie Night

CHP 7:00 PM-8:00 PM
Rahway Municipal Council Combined Meeting

AUG 16
LIB 2:00 PM
Discovery Studio Teen

LIB 5:30-7:30 PM
Board Game Night

AUG 17
SEN 1:00 PM
Bingo

LIB 6:00 PM
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Mayor's Summer Concert Series
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AUG 18
PAS 6:30-9:30 PM
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"Baby Maurice"

AUG 20
LIB 6:00 PM
Crochet Club

YMCA 2:00 PM-4:00 PM
Gateway YMCA: Puppy Swim

AUG 21
LIB 6:00 PM
Crochet Club


AUG 22
LIB 10:00 AM
Toddler Time

LIB 3:00 PM
Tween Scene

AUG 23
LIB 2:00 PM
Discovery Studio Teen

LIB 2:00-3:00 PM
Reader's Room Book Discussion

AUG 24
SEN 1:00 PM
Movie: "80 for Brady"




LIB 6:00 PM
Family Fun Night

UCPAC 7:30 PM
Mayor's Summer Concert Series
"Day One, Midnight Rock Show, Kings of Queen"

AUG 25
PAS 6:30-9:30 PM
Live Music at the Paseo
"Swamp Eddie & Nina"

AUG 27
CS 7-10:00 PM
Soiree en Blanc



AUG 29
LIB 10:00 AM
Toddler Time

LIB 3:00 PM
Tween Scene

AUG 30
LIB 3:00 PM
Graphic Novel Book Club

THE CITY OF RAHWAY  MAYOR'S MUSIC SERIES

MAYOR RAYMOND A. GIACOBBE AND THE RAHWAY CITY COUNCIL PRESENT

mayor's summer concert series

FREE ADMISSION!

FABULOUS ACTS!
GREAT SUMMER FUN!

Concerts begin at 7:30pm in front of UCPAC: 1601 Irving Street • Rahway NJ

In the event of rain, concerts will take place inside the theater.

cityofrahway.com/music

THURSDAY
JULY 27

Lisette Melendez
Coro

THURSDAY
AUGUST 10

Brian McKnight

THURSDAY
AUGUST 17

Rusty Monks
ABSolute House

THURSDAY
AUGUST 24

Day One
Midnight Rock Show
Kings of Queen



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
ML	Masonic Lodge: 1550 Irving St
PAS	Rahway Paseo: Main St Near Cherry St
REC	Rahway Rec Center: 3 City Hall Plaza
RRP	Rahway River Park: St. Georges Ave
SEN	Rahway Senior Center: 1306 Esterbrook Ave
TGS	The Gallery Space: 1670 Irving St
TSP	Train Station Plaza: Irving St & E. Milton Ave
UCPAC	Union County Performing Arts Center: 1601 Irving St
YMCA	Gateway Family YMCA/Rahway: 1564 Irving St

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RAHWAY IS HAPPENING

SEPT 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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- SEPT 13**
LIB 5:30-7:30 PM
Board Game Night
- SEPT 14**
ADP 6:30-8:30 PM
Celebración!
- SEPT 19**
LIB 10:00 AM
Toddler Time
- SEPT 20**
LIB 2:00-3:00 PM
Reader's Room Book Discussion
- SEPT 21**
ADP 6:30-8:30 PM
Celebración!
- SEPT TBA**
CHP/REC 6:30-8:30 PM
Hispanic Heritage event
- SEPT 23**
ADP 2-6:00 PM
ArtsFest Rahway!
- SEPT 25**
LIB 6:00 PM
Crochet Club
- YMCA 1:00 PM-2:00 PM**
Gateway YMCA: Preschool Family Swim
- SEPT 26**
LIB 10:00 AM
Toddler Time
- SEPT 27**
LIB 4:00 PM
Discovery Studio for Teens!
- SEPT 30 (thru Oct 1)**
LOWER ESSEX STREET PARK
Rahway RiverFest
- RRP TIME TBA**
Brothers & Sisters of the Community: O'L Skool Day

MAYOR RAYMOND A. GIACOBBE AND THE RAHWAY CITY COUNCIL PRESENT

DOWNTOWN RAHWAY ART IN ALL DIMENSIONS

Saturday Sept. 23
2PM to 6PM
Irving Street From Central Ave. to Elizabeth Ave.

ONE EXCITING DAY. 50+ ARTISTS. 2 LIVE PERFORMANCE AREAS. GOOD VIBES.

artist marketplace • emerging artists • urban and eclectic performance and interactive art • wearable art and gifts
culinary arts • face painters • art classes and more

More info at: www.RahwayIsHappening.com/artsfest
Free Parking available at Hamilton Stage, RSI Bank, The Gallery Space and Municipal Lots. Standard rates apply at Rahway Parking Garage.

- SEPT 1**
TSP 5:00 PM
Hispanic Heritage Month Flag Raising
- PAS 6:30-9:30 PM**
Live Music at the Paseo "Noop"
- SEPT 5**
LIB 10:00 AM
Toddler Time
- CHP 7:00 PM-8:00 PM**
Rahway Municipal Council Pre-Conference Meeting
- SEPT 7**
LIB 1:00-3:00 PM
Afternoon Movie at the Library
- SEPT 8**
PAS 6:30-9:30 PM
Live Music at the Paseo "Sarah Teti"

- SEPT 9**
YMCA Times Listed Below
Welcoming Week 9/8-9/17
M-F (6am-9pm), Sat (8am-3pm), Sun (8am-1pm)
- REC 10:00 AM-1:00 PM**
Community Health Fair
- SEPT 10**
TGS 1-4:00 PM
WE+THEY=US!
5th Annual Celebration of Hispanic & Latin Artists: Sept. 10-Oct. 6, 2023
- SEPT 11**
LIB 6:00 PM
Crochet Club
- CHP 7:00 PM-8:00 PM**
Rahway Municipal Council Regular Meeting
- SEPT 12**
LIB 10:00 AM
Toddler Time

IF YOU LITTER IN THE STREET,
YOU MIGHT AS WELL LITTER
IN THE RIVER.

Rain washes pollutants into storm drains and directly into our lakes, rivers and the ocean. So what can you do? Recycle and dispose of your trash properly.

CLEAN WATER
It's Up to You New Jersey
www.CleanWaterNJ.org

PRESENTED BY THE RAHWAY RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION • SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF RAHWAY

CELEBRATE RAHWAY RIVERFEST!

SATURDAY SEPT 30 Lower Essex Street Park (337 E. Milton Ave)
SUNDAY OCT 1

Visit RahwayRiver.org for information on events, activities and exhibits!

RRWA
Rahway River Watershed Association



NEW POLICE DIRECTOR



Nicholas Breiner

The City of Rahway welcomed newly appointed Director of Police Nicholas Breiner to the department on March 1st. Director Breiner served with the Belleville Police Department for more than 25 years before

retiring in March of 2021 and then taking on the role of Assistant Township Administrator for Montville Township in November of that year. The progressive evolution of the police department that began under now-Business Administrator Jonathan Parham continues to grow as the agency seeks to protect and serve the Rahway community with the utmost professionalism, integrity, and respect.

Director Breiner has served our country and the community throughout his professional career and personal life as a law enforcement executive, local government administrator, and U.S. Air Force officer. The Director holds a B.A. from Rutgers University, a M.A. from Seton Hall University, is a graduate of executive education at the prestigious Harvard-Kennedy School of Government, and is a Rutgers University nationally-accredited Certified Public Manager. He is married and has three children and enjoys reading, exercising and traveling. Please contact the Director's office for any public safety questions or concerns at (732) 827-2105.

DEDICATED SERVICE

A heartfelt thank you to the retiring members of the Rahway Police Department for their years of commitment and contribution to our community's safety.



Patrol Captain Robert Zarzycki – 29 Years



Captain Marie Deering – 25 Years

City of Rahway Police Department

NEW INITIATIVE PARK, WALK & TALK

BUILDING A STRONGER BOND OF TRUST AND SAFETY

As the Rahway Police Department continues its mission to serve the public with an emphasis on quality and safety, this summer will see officers engaging in more targeted safe driving initiatives. The Operations Division, consisting of the Patrol and Traffic Units, will be aggressively monitoring city streets, especially Route 1 and St. Georges Avenue, for DUI and speeding violations in an effort to keep our citizens and travelers safe. The police department urges all of its residents and visiting motorists to obey posted speed limits, taking an Uber, Lyft, or taxi if necessary, and to drive safely.

With warm weather comes the opportunity to be more engaged with the public, which will be achieved through the department's Park, Walk, and Talk Initiative. This endeavor encourages officers to hit the street on foot to



stop in local businesses, connect with owners and employees, and to speak with residents they come across during their patrols. It is these types of efforts that the City supports as a way for the department and residents to build a stronger bond of trust and foster an atmosphere of safety.

If you see a Rahway officer out and about, ask to take a selfie, tag @rahwaypolicedepartment on Instagram and stay tuned for the chance to be entered into prize giveaways and other opportunities.

NEW PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

JIUJITSU + PAL JIUJITSU PROGRAM

Fostering A Safer Rahway Community: Empowering Our Police with De-escalation Techniques to Promote Peaceful Resolutions

As communities around the country struggle with eroding confidence in public safety, Rahway has taken a progressive approach to bridging that divide. In response to the state's new use of force policy, which places an emphasis on de-escalation and using the least amount of force necessary, the Rahway Police Department implemented a Jiu-jitsu-based defensive tactics training program to meet such standards. The program launched in 2021 and has gone on to influence training programs throughout the United States, develop connections throughout the world, and led to the establishment one of the country's first PAL Jiu-jitsu Programs.

RPD's Jiu-jitsu Program revolutionizes law enforcement training by empowering officers with confidence, knowledge, and techniques through a unique curriculum consisting of lessons from the Police Training Commission, Gracie Survival Tactics, and Use of Force policies. With a focus on de-escalation, officers learn how to defend themselves without using lethal force. A key feature of the Jiu-jitsu

program is its scenario-based training, providing officers with practical skills for real-world situations. This dynamic approach sharpens decision-making abilities, enhances situational awareness, and promotes effective communication, enabling officers to handle diverse encounters confidently and professionally.

Building on its success, the RPD successfully launched the PAL Jiu-jitsu program in the Spring of 2023 for children from second to eighth grade. Jiu-jitsu training not only teaches youth how to defend themselves but instills confidence and long-term growth that extends beyond the mat. Participants develop crucial skills such as avoiding conflicts, conflict resolution, a sense of teamwork and support, and wise decision-making in challenging situations.

The Rahway Police Jiu-jitsu Program and its PAL extension have made a significant impact on both officers and youth in Rahway and highlight the City's commitment to creating a safer environment while building stronger connections between law enforcement and the community, shaping a brighter future for all.



Rahway's Unique Senior Scene

JOIN THE FUN!

RAHWAY DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES

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

Senior Picnic

On May 12th, Rahway's Division of Senior Services kicked off summer celebrations with its annual Summer Picnic presented by Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council. This year's Hawaiian-themed party featured an array of entertainment including a live DJ, dance performances, and raffles. After burning calories on the dance floor, the seniors were served a delicious lunch from the Waiting Room and dessert from the Good Humor Ice Cream Truck. Safe to say, the seniors brought Hawaiian style to Rahway! Please call (732) 827-2016 for information regarding upcoming events, trips, and classes that the Senior Center is offering this summer.




Senior of the Year

Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council are pleased to announce that Dorothy Kelly has been selected as Outstanding Rahway Senior Citizen of the Year for 2022. Dorothy Kelly was born in Flushing, NY and attended grade school in Corona, NY and High School in Elmhurst, NY. After high school she started working at William Sadlier where she met her husband, Gerry. They relocated to Rahway after their wedding and have remained here for 45 years. As an active member of the Knights of Columbus you will often see Dorothy cook, clean, bartend, and pitch in wherever she is

needed. Dorothy also spends her time volunteering, both at the Union County Performing Arts Center as an usher, and previously at the Rahway Hospital Gift Shop until its closure. She is a member of AARP where she serves as Vice-President and arranges trips. Most recently, she helped organize a fundraiser for a displaced Ukrainian Family that moved to Rahway. Her selflessness and dedication to making Rahway a better place is why the Rahway Senior Center's Board of Trustees selected Dorothy Kelly as the Outstanding Rahway Senior Citizen of the Year for 2022.





SCAM SEMINAR


Sponsored by TD Bank & The Rahway Police Department

Learn how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of a scam.

Tuesday, July 11, 2023
11:30 am

Lunch will be served immediately following the presentation.

Rahway Senior Center • 1306 Esterbrook Ave.
For more information or to register, call (732) 827-2016



Summer

THURSDAYS

At the Rahway Senior Center • Start time 1:00pm*

JULY EVENTS	AUGUST EVENTS
JUL 6 Ice Cream Social	AUG 3 Organ Concert with Paul Citti
JUL 13 Bingo	AUG 10 RWJ Wellness on Wheels Greenhouse & Cooking School & Arista Yoga 10am - 1 pm*
JUL 20 Movie: Black Panther: Wakanda Forever	AUG 17 Bingo
JUL 27 Coffee & Canvas	AUG 24 Movie: 80 for Brady

RAHWAY SENIORS SIGN UP AT THE SENIOR CENTER
CALL 732-827-2016
ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sponsored by Mayor Raymond Giacobbe and The Rahway City Council

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. Charles Sweetman (732) 574-8976	Ladies Golden Age Club Meets every Weds. at 12:15PM Pres. Miriam Hausman (908) 906-4472	A.A.R.P. Chapter #607 Meets 2nd Thurs. of month at 12PM Pres. Delores Franklin (732) 499-7986	Union County Minority Task Force Pres. Elaine Haith (732)428-4800
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For more information on Senior Services and Programs, please call the Rahway Division of Senior Services: (732) 827-2016



RAHWAY FIRE CELEBRATING 200 YEARS

In 2023, the Rahway Fire Department celebrates its 200th anniversary, marking two centuries of dedicated service to our community. Originally established in 1823, the Rahway Fire Department is recognized as New Jersey's first incorporated fire department. Throughout the years, our firefighters have continued to evolve by implementing the newest technologies and training practices to keep their skills sharp and stay prepared to respond to emergencies.

This milestone is a testament to the unwavering commitment displayed by generations of firefighters that have protected and served our City.

AFTER THE FIRE:

On Thursday, June 1, the Rahway Fire Department and Rahway High School welcomed Alvaro Llanos and Shawn Simons, survivors of the 2000 Seton Hall University dormitory fire, to show their documentary, "After the Fire" and teach the class of 2023 about fire safety before they go off to college. On January 19, 2000, Alvaro and Shawn's lives would change forever when the 3rd-floor lounge of Boland Hall was set ablaze by an arson fire. During their visit, Alvaro and Shawn shared their personal stories, recounting the terrifying moments of the fire, its aftermath, and their roads to recovery. They emphasized the importance of fire safety measures and highlighted the profound impact that fire incidents can have on individuals, families, and communities. The session concluded with a Q&A where students were able to ask questions and engage in meaningful discussions about fire safety.

DEDICATED SERVICE

A sincere thank you to the retiring members of the Rahway Fire Department for their years of commitment and contribution to our community's safety.



Battalion Chief Cliff Schlosser – 25 Years



Captain Chris Hammell – 26 Years

Rahway is... at work for You

DPW RAHWAY • 25th ANNIVERSARY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS • WASTE • RECYCLING

Sanitation Division Celebrates 25 Years of Service to the City!

This year marks a significant milestone for the Rahway Division of Solid Waste and Recycling as it proudly celebrates its 25th anniversary. Established on April 1, 1998, this division introduced a city-wide refuse and recycling collection system that aimed to reduce the municipal solid waste and recycling budget, while prioritizing cost-effectiveness and quality service to our City.

The value of the division was realized very early on during the Labor Day Storm of 1998, where the newly established team played a critical role in the removal of massive amounts of downed branches, working hand in hand with the Department

of Public Works. This event highlighted another benefit of the division; an increase in our abilities to respond to natural disasters and emergencies.

The Division of Solid Waste and Recycling bears the responsibility of collecting and transporting various types of waste, including household garbage/trash, bulky waste, yard waste/grass/branches, and recyclables such as bottles and cans, paper products, electronics, and rechargeable batteries. They continue to provide a vital resource to our community as they work tirelessly to maintain the cleanliness and sustainability of our City. Congratulations on 25 years!



PRESERVING OUR PAST

DPW AND THE RAHWAY TREE COMMITTEE PLANT SALEM OAK SEEDLING

On June 6, 2019, one of New Jersey's most historic and iconic landmarks, the 500-year-old Salem Oak fell after years of declining health. The fallen tree dates back to 1675 and served as a peace treaty between Quaker John Fenwick and the Lenni Lenape Native Americans, the same tribe that once inhabited Rahway. Before the legendary tree reached its end, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the New Jersey Forest Service created a joint program to ensure the tree's legacy would live on. Through this program, foresters cultivated approximately 1,200 seedlings to be distributed to municipalities across the state.

As a part of this program, the Rahway Department of Public Works (DPW) was able to obtain a seedling in April 2022, which was cared for by master gardener James Keane and certified Master Tree Steward Michael Smanko until it was ready for planting in April 2023. DPW and the Rahway Tree Committee planted the seedling behind the Rahway River Watershed Association building on E. Milton Ave. Through DPW's efforts, this seedling will serve as a reminder of the rich



heritage and natural beauty that has endured throughout the centuries, providing New Jersey with its "Garden State" nickname.