



2 NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT
New places to enjoy in our City



7 EVENTS 2024
Rahway Happenings! January - March



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The Rahway Review

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A Message from The Mayor: **Reflecting on Progress and Anticipating a Bright Future for Rahway in 2024** From Vibrant Murals to Community Partnerships, and More

Greetings, Rahway residents! I am pleased to start off the year by sharing the Winter / Spring 2024 edition of the Rahway Review. In addition to a look back at the happenings of the last few months, you will find a calendar of upcoming events and programs, including the returning Soup Stroll, the Martin Luther King Jr. Sneaker Ball, the annual State of the City, and so much more.

The arts are on full display with the addition of two brand-new murals to our downtown area and in February, we will be the home of the Harriet Tubman Beacon of Hope Sculpture. Our Special Improvement District (SID) welcomed two new businesses to Rahway and celebrated a successful first year of the SID Spotlight Program.

Throughout the month of October, we partnered with RWJ Rahway to #PaintRahwayPink and spread awareness about breast cancer through the

Department of Health. Meanwhile, our seniors have been as active as ever through the unique offerings and activities from the Division of Senior Services.

The Rahway Police Department is welcoming four new officers to the force while strengthening community relations through the Police2Peace initiative and the Rahway Fire Department participated in specialized trainings to expand their skillset. The Department of Public Works has provided reminders for the 2024 Garbage & Recycling Schedule as well as the Recycle Coach App, and the Engineering Department looks ahead with improvement projects for our roads and parks.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to what 2024 has in store for our great City.

.....
Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe



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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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City of Rahway • Office of the Mayor
1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, NJ 07065

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Rahway Special Improvement District



Rahway's Special Improvement District (SID) proudly highlights local businesses that contribute significantly to shaping the distinctive identity of our community. Recognizing and supporting the diverse neighborhood entrepreneurs who call Rahway home is essential for fostering a resilient and prosperous local economy. We believe that our local businesses are truly the backbone of our City and we are committed to helping them succeed.

If you are interested in opening a business or relocating to Rahway, the SID is here to help you navigate the process. Contact us by email RahwaySID@cityofrahway.com or phone (732) 827-2181.

NEW BUSINESS: The City welcomes you!

Blossoms Brunch Bar

Blossoms Brunch Bar, Rahway's newest breakfast and brunch spot, celebrated its grand opening with an official ribbon cutting on October 18. Blossoms is located at 289 Monroe Street and offers a variety of southern-style homecooked food and mocktails that provide the perfect start to your day.



Rahway Refillery

On November 8, we officially welcomed Rahway Refillery to 1425 Main Street. Rahway Refillery is Rahway's very own no-waste marketplace that offers an assortment of non-toxic, organic, and sustainable products that eliminate the accumulation of waste for a positive impact on our environment.



Rahway Soup Stroll

Looking to warm up this winter? The annual Soup Stroll, presented by the Special Improvement District, will return every Saturday in January (Jan 6, 13, 20, 27) from 1:00-4:00 PM where restaurants will be stirring up their finest soups for you to try. While you're out, be sure to snap a photo of you and your Soup Stroll Squad

enjoying your samples and share it with @rahwayishappening on Instagram to enter our Soup Stroll Selfie contest for a chance to win a \$25 Gift Card to your favorite participating restaurant. Visit www.RahwayIsHappening.com/SoupStroll for more information and to view a full list of participating eateries.



Get to Know Your Rahway Businesses

The SID Spotlight celebrated its first year by highlighting 12 of the local establishments that call Rahway home. As a part of this monthly program, the Special Improvement District speaks with business owners to get their story

so our community can get to know the individuals who operate these establishments.

By bringing additional attention to our local businesses, we encourage residents and visitors to shop local and see all that Rahway has to offer. With over 600 businesses in our community, Rahway offers a wide variety of goods and services so individuals of all interests and needs can find exactly what they're looking for, right here in our great City.

If you own a Rahway business and would like to be featured in the SID Spotlight, contact Adrienne Turyn at aturyn@cityofrahway.com. All spotlights can be found at www.rahwayishappening.com/.

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

STRIDE FORWARD WITH UNITY

THE RAHWAY MLK SNEAKER Ball



MLK Sneaker Ball

Saturday, January 13, 2024

The Martin Luther King Jr. Sneaker Ball takes place on Saturday, January 13 from 4:00-9:00 PM at the Rahway Recreation Center. From 4:00-6:00 PM guests can walk through the “Hall of Knowledge,” participate in educational workshops for budding entrepreneurs, and explore a marketplace with offerings from thriving local businesses in the mini gym. From 6:00-9:00 PM the main gym will feature refreshments, a fashion show, a live DJ, and photo stations to capture the excitement of the evening and create lasting memories to bond the community. The dress code for this event is semi-formal attire with your favorite pair of sneakers! Admission is free, but registration is required. Visit www.CityofRahway.com/SneakerBall to register and learn more.



Rahway’s Annual Tree Lighting officially kicked off the holiday season in our City on November 24. Following a parade from Train Station Plaza to City Hall Plaza, Mayor Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council welcomed Santa who lit the tree and spread winter cheer.



Harriet Tubman Beacon of Hope Monument

February 2024

The Harriet Tubman – Beacon of Hope is a traveling monument that we will be hosting and displaying on City Hall Plaza during the month of February 2024. The bronze sculpture was created by artist Wesley Wofford and is traveling to Rahway from Salisbury, MD. The narrative of the sculpture depicts the transformation of young Araminta Ross into the American icon, Harriet Tubman, who dedicated her life to human rights and became a symbol of Freedom worldwide.



East Cherry Street Mural



Rahway Arts District Park Mural

Rahway Murals

In September 2023, the first of two brand new murals was unveiled in downtown Rahway at 69-75 E. Cherry Street. Artist Andrey Kravtsov, known professionally as Key Detail, created a beautiful piece that focuses on climate change resiliency and coastal flooding awareness. The artwork features a river goddess surrounded by native aquatic animals commonly found in the Rahway River. This mural was funded through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

The second mural to be added to the City was completed in November 2023 at Arts District Park by artist Emilio Florentine. This vibrant artwork in the heart of our downtown features a variety of flowering perennials that are native to Rahway, depicted in Florentine’s signature style.



RAHWAY • 2024

STATE OF THE CITY

Wednesday • March 7
7PM
@ Union County
Performing Arts Center

Annual State of the City

The City of Rahway will be holding its annual State of the City address on Thursday, March 7, 2024 beginning at 7:00 PM at the Union County Performing Arts Center (UCPAC), located at 1601 Irving Street, Rahway, NJ. Join us as we celebrate our great City with a look back at all we’ve accomplished in 2023 and what lies ahead in 2024.

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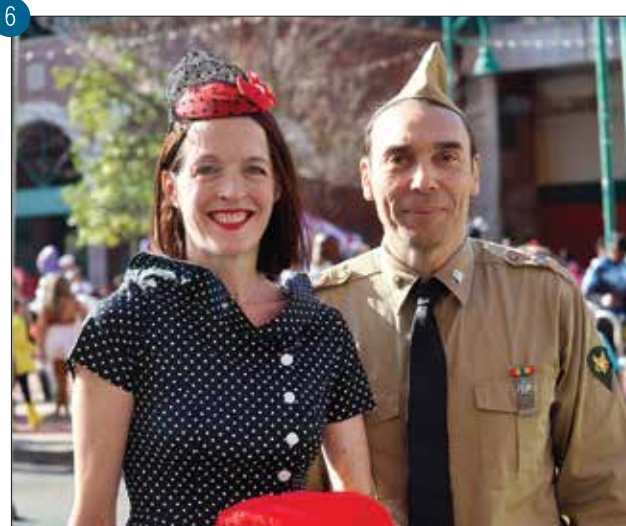
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Council in the Community! Rahway City Council

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.



- 1-9/11 Memorial Service at the Main Street Firehouse
- 2-Riverfest at the Rahway River Watershed Association
- 3-Cherry Street Mural Dedication Ceremony
- 4-Rahway Day hosted by the Rahway Chamber of Commerce
- 5-#PaintRahwayPink: Walk the Talk & Resource Fair at Rahway River Park
- 6-Halloween Spooktacular at Train Station Plaza
- 7-The annual Craft & Art Fair at the Rahway Rec Center
- 8-Library Dedication Ceremony at the Rahway Community Action Organization
- 9-Rahway's Annual Tree Lighting at City Hall Plaza

City of Rahway Ward Map: Get to know your Representative



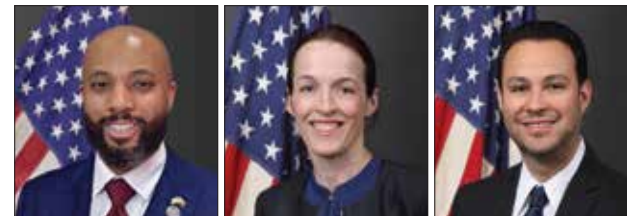
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Raymond A. Giacobbe

Rahway City Council

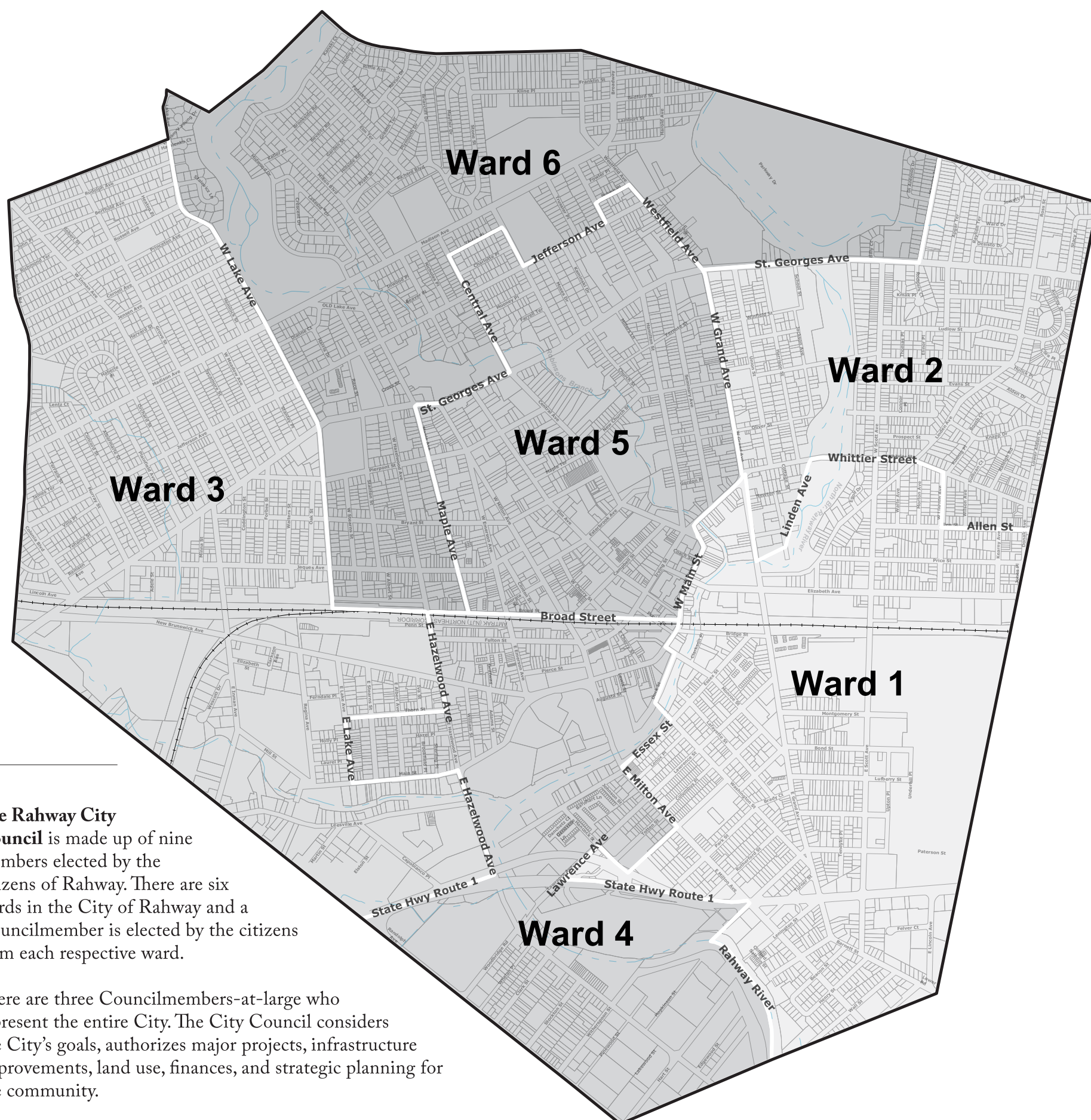


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The Rahway City Council is made up of nine members elected by the citizens of Rahway. There are six wards in the City of Rahway and a Councilmember is elected by the citizens from each respective ward.

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

LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

In recent years, concerns over water distributed through lead service lines have heightened across communities throughout the State of New Jersey, underscoring the necessity for immediate measures. To address this urgent issue, the City of Rahway is taking steps to inventory and replace lead service lines – and we are looking to partner with residents and property owners to align with the State’s goal to make New Jersey lead-free by 2031.

Mayor Giacobbe and the City of Rahway are committed to eliminating all service lines made of lead or having galvanized components from the water main to the meter on your property.

This matter is of such great importance to the City of Rahway that we have worked hard to obtain grants from our Federal, State and County legislators so that we can replace service lines at no charge to customers to ensure all residents and property owners have access to water free from lead. This is approximately a \$6,000-\$10,000 value per property, if contracted individually.

The replacement process will be expertly handled by licensed and insured plumbers through a contract with the City of Rahway, reducing disruptions or inconveniences for residents. The commitment to free replacements demonstrates our dedication to the well-being of our residents and property owners but we need your help. By allowing the City’s contractors into your buildings for lead service line replacements, you actively contribute to creating a healthier, safer community.

If your property has been identified as having a service line made of lead or having galvanized components, you will receive communication requesting access to your property in order to replace your service line before the project progresses to your area.

The presence of lead in water poses severe health risks, especially for children, impacting cognitive development and overall well-being. It's a collective effort to ensure that every tap delivers water free from harmful contaminants, promoting a brighter, healthier future for all. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding with our request for assistance.

Please contact the Engineering Department at (732) 827-2176 or engineering@cityofrahway.com for the latest status of your water service investigation. In the meantime, you can check www.CityofRahway.com/LeadServiceLines for our annually posted inventory.

PAVEMENT ANALYSIS PROGRAM

The City contracted with Advanced Infrastructure Design and the Colliers Engineering GIS Services Team to have the condition of every road in Rahway analyzed with the goal of improving the overall quality of the roads within the City. Data collection includes high-resolution video, a Laser Crack Measurement System and Ground Penetrating Radar for pavement thickness estimates and will all be tied to GPS coordinates for accuracy. This analysis will provide a data driven objective approach to prioritizing the roads that are in the greatest need of resurfacing. The data will also allow the Engineering Department to explore cost-effective, alternate methods of future road maintenance. The City is implementing this new technology to ensure the longevity of our existing road network.



BERZINEC PARK & HOWARD FIELD PARK IMPROVEMENTS

This spring, we are looking forward to two of our City parks receiving several improvements. The tennis courts at Berzinec Park, located on Central Ave., will be resurfaced and receive new posts and nets. One court at the park will have a modular surface that can accommodate pickleball as well as tennis. These improvements are being partially funded through the 2022 Union County Kids Trust Fund grant and the 2022 Local Recreation Improvement Grant.

Additionally, Howard Field Park, located on Stockton St., will be receiving several upgrades. The basketball courts will be resurfaced and receive a new backboard, goals, nets, and benches, and a new walkway will be added between the play surfaces and courts. These improvements are being partially funded through the 2020 Union County Kids Trust Fund Grant.



Berzinec Park



Howard Field Park

RAHWAY IS HAPPENING

JANUARY 2024

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28	29	30	31	1	2	3



SATURDAYS IN JANUARY

JAN 6 JAN 13 JAN 20 JAN 27
FROM 1-4pm



THE GALLERY SPACE RAHWAY

Notes from the Underground:
6th Annual Celebration of African American Artists



JAN 2

LIB 10:30 AM
Toddler Time

JAN 6

1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Soup Stroll
Participating Restaurants

JAN 9

LIB 10:30 AM
Toddler Time

LIB 1:00 PM
Afternoon Movie at the Library (Rated PG-13)
Call library for title

JAN 13

1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Soup Stroll
Participating Restaurants

REC 4:00 PM-9:00 PM
MLK Sneakerball Ball

JAN 15

11:30 AM
MLK Birthday Celebration
MLK Monument

JAN 16

LIB 10:30 AM
Toddler Time

JAN 17

LIB 6:00 PM
Evening Book Discussion
Call library for title

JAN 18

UCPAC 6:00 PM
Titanic

JAN 20

1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Soup Stroll
Participating Restaurants

LIB 2:00 PM
Saturday Afternoon Jam
Music featuring Stay Dead

JAN 22

REC 7:00 PM
Rahway Social Justice Commission
Monthly Meeting - Room 111

JAN 23

LIB 10:30 AM
Toddler Time

JAN 27

1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Soup Stroll
Participating Restaurants

JAN 28

SEN 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
A Gallery Space Exhibit:
"Notes from the Underground:
6th Annual Celebration of African American Artists"

JAN 30

LIB 10:30 AM
Toddler Time



JAN 31

LIB 4:00 PM
Graphic Novel Book Club
for kids 8-12

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
- HS Hamilton Stage : 360 Hamilton St
- LIB Rahway Public Library: 2 City Hall Plaza
- M&D Merchants & Drovers Tavern Museum: 1632 St Georges Ave
- 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
- 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
- VP Veterans Park: West Grand/Saint Georges Ave
- YMCA Gateway Family YMCA/Rahway: 1564 Irving St



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MAYOR RAYMOND A. GIACOBBE, RAHWAY CITY COUNCIL, AND RAHWAY SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NAACP, PROUDLY PRESENT

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

11:30AM
WREATH LAYING AT MLK PARK (BROAD ST./CAMPBELL ST. TRIANGLE)

12:00PM
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT RAHWAY RECREATION CENTER

MONDAY JANUARY 15

For Senior Transportation to event, please call (732) 669-3605
Deadline for transportation scheduling: Friday 1/12 at 4pm

MAYOR RAYMOND A. GIACOBBE AND THE RAHWAY CITY COUNCIL PRESENT

THE RAHWAY MLK SNEAKERBALL

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Join us for an unforgettable evening of education, empowerment, and celebration!
Wear your favorite sneakers paired with semi-formal attire!

SATURDAY JANUARY 13 2024

TIME: 4:00-9:00 PM
LOCATION: Rahway Recreation Center
275 E. Milton Ave., Rahway

Admission is free, but registration is required. Scan the QR code or visit:
www.CityofRahway.com/SneakerBall24

SPECIAL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

4:00-6:00 PM
The Hall of Knowledge: Ongoing educational workshops for young entrepreneurs
Business Marketplace: Unique works of art, fashion, and goods for sale from local businesses – plus educational organizations and nonprofits

6:00-9:00 PM
Entertainment! Live DJ, Fashion Show, refreshments, and photo stations!

RAHWAY IS HAPPENING

FEBRUARY

2024

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HELLO HAMILTON!

- FEB 1**
CHP 2:00 PM-4:00 PM
Harriet Tubman: A Beacon of Hope
Traveling monument
(ends Mar 1, 10 AM)
- FEB 3**
HS Time TBA
Hamilton Stage
FREE Grand Opening Weekend
- FEB 4**
HS Time TBA
Hamilton Stage
FREE Grand Opening Weekend
- FEB 6**
LIB 10:30 AM
Toddler Time
- TSP 4:45 PM**
UCPAC Black History Month Event
TBA on cityofrahway.com

- FEB 7**
LIB TIME TBA
(Snow date: Feb 21 or 28)
Faith Ringgold's Story Quilts (lecture)
- FEB 10**
M&D TIME TBA
M&D Tavern Museum/Rahway Cemetery:
History talk on USCT/cemetery tour
- FEB 13**
LIB 10:30 AM
Toddler Time
- LIB 1:00 PM**
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M&D 7:00 PM-10:00 PM
I Heart Horror: An Evening of Dramatic Readings

- FEB 17**
REC 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Union County Urban League - Black History Month College Fair
Workforce development
- M&D 7:00 PM-10:00 PM**
I Heart Horror: An Evening of Dramatic Readings
- FEB 20**
LIB 10:30 AM
Toddler Time
- FEB 21**
LIB 6:00 PM
Evening Book Discussion
Call library for title
- FEB 23**
SEN 8:00 PM
Prime Time Music Series
Musical Performance

- FEB 24**
SEN 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Cosmic Adventures
Traveling Planetarium
- FEB 26**
REC 7:00 PM
Rahway Social Justice Commission Monthly Meeting - Room 111

- FEB 27**
LIB 10:30 AM
Toddler Time
- FEB 28**
LIB 4:00 PM
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Save the Date!

The Hamilton Stage will be having a **FREE Grand Opening Weekend** with special performances on **Feb 3rd and 4th.**

Visit us at UCPAC.org to check in on details!



HAMILTON STAGE

360 Hamilton Street, Rahway NJ 07065

CITY OF RAHWAY BLACK HISTORY MONTH HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 2024



- FEB 1 - MAR 1:** City Hall Plaza
Harriet Tubman Beacon of Hope Monument
- FEB 7:** Rahway Library
Faith Ringgold's Story Quilts (lecture)
(Snow date: Feb 21 or 28)

- FEB 10:** Merchants & Drovers Tavern/Rahway Cemetery
History talk on USCT/cemetery tour
- FEB 17:** Rahway Recreation Center 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Union County Urban League - Black History Month College Fair/Workforce development

For up-to-date info on events, visit www.CityofRahway.com



FEB 2024
ON DISPLAY: CITY HALL PLAZA
Harriet Tubman Beacon of Hope Monument



UCPAC turns 95! For 95 years the Union County Performing Arts Center has been a beacon of creativity, culture, and community. From stellar performances to educational programs that inspire, UCPAC has been at the heart of it all!

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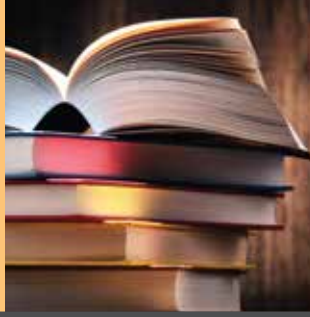
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MARCH 2024
Women's History Month
VISIT CITYOFRAHWAY.COM
FOR SPECIAL EVENTS



20th
Anniversary

Rahway Public Library
20th Anniversary Celebration
March 22, 2024
www.rahwaylibrary.org

- MAR 1**
UCPAC 8:00 PM
Red Hot Chili Pipers
- MAR 5**
LIB 10:30 AM
Toddler Time
- MAR 7**
UCPAC 7:00 PM
State of the City
- MAR 9**
SEN To be announced
Senior Art Show
- MAR 12**
LIB 10:30 AM
Toddler Time
- LIB 1:00 PM**
Afternoon Movie at the Library (Rated PG-13)
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- MAR 14**
6:30 PM
Women's Month - Wine and Design
1439 Main St, Rahway
- MAR 16**
M&D 7:00 PM-10:00 PM
Celtic Hearth Light Tavern Night
- MAR 19**
LIB 10:30 AM
Toddler Time
- SEN To be announced
Senior Spring Fling Party
- MAR 20**
LIB 6:00 PM
Evening Book Discussion
Call library for title

- MAR 22**
SEN 8:00 PM
Prime Time Music Series: Bradford Hayes
- MAR 23**
12:00 PM-2:00 PM
Easter Bunny Parade w/ police-Citywide (Rain Date Mar 24/Easter 4/9)
- MAR 25**
REC 7:00 PM
Rahway Social Justice Commission Monthly Meeting - Room 111
- MAR 26**
LIB 10:30 AM
Toddler Time
- MAR 27**
LIB 4:00 PM
Graphic Novel Book Club for kids 8-12

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
- HS Hamilton Stage : 360 Hamilton St
- LIB Rahway Public Library: 2 City Hall Plaza
- M&D Merchants & Drivers Tavern Museum: 1632 St Georges Ave
- 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
- 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
- VP Veterans Park: West Grand/Saint Georges Ave
- YMCA Gateway Family YMCA/Rahway: 1564 Irving St



USE THIS CODE FOR MORE INFO ON EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

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City of Rahway Health Department



Throughout the month of October, the City of Rahway partnered with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway to #PaintRahwayPink and raise awareness about the prevalence of breast cancer and promote early detection, education, and support for individuals affected by the disease.

Activities included a ribbon cutting ceremony, a community human ribbon photo, free mammograms for qualified individuals, and the first-ever Paint Rahway Pink Walk and Resource Fair. To close out #PaintRahwayPink, more than 200 attendees joined us at Rahway River Park to walk one mile alongside survivors, friends, and families affected by breast cancer. Following the walk, a variety of local vendors and health

professionals offered invaluable information and resources as part of an educational community health fair.

Over 40 Rahway businesses joined this initiative by decorating their storefronts, wearing pink, donating to breast cancer foundations, or offering a variety of pink deals all month long including specially crafted pink drinks and foods.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States and the second leading cause of cancer death in women overall. We encourage residents to learn the facts about breast cancer, get regular screenings, and invest in a healthy future through a balanced diet and exercise.

Thank you to all who participated and joined us in the fight against breast cancer.





WELCOME TO RAHWAY!

As 2023 comes to a close, the Rahway Police Department is adding to its ranks. In December, four new recruits will graduate from the John H. Stamler Police Academy. We would like to welcome Officers Ricardo Lopez, Isaiah Cortes, Albert Aviles, and Justin Quelopana to Rahway PD. These officers will enter the department's field training program in January where they will be coached and instructed by corporals of the Training Unit until they have successfully completed the program.

In addition to these four officers, the department welcomed Officer Anthony Firreno, formerly a Special Law Enforcement Officer II with the Neptune Police Department. Officer Firreno has already completed the basic police officer academy and is in the process of completing his new officer training requirements.



DEDICATED SERVICE

A heartfelt thank you to Sgt. Marcus Giammetta for 27 Years of service



City of Rahway Police Department

POLICE 2PEACE

RPD ADOPTS 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY POLICING PHILOSOPHY

The Rahway Police Department has adopted a 21st century community policing philosophy called "Police2Peace." This grant-funded initiative and training platform is utilized by law enforcement agencies throughout the nation with the goal of improving relations between police officers and the communities they serve. By exploring the roots of policing back to its origins in the 1800's and explaining how various geographic areas of the United States developed different ideologies of public safety, officers gain a newfound understanding of the profession. Civilian personnel of the department also receive a modified version of the course.

Police2Peace has found great success by using a whole-community approach that does not just focus on law enforcement personnel but engages the community as well. Community leaders and elected officials participate in training modules geared towards civilians and non-law enforcement stakeholders. The training will be followed up in 2024 by information sharing sessions among all parties so that ideas and expectations can be shared and expressed to strengthen understanding.



POLICE 2PEACE

Keeping Rahway safe and secure is our top priority and we value the community's support in accomplishing our mission! Learn more at www.police2peace.org.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Rahway Police Department keeps the Community safe and informed



Part of keeping Rahway a terrific place to live, work, dine and shop is by keeping the community informed and prepared. Recent local and national crime trends (such as the spikes in catalytic converter theft, motor vehicle theft, and motor vehicle burglaries) have also affected Rahway. But there are ways citizens can protect themselves.

Here are a few tips:

- Have your catalytic converter engraved or stamped with your car's VIN number.
- Park in a well-lit area and consider investing in a doorbell camera.
- If you or a neighbor has been the victim of a crime, check for video doorbell and security camera footage of the incident and contact the Police Department promptly.
- Lock your vehicles, take your key fob with you, and keep items of value and loose change well hidden and out of sight.
- Secure your home with dead bolt locks on exterior doors, lock windows and sliding doors, and keep vehicle key fobs in safe locations, not visible from the exterior of your home.
- "See Something, Say Something" – A vigilant community is a safer community. If you notice a person or vehicle that seems suspicious, contact police dispatch (732-827-2200) with as much information as possible. In case of an emergency, dial 9-1-1 immediately.

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.

19TH ANNUAL SENIOR ART SHOW

Opening Reception
March 9, 2024
12:30-2:30pm

Featuring work by senior artists in Watercolor, Charcoal, Colored Pencil, Pastels, Acrylics, and Oil

Laura Brown
Instructor & Show Coordinator

Featuring the work from the following classes

Memoir Writing Mary Ellinger Instructor	Quilt Making Sharon Young Instructor
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Art can be viewed
March 11-14
9am-4pm

At the Rahway Senior Center
1306 Esterbrook Ave.

For more information
call (732) 827-2016

Senior Halloween Party

The Rahway Division of Senior Services had its annual Halloween luncheon on October 19 and everyone was enjoying the atmosphere and celebration. Smiles were everywhere as DJ Adam filled the air with a mix of R&B, classics, and line dancing favorites. The party was catered by Mr. Subs and a sweet treat was a great end to this meal. The costumes were creative and fun and prizes were given for the most creative and most original costume. A wonderful celebration, indeed!



- 1- Everyone enjoyed the senior Halloween party – even the scarecrows!
- 2- The ladies looking very spooky and sassy as they struck a pose at the party.
- 3- Hands up for Halloween: a few of the ladies showing their holiday spirit.
- 4- Not even the spookiest witch could keep our seniors away from the dancefloor. OR Trick or treat, move your feet: our seniors having some fun on the dancefloor.

AARP Driving Class

AARP Chapter #607 will be sponsoring the AARP Driver Safety Course on Tuesday, March 5, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Rahway Senior Center. When you take the Driver Safety Course you will learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques and how to operate your vehicle safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. The cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members and payment is due on the day of class. There will be a half hour lunch break, please bring a lunch. Please call (732)827-2016 to register.



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



NATURAL GAS EMERGENCY TRAINING

With SJI Utilities

The Rahway Fire Department invited SJI Utilities to lead four days of Natural Gas Emergency Training to equip department members with essential skills in handling various natural gas scenarios. This training included information on how to respond to gas leaks, floods, overheated boilers, and appliance fires, as well as first responder safety in these situations.



RFD: SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Confined Spaces

In a continued effort to refine their skill set and stay prepared for a wide range of emergency situations, the Rahway Fire Department underwent specialized training focused on responding to and operating in confined spaces. This multifaceted training program included comprehensive exercises in rope techniques, knot tying, and hauling maneuvers. Participants also learned how to safely raise and lower victims and responders, and secure patients for transport.



Rahway is... at work for You

GARBAGE / RECYCLING INFO

YOUR NEW 2024 RECYCLING SCHEDULE IS ON ITS WAY

The 2024 Garbage & Recycling schedule is a guide that highlights collection dates for your location as well as information that is useful throughout the year including collection guidelines, how to dispose of bulky waste materials, and holiday dates where collection will not take place. This schedule has been mailed to all Rahway residents and is available online at www.CityofRahway.com/RecycleSchedule.



SOLID WASTE CONTAINER GUIDELINES

The Rahway Department of Public Works has provided the following guidelines to streamline the solid waste collection process and reduce the risk of injury to our collection staff.

- Must be less than 32 gallons
- Must weigh less than 40lbs
- Must NOT have wheels
- Must have solid handles
- Must have detachable lids
- Must have drainage holes
- Must be in good condition

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Yard waste collection begins on April 1st and will be collected on your first collection day of the week. Please make sure that all yard waste is in either a brown paper bag or a sturdy garbage can with handles. Yard waste cans should be 32 gallons in size or less with detachable lids. Oversized containers, containers weighing more than 40lbs, and yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.



STREET SWEEPER SCHEDULE

Street sweeping in the City of Rahway begins on April 1, 2024 and runs through October. Please follow all parking signs in your neighborhood.

RECYCLE COACH APP

The City of Rahway offers our annual Garbage & Recycling schedule in a digital format through the free Recycle Coach App. With Recycle Coach, residents can stay organized with custom curbside collection and events calendars, receive collection reminders and real-time updates on service disruptions, and access the comprehensive "What Goes Where?" search tool.



SCAN ME

For more information and to download the Recycle Coach app, visit www.recyclecoach.com or scan the QR code.