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The Rahway Review

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A Message from The Mayor: **Celebrating Community Vibrancy and Progress in 2024** Embracing Diversity, Enriching Community

Residents of Rahway,

I am thrilled to introduce the 2024 Summer and Fall Edition of the Rahway Review—your guide to the vibrant happenings and notable improvements in our city. This edition features in-depth coverage of the progress made with our Water Quality Assurance Initiative, underscoring our dedication to ensuring safe and reliable water for all residents. We also reflect on the success of annual events such as Taste of Spring and celebrate the recent mural dedication and refresh of Rahway Arts District Park. Looking ahead, we anxiously await the unforgettable experiences the Mayor's Summer Concert Series and our Dinner and a Show partnership with UCPAC are sure to offer residents in Rahway's downtown. These initiatives highlight the breadth of artistic talent and creativity that thrives in our

community. We recap the recent ribbon cutting and Block Party at Berzinec Park; a new facility rich with improvements that is sure to provide a fun-filled oasis for families and individuals to enjoy through the summer months. In September, mark your calendars for ArtsFest 2024 and prepare for a diverse array of events through the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month. Both of these celebrations highlight the cultures and backgrounds that make Rahway what it is.

Thank you for being an integral part of Rahway's vibrant community. Together, let us continue to build a city we are proud to call home.

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Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe



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CITY OF RAHWAY Municipal Directory

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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

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:

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Rahway Special Improvement District



The Special Improvement District (SID) recognizes the leaders that build and strengthen our local economy. The SID provides opportunities that support local entrepreneurs while adding to the quality of life for residents. The contributions that our business owners provide to our city are vital to the economic health of our region. The SID is a dedicated resource for established businesses, and support for those looking to open a new, or relocate a business to Rahway. For more information e-mail RahwaySid@cityofrahway.com or call (732) 827-2181. For the latest updates about events, business programs and current information, follow @Rahwayishappening.com on social media and Rahwayishappening.com.

NEW BUSINESS: The City welcomes you!

Tribeca Pediatrics

1501 Main Street

Offering the highest quality of pediatric care, Tribeca Pediatrics

was officially welcomed into the Rahway community with their newest location on Main Street, on March 12th.



Buckle My Shoe Learning Academy

378 E. Milton Ave

On April 10th

2024, Mayor Giacobbe welcomed Buckle My Shoe Learning Academy; a family-run, licensed daycare and preschool provider serving children ages 2 ½ to 13 years old.



Rahway Primary Care & Aesthetics

1531 Irving Street

On April 13th,

2024 Mayor Raymond Giacobbe welcomed



Dr. Arshad and his team of medical professionals to their newest location in the heart of downtown Rahway. A welcome addition to the community, Rahway Primary Care serves all ages.

Plantabis US-1 North

On March 15th, Mayor Raymond Giacobbe, City Council Members Jeffrey Brooks and

Al Parker, and State Senate Leader Nicholas Scutari, joined Plantabis for their grand opening celebration on March 15th commemorating the first dispensary in the city.



The Protein Station

35B E. Milton Ave

On May 1st, 2024, Mayor Raymond Giacobbe and

Councilman Al Parker joined business owner, Juanita Vasquez on to cut the ribbon for her newest venture, The Protein Station, located across from Rahway's Train Station Plaza.



Rahway Businesses Bloom at TASTE OF SPRING '24

On April 5th, Foodies from all over gathered for the 21st Annual Rahway Taste of Spring; eager to sample the finest that local and neighboring restaurants have to offer. The event was sold out, selling over 1,000 tickets in less than 3 weeks on Eventbrite. This year featured 42 eateries and saw the largest number of Rahway Restaurants since the event's inception over two decades ago. In addition to the main area, the event featured a craft beer tent with four local craft breweries and classic rock from the Sweater Pills and a dessert tent with coffee, gelato, and pastries and the sweet sounds of jazz from the Bradford Hayes Quartet. To keep things interesting and provide a little friendly competition, ten judges comprised of food

writers, influencers, and a chef chose selected winners from eight categories to receive awards and bragging rights for the coming year.

Taste of Spring 2024 Winners

Best Drink:
Cholao El P'Tas

Best Appetizer:
Latin Fuego

Best Handheld Food:
Casamon Caribbean Cuisine

Best Vegetarian:
Souped!

Best Entrée:
Gigi's Latin Bistro & Hugo's Peruvian Restaurant

Best Dessert:
Gigi's Latin Bistro

Best Craft Beer:
Wet Ticket Brewing

Best of Taste:
Latin Fuego



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Rahway Arts and Community



Rahway Arts District Park Refresh and Mural Dedication

In May 2024, the Rahway Arts District Park, located across from the Union County Performing Arts Center welcomed a new spring refresh. As part of the additions, visitors can enjoy the completion of a Native Species Garden and new lighting in the park. In 2023 Rahway City Council passed an ordinance that at least 70% of all new plants - including trees - planted on City-owned or City-managed property must be native species. The new plantings and improvements made it a welcoming place to gather and enjoy the Native Perennials mural dedication on May 4, 2024, as part of the NJ Art and Music Express festival.



Heart of the City

Rahway's Heart of the City Festival was created in 2022 as a way to showcase local Black and Brown New Jersey area artists with an emphasis on Rahway creatives. This festival is a not-for-profit event and an extension of a platform that holds the same objectives, The Talent Project. The goal of the festival is to create a safe and inclusive environment for artists, local businesses, and attendees, while uplifting creative endeavors. This year's event will be held from 12-6pm, August 3 on E. Cherry Street.



Mayor's Summer Concert Series

Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council are excited to announce the return of the

Mayor's Summer Concert Series on Thursdays from August 1st through August 22 in front of the Union County Performing Arts Center, located at 1601 Irving Street. These free performances feature a star-studded line-up including 24k Magic and The Amor Prohibido; tribute bands for Bruno Mars and Selena, respectively.



Cherry Street Soiree en Blanc

You are cordially invited to this year's Cherry Street Soiree en Blanc on Sunday, August 25th from 7-10 pm. Join us for

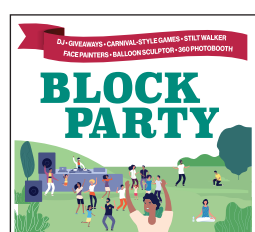
dinner under the stars on Cherry Street. Wear your best white outfit, bring your own food, drinks, and table set-up, and the fun will follow. The City will provide tables, chairs, and entertainment! Consider choosing a meal from any one of the many restaurants in Rahway. Participants will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win gift cards to a Rahway based business.



ArtsFest

On Saturday, September 21 from 2-6pm, ArtsFest: Art in All Dimensions takes the arts to new heights in the City of Rahway (literally!). Enjoy

an array of performance artists showcasing their talents, including a gravity-defying aerialist, an awe-inspiring contortionist, and a variety of live musicians. 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 60 artists and local vendors, there is something for everyone to enjoy.



Berzinec Park Ribbon Cutting and Block Party

In partnership with the Union County Board of Commissioners, Council-

woman Danni Newbury unveiled the new and improved Berzinec Park on May 16th. The park, now outfitted with a new state-of-the-art playground hosted a block party celebration that featured a DJ, face painters, carnival games, and a 360 Photobooth.

Recent Events

Be Our Valentine Meal Delivery Program

Mayor Giacobbe, the Rahway Department of Recreation, the Department of Public Works, and the Special Improvement District delivered over 350 meals to members of our Senior Community as part of the Be Our Valentine Meal Delivery Program!



Urban League of Union County Black History Month College Fair

The Urban League of Union County's annual Black History Month College Fair took place at the Rahway Rec Center on Feb 17th. The Urban League of Union County provided invaluable information to local youth.



Prime Time Concert Series

On February 23rd, self-taught blues-rock musician Junior Mack sold out his show at the Rahway Senior Center. Influenced by countless blues, rock, and gospel musicians and singers, he's combined years of listening and learning into one unique style. In addition to his band, The Junior Mack Band, he's currently the frontman for Jaimoe's Jasssz Band and a founding member of the Grammy Nominated Heritage Blues Orchestra.



SUMMER IMPROV CLASS

Scan the QR Code or go to register.communitypass.net/rahoway For more information please call 732-669-3600

A one-week improv intensive for children ages 10-14 where we will master improv games, build ensemble, create our own short sketches, and put together a comedy show that will be performed for friends and family on the final day of class. Kids should pack their own lunch, but there will be snacks provided.

MEETS

Aug 19 - 22
11AM-4PM
Rahway Recreation Center, Room 115

SHOWCASE

Aug 23
5PM
Rahway Senior Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave.

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2024 SUMMER ART WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS & TEENS

WEEK 1: July 22-July 26 • WEEK 2: July 29-August 2

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

Kids Workshops Week 1

Ages 6-11

Drawing 9-10:30 AM

Painting 10:45 AM-12:15 PM

Sculpture 12:45-2:15 PM

Cartooning 2:30-4:00 pm

Teen Workshops Week 1 & 2

Ages 12-16

Japanese Manga Cartooning 9-11:00 AM

Acrylic Painting 11:15 AM-1:15 PM

Sculpture/3D 1:45-3:45 PM

Kids Workshops Week 2

Ages 6-11

Quick Draw 9-10:30 AM

Color Your World 10:45 AM-12:15 PM

In the Round...Sculpt It! 12:45-2:15 PM

Cartoon Mania 2:30-4:00 pm

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



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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-Presentation of Portrait by Councilman Brooks to the Late Congressman Payne **2**-Read Across America at Franklin Elementary School
3-Presentation of SID Business Improvement Grant Check to Sabor Peruano **4**-Native Perennials Mural Dedication at Arts District Park
5-Rahway's Haitian Flag Raising Ceremony **6**-2024 Memorial Day Parade **7**-Cherry Street Mural Dedication
8-UCPAC's Raise the Curtain Reception **9**-Read Across America at Franklin Elementary School

City of Rahway Ward Map: Get to know your Representative



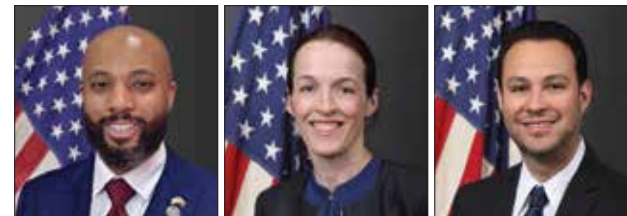
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Raymond A. Giacobbe

Rahway City Council



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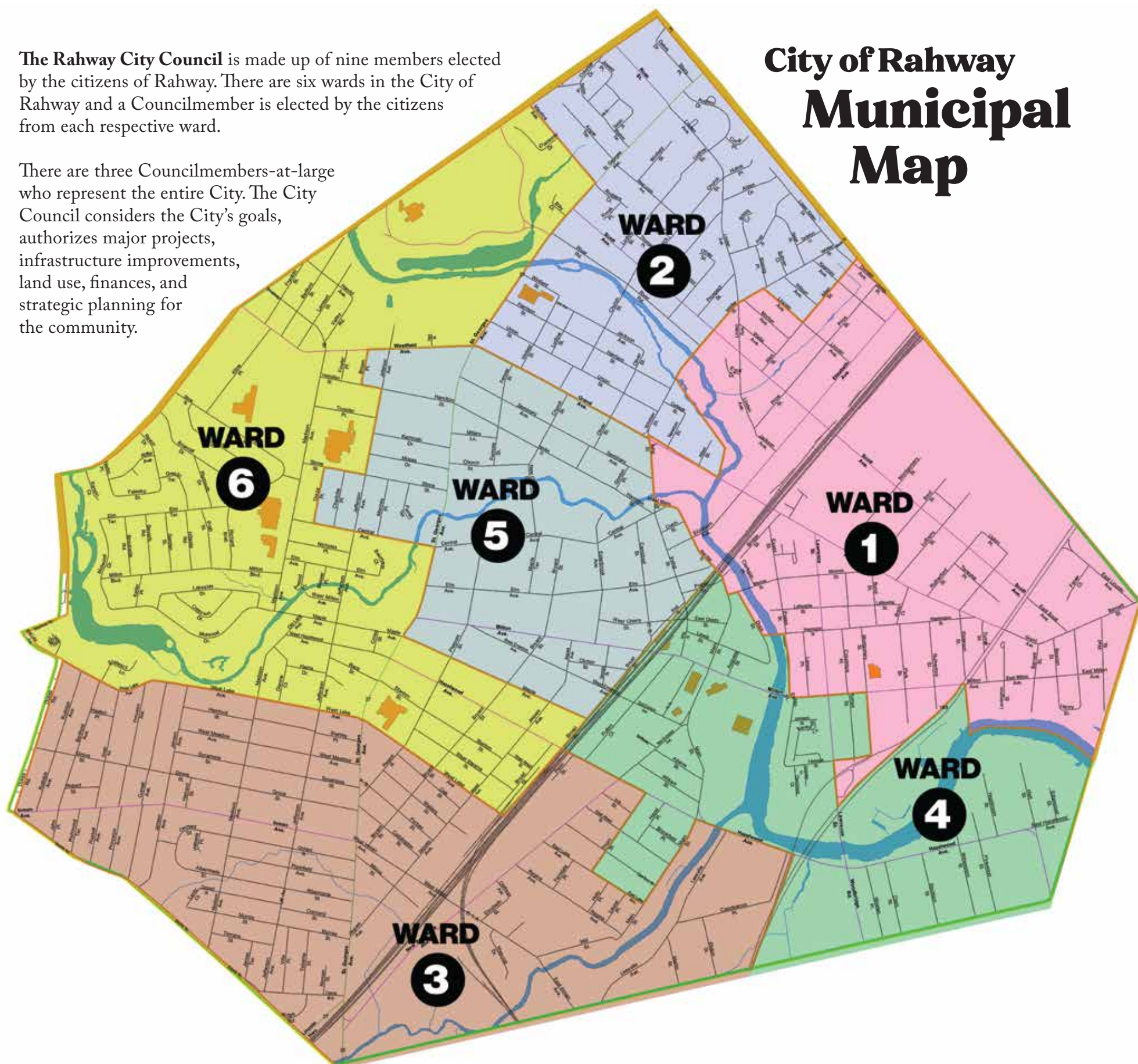


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The Rahway City Council is made up of nine members elected by the citizens of Rahway. There are six wards in the City of Rahway and a Councilmember is elected by the citizens from each respective ward.

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.

City of Rahway Municipal Map



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

WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE UPDATE

As of June 1, 2024, the City of Rahway is proud to report that approximately 4,700 service lines have already been tested out of the ~5,300 required for the Water Quality Assurance Initiative project. As such, the City celebrates the significant progress made possible through resident cooperation. Spearheaded by Mayor Raymond Giacobbe and Rahway City Council, the Water Quality Assurance Initiative works not only to ensure the integrity of Rahway's water supply but also to ensure a safer and brighter future for Rahway residents to thrive. Test pitting, a crucial phase of the project, is slated for completion by the end of June, marking a significant milestone in Rahway's journey towards a more resilient future. However, the journey doesn't end there. Since the test pit work commenced in November 2023, temporary restoration of the test pits was utilized due to the winter conditions. However, recognizing the urgency of the situation, the City had the

contractor triple their Restoration Crews starting in April, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to minimizing wait times and expediting the restoration process. Currently, final restoration times are expected to be in the 2-4 week range. Residents can anticipate up to 100 service lines will undergo replacement between now and October. Following the completion of this phase, plans will be set in motion for the replacement of all water service lines confirmed to consist of lead or have galvanized components. Right-of-entry (ROE) forms will be provided to properties requiring water service line replacement. Early approval by property owners of these forms ensures that the work can be carried out at no charge, an opportunity made possible thanks to the strategic foresight of the City leadership, securing multiple millions in grants from County, State, and Federal levels. As properties await restoration, the City extends its deepest appreciation for the



community's patience and active participation in the process to ensure a safer future for the City. For the latest updates on the project's status, residents are encouraged to contact the engineering department at engineering@cityofrahway.com or 732-827-2176. Test pit results are available as soon as 24 hours after the completion of each test pit, ensuring transparency and accountability every step of the way.

Have more questions?
Please scan the QR code to watch a short video!



City of Rahway Health Department

REMEMBER TO **SUMMER SAFELY!**

As summer approaches, everyone looks forward to outdoor fun and relaxation. However, safety should be a top priority. Here is how to stay safe and healthy while enjoying the season's activities.

Shield Yourself from The Sun's Rays

To prevent sunburn and skin damage, wear broad-spectrum sunscreen with a high SPF, and reapply every two hours, especially after swimming or sweating. Avoid direct sunlight between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and wear light-colored, breathable clothing. Hats and sunglasses offer extra protection.

Beat The Heat

Hydration is crucial in hot weather. Drink water regularly and take breaks during outdoor activities. If you feel overheated, find shade or use air conditioning to cool down. Avoid overexertion to prevent heat exhaustion.

Practice Water Safety

Learning to swim is a critical safety measure. Always supervise children near water and use life jackets when boating or kayaking. In natural bodies of water, stick to designated areas, and be aware of currents and submerged hazards. Install safety barriers around home pools to prevent unsupervised access.

The Rahway Department of Health hopes you have a fun and safe summer with these practical tips, which help to ensure a balance of safety and enjoyment during the warm months ahead. Stay connected to us by visiting our website at www.cityofrahway.org/187/Department-of-Health Also, follow us on Facebook @cityofrahway and Instagram @rahwaydepartmentofhealth



Rahway Health Department Events!

Food Handlers Training Course

On September 11, 2024 we are offering two sessions at the Rahway Recreation Center. The first is scheduled from 2PM to 3PM in English and from 3PM to 4PM in Spanish. For info, visit us online.

Senior Weekly Support Groups

Through an established partnership with the Mental Health Association of New Jersey, the Rahway Department of Health is continuing to offer weekly support groups tailored to the senior community. Please join us at Clifford P. Case Apartments on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays and at Rahway Senior Annex Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Sessions are scheduled for 2PM. All are welcome.

Paws and All

This year's Paws and All event is scheduled for Sept. 7 (rain date: Sept. 14) from 11AM - 2PM at City Hall Plaza. Come join us to connect with other pet owners and access resources and vaccinations. Stay tuned for info!



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.



RAHWAY IS HAPPENING

JULY 2024

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JULY 1
LIB 6:00 PM
Crochet Club

JULY 3
RRP 9:15 PM
4th of July Fireworks (rain 7/5)

JULY 10
LIB 2:00 PM
Teen Arctic Journey in the DS!

JULY 11
FF 8:30 PM
Movie Nights: The Little Mermaid

RAHWAY FARMERS MARKET
THURSDAYS
NOON TILL 7 PM
June - November
RAHWAY TRAIN STATION PLAZA

Special Holiday Market Every November!

JULY 12
PAS 6:30 PM
Mayor's Music Series featuring RENE ALIVIA

JULY 13
ADP 6:00 PM
Mayor's Music Series featuring MISSION IN THE RAIN

JULY 15
LIB 6:00 PM
Crochet Club

JULY 17
LIB 2:00 PM
Teen Under the Sea Adventure!

JULY 19
PAS 6:30 PM
Mayor's Music Series featuring RENE MASKIN

JULY 20
ADP 6:00 PM
Mayor's Music Series featuring MYSTIC TWANG

JULY 20 (cont'd)
DR 6:00 PM
What's the Word
Location: Melao Cafe and Creamery

JULY 24
LIB 2:00 PM
Teen DS Summer Program/ Amazon Rainforest day

JULY 25
FF 8:30 PM
Movie Nights: Elemental

JULY 26
PAS 6:30 PM
Mayor's Music Series featuring THE MASONS

JULY 27
REC 11:30 AM-4:00 PM
ILove2Read XMAS In July Marketplace

UCPAC 5:00 PM
New Jersey Opera Theater Die Walküre

CALENDAR LOCATION KEY

- ADP Arts District Park: Irving St/Central Ave
- BF Brennan Field: 741 Ferndale Pl
- CHP City Hall Plaza: 1 City Hall Plaza
- CS East Cherry St
- DR Downtown Rahway
- EAME Ebenezer AME Church: 253 Central Ave
- FF Flanagan Field: 2039 Wall St
- HF Howard Field: 1292 Stockton St
- 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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JULY 27 (cont'd)
ADP 6:00 PM
Mayor's Music Series featuring DCQ

JULY 31
LIB 2:00 PM
Teen DS Summer Program/Asia

MAYOR RAYMOND A. GIACOBBE AND THE RAHWAY CITY COUNCIL

Summer Sports CAMPS

The Rahway Summer Sports Camps primary goal is to provide high-level and affordable instruction from High School Coaches for local families with aspiring athletes interested in competing at recreational, travel, Middle School, and High School levels.

Girls Volleyball	Football	Basketball	Baseball & Softball	Track
June 19 - 20 10am-12pm Rahway Rec Center Grades 5-8 Fee \$20	June 19 - 21 10am-12pm Madden Field Grades 5-8 Fee \$30	June 24 - 26 9am-10:30pm Ages 7-10 11am-12:30pm Ages 11-14 Rahway Rec Center Fee \$30	July 15 - 18 9am-12pm Madden Field Ages 8-12 Fee \$50	July 22 - 25 Rain Date July 20 5pm-6pm Rahway River Park Grades 3-8 Fee \$25

Register in person at the Recreation Center or online at CityOfRahway.com/recreation

Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council invite you to celebrate!...

Independence Day

WEDNESDAY
JULY 3RD

Rain Date July 5

FIREWORKS SHOW!

9PM - Rahway River Park

Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council Present

RAHWAY SUMMER NIGHTS 2024!

MOVIES IN THE PARK!

THURSDAY, JULY 11 • 8:30PM
The Little Mermaid 2023 VERSION

THURSDAY, JULY 25 • 8:30PM
Elemental

Flanagan Field
2039 Wall St, Rahway, NJ

FREE EVENT - REGISTRATION REQUIRED!
register.communitypass.net/rahway

RAHWAY IS HAPPENING

AUGUST

2024

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AUG 1
UCPAC 6:30 PM
Mayor's Summer Concert Series: AB Salute House

AUG 2
PAS 6:30 PM
Mayor's Music Series featuring SARAH TETI

AUG 3
CS 12:00 PM-6:00 PM
Heart of the City Festival (8/10 Rain Date)

ADP 6:00 PM
Mayor's Music Series featuring RADIANT CITY

AUG 3 (cont'd)
UCPAC 3:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Remain In Light

AUG 5
LIB 6:00 PM
Crochet Club

AUG 6
TSP 4:00 PM
National Night Out

AUG 7
LIB 2:00 PM
Teen DS Summer Program/Africa

AUG 8
UCPAC 6:00 PM
Mayor's Summer Concert Series: The Amor Prohibido and Swing Sabroso (Opener)

AUG 9
PAS 6:30 PM
Mayor's Music Series featuring IAN MCBRIDE

AUG 10
ADP 6:00 PM
Mayor's Music Series featuring CARLOS FRIAS Y CIRCULO SOCIAL

AUG 14
LIB 2:00 PM
DS Teen Summer Program/Pencil Case

AUG 15
UCPAC 6:00 PM
Mayor's Summer Concert Series: 24k Magic and Raquel Liane (Opener)

AUG 16
PAS 6:30 PM
Mayor's Music Series featuring CLAIRE & BOB

AUG 17
ADP 6:00 PM
Mayor's Music Series featuring LONESOME PINES

AUG 17 (cont'd)
DR 6:00 PM
What's the Word
Location: Melao Cafe and Creamery

AUG 19
LIB 6:00 PM
Crochet Club

AUG 22
UCPAC 6:30 PM
Mayor's Summer Concert Series: 112 and DJ Nubian (Opener)

AUG 23
PAS 6:30 PM
Mayor's Music Series featuring BABY MAURICE

AUG 24
ADP 6:00 PM
Mayor's Music Series featuring JIVESTOCK

AUG 25
CS 7:00 PM-10:00 PM
Cherry Street Soiree en Blanc (9/1 Rain Date)

AUG 30
PAS 6:30 PM
Mayor's Music Series featuring ERIKA SHERGER

AUG 31
ADP 6:00 PM
Mayor's Music Series featuring THE GOATS

LIVE MUSIC AT UCPAC! 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 are in front of UCPAC: 1601 Irving Street • Rahway NJ
In the event of rain, concerts will take place inside the theater.

AUG 1 6:30PM
ABSalute House Kevin Simmons

AUG 8 7:30PM
The Amor Prohibido Selena Tribute

Opening Act: Swing Sabroso 6:00 PM

AUG 15 7:30PM
24K Magic #1 Tribute to Bruno Mars

Opening Act: Raquel Liane 8:00 PM

AUG 22 8:00PM
112 American R&B

Opening Act: DJ Nubian 6:30 PM

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- ### CALENDAR LOCATION KEY
- ADP Arts District Park: Irving St/Central Ave
 - BF Brennan Field: 741 Ferndale Pl
 - CHP City Hall Plaza: 1 City Hall Plaza
 - CS East Cherry St
 - DR Downtown Rahway
 - EAME Ebenezer AME Church: 253 Central Ave
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 - HF Howard Field: 1292 Stockton St
 - HS Hamilton Stage: 360 Hamilton St
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 - PAS Rahway Paseo: Main St Near Cherry St
 - REC Rahway Rec Center: 3 City Hall Plaza
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 - RRP Rahway River Park: St. Georges Ave
 - SEN Rahway Senior Center: 1306 Esterbrook Ave
 - TGS The Gallery Space: 1670 Irving St
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 - UCPAC Union County Performing Arts Center: 1601 Irving St
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MAYOR RAYMOND A. GIACOBBE

UNION COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
35th ANNIVERSARY

RAHWAY IS HAPPENING

SEPT 2024

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9/11
WE WILL
NEVER FORGET
★ SEPTEMBER 11 ★

DOWNTOWN MEMORIAL



ARTSFEST
RAHWAY

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

Sat Sept 21 2PM-6PM

RahwayIsHappening.com/artsfest

SEPT 6

PAS 6:30 PM

Mayor's Music Series featuring **JAMES MATHESON**

SEPT 7

CHP 11:00 AM

Paws and All (9/14 Rain Date)

RRP 11:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Ol'Skool House Music Festival (9/14 Rain Date)

ADP 6:00 PM

Mayor's Music Series featuring **TOUCH OF RED**

SEPT 9

LIB 6:00 PM

Crochet Club

SEPT 11

DR 8:30 AM

9/11 Commemoration Ceremony

REC 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Food Handlers Training Course

2:00 PM-3:00 PM English

3:00 PM-4:00 PM Spanish

SEPT 12

ADP 6:30 PM

Celebración



SEPT 13

PAS 6:30 PM

Mayor's Music Series featuring **MARK MAYER**

SEPT 14

ADP 6:00 PM

Mayor's Music Series featuring **DUCK N' COVER**

SEPT 15

SEN 1:00 PM

6th Annual Celebration of Hispanic & Latin Artists Art Exhibition

SEPT 19

ADP 6:30 PM

Celebración

SEPT 20

PAS 6:30 PM

Mayor's Music Series featuring **KAYKA**

SEPT 21

DR 2:00-6:00 PM

Arts Fest: Art in All Dimensions



DR 6:00 PM

What's the Word
Location: Melao Cafe and Creamery



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SEPT 21 (cont'd)

UCPAC 7:00 PM

NJ Opera Theater's Opera Gems

M&D 7:30 PM-11:30 PM

Moonlight Tavern Night

SEPT 23

LIB 6:00 PM

Crochet Club



102-Year-Old Ann Quigley Makes Her Mark in Rahway

Ann Quigley has been coming to the Senior Center since its reopening in 1996. She began with painting classes and before long joined in with exercise, craft, and gardening classes. Born and raised in Newark, Ann married and raised her family of two sons and a daughter in Irvington. Ann and her husband moved to Rahway in 1980. She is the proud grandmother of 7 and the great-grandmother to 6. In addition to taking care of her family, Ann was active in her church, sang in a choir, and volunteered at the Rahway Service League. She is an avid reader and enjoys listening to music on her record player and current events on the radio.

When offered a vacation recently Ann replied, "I'm on vacation every day!" Art has been a lifelong interest for Ann. She has created many beautiful paintings and has received awards for her works. Her work has been exhibited in every senior citizen art show that the City of Rahway has held. She has enjoyed working in watercolor, oil, and colored pencils. Her love of depicting lighthouses is known by her colleagues, friends, and family. At 102 years old, Ann is still attending art classes three days each week at the Senior Center. She inspires everyone who knows her with her positive attitude and her spunk. Ann



is an integral part of the senior art community offering her encouragement, opinion, and guidance. Her secret to longevity is to—"Never stop, keep going" along with her favorite saying - "Live your life like a lighthouse and be a beacon of hope to others".

MAYOR RAYMOND A. GIACOBBE AND THE RAHWAY CITY COUNCIL proudly present

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

STAY TUNED FOR EVENT DETAILS! SCAN THE QR CODE FOR INFORMATION



SOCIAL JUSTICE RECOGNITION

Two P.D Employees Recognized by the Rahway Social Justice Commission

On Wednesday, April 24, the City of Rahway's Social Justice Commission recognized two Rahway Police Department employees at the '8 Unseen Rahway Rockstars' event at the Rahway Public Library auditorium. Detective Sidra Colvin and crossing guard Arlene Faulkner Soong were two of eight women celebrated for the pervasive impact they've had in the Rahway community.



POLICE UNITY TOUR 2024

On May 8th, The Rahway Police Department hosted a send-off celebration for officers participating in the 2024 Police Unity Tour. The event is a four-day ride to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C. to raise awareness about law enforcement officers that have lost their lives in the line of duty.

At the ceremony, Chief Law Enforcement Officer Capt. Shawn Ganley read the names of officers who lost their lives as they served the Rahway community.



City of Rahway Police Department

NEW POLICE MOTORCYCLE

HITS THE STREET!

The Rahway Police Department recently took delivery of a brand new 2024 Harley Davidson Electra Glide motorcycle to bring the current fleet of police cycles up to three. Motorcycles are highly visible tools that not only deter speeding and criminal activity, but also attract the attention of children and adults alike. Officers who possess a motorcycle license and have completed specialized training in operating a police motorcycle are able to utilize them during their patrol, traffic, and community policing duties, weather permitting of course. The Rahway P.D. looks forward to utilizing this hot rod's maneuverability for a quicker response.



BICYCLE PATROL UNIT

RETURNS FOR 2024

The Rahway Police Department is reviving its bicycle unit this summer. Recently, brand-new specialized mountain bikes were purchased thanks to an extremely generous donation from longtime Rahway P.D. supporters, the Bernard Burkhoff family. The Rahway P.D. extends its sincere gratitude to the Burkhoff family for their decades of friendship and investments in the Rahway community. Police officers on bicycles offer numerous benefits, combining mobility, accessibility, and community engagement in unique ways. Bicycles allow officers to navigate through congested roads, narrow streets, and pedestrian areas more effectively than patrol cars.

Police bicycles are also environmentally friendly additions to Rahway P.D.'s fleet of patrol cars and help to reduce carbon emissions and promote sustainability. Rahway bicycle officers



will be downtown and at various special events starting this summer. Rahway P.D. hopes to offer residents and businesses a greater sense of safety and connectivity as they can interact with our officers in a new and exciting way.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Rahway Police Department keeps the Community safe and informed

To maintain Rahway's excellence as a residential, commercial, and dining destination, it's crucial to keep the community well-informed and ready. Due to a significant uptick in residential break-ins linked to a growing trend of high-end vehicle theft groups operating within the state, we urge all residents to adopt stringent security measures:

Enhance Home Security: Ensure that all points of entry to your home, including doors and windows, are secure. Consider upgrading locks and installing a home security system with alarm and camera surveillance.



Ensure Vehicle Security: Always park in well-lit areas, ensure your vehicle is locked, and never leave keys or fobs inside.

Decrease Visibility of Valuables: Keep valuables, including vehicle keys and fobs, out of sight and away from windows.

Maintain Community Vigilance: Report any suspicious activity immediately to the Rahway Police Department.

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.

Miles of Smiles from Our Recent Past Events



1 - The Memoir class displayed their work along with artists and quilters at the annual art show.

2 - Volunteers from CJD Consulting planted beautiful flowers around the Rahway Senior Center.

3 - Seniors welcomed Spring with a party at the Senior Center.



Mayor Giacobbe's Birthday Lunch Club

One of the City's favorite special events run by the Division of Senior Services is Mayor Giacobbe's Birthday Lunch. Depending on the month of your birthday, you and a guest will be invited to the Rahway Senior Center and treated to pizza and salad along with other members of the Club. To register, please call (732) 827-2016. Everyone registered will receive an invitation in the mail with the date and time of the Birthday Lunch.



City Of Rahway Senior Bus Transportation

The City of Rahway Senior Transportation Service 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 Zone on Thursdays, and Aldi's on Fridays. Please call (732) 669-3605 for more information or to schedule transportation. Must give 48 hours' advance notice.

NEW JERSEY PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

There's still time to apply!

The Property Tax Reimbursement Program reimburses eligible seniors and disabled persons for property tax increases.

Income Limit
\$150,000 for the tax years 2022 & 2023.

Age/Disability
Must have turned 65 in 2022 (the first year you can apply is the year you turn 67) or are receiving Federal Social Security disability benefits.

Residency
Lived 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.



Come Join a Club!



The Rahway Senior Center is home to 6 different clubs. Participation in clubs has been shown to be good for your mental and physical health. Come join a club, meet new people, stay informed and enjoy!

Rahway Retired Men's Club

The Rahway Retired Men's Club started in 1961, and is still going strong. They meet every Monday at 1:00pm and you must be 55 or older to join. They host bus trips to the casino the first Wednesday of every month and luncheons throughout the year. For more information, please contact Jim Ivers (201)214-2181.

Golden Age Club

The Golden Age Club meets on Wednesdays from 10:00am to 12:15pm. All women age 55 or older are encouraged to join. Enjoy a friendly game of Bingo and laughter! For more information, please contact Miriam Hausman (631) 905-5070.

AARP Rahway Chapter #607

AARP Rahway Chapter #607 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:30am. Many topics are covered, as you enjoy a light lunch of hot dogs, donuts and a soft drink. New members and new ideas are always welcomed. For more information, please contact Delores Franklin (732) 208-7632.

Rahway Valley Jerseyaires

The Rahway Valley Jerseyaires are an acapella group with a barbershop-style sound that has been around for 75 years. If you love to sing, please join them on Monday night at 6:00 PM; no need to read music. Learning tracks are available to help you learn songs. For more information, please contact Al Muller (732) 991-6952.

Union County Minority Task Force

The Union County Minority Task Force was formed 30 years ago to educate seniors on available services and programs. They meet the first Friday of every other month to discuss how they can help and support the needs of seniors. They also have representatives from social and government agencies that speak at the meetings on topics of interest. If you are interested in joining, please call Elaine Haith (732)428-4800.

The Garden State Theatre Organ Society

The Garden State Theatre Organ Society (GSTOS) was founded in 1973 to preserve the historic tradition of the Theatre Pipe Organ in American music. Why Get Involved? To hear fabulous organ music, to play and preserve these fabulous units and to meet interesting people of all ages. You can join them on Wednesdays at 3:00 PM - they are well known for our sociability and good food!

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



RFD NEWS AND REVIEWS



Union County Fire Academy

The Rahway Fire Department is excited to welcome eight new recruits, including Charles Kaminski, Richard Debicki, Ryan Bringuez, Daniel Brehm, Ryan Urban, Johnathan Torres, Ryan Collins, and Daniel Gunta.

These individuals are currently in training at the Union County Fire Academy with recruits from Linden and Perth Amboy. These four months of basic training provide both classroom and hands-on experience.

Rahway FD Stars in PTSD PSA

On May 17, The Rahway Fire Department participated in a public service announcement at the Union County Fire/EMS Training Academy. The PSA is the product of a partnership with The Boulder Crest Foundation as it launches 'Choose Growth', a movement to raise awareness of Post-traumatic Growth and reshape the Mental Health profession's response to Trauma.



Rahway is... at work for You

EFFICIENT WASTE MANAGEMENT

HELP US KEEP RAHWAY CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL

The City of Rahway would like to remind all residents that the maximum size for garbage cans is 32 gallons. It has come to our attention that some households are using garbage cans that exceed this limit, which can lead to various issues for our waste management team and the community. Using oversized garbage cans can result in several problems:

- Difficulty in handling and emptying the cans by our sanitation workers.
- Increased risk of injury for our staff due to the excessive weight of larger cans.
- Potential overflow of garbage, leading to unsightly and unsanitary conditions.
- Inconsistency in the appearance of our neighborhoods.

To maintain a clean, safe, and efficient waste management system, we kindly ask all residents to adhere to the 32-gallon limit for garbage cans. If you currently own a larger can, please replace it with a 32-gallon or smaller container as soon as possible.



By working together and following these guidelines, we can keep Rahway clean and beautiful for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Department of Public Works at (732) 827-2060.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The division of property maintenance welcomes two new employees! Melissa Bonet joined the Rahway team as a new full-time clerk and Engels Unda has been hired as a full-time housing inspector trainee. We look forward to continuing to serve the Rahway community alongside these new staff members!

STREET SWEEPER SCHEDULE

Street sweeping in the City of Rahway began 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.



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

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