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Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council Present the 21st Annual Rahway Taste of Spring

RAHWAY, NJ – March 22, 2024 – Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council invite Rahway residents and neighbors to the 21st Annual Rahway Taste of Spring. This year’s event takes place Friday, April 5 from 5:30-9:00 PM at the Rahway Recreation Center at 275 East Milton Avenue. Widely recognized as one of the largest tasting events of its kind in the NJ/NY Metropolitan Area, Rahway Taste of Spring will feature approximately 35 eateries and bakeries, plus an additional 35 stations of national distributors of fine wine, boutique beers, and aperitifs.

This year, the City welcomes culinary judges from a variety of backgrounds, including professional chef Gary Gonzalez and social media food influencers such as Jen Adona (@jerseygirltravels) and Cyd Katz, owner of newjerseysntboring.com.

“It is a privilege to once again present this year’s Taste of Spring event,” said Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe. “We are grateful for the opportunity to showcase what makes Rahway the formidable community it is --- delicious food, strong community, and some friendly neighborhood competition,”

The categories for which dishes will be judged are as follows: *Best Appetizer, Best Handheld Food, Best Vegetarian, Best Entrée, Best Dessert, Best Craft Beer, Best of Taste, and Best Drink.*

As of Friday, March 22nd, there are less than 200 tickets left for the 2024 Rahway Taste of Spring. Tickets are \$40 each and residents are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance of this event at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-taste-of-spring-tickets-804032190927>.

“There truly is story behind every business present and something for everyone to enjoy” said Rahway City Council President Vannie Deloris Parson. “For many of the local businesses, the love and care they put into their food tells us a story of who they are, where they come from, and why they choose to call Rahway home.

This is especially true for local business owners such as Alex Gonzalez, owner of La Malinche on Irving Street. Gonzalez’ family owns a total of three restaurants throughout the State of New Jersey, including La Malinche. Although he has been a staple in the community for 20 years, Gonzalez first participated in Taste of Spring last year and was eager to participate again this year because the event allows him to get out into the community, meet other business owners, and welcome new customers.

Check out journalist and 2024 Taste of Spring judge, Jenna Intersimone’s preview of the event at <https://www.mycentraljersey.com/story/entertainment/dining/2024/03/15/rahway-taste-of-spring/72972565007/>.

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