



### Union County Advancing Community Theatre Initiative

2015 is already proving to be a busy and positive year for both Union County and the City of Rahway. When it comes to art, the County Freeholders have long been an ally of the City and in 2015 Union County Freeholder Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh looks to strengthen our partnership. Announced as part of his 2015 initiatives, Chairman Jalloh unveiled his plans for the Union County Advancing

Community Theatre initiative (U.C.A.C.T.). This initiative, in the works over the past year, is an exciting new grant program that will be benefiting Rahway and its growing Arts District. U.C.A.C.T.'s mission is to engage the creative life of the County and Rahway through enriching community theatre experiences that promote economic and social well-being. In order to accomplish the goals set by the initiative, U.C.A.C.T. will be sponsoring

and promoting at least five theatre events in Rahway at the Union County Performing Arts Center (UCPAC) and the Hamilton Stage. These events will be produced by local theatre companies within the County that have applied to the program and have been selected. For more information about the U.C.A.C.T. initiative, please visit the Union County's website ucnj.org or call 908-558-2278.

**INAUGURAL ISSUE!**  
Winter 2015!

### See What's Happening!

The Rahway Preview will keep you informed between full versions of the Rahway Review which come out each Spring and Fall. The Previews and Reviews are your definitive go-to-guides for what's happening in our City. **Right here. Right now.**

# THE rahwaypreview

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WINTER 2015 EDITION

**Senior Valentine's Day Luncheon & Bingo**



**FRIDAY • FEB. 13 • 1:15PM**  
**SENIOR CENTER**

## FEBRUARY

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### February 2-7

**Black History Month Craft for Children**  
Inspired by Alma Thomas  
  
Rahway Public Library  
2 City Hall Plaza,  
Rahway, NJ 07065  
732-340-1551  
Drop In Anytime

### February 9

**Examining the Hopes and Dreams of the Slave**  
Film: An Apostle of Freedom  
  
Ebenezer AME Church  
253 Central Ave,  
Rahway, NJ 07065  
732-382-0541  
7:00 pm

### February 10

**Black History Bingo for all ages**  
  
Rahway Public Library  
2 City Hall Plaza,  
Rahway, NJ 07065  
732-340-1551  
2:00 pm

### February 14

**Youth Department presents... Living our Legacy, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**  
  
Second Baptist Church  
378 East Milton Avenue,  
Rahway, NJ. 07065  
Rev. Dr. James W. Ealey, Pastor  
732-381-1950  
churchoffice@sbcrahway.org  
  
11:00 am – 3:00 pm

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Luncheon will be served from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm.  
  
Tickets: \$9.00 Adults, \$7.00 Children under 7 years old.  
  
There will be something for everyone including young adult artist, skits, singing, dancing, trivia, and more.

### February 17

**The Role & Relevancy of the Historical and Contemporary Black Church**  
  
Ebenezer AME Church  
253 Central Ave.,  
Rahway, NJ 07065  
732-382-0541  
7:00 pm

### February 19

**Grover Cleveland Elementary School Black History Month Program**  
  
Each grade level will share an age appropriate artifact celebrating their understanding of African American history.

486 East Milton Avenue,  
Rahway, NJ 07065  
732-396-1040

Parents and family are invited to celebrate in this event.  
6:30 pm

### February 21

In honor of Black History Month, **Just Be You Performing Arts**, a Rahway based mentoring and enrichment organization for young people who desire a career in the performing arts; will host a free monologue/acting workshop.

The workshop will feature great bodies of work written by legendary African-American playwrights.

Aspiring actors (ages 5-18 years old) are invited to register for this amazing opportunity; to learn how to deliver a powerful monologue, and about African-American playwrights.

Space is limited! Registration is required! To register, email Mrs. Mahogany Reynolds-Clarke, Founder/Executive Director at: justbeyou.contact@gmail.com or call at 848-250-6724.

Rahway Public Library  
2 City Hall Plaza,  
Rahway, NJ 07065  
732-340-1551  
Auditorium Room – 2:30 pm

### February 28

**Black History Month Movie for Children**  
  
Rahway Public Library  
2 City Hall Plaza,  
Rahway, NJ 07065  
732-340-1551  
2:00 pm

### All Month

**Black History Month Book Display**  
  
Rahway Public Library  
2 City Hall Plaza,  
Rahway, NJ 07065  
732-340-1551

Each day, the Grover Cleveland electronic signboard located in front of the school will display a history fact for all who pass by to see.

Within the school, we will play weekly, a rendition of the Negro National Anthem over the loud speaker during announcements to familiarize children with the Negro National Anthem.

**"Doorway to Black History"**  
Roosevelt School teachers and students are making the outside of their classroom doors the entrance to great learning activities for Black History Month!

Teachers and students will be decorating their classroom doors to celebrate the accomplishments of one or more famous African-Americans. The project will "open your door" to a wide variety of famous individuals from various disciplines and domains. Grade levels have been encouraged to collaborate on their projects. Final projects on the information and ideas generated by students and teachers will be

exhibited for a gallery walk to be held throughout Roosevelt School on Friday, February 20, 2015.

**Bridges Book Center, Afro American Research Library and Museum**  
1480 Main St.  
Rahway, NJ 07065  
732-381-20140

**Museum Hours:**  
12 Noon – 4:00 pm  
Monday through Saturday.

**Mondays:** 3:30 pm  
Children Book Reading.  
No reading on President's Day.

**Saturdays:** Poetry  
5:00 pm – 7:00pm

**2015 Exhibit:**  
"A Century of Black Life, History and Culture",  
"Theme",  
"Collection of Eva L. Bridges"

**Curator:** Deborah Bridges

### Step Competition!

**NJ Colleges Compete!**  
  
February 28, 2015  
UC PAC Mainstage  
6:00 pm



2015  
INAUGURATION AND  
THE STATE  
OF THE  
CITY  
RAHWAY

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6  
AT 7:00 P.M.

SNOW DATE  
FEBRUARY 13

UCPAC MAIN STAGE  
1601 IRVING STREET  
RAHWAY, NJ

RECEPTION WITH  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS  
TO FOLLOW

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**RAHWAY 2015 MARCH MADNESS**  
March 21

**RAHWAY TASTE OF SPRING**  
April 17

got time?

**Community** (kə'myo'nitē): a group of people who live in the same area, a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

The phrase, "It takes a village" applies here. Rahway is a place where we choose to live, play, work, worship, raise our families, and retire - so why wouldn't we want to see it thrive and prosper? Communities require work, maintenance, energy, efforts, and time - all of these things require people, like you and me, to pitch in and do what we can to support our community and make it a better place to live. There are many opportunities throughout the area to get involved - planning or helping with a community event, painting murals, starting a community garden, planting flowers, or cleaning up the town. Whatever your skills or interests, we have a place for you. We're creating a one stop shop where you can visit, see the upcoming needs, sign up and be part of the progress. Invest in your community and watch it grow, become part of something good.

Visit [www.cityofrahway.com](http://www.cityofrahway.com) on February 7<sup>th</sup> to sign-up and register.

**Be a hero — Volunteer!**

**For more info visit [www.cityofrahway.com](http://www.cityofrahway.com)**

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Mayor Samson D. Steinman  
City of Rahway  
1 City Hall Plaza  
Rahway, NJ 07065

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**City of Rahway New Website Launch!**

[cityofrahway.com](http://cityofrahway.com)

Left: Screenshot of the new City of Rahway website. You can access it at [CityOfRahway.com](http://CityOfRahway.com)

The City of Rahway has a long-standing tradition of providing quick and reliable information to residents on issues that matter. As technology advances, we are always on the lookout for newer and better ways to provide residents with pertinent information and to answer questions online to save you time and make our government as efficient as possible.

With these goals in mind, the City of Rahway is happy to introduce our new and improved website! The new [CityofRahway.com](http://CityofRahway.com) is an exciting new resource that blends quality information with the modern age technology to address the public in the quickest and most reliable way.

Some of the new features that you now have access to include: the forms and information page, where you can find the frequently requested items that we offer from voter registration forms to dog license applications. Also available is a new business page, where prospective business owners can now find information about how to open a business here in Rahway, as well as the forms needed to start it. Among the new features, is a City alerts subscription which gives notice of any events going on within the City.

With the revamped Cityof-Rahway.com now available, the most valuable resources and information that you need is now at your fingertips.

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U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
PERMIT #105  
RAHWAY, NJ

# rahway IS HAPPENING 2015



Events are subject to change. Please verify before attending.

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### FEB 7

Natalia Zukerman (L)

Tick Tick Boom (HS)

### FEB 8

Kicking & screaming One-Act Festival (L)

Tick Tick Boom (HS)

### FEB 9

Teen Screen presents: The Best of Me (LIBRARY)

### FEB 11

Lunchtime Piano Concert - (RSI)

### FEB 13

Morningside Lane, Little rose, Fireside Chat - Rail House

Valentine's Day Bingo (2 sessions) (SC)

### FEB 14

Rahway Loves Reptiles - (LIBRARY)

### FEB 15

2015 Baker's Dozen reception (AGNJ)

### FEB 18

Lunchtime Piano Concert - (RSI)

### FEB 20

Parade: A Musical (HS)

### FEB 21

Parade: A musical (HS)

Pro Wrestling Syndicate (REC)

Sloan Wainwright (L)

### FEB 22

Parade: A Musical (HS)

### FEB 25

Lunchtime Piano Concert (RSI)

British Invasion (MS)

### FEB 26

Parade: A Musical (HS)

### FEB 27

Parade: A Musical (HS)

### FEB 28

Parade: A Musica I (HS)



**UNION COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT RAHWAY**

presents

**BRITISH INVASION TOUR**

50th Anniversary Tour

Wednesday • February 25 • 8:00 PM

<b>1591</b> 1591 Gallery 1591 Irving St.	<b>REC</b> Recreation Center 3 City Hall Plaza
<b>AGNJ</b> Arts Guild New Jersey 1670 Irving St.	<b>RHS</b> Rahway High School Auditorium 1012 Madison Ave.
<b>AP</b> Rahway Arts District Park Corner of Central & Irving	<b>RSI</b> RSI Bank - Main Branch 1500 Irving St.
<b>CC</b> The Center Circle 1225 Main St.	<b>SEN</b> Rahway Senior Center 1306 Esterbrook Ave.
<b>HS</b> Hamilton Stage 360 Hamilton St.	<b>TSP</b> Train Station Plaza Irving St. & E. Milton Ave.
<b>LIBRARY</b> Rahway Public Library 2 City Hall Plaza	<b>MS</b> UC PAC Mainstage 1601 Irving St.
<b>L</b> Loft at UCPAC 1601 Irving St.	<b>YMCA</b> The Gateway Family YMCA - Rahway 1564 Irving St.
<b>M&amp;D</b> Museum Merchants & Drovers Museum St. George & Westfield	

## CALENDAR LOCATION KEY

## SAVE THE DATE!! Basketball & BBQ Competition

# March 21

### ALL DAY FAMILY FESTIVAL!

GAMES • COMPETITIONS • OUTDOOR SPORTS BAR WITH TVs • FOOD TRUCKS • DJ and more!  
Special appearance by the COURT JESTERS at the Rahway Rec Center!

# RAHWAY 2015 MARCH MADNESS



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### MAR 11

Lunchtime Piano Concert (RSI)

### MAR 13-15

Dream Girls (MS)

Nine: The Musical (HS)

### MAR 17

Pipe and Drums Crawl at Liberty Harly

### MAR 18

Lunchtime Piano Concert (RSI)

### MAR 19

Nine - The Musical (HS)

### MAR 20

Blood, Sweat & Tears (HS)

Nine: The Musical (HS)

### MAR 21

Nine: The Musical (HS)  
Film: Zorro (MS)  
Jenna Lindbo (L)

### MAR 4

Lunchtime Piano Concert (RSI)



Murder Mystery Dinner (LIBRARY)

### MAR 6-8

Dream Girls (MS)



March 6-8 UCPAC

### APR 1

Walnut Street School (MS)

Lunchtime Piano Concert (RSI)

### APR 2

Walnut Street School (MS)

### APR 8

Lunchtime Piano Concert (RSI)

In a Forest Dark & Deep (HS)

### APR 9

In a Forest Dark & Deep (HS)

### APR 10

In a Forest Dark & Deep (HS)

Lou Gramm - the Voice of Foreigner (MS)



April 10 UCPAC

### APR 11

Senior Art Show (SC)

Kombii Polish Concert (MS)

In a Forest Dark & Deep (HS)

### APR 12

In a Forest Dark & Deep (HS)

### APR 13

In a Forest Dark & Deep (HS)

### APR 15

Lunchtime Piano Concert (RSI)

### APR 16

In a Forest Dark & Deep (HS)

### APR 16-18

Book Sale (LIBRARY)

### APR 17

Rahway Taste of Spring (REC)



April 17 REC

In a Forest Dark & Deep (HS)

Louise Goffin (MS)

### APR 18

In a Forest Dark & Deep (HS)

Chris Brubeck (MS)

### APR 19

Health & Green Fair (REC)



In a Forest Dark & Deep (HS)

### APR 22

Lunchtime Piano Concert (RSI)

### APR 23

Vintage Fashion Show (M & D)

### APR 24

American Repertory Ballet Signature Duets (HS)

## MARCH MADNESS! ALL DAY FAMILY FESTIVAL!

### MAR 21

March Madness - REC

- Court Jesters
- Basketball Competitions

- Balloons & Face Painting
- Bouncy House
- Boradwalk Games
- Team Spirit Competition

### MAR 22

Nine: The Musical (HS)

New Jersey Isn't Boring Reception - (AGNJ)

### MAR 25

Lunchtime Piano Concert (RSI)

### MAR 27

Pink Floyd Laser Spectacular (MS)

James Maddock (HS)

Argyle Fish & Chips Dinner - Legion Hall #5  
Footloose (RHS)

### MAR 28

World of Bhangra Dance Competition (MS)

Footloose (RHS)

Clifton Anderson/Jazz House Kids (HS)

Easter Egg Hunt (REC)

Pro Wrestling Syndicate (REC)

### MAR 29

Berenstein Bears, the Musical (MS)

Footloose (RHS)

## APRIL

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### APR 24

Senior Prom (REC)

### APR 25

American Repertory Ballet Signature Duets (HS)

Alyssa Bonagura/Jesse & Noah (L)

My Sinatra (MS)

Pro Wrestling Syndicate (REC)

### APR 26

Issues Opening Reception (AGNJ)

New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra (MS)

### APR 27

Theatre Works (MS)

### APR 29

Lunchtime Piano Concert (RSI)

## COMING IN MAY - NEW DATE - THURSDAY MAY 21!!

# Mayor's 5K RACE

REAL RACE AND FUN RUN!

